

Now that you know who we are and what we are trying to do ---- you are telling yourself, I do not know if my child is going to want to go, so not ready to commit I get this a lot, so here is my answer/opinion.

I can certainly understand your hesitation; I am not 100% that my son will be attending, if I were to ask him today he would tell me he does not know and probably not care at this moment. Right now it is very hard to visualize graduation night when you are not graduating this year. Unfortunately, if I and many other parents waited until our student said *yes, I am there* the option would not be there for him to choose as there is absolutely no way to bring something this big together during their senior year. So I have decided to take a pro-active approach and am doing what I can to make sure that my son has the option to attend the last big hurrah that is in a safe environment for him and his friends. Way too many options will be available on graduation night that may not include smart choices. As a mom of two older children, now 32 and 28, I do remember graduation night and glad that safe alternatives were available to them and plan on doing what ever I can to insure my son has a great night with his friends and not have to worry about him all night long. We forget it is not only our children out on the roads there is the rest of Austin out there with them. 2011 student body has traditionally been a close knit group and I personally think it will be a big turnout. We are working with the students to talk it up and unfortunately with bare minimum parent participation; it is hard to get the word out to the kids via the parents.

The goal is not to turn down any student, so no one is left behind – but paying \$100 on the night of graduation is a chunk of change along with all of the other expenses of having a senior. Therefore paying for it ahead of time allows you remove it from your future expenses and no last minute surprises, plus it will allow us to fund the evening and include more door prizes and activities. Door prizes in the past have included laptops, iPods, phones, mini refrigerators, gift certificates and what ever we can get our hands on, which always boils down to how much money we have.

I hope I have answered some of your concerns, it very hard to predict the future but I do know there are many students planning on participating which will encourage others to go as well.

So, with all this said --- your support is very important and greatly needed and appreciated. Please complete the membership form and get you membership in today!

With Gratitude and Appreciation,

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