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Adopt a College Student Program

Purpose: To support our graduates who are members of Cabot Church of Christ through encouragement, care packages and prayer. The first year after high school is so tough and we want the church to be there to support and encourage our teens.

Focus: To retain our graduates who are in college, military, or working who have gone away from home. We want to remind the students that they:

- 1) Belong to God
- 2) Have a church home that cares about them

Requirements for Sponsors: Groups/families that participate in the program are required to:

- Commit for at least 1 school year (August-May).
- Contact the student at least twice a month through cards, email, social media, text, etc
- Send the student a CARE Package at least once a semester.
- Pray for the student weekly (especially the student's prayer requests).
- Celebrate the student's progress and achievements
- Send the student a card on his/her birthday
- Try to host the student when the student returns home (take them out to eat, go watch a movie, have them over to your house, etc.).
- Contact the Youth Minister (T. J.) with any major issues or problems that arise in the student's life.

Suggested Schedule

Here is a real practical guide that breaks down what adopting a college student might look like. You can do much more, but if you are looking for hard dates to put in your calendar, here they are!

- 8/29 - send message after 1st week of school
- 9/5 - send message
- 9/19 - send message (4 weeks test)
- 10/3 - send a card
- 10/17 - send message (8 weeks test) - tell them you are sending a care package
- 10/18 - send care package
- 10/31 - let them know you are praying for them
- 11/7 - send message (12 weeks test)
- 11/21 - Home for T-giving (try to meet up with them)
- 12/5 - send message - Finals
- 12/19 - Meet up when they are home