



What is Project Grad?

Project Grad is an all-night party for Montgomery seniors on the night of graduation. For the students it's a wonderful chance for the graduating class to come together one last time to celebrate. For the parents and families it's a way to ensure that our grads will come home safe and sound.

There's so much for the students to do at Project Grad. There's food from Panda Express, Starbucks, Gio's Pizza, La Texanita and more. Entertainment includes a caricaturist, chair massages, a beauty salon, a fortune teller, Flip Books, all kinds of temporary tattoos, a balloon artist/magician/comedian, a carnival, a casino, a mechanical bull, wild animals, a DJ and our super popular hypnosis show at 1:30. There's also a huge prize table with hundreds of prizes, including bikes, a laptop and an iPad!

In 2017 Montgomery Project Grad celebrated our 29th year of seeing our seniors safely through the night. That's zero fatalities in 29 years!

Project Grad is a huge event. It requires hundreds of volunteers and \$25,000 in donations and fundraising. It is made possible because our whole Monty community comes together, with families from every grade level helping. Please help us ensure that your student has the opportunity to enjoy Project Grad by getting involved now. We don't need you to do a lot, but we need a lot of people to do a little. It's a lot of fun and one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences you'll have in your child's school years.

We don't ever want to come together as a community to mourn the loss of one of our grads, so we come together as a community to celebrate our seniors and keep them safe. Project Grad works. Let's keep it going!

There's lots of ways you can help. Here's just a few examples:

Construction/Set-Up - We need a few handymen/handywomen to supervise our big crew of volunteers. The weekend before graduation we transform the gym and set up the casino. Wednesday and Thursday evenings before graduation we turn the cafeteria into a jungle room. The day of graduation we need lots of people to build the carnival, set up the mini quad and add the finishing touches to the gym and cafeteria.

Electrical/Lighting – Mike Lovelace has one more year as head of electrical/lighting. We need someone to shadow him and learn the ropes to take over when he leaves. We don't need an electrician, per se. It mostly involves running lots of extension cords and hanging lots of lights and knowing how to do it without blowing fuses.

Decorating – We need several people with a creative flair to help decorate. We'll provide the supplies and volunteers. The areas to decorate include the front entrance where the grads come in, the mini quad where all our food is served, the casino, and the gym. Each area only takes a few hours with a crew of five or six people.

Prizes - Do you like to bargain hunt? Do you like shopping and spending other people's money? We need you! We also need people to set up the prize table on the day of the party and people to work at the table. You'll be at one of the most popular places on grad night!

Foods – Shannon Hoffman has been our foods chair for years. She has a few more years with us but really needs someone to shadow her and share the load a little bit.

Security – Mostly making sure no one sneaks in our out. We have a police officer at the party if there was ever a need for real security.

Entertainment – Reserve the entertainers and help them set up at the party.

Carnival – Another very popular spot at Project Grad. It's all easy but takes lots of people to get it set up and ready to go.

And there's many, many more ways you can help. Tells us what you like to do, what you're good at, and we'll find a great volunteer opportunity for you!

Thank you for loving our grads!!!!