



Six Steps to a Safe Home this Graduation Season

Graduation is an important milestone in your teen's journey to adulthood. It's also a crucial time to promote responsible behavior. These tips will help navigate the murky waters of hosting a celebration for your high school grads:

- Agree on a guest list ahead of time with your teen. Set a limit to the number of guests that can attend to avoid last minute party-crashers.
- In the party invitation, specify the beginning and ending time and what guests may and may not bring.
- Discourage anyone from posting your party on social media. Parties can quickly blow up to include several uninvited guests.
- Offer fun alternatives to drinking such as swimming, karaoke, board or sporting games, make it yourself desserts, non-alcoholic smoothies and movies.
- Set aside a separate space for the party, such as the backyard or garage, that is easy to monitor periodically. But don't hover!
- Discourage underage guests from going back and forth between your house and their cars.

Don't forget to check the **Safe Homes Network** Directory to see if the hosting family is a Safe Homes member. Go to FHCoalition.org and click on "Safe Homes Network". Click "Directory Login", enter the password "FH2016" then enter the family's name to see if they have taken the pledge not to allow

FHHS Speaker Series

Last month FHHS senior, Nataly Gruender kicked off the lunchtime speaker event by reading her first place essay entitled " *A Letter Under The Door*". Nataly's essay was chosen over 170 entries to win \$1,000 in the 2016 Fountain Hills High School Essay Contest.



Senior, Justin Ferrer, also known as singer/songwriter SRV, then performed an original rap called "*Fade Away*" - a song about the downward spiral of addiction - to an enthusiastic student body.

Local author and motivational speaker, Jerry Traylor shared his personal story of triumph and perseverance to the packed crowd in the FHHS lecture hall. After Jerry finished relating his story to "their" story, the students gave him a standing ovation. Several students were deeply touched and thanked him for sharing his inspirational story.



THANK YOU! Spotlight

Shelly Mowrey, FH Coalition Director, awards Deputy Jill Ochsner for going above and beyond her duties as FHUSD School Resource Officer. Deputy Ochsner was recognized at the April 21st Town Council meeting for her commitment and dedication to our town and Fountain Hills youth.



Congratulations Class of 2016!

Thank you Safe Homes Members for helping to keep our youth safe!



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