

# DECEMBER

## Activities This Month

While some groups stay active in December, most students focus on finals and heading home for Christmas break. As such, you probably should avoid announcing any major initiatives or activities during this time. If appropriate, you may want to:

### ACTIVITY 1 – Launch a Christmas Tree Drop

Bring Christmas back to your campus.

### ACTIVITY 2 – Balance Your Commencement Ceremony

Make sure graduates aren't sent off with another predictable leftist lecture.

### ACTIVITY 3 – Reward Your Members

Thank your club members for their help.



## ACTIVITY 1 – Christmas Tree Drop

Sadly, Christmas has become politically incorrect. “Holiday break” has replaced “Christmas break.” The word “Christmas” is also absent in most official university literature. Christmas trees have been removed from campus administration buildings, and campus choirs have been banned from singing religious Christmas carols.

Your club can draw attention to your school's efforts to erase Christmas by launching a Christmas Tree Drop.

### Make It Happen

Ask your members to pitch-in and buy a Christmas tree and some

inexpensive decorations. You can organize your Christmas Tree Drop in one of two ways:

1. Overnight, place the Christmas tree with a few decorations in front of your school's primary administration building. Post fliers or signs questioning your school's overly sensitive act of banning Christmas from campus. You may choose to announce your intentions via press release to the local press.
2. Reserve an area by the campus quad during the day to display your Christmas tree. In coordination with your display, distribute leaflets or fliers explaining the purpose of your display and/or the Christmas Tree Drop.

## ACTIVITY 2 – Balancing Commencement Ceremonies

It may seem odd to think about your school's commencement ceremony in December, but there is a very important reason why you should. College administrators historically use commencement ceremonies to send graduates off with one final, predictable leftist lecture. Schools routinely exclude conservative scholars such as Thomas Sowell, Antonin Scalia, and Clarence Thomas while inviting the likes of Barack Obama, Al Gore, Bill Clinton, Maya Angelou, James Carville, and Chris Matthews. Instead of offering an inspiring and congratulatory message, these speakers use the podium to push a leftist agenda and attack conservative ideas and leaders. Your group should speak out against this last indoctrination attempt.

### One Conservative Commencement Speaker for Every Six Leftists

A Young America's Foundation survey of commencement ceremonies using *U.S. News & World Report's* “Rankings of the Nation's Top 100 Colleges and Universities,” found that only one in six commencement speakers are conservative.

## Make It Happen

Investigate which administrator(s) or committee selects the commencement speaker. Also, learn who has been invited to speak previously. If the list heavily favors the Left, you should present your findings to those responsible. Announce the results to the media in coordination with your other surveys and call on the school to invite speakers who won't offend those who embrace conservatism.

## ACTIVITY 3 — Reward Your Members

Schedule an end-of-semester dinner to thank your members for their dedication. The dinner can be held either in a private room at a local restaurant, in a small meeting room at a local hotel, or on your campus. This program does not have to put a huge dent in your club's budget, since everyone you invite can pay their own way. If your club has enough funds to cover the entire cost of the meal, feel free to do so.

At this function, your officers can recognize the work of particular club members and present awards for their dedication. You can also recognize any departing seniors, as some may graduate in December. The dinner is a fun way to wrap up a great semester of conservative activism.

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