

## **COLLEGE CARE BOXES**

### **Virginia Chambers**

After discussions with Tommie and a presentation for Vestry approval, we launched our first-time boxes to college students from All Saints' before exams, to wish them well and let them know we are praying for their success. My daughters had received such from previous churches and were so appreciative during their college years.

We did not have as many parents call in to submit the student's name and address as we had hoped and knew that existed. We hope that this year we will hear about more.

Not only did we include in the small box, the note from All Saints' but also some little fun gifts. This time we included a new gel pen, apple cider pack, a game to launch pogs into the bucket, and some other small items. Since we only had 4 participants this time, I took on the small cost of this project. I bought items for 6 in case others were submitted.

Cost for mailing: \$26.65

Cost for items: \$25.54 at Dollar Tree

We plan to send out requests for families to submit their student's name in bulletins and newsletters during the month of March 2018. Boxes will be mailed the first week of May before final exams.

We hope that this project will grow in participation...both for the recipients and volunteers who bring in the items or donate money for the mailing. It may be more successful in 2018 to put up an easel in the back of the Nave for people to sign up to help.