

SENIOR PROJECT 2018-19

A Senior project provides an opportunity for a student to choose an area of interest, conduct in-depth research, and demonstrate problem-solving, decision-making, and independent learning skills. It contributes to a senior year of challenging courses and preparation for the next step of furthering your education. To be successful, one must identify an area of interest or cause that you would like to support. Your chosen area of volunteerism must meet three criteria: project must take place at a charity or non-profit, project must be meaningful, project must make a difference in someone's life.

Steps of the senior project:

1. Each community service project is an individual project.
2. A student must first select a topic, gather information, write a research paper, and keep a portfolio of project activities. Photographs and other media resources are also required documentation for this project.
3. Maintain copies (on flash drive and paper) of all work in process, rough draft, final draft, etc.
4. A student must make a formal presentation and submit copies of oral presentation.

Part 1- Research Paper

Research paper must be typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman Font – Size 12, MLA Format. All research papers should be 5-7 content/text pages with a title page and a bibliography (3-5 source minimum with no Wikipedia). The paper needs to address the following questions:

- i. Describe your personal goals for this community service project.
- ii. What were your expectations prior to beginning the community service project?
- iii. At what sites did you complete this service project?
- iv. Who benefitted from your community service project?
- v. Describe in detail the experiences you encountered during this community service project.
- vi. Indicate one thing you would change about your community service project.

Part 2- Portfolio

All documentation of the project will be included in the portfolio. The following items should be included:

- i. A log of student's hours, including dates and times in an hour-by-hour log and a description of what you did during these times.
- ii. Journal entries about the student's experiences, note obstacles, challenges, meaningful activities.
- iii. Photographs or other visual documentation.
- iv. Any notes, flyers, or charts collected or created. (Include any social media publications).

Part 3- Oral Presentation

A formal (business-casual) presentation will be given to an audience that might include administrators, teachers, student peers, and parents. The speech must be 7-10 minutes in length and content should include information about the research paper, reference the log or journal entries, and explain student's personal gains from completing the senior project. The oral presentation should include two types of visual components, such as transparencies, PowerPoint, Prezi, or computer-generated graphics.

List of Local Charities: *African Children's Haven, Boys and Girls Club of Galveston, Catholic Charities, Clean Galveston Inc., Galveston County Food Bank, Galveston Island Humane Society, Gulf Coast Big Brothers Big Sisters, Jesse Tree, Jewish Teen Foundation, Our Daily Bread, Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston, Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, Shriner's Hospital, St. Vincent's House, Waves of Impact, Wounded Warrior. Please partner with these organizations if needed but do not piggyback on their ideas. Be creative and find a global or local need and how you can serve.*

*****Timeline will be provided with deadlines and progress updates needed. Topic Deadline is October 4th. Requirement for that date is a written outline with a brief description of project. Each student must have made contact with organizations and have a firm idea of project moving forward.**