COMPILING THE PORTFOLIO FOR SENIOR PROJECT

The Senior Project Portfolio presents organized, great-looking documentation of your Senior Project journey and achieves several purposes:

1. gives the judges a firsthand look at your Senior Project work while establishing a first impression of who you are.
2. offers you an overall perspective of your Senior Project, allowing you to plan a purposeful and powerful Senior Project speech with plenty of support.
3. provides you with items you can use in college or the work force.
4. allows you a place to keep your work together and organized.

You can work on your portfolio progressively and avoid the last-minute stress of racing around trying to find pieces of work you completed months ago and need to find, refine and put in your portfolio. Your portfolio is, in essence, an introduction of yourself, which forms a first impression on whoever looks at it. Think quality! Your portfolio needs to be organized, interesting to preview, and graphically engaging. All of these things can be accomplished if you start now, and work diligently on your portfolio, finalizing each piece as the Senior Project moves along.

Before you begin, think about your portfolio’s organization. Use the portfolio checklist as your guide. Create and format a table of contents and think about how you want your portfolio to look. Do you plan to use graphics, divider pages, sections coded by color, pictures or charts, drawings or designs, a copy of your budget, time sheets, and any other pertinent information? Make sure you have a clean, carefully edited copy of each item you are going to include in the portfolio, with no instructor marks or notes.

Remember that this portfolio represents you and all of your hard work. Create not only a history of your Senior Project that is interesting to look at, but one which you will want to keep long after your Senior Project is over. Students have said that the Senior Project, though lots of hard work, represents one of the most meaningful high school experiences in which they have ever been involved. Many students have used their Senior Project material at the university level as a foundation for another project. With that in mind, design a portfolio that celebrates and records your Senior Project efforts, accomplishments, and success!

To be caught up in the world of thought—that is education.

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