

Mount Saint Mary Academy
Rising Senior Summer Project

2010

The Office of Student Services has developed a proposal for rising Seniors to be especially recognized for their significant summer community service or employment. The Senior Summer Project that we propose contributes to and develops a sense of purpose in the work that the student does within the community or place of employment. This Project and all the facets of this Project helps the student come to grips with the need of community service or the need to understand finance. In conjunction with this Project, it is our hope that she explores her role in society.

If the student chooses to follow the guidelines proposed and upon successful completion of the Project, its title will be posted on the student's transcript as well as being detailed within her college letter of recommendation. Although many of our students work or volunteer in their community during the summer those experiences are simply stated on her resume.

Rising Senior Summer Project implementation begins in May of Junior year and concludes in October of Senior year with the student's presentation to the Committee. Complete information and instructions are posted on Moodle.

Senior Summer Project is an option, not a graduation requirement. It is our hope that rising seniors regard this Project as an opportunity to document their work and achievement, to work responsibly with a mentor, to journal their activity and to present the Project to a committee.

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- Granted to seniors only
- Purpose is to create an educational experience that fosters growth and critical reflection.

- A minimum of one full week (5 days) or more of involvement with a minimum of 4 hours per day.
- Volunteer/social service, educational programs at colleges or vocational/career exploration such as employment other than with parent or relatives.
- Recreational activities are not acceptable. Working with career oriented programs only.
- Evaluation of project in September
- Presentation to a faculty panel or Mount community in Sept/October
- Senior summer project: title of project recorded on transcript. (credit or grades not assigned).
- Information would be incorporated in college letter of recommendation from school counselor.

Process

- Activity chosen Junior year by may 15.
- Reviewed and approved by school counselors by May 30th.
- Student has written approval of sponsor.
- A journal 8 1/2 x 11 or 8 x 10-1/2 spiral notebook.
- Include an entry of 125 words of what occurred on project for that day and a reflection on these events (2 separate paragraphs)
- The daily journal is kept by student and signed by sponsor.
- Journal includes goals and objectives.
- An evaluation is submitted by student at the time of oral interview.
- A sponsor evaluation of performance required by sponsor (employer).