

### **About Me**

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- US Learning Specialist and Coach
- 19th year at Flint Hill 18 years mentoring senior projects, 13 serving on a senior project team, 7 serving as a Senior Project Team Leader, and 4 as SP Coordinator.
- This is one of my favorite activities at FH!
- 3 kids at the Lower School!



## What is a Senior Project?

#### **Graduation Requirement**

- To graduate from Flint Hill School, students must successfully complete a Senior Project.
- The purpose of the Senior Project is to culminate each student's Flint Hill School career with an educational experience tailored to individual interests. Students are granted wide discretion in the development of their project and a great deal of freedom in its execution.



# Senior Project Throughline

#### **Tied to Flint Hill's Mission**

A Flint Hill education focuses on the learner. Within a context of strong relationships, we create developmental experiences that embrace the best practices of traditional and contemporary education. Through continuous growth, we actively and thoughtfully implement the ideas and resources that help each student investigate, create, and communicate collaboratively and effectively in a rapidly changing, interconnected world.





## **Senior Projects**

#### The "What"

- The capstone experience of a Flint Hill education and a requirement to graduate.
- 50 hours beginning May 5 or later.
- A project, internship, actual job, volunteer opportunity, learning experience, etc. that is identified by YOUR SENIOR!
- One last opportunity to apply what they have learned in the real world while still at Flint Hill.



## **Senior Projects**

### The "Why"

- Take real, meaningful risks and practice independence. Blaze the trail.
- Explore possible career paths and work environments.
- Demonstrate our FH core values.
- Embrace our FH Vision: Take meaningful risks. Be yourself. Make a difference.
- Provide real-world experience in independent work, goal-setting, and self-reflection.
- Experience how learning can take place outside the classroom.
- Have some FUN while learning!



## Senior Project Guidebook

#### On the Resource Board!

- The <u>Senior Project Guidebook</u> is "one stop shopping" for all answers.
- How to find it:
  - Navigate to Husky Hub, then to Resources, and scroll down to the Senior Project tile.
- This is a living document that will be updated periodically with forms, particularly as we get closer to presentations in May.



#### **INFORMATION**



**FORMS** 

## 2025 Senior Project Team Leaders



Mr. Anderson



Ms. Batbouta



Ms. Brugnoli



Ms. Chiarolanzio



Ms. Lear



Mr. Andino



Ms. Cady



Ms. Gray



Mr. Shepherd

# OK, but what exactly does my senior have to do?

Explore a career field of interest.

 Engage in service learning, volunteer at a nonprofit org: (501c)

### **Possible Career Fields**

















# **Service Learning Orgs from Projects Past**











# What Has My Senior Done So Far?

October 2024: Seniors met with Mr. Tran, Ms. Batbouta, and Ms. McKain to start brainstorming for their senior projects and learned how to write a professional email. Al Space for SP was introduced.

**November 2024**: Seniors were tasked with seeking out a faculty or staff member to be their mentor and should've started brainstorming with their mentor.



# What Does My Senior Need to Do Now?

- Find a project!
- ☐ Finish service hours prior spring break
- Meet with their FH mentor to discuss options for their project.
- ☐ Sit down with a school calendar and decide when they can work after May 5 (work around AP classes & athletics).



# What Does My Senior Need to Do Now?

- Meet with project supervisor to discuss the details of the project (i.e., work hours, expectations, etc.). Give that person a copy of the Supervisor Letter if needed. Digital signatures required for supervisor.
- ☐ Complete the online Final Proposal and Calendar Form. Digital signatures are due before March 7 by 5:00 p.m. and must be turned into their Team Leader's Google Classroom.
- Note: Parents need to complete a digital signature as well via a google form.



# What Does My Senior Need to Do Now?

- ☐ If the project will begin during spring break, submit the Early Start Request form by February 23 (25 hours)
- Students will be notified via email when their projects are approved (March).



## **Senior Project Timeline**

#### **March and April**

- Seniors have their first deadline! Their proposal and calendar are due on March 7.
- Seniors should focus on having a strong finish in their classes.



#### May and June

- Seniors will complete 50 hours.
- Seniors will keep an updated journal.
- Seniors will present to the Senior Project team.

<sup>\*</sup>Please do not schedule vacation during this time.

## What Can You Help With at Home?

- Schedule a time to check in on their Senior Project progress.
- Encourage them to post the Senior Project checklist where it is visible and they can see their progress.
- They may need help brainstorming ideas for a project or contacts for networking, but *they* should be the one making the contact.
- If they have questions or are stuck, ask, "Well, where can you find that answer? Who are your resources? Where can you look?"
- Be an active listener and encourage Independence.



## **Questions?**

I'm always available by email: sbatbouta@flinthill.org.

Please contact me if you (or someone you know) is interested in sponsoring a student for a Senior Project.

We look forward to their presentations!