

June 11, 2018

Dear Senior Parents,

Congratulations - you've made it! The final year of high school is coming upon us, and what an exciting year it will be! I wanted to take a few moments to introduce myself and describe what is in store for you and your senior for the 2018-2019 school year.

Many of you know me from past years - my name is Laura Bubacz, and I will be teaching ELA for all seniors, as well as heading the senior project in its second year. I and the other senior crew leaders will be working with students on the project in several capacities: in English (for ELA IV students), during Senior Project Elective (for AP Literature students), during scheduled meeting times, and during crew for all students.

Students will choose a career path of interest to study through various facets, including Internet research and first-hand experience in the field. The project will consist of four major parts, to be completed during the summer before and throughout the senior year:

- 1) A [research paper](#), in APA format, detailing the history, pathways, and innovations of a chosen career field
- 2) [40 hours of internship experience](#). Students will provide their ELA teacher and counselor with information either during the summer before or during the first quarter of the senior year to set up internships by the second quarter. While the crew leader and counselor will help students find internships, it is the responsibility of the student to do the actual contact with appropriate organizations to begin their work. The hours sheets for both community service and internship can be found [here](#).
- 3) [20 hours of community service](#). This can be carried over from the junior year expedition, completed during the summer between junior and senior year, and/or completed during the senior year. Community service, ideally, connects directly with the student's career choice, but connection is not a requirement.
- 4) A multimedia presentation of the year's work, to be presented to a panel of community judges in the spring

You and your child will receive more details for each assignment during the first semester, and due dates for each will be announced accordingly. Grades for the project will be factored into the students' English or elective grades, and tasks will act as requirements for graduation. In order to be successful, the senior project will draw support from FSI faculty, staff, and community, as well as our students. I am very excited for this opportunity to get our students out of the classroom and into career study!

I look forward to partnering with you and the community to foster the growth and success of our students. If you have any questions, please contact me (Lbubacz@thefsi.us) and I'll be happy to answer them. Here's to an exciting final year at FSI!

Sincerely,

Laura Bubacz, English IV & AP Literature Instructor

I have read and understood the components required of me/my child in completing the Senior Project this year.

Parent Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Student Name (please print)

Student Signature