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Dear Class of '19 Seniors,

At NUAMES Early College High School our goal is to guide you through rigorous, real-life projects that integrate core academic topics and personalize your learning experience. As a senior you now have a chance to design and implement an independent **capstone project** for your final year in high school. This will be an opportunity for you to express, extend, and explore career and college readiness.

The capstone project is yours to create. Pay close attention to the timeline you and your mentor plan to follow. You *may* consider one of the following project ideas:

- Internship – career exploration
- Research project – traditional academic research
- Preparation and competition at an organized event – design and implementation
- Service learning - community service and civic responsibility
- Artistic expression - vision and creation

Please have a genuine interest in your project. Record your own unique perspective on your activities in order to facilitate a well-written reflection paper and share your project at the conclusion of the capstone assignment.

We also expect you to create a **portfolio** that represents your best work. The portfolio should include certificates of accomplishment, awards, and anything else that reflects achievement during your high school career. The success of your portfolio hinges on standards that are clear, selective, challenging, and attainable. The portfolio/capstone packet is on the NUAMES Counselors website: <http://nuamescounseling.com> Work with your mentor who will assist you in the preparation and presentation of your Capstone project and then choose an evening to share your portfolio and project. Either December 13, 2018 or May 3, 2019.

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