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Section 1: Introduction

- What did you do?

For my senior capstone project I was struggling to come up with a topic. I knew that i had many interests and it was haunting me to find something. I knew that something easy would most likely benefit me in the end. Something that I was familiar with. After arguing with my inner consciousness I decided to do peer mediation. I knew that i had experience with this topic and that it was something I could do easily. Next I did the proposal for what your senior capstone project would be. So then I signed my capstone mentor form at last minute of course and got that settled.

- Why did you choose this project?

I chose this project because it was simply the easiest thing to do. I realized that if I was going to do something it had to be something that I had done before. It had to be something that I would have the least trouble creating and organizing. I chose to do peer mediation at our school because I felt like we needed it. I felt as though there were lots of students being taken out of school and they were missing a valuable education. Myself included when students are suspended and they are taking out of school they can easily fall behind. If they fall behind then they won't want to continue to work on the stuff that they can't get because they weren't here. If they then continue on this path then they will immediately care less for their own education. They may either continue trying but become

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frustrated and take it out on their peers or teachers. Or they may just drop out and no longer care about what the school had or has to offer them.

- How does your Capstone address the SLA core values?

My capstone is a great examples of how a capstone should implicate the core values that are the backbone of this school. For my capstone students have to collaborate, they have to do research on the conflicts and their resolutions.

Students have to use inquiry to determine what the conflicts and training require.

Presentation is used to show an example of how differently the problem could have been resolved. Lastly reflection students and peer mediators can reflect together about the conflict and the new outcome or solution.

Section 2: Process

- What are the steps you took to complete this capstone?

The steps that I took to complete this capstone was the following. I have set up conflict and peer mediators sign up sheets. These will allow students who want to be peer mediated and students who to be peer mediators to be able to sign up and help solve problems or get them solved. These two options were created by me and are given to every single student through email.

- What obstacles did you encounter and how did you overcome them?

The obstacles that I encountered were at first my problem with procrastination. But then it was trying to figure out how to get the message out but to also get people to sign up for this program. Another problem that i encountered was

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scheduling people to be aware of the training. This was a real problem since not many people were willing to indulge, when asked to be more involved.

- What resources did you tap into to complete your capstone?

The resources that I tapped into was my resource of being a mentor, a leader and a people person. I also had to use the resource of my capstone mentor who mentored me and google forms to make the sign-up.

Section 3: Reflection

- What are you most proud of in this capstone?

I am most proud of honestly making something that will not only be useful to me but other students. Other students in the past, present, and future can learn and grow from my experiences. And can do so through my program and other programs that my peers have done for their senior capstones.

- What did you learn from this process?

I learned that if you slack off and don't stay on your game and watch the months fly by you can fall extremely behind. But to do things like graduate high school it takes everything you have. Everything you've learned though all of your years in all of your classes no matter where they were. If you possess the support system and have the necessary will to do what it is to graduate you can do it no problem. It just takes will and a lot of effort to be the person that you want to be at the end of your highschool career.

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- If you could do this capstone all over again, what would you do differently?

I would get t don a lot faster emanating not slack off as much. I would make sure that I am aware of everything that needs to be done. Also i would manage my team more effectively, and have better communication skills.

- How is SLA a better place because you were a student here?

I don't know how to answer this question, because I don't know how many people that I affect. But I will sayn that the people that I have affected may that be bad or good I will say that they've helped me to grow. I don't do a lot of growing physical but as a young man as a person I grow everyday. And it's the people that i hurt that help me grow the most. The people who enjoy my company just make me feel more comfortable to be myself.