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Senior Capstone

Process

My capstone is centered around how I could best use my personal skills to aid the community at my school. I had chose to use my knowledge about nails in order to support my community. I had chose this topic because I have been doing my own nails for 6 years but never gotten the opportunity to do someone else's nails. I always enjoyed doing nails and this project would push me to my limits in creativity and drive. I would have to do what most nails do and sit through and do a full set and instead of doing one hand at a time like I would on my own time. I wanted to be able to provide the same quality of nails that someone might receive if they were to go to a nail saloon. I often find that most student in high school either cannot afford to do their nails, pay for them, or have the time for it.

We all know that SLA has 5 core values that you apply throughout your years in this high school. The first core value being inquiry, which can be essentially called questions. What do you want to learn about a certain subject. In this case I wanted to learn what it would be like to do someone else's nails and give them the same satisfaction I feel when I finish my own nails. I wanted to know what its like to be able to serve a community that I enjoy being a part of.

The second core value being research, I had to find the best ways in order to safely take care of another persons nails. What cleaning supplies are necessary and

practice I must put into play to ensure everyone's safety. I also spent time to research different types of applications, types of gel products, and trending designs that have been seen thus far.

The third core value collaboration was a massive part of this project. Without the students or teachers within this school I would not have been able to complete this project. I have done a total of 3 students nails and 2 teachers. This capstone required me to reach out to students and see if it were possible to do their nails, any idea they had going into it, and how they felt about it. I take a lot of consideration as to what people tell me cause I want to be able to provide the best experience possible.

The fourth core value presentation will be shown through social media and in school. I actively have people walking around school with their nails done essentially showcasing my work to people they see and talk to on a day to day basis. I will also be presenting this project to peers, teachers and the administration at my school.

The last core value being reflection, what have I learned from this experience. What are my biggest takeaways from this year long project. I'm not sure where to start. I had a lot of nerves going into this project having been afraid of hurting someone in the process but as I started doing people nails the more confident I have become and I can confidently say that I feel as though I had helped my community in a small way and will continue to try to do so moving on into my college years and later on in life. I think there is something very genuine about doing someone nails free of charge and seeing the smile on their face once they see the finished product. I think the experience was stressful but amazing in its own way.

There were some obstacle that I had come across when doing nails artist block being the major one. I dont do my nails as often and was only doing them more recently to try and get some creativity flowing and have some idea of what I can and cant do on someones nails. Some of the steps on this capstone being creating a google forms and scouting people, also reaching out to people I know frankly well who I knew would be interested in getting their nails done. Another obstacle being people didnt have the time to spend after school because of work . So the only time I could've done a good portion of nails being keystone times. And it proved to be stressful working on such a time crunch. Resources I used in my capstone includes my own personal supply of gel polish and other nail materials, the advisory memo thats sent out every Monday and Thursday, google forms, and showing people photos of my past work on my own nails.

What I am most proud of in this entire capstone has to be the smiles on everyones face. It just made my capstone feel worth it to see how happy people were to get their nails done. I didn't think it would people something that most people would be overly happy with. But knowing that I could provide people with some sort of happines moving forward for a few weeks makes me overjoyed. Like I feel very prideful that people are walking around with my work on their nails its so crazy to think about in my head. Like I was the one to do your nails super crazy indeed. I thank everyone who allowed me to do their nails knowing that I am not certified to do such work. They made this project very possible couldn't been done without their helping hand(no pun intended).