

Dear AP Research Students,

Congratulations on completing AP Seminar, and welcome to the second half of AP Capstone! We are so excited to work with you next year!

Seminar ended with your synthesis of an argument based on reputable sources. This is where AP Research begins. The best part of AP Research is that YOU get to pick your topic of research and spend the year developing *your own* research and presenting your findings.

There is no summer work per se. However, it is a good idea to start thinking about your interests, so you can come up with your topic more easily in the fall.

College Board mentions these broad areas to consider.

- Natural Sciences, Technology, Mathematics, Environment
- Social Science, Politics, Economics, Psychology
- Arts (Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theater)
- Culture, Language, Linguistics
- History, Literature, Philosophy, Critical Theory
- Entrepreneurism/ Business Ethics and Concerns

At the beginning of the year, you will be guided to consider your interests in all areas as we seek to narrow your interests to a particular topic. Past research students have studied political trends, public health, comic books, movies, immigration, sports, space, education, and more. The sky is the limit – (unless you are studying space in which there is no limit, but we digress).

Have fun thinking about your interests this summer. Read, watch the news, meditate, look at trends. We can't wait to see what you come up with next year! We just LOVE this class and are so glad you have decided to join us!

Mrs. Wagner and Mr. Hoopes