**Dear Potential AP Capstone Scholar,**

The Advanced Placement Seminar Course, part of the AP Capstone diploma program, is a foundational course that will allow you to engage in cross-curricular conversations that explore the complexities of academic and real world topics by analyzing divergent perspectives. You will be expected to do the following:

* Read and analyze articles, research studies, and foundational literary texts
* Listen to and view speeches, broadcasts, personal accounts, artistic works and performances
* Synthesize information from multiple sources
* Develop your own perspective in research-based written essays
* Design and deliver oral and visual presentations, both individually and as part of a team

To be successful in this class, you must have a strong work ethic, be able to meet deadlines, and willing to work with a team. If a student passes the AP Seminar & AP Research exams, in addition to 4 other AP course exams, the student will receive the AP Capstone Diploma. If the student only passes AP Seminar & AP Research, then they will receive the AP Capstone Certificate. If you have any questions about the AP Capstone program, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at banglin@pasco.k12.fl.us. I look forward to working with you all in the future.

Sincerely,

Mr. Anglin – AP Capstone Coordinator

**\*\*\* All applications are due to Mr. Anglin (either in person at Room 3-101, or in my mailbox) by Friday, February 28th at 2:30 pm \*\*\***

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1: Academic Work Sample**

To this application, please attach a sample of academic work that you feel like best represents your ability as an academic scholar. This could be a paper, a copy of a presentation, a piece of art, a lab report, etc. This is meant to gauge both your interest and your work quality.

**Part 2: Teacher Recommendation**

Please have a current teacher (any subject) fill out the attached teacher recommendation. The teacher who you choose to fill out your application should have experience or awareness of the Advanced Placement program, and the demands of a rigorous AP course. This teacher must be familiar with your ability to handle the course load of an AP course, and be able to speak to your standing as an academic scholar.

**Part 3: Scholarly Analysis**

Please place an “X” in the appropriate box, based on how strongly you agree or disagree with each statement.

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|  | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| I believe deadlines are important and should always be met |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am willing to work as part of a larger group of diverse individuals |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am comfortable speaking in front of a group (either digitally, or in person) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I believe daily attendance is very important to success in any class |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am willing to improve academic areas (writing, reading, etc.) that I am weak in |  |  |  |  |  |

**Part 4: Maturity Statement**

“I understand that in AP Seminar, I will be exploring a wide variety of themes and topics in a mature and professional way. Throughout this course, I understand that I may come across themes and topics that are sensitive, and could be considered controversial by some. As a member of the AP Capstone community, I agree to treat such topics with sensitivity and understanding. I know that others may have opinions that differ from my own, and I agree to respectfully discuss such differences in a mature and civilized manner.”

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part 5: Parent Approval**

“I am aware that the AP Capstone program, including the AP Seminar Course, is a rigorous college-level course requiring students to engage in discussion and thought around a wide variety of topics. I am aware that some topics students may explore during this course could be considered controversial by some individuals, and that such topics will be treated as respectfully as possible by the AP Seminar instructor. I understand that my student will be expected to be a mature young adult, and to engage in this discussions around such divergent topics in a fair and balanced manner”

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**AP Capstone Applicant - Teacher Recommendation**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Applicant:* Please remove this recommendation and provide to your teacher.

*Teachers:* Please return to Mr. Anglin’s mailbox (or in person) by **Friday, February 28th**

Teachers, thank you for agreeing to take the time to fill out this recommendation form for the applicant listed above. This student is interested in enrolling in AP Seminar, the first course in the new AP Capstone program. This is a rigorous, two-year program that will allow students to explore a wide variety of issues from multiple perspectives while simultaneously developing critical thinking and research abilities. Please complete the form below to the best of your ability. Please rank the student applying for each of the statements listed below, with 5 being the highest rank one can give.

If you would like more information regarding the AP Capstone program, please reach out to Mr. Anglin (banglin@pasco.k12.fl.us).

Teacher Evaluation Form:

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| **Statement** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Punctuality, and ability to turn assignments in on time. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Willingness to engage in classroom discussions and activities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to keep an open mind when presented with diverse opinions |  |  |  |  |  |
| Academic skills, including analysis and writing ability |  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily Attendance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to work as an integral part of a group |  |  |  |  |  |

Do you believe that this student has the skills and drive to be successful in the AP Capstone program? Yes No

Comments:

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_