



KOOTENAI BRIDGE ACADEMY SENIOR PROJECT FALL, 2020

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL IS THE FIRST STEP IN YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH ADULT LIFE – BUT IT IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP. WE WANT TO SEND YOU INTO THE WORLD WITH THE BEST CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING POSSIBLE – THAT MEANS KNOWING WHAT YOU ARE UP AGAINST.

THIS IS A REQUIRED ELECTIVE COURSE, BUT I HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT THIS ASSIGNMENT IS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO GET A HEAD START IN PLANNING OUT YOUR LIFE AND THE DIRECTION YOU WANT IT TO TAKE. SENIOR PROJECT IS ABOUT YOU, ABOUT YOUR FUTURE. DO YOUR BEST ON IT, THE MORE YOU PUT INTO IT THE MORE YOU WILL GET OUT.

SENIOR PROJECT IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

1. COMMUNITY SERVICE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
2. CAREER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
3. EDUCATIONAL GOALS
4. PERSONAL FINANCE AND PLANNING

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A MODIFIED VERSION OF OUR ORIGINAL SENIOR PROJECT. WE ARE TRYING TO MINIMIZE YOUR CONTACT WITH PEOPLE OUTSIDE YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY WHILE WE DEAL WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

SECTION ONE: COMMUNITY SERVICE -

STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO RESEARCH VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES.

WE DO NOT WANT YOU IN PHYSICAL PROXIMITY OF STRANGERS!

HOWEVER, WE WANT YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT IS OUT THERE. CHOOSE TWO AREAS WHERE YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT. IT COULD BE ANYTHING. HOW WOULD YOU HELP THE HOMELESS? THE ELDERLY? YOUR LOCAL FOODBANK? HOW WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER FOR A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN (ANY PARTY YOU FIND INTERESTING).

ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF, TALK TO CHARLES.

AFTER YOU HAVE RESEARCHED TWO "CAUSES", WRITE A ONE PAGE REFLECTION ON WHAT YOU LEARNED. THIS CAN BE PRETTY OPEN ENDED, MAKE IT USEFUL TO YOU.

SECTION TWO: CAREER RESEARCH

1. PERFORM AN ONLINE CAREER SEARCH AS FOLLOWS:

- A. LOGON TO THE INTERNET. TYPE <https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip> IN THE ADDRESS WINDOW.
- B. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS PRESENTED AT "MY NEXT MOVE". THIS SITE IS SUPER EASY TO NAVIGATE, BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS ASK FOR HELP.
- C. AT THE END OF THE PROCESS, IT WILL OFFER YOU A WIDE VARIETY OF CAREER CHOICES. CHOOSE THE TWO THAT INTEREST YOU THE MOST, THEN PRINT OFF THE SUMMARIES.
- D. THERE IS A LOT OF GREAT INFORMATION HERE, TAKE SOME TIME TO INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE AND CHECK IT OUT.

2. INTERVIEW TWO ADULTS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE WORKING IN AREAS THAT INTEREST YOU AS POSSIBLE CAREER CHOICES.

THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY PHONE, NOT IN PERSON UNTIL COVID IS NO LONGER AN ISSUE.

INCLUDE A TYPED OUT SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS. INCLUDE THE PERSON YOU INTERVIEWED, THEIR PHONE NUMBER, AND THE TYPE OF WORK THEY DO. THIS SHOULD NOT BE A RELATIVE OR FRIEND. PUSH YOURSELF AND FIND SOMEONE YOU DO NOT KNOW. STAFF CAN HELP YOU FIND A PERSON TO INTERVIEW.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

- A. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THIS PROFESSION?
- B. WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO GO INTO THIS PROFESSION?
- C. WAS THERE A SIGNIFICANT PERSON THAT HELPED YOU MOVE INTO THE PROFESSION?
- D. WHAT DID THEY DO TO HELP YOU SUCCEED?
- E. WHAT IS THE EXPECTED INCOME FOR STARTING PAY?
- F. ARE THERE MANY POSITIONS IN THIS COMMUNITY? IS MY MARKETABILITY BETTER SOMEWHERE ELSE?
- G. WHAT KIND OF TRAINING DID YOU HAVE TO HAVE?
- H. WHAT EDUCATION DID YOU NEED?

- I. WHAT KINDS OF JOBS SHOULD I BE APPLYING FOR NOW TO BETTER MY RESUME?
 - A. WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR BEST MEMORIES REGARDING THIS POSITION?
 - B. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU DO NOT LIKE ABOUT THE POSITION?
 - C. WHAT PERSONALITY TRAITS SHOULD A PERSON HAVE TO BE SUCCESSFUL HERE?

3. CREATE A PROFESSIONAL RESUME. DO YOUR VERY BEST ON THIS, MAKE IT SOMETHING YOU CAN ACTUALLY USE.

***NOTE: IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON JOINING THE MILITARY, LET US KNOW AND WE CAN WORK OUT ACCOMODATIONS FOR THIS SECTION DEPENDING ON YOUR STATUS.**

SECTION THREE: EDUCATIONAL GOALS

AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED SECTION TWO, RESEARCH THE EDUCATION YOU WILL NEED TO ACHIEVE YOUR CHOSEN CAREER. SELECT AT LEAST ONE COLLEGE OR PROGRAM THAT YOU COULD ACHIEVE THIS EDUCATION WITH AND FIND OUT HOW MUCH TUITION COSTS, WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS ARE TO GET INTO THE SCHOOL AND ANY OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION (WHERE THE SCHOOL IS, HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE YOU TO FINISH THE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE, ETC).

SECTION FOUR: PERSONAL FINANCE AND PLANNING

THIS SECTION WILL HELP YOU TO EXPLORE THE IN'S AND OUT'S OF PERSONAL BUDGETING IN REAL LIFE. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW TO SET UP AN ACCOUNT AND COMPLETE THE EXERCISES.

1. GO TO TEACHBANZAI.COM
2. CHOOSE SIGN UP, STUDENT
3. FILL OUT INFO
4. *ENTER CODE* AHRXMZ

SAVE YOUR LOGIN INFO, IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THE PROJECT IN ONE SITTING, YOU CAN REVISIT AND CONTINUE AT ANOTHER TIME. THERE ARE 4 SECTIONS TO COMPLETE: PRE-TEST, LIFE SCENARIOS, PLAY THE GAME, AND POST-TEST.

AFTER COMPLETION, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE PAGE AND INCLUDE IN YOUR SENIOR PROJECT:

1. WHAT DID YOU LEARN WHILE COMPLETING THE BANZAI PERSONAL FINANCE PROJECT?
2. HOW WILL YOU APPLY THIS KNOWLEDGE TO YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE?
3. WHAT WAS YOUR OUTCOME IN "PLAYING THE GAME"

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS

USE THIS FOR YOUR OWN REFERENCE AS YOU COMPLETE ACTIVITIES. ALSO, WHEN YOU TURN YOUR PACKET IN, PLEASE ARRANGE ALL THE FOLLOWING IN THE ORDER SHOWN.

SECTION ONE:

_____ RESEARCH INFORMATION ON VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

_____ TWO REFLECTION PAPERS ON WHAT YOU LEARNED

SECTION TWO:

_____ TWO WRITTEN INTERVIEWS WITH AN ADULT IN A CAREER THAT INTERESTS YOU.

_____ A PROFESSIONAL RESUME

_____ A PRINT OUT OF YOUR CHOICE OF TWO CAREERS THAT INTEREST YOU THE MOST, FROM THE MY NEXT MOVE WEBSITE.

SECTION THREE:

_____ PROFILE OF COLLEGE/ CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

_____ TUITION COST FOR PROGRAM

_____ TIME ESTIMATE TO COMPLETE PROGRAM

SECTION FOUR:

_____ COMPLETE BANZAI PERSONAL FINANCE, ANSWER QUESTIONS

UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR SENIOR PROJECT TURN IN YOUR WORK TO YOUR TEACHER AS A PORTFOLIO.