Welcome to AP Capstone!
AP Capstone ensures that the diversity of each classroom matches the diversity of its school.
“AP Capstone taught me critical thinking skills to help me solve issues and come up with new solutions”

I., Brown University
Welcome to a network of ambitious schools & educators.
You have committed to developing essential skills.

**Higher Ed request**
- Critical thinking skills
  - Develop perspectives
  - Identify bias in sources
  - Apply research methods
  - Produce scholarly work
- Communication skills
  - Work in teams
  - Work with mentors
  - Team presentations
  - Individual presentations

**AP Seminar**
- Critical thinking skills
  - Students critically evaluate sources to develop own perspective
- Communication skills
  - Team paper and presentation
  - Individual paper and presentation

**AP Research**
- Critical thinking skills
  - Design and conduct individual research project
- Communication skills
  - Academic paper
  - Multimedia presentation
  - Oral defense
You will support students’ pursuit of AP Capstone awards

AP Seminar + 4 AP Exams + AP Research

AP Seminar
AP Research

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You will help them succeed in higher education.
What Colleges are saying...

“At the University of Washington, we would be very interested in enrolling students who have distinguished themselves through the AP Capstone program.”

*Phillip Ballinger, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment and Undergraduate Admissions, University of Washington*

“AP Seminar and AP Research are terrific classes that prepare students to think in non-formulaic ways.”

*Stuart Schmill, Dean of Admissions, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

“AP Capstone provides more of the learning students will need for success in college and beyond: effective communication, original research, collaboration, and critical thinking.

*Ken O’Donnell, Senior Director of Student Engagement, California State University*
## Compared to a typical student in your year at your college, how prepared are you to do the following? (N=442)

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Alumni share benefits of the program

AP Capstone significantly helped me distinguish which sources were and were not credible. It also dampened the stress of having to write long papers

— M., Northwestern

My AP Research project focused on a neurological disease...a field I couldn't access in high school

— K., UT-Austin

I was able to use my research as evidence of my passion towards gender equality in my college applications

— C., Harvard University
“It gave me something to talk about to interviewers for admissions. They always seemed impressed when I told them of my AP Research topic.”

S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology
“I’ve gained confidence...I speak more now. In this environment your opinion is needed. You feel part of a family.”

J, Harvard University
Parting advice from students...

“I hated the class in the moment but I don’t regret it, and I would recommend taking it”

V. University of Florida
Parting advice from students...

“Do it, you’re more capable than you think.”

J., University of Southern California