

# Senior Capstone

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BA University of Dayton  
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26 years of experience

## **Curriculum**

Senior Capstone involves research and implementation of a justice issue project.

It is a graduation requirement that appears on students' final transcripts.

*"If we keep working, helping our people to grow with education, they will have the ability to speak up, organize and create within themselves a spirit guided by The Spirit and a new people.*

*I might not see this day, but with the help of all of you, our people will grow in their understanding and caring for others."*

— My Faith Sustains Me,  
Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN '49

## **Description**

Chaminade Julienne seniors are called to become servant leaders working for justice in our world today. The Senior Capstone project is a research based inquiry into a justice issue we face as a global society. In small groups, students write proposals for their inquiry and research the issue. Their research serves as a catalyst for the project they design and implement mid-year. All seniors present their research and projects at the annual Stang Symposium in May.

## **Learning Outcomes**

- Explore and research a social justice issue through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching
- Investigate the various ways they can impact their issue
- Design and implement a project which manifests itself in a specific product or action
- Understand the principles of servant leadership and how it applies to their life as Catholics
- Present their findings in a public forum
- Write a reflection applying the dispositions of the Profile of the CJ Graduate and how it connects to their Capstone experience

## **Highlights**

- Management of time and work over the course of a year in completing four phases: proposal, research, project implementation and presentation and reflection
- Project builds upon classroom and service experiences
- Curriculum integration in several disciplines: religion, English, STEMM social studies, music and art
- Students work with many organizations including elementary schools, universities, non-profits, and businesses