

Berry College

Senior Capstone Presentation

Class of 2005

“Higher education dares not become merely the avenue to success: it must be the gateway for responsibility. It should not be concerned with competence alone, but with commitment to civic responsibility. An academic degree should not be a hunting license only for self-advancement, but an indication of abilities to seek, cultivate, and sustain a richer commonwealth. It is not enough to achieve cultural literacy; we must engender social concern.”

--Edward Long--

Starting with the Class of 2005, the Bonner Foundation has added an element to the program called the “Senior Capstone Presentation.” It is the wish of the Foundation that all seniors complete this requirement in their senior year before they leave the program. The purpose of the capstone is to give each student the opportunity to reflect over his/her years as a Bonner Scholar and communicate the changes brought about through their service. These changes may be a combination of cultural, social, political, personal, and educational shifts in you as a person.

It is our hope that this activity will serve as a testament to the work that all Bonner Scholars participate in and the important power of change that service yields.

This activity is completely yours and as always, is up to interpretation...There are a few elements, however, that will be the same for all of you:

- A 3-5 page minimum, typed response to be turned in to the BSP Office
- 5 minute presentation to the entire group at monthly meetings OR in smaller settings throughout the spring that is open to younger Bonner Scholars.

Below are some questions that could possibly get you started in thinking about the personal impact the Bonner Scholars Program has had on you. You do not have to answer them specifically, but they could be useful. The quote at the top of the page could also provide some insight.

- How has your time as a Bonner Scholar impacted your education?
- How has your serviced experience been instrumental in your growth/evolution as an individual?
- How has it made you who are for what comes next, after graduation?

The group can brainstorm any other elements or formats that could be brought in to this presentation and should talk about expectations and timelines for when the first presentation will happen...November monthly meeting? January meetings?

I will go through some of these ideas with you if you need... I can be reached at [information deleted for web posting]