

Capstone project:

My capstone project will show the importance of theatre for middle school and high school students. I am currently helping the Laconia high school with their production of Beauty and the Beast as the children's director. I plan on asking students questions about theatre experiences. Like why they joined theatre and how theatre changed them, what has theatre taught them. How has the pandemic affected their love for theatre? I will be also doing some research into the importance of theatre so I can create a journal of what I have learned so far. And maybe see if my personal experience working with these students matches up with my research.

I want to do this project to show that theatre is much more than a hobby. Theatre helps people do much more than meets the eye. Whether social or physical, theatre can help you. Theatre is just as important as another schooling like math, English, science. You can learn so many things from a theatre that you can't learn from the regular school curriculum.

This project represents my interdisciplinary learning because I'm combining everything I've learned from theatre-enjoy directing and things I've learned from education, specifically integrated arts, which is mainly how teachers can implement the arts into their classroom. So their students can have a more meaningful connection to the work they're doing in classes. I think this project can show how important theatre and the arts are for student development.

Every Thursday and other days I'm available I'll be working with them in Laconia but probably before I go down there I'll do research and work on questions I have for the student. Also during my downtime, while I'm there, I may take notes about my experience and note the children's experience as well. I don't know how well my timeline will match up because I have a practicum in march.

With permission from the director and other students, I will take pictures of the set and then perform/ read lines. I think I'll know if my project was successful if I'm able to provide basic evidence and answer a question that I will come up with in the following weeks.

For my capstone project, I will create a website that shows evidence of what I did and what I learned while working with Laconia High School on the production of Beauty and the Beast. Looking back on my capstone project description, I wish I had more time to do things. I wish I asked some of the questions I put in my capstone project. But didn't have enough time to get permission to take pictures of the students I worked with. But I feel that I've done what I set out to do not only that, but I got experience in the field that I wanted to.

While interviewing students, I found that a few of them wanted to pursue a career in theatre for musical theatre or acting, which I thought was amazing. A couple of them want to come to Plymouth to pursue a career in theatre. I did also interview a recent graduate and college

graduate, who has stuck with theatre. To hear about their experiences working with other theaters and how it affected them was very interesting.

I wasn't able to be there as much as I wanted because I got sick and rehearsals got canceled. Also, I was working on other productions here. But I could take notes and work with groups of students which helps me understand that working with students of different age ranges is kind of difficult. Fun but difficult finding a middle ground for them was interesting, but I feel like they learned that concentrating and listening is something they need to work on. I think they learned this through the games I played with them.

Even though I wasn't able to take pictures, I got permission to use photos from the drama page to use for my website, which was helpful. This experience was extremely helpful and I can't wait to see how their hard work paid off.

Timeline

| February | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| Feb | | 1 | 2 Auditions 4pm-6pm Students grades 6-8 At Middle School | 3 Auditions 5-7pm Students grades k-5 Location LHS Auditions 7pm-9pm High School and Alumni Audition LHS Auditorium | 4 | 5 CAST LIST RELEASED |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 7pm-9pm Read Thru LHS auditorium ALL CAST | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 7-9 Teen and | 24 7-9 Teen and | 25 | 26 |

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| | | | Adults Blocking Opening Number | Adults Music Opening Number Attend rehearsal ask for permission from the director to talk to students/ maybe create a permission form | | |
| 27 | 28 | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| March | | 1 | 2 Do research!!! Maybe create a question Make google doc for note taking and research (create a permission form) | 3 | 4 | 5 More research!!! |
| 6 More Research | 7 Children's Ensemble Rehearsal Dance Be Our Guest Do research | 8 Children's Ensemble Rehearsal Dance Human Again Do research | 9 7-9 Teen and Adults Blocking Pages Ask students questions! | 10 7-9 Teen and Adults Blocking Pages Ask students questions! | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Decide format for journal? Video? Paper? Presentation ? Website? Camvu? | 14 | 15 Can't work | 16 7-9 Teen and Adults Group Music No Jason Can't work | 17 7-9 Teen and Adults Choreo Be Our Guest (no Jason) Maybe? Note taking | 18 | 19 Start my project format |
| 20 Extra research if | 21 | 22 Can't work | 23 7-9 Teen and Adults Group Music | 24 7-9 Teen and Adults Human | 25 | 26 Work on project |

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| need | | | (No Jason) Cant work | Again (No Jason) Maybe? Note taking | | |
| 27 Work on project | 28 4-6 Children's Ensemble Music Can't go | 29 4-6 Children's Ensemble Music Cant work Maybe | 30 7-9 Teen and Adults Blocking Cant work | 31 7-9 Teen and Adults Choreo maybe? | | Work on project |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| April | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Work on project | 4 | 5 Production Meeting 7:00pm Laconia High School Can't work | 6 7-9 Teen and Adults Music Can't work | 7 7-9 Teen and Adults Music | 8 | 9 Work on project- show project to Matt to make sure its good |
| 10 | 11 | 12 7-9 BUILD TIME | 13 7-9 Teen and Adults Music | 14 7-9 Teen and Adults Music Double check capstone | 15 | 16 Continue working if needed. |
| 17 Continue working if needed. | 18 | 19 7-9 BUILD TIME Capstone due!!!! | 20 7-9 Teen and Adults Choreo Scene Work | 21 7-9 Teen and Adults Choreo Scene Work | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Vacation | 26 Vacation | 27 Vacation | 28 Vacation | 29 Vacation | 30 |
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