

# AP Capstone™

AP Capstone is an innovative program that helps students develop the critical skills needed to succeed in future endeavors and stand out in the college admission process.

Emphasizes critical skills needed for college and beyond

Complements the in-depth subject-matter study in AP

Students who take part in this exclusive program graduate with a special distinction indicating to colleges their successes in rigorous coursework.

Students get to choose their topics of study while conducting undergraduate-level research.

The program fosters the critical and creative thinking, argumentation, and research skills that are at the core of college readiness and essential for lifelong learning.

## AP Capstone Diploma™

### AP SEMINAR (Year 1)

- Team Project & Presentation
- Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation
- End-of-Course Exam

### AP RESEARCH (Year 2)

- Academic Paper
- Presentation & Oral Defense

4 AP COURSES & EXAMS  
(Taken at any point throughout high school)

Below is a representative list of some colleges and universities that have endorsed AP Capstone for its challenging interdisciplinary curricula.

#### Ivy League Schools

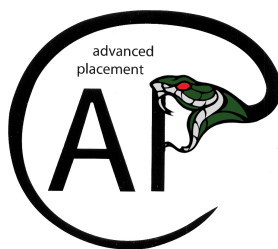
- Brown University
- Columbia University
- Harvard University
- Princeton University
- Yale University

#### Florida Schools

- Flagler College
- Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida International University
- Florida State University
- New College of Florida
- University of Central Florida
- University of Florida
- University of Miami
- University of South Florida

#### Other Selective Schools

- Amherst College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Clemson University
- Georgetown University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- New York University
- Purdue University
- UC Berkeley
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Santa Barbara
- University of Chicago
- Vanderbilt University



## **Why choose AP Capstone at Felix Varela Senior High School?**

Varela's Capstone program began the first year it was offered by the College Board and our students have already been **nationally recognized**: Their academic theses and presentations are used as exemplary models during College Board instructor trainings and 100% of students have earned the prestigious Capstone Diploma after completing both AP Seminar and AP Research.

Capstone students receive **one-on-one advising** with our school's AP Coordinator. They design a curriculum pathway that yields the sort of rigorous transcript preferred by **top colleges and universities**.

Our Capstone program allows students to explore and **maximize their academic potential** within a small community of like-minded learners. The Capstone program focuses students' attention on achieving success in a number of AP courses, which eventually **saves time and money**.

**AP Capstone students at Varela epitomize success: Ninety-six percent** have received the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and **ninety-two percent** of Varela's AP Scholars are Capstone students.

## **What do college administrators and students say about AP Capstone?**

"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*

"[Through this program] you get students turned on to higher education in a way they are not currently and they enter university with a different kind of attitude."

*Susan Roth, Vice Provost for Interdisciplinary Studies, Duke University*

"The skills I have gained through AP Capstone will follow me on throughout the rest of my time in school and continue to expand for years to come. AP Capstone not only made me a better writer, thinker, and presenter, but also prepared me to take on any college course with maturity and confidence."

*Nicole Lewis, Felix Varela Capstone Diploma Graduate and National AP Scholar*

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