

LEADERSHIP: A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

Dear Parents and Class of 2022,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Maclay Class of 2022. These beginning weeks at Maclay School have been challenging as we transition the students from home to in-school and virtual classes. My name is Nina Davis. Many of you know me as either an MPO Board Member or Sawyer's mom. I have been asked to assist with the Leadership Academy by spearheading a leadership course that focuses on students' readiness and preparation of the Junior Interview Series. The purpose of Leadership: A Pathway to Success program is designed to give support to junior year students as they prepare college applications and interviews. Using a seminar format, this course will have guest speakers, focus on college planning, understand passion through engagement, and creative role play. The goal of this program is to strengthen their public speaking, learn how to build a resume, understand professional etiquette, prepare for college interviews, and build up their confidence in order to be successful beyond the classroom.

Due to our current health pandemic and continued safety of the students, Maclay Upper School has decided to have the required Flex B Leadership class as a permanent virtual class. Junior Students in the fall are required to take this leadership flex course as a pre-requisite to the Spring Semester Junior Interview Series. Since the required class cannot be "flexed out", with the help of Mrs. Heather Bas, I've found a solution to keep the students engaged while allowing them to have flexibility in the schedule. Unlike normal flex B days, my class will run on B days, WITHOUT Fridays. The structure of the class will be the entire Junior Class. The structure of the class has been broken up in sessions of all juniors every 2 weeks and small groups designated by their homerooms. Classes have been pre-selected for the entire semester according to the teams. Only the teams specified in that day are to log on. This estimates each team to have virtual class about three times a month only. Though class will not meet on Fridays, I will keep my channel open for a "drop in session" for students who may need help practicing for interviews or need more attention for their resume building.

The class will run from September 8th until December 10th through Microsoft Teams. This class will not use Schoology since there will be no grades given. All communication and assignments will strictly run through Teams. Students must sign in with their Homeroom and then immediately log onto the class. The leadership course will have guest speakers, workshops, and team building exercises so every class minute counts. I have enclosed a link to the general curriculum so parents and students may see what's in store. I am so excited to be a part of Class of 2022's journey. Next week, I will have a detailed syllabus in order to keep the class structured due to the limitations of virtual learning. I look forward to meeting Maclay Class of 2022! See you all September 8th.

[Leadership Curriculum](#)

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With Warmest Gratitude,

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