

Graduation Challenge 2008

Community Panelists Needed

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Graduation Challenge is a required senior endeavor that gives students an opportunity to design their own learning experience in any topic area they choose. Students create a project, find someone in the community to guide them in their learning, and spend between 20-45 hours learning something. Seniors share their experience and research through a tri-search paper assessed by faculty reading groups, and a formal presentation evaluated by a panel.

Panelists are needed on **Thursday, May 15, 2008** for Grad Challenge Presentation Day, the culminating event of the seniors' Graduation Challenge program. On this day seniors make formal presentations about their Grad Challenge project to panels composed of five individuals from the community and the CVU faculty. The day is filled with anticipation and celebration.

Panelists have found their participation in this special day to be an exciting, and in many cases, inspiring experience.

The day is divided into three blocks, two in the morning and one after lunch. Each block is one and a half hours long. During each block over 20 classrooms are filled with panelists listening to groups of four seniors making presentations. Each presentation group is loosely assigned according to their chosen topic area.

There are eight general topic areas on which the groupings are based:

- Recreational Wellness
- Science/Math
- English/Foreign Language
- The Arts & Entertainment
- Technical Education
- Business Education
- Social Studies/ Education
- Life Skills/Health/Other

"This is one of my favorite spring activities! I greatly admire the talent and interests of the students and the commitment of the faculty. It's a great mutual learning experience!"
'06 Panelist

Panelists listen to presentations, ask questions, and evaluate a student's performance (based on an established scale). All panelists are asked to attend a brief training session immediately prior to participating as a panelist. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

We recommend that *parents of seniors* not participate as a panelist. This will leave you free to watch your child's presentation and help him/her celebrate the day.

Print out and mail to: **MaryAnne Gatos, CVU High School, 369 CVU Road, Hinesburg, 05461**
Questions? Contact MaryAnne at 482-7195 or mgatos@cvuhs.org

Champlain Valley Union High School
Graduation Challenge Presentation Day Panelist Response Form
Thursday, May 15th, 2008

Check off when you are available, **please consider a minimum of two sessions** (times below include ½ hour orientation session at start of block):

- 8:30 – 10:30
- 10:00 – 12:15
- 12:30 – 2:30

Mark the subject areas in order of preference (1 for most preferred):

- Recreational Wellness
- Science/Math (medicine)
- English/Foreign Language
- Arts & Entertainment
- Technical Education (computers)
- Business Education
- Social Studies/Education
- Life Skills/Health
- No Preference

Name _____

Mailing Address:

Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please note: While effort is made to assign you to your preferred topic area, we must take into consideration the number of panelists and schedules. *Remember,* expertise in the subject area of the panel on which you sit is *not required* for being on a panel.

Please respond by April 15, 2008.