



# Journeys School of Teton Science Schools

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## Journeys School Seniors Present Capstone Theses

Journeys School high school seniors will present and defend summaries of their Capstone Thesis work on **March 1st and 3rd, 2011 from 3:30-5:00 PM** at the Jackson Campus Education Center at Teton Science Schools. The defense allows the six seniors at Journeys School to present summaries of their essays and then field questions from the assembled audience. Each day's presentation is free and open to the public.

Seniors at Journeys School work for four quarters to produce an essay on a topic of their choosing. The Capstone thesis-writing process requires extensive research and documentation as students build a 20-page argument on an academic topic of personal interest. Over the course of their work, they hone research and argument skills, develop academic endurance, and tune their use of primary source documents. All thesis arguments are required to be supported by a significant number of accurate and reliable sources. The thesis work satisfies a core-requirement of both the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and Journeys School.

The thesis work is a great opportunity for Journeys School students as they head off to college. Focusing on one topic for such an extended period of time gives students the opportunity to delve deeply into each step of the process of researching and writing a scholarly essay. The experience serves them well when they reach college and have to produce work within a much more limited timeframe.

Each presentation is approximately 10 minutes long followed by a 15 minute question and answer session.

Thesis topics include:

### March 1

1. Owen Winship – The effect of the Jackson Hole Hill Climb and artificial snow on snow chemistry.
2. Taylor Watson – The effect of temperature on Pika behavior.
3. Chantel Roice – The impact of Jules Cheret on the art community and poster art.

### March 3

1. Hayden Shea – The importance of the human connection to the natural world.
2. Gabriel Chapeton – The rationale behind teenage gang participation in Central America.
3. Emily Boney – Tennessee Williams and the effect of knowledge on the performance of an actress.



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