

Capstone Community Celebration Day

On **Friday, August 1st**, we will be hosting our annual Community Celebration Day on-site at the Franklin Center. This will include all current Capstone participants (whether they attend Social Fridays or not), as well as the incoming seven new participants to the Capstone program!

The festivities will begin around 10:00 am and run until 2:00 pm. At approximately 2 pm, we will begin our Ceremony of Completion in the Higgins Sports Center for our five graduating Capstone participants. All are welcome to attend, including family members and non-Capstone friends. We try to keep things relatively casual (last year our graduation song was the theme song from Mario Kart 8), while still also honoring and reflecting on the contributions of our five graduates. There will be speeches from staff and the graduating participants, followed by opportunities to mingle and socialize. Everything will wrap up neatly at 3 pm.

Our five graduates for this year are:

Aris Gutowski-Rekow (5 years)

Will Stark (5 years)

Elena Basco (4 years)

Bennett DeVillers (2 years)

Spencer Williams (2 years)

These five have been incredible contributors to our community, and we're so proud to celebrate their journeys!

Annual Program Survey

We will be sending out our annual survey this month to get both parent and participant feedback. Please know that your responses are both anonymous and taken seriously and used directly in our planning for next year.



I always say that Capstone is an iterative process, and collecting the feedback of those we serve is vital to our mission.

Start of Year Paperwork

If you have not already, please make sure you complete and sign your start-of-year paperwork for next year. I always make sure to highlight for new families the pick-up waiver form. This form is for participants who are not their own guardians but whose families would like to waive the requirement for verified pick-up. It is completely optional and can be skipped if not applicable. Please let us know if you have any questions about any of the forms.

Building Update

The Capstone building remodel is ongoing and ahead of schedule! Some really fun highlights are the new extra-large classroom (okay, maybe fun isn't the right word to describe a classroom), as well as the enlarged rec room and dedicated eating area with its own sink and dishwasher (not that is fun!). We invite any families who are interested in seeing the new space to attend this year's Calmapalooza! More to come!

With Sincere Appreciation

Michael Faeth

Director of Adult Education

July 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	No Programming			
	1	2	3	4
PRISM/ DoubleTree Hotel	8	9	10	Uptown Tour/ Minnesota Zoo
7				11
New Hope YMCA	15	16	17	Bakken Museum/ Commemorative Air Force MN Wing
14				18
PRISM/ DoubleTree Hotel	22	23	24	Baker Park Reserve/ Scott County Fair
21				25
New Hope YMCA	29	30	31	
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