SOA Credential

Requirements:
- Completed Senior Thesis
- Successful completion of one of the following courses:
    - Arts & Humanities, AP Art History, Honors Art History, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Feminine Studies, Music Theory
- 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher (calculated at the end of the 3rd nine weeks grading period in the student's Senior year)
- 20 Hours of Community Service completed for each year the student is enrolled at SOA
    - Maximum 10 Hours per year of "Your Choice" service (Your choice service can include any service that does not involve helping a family member.)*
    - Mandatory 10 Hours of service working with an organization (or multiple organizations) on the SOA Pre-Approved Organizations List*
    - Students may complete all 20 of their hours with SOA Pre-Approved Organizations

SOA Credential with Service Distinction

Requirements:
- Completed Senior Thesis
- Successful completion of one of the following courses:
    - ○ Arts & Humanities, AP Art History, Honors Art History, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Feminine Studies, Music Theory
- 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher (calculated at the end of the 3rd nine weeks grading period in the student's Senior year)
- 40 or more Hours of Pre-Approved Community Service completed for each year the student is enrolled at SOA
    - All service must be completed with SOA Pre-Approved Community Service Organizations*
- Students must lead/organize a SOA sponsored community service project
    - Students must present their service project to the Credential Committee for approval, and submit a service project report along with evidence of the project's success when complete.

Additional Information

- Service hours not completed by the due date may be made up with a 50% late penalty. All make-up hours must be pre-approved. See Mrs. Miller for more information and a make-up hours log.
- You may submit an application for an organization to be added to the Pre-Approved List If you feel the organization directly serves a disadvantaged population. February 28 is the deadline for submitting applications for new organizations to the SOA Pre-Approved Organizations list. Any requests received after March 1st will be considered for the following school year.

* Requirements for the 2022-2023 school year have reverted back to the original, Pre-COVID requirements. Please be aware that students are required to complete and submit hours from the pre-approved list this school year. Only hours submitted during the 20-21 and the 21-22 school years were accepted as all choice hours. If you are completing make-up hours from the 20-21 or the 21-22 school year, these hours must be pre-approved.