



Advanced Leadership Course Capstone Presentation Preparation

Due July 6, 2026



Capstones Take Place on July 6, 2026

The goal is not just to deliver a presentation. It is to let us into a culminating moment that challenges yourself, exposes your growth, and makes an impact on your peers.

Ask yourself: What would it look like to leave this room having taken a meaningful risk?

Challenge

You will have **20 minutes** to reckon honestly with what this year has changed in you, and what it hasn't. More self-confrontation and less retrospective reporting. With eight presentations in one session, each person has 20 minutes, including Q&A or discussion. Use the time intentionally.

Thought Stimulators

Your capstone should go beyond surface-level insights. At minimum, use the following points as guidelines:

1. **Shifts in Thinking** – How specifically has your worldview – your ideas, beliefs, values, principles – shifted? What have those shifts cost you? What have they freed?
2. **Blind Spots Exposed** – What did you actively refuse to see about yourself that you see now? What made it possible to see it?
3. **How You've Changed in Practice** – What have you actually changed in how you operate? How do the people closest to you experience you differently? What would they say if they were honest?
4. **Highs and Lows** – What risks have you taken? Where do you continue to stumble? What did the hard moments teach you that the easy ones couldn't?
5. **What's Next** – What specifically will you do in the next six months, starting now? Where is the relationship work still unfinished and what is your plan for doing something about it?

Format

You will have full creative control over how you present. That said, the request is to show up unpolished. This presentation is an opportunity to show exposed leadership in action.

Choose your medium:

- **Verbal Presentation** – No slides, just you and your words.
- **PowerPoint or Visual Aid** – If using PowerPoint, email to Nick **48 hours in advance** or bring it on a flash drive.
- **Whiteboard Session** – Sketch out key insights live for dynamic discussion.
- **Experimental Format** – Surprise us. Just make it meaningful.

Presentation Execution

Option 1 – Speak for 20 minutes straight, no interruptions.

Option 2 – Speak for 15 minutes, then open up 5 minutes for Q&A or discussion.

Option 3 – Speak for 10 minutes, then spend 10 minutes requesting real-time questions, challenges, and pushback on something you're still working through.

The Expectation

That you bring authentic self-reflection. Half-measures and generic answers will be obvious.