



## **Top Five Ways to Survive Senior Project**

It's that time of year again. Seniors are preparing for their final semester which means senior project. While senior projects are different for every major, one thing students have in common is the monumental stress that comes with this final semester.

Abbie Streuter, graduate of SIUE, has already been there. Streuter, graduated in spring 2011 with a bachelor's degree in speech communication and currently works at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch as a media specialist. "My senior project was a great experience. I was the account executive copy for my client," said Streuter. "I did many of the writing assignments and helped with getting the proposal together. I was also a large part of the creative side, making the brochure and postcard for our client."

Looking back at her senior project experience, Streuter shares her top five tips to survive senior project.

1. Team Selection

If you are working in a group, and you have the option to choose your group members, choose people you know you will work well with.

2. Project Selection

Choose a project you know you will be passionate about and enjoy putting in the time and effort to accomplish the task.

3. Time Management

Time management is key. Planning ahead and keeping an agenda of when you need to get specific tasks accomplished will keep you organized and on point.

4. Communication

Do not be afraid to communicate with your professors if you need help. That's what they are there for and they understand what you are going through. Take advantage of their office hours or email them with questions.

5. Inspiration

Remember to just soak up the experience and keep your dream and goal of graduation in mind.

“Senior project, my classes and my teachers prepared me for the job I love today. I am lucky and I owe a great deal to the amazing professors at SIUE,” said Streuter.

By following these simple tips, students will make it through their senior project, and all that will be left is graduation.

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