

I truly didn't have many expectations for my senior project, I just knew I needed to make a difference in my community. I expected the writing process of my research essay to be dreadful and long. Little did I know, once one topic came on the paper my ideas bounced off of each other and I had a paper I was very happy with. My product throughout this whole experience kept changing. I wanted something that will stay with MCA and Michigan Islamic Academy even after I left. With proper time and consideration we finally came up with a Help Sheet that will stay at the mosque even after I graduate and a Women's drive that I gathered items and donated to Safehouse. The only few problems I encountered with the research paper is actually getting started and not letting the idea of a long essay intimidate me. Another problem I faced while writing my essay was that this was my first time writing an essay in APA format, but with proper research the format was easy to get a grip of. The most interesting and surprising information I learned is how much women are suffering in silence at this moment and how little it takes to help them by educating others on what abuse is. I learned throughout this project that I have a voice that demands to be heard. I can use this in my future for continuously speaking up for others, whether that be in school or not. My product is designed to still work even while I graduate and carry on to university. A way I could continue this project is having the drive at different schools and having the helpsheet in a plethora of different mosques. This project taught me that rumors people say that Islam doesn't support women's rights are completely false and fabricated. Islam encourages equality and equity. Although I am very happy with the way my senior project turned out, I would advise myself to start earlier and give myself more time so I didn't feel as stressed throughout my senior year. The best advice I could give the oncoming class is to prepare early and space time properly in order to thrive. The best advice I could give the oncoming class is to prepare early and space time properly in order to thrive. I would give myself an A for this project. I only say this because I am not the average senior project, this project gives me so much joy and happiness. My senior project has so much passion and I care so much about my topic. I didn't do this for a letter grade. I did this for my fellow women in this world to feel powerful and feel that they deserve more.