

## THE PORTFOLIO

Many adults believe that the largest problem faced by students is lack of organization. A portfolio gives you, the student, an opportunity to compile and organize information in a timely manner. For those who procrastinate, the big challenge may be simply not waiting until the last minute to complete a task. For those who are disorganized, the challenge may be keeping and then finding important documents. In either case, the responsibility falls upon you to organize and stay organized.

Have a good place that you use as a "holding tank" for all information, rough drafts, and reflections, etc. All information, copies, and handouts should go into this holding tank. Do not make the mistake of thinking you do not need something. Invariably, you will need it. You will have to pay to recopy lost advisor or mentor sheets!

At Senior Board time, you will need a Display Portfolio. This portfolio is for the finished work and will be used to demonstrate what you have written, done, and learned this semester. "Collecting, arranging and fine tuning this notebook is a student's way of saying, 'Here's who I am. Here is what I can do'" (Danielson & Abrutyn, Portfolios in the Classroom, 1997).

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR DISPLAY PORTFOLIO WILL

- ◆ ALLOW JUDGES TO SEE THE PROCESS YOU HAVE LIVED
- ◆ GIVE JUDGES A FIRST IMPRESSION OF YOU
- ◆ GIVE JUDGES A CHANCE TO PREPARE QUESTIONS THEY MAY ASK DURING THE PRESENTATION.