



# Class of 2019: College Essay Workshop: Part 2

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2018: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

# Today's Schedule

- ▶ 9:00 am – 9:15 am: Welcome and goal of today's session
- ▶ 9:15 am – 9:40 am: Read sample UC Personal Insight essays and Personal Statement, and makes notes as to why these are strong essays.
- ▶ 9:40 am – 9:50 am: Why do we like these essays?!?!? Share as a group
- ▶ 9:50 am – 10:10 am: Break
- ▶ 10:10 am – 10:40 am: Peer editing
- ▶ 10:40 am – 11:00 am: Take a look at comments and make notes about how you can improve your essay.
- ▶ 11:00 am – 11:20 am: Reviewing feedback
- ▶ 11:20 am – 11:30 am: What's next?
- ▶ 11:30 am– 12:00 pm: Questions?

# Sample Essays

- ▶ When reading, ask yourself . . .
  - ▶ What is the main point of this essay?
  - ▶ What is the best part?
  - ▶ Why was this interesting?
  - ▶ What was your main take away after reading?
  - ▶ Is there something I can apply to my essay?

# Peer Editing: You are now an admissions counselor!

- ▶ Get into groups of 5
- ▶ With your three printed copies of your essay . . .
  - ▶ Write 1 number and 1 letter at the top of the three copies – not your name
  - ▶ Give ONE copy to Ms. Miramontes
  - ▶ Give ONE copy to the person sitting next to you in your groups
  - ▶ Hold on to ONE copy to make notes on later
- ▶ Your essay will be passed around to your 4 other group members so that they can read your essay and make comments.
- ▶ A counselor/teacher will also read your essay, make comments, and return back to you.
- ▶ In just 30 minutes, you now have feedback from 5 people!
- ▶ Now, take a look at the edits and make some notes about how you will improve this draft.

# Peer Editing: You are now an admissions counselor!

- ▶ Please write answers to the following three questions below on the last page of the draft after reading each essay:
  - ▶ What was the main point?
  - ▶ What was the best part?
  - ▶ What is one piece of advice for how to improve it?



Time to review!

# Revising your draft

- ▶ Read all of your feedback with an open mind—don't be defensive
- ▶ On your draft, make a note of specific things you plan to change in your next draft
  - ▶ These may be based on:
    - ▶ Feedback you received on your draft
    - ▶ Ideas you got from reading other people's drafts
    - ▶ Ideas you got from reading the sample essays

# What's next?

- ▶ Small College Groups: Monday, August 27th during X-Block
- ▶ Work on these essays!!!
- ▶ Start to narrow down your college lists
  - ▶ Final list due on Naviance October 1st!
- ▶ Take the SAT/ACT – last chance is November!
- ▶ Do well in your classes – good grades are still important!
- ▶ Attend College Visits – Sign up on Naviance!
- ▶ Application Workshops on Monday's during X-Block
  - ▶ Check the calendar!
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> Grade College Night: Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Financial Aid Night: TBD





Questions?