**Essay Workshop Notes:**

One piece of the application. The essay goes to a human being- going to a rep who is trying to find ways to accept you. What does this student have to bring to our university?

* Choose a topic that is important to you- reveal who you are and what is most important to you.  Don’t be broad, do deep.
* TIP: think of 10 things that your application would suffer from if it wasn’t there
* BRAG
* Be descriptive. HOW & WHY? Use your 5 senses
* Go Deep
* Don’t overuse Thesaurus words that you don’t regularly use; but still needs to be well written. Stay away from SLANG or TEXTING language
* Make sure you are sending the right college the right essay especially if you are writing specifically about a college
* Start writing in the summer!
* 3 Part Rule:
  + Tell a story or tell an experience
  + How did that experience change you?
  + How will that experience influence you going forward? (adds depth)
* What can you do now?
* Reflect - who are you? What do you value? What excites you?
* What do you want college to know about you that isn’t in the other parts of the application?