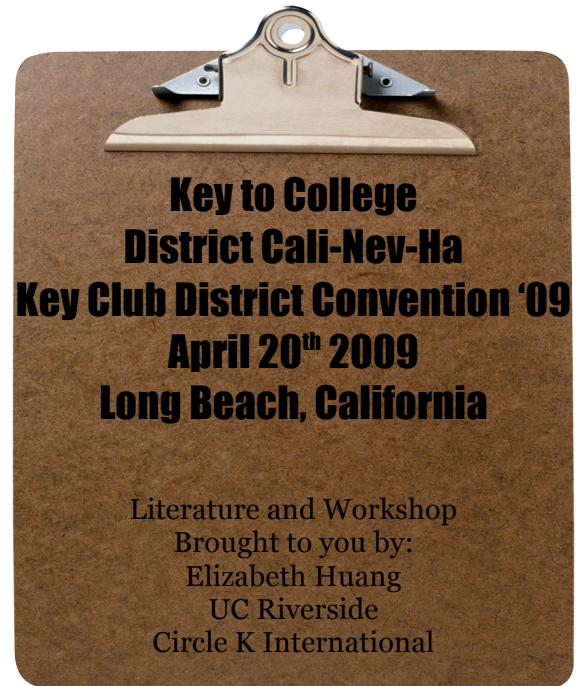


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PERSONAL STATEMENTS



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WELCOME. To the Personal Statements workshop – brought to you by Key to College!

Let's start with the basics.

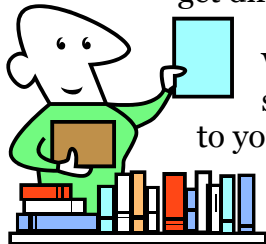
The best essays are always written from the heart – they *are* **personal** statements, after all. Is there anything you have spent a large amount of your time working for? Or perhaps a significant event that changed your life – and maybe even the lives of others? Don't think that any subject is too small, what counts is how well you get your message across.

Do's:



Start early. Not only does this allow time for a thoughtful essay with correct grammar and spelling, it also gives room for a possible topic change. Who knows? Maybe halfway through writing your essay, you may want to change your topic. Not to mention, you want to give your peer reviewers time to read and edit your essay.

Find a wide range of peer reviewers. Friends, family, teachers and Kiwanians! The more, the better. People often look past things that others will notice right away. And it doesn't hurt to get different ideas and opinions.



Visit your college and career center. If your school does not have such a thing, pay a visit to your advisor. These people are there for you to utilize in any relevant way you may need. They will often have more books on colleges and essay writing than the local Borders.

Don't's:



Procrastinate. I know, it's essentially the same thing as "start early" but it really is just that important!

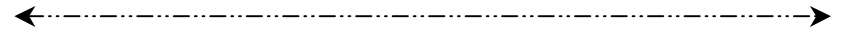
Be too broad. If you select your topic as junior year being the toughest year of your life, choose a specific event that made that year even harder than it had to be. Remember, you have a word limit.

Forget to proofread! Even the best of writers will make mistakes. Sometimes even something like using "too" instead of "two" will happen, and it's not stupid but it is easy to overlook.



Thank You's.

Don't forget to thank those who helped you with this process! Good or bad, they made time for you because they cared enough.



Tip:

Talk to old friends who have already been through this! Chances are, many of them will not remember much but any information is valuable.

Please, don't ever hesitate to ask for help!

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

...more questions?

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