Bridge Academics

COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Benefits of Small Group Approach

- Students work together to pool their expertise, knowledge and skills
- Group work creates more opportunities for critical thinking and promotes learning and achievement
- Students engaged in group work and cooperative learning show increased individual achievement compared to students working alone

Co-Teaching Model

- Dual expertise in classroom teaching and learning support
- Mechanics, structure and classroom tested methodology
- Coaching, hurdle help, executive function support
- Experienced remote educators

Program at a glance

The college entrance essay is, arguably, the most important essay in a young person's life. Due to these high stakes and a changing landscape with testoptional schools, the process can be daunting for both students and parents. This **remote** four-day intensive workshop, intended for students entering their senior year of high school, eliminates the stressful nature of this task by providing the participants with a framework to produce their best work for submission to the Common Application. By finishing this part of the application over the summer, seniors enter their final year of high school with a leg-up in the college process. During the workshop, students will review model college essays, draft multiple essays, revise with the support of two seasoned teachers, and produce pieces for use in the college application process.

Choose one 4-day session

Session 1, June 24-27th (9am-12pm) Session 2, July 8-11th (9am-12pm) Session 3, July 15-18th (9am-12pm) Session 4, July 22- 25th (9am-12pm)

Minimum of three, maximum five students per session
Workshops require Zoom and Google Drive
Limited individual and small group sessions available after Aug 11th (Click below or reach out for details)

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What will you gain from this workshop?

- 1-2 essays for use in the college application process.
- A number of ideas to apply to supplemental essays for individual college applications
- Ownership of the college process right from the start
- A reinforced skill set for giving and receiving constructive criticism
- A module based approach for writing that can be applied to future writing assignments

Pricing and Inclusions

- \$1150
- 12 hours of instruction (individual/group)
- Start on the Common App with help organizing supplemental essays
- Follow up access to teachers after the workshop on personal essay editing throughout the school year

Teacher Bios

Bridget Walsh has been teaching and working alongside families since 2004. Previously, she directed the McDermott Doyle Program for young men with Learning Disabilities at Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago, was a lead teacher for the Sonia Shankman Orthogenic School at the University of Chicago, and supported many private clients along the way. In 2017, Bridget started Bridge Academics to address the issues of struggling college students and their parents. Presently, she works at Francis W. Parker School as the 11-12th grade Learning Specialist. She holds a MA in Multi-Categorical SpEd and is a certified Learning and Behavior Specialist.

Ryan Hurnevich has taught English and History since 2010 after earning his BS in Journalism with a minor in Language, Literature, and Writing and completing a post-baccalaureate teacher certification. Ryan previously worked for the nonprofit High Jump consortium and in the Francis W. Parker Lower, Intermediate, and Middle Schools. Ryan has presented at international conferences on topics concerning the intersections of learning differences and literacy and social-emotional learning. He currently teaches junior and senior English, US History Honors, and African American studies at Wolcott College Prep.

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Pitzer College Pomona College Princeton University Reed College **Ripon** College Sarah Lawrence College Stanford University Syracuse University **Tufts University Tulane University UIUC** Engineering University of California Berkeley University of California Davis University of California Irvine University of California Los Angeles University of California Santa Barbara University of California Santa Cruz University of California San Diego University of Chicago University of Colorado Boulder University of Connecticut University of Illinois University of Illinois Chicago University of Indiana University of Miami University of Michigan University of Missouri University of Tampa University of Utah University of Vermont University of Wisconsin Vassar College Vanderbilt University Wesleyan University William and Mary University Yale University

Our workshop attendees have been accepted to these colleges and many more!