

# IT'S ALL ABOUT "*ME*" !!

## Writing Personal Statements for Scholarship Applications

May 22, 2009



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BTS Transition Workshop 5-22-09

# Agenda



- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Panel Presentation
- ❖ Question and Answers
- ❖ Evaluation



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# Points to Consider



**\* Role Identities**

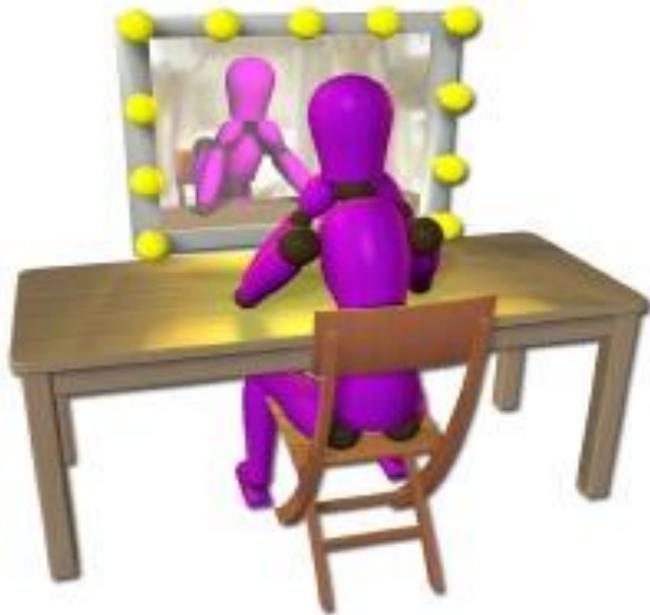
**\* Areas of Self, Skills and Abilities**



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# Points to Consider

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**\* Values**

**\* Motivation and Interests**

**\* Significant Life Experiences**



# Scholarship Committee

**Judy Gray**

**SSCC Foundation Board  
Selection Committee Member**

**Retired SSCC Instructor-  
Business English**



# Selection Criteria

**\*Academic Records (Grades)**

**\*Financial Need**

**\*Social/Personal Needs**

**\*Community Involvement**



# Selection Criteria

(continued)



**\*Describing Yourself and Your Goals**

**\*Letters of Recommendation**

**\*Work History**



# Planning Ahead

**\*Ask Instructors for Letters of Recommendation *EARLY*.**



**\*Send a thank you note to your letter writers.**

**\*Get a copy of your transcript *EARLY*.**



# Other Important Tips

**\*Follow directions carefully.**

**\*Include all of the required items such as family information, finances (income and expenses).**

**\*Turn in items in the same order as they are listed on the check sheet.**

**\*Remember to sign your application and letter.**



# Writing Your Personal Statement

**\*Type out your statement.**

**\*Use spell check.**

**\*Proofread carefully.**

**\*Read for meaning.**



# Writing Your Personal Statement (continued)

- \*Tell your story (past) and your personal dreams (future).
- \*Include short-term and long-term goals.
- \*Be specific about what you will do with your education.



# SSCC Writing Resources

(to provide feedback on the content of your writing)

**\*ESL Skills Lab, CAS 220**

**M, T,W, Th 11:00 - 11:50 AM**

**\* Writing Center, LIB 205**

**M, Th 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**W 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM and 4:00 - 6:00 P.m.**

**T, F 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Sa 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



**The Writing Assistants will read your statements and give you some feedback on your writing. They will not provide grammar correction.**

**To Make an Appointment:**

- 1. In-Person (sign name in an appointment book)**
- 2. On-line <http://dept.seattlecolleges.com/ssccwrite/>**



# Scholarship Recipient

**Dandan Wu**

**BTS Student**

**SSCC Scholarships- 3 Times!**

**SSCC Outstanding Student Award**

**SSCC Graduate- AA Degree**

**CWU Student- Business**

**Administration**



# Dandan's Advice

Be sure to include the following items:

- \***Background Information-** include the past and present
- \***Volunteer Experience**  
(Ex: church, community work, campus, etc.)
- \* **Grades-** if they aren't very good, explain why and show improvement



# Dandan's Advice (continued)

## Other Tips:

- \* Don't wait until last minute to turn in your packet!
- \* Write thank you notes right away.

## Other Benefits:

- \* Include your personal statement when applying to universities or four-year colleges.
- \* Use your statement when you apply for a job.



# Discussion

**\*What other information do you want to know from the panelists?**

**\*What are your next steps?**



# It's All About You...

...your success...

... and your opinion!

**Please fill out an evaluation form.  
Your feedback is very important!**

**Thank you for participating today!!**

