## The Secret Sauce

Your Story \& How You Tell It

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## Me ??



## The point of this talk

Thesis: The better you are at sharing your story and helping others with theirs, the more opportunities you will have to accomplish your aspirations.

How a normal person tells a story


How I tell a story


My cousin is the only person who tells complex stories

## Three Aspects to Every Story 1. The What. 2. The How. 3. The Why.



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The Characters?


## The Setting?

1. Where are you from and what role does that play in shaping your aspirations?
2. What is unique about the community you are from?
3. What can you add to your community that was not in place previously?



## Aristotle's rhetorical triangle



## 8 Steps to Success

1. Have a Great Attitude
2. Be on Time
3. Be Prepared
4. Make the most out of the time you have to work
5. Set objectives appropriately
6. Maintain Your Attitude
7. Know Why You are Here and What You are Here For
8. Take Control

## The Golden Thread

- Definition: Clear \& Concise Way of Communicating Your


## Team's Mission

- Essay: Weave your team's goals throughout the essay, and using your outreach to support that
- Presentation: putting a face to the golden thread
- Video: Sharing the golden thread with your community
- More than a thesis

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## Body Language \& Your Communication Skills

- Sometimes the important thing someone is telling you, is what they're NOT saying
- Reading the situation \& your environment
- Assuming the Sale
- Eliminating Verbal Tics

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## Recruitment

- Students with infectious enthusiasm for their team/STEM/FIRST
- Speech \& Debate, Journalism, Drama, Sports
- Parents
- Grant writing, lawyers, businesspeople, anyone with any writing/presentation skills
- Minimum Barriers for Entry
- Literate \& determined
- Emotional or imaginative impact

Pathos

- Stories


## Emotion

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## Making Lists \& Checking Them Twice



- Start with a list of outreach:
- Anything impactful
- Team Demographics
- Scholarships
- Rough Estimates of How Many People Attended your Event
- Sponsors
- Ask yourself, parents, mentors, and other students:
- What are our favorite things to do as a team?
- If you could only have three words to describe your team what would they be?
- Reasoning or argumentation
- Facts, figures, case studies
Logic
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## Accuracy Builds Credibility

- Following the definitions provided by FIRST:
- Teams: Started, Mentored, Assisted, Published Resources
- Events: Hosted, Ran, Assisted

Accurate
Precise

Not Accurate Accurate
Precise

## Not Precise

Not Accurate Not Precise



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Maya Angelou: "At the end of the day
people won't remember what you said or did, they will remember how you made them feel."

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## Equity, Diversity, \& Inclusion



Some of Our Favorite Birds



Rock InternationalÜ̈ban Soundtracks Seasona/Holiday New wablk Easy Listening E Electronic Metar Poplassical Latin Rap Country Alternative Rệ̆aa




## So others can tell your story

## Celebrating Team Values \& Accomplishments




## Thank You!

