Important questions:
What is the value you bring to ___ field?/Why should we pick you for an interview?
How does it fit in with the app?

● Personal Statement
● Creating Your School List
● Secondaries
● Interviews
● Screeners usually read: Disadvantaged Statement, then PS, Secondaries, Experiences, then LORs
Submitting Primary and Timing

- If applying to many schools
- AMCAS
  - Receive after submitting primary
- Most other applications (eg. AADSAS, AACOMAS, OptomCAS, etc.)
  - Many programs supplemental questions are embedded in the primary and needed to be submitted when you add them
Overall Secondaries Approach

- To do secondaries WELL
  - Understand each school you are applying to & “speak to them”
  - Tie experiences from your past/future goals with elements from the school
  - Reference any connection to the school
  - Take time to edit and meet with HPA
    - Updated Drop-ins on homepage
    - Alumni and current students welcome
Overall Secondaries Approach

- Make sure you are addressing the question and tie in to the school when appropriate
- There will most likely be overlap with other content from app
- Note you will have a very different character counts and will need to adjust writing
- Don’t encourage copying and pasting, but can rephrase/rewrite
Common Questions

- How do you bring diversity to our school? (Value Question)
  - Note: not on compassion, empathy, hard working
  - Note: note not about how you did amazing ___ experience
  - Blend what have you done, seen, who you are, and combining these to how this gives you a perspective and how this will be helpful
Common Questions

Tell us about a personal challenge you have faced in your life and how you demonstrate resilience and grit

○ Avoid discussing the MCAT/Standardized exam or studying

○ Addressing the challenge/showcase how you were affected

○ Focusing on how you overcame it/affected you in a positive way
Common Questions

● How can (name of school) prepare you for your goals?
  ○ Address what is important to you and what they have and they how relate
● Discuss an elements of your application that you feel might be concerning to the Admissions Committee
● Do you have any connections to ___ region? Please Explain.
Common Questions

- In what specialty(ies) are you interested in? What experiences have created foundation for this interest?
- Write an autobiography
- If you could present yourself to the Committee on Admission, what would you want to make sure they knew about you?