FYSEM Personal Essay Assignment

Due: Thursday, September 21, 2017, at the beginning of class.

Write an essay (2 to 3 pages, double-spaced) that introduces you to your FYSEM professor and Campus Colleague. You need to turn in 2 copies of the essay one for your professor and one for the colleague. Or email it to cdooley@hamline.edu (and I will share with Professor Artz).

The first part should include a description of something unique or special about you.

The second part should include three topics:
- Why Hamline?
- Discuss your family's influence on your decision to come to Hamline and any influence you may experience in terms of selection of major and/or career.
- Describe your work and volunteer experience. What have you enjoyed most? Least? Why?

The final part should address the following questions:
- Project into the future, what are your thoughts about involvement at Hamline in addition to your academics?
- As a college student, what are your strengths? What are areas you would like to improve?
- What are your academic and out-of-class goals for the year?
- What do you expect out of yourself in your first year of college and how will you keep yourself accountable?

This essay will be read by your professor and campus colleague. You will be invited to discuss your paper and how the semester is going at a required follow-up appointment with your campus colleague. The appointments will be scheduled in late-September to mid-October.