Here a few notes I walked away with:

The Preferred Length

* Novel: 300-350 pages
* Short Story: 15-20 pages

Habits of Highly Successful Writers

* Create a schedule: make a habit of it. Our teacher told us that she gets up at 5 a.m. every day so that she can write uninterrupted by her day.
* Write about what’s important to you. What do you stay up late at night thinking about?
* Dream about the potential. If you can’t dream it, you can’t achieve it.
* Read, Read, Read. For every hour you spend writing, you should be reading for 30 minutes. You have to learn from those before you.

Exercise to Try at Home:

* Take a book that you love and appreciate the way it was written — something that you flew through and could follow easily. Then, dissect that novel by creating a notecard for each chapter of that book. Write what happened so that you could follow the succession of events by flipping through the notecards.
* Then, when you go to write your own novel, you have an idea of how much should happen in each chapter. “There’s no need to recreate the wheel.”