

COS WRITING CENTER

Tutor Bios | Fall 2020

Ariana | Major: Studio Arts



Hi, I'm Ariana! This is my 2nd year at COS. My current major is Studio Arts, but we'll see if it lasts. My free time consists of listening to music, watching pretty much any streaming service, and reading. (If you have any book recommendations, I'd love to check it out!) I work in the Writing Center to be able to help people in the best way that I can. I enjoy working on outlining, organization, and brainstorming ideas. I look forward to seeing you!



Arwen | Major: English & Fine Art



"Hey, I'm Arwen, and I'm a double-major in english and fine art. I use any pronouns (they/them preferred) and I've been at COS a little over three years, two of which I spent concurrently enrolled.

I like to stay in a mindset focused on continual learning, and hope to learn as much from you just as you might learn from me. I'm here to work with you on whatever writing qualms or questions you might have- though I particularly enjoy the processes involved in outlining essays and putting together early drafts.

Feel free to ask me about my rats, my favorite poets, or what horror movies I've seen lately. I'm pretty fond of The Thing (1982) and anything directed by Dario Argento."

Ashley | Major: English



Hi everyone! I'm Ashley I am an English Major. I am a third year COS student who has a love for reading and writing. I hope to be an English professor one day and wish to inspire others with my words. What I enjoy most about writing is the creative process and freedom of expression it involves. As a tutor I feel comfortable helping in all stages of the writing process. I like working on brainstorming for new ideas, outlines, thesis statements, and anything you might need help on.

On my free time I like to bake, listen to music, watch Netflix and browsing on social media for funny memes. I like the beach, the color pink, and warm summer days. My favorite animal is a sloth, and if that doesn't say anything about my character then I don't know what else will. I think of myself as an opened minded person with a free spirit. I am a socially awkward, outgoing person if that makes any sense lol.

I am excited and looking forward to working with you (:

Chastity | Major: Nursing



Hi my name is Chastity. I am a Nursing major and have been working in the Writing Center for three years now. Some of my favorite things to help with (but not limited to) are scholarship essays, personal statements, and resumes. I look forward to working with you this semester!

Dee | Major: Science/Dental School



Greetings everyone!

My name is Dee. I am a passionate scholar and educator. I understand learning and writing struggles. I can share life experiences and support you so that you are successful in your tasks.

I am completing Science prerequisites for application to dental school. My dream is to become a dentist.

I am hooked on watching Historical Dramas and English Classics. Since Covid-19, I am focused on fitness and eating healthy. I also watch videos on how to fix teeth! A beautiful smile is most valuable.

Erika (Paola) | Major: Art



Hiya COS, name's Erika. You can call me Paola too. My pronouns are she/her and I am a fifth-semester student at COS. This is currently my fourth semester as a Writing Center tutor! I am a passionate Art Major, where drawing literally takes over my life. I enjoy pop culture from the 80s, I'm a huge nerd mecha and transformers, and I'm also known for my artistic ability. I'm looking forward to working with you.

Gabriel | Major: Computers and Information Systems



Hey, I'm Gabriel! Like the archangel, only not at all an archangel (So I claim). I'm an artist, writer, and amateur game developer majoring in Computers and Information Systems. While I may spend a lot of my free time delving farther and farther into my many hobbies and talking to my friends, I am more focused when I'm working in the Writing Center.

I work in the Writing Center because I love to help other people and learning more about the art of writing. Writing is one of many ways people can express their thoughts, feelings, and ideas. Which is what I love most about it. I constantly seek to learn more because you can never learn too much about anything. For proof, just ask me about geography. No, don't. That's a can of worms you're better off not opening.

I do my best work with essay structure and flow. I also do well with other kinds of writing and various tools used for the writing process. I also love helping set goals with my clients and am more than happy to help plan a paper's future, if we have the proper springboard to work from. Overall, we're all on our own Fool's Journey and just hoping for a reversed tower. Stay safe, stay healthy, and hope to be of help to you all!

Joe | Major: Psychology



Hi, I'm Joe. I'm a psych major who is also interested in philosophy and English in all its forms. I'm able to help you in all stages of writing and revision, as well as in several different forms or genres of writing ranging from speeches to poetry, to fiction. When I'm not tutoring, I like playing video games, doing performance poetry, and wiki-walking. For an interesting conversation, ask this tutor about the time he was published as a "wizard."

Jonathan (Jon) | Major: Art History



Medium human, neutral good

Class: Art History Major (level 5,) English Tutor (level 4)

Skills: Listening +5, Crafting Research Papers +4, Creative Writing +5, MLA Citations +4, Cat Handling +4, Athletics -3

Hello! My name is Jonathan, but you can call me Jon if you'd like. I've been a student here at COS for around 5 semesters and a student tutor here at the Writing Center for about 4. A lot of people might be surprised by this, but I'm actually not an English major. I'm studying art history in the hopes of someday teaching my favorite subject myself. My hobbies include collecting pins and art, attempting to draw, playing D&D, converting our group's D&D sessions into a written novel format, and fostering cats and kittens. (That first part of my bio was my attempt to reference D&D creature stats, so if it doesn't make a lot of sense to you, that's ok!) My favorite type of writing is creative, but I also enjoy intriguing research papers. I am well acquainted with MLA formatting, but I'm happy to help with any format or writing assignment.

When I first started attending COS, I despised English and was absolutely terrified of even the smallest writing assignment. I was convinced that I'd fail every English class I attempted, but thanks to the help of an amazing professor, my attitude completely turned around. Now I love English and thoroughly enjoy my job as a tutor! I'm here to let you know that no matter what your past experiences with English may be, things really do get better. I'd love to work with you and see what we can do to help you feel a bit better about your writing abilities. Hope to meet you soon!

Pronouns: He/Him

Josias | Major: English



Josias is currently an English Major at COS. Josias has been a Writing Tutor for six semesters and an AI (in-class tutor) for four. His writing strengths are: outlines, brainstorming sessions, grammar, paragraphing, developing focus and argumentative essays; however, he has the disposition to work with everyone on anything.

In his free time, Josias enjoys movies, series, anime and music. He also loves creative activities like drawing, writing and playing the guitar. Josias loves trying new foods and new places to eat.

Josias is a Spanish speaker and a good listener. He would enjoy to hear your story.

Pronouns: He/ Him

Karina



This is Karina. She enjoys long walks on the beach and watching the sunset.... but she really enjoys reading books on the beach. (Preferably by Nicholas Sparks.) Some of her favorite past times are dancing, watching New Girl, binging YouTube videos, and jamming out to Taylor Swift and Billie Eilish.

Karina is knowledgeable in MLA formatting, brainstorming ideas for essays, creating outlines, and thesis statements. She is always eager to learn something new, and is looking forward to working with you at the Writing Center!

Mallory | Major: English



Mallory has been a writing tutor for a full year now, and absolutely loves working at this school! In fact, her love for COS is so strong that she is currently in her fifth semester here—it is not at all due to her switching her major over five times. Until further notice, this indecisive young woman will be majoring in English. With this, she aspires to become a college professor and a Writing Center Coordinator. In her free time—which disappeared with the start of this semester—Mallory enjoys traveling, reading, playing *Animal Crossing*, watching *KUWTK*, wasting an obscene amount of time on *TikTok*, and spending every second with her husband and dogs! She can go on and on about all of these but is unsure if you're still even reading. That said, Mallory has chosen to include a section of the *Full House* theme song:

"Everywhere you look, everywhere you go
There's a heart (There's a heart), a hand to hold onto.
Everywhere you look, everywhere you go
There's a place, of Somebody who needs you
Everywhere you look."

Above all else, Mallory looks forward to working with you in the (virtual) Writing Center.

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

McKenna | Major: Nursing



Hey, I'm McKenna and this is my first semester as a tutor at the writing center. I am a nursing major and look forward to being a pediatric nurse in the future. My hobbies include playing basketball and drawing. I enjoy working on brainstorming and the development of essays, but I am available to help with anything. Can't wait to see you this semester!

Meg | Major: Psychology



Hey y'all! I'm Meg and I'm a psych major with major grandma energy. But the fun grandmas, ya know? I like baking, crocheting, drinking coffee, watching Mamma Mia and Burlesque, and playing with my grandchildren. Wait, um... no grandchildren, although I am trying to convince my best friend to make me a tia. (I'm almost there. Fingers crossed).

I am super sarcastic and sometimes I scream to Fancy by Reba in my car... I JUST LOVE REBA OKAY?! I listen to everything from BlackPink, Miranda Lambert, and Diana Krall. However, my MCM every day of my life is my Christmas husband, Michael Buble. Oh, I also listen to Christmas music every single day! Every. Single. Day. (My parents hate me <3).

Besides being a grandma and being a Christmas junkie, I also love writing. I'm a published poet and I was my high school's newspaper editor (Ayyyyyyyyy, class of 2020! *sorry that our year was pathetic*). I can't wait to read your fantastic writing and meet you all!!

Mike | Major: Communication



Holla at ya boi! I'm Mike Jasso, I'm a Communication Major and have been a Writing Center Tutor for the past 7(ish?) semesters, but I'm still open to learning and adapting to new ways to help out students. My favorite aspect of tutoring is brainstorming topics, helping students take advantage of all the resources and tools available to their subject, and getting them to that "a-ha!" moment. Outside the Center I enjoy cooking, getting random tattoos, and am super passionate for poetry. I am an accomplished spoken word artist and the Lead Organizer for The Loud Mouth Poetry Jam, Visalia's very own poetry slam community. I like to incorporate creative and innovative techniques I've picked up from my creative writing processes and share them in Academic settings like the Writing Center. So lets book an appointment and get weird, yo!

Rory | Major: Biology



Hey, I'm Rory. I'm a bio major who loves animals and bombarding my friends with weird biology facts. My hobbies include reading cheesy gay romance novels, getting piercings when I'm depressed, and disappointing my mother (the last two are usually related).

As a writing tutor, I'm most comfortable helping you with writing projects in MLA format, but I'll do my best to help you with anything you're working on. Especially if your essay is weird. I love weird essays.

Pronouns are They/Them or He/ Him

Sonoma | Major: English



What's the word, baby bird? It's Sonoma, your friendly neighborhood Writing Center tutor! I am an English major and this is my fourth semester at COS and third semester as a tutor here at the Writing Center. A few things about me: I have a newfound love of audio books and I'm a big fan of coffee scented candles and creamsicle scented hand soaps. In my free time, I enjoy challenging myself to draw the smallest snail that I possibly can. Sometimes I give my snails fancy names afterwards. Occasionally I go on long rants about how my deep-seated hatred for Edgar Allan Poe. In the grand scheme of things, he's really not that special. He's just a stupid boy.

You may believe that I am not an adult Writing Center tutor, but instead three children in a trench coat; you will never be able to validate this claim, as I am too small to be even two children in a trench coat. I am simply one big child who is very excited to help you navigate through online learning! I enjoy brainstorming and working on in-text citations, MLA format, personal pieces, and strengthening arguments, but I am also very happy to help you with any piece of writing that you need help with. Come hang out with me!

Pronouns: She/Her

Vela | Major: English



Hello, my sweet summer children! My name is Vela, and this is my second semester as a tutor here at COS. I write fiction, dissuade tyranny, and major in English because everyone says not to, and I am foolishly delighted by the prospect of not being able to support myself financially but knowing a lot of big words.

More than anything, I love helping others learn to find joy in writing and am more than happy to help anyone in any stage of the writing process. I specialize particularly in assisting with creative writing, but also enjoy setting up game plans for drafting strong essays efficiently, working through revisions, structuring and polishing work, and assisting with MLA format. Be aware that the possibility of me willingly using the words “annotated bibliography” in a session are slim, but never zero.

Some of my hobbies include drawing, gardening, pronouncing “pineapples” like “Minneapolis”, and sitting on my bedroom floor being absolutely devastated by the fact that I have a physical form. I also enjoy making fun of myself, because honestly what is a tutor but a miserable little pile of emails whose estimation of their own moral superiority is somehow both unshakeable and totally unearned?