Meet Stan State’s Spring Writing Tutor Team
**Why I am excited to work at the Writing Center!**
- I get to work and connect with new and familiar faces.
- I get to help others who need it!
- A new learning experience with skills to obtain and hone (Feynman Technique; you learn when you tutor or teach!)
- Relevant experience related to my field of study (careers are built, not obtained!)

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Why I Am Excited to Work at the WC 📘

I am looking forward to working at the writing center because I am incredibly passionate about writing. I hope I can encourage students to embrace their writing voice and cultivate their craft. My job as a writing tutor will help me build an empathetic and interactive atmosphere and, in this case, I am continuously seeking to acquire knowledge from various individuals so I can develop meaningful connections and flourish as an individual, a student, and an educator.

About Me 🦋

- Received my B.A. in English with an SSMP concentration
- Pursuing an M.A. in Rhetoric & Teaching Writing
- I enjoy...
  - Reading
  - Writing
  - DJing
  - Painting
  - Biking
  - Dancing
  - Makeup + skincare
  - Collecting vinyls
  - Playing my Nintendo Switch
  - Looking at cute animal pictures and videos (!!!!)
Andrew Boaru (Him/He)

Writing Center Life

- Everyone is awesome!
- Great opportunity to connect with various students.
- Chance to help others grow in their writing skills as well as develop your own along the way.
- Only negative is that we won’t have Paula’s great snacks in the center.

About Me

- Biology major.
- I pretty much love all sports, with football being my favorite.
- I have one dog, pictured in the photo above. His name is Jase :)
- Pineapple on Pizza is great
- Crepes > Waffles + Pancakes
Alexandra Guthrie (she/her)

Why I’m excited to work at the Writing Center
• Helping other students learn and grow as writers
• Meet and connect with people from various backgrounds
• Gain new tutoring skills and experience

About me
• English major with TESOL concentration
• I have one cat and one dog
• I am allergic to cats and dogs
• I love them both
• The picture shown to the left is exactly what I look like, I promise
Why I am excited to work for the writing center

- Aspiring teacher, so I love helping people learn
- I am excited to be part of the community
- I enjoy writing
- I am thrilled to be able to work with people, instead of dirty dishes or dusty floors and old boxes

About Me

- English Major
- Senior
- MJC alumni
- Turlock Resident
- Video games, Hiking, Anime
- Three cats + one dog
- SCA Heavy Fighter (video attached: I am the one in the green with the dagger)
Sabrina Ballin (she/her/hers)

- This is my last year of Graduate school! I am getting my MA in English Rhetoric and Teaching Writing.
- I live in Lodi.
- Hobbies: Watching YouTube and hanging out with my dog.
- I went to Northern Arizona University for two years and then went to the University of the Pacific to finish my BA and credential in English with a minor in Teaching Professions.

- I love working at the Writing Center because I have met so many amazing people with the same aspirations and interests as me! Working at the Writing Center has allowed me to become an all around better student, teacher, and human. I learn something new every time I tutor, and the connections I have made are priceless.
Bernadette Mokhatas (She/Her/Hers)

Why I love the WC:
I can:
❖ Work with inspiring and wonderful people.
❖ Meet students with different backgrounds and Learn about their stories.
❖ Understand how to work in a team.
❖ Keep growing and become more confident as an individual.

About me:
❖ English major (TESOL concentration)
❖ Senior
❖ I love reading, writing, and listening to music.

This is my family celebrating my birthday in the first week of August 🎂.
Hi everyone! Super excited to be here :)

Little about me,

I am currently finishing my BA in English and will graduate in fall! I just received my Graduation approval forms and I’m stoked! I am also a full-time wedding photographer, which means I the coolest job ever!

Another fun fact is every year I get a wedding cake for my birthday (just the past three years) and it has to be CHOCOLATE.

I’m a huge coffee finnatic and my current obsession is cold-brew or just black coffee with a splash of Almond Milk :)}
Why I love the Writing Center

❖ It’s a great opportunity to help others
❖ Everyone is kind & positive
❖ I get to develop my writing skills along with the students
❖ I get to learn something new everyday!

About me

❖ I am a 2nd year at Stan! I am majoring in Political Science & Psychology
❖ I love taking pictures, especially of reflections, sunsets, & silhouettes
❖ I try to volunteer as much as I can, because helping others is very rewarding to me
❖ I love anything art related!

Ramika Govergezy
(she/her/Hers)

Pismo, 2018
Loved the reflection of the sun & the silhouette of the people at the beach!
Autumn Andersen (She, Her, Hers)

Why I am excited to work in the WC:
- This is my first year back since I had my son in 2018!
- I enjoy helping others with their writing as well as improving my own.
- I enjoy learning more about the writing process.

About me:
- I am an English major and this is my senior year. (Finally!)
- I am married with two kids 6 and 1.
- I love to read and write.
- My daughter is in 1st grade so we will be navigating distance learning this year!
- I plan to teach English while I finish my masters.
Anna Blazzard (she/her)

THE BRASS TACKS:
● I’m a Theatre major with an Associate’s Degree in Theatre Arts, working towards my Bachelor’s degree
● Fall 2020 will be my fourth semester at Stan State (!!!)

SOME TIDBITS:
● Anna is actually my middle name
● I have a knack for accents
● I love music, puns, and Caramel Apple Milky Ways

I can’t wait to start tutoring and share the joy of writing and learning with all of you!
Allison Renae Westlund (She/Her/Hers)

About me:

- English major (journalism minor)
- Incoming junior from Mjc (where I also tutored at their writing center).
- I am excited to tutor in the Stan State writing center because I already had such an amazing experience at Mjc. I am looking forward to both furthering my education in the field as well as meeting new people with similar interests.

Random fun facts:

- I am now currently re-obsessed with the Twilight series due to the release of Midnight Sun.
- I love my cat (Mia, pictured below) more than anyone, even though she’s a brat.
- Halloween is my favorite day of the year.
Daniyel Wiggins (him/he)

About Me

- ... it’s pronounced just like “Daniel”
- English Major, TESOL concentration
- I love reading, writing, cooking/baking, and drinking coffee
- 50% Native American (Navajo)
- 120% a cat person

Why I’m Excited to Work at the WC

- I get to meet & work with a diverse group of people
- Helping others
- Keep my skills up and learn new ones
- Build community with coworkers and fellow students
Hi Everyone! My name is Cassie and I am a 4th year math major and Writing Tutor. I am working from my hometown of San Diego this semester so I get to spend time with my dog Commander Saru (Star Trek) and I also am a HUGE Star Wars fan as you may be able to tell from my lightsaber wall!

I love working at the Writing Center because you get to work with incoming freshman not only on their writing skills, but also how to assimilate to college. It is a hard time to be a college student, and I am happy to help make it easier!
Morgan Lincoln (She/Her/Hers)

Why I am excited to work at the WC: 😊

- I want to be an English Professor one day
- More experience working with students in writing
- Meet new people with similar interests and goals
- Add to my CV and resume
- Build new skills

About Me:

- I graduated from UC Berkeley with a B.A. in English. (GO BEARS!)
- I am a graduate student studying English, Rhetoric, and Writing Studies 📚
- I am a lover of nature.
- I love to travel and explore new places
- I love to read, write, and learn new things.
- I like to go on walks on the beach, bike, and hike
- I like to listen to music and watch movies
- I love animals 🐾🐱
- My favorite places to visit are beaches (Capitola, La Jolla, Monterey, San Diego)

Well, hello there! Nice to meet you all.
About me:

- English Major, second semester at Stan, a junior
- Four kittens, two of them fosters, and one courageous hamster
- Writing, drawing, painting, playing video games, crafting, anime

Why I’m excited to work in the Writing Center:

- Getting to work with people and not clean the bathrooms everyday
Mary ("Laine") Cavanaugh
(She/Her/Hers)

Major: Physics and Mathematics (Currently a Jr.? Who knows.)
Hobbies: Writing (duh), playing Dungeons and Dragons with my buddies, knitting, practicing Danish, drawing

Tidbits:
- Born and raised in Fresno, California
- I would die for my cats (Wesley and Bitty)
- I love puns and any bad jokes
- I enjoy playing flute and piano
- I like organizing and cleaning stuff

I’m happy to be returning to work at the WC because helping people makes me happy. I also learn a lot by tutoring others and love the team.
Elizabeth S. Valera A.
(she/her/hers)

A few things about me:
➢ English major with a concentration in TESOL
➢ Beginning my Senior year this Fall 2020! (I hope to graduate with a BA in the Spring).
➢ I love to write activist poetry, social justice pieces, and anything that inspires me.
➢ I absolutely adore reading books, hiking, baking, and listening to music.

Why I Love the Writing Center:
I have the opportunity to work with writers and tutors who are motivated to help others become stronger advocates for their writing voice. I enjoy reading others’ writing and learning more about someone through their work. Tutoring is a rewarding collaborative learning experience!

Mi Familia

Yosemite National Park
is one of my absolute favorite places to hike! I took this picture at the top of Yosemite Falls! It was such an amazing hike with an incredibly precious view.
Halley Smith (She/Her)

A Few Things About Me:
❖ Psychology and English Major
❖ Transferred from MJC as a junior
❖ I love to travel
❖ Absolutely love books
❖ Recently turned 21 (August 13th)
❖ Left-Handed
❖ Have 2 cats

What I love about tutoring:
❖ I love seeing people grow and advance their knowledge.

What I look forward to at CSU:
❖ I look forward to continuing tutoring and helping people.
Nicole Azof (She/her)
English Major and Junior

WHY I’M EXCITED TO JOIN THE WC

- I love to help people with any chance I get. (Especially schoolwork)
- I’m excited to get to know and meet everyone who works there.
- To get work experience and more tutor experience
- I get to learn more and improve my writing.

THINGS ABOUT ME

- I am left handed
- I love to write and read
  My favorite food is pizza.
- I love watching cooking shows
- Fav show: Stranger Things
- Fav movie: Pirates of the Caribbean
Linda Xiong

About me:
Hello, All!
I am a graduate student. I earned my bachelor’s degree in Liberal Studies with a TESOL concentration. I am currently in the Multiple Subject Credential Program.

Things I love to do:
- hiking
- crochet
- The Lord of the Rings Trilogy movie marathon
- spend time with my family and friends

Writing Center, Why?
- I enjoy helping others especially building their confidence in their writing ideas and abilities.
- It is a learning experience. I am always learning something new when working with writers.
Mary Worthington (she/her/hers)  
MA TESOL/RTW, first year  
I studied at MJC for my AA and CSU Stan for my BA.

I love being a tutor at Stan WC because:
- Stan State students are the best! Who wouldn’t want to collaborate with them? Collaboration is the oxygen of the WC, promoting growth and encouraging exploration.
- Every day is different and offers the possibility that one day can change the rest of someone’s life (often the life that is changed is yours).
- It offers a community of learners that understand the grind of being a student like you do.

About me:
- I am a California native.
- When weather allows, I enjoy being outside putting around the yard with my daughter, my mother, our two dogs, and “Myrtle” the turtle. (see pics above)
- My hobbies revolve around those that allow me to create: painting and playing with glitter, amateur woodworking, creating cards and stories, and all sorts of crafting that facilitates my child’s imaginary play.
- I make weird jingles about everyday life to entertain my daughter.
Sam Cosmero
Pronouns: She/Her

ABOUT ME:
I am a Stan State Masters RTW student in my 3rd semester!
I received my Bachelors degree from Chico State in 2019

MY HOBBIES: Cooking, hiking, yoga, writing, and travelling.
I have two cute dogs!

Why I LOVE being a STAN STATE Tutor:
- The opportunity to work with people from diverse backgrounds
- I get to work on skills I’ll need as an educator
- I get to learn new skills everyday
Amanda Fuentes (She, Her, Hers)

A little about me (academic-style):
- From Fall 2015-Fall 2017, I attended MJC ->
- Transferred from MJC to Stan State Spring 2018
  - Earned my AA-T in English
- From Spring 2018-Spring 2020 at Stan State:
  - Earned my BA in English with a concentration in TESOL
- Currently, I’m a graduate student enrolled in the Single Subject Credential Program

Why I love working at the Writing Center:
- I get the opportunity to meet all sorts of people from diverse backgrounds!
- I’m able to gain teaching experience during my time in the SSCP
- I’m also able to help others give themselves the academic confidence they need in order to help them succeed in ever-changing environment

Fun facts about me:
- I love traveling, cooking, painting, the beach and photography ->
- Will be 23 on August 22nd! ^^
- Complete soft spot for animals and Animal Crossing
- Recently just finished watching all of the Star Wars movies

This is me ^^