

Author and Artist Biographies



Ana Arledge is a recent graduate of George Washington University, where she earned a B.A. in dance and public health in the Honors Program. She is an Enosinian Scholar and Luther Rice Research Fellow, and has interned with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival. Her honors thesis research on the legacy of Merce Cunningham culminated in performances of his work, her own choreographic response, and an installation at the 2025 Corcoran NEXT Festival. Ana is currently pursuing her MPH at GW, aiming to bridge arts and public health through community engagement and school-based initiatives.



Raine Baker is a senior honors student at Boise State University. She is finishing up her final year as a psychology and creative writing student with an emphasis on poetry. In her writing, Raine explores identity, nature, and the art of noticing everyday magic. Her work has appeared in a few local presses, and she has been invited to read at Treefort Music Festival's Emerging Writers Showcase. In her free time, she can be found walking by the nearest river or trying to make the perfect cup of tea.



Alexis Bunnell earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota College of Biological Sciences, graduating with summa cum laude honors in neuroscience. She also minored in developmental child psychology and business. She has worked as a science peer tutor, biochemistry TA, research assistant, and honors mentorship leader. In addition to her academic work, she is a volunteer violinist with her twin brother (who plays the cello) for a local nursing home and a volunteer baker, providing birthday cakes to children in need. Alexis will be starting medical school at the University of Minnesota this fall alongside her twin brother, Andrew Bunnell.



Andrew Bunnell graduated summa cum laude honors from the University of Minnesota with high distinction. He earned a Bachelor of Science in neuroscience with minors in developmental psychology and business. He was a Biochemistry TA, research assistant, and science peer tutor. He has volunteered in the ER at his local hospital. He also formed a Bowling Club with his twin sister and was an honors mentor. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family and building LEGO sets. Andrew will be continuing his education this fall at the University of Minnesota Medical School alongside his twin sister.

Author and Artist Biographies



Josh Curry graduated with cum laude honors from the University of Minnesota Duluth. He obtained a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and chemistry, along with minors in biology and psychology. An active member on campus, Josh served as the president of the Pre-Medicine club and was a certified peer tutor and mentor. He also worked as a certified nursing assistant at a local hospital in Duluth. In the fall of 2026, Josh will attend the University of Minnesota Medical School CentraCare Regional Campus in St. Cloud, MN, with aspirations to serve as a rural primary care physician.



Lakshmi Dev is a first-year honors student at the George Washington University pursuing a B.A. in political science and music. On campus, she is an editor for the university's independent student-run newspaper, *The GW Hatchet*, a writer for the *Undergraduate Law Review*, Director of Public Relations for the Pre-Law Student Association, and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. Her academic and professional interests center on law, public policy, and civic engagement, which she explores through her work as a legal research assistant at GW Law and as a staffer for congressional campaigns. In her free time, she practices Bharatanatyam, an Indian classical dance form, enjoys producing music, and listens to true-crime podcasts.



Abigail Hammonds is a third-year honors student pursuing concurrent degrees in nursing and health policy with a certificate in Spanish for the Professions at Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University. She is a 2026-27 Fulbright-Killam Fellow, bringing her passion for women's health and reproductive policy to Carleton University. She spent a semester interning abroad in Chile, where she researched the sexual and reproductive health of women under 40 with breast cancer at the Centro de Salud Global Intercultural at Universidad del Desarrollo. Born and raised in Arizona, Abigail is committed to advancing culturally responsive care for Spanish-speaking communities.



Madelyn Kiernan is a senior honors student at Simmons University pursuing a Bachelor's of Social Work degree along with a minor in political science. During her time at Simmons, she served as Weekly Meeting Coordinator and Peer Supporter of Betsy's Friends, the undergraduate student team for the Violence Prevention Education Outreach Department. She also completed two intensive clinical social work internships at Rogerson House, a memory care residential facility, and Housing Families, a nonprofit seeking to holistically address housing insecurity. She will begin her Master's of Social Work at Smith College in the summer of 2026. Professionally, she is interested in continuing her work with survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence, along with learning more about horticultural therapy as a way to process trauma. In her free time, Madelyn enjoys writing poetry, going to drag shows with friends, trying new foods, and gardening!

Author and Artist Biographies



Isabel Lindsay is a recent graduate from The College of New Jersey. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in English and women's, gender, and sexuality studies with a minor in creative writing. She is planning to return to TCNJ to finish her Master's in English. Isabel is part of Sigma Tau Delta, TRIOTA, and Phi Beta Kappa (English, WGSS, and National Honor Societies, respectively). She has been published in *The Green Blotter*, *Outrageous Fortune*, and *The Allegheny Review*. In her free time, she enjoys reading, journaling, and talking extensively about music.



Annabelle Mason is a senior honors student at The College of New Jersey, studying history secondary education with a minor in environmental sustainability education. During her time at TCNJ, Annabelle served as President of the Tau Phi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, Secretary of *The Lion's Eye Literary and Arts Magazine*, the Administrative Coordinator of the Education Guides, and as a peer tutor. Annabelle's previous research includes her honors thesis in history titled "What Are You Doing During Vietnam Summer?: Comparing Vietnam Summer's Inclusivity and Outreach to Other Anti-War Organizations of the Vietnam War Period." In her free time, she enjoys crocheting, drawing, and reading. Upon graduation, Annabelle hopes to become a social studies teacher for grades 6-12.



Varsha Penumalee is a senior at Virginia Commonwealth University, set to graduate summa cum laude in May 2026. She is a biology major with minors in chemistry and Spanish and is a student in the Guaranteed Admission for Medicine Program. Passionate about mental health advocacy, Varsha holds leadership roles in Active Minds, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), and Youth MOVE. Through her work, she is committed to reducing stigma, expanding access to care, and uplifting youth voices in mental health systems.



Caiden Potruch is a freshman honors student at Oregon State University, where he is majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in mathematics. He has been creating digital art since picking up Blender 3D over 6 years ago, and is a regional award winner of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. He also combines his love of math with digital art to make procedural art pieces and programs. In the future, Caiden hopes to work in the nuclear sector and design album covers.

Author and Artist Biographies



Margot Elena Pullen is a third-year honors student at Oregon State University, where she studies public policy and history. She is interested in the history and politics of transportation systems, particularly in Eastern Europe. For her honors thesis, she is conducting preliminary research focusing on car exports from the Eastern Bloc to the United Kingdom. Margot Elena is president of OSU's chapter of YouthMappers, a humanitarian and public service mapping organization. She works as the Lead Student Archivist in the Special Collections and Archives Research Center and plays trumpet in the wind ensemble.



Miya Shimada is a third-year University Scholars major in the Baylor Honors College. She concentrates in psychology, philosophy, great texts, child & family studies, and religion. Miya plans to pursue a PhD in social psychology focused on disability research, but she has an additional passion for theology. She currently works with the Global Flourishing Study in two capacities: as a research assistant with Harvard's Human Flourishing Program studying prosocial behavior and wellbeing, and as a case study lead at Baylor's Institute for Studies of Religion on disability integration and human flourishing at L'Arche.



Camille Van Bruaene is a senior honors student at the University of San Diego, where she is pursuing a B.A. in political science and a minor in theology and religious studies. On campus, Camille has held multiple leadership positions within the Pi Beta Phi fraternity. She is currently a Keck Undergraduate Humanities Research Fellow and a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society. Her academic pursuits focus on the intersection of governance and ethics, which reflects her commitment to both scholarly excellence and community engagement.