

## **contributors**

**Clara Anderson-Cameron** is a fourth-year English student who always falls back on words, especially during times like these.

**Jameson Askew** is a senior at UND, majoring in communications with a minor in English. He is an avid reader and hopes to explore his creativity beyond academics through writing.

**Jameson Kay Olson Buckau** (2002) is a graduate teaching assistant and master's student in the English Department. He did his undergrad at Black Hills State University in South Dakota. He has lived in many places across North America and enjoys traveling, which inspires a lot of his writing. He's queer and trans, has a dog named Bailey, and has a deep love for queer and gender studies in literature as well the unending fight for all people's liberation under the powers of colonialism and white supremacy.

"As children, we all live in a world of imagination, of fantasy, and for some of us that world of make-believe continues into adulthood." **Drake Carnes** likes to think he is one of those few still, as he loves nothing more than writing and creating fantasy worlds. Drake Carnes is a senior here at UND, double majoring in English and classical studies with cer-

tificates in creative writing and classical languages. When he isn't writing poetry or fiction, he is often watching movies or being the Goth Dad or Wise Old Man for those around him.

**Korbyan Chavez** graduated from UND with her bachelor's in accountancy in May of 2024. However, her little heart decided that she wanted her creative writing certificate, as numbers are not enough to bring joy into life. Words and phrases? Pretty epic. She hopes to one day own a corgi named Ein and perhaps even publish a little book of her works.

**Tanvir Hasan Chowdhury** is currently studying in the MA program in English, in the Department of English at the University of North Dakota. He is also working as a graduate teaching assistant. He worked as a photographer for nearly nine years. He likes to read and write. He is fond of music and likes to compose songs.

**Sarah Golden** is a junior studying accountancy and human resources management. In the rare instance where she isn't running from one of her many weekly Dungeons & Dragons games to the next, she enjoys collecting uniquely shaped earrings, playing board games, and spoiling her roommate's cat.

**Aubrey Griedl** studies history and secondary education, dabbles in poetry, and is the Oxford comma's number one fan.

**Jeremy Hautau** is a third-year law student who is originally from Southern California. He enjoys the outdoors and fishing at Turtle River State Park, which is featured in his photograph published in this issue of *Floodwall*.

**Brenden Kimpe** is an English major with certificates in creative writing and writing, editing, and publishing. He enjoys strong coffee, purple sunsets, gothic novels, and complaining about everyday life with his cat Marceline.

**Tabitha Lee** is a twenty-year-old genderfluid individual pursuing their bachelor's in English with a minor in women and gender studies, along with certificates in creative writing and possibly in writing, editing, and

publishing. They enjoy spending time with their cat and writing, enjoying time with their wonderful partners, and snuggling up with a good book.

"I myself am strange and unusual" is the life motto **Veronika Linstrom** swears by. As a current junior at UND, Vern is pursuing their bachelor's in English, as well as certificates in creative writing and writing, editing, and publishing. When not stressing over their work, Vern can be found either with their nose in a book, hyperfocused on their art, or cuddled up on their futon with their cat, Cosimia, and their fiancé, Alex.

**Kamea Modesitt** is a writer from Florida who uses storytelling as a way to navigate experiences and emotions. At nineteen, she finds beauty in the quiet, introspective nature of self-expression through words. Her work explores the depth of human feeling, capturing moments of reflection and vulnerability.

**Robert Moore, Jr.**, is the lab supervisor for the Department of Physics & Astrophysics at UND. He also takes classes at the university to expand his horizons and add to his skill set as a person. Originally from the Mississippi/Louisiana Gulf Coast area (think around New Orleans), he wound up at UND after a series of curious events. In his spare time, he enjoys dreaming about how planets form in the first place and writing stories that he hopes entertain readers.

**Kya Olstad** is a junior at the University of North Dakota majoring in psychology. She is a musician and writer who loves movies, television, and anime. (Before transferring to UND from Winona State University, she was a film major!) She loves young-adult coming-of-age stories, dramas, and horror movies. She loves dogs and has five! She's also a martial artist and lifter, who's on the powerlifting team at UND.

**Jasmine Patera** is currently a junior at UND pursuing an English major and a certificate in writing, editing, and publishing. An aspiring editor, she enjoys reading literature of all types and writing fiction and poetry in her spare time. Her cat, Miso, enjoys making his own contributions by stepping on her keyboard whenever possible.

**Abby Petersen** is a third-year law student. She enjoys playing wide west games, reading, writing, and hanging out with her cat, Ash.

**Chloe Piekkola** is a senior at UND who thrives in her chaos. Some say she's a walking whirlwind—she would call it being creative. With a talent for blending structure and mess, Chloe uses words and design to let her art do the talking.

**Joseph Richter** is a poetry writer who is influenced by societal issues.

**Azayla Sabin** is an English major who is also pursuing a certificate in Spanish. She enjoys writing, reading, and crocheting in her free time.

**James Stanton** is an aviation student. He writes because it's cheaper than therapy.

**Ava Stockstad** is an English major in her third year of schooling at the University of North Dakota. Ava has a love for film and a love for music that's led her to spend far too much time on Letterboxd and far too much money on concerts. In her free time, she is often hanging out with her friends, exploring Grand Forks thrift stores, or reorganizing her Spotify playlists.

**Audrey Tumberg** is a third-year student at UND pursuing a degree in English and certificates in writing, editing, and publishing. She hopes to work with creative literature her whole life by joining the world of editing and publishing after graduation. Audrey spends her free time reading, writing, listening to music, and appreciating shared time with her friends.

**Sammi Weber** is a senior majoring in English and psychology. She is a total band nerd and has a green thumb (as her many, many plants can attest to). She also enjoys hot girl walks, sunbathing on the pontoon, and definitely not winter.

**Ella C. Weinmann** is a freshman at the University of North Dakota double-majoring in English and criminal justice. In addition to writing essays, Ella also enjoys writing philanthropic speeches, sharing her talent

in original oratory events on the national stage. Ella is also involved in the Theta-Iota chapter of Kappa Delta at UND, which has surrounded her with women who push her to be a better writer and person. In her spare time, Ella also enjoys reading, running, and spending time with friends and family at the lake.

**Honna Westlund** is a sophomore here at the University of North Dakota, where she's studying secondary education and English. She is in pursuit to start her career as a high school English teacher and hopes to one day work towards her master's degree to become a professor. Her time here at UND has helped her fall back in love with both worlds of fiction and nonfiction writing, where she can showcase both her imaginative side and write for relief of her reality. When she's not writing she enjoys spending her free time with family and friends, working on her family farm, and traveling the world.

**Elisabeth Yager** is a communication sciences and disorders student in her third year at UND. She enjoys expressing herself through music, writing, and painting. She believes that poetry helps to express what simple conversation can't.