

contributors

Lacey Anderson is a photographer whose work draws attention to the natural world through intimate images of plants, animals, and pollinators encountered while gardening. A PhD student in educational foundations and research, she also serves as a garden fellow with the GRO. UND Learning Gardens, where her photographs were captured. Her work highlights biodiversity in everyday landscapes, revealing the beauty and complexity of the small worlds beneath our feet. Through close observation, Anderson's photography invites care, curiosity, and deeper attention to native plants, pollinator habitats, and the living systems that sustain us.

Joshua Asante is an undergraduate junior at UND. He enjoys reading books, watching TV, and playing video games.

Maddeline Borkhuis is an honors freshman pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology, as well as a minor in Spanish. She aspires to help others in any way possible, as her biggest goal is to make a positive impact in others' lives. She likes spending her free time reading, writing, and being with the people she loves!

Caius Buran is a McNair scholar pursuing a bachelor of arts in English

with certificates in creative writing and classical studies at the University of North Dakota. He is one of the assistant managing editors for *Floodwall*, the treasurer of UND's chapter for Sigma Tau Delta, and the president of the Adelphi Literary Society. His free time is spent strolling on, and creating for, *9mm Retirement Radio*, an actual-play podcast, and doting on his dog, two cats, and ball python.

Miguel Castro is a UND helicopter operations major from Mason, Ohio. He enjoys playing *Halo*, attending his AFROTC courses, and spending time with friends. He was strongly encouraged to write these poems for his ENGL 226 class and hopes you enjoy reading them!

Peter De Lone is a commercial aviation major at UND, currently pursuing his certified flight instructor certificate. He is a cadet in the Air Force ROTC program and wishes to be a pilot for the U.S. Air Force. In his free time, he enjoys reading, writing, playing piano, and listening to all forms of music and public radio. He believes the greatest joys in life come from diversity of experience.

Donnelly Fuglseth is a dual major in both history and English, with a minor in linguistics. Having a long-standing interest in portrait work using minimal tools for composition, a majority of his work favors utilizing easily accessible mediums. A4 paper, cheap HB pencils, and ballpoint pens are often the artist's tools of choice.

Casey Fuller is your standard-issue English PhD student at UND.

Sarah Golden is a senior majoring in accounting as well as working towards a creative writing certificate, with plans to pursue her master's of accountancy and CPA after graduation. When she isn't putting yet another hobby or scheduled event onto her metaphorical plate, she is finding inspiration for poetry in everything, rediscovering her love of reading, and desperately wishing there were more hours in the day to get things done.

Theodore Hayman is a freshman studying elementary education. He's a lover of books and the serene and can usually be found in the library or his dorm room. With hobbies such as writing, photography, and reading,

he is a lover of the arts.

Rachel Held, who is a Hagan Scholar, is a sophomore at UND studying English and journalism. She enjoys reading, writing, and watching movies with her dog. She likes to read and write poetry in and out of class. She also enjoys taking photos of nature. Her future goals are to study abroad and to be a published novelist.

Ceallan Hunter is a senior at UND pursuing degrees in English and visual arts with certificates in creative writing and photography. Ceallan likes to write prose and poetry with a focus on nature and land-based writing. Her photography is similar, with depictions of landscape and nature along with abstract and expressive themes. Ceallan Hunter's poetry is reflective of her time in nature and portrays the movement of time and the fluidity of space around us. Her poetry contains fragments of her imagination and what memory prevails. When Ceallan isn't writing or taking photos, she likes to backpack, listen to live music, and read various poetry and fiction collections.

If you've ever read a book or short story that was so scary it knocked your socks off, **Brenden Kimpe** would like the recommendation. When he isn't reading or writing, Brenden enjoys cooking, listening to music, watching movies, and fawning over his cat, Marceline.

Olivia Kost is currently a first-year English PhD student at the University of North Dakota. She has a passion for Ancient Greek mythology, and, specifically, the women contained within it. If you are ever looking for her, you can most likely find her at Urban Stampede, chatting her husband's ear off about her latest mythic revelation over a hot agave miel with almond milk and an extra shot of espresso.

Tabitha Lee is a twenty-one-year-old genderfluid individual pursuing their bachelor's in English with certificates in creative writing and in writing, editing, and publishing. He enjoys spending time with their cat and writing, enjoying time with their wonderful fiancé, and snuggling up with a good book.

Spencer Meeker is a senior who is double-majoring in biology and Ger-

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Robert Moore, Jr., is the lab manager for the Department of Physics & Astrophysics. He's also a student pursuing a certificate in writing, editing, and publishing. In his limited spare time, he writes, considering himself a storyteller and hoping others will join him around the fire to share a tale. In his travels around the country, he's also managed to take an interesting photograph or two.

Gabby Park is a senior at UND working on her bachelor's in English, with a certificate in creative writing and a certificate in writing, editing, and publishing. She is currently vice president of the Adelphi Literary Society. Gabby loves books and is enjoying the hard work of filling her many bookshelves. She enjoys making things or doing anything creative; currently, she is creating a video game of her own with her friends. She is excited to soon graduate and join the world of editing and publishing.

Ryan Prusak is currently an MA student and graduate teaching assistant in English at UND. He studied marketing as an undergraduate, also at UND, earning his BA in spring 2025 with a minor in criminal justice and a certificate in creative writing. Needless to say, his interests are eclectic! Speculative novels have a special place in his heart, but he is interested in exploring other forms of writing—from poetry, to CNF, to professional communications—in general. Ryan has written a young-adult fantasy manuscript, titled *Regicide: Eye of the Seraphim*, and he has multiple other creative projects currently in the works.

Andrew Quinlan is a commercial aviation major at the University of North Dakota. He is twenty-one years old and enjoys video games, reading science fiction, cooking, and spending time with his boyfriend and friends at restaurants and bars around town. He has a passion for imag-

ining sci-fi stories and hasn't quite gotten around to writing any of them down—but he promises that one day, he will.

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Liv Schlosser is a senior at the University of North Dakota majoring in psychology and English, with certificates in creative writing, forensic psychology, and Spanish. She plans to pursue a graduate degree and continue writing. She enjoys doodling, spending time in the mountains, and enjoying the company of her cat, Frankie.

Jaleigh Schneider is a published poetry and children's book author. Her work includes poems within the themes of writing, music, mentorship, faith, and life. Jaleigh's current published children's book is titled, *Simply, Imperfectly, Perfect* while her poetry book is titled *Poetry In Bloom*. Writing poetry is a great way for Jaleigh to view life in beautiful ways: she believes that poetry is the art of her heart. Outside of poetry, Jaleigh loves music, and her personality shines through both her love of the colors purple or pink and her soft caring heart. She is currently a UND undergraduate freshman.

Shawn Sullivan is a first-year PhD student in the clinical psychology department. In the future, she plans to be a practicing clinician, specifically working with children and adolescents. When she's not teaching introductory statistics, she's probably spending time with her two cats or reading.

Edward Anthony Tortorelli is a current student studying sociology as well as too many STEM subjects. He loves reading a good book, traveling, and spending time with his pets.

Audrey Tumberg is a senior at UND majoring in English and obtaining a certificate in writing, editing, and publishing. Audrey hopes to enter the editing field post-graduation with a direction in developmental editing. In her spare time, Audrey can be found downtown writing new ideas for her creative work, reading, or sketching.

Anna Unser is a first-year English major from Aberdeen, South Dakota. Post-master's degree, she plans to pursue a career in developmental editing. When she's not dedicating her time to speed-running her degree, she's either reading the same novel she's been trying to finish all year, watching *Dead Poets Society* again, or making yet another playlist on Spotify.

Josephina Wieczorek-Bettendorf is a junior at the University of North Dakota, where she's studying English with certificates in writing, editing, and publishing as well as classical studies. She plans to pursue a PhD and become a college English professor. Josephina enjoys writing as a means of illustrating personal memories and creating stories that will make a lasting impact on others. When she isn't writing, she enjoys reading, watching movies, and spending time with her husband, Jonah, and her two cats, Sebastian and Arwen.

Joseph Zimbelman is a sophomore majoring in English. He hopes that, as he continues to improve his writing, he may become an author of a few books in the future. Whether experiencing or trying to create, Joseph loves a good story. Aside from reading and writing, in his free time, he enjoys going to the gym or picking from a long list of beloved video games to play.