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## Contributor Biographies

**Erin Ahern** is a sophomore from Twinsburg, Ohio. She is double majoring in psychology and sociology & criminology. Ahern is the Class of 2021 President for the Student Government and President of Awws for Paws. In her spare time, she loves to write, play piano, paint, and work out. Ahern also loves getting involved with service organizations.

**Ronie Rafael C. Altejar** is that guy who sits on all the furniture at Ikea and won't let you leave the room without saying hello first. He avoids drinking coffee to ramp up the challenge of studying philosophy and English as a 2nd Year Seminarian for the Cleveland Diocese and the Capuchin Friars of St. Augustine. He's a VA resident and a Philippine Citizen. He's also in denial that it's not economically viable to purchase an otter for everyone in the world, but that's not going to stop him.

**Mara Bahmer** is a current sophomore at John Carroll University. She is an English major and hopes to one day become an author or work as some type of writer. Her hobbies include writing, crocheting, painting, and other less productive activities such as binge-watching TV shows.

**Payton Baust** is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is currently a freshman at John Carroll University majoring in education and English. A fun fact about her is that she was adopted from Guatemala City at six months old and has lived in Pennsylvania since. Her hobbies include photography, traveling, painting and cooking.

**Ashley Bernett** is currently a senior at JCU with a major in communication & theatre arts and a minor in creative writing. She is a second year RA and has an internship at the Owens Group where she promotes movies for different studios. She also has been working in equipment room for all four years. When she is not writing, she is playing with her three dogs and watching YouTube.

**Marcie Blandford** is a first year Graduate Assistant in the English program with an emphasis in creative writing. She finished her undergrad at Capital University with a BA in Creative Writing and French. Blandford just loves creating stories.

**Emily Bordley** is a sophomore education and English major with a German minor. She enjoys playing her clarinet, cuddling her puppy, and listening to Benny Goodman. Her dream is to teach "The Great Gatsby" to her future high school English class.

**Lucia Cannata** lives in Chagrin Falls, Ohio and will graduate in 2022. She is a business marketing major and also a part of the John Carroll Track and Field team.

**Calvin Chmura** is a junior middle child education major from Pittsburgh. In his spare time, Chmura enjoys spending time with friends, watching and playing sports, singing, and taking pictures from his phone. He hopes to become a middle school social studies or science teacher upon graduation.

**Demitri J. Cullen** is a JCU sophomore from Lorain, Ohio who is currently pursuing an English literature and digital media double major. Since he was young, he's always loved everything surrounding a good narrative and the magic one can make with words. In his free time, he loves to write and play games with friends.

**Jess DiSalvatore** is a junior English major from Ashtabula, Ohio. She has been writing fiction stories since she was twelve, but also has published poetry in a couple literary magazines, including previous Carroll Reviews. She also loves photography, coffee shop-hopping, and corgis.

**Mallory Fitzpatrick** is a graduating senior with majors in English, Italian studies, and classical languages who will be continuing on to graduate school next fall. She spends too much time reading, not enough time writing, and loves traveling. She has worked in all sorts of places including museums, aquariums, and cemeteries and cannot wait to see what comes next.

**Anthony Fortunato** is a recent transfer student and junior at JCU with a major in accountancy. He grew up in Mayfield Heights, Ohio and enjoys reading, traveling, and shooting pool.

**Autumn Franz** is a pansexual, psychedelic, feminist poet who loves mint tea and thrift store sweaters. She is a third-year student at John Carroll University studying sociology, philosophy and gender, sexuality & women's studies. Autumn resides in Ohio surrounded by wilting plants she always forgets to water. She spends too much time listening to sad songs and is learning to find balance between being soft and fiery, but never really gets it right.

**Michael Garvin** is a senior philosophy major at John Carroll University and Borromeo Seminary. He hails from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. He loves the arts, and in addition to being a photographer, he is also a pianist and an organist. After graduation. He looks to continue on in his studies at St. Mary's Graduate School of Theology, with the goal of one day becoming a Catholic priest.

**Andrew Gilkey** is a junior English and communications major from Cincinnati, Ohio. He is the Diversion Editor of the Carroll News and is in desperate need for new jokes. Please donate your unused jokes by calling 444-8888. You can end un-funniness with your donation.

**Mark Grabowski** is a junior marketing major from Dearborn, Michigan. He has aspirations for a career in marketing with a non-profit organization to spread positive and inspiring messages in the world. Also, he has been a self-taught photographer for a year and a half now.

**John Grady** is a Graduate student in the education department will graduate in Fall 2019. Planning on teaching high school English. Majored in philosophy at The Ohio State University with a focus on ancient philosophy and phenomenology. Grady's hometown is Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

**Brock Hausmann** is a freshman at JCU. He's from Strongsville, Ohio, and is majoring in psychology. His hobbies include playing guitar and photography.

**Silvia Iorio** is a Graduate Assistant in the English Department and will complete her Master's in May. She has no idea what she will be doing after and hates when people ask. Maybe play some Tetris. Definitely some ridiculous time spent with her dog. Most definitely sleeping for a long, long while.

**Brad Jasko** is a senior philosophy and creative writing major discerning the priesthood at Borromeo Seminary. He finds that reading is great contemplative leisure in the midst of his busy life and loves writing poetry as well.

**Emma Marthaler** is a freshmen communications major at JCU, who works for WJCU. She enjoys photography and is the head of public relations for Savvy Headbands.

**Madison Meranto** is from Buffalo, New York. She is currently a sophomore exercise science major with a biology minor.

**Sarah Minear** is a freshman at John Carroll University. She is from Akron, Ohio and attended St. Vincent-St. Mary High School where she was a member of the women's basketball team, stage crew, youth ministry and editor of the yearbook. In her free time, she really enjoys taking photos, listening to music and hanging out with her friends. She is currently pursuing a degree in communications, with a focus in digital media, and she has a dream of being a producer in either California or New York City.

**Madison Mooney** is currently a senior at John Carroll University. She is a communications major with a peace, justice & human rights minor. In the future, Madison hopes to pursue a career in broadcast journalism, specifically covering politics and social issues. Her hobbies include complaining about the weather, stanning Pete Davidson, and feeding her two super cute guinea pigs.

**Gabriella Morton** has a luscious collection of leather-bound books and her dorm room in Murphy smells of rich mahogany. Morton can often be found flexing her sick guns in Corbo's mirrors. She is a political science major with concentration in data & spatial analysis with minors in statistics & analytics and leadership.

**Christopher O'Hara** writes hallucinations and visions.

**Keisha Orr** is a senior English major and history minor. Pursuing a college degree was always a dream of Orr's. She has also been happily married for over two years. Orr has two beautiful children: an 18-month-old son and a five-year-old daughter. She asks God to help her through every step of this challenging journey.

**Zach Patton** is a graduating senior from Youngstown, Ohio. He's majoring in marketing with a minor in creative writing. In his spare time, Patton enjoys playing guitar, listening to music, walking outside (in the warm weather), keeping up on sports (especially Pirates baseball), and reading fiction novels. Patton's experience working at the Writing Center was one of the greatest things about his time at Carroll. Patton will keep the time he spent working there close, wherever he ends up.

**Andy Penk** is a sophomore majoring in accountancy. His favorite pastimes are relaxing with friends and writing songs. Over winter break, he released his debut album, *The Free Fall*, which is available on Spotify and iTunes.

**Sauharda Bikram Sedhain** is a junior English major from Kathmandu, Nepal. He enjoys playing soccer and white-water rafting. Sedhain's goal is to be a writer and/or poet.

**Olivia Stein** is a junior communication major from Akron, Ohio. She enjoys photography, reading, running, and hiking with her dog. She is always seeking a new adventure.

**Brandi Sutton** is a communications & digital media major, Cleveland native, and enthusiast of the vast, alternative music scene. Her goal is to ultimately find a career working in the local music industry. Her related hobbies include playing guitar, drums, and writing her own music, going to concerts, and volunteering for WJCU. She also likes Chick-fil-A sauce, but only the sauce.

**Collin Trehan** is from Richfield, Ohio which is just 40-ish minutes away from John Carroll. He is also a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity on campus. Trehan submitted to the Carroll Review for his high school English teacher who pushed him to write.