

Dylan Courtney

Writer and Creator

A self-starter dedicated to honoring my university and making a global impact by leveraging a well-read, open mind and an inclusive, collaborative heart

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Carnegie Mellon University

Present

Currently majoring in Creative Writing at Carnegie Mellon University. Coursework includes studies on dramatic literature, the intersection of philosophy and literature, and the cultural impact of visual and written art forms.

- Editor for The Oakland Review
- Executive producer of CMU Booked, Carnegie Mellon's official book podcast

University of South Florida

2022-2024 Spring

Previously studied English at the University of South Florida, focusing on human rights and political science, with coursework including an invite-only class on Plato's Republic, cultural anthropology, and nonfiction writing.

Dean's List of Scholars

College of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Florida

Clubs and Activities

- NVP (New Voters Project) USF PIRG chapter
- USF Creative Writers (Board Member/Committee Planning Team)
- Her Campus published writer
- Planned Parenthood Generation Action (Social Media Chair)
- USF College Democrats club member
- 100% Renewable Energy Campaign Intern (Campus manager, social media strategist, tabling events, writing LTEs, releasing campaign press advisories and releases, etc.)

High School Accomplishments

Academic Achievements

Advanced Placement Coursework, Multiple High Schools, FL (2018-2022)

- Completed seven AP courses in General Paper, Capstone, Psychology, English, US History, and Literature

Extracurricular Activities & Awards

- Drama Thespians Club: Performed, directed, and choreographed for district/state events
- Literary Club: Active member and writer; Vice President of Book Club
- Film Production: Wrote, directed, and produced "Luz De Luna," a 30-minute competition film
- Speech and Debate: 1st Place, Original Oratory (2016)
- Journalism: Multiple awards in FSPA competitions (2018-2019)
 - 1st Place, Skills USA News Feature (2018)
 - 2nd Place, FSPA Spot Feature (2019)
 - 3rd Place, FSPA Commentary (2019)

International Poetry Forum, Intern

Present

- Assist in the development and execution of creative projects, events, and social media strategies.
- Contribute to content creation, branding, and audience engagement while supporting the forum's mission to promote poetry and literary discourse.

Carnegie Mellon University Press, Student Poetry Editor

Present

- Evaluate and curate poetry submissions for potential publication, assessing quality, originality, and thematic relevance.
- Provide editorial feedback, focusing on style, structure, and poetic technique to enhance the overall quality of the selected pieces.
- Collaborate with editorial staff to finalize content for publication and participate in editorial meetings to discuss submissions and publishing strategies.

Angelo Elias Italian Restaurant, Hostess

- Welcome and seat guests with professionalism and courtesy, ensuring a positive dining experience from arrival to departure
- Assist in maintaining a clean and organized dining area, supporting efficient operations and guest satisfaction
- Collaborate with team members to coordinate seating arrangements and manage reservations effectively

Tutor

2020 - 2021

- Developed tailored learning plans and supportive environment for academic and personal growth

Skills

Proficient in Premiere Pro and Photoshop, anchoring, producing, writing news segments, and managing social media. Possess seven years of acting and dance training, and skilled as a bassist and shooting guard.

Experienced in hostessing, bussing, and service management at a restaurant.