

# TRITON TRANSFER STORYTELLERS

## YOUR CREATIVE COACHES



As a participant in Triton Transfer Storytellers, we want to set you up for success. Below are creative and writing coaches who have volunteered their time to support you in your design process. As the goal of the Storytellers contest is to build connection, we will consider your outreach to a coach as a part of the judging process. Reach out to coaches to to share your story, to brainstorm ways to bring it to life within art, to review your design concept, or to receive support as you write your synopsis.



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**Specialty/Passion:** printmaking, illustration, mixed media, surface design (textiles) and a good story

*I believe that art "saves" lives, one polka dot at a time. Making things can ignite an inner dialogue with oneself that has been silenced and reveal parts of yourself that you weren't aware of. Transfer students are in a new space and may be grappling with how they fit into a new environment. Expressing themselves may help that process.*



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**Specialty/Passion:** Poetry, mixed media, cartoons, painting, and written art

*I am excited to connect with even more transfer students and learn about their story and journey thus far. It's no secret that Triton Transfers are resilient and hard working individuals. I am looking forward to the opportunity to assist students in highlighting their intersecting identities and passions through their art work.*



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**Specialty/Passion:** Painting, woodworking & DIY projects (i.e. upcycling furniture, home decor, etc.). Ultimately, I love all forms of art, working with my hands and learning new techniques

*I participated as a coach in this initiative last year and was blown away by the creativity our transfer students displayed. Transfer students bring such unique experiences to the table, and I think the whole college community should learn from them and enjoy seeing college life from a transfer perspective!*



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**Specialty/Passion:** Performing arts, installations, and projects that change the idea of what art can actually do for individuals! As I continue to explore my creative side, I gravitate towards immersive experiences that can help change someone's mental state and tell authentic stories.

*Three words come to mind when I think of resilience: hope, beauty, and growth. Everyone has a story; I'm inspired to help transfer students drive their "Art-vehicle" of expression to find strength in sharing their experiences, and to also explore the beauty of authenticity. As we keep striving forward during hardships remembering where we come from, who we are, and where we're going has so much power! I am excited to see you flourish!*



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**Specialty/Passion:** Graphic Design, Poetry, Spoken Word, Line Art

*I am grateful for our transfer student population, as they bring a unique set of experiences, stories, and strengths to our UCSD campus. I hope to help elevate transfer student voices, representation, and success on campus. I am a lover of art and poetry myself, so one way I can celebrate these passions while collaborating with transfer students is through the Triton Transfer Storytellers event, which is a powerful way to promote connection, empathy, and understanding for the Triton community!*



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**Specialty/Passion:** various art mediums, festivals, museums, public displays, etc. I LOVE photography and spend lots of time taking and editing pictures. I also really like dance, sculpture, mixed media, and mosaic. And of course, I always enjoy reading something that is creative and well written

*I am inspired to support transfer students in this endeavor because I was also a transfer student at one time, I love art, and I enjoy helping the community so this seems like a great way to combine all of those things.*



**MEGAN FOX**  
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**Specialty/Passion:** Performing arts, ballet, jazz, modern, Afro-Cuban and Balinese dance. I love all art but have a special love for dance and theater

*Stories and connection are how we all make it through transitions and transferring to a new school is a huge transition. I view this as an opportunity to share and learn stories and help folks connect and succeed.*



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**Specialty/Passion:** Scrapbooking, photography, piano/music, poetry/short stories, pottery, painting, and costume/clothing design. I think art is not only a beautiful form of self expression but incredibly therapeutic

*Transfer students are an important part of our campus community. Their stories of resilience are valuable and should be shared and heard. Being able to express those experiences through art may help others relate or better understand the unique and sometimes untraditional journey of transfer students*



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**Specialty/Passion:** Classically trained Print Maker (Intaglio, Lithography, Etching, Wood Block, Gel Printing), digital work, traditional painting, and model/sculpture making

*The main purpose of art is to give the artist additional tools to convey their experiences and emotions in a way that is unique, and allows others to feel the experience rather than just listen. I believe that art allows students to communicate more difficult experiences in a way that is both personal but also removed from themselves physically, giving room for growth and healing that otherwise might be more difficult.*

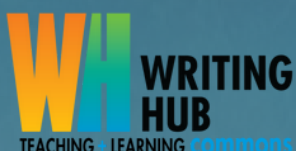


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*I am a huge believer that storytelling is a way for students to cultivate resiliency. Storytelling has the ability of helping us see how far we have come, learn from our past, build a sense of identity, and help us determine where we see ourselves going in the future. Storytelling is a way for us to celebrate our experiences, cultures, and identities. Transfer students are an incredibly resilient group! I feel inspired to help students in their process of self-reflection and want to help them tap into their creative side.*

## WRITING COACHES



We have teamed up with the Writing Hub to provide you with personalized support as you map out your story and work on your synopsis. Reach out to Undergraduate Services Coordinator, Maggie Thach, to get linked with a writing coach based on where you're at in your process: [mathach@ucsd.edu](mailto:mathach@ucsd.edu)