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. It is your choice to reach out, but we highly encourage you to do so! 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 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.

Caitlin Dempsey
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Specialty/Passion: painting and calligraphy! I love combining these two passions with lots of other art areas as well though, like woodworking and resin art. Creating has always been my favorite stress reliever and outlet, and I love exploring new mediums and trying new things!

I think art can be such a wonderful outlet and platform for people to connect through! Sometimes it can be hard to put an experience or feelings into words, but it helps to express them in a different format/share those thoughts. I love the idea of transfer students sharing their experiences through art because it will allow others on campus to have an insider look into different pieces of the transfer experience.

Helen Han
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Specialty/Passion: dance, singing, acting, writing, design, photography

Art reaches the depths of expression that words or actions alone may not be able to.

Transfers have an added layer of context to their college career that may provide perspective to others.

Matthew Herbst
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Specialty/Passion: written word, story telling in all forms

As a faculty member, I strive to promote the importance and essential role of creativity in our lives and at our university. Stories do much to shape our understanding of the world, to help us find our place in it, and even to change it.

Kelly Jensen
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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 love 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.

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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: digital art & media, painting, Ding, creative writing

I believe in the power of art as a way for people to build deeper empathy with each other by finding points of unexpected connection and shared inspiration. Such empathy through art is a critical tool in building coalitions and working towards greater justice in the world.

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