



# THE WRITING CENTER

## DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



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### A Little About Me

I was born in San Antonio, Texas, and raised by two loving parents. My mother and father are both hardworking and supportive people who aspire to glorify God in all they do. I also have a brother who has a comedic personality and continuously enlightens me with his creativity. As a child, my mother would constantly tell me stories from the Bible, so I started to believe in God at a young age. However, I did not know the meaning of salvation until I attended a church camp the summer before my eighth grade year. At age thirteen, I accepted Christ as my Savior, and He has since continually shown me His faithfulness and grace despite my shortcomings.

### What I Like About Working in the UWC

My favorite aspect of working in the UWC is the people. It is extraordinary to see how the personalities of each employee come together to form a family. I think it is really special that my workplace feels like a home. Another aspect I enjoy is what the Writing Center stands for. The UWC does not exist to edit and revise papers but to help students become better writers. As an aspiring educator, I favor any environment that is intentional with students and promotes learning.

### Hobbies

I am passionate about serving others, especially through children's ministry. I am a Sunday school teacher at my church, and I care for four-year-olds. The playfulness and naivety of children is something that brings me joy! In my free time, I enjoy creating curated playlists and analyzing movies.

### Aspirations

My current plan is to get a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Reading and ESL. After college, I want to move back to San Antonio and teach in low-income elementary schools. I come from a low-income area, so I am aware of the difference in quality of education. In many cases, students who attend these schools are not native English speakers, which can cause them to struggle. I desire to use my degree in ESL to help these students broaden their learning and understanding of what is being taught. I believe every child deserves a quality education, and I want students to know how valued they are. No matter their background, they are still capable of being successful.

### Favorite Quote

My favorite quote is from C.S. Lewis, who said, "There is no neutral ground in the universe. Every square inch, every split second is claimed by God, and counterclaimed by Satan." It serves as a reminder that, as Christians, we cannot be lukewarm in our faith, because if there is no neutral ground in the universe, we have no room to be neutral in our walk with God.

### Favorite Bible Verse

My favorite Bible verse is Romans 12:2, which states, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." This verse plays a large role in my testimony and has remained prominent in my walk with Christ. There is such beauty in the transformative work of the Lord, and the fact that God found me worthy of redemption and transformation in the midst of my sin continues to astound me.