

writers & artists

Lauren K. Alleyne, graduate student in English

Trinidad, West Indies...Brooklyn, New York...Ames, Iowa...Paris, France (*Okay maybe not*). Lauren would go home more often, if only she could figure out where that is.

Alesa J. De Jager, senior in Fine Arts

Alesa is studying fine arts with an emphasis in printmaking, painting, and drawing. She is from Orange City, Iowa. The oil painting, "Watermelon, Wine, and a Cake pan", was done during one three-hour painting studio session.

Amanda Green, senior in Liberal Studies

Amanda enjoys learning about womens' and diversity issues and hopes to someday incorporate these passions into a career.

Mary Henson-Saunders, graduate student in English

Mary was conceived in Texas, born in California, raised in Louisiana, married and educated in Chicago and currently resides in West Des Moines with her husband and 14-year-old son.

Caleb Huitt, senior in Computer Engineering

Caleb will be graduating this semester. He enjoys computers, reading, and spending time with his girlfriend, and is discovering he dislikes writing about himself in the third person. This is his first published piece.

Curt Loter, sophomore in Graphic Design

Curt was born in Davenport, Iowa, and grew up in Bettendorf, Iowa. He graduated from Bettendorf High School in 2000. He is now enrolled in the graphic design program at Iowa State University.

Lauri Jensen, senior in English

Lauri was born in Boise, Idaho, and grew up in West Des Moines. This is her fourth year at ISU, where she is majoring in English Literature Studies and minoring in Psychology. She will graduate in May of 2002 and hopes to continue studying literature and creative writing in graduate school.

Marianna L. Jensen, sophomore in English

Marianna is from Orange City, Iowa. Her photography was taken in the dappled recesses of her favorite nature park, where one of the first cottages in Iowa now toppled and those who are lost become so a purpose.

Erin Elizabeth McConnell, graduate student in Creative Writing

Erin graduated from Butler University with degrees in chemistry and English, and will attend medical school in Ohio this fall. An avid runner, she breaks only for animals of all sorts and delights in corrupting her nieces and nephews.

Tonya Meyer, freshman in Veterinary Medicine

Tonya Miller signs her work with her maiden name, Meyer. She is originally from Watertown, South Dakota and is currently attending Iowa State's Veterinary College.

A. Darryl Moton, Jr., senior in English

Born in Iowa City, lived in Ames until age 10, Pearl City, Hawaii until age 15, Ankeny, Iowa until age 18. Often seen in company of sound of distorted bass guitar. Loves pigs, dogs, and dolphins. Aspires to get into graduate school.

Erika Mueller, graduate student in English

Erika studied at the Universitaet Giessen in Germany, received her degree in Women's Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and she is currently a graduate student at ISU. Her activism has led her to teaching poetry workshops for children in alternative spaces. She is greatly disappointed by the lack of recycling (science) and efficient email (technology) at ISU.

Shane Noecker, senior in English

Shane lives in a fortified compound near Woody Creek, Colorado. He will graduate, Lord willing, in May with a degree in English Education.

Margaret Okere, graduate student in Creative Writing

Margaret is a long-time Ames resident with a prior doctorate in Sociology from Northwestern University and several years of teaching experience in Sociology. She began writing poetry only after entering the Creative Writing program. She also has two grown children ages 18 and 21.

Kelly Schwantz, senior in Liberal Studies

Kelly is a student from Minnesota.

Jonathan Travis, senior in Advertising

Jonathan is from Denison, Iowa.

Aubrey Wagner, senior in Fine Arts

Aubrey is originally from Red Oak, IA, and is currently a senior in Fine Arts at Iowa State University. Her specializations include photography, illustration, fashion design, and mixed media. She strongly emphasizes color and creativity in her work. After graduating in May, she plans to make her career in the Omaha area.

Ben Wittry, senior in Art History

Ben Wittry was born in Fort Madison, Iowa. He is working toward a degree in History of Art and plans to acquire a graduate degree in Art History or Museum Studies.

Jason Yates, senior in Graphic Design and Fine Arts

Jason is working toward a double degree in Graphic Design and Fine Arts with an emphasis in Drawing, Painting, and Printmaking. His influences include German Expressionists like Kirchner, Macke, and Beckmann. Jason believe the best subject matter are the things that mean the most to him because they generally elicit a deeper emotional response that results in more expressive creations.