

Tribute to Jason

Undergraduate President's Outstanding Student Award

Jason maintains a 4.00 GPA; he will be graduating this fall with close to 140 credits, and I will greatly remember all the contributions he leaves behind for us in the creative writing program. As I pull up some of Jason's previous work I recognize I have over 300 files of writing that he has sent me over his time studying creative writing at Metro. Many of these are piece well on their way to publication.

Jason has been recognized for his creative writing through the Carother's Writing Award in 2021-2022. He also has several publications on his vitae, to include *Haute Dish*. In addition Jason entered a poster contest at Metro in 2022 and received an award from Most Creative Project.

Jason earned an award from Provost Amy Gort at the 2022 Metro Poster Competition for most creative work.

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Spring 2022:

Student Posters Online Gallery

F 18 WRIT251	3.0 A	Intro/Creative Writing
F 19 WRIT353	4.0 A	Writing Short Fiction
F 21 WRIT358	4.0 A	1000 Words
S22 WRIT481	5.0 A	Advanced Creative Writing
SS22 WRIT324	4.0 A	Topics: Travel Writing
F 22 WRIT357	4.0 Z	IP Writers as Readers

Most of Jason's community service activities include Youth Council Chair, Sunday school teacher, Usher, Dish washer, picture hangar, stuff hauler, etc.

In addition Jason often attends our Sunday night *Get Lit* workshops by contributing stories through the lens of re-vision. Jason's contributions with heart-felt constructive feedback for others marks him as a writer with a community interest. Jason's writing inspires so many others during workshop sessions. Always willing to see another point of view and sift through those ideas is what sends him back to revision, and what makes him a passionate writer.

Jason is a quiet leader, meaning he leads by example, and if others are paying attention, they will dutifully follow.

**On another note,
Jason teaches in the Automotive Department of . He's been an educator for several years**

A father to be recognized; a husband of integrity; a teacher who listens; a writer who teaches us to listen; these are just a few bits of information about Jason Emrick that I can testify to.

"I hope that when I've written the last thing I've ever written that I can look back on everything that I have written and say, You went deeper and you went more deeply into how the world sounds and the wonder and marvel of that." Author analysis of Kevin McIlvoy The People Who Own Pianos.

If they only knew

Ms. Diane never caught me red-handed, she never saw me swing the hammer or thump their heads, but she knew. I knew she knew by the way she looked at me in class, the way she avoided following me into the trees at recess, the way she watched me scrub my hands before lunch, monitoring the sink and drain as the water swirled down. Watched me with that awful telling glare. I felt no guilt for my deeds, but that look, it squeezed my brain caused an ache that surged across my temple.