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Newsletter

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MT.SAC WRITING CENTER

What a re-leaf...it's finally Spring!

Happy Spring, Mt. SAC Community!

We hope you all are doing well and having a smooth start to the Spring 2025 semester!

This is our 4th issue of our WC Newsletter, which includes info about changes to our Workshop Proof of Attendance process, new Borrow-a-Tutor & In-Class Workshop services, and some Tutor Spotlights!



Please contact **WC Director, Trista Payte** (tpayte@mtsac.edu) with any questions!

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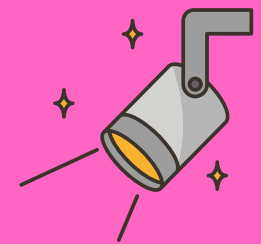
Workshop
Verification Changes



Borrow-a-Tutor & In-class
Workshop requests



Tutor Spotlights!



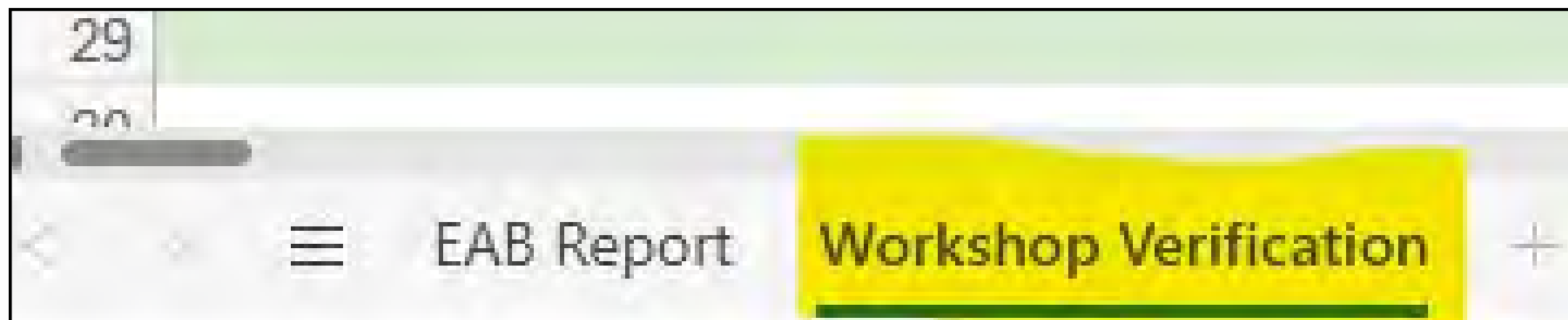


Workshop Proof of Attendance has moved to your Proof of Tutoring Spreadsheet

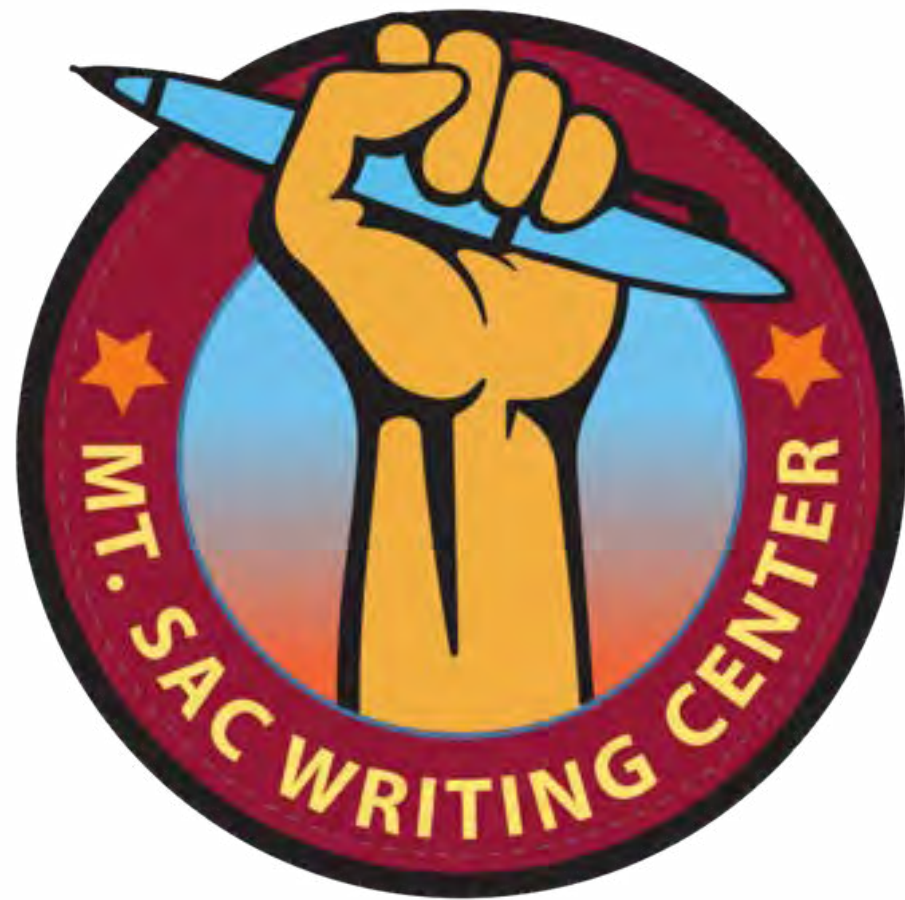
Last Fall, we moved to our TSR information into spreadsheets for instructors to keep track of which students have attended Writing Center appointments and/or received asynchronous feedback from our In-Center & Embedded Tutors.

To make it easier for our staff to keep track of, we will utilize Excel spreadsheets through Google Drive, which are updated twice a week and sent to Mt. SAC Faculty via email. To streamline our workshop attendance, we are also updating students who attend our online workshops on this same spreadsheet! You can find the Workshop Verification info by finding the tab at the bottom of the spreadsheet (**see photo below**).

To ensure you don't miss it, please check your email at the beginning of each semester! **Subject line:** "OPEN & SAVE this EMAIL: Appointment and Workshop Verification Reports." ***Pin this email or bookmark the link!***



New:
Borrow-a-Tutor!



Are you looking for extra support during your synchronous class meetings or activities, specifically with writing-related tasks but don't need a tutor every day, all semester?

With Borrow A Writing Tutor, you can request a trained and knowledgeable writing tutor to assist you and your students in real-time, just on the days you need them. Our writing tutors are equipped to support your students with writing-related challenges during in-person sessions. They can assist with brainstorming, organizing ideas, drafting, revising, and providing feedback on written work. Whether students need help with structuring essays, improving grammar, or developing arguments, our tutors are ready to support students at any stage of the writing process.


Let us know what kind of writing support you need, and we'll tailor our help to fit your classroom's goals.

New: In-Class Writing Center Workshops

Are you looking for targeted, in-depth support for your students on specific writing skills?

Our **in-class workshops** provide a convenient way to bring expert writing support directly into your classroom—**whether in-person, virtually, or in the Writing Center**. We offer a range of workshops focused on essential writing skills, designed to help your students excel in academic writing.

We can deliver any of our catalog of workshops or we can create something tailored to your needs. These are given via Zoom or in-person at your regular class time, or in the Writing Center (available starting Fall 2025). Our workshops are interactive and engaging, providing both instruction and opportunities for students to ask questions and practice what they've learned. The workshops are ideal for reinforcing key writing concepts and offering your students the chance to build practical writing skills in a collaborative setting.

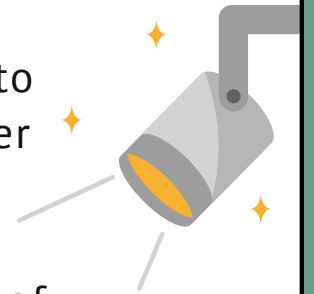


To schedule a workshop or request more information, please email **Writing Center Director Trista Payte** at tpayte@mtsac.edu.

Ausen (In-Center Writing Specialist)



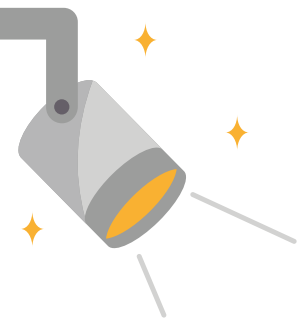
1. **What is one book you would recommend & why?** One book I love and would recommend to others is *Awaken the Giant Within* by Tony Robbins. It's a self-help book that's a little older but still contains valuable lessons that I've personally utilized in my personal and professional life!
2. **What is one thing you love about working in your role here at the WC?** I love the amount of new people I'm able to meet and positively influence on campus. It's always a pleasure when I see my regular students return to me, and I'm able to witness their writing improve!
3. **Fun or interesting fact:** I love traveling! Ever since I studied abroad in Rome for my Fall 2023 semester, I've been hooked! I've lived in 2 foreign countries & visited 8 others. Hopefully, I can keep growing my list!



To view more about our Staff, visit: <https://www.mtsac.edu/writingcenter/tutors.html>

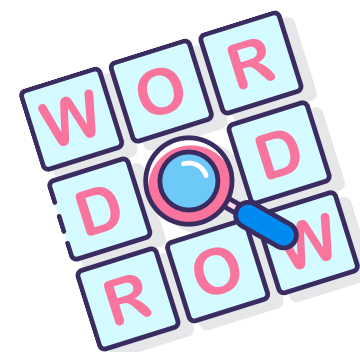
Loisa (Dedicated Writing Specialist)

1. **What is one book you would recommend & why?** *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes because it made me rethink the value that society places on intelligence and certain unconscious ableist notions I had regarding intelligence.
2. **What is one thing you love about working in your role here at the WC?** Definitely the students! And I love seeing their growth from the beginning of the semester to the end.
3. **Fun or interesting fact:** I love doing latte art almost every morning, usually just simple hearts.



Upcoming events/updates:

- Re-opening of the front of our Remodeled Space!
 - **Monday, March 17th**
- **Coming Soon:** Redesign of our Writing Center website
- **April:** National Poetry Month Poetry Contest!

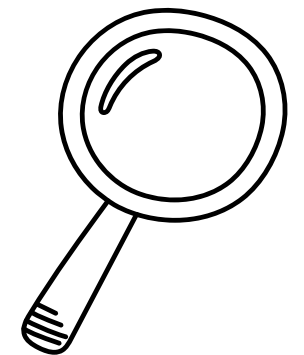


This month's WC puzzle:

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