
Retrospective

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Jaydelle Celestine's article, "[Did I Create the Process? Or Did the Process Create Me?](#)" was published in *Stylus* 8.2 in Fall 2017. It was later republished in the UCF edition of *EasyWriter*—a handbook used in composition classrooms across the university—as well as the fourth edition of *Writing about Writing*, a composition textbook used nationwide. He also served as assistant editor for *Issues* 9.1 and 9.2.

Having my writing published in *Stylus* amplified my voice in terms of the work I produce and inspired me to continuously produce my best. It also gave me a newfound sense of confidence and pride to be included in one of UCF's prestigious journals alongside so many other exemplary student pieces as well, and it warms my heart knowing that my work has been etched in UCF history in some way. Editing for *Stylus* was an amazing experience! I loved the atmosphere of not only reading other students' work, but also hearing other student editors share their view on the pieces, understanding their perspectives, and learning something new in a very comfortable and inviting environment. There was no negativity, only positive reinforcements in a space that fostered learning and growth.

I have used writing or communication, in my career and at UCF, to continuously express my points-of-view, as a form of release, or as a means of getting my point across in a meaningful way that I hope would inspire change. I have been in love with writing as long as I can remember, and it is one of my most favorite mediums of expression to this day. It has largely shaped who I am and will forever continue to shape who I am as I strive to be the best version of myself I can possibly be and hopefully help others in the process as well.

The advice I would give to students currently in writing classes at UCF would be to always give it your best and be as open minded as possible: you never know where your work can go or what impact your work can have. Writing may not be everyone's favorite thing to do; however, it plays an integral part of all our lives and the more we can do to understand it, incorporate it, and use it to our advantage brings with it rewards and benefits that we can never imagine.

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Jaydelle Celestine is currently a senior studying Event Management at UCF's Rosen College of Hospitality Management; his anticipated date of graduation is in the spring of 2020. Jaydelle obtained his associate's degree in Business Studies on his home island of Grenada and decided to further his educational pursuits in one of the world's premier locations for hospitality in Orlando, Florida in 2016. Jaydelle also spends most of his leisure time active in community service: seven (7) years of his life was dedicated to the Rotaract Club of Grenada (an internationally recognized community service club for young professionals); he served as Club Service Director for the year 2012-2013 and captured Director of the Year for that year and his committee secured Committee of the Year as well. Jaydelle is currently a part of the Rosen College Area Council, the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality, and the Rosen College International Club. In addition to having his essay published in UCF's *Stylus*, Jaydelle's essay is also featured in the new edition of the *Writing About Writing* textbook within its process chapter. One day, it is Jaydelle's dream to own his personal Event Planning Agency

and be an independent Event Planning Consultant, after acquiring the relevant experience and certifications necessary to make a name for himself in the field.