Contributor Bios

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Apart hearing all the bad jokes about her last name, **Abigail Barefoot** is in polygamous relationship between her camera and notebooks. When she’s not taking photos, she’s writing; if she’s not writing, she is in class thinking about doing one of those. She copped out of being a creative writing major to become a journalism major. But it’s okay; the news in itself is a story.

**Amanda Bottjen** is in her second year at Iowa State. Although her studies focus on the sciences, she also thoroughly enjoys the arts. Some of her hobbies include painting, playing the piano, and enjoying the outdoors.

**Matthew Cooper** has been attending ISU for four years now. While he’s majoring in Business Marketing, he’s fallen in love once again with writing, and is considering continuing my education with ISU, but changing to the English department after graduation from the Business school this fall. He’s originally from Urbandale IA, and has lived in the state all his life. He also enjoys photography, movies, and spending time with family and friends.

**Theresa Fiegen** is a sophomore in biology/pre-nursing.

**Alyssa Frandsen** was raised in rural Iowa and appreciates the solitude of nature.

**Carly Hafner** is an English literature major from Iowa City, Iowa. Aside from reading, she loves dewy mornings and the golden light right before sunset. Her plans for the future involve becoming a librarian and living happily ever after.

**Matt Hurley** is a junior in the bachelor of liberal studies program. He is an aspiring young poet.

**Kaci McCleary** is a sophomore in psychology from Newton, Iowa. She is involved in marching band, Lyrica, freshman honors program, Cyclone Swing Society, and psychology club. Other than writing, her hobbies include photography, dancing, and spending time with friends.

**Kait McKinney** is a sophomore in pre-journalism, considering a minor in English creative writing. She really enjoys coffee, satire, and hope to one day be able to play the ukulele.
Jake McLaughlin is from Muscatine, Iowa and is studying religion and English literature. He hopes to get into a form of ministry after he graduates, which will include at least some time being a missionary overseas.

Stellena Nelson is a non-traditional student majoring in technical communication with a minor in animal ecology. She also holds an AHS HLT in ealth laboratory technology and BSEd in elementary education. She currently works at the Center for Food Security and Public Health, where she researches and writes disaster preparedness extension materials, copy edit veterinary training modules, and update the Focus on Fish Health web site. She’s happily married to Shawn, and they have one son Isaac, age 11.

Nathan Pillman would like to thank his girlfriend Jill for her love, support, and for deciding to stick out a few more Iowa winters.

Dustine Pruszko is a biological pre-medical illustration senior at ISU. She is using her talents in art and science to become a nature and traveling photographer in order to show everyone what is out in the world. Her work in Sketch is a sample of her nature photography skills and how she can capture the moment.

Hayley Scheuring writes to inform. People are curious and want to know; she is open and love to tell. She’s ready for her life to make her famous, so she writes down every ridiculous adventure that comes her way.

Lauren Swanson was born and raised in Ames and has been attending Iowa State University since 2007. She is majoring in integrated studio arts, and enjoys the company of kittens.