



Academy for
Writers and
Entrepreneurs

About the Facilitators



Kirra Lent

Hometown: Hempfield, PA

Long-term goals: To change lives as a high school teacher and to open a school
-Secondary Education Social Studies/ English major, California University of Pennsylvania (2017)

-Instructor for Write Local's Fictional Worldbuilding workshop in March 2015

-Teaching Assistant, Summer Educational Enrichment for Kids program, Cal U

-Field Experience, Laurel Highlands Middle School

-7th Grade Literature Teacher, Breakthrough Collaborative Summerbridge Pittsburgh

-Peer Mentor, California University of Pennsylvania



Krista Sarraf

Hometown: Donegal, PA

Long-term goals: To get people hooked on writing, to conduct research about writing/creativity, and to publish a novel

-B.A. in English and Art History, Randolph-Macon College (2009)

-M.A. in English, James Madison University (2014)

-Writer of monthly Laurel Mountain Post column on literacy

-Writer for Diamond Soup, a mother-daughter food blog

-Editor, *Voices* Literary Magazine

-Certified peer writing tutor, Randolph-Macon College Writing Center

-Instructor, Writing, James Madison University

-Adjunct Professor, Writing, Seton Hill University

-Adjunct Professor, Critical Thinking, Westmoreland County Community College

-Trained in Market Based Management, a management program for entrepreneurs and non-profit leaders