

## Oak Hills Alumni Join University Writing Centers

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The Oak Hills Writing Center first opened in 2021, with the intent of providing students a space with which they can receive help from their peers on any essays or pieces of writing. With upperclassmen as writing consultants, all students can request help revising their papers without feeling the pressure that comes with speaking to a teacher. The writing consultants consist of upperclassmen who've taken multiple honors and/or AP courses, three of whom have now graduated and moved on to the writing centers of their universities. Oak Hills alums Katelyn Evans, Sophia Morehead, and Marissa Ellis are now writing consultants for DePaul University, Purdue University, and Miami University, respectively. While they spent their time in the Writing Center tutoring other students, they also learned more about how to improve their writing skills and how to be more empathetic towards others. Katelyn Evans felt that "being a consultant taught [her] to zoom out and look at the big picture of a paper." By truly teaching students, rather than simply editing their mistakes, students can gain writing skills that will help them in the future. Marissa Ellis, similar to Katelyn Evans, explained how "consulting can actually inspire and motivate people", as everyone can benefit from a little bit of help. Both alumni have used their knowledge to execute a smooth transition into their universities, and they've worked to take themselves out of their comfort zones. Ellis, majoring in computer science, has joined a student-led magazine, while Evans has educated herself in a diverse arrangement of topics so she can successfully assist any student, no matter their major. Both alumni have had successful transitions into college and they attribute much of their success and knowledge to the work they put in at Oak Hills' Writing Center

