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CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE'S CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE PRESENTS

OCTOBER 7 – AUTHORS AND PUBLISHING



Daniel Duca (‘22) majored in Philosophy. After graduating, he put together a master plan that completely crashed and burned while it simultaneously came to perfect fruition. He started working as a journalist in DC and bartending because he wasn’t getting paid. Today he keeps occupied with teaching, business, or coaching, but his primary venture is in writing. In August, he published his debut novel, *When the Days Were Few*, a coming of age romance set in 1930’s Rome. In addition, he is in the editing stages of his political satire, *Tax the Poor*, and is currently writing his third manuscript, *Tesero*, which explores romance amid divorce. Though his novels aren’t definable as Catholic Literature, Mr. Duca believes that one can still evangelize and glorify God through good, honest stories. He resides in Fauquier County, Virginia.



Cat McCaughey ('23) majored in English. An avid reader, writer, and editor, she was determined to establish herself in the world of editing and publishing after graduation. Unwilling to risk compromising professional or Catholic principles in a traditional publishing environment, she founded her own freelance editing business, Wordcraft Editorial, in June 2023. For the past three years, she's been providing editorial services for fiction and nonfiction books to Christian and Catholic clients. Cat fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a published author with her YA fantasy/adventure series, The Firelight Chronicles. The first book *branded* was published in September 2024 and the second book arrives Fall 2026. She lives in Nashville, TN, in a house with a red front door and two silly cats.



Avigayil Holmstedt (‘25) majored in English and minored in Philosophy. Knowing from a young age that she wanted to write creatively, she came to Christendom as a Freshman already having written a full-length novel. She finished her second novel during Junior year and self-published that novel, *Erisha and the Realms*, the summer after her graduation. She always has a story, new or revised, running through her head and on her desk, and she has come to firmly believe that, no matter the likelihood of being published or the struggle of trying to self-publish, if someone wants to write they should write. She currently works at Hillsdale College’s contact center in Michigan

Life on Tap *is held in Old Chapel Hall from 7:00-9:00pm and is open only to members of the Christendom community. Snacks and beverages are provided.*