

# Veronica Clay

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## Education

BA in English, Rockhurst University (2019) GPA: 4.0

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## Present Employment

Writer, Presentation Coach, & Training Specialist, VPR POP, Kansas City (2021— )

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## Employment of Interest

Coordinator, Volunteer Services, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City (2019-2021)

Writing Tutor, Rockhurst University, Kansas City (2017-2019)

Supplemental Instruction Leader, English 30 & 101, MCC-Maple Woods, Kansas City (2016-2017)

Writing Tutor, MCC-Maple Woods, Kansas City (2016-2017)

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## Publications – Poetry & Spoken Word

“Mm!” *Touchstone* (2018)

“The Story of a Dream,” *Touchstone* (2018)

“Lunar Landing,” Rockhurst Neighborhood Newsletter (2018)

*Mile Marker 17*, Mira Digital Self-Publishing (2016)

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## Invited Poetic Readings & Presentations

“New Song Gospel Café,” Trinity Temple Church (2021)

“A ‘Midst’ Opportunity,” The V.I.P. Movement with Anthony Butler (2021)

“For the Love of Curls,” Business Launch (2021)

“Juneteenth Celebration,” Midtown Church Kansas City (2021)

“Voices in Black and White,” Short Documentary by Olivia Taylor (2021)

“Black History Tokenization,” The V.I.P. Movement with Anthony Butler (2021)

“Mission Baby Mac Benefit,” IVF Fundraiser (2020)

“Champions of Hope,” Gateway of Hope Annual Fundraiser (2020)

“An Evening of Healing,” Kansas City Local Churches Outdoor Event (2020)

“Biracial in America,” The Ear Hustling Podcast, Episode 23 (2020)

“Poetry with Maril Crabtree,” Now Presenting, Johnson County Library (2020) *canceled due to Covid-19*

“Be the One,” Southern Missouri Youth Convention, Assemblies of God (2019)

“Be the One,” Belong Community KC, Liberty, Missouri, (2019)

“Be the One,” Freedom Sunday, Sheffield Family Life Center (2019)

“The Biracial Narrative in America,” TED Talk, TEDxRockhill (2019)

“Commencement Speech,” Rockhurst University Commencement Ceremony (2019)

“Donor Appreciation,” Rockhurst University Scholarship Brunch (2019)

“The Story of a Dream,” Black Cultural Program, Swope Parkway Church of Christ (2019)

“Successful Poetry of the Year,” Festival of Student Achievement, Rockhurst University (2019)

“A Girl’s World,” Sigma Tau Delta International Convention, Rockhurst University (2019)

“Exchange Worry for Peace,” Native Youth Kansas City, guest speaker (2019)

“Celebrating 50 Years of Women,” Rockhurst University Town Hall, Spring, panelist (2019)

“A Letter to the White Police Officer,” KCUR Central Standard (2019)

“The Story of a Dream,” American Jazz Museum: MLK Celebration (2019)

“Knowing Your Purpose,” Cornerstone Enterprise Ltd. New Year’s Eve Celebration (2018)

“PTK & Me,” Phi Theta Kappa Induction, MCC-Maple Woods (2018)

“Image of the Titanic,” “Mm!” et al. Festival of Student Achievement, Rockhurst University (2018)

“The Story of a Dream,” *Touchstone* Launch, K-State University, (2018)

“Transfer-Hawk,” Student Feature, Advisor Luncheon, Rockhurst University (2018)

“Writing for Social Change,” Featured Speaker, Blue Valley High School, Stilwell, Kansas (2018)

“The Beginning of the End,” *Tribulation Christmas*, Sheffield Family Life Center (2017)

“Creative Writing,” Crossroads Academy-Quality Hill, Kansas City, Missouri (2017)

“Black History & Spoken Word,” Keynote, Blue Valley High School, Stilwell, Kansas (2017)

“The Story of a Dream,” Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Mosaic Bible Fellowship (2017)

“Priceless—Knowing Your Self-Worth,” Keynote, Teen Girl Conference, Northeast Baptist (2017)

“The Story of a Dream,” American Jazz Museum: MLK Celebration (2017)

“Dragons & Good Enough,” Poetic Justice, Agora Consulting KC, Bartle Hall (2016)

“Good Enough,” Purpose Girls’ Event, Native Youth Kansas City (2016)

“Poetry and Spoken Word,” East High School, Kansas City, Missouri (2016)

“Good Enough,” Lee’s Summit First Assembly (2016)

“A Call for You,” Keynote, Teen Girl Conference, Northeast Baptist (2016)

“Good Enough,” Girl’s Conference, Blue Springs Assembly (2016)

“Good Enough,” Women’s Ministry Launch, Crown Pointe Church (2016)

“Dear Woman,” WifeLife Annual Conference (2015)

“Farewell Speech,” Commencement Ceremony 2015, Families for Home Education (2015)

“Dragons,” Women’s Day, Sheffield Family Life Center (2015)

“Dragons,” Love and Soul Poetry Event, Black Student Association, William Jewel College, (2015)

“Shift,” Shift Young Adult Ministries Launch, Sheffield Family Life Center (2015)

“Dragons,” I AM event, Informal Arts Ministry, Stone Church Community of Christ (2015)

“Stamp F,” Miss Black & Gold Pageant, University of Missouri Kansas City (2014)

“American Dream,” WWII Museum: Medallion Ceremony for Veterans (2014)

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## **Conference Presentations**

“A Girl’s World (Feminist Poetry Collection),” Sigma Tau Delta International Convention (2019)

“The Rhetoric of Rap; An Analysis of Derek Minor’s “Nothing to Something”,” Festival of Student Achievement (2019)

“Writing in Black and White: Baldwin’s Method of Writing to Polarized Consumers,” Midwest Modern Language Association, Undergraduate Symposium (2018)

“Relating to Students: How to Differentiate and Accommodate Tutoring Styles to Meet Your Student Writers’ Needs,” Greater Kansas City Writing Center Project Conference (2018)

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## **Scholarships**

Hummel Family Full Tuition Scholarship, Rockhurst University (2017-2019)

Vontz Family English Endowed Scholarship, Rockhurst University (2018)

Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship, Rockhurst University (2017)

The Hawk Fund, Rockhurst University (2017-2018)

Board of Trustees, MCC-Maple Woods (2016-2017)

Senior Scholarship, Sheffield Family Life Center (2015)

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## **University Awards**

Senior Gold Medal, Award for Highest Ranking Graduate, Rockhurst University (2019)

Summa Cum Laude, Rockhurst University (2019)

Father Aloysius J. Breen, S.J. Award for Excellence in English Studies, Rockhurst University (2019)

Dean's List, Rockhurst University (Fall 2017-Spring 2019)

Graduation with High Honors, MCC-Maple Woods (2017)

President's Scholars Award, MCC-Maple Woods (2017)

Commencement Leadership Cord, MCC-Maple Woods (2017)

Student of Excellence Award-English Department, MCC-Maple Woods (2016)

Dean's List, MCC-Maple Woods (Fall 2015-Spring 2017)

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## **Poetry & Spoken Word Awards**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Merit Award, Spoken Word, National Fine Arts Festival, Kappa Tau [Collegiate] (2018)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Poetry, National Fine Arts Festival, Kappa Tau [Collegiate] (2018)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Spoken Word, National Fine Arts Festival (2016)

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Merit Award, Spoken Word, Fine Arts Festival, Southern Missouri District (2016)

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Spoken Word, Poetry Contest, MyARTS KC (2016)

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Merit Award, Spoken Word, Fine Arts Festival, Southern Missouri District (2015)

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Merit Award, Spoken Word, Fine Arts Festival, Southern Missouri District (2014)

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## Interviews

“Seg. 1: Super Bowl Ads. Seg. 2: Veronica Clay,” KCUR Central Standard, *kcur.org* (2019)

“KC Siblings Give Commencement Speeches at Two Different Schools,” 41 Action News, *kshb.com* (2019)

“Funding the Future,” *RU*, Summer 2019 edition, *rockhurst.edu* (2019)

“Meet the Class of 2019,” Rockhurst University, *rockhurst.edu* (2019)

“April 13: Veronica Clay Isn’t Your Average Teenager,” 41 Action News, *kshb.com* (2018)

“Veronica Clay ’19,” Rockhurst University, *rockhurst.edu* (2018)

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## Publications – Articles

“A Cardinal-Prefect Counsels Rockhurst on the Case for Humanitarian Care,” *The Sentinel* (2019)

“Rockhurst Welcomed to the State Capitol for Missouri Governor’s Student Leadership Forum,” *The Sentinel* (2019)

“Midwest Poet Series Headlined by Its Founder Robert Stewart for the 36<sup>th</sup> Opening,” *The Sentinel* (2018)

“Where Are the Rockhurst Honor Societies?” *The Sentinel* (2018)

“English Club: Coffee and Company,” *The Sentinel* (2018)

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Merit Award, Spoken Word, Fine Arts Festival, Southern Missouri District (2014)

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## Student Organizations

*The Sentinel*, Writer, Rockhurst University (2018-2019)

*Rockhurst Reader & Rockhurst Review*, Student Editor, Rockhurst University (2018-2019)

Black Student Union, Rockhurst University (2017-2019)

English Club, Rockhurst University (2017-2019)

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## **Honor Societies and Professional Membership**

Nonprofit Connect, Kansas City (2019 - 2021)

Midwest Modern Language Association (2018-2019)

Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit Honor Society, 4% of class, Rockhurst University (2018—)

-President (2018-2019)

Sigma Tau Delta, Alpha Mu Gamma, English Honor Society, Rockhurst University (2017—)

-President (2018-2019)

Phi Theta Kappa, Upsilon Xi, Junior College Honor Society, MCC-Maple Woods (2016—)

-Officer of Service (Spring 2017)

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## **Conferences Attended**

Sigma Tau Delta International Conference, Rockhurst University (2019)

Missouri Governor's Student Leadership Forum, Rockhurst University (2019)

Midwest Modern Language Association, Rockhurst University (2018)

Greater Kansas City Writing Center Project Conference, Rockhurst University (2018)

Women of Color Conference, MCC-Maple Woods (2017)

Phi Theta Kappa Regional Conference, MCC-Maple Woods (2017)

Greater Kansas City Writing Center Project Conference, Rockhurst University (2017)

Greater Kansas City Writing Center Project Conference, MCC-Maple Woods (2016)

National Youth Convention, Assemblies of God, (2013-2019)

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## **Community Service**

Regular Volunteer, Midtown Church Worship, Kansas City (2021—)

Regular Volunteer, Connect Young Adults, Sheffield Family Life Center, Kansas City (2019—)

Fine Arts Festival Writing Coach, Native Youth Kansas City (2016-2019)

Evaluator, Louder Than A Bomb, 2 events, Kansas City (2019)

Louder Than A Bomb Banner Painting, Rockhurst University English Club (2019)

Volunteer Service Coordinator, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, Native Youth Kansas City (2017-2019)

Prep KC, Black Student Union, Rockhurst University (2018)  
Sigma Tau Delta Book & Bake Sale, Rockhurst University (2018)  
Evaluator, Louder Than A Bomb, 2 events, Kansas City (2018)  
Youth Leader, Native Youth Kansas City (2015-2019)  
Volunteer Head Dorm Leader, Southern Missouri Youth Camp (2018)  
Tribe Leader (Sunday School), 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls, Native Youth Kansas City (2015-2018)  
Safe Trick-or-Treat, Rockhurst University (2017)  
Project Homeless Connect Kansas City, Gregg/Klice Community Center (2017)  
Finucane Service Project, Rockhurst University (2017)  
Volunteer Head Dorm Leader, Southern Missouri Youth Camp (2017)  
Highway Clean Up, Phi Theta Kappa – Upsilon XI (2017)  
Operation Love's Outreach, Monthly Food Pantry, Kansas City, (Spring 2017)  
Volunteer Dorm Leader, Southern Missouri Youth Camp (2016)  
Fundraiser, Southeastern Missouri Master's Commission, Sage Summit, Chicago Illinois (2016)  
Missions Trip, Glad Tidings Church, San Francisco, California, (2015)  
Volunteer Internship, Sheffield Family Life Center (2015)  
Missions Trip, Abundant Life Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, (2014)  
Sheffield House of Provision, Monthly Food Pantry, Kansas City, Missouri (2012-2017)

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