Owen Whelan

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Innovative honors student merging language, education, and AI to build tools that empower learners and educators worldwide. Driven by curiosity, collaboration, and a passion for shaping the future of learning through technology.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Smile and Learn Intern: Artificial Intelligence & BeBilingual Teams   MADRID, SPAIN
Part Time Internship, Fall 2025
- Developed and deployed multiple AI tools to streamline educational content, including a game creation engine for educators and 4+ tools for aligning lessons to Spanish/American/CEFR standards
- Created a new personality for AINARA's AI chatbot, prioritizing coding and an educational tone
- Designed a comprehensive Spanish learning curriculum (Pre-A1 to B2) integrating activities and strategies

Marist University Digital Education/IT Team Member   POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK
Full Time Work, Summer 2025
- Created 8+ resources for faculty and students to understand artificial intelligence and responsible, efficient use
- Contacted, coordinated, interviewed, and edited video of 8 faculty members about their use of generative AI

Rockland BOCES Substitute Teaching Assistant   CLARKSTOWN, NEW YORK
Contract Work, 2025
- Assisted full-time teachers in instructing neurodivergent students during full, 6-hour instructional days

EDUCATION

Marist University, Honors Student   POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK and MADRID, SPAIN
Full Time Student, Fall 2023 - Spring 2027
- Adolescent Education & Spanish, minor in Applied AI (B.A./M.A. expected 2027/2028), 3.9 GPA
- Semester abroad at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (Fall 2025), completing an internship (16 hrs/wk), coursework and program activities entirely in Spanish

RESEARCH & PRESENTATION EXPERIENCE

Publication for International Technology, Education and Development (INTED)   VALENCIA, SPAIN
Project from Winter 2024 to Spring 2025; presented in March 2025
- Presented to exploratory research and paper on AI and note-taking international audience of 30+ academics

Marist+AI Academic Group   POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK
2024 - Present
- Collaborated with faculty to develop an AI framework at Marist with an internal and external presence

Other Academic Conferences   POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK
Various
- **ALOUD (2025)**: Developed a language-learning video game for K–12 teachers with 2 modes and 4 languages
- **CURSCA (2025)** & **Hudson Valley AI Summit (2025)**: Facilitated discussion and presented poster research

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

Student Newspaper, the *Marist Circle*   POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK
2023 - Present
- Total authorship of 15+ articles with editing and writing experience, mentored and guided other writers
- **Co-Features Editor** (2024-2025)**:** Edited up to 3 articles per issue, continued writing, distribution
- **Staff Writer** (2023-2024)**:** Pitched stories, coordinated team assignments, assisted in cross-campus distribution

AWARDS

Dean's List, Marist University (2024, 2025; 4x)   POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK
Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honors Society, Marist University (2024)   POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK
New York State Seal of Biliteracy (Spanish) and **National Honors Society** (2023)   NANUET, NEW YORK

OTHER SKILLS

Generative artificial intelligence, graphic design, productivity software, development and deployment of software tools. Communicative, quick, and innovative. Open-minded to learning new tools and ideas. Enjoys and accepts challenges involving learning and developing new solutions. Readily accepts & applies feedback.