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 & Learn, AINARA (Part Time Internship, Fall 2025)   *MADRID, SPAIN*
- Personally created a new personality for AINARA's AI chat bot, prioritizing coding and an educational tone
- Created a tool that allows educators to create games with AI, then modify them with automatically generated parameters, all within a premade and customizable template system; presented progress and findings to CEO

Marist University Digital Education/IT Team Member (Full Time Work, Summer 2025)   *POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK*
- 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 (Contract Work, 2025)   *CLARKSTOWN, NEW YORK*
- Assisted full-time teachers in instructing neurodivergent students during full, 6-hour instructional days

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Marist University, Honors Student (2023 - Present, 3.9 GPA)   *POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK*
- Major in Adolescent Education/Spanish, minor in applied AI, expected bachelor's/master's in 2027/2028

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid International School (Fall 2025)   *MADRID, SPAIN*
- Studying abroad opportunity living with host family, studying in Spanish-only classes

RESEARCH AND PRESENTATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Publication for International Technology, Education and Development (INTED) (2025)   *VALENCIA, SPAIN*
- Presented to exploratory research and paper on AI and note-taking international audience of 30+ academics

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

Other Academic Conferences   *POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK*
- 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

EXTRACURRICULARS

Marist Circle (2023 - Present)   *POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK*
- 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

Marist Games Society - Subcommittee Leader (2024 - Present)   *POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK AND VIRTUAL*
- Coordinating and helping new students integrate into gaming groups, leading and coordination of own group

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

- ❖**Productivity Software:** Advanced formatting in the Google Suite, Microsoft Suite, and Notion. Website building and deployment using AI tools.
- ❖**Generative Artificial Intelligence:** Strong knowledge of prominent AI tools and innovative applications, such as coding with AI and managing coding projects alongside AI tools. Deployed a variety of interactive projects developed with AI, including personal websites, educational games, and other tools.
- ❖**Creative work:** Graphic design (Photoshop, Canva) of infographics and informational documents. Capable in digital illustration and icon design. Experience in creating templates, educational materials, and functional graphics.
- ❖**Spanish:** Conversational, written, and professional communication of the Spanish language. Understanding and knowledge of CEFR and ACTFL language learning standards.