

Kendryk Youngblood

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY: Kendryk Youngblood is a former member of University of Houston's Poetry Slam team *UH Coogslam* which won 4th place in the *Collegiate Unions Poetry Slam Invitational (CUPSI)*, in April of 2019. Kendryk has his work published in *Shards magazine*, *Defunkt magazine*, and *Poet's Choice*, and is currently a poetry editor for *Space City Underground magazine*. He teaches, shares, and reacts to poetry through his YouTube Channel *Youngblood Poetry* and documents his poetry journey through his Instagram @kendryk_youngblood

EXPERIENCE

- Performed as a featured artist for a *Write About Now (WAN) Poetry* open mic, *Defunkt magazine's Volume 1* launch party, a *Glass Mountain magazine* launch party, and the University of Houston's *Coog Radio Birthday Bash* in 2019.
- Performed as a featured spoken word artist at various venues within the Greater Houston area 2019-present
- College slam team *UH Coogslam* placed 4th at the 2019 *Collegiate Union Poetry Slam Invitational (CUPSI)*
- Wrote a storyline for a *Twine* virtual game that educated New Jersey high school students on the disadvantages that undocumented students face in pursuing higher education and professional careers as well as the opportunities available to assist them.
- Editor for *Space City Underground (SCU) magazine* 2020 - present
- 1st guest performing artist for the UK radio show *Don't Trip* on Life Radio.
- Headlined for Afropop star *Flavour* at the *Umu Igbo Unite Annual Convention 2021*
- Wrote and edited multiple literary reviews of poetry collections for *Youngblood Poetry* YouTube channel and *Space City Underground magazine*.
- Performed in the *Boog City 15 Arts Festival 2021*
- Poems published in *Shards magazine*, *Defunkt magazine*, and *Poet's Choice*
- Providing other poets with paid critiques and feedback for their work
- Charging for my critiques and feedback of other poet's written work and helping them get published.
- Received the ~~Strikethrough~~ Honorary Scholarship, which covered my full tuition to attend the ~~Strikethrough~~ Workshop Conference
- Being a *Poet Life* brand ambassador 2021-present
- Panelist and featured artist for the *United Mission for Relief and Development (UMR)* and *Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP)* black history month open mic night at the University of Houston 2022.
- Interviewed the following poets: Brandon Leake (Season 15 winner of America's Got Talent), LeChell "The Shootah" R. H. (#2 in the *Women of the World Poetry Slam*), Dimitri Reyes (Poet, YouTuber, Educator, Marketing and communications)

director of CavanKerry Press), Jacob “Black Chakra” Mayberry (*National Slam* Champion, *Texas Grand Slam* Champion and Host), and more.

- Hosted two poetry contests on my YouTube channel and awarded the winners with *Poet Life* apparel.
 - Educating my youtube audience on traditional form, free verse, rhyme, meter, syntax, spacing, and various other literary elements.
 - **Grew my YouTube Channel *Youngblood Poetry* to 15K subscribers and 1.3 million total channel views as of 2022.**
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SKILLS

- **Spoken word poetry performance skills.**
 - Poetry slam skills.
 - Ability to judge poetry slams.
 - **Well-versed in educating audiences on many poetry devices the analysis of written poetry, spoken word, and rap**
 - Experienced in video editing using Final Cut Pro X and Shotcut
 - Optimizing YouTube Videos to rank high in search through thumbnail development and keyword selection for title creation.
 - **Editor experience in literary journals/magazines**
 - Polished interviewer and interviewee skills
 - **Working knowledge of Spanish**
 - Annotating and critiquing written poetry of various forms and styles in a constructive manner.
 - Ability to write detailed and comprehensive reviews of literary collections
 - **Creating cinematic spoken word video projects**
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EDUCATION

University of Houston 2016-2021

- Bachelor of Science in Biology
 - Minor in English
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HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- Attending and performing at open mics
- Watching anime
- Solving puzzles and riddles
- Dunking
- Bodybuilding
- Reading novels
- Movie marathons
- Listening to Hip Hop and Afropop
- Drinking boba tea and eating ice cream
- Visiting museums