

I've always had a knack for vocabulary and a creative flair. It wasn't until quite recently, three long years after graduating from Humboldt State University, that I realized I'm rather good at manipulating words. I blame Strunk and White's The Elements of Style. Every word should be the right word; there is always room for review and improvement. It appears that getting an English Degree was worthwhile!



I currently work as an AmeriCorps VIP Fellow at the Napa County Office of Education where I use my intellectual powers for good. I recruit, train and manage volunteers for a multitude of programs. I've learned a great deal during my time here and found I can write a mean press release and assist on a grant proposal but taking comprehensive notes in marathon meetings---really not for me.

I've held different positions that required me to write or edit (e.g. Editorial Intern at *Diablo Magazine*) but they generally felt artificial. Luxury home décor is just not one of my passions. Conversely, discussing wine and editing release notes just comes easy. I more than appreciate a good bottle of wine. After all, I am the daughter of Jeanette Schandelmier, QC Manager Extraordinaire, and it would be a shame if I didn't get some of her good taste.

My mother is who you want doing your quality control. She's a perfectionist. She notices mistakes that other people never would and always has a solution. Your merlot is a mess? She can fix it. She also makes some pretty awesome Pinot Noir. I'm so glad that she took that harvest job at Robert Mondavi Winery when I was eight. It changed our lives for the better. Plus, I get to be that person whose mom has "the cool job". I guess that makes me cool by association.