

Sports Journalism

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In a world where technology is our main source of entertainment, news and keeping up with friends, we sometimes overlook the power of writing and news articles at time unless we visually see it on some sort of electronic device. These days, I usually only see older folks that are still subscribed to the daily paper. I want to change that and somehow show and express myself and thoughts through writing.

I've always had a knack for writing. Ever since middle school, I've read numerous fictional stories about the Greek gods, Harry Potter, Egyptian voyages and so much other fictional stories. They've always inspired me to write just as well and be able to catch a reader's attention as they read the very first words of a book or article in a magazine. Reading sports magazines has also given me the privilege to see how writers can take something as simple as a layup in a basketball game or a home-run in a baseball game, and turn that into a vivid image that you can picture in your head without a picture even being on the page. They can turn something so simple, into this huge image and describe the feeling and emotions during that event.

Seeing that sports is a big part of my life, it's something that has always been easy to talk about. I memorize stats about my favorite NBA players, and when it comes to professional tennis, boy I could ramble on all day about it. It's my favorite sport and I think sports journalism and journalism in general, is where I see myself in a few years. Being able to write about something I enjoy a lot has it's perks. I can enjoy work and I can also enjoy writing about things that go on throughout the year. Being in the school paper also helps a ton. I've already written a successful story on NFL players and the recent protest and I'm our class is onto the next issue and my topic is the sneaker game at school and how it's impacting society. I've always wanted to see my name at the top of a newspaper article. With the school newspaper, I've made that possible. I hope I can take my talents into the industry and field of writing. That way I can truly show what I'm capable as a writer.

With my English teachers saying that I've had a "hand" for writing, it makes me encouraged and gives me more confidence in my writing. I've always done well when writing essays for a class or writing about a fiction in creative writing classes. Teachers never found anything wrong with my papers, and if they did, it was always minor and needed a few touch ups and I was done. English has always been my strong point in school. Most of my cousins and friends never liked English, but it always came easier to me. The reading and writing aspect of it just seems to come natural to me and I've always loved it. I'd read books all the time and write fictional tales as I tried to mimic my favorite authors like Rick Riordan and J.K Rowling.

Writing has always been a part of my life. It's something that will follow me as time moves forward. It's a skill that I believe everyone needs to have and I think most people

overlook the art in writing. I hope to bring skills to the field of journalism and writing itself as I enter the next phase of my life.

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