

Speaker 1: When I was a kid, I definitely thought I was going to be either a singer or an actress. Don't know how I thought I was going to be a good actor, since I'm absolutely horrible at lying. But now I'm on the track for journalism instead.

And being a writer is what makes me happy even though it's difficult, it brings me a lot of joy seeing my finished piece and putting it out there and spreading this needed information to people. Even if it's just covering an event or some little local news, that drives me because I know I'm going to be proud of myself once it's done.

I know there's a lot of bias that comes in now, especially in our current political climate, but I've always thought, especially in news writing, the facts are the only truth out there. So I think a responsible journalist is one who reports unbiasedly. They don't try to sway their readers with what they're saying. They just report on the facts because that's the truth. There's nothing more to it.

I have a lot of side projects I'd say that are a little bit more creative outside of journalism, like doodling, drawing poorly, taking photos. I like it because it can interplay with journalism in a really good cohesive way. You see a lot of different creative magazines and even online papers that draw people in with that and then direct them to the news stories and the facts and I think it's a really good way to get people's attention.

A lot of my jobs that I've done, just part time have been in the food service industry and that has unexpectedly helped me in journalism. Just being able to be patient and reword how I'm saying things, what I'm trying to ask interview questions or communicate things in the story. Teaching me to be more confident when I speak, things like that have helped my journalism career in so many weird little ways.

In 10 years it's hard not to focus on what my career will be since everything in my life right now is prepping for that. I hope to be a journalist, and that better happen. I can just imagine myself with my dog heading into my favorite cafe overlooking some beautiful view in Sea Port, sitting down with my laptop and just finally having achieved this goal I've been working on for so long. If that could be a day in 10 years, it would be great.