

It wasn't until my tenth grade year of high school when an utterly insane woman burst into my English III class to tell us about the joys of her journalism class. At that moment, I realized that the class was something I absolutely wanted to take, because at that time I was an aspiring journalist who had fallen in love with Adobe Illustrator at our district's Applied Technology Center. The next year I signed up for Journalism 1, and (unknowingly) for an outrageous adventure that would last for the remainder of my high school career.

As of 2016, I hold the position of editor-in-chief for the print publication, South Pointe in the News. I have learned to cover all events around school, to take inspiring photos, and to gather sources for interviews, all with the intent of obtaining the perfect elements for an award-winning package for a newsmagazine. Though I have learned a lot from the previous editors and other staff members, I also brought my own set of skills to the publication. My vast knowledge of Adobe software, especially Illustrator and Photoshop has allowed me to teach others what the programs can do, in turn giving the newsmagazine of South Pointe the extra care it needed. These skills mixed with other numerous things that the SPiN staff brought to the table enhanced the newsmagazine in a way no one thought possible, leading us to many state awards.

Though I do not plan to pursue a career in journalism after high school, I truly believe it has shaped me into the person I am today. I have become more open-minded and a leader, qualities that employers will admire. That being said, my love for print journalism will never die, even though print journalism itself might. In the future, I plan on becoming a member of the student magazine of the University of South Carolina, the university I will attend.

Because of my position of editor-in-chief, I have been able to make memories and friends that will last a lifetime. This publication is something that I am truly proud of and will value it forever. I have been given a wonderful opportunity that not many high school students can say they have had. With this experience, I have been able to eternally imprint my legacy on my publication, which is South Pointe in the News.