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Statement

My passion for photography sparked when I joined Journalism at my school about less than two years ago in 10th grade. It gave me many opportunities to explore its nature and to find myself fulfilled with happiness and joy. Gaining the experience of seeing the different perspectives whether it be through a camera lens or approaching a real-world problem, I created a goal as a photographer to one day be able to inspire others through the wonders of my photos. I want others to immerse themselves in the beauty of what I see with my own eyes and be influenced that they can too take photos.

Chiefly, the most significant concept that I picked up from the past year was developing patience to capture the “right” moment. I believe patience is an essential characteristic a photographer must have in order to be successful in the long run. For this school year 2017-2018, it is an honor to be the Photo Editor of my Journalism family. With many hours dedicating my time to Journalism, I placed 1st in the Los Angeles Journalism Teacher Association (LAJTA) Write-Off Regionals Competition in the category of Photography (Feb. 2018). A few months later, I’ve been awarded Outstanding Cover or FrontPage for December 2, 2017 Issue in the American Scholastic Press Association (April 2018) as well as Outstanding Overall Photography in the American Scholastic Press Association (April 2018). To be awarded as first place nationals in photography and competing against high schools and colleges across America, I am truly thankful and blessed to have entered in such an amazing class called Journalism, where I can genuinely follow my passion in life.

PORTFOLIO



HEARING THE UNTOLD STORY: Vannaies Singer Destiny Wheeler transforms her history into a lullaby on Friday at the Fall Concert.

<https://vnhsmirror.com/8075/entertainment/the-2017-fall-concert-experience/>



BLACK LIKE ME: Not defined by her race, Devorah Porter says “Not all Black people have the same kind of hair.” {The Mirror, February 2018}



TRUMPETING BLACK HISTORY: Samuel Arias, right, and the rest of the brass section, pay tribute to African-American songwriters at the Black History Concert in the Hubbard Auditorium on Friday, February 2.

<https://vnhsmirror.com/5171/performing-arts/black-history-concert/>



DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY: Gabriella Santos and Jordan Springs share a close moment at the Dance Spectacular.

<https://vnhsmirror.com/6549/entertainment/2017-spring-danc...a-birds-eye-view/>



SHADES OF BLUE: Skylar Stahl contemplates the unseasonably warm, summer-like weather as she finds herself stuck in the classroom, studying for a math exam. <https://vnhsmirror.com/photon-windows-to-the-soul/photon-skylar-stahl/>

Note: Our website is in the process of being revamped. We changed to SNO at the end of the year and lost much of the formatting. Some slideshows were lost.