

In my past 4 years at CCNN Live, I have been an integral part of the production of all facets of the program. I am currently the President of this prestigious high school broadcast news network. With this responsibility comes the overseeing of all my peers and their projects. I am also the Executive Producer of our award winning CCNN Live Daily Show and monthly news show, The Voyage. Our morning show is a 15 minute live broadcast every morning informing the student body on school wide, state and national news. It is comprised of a staff of about 20 people ranging from sportscasters to teleprompter operators to cameramen. Our monthly show, the Voyage is the crowning achievement of our program. For the past 3 years we have won multiple national awards for this show. I have also been instrumental in sports broadcast and served as lead play by play announcer for football, basketball, and baseball. Throughout my time at CCNN Live, I have won 5 Suncoast Student Production Awards, 2 NATAS Student Production Awards, and an STN Crazy 8 National Championship in News Magazine.

Throughout my time as a Broadcast Journalist at Christopher Columbus High School, I have learned a great deal about being a reporter, but also as a person. Telling important stories and giving a voice to the voiceless is necessary in our democratic society. However that isn't always welcomed. While covering this past election cycle I was told to "Stop the bulls**t" and "Stop spouting fake news." At that moment I realized that not everyone will like the stories I cover or the truth that I find in it. I still have a responsibility to report those stories whether people like them or not. Ultimately telling stories that matter and that impact my community is paramount.

Links to Work:

Should Kids Be Required to Have their Cameras On?:<https://youtu.be/JWRV2Yt1Dm0>

In this commentary I examine the benefits of students having their cameras on during virtual instruction and the downsides of being seen at home all the time.

The Bearded Beekeeper: <https://youtu.be/Zwu1lLxIWmY>

In this story my team and I examine the importance of the honeybees in our ecosystem. Unfortunately many colonies are dying out for a variety of reasons. Thankfully Beekeepers like Adrian Perez are trying to mitigate this crisis.

Conflicting Rallies: <https://youtu.be/U86L3ArPZag>

Prior to election day dueling rallies were held in different sites in Miami-Dade County. In this story I sit down with Miami voters to see what they felt was most important in the previous election cycle.

Chef de Cuisine: <https://youtu.be/svg5FeVQ0f0>

Local chef David Balshem is cooking up a gourmet meal for a couple the day before Valentines Day. The catch? He's only in High School.

The September Voyage: <https://mediazilla.com/bSApQb8MAu>

This is the September edition of CCNN Live's monthly show, the Voyage. I anchored and executive produced this broadcast.