

## CAMPUS JOURNALISM: A BATTLE OF SCHOOL JOURNALISTS OR COACHES?

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Every day in the life of a student is a journey that unfolds both at school and at home, each playing a distinct role in the learning process. While home serves as a space for personal development, relaxation, and recreation, school provides an environment to enhance and prioritize one's capability of thinking.

Turning students into journalists sounds promising, doesn't it? Vanessa, like many students out there, is one of them. She sacrifices her time by not attending classes to participate in practices and intensive training for the journalism contest. Despite the challenges, she has no regrets about joining the competition. What makes sense is that she will represent her school and have the opportunity to write and enhance her writing skills. Most importantly, she becomes a campus journalist, with her coach playing a pivotal role in shaping her into a great writer. While coaches guide students in achieving their potential in writing, it's important to note that students carve their own paths.

Coaches or instructors provide guidance and advice to help journalism students refine their skills. It's essential to recognize that students play a crucial role in shaping the direction and quality of their work. In essence, journalism is a collaborative effort between coaches and students, each bringing valuable insights and expertise to the table to create impact.

Coaches, or advisors, play a significant role in the process. They guide students, help them understand journalistic principles, and provide constructive feedback to facilitate improvement. Ultimately, school journalism should be a nurturing environment

where students can grow and learn. The role of coaches should be to facilitate this growth, not to compete with each other.

Passion fills the hearts of students every day they attend school, often unnoticed by many. Journalism can take you in unexpected directions, unlocking knowledge and purpose within you. It starts at home, watching the news and engaging with daily issues, creating a routine that helps you understand how these things evolve around you and affect you. Updates, practices, and even old newspapers can serve as tools to understand what's happening in the world. Campus journalism is a transformative experience that contributes to the overall development of students, giving them a voice in shaping the future of their country.

While the spotlight may be on school journalists, the world of school journalism becomes a stage for intense competition among coaches too. The desire to leave a lasting legacy and professional rivalries contribute to a dynamic and competitive coaching landscape. However, it's crucial to avoid valuing popularity over skill to preserve the integrity of journalism. Genuine talent should be celebrated to provide a platform where true skills are recognized. Healthy competition becomes a driving force for personal and collective growth. Let the best student journalist win.

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