**2014 Scholarship George and Ophelia Gallup Scholarship Winner**

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Journalism gives me the biggest high.

That’s what I’m thinking every time as I press the “stop” button on my tape recorder, smile, and thank my source for the interview. That’s why I can’t wipe that smile off my face as I close my notebook and click my pen closed. Although I dread writing my interview questions, and still get a little bit nervous that I’ll say something stupid in front of my source, I know that the outcome will always be the same — I’ll always leave the interview feeling confident in the potential my story has and in my future in the journalism field.

I used to question my decision to pursue a journalism career, but now I’m sure that journalism is what I’m meant to do. What people don’t understand about journalism is that the appeal is not in the writing. While I love to write and tell people’s stories, my favorite part about the whole journalism process is meeting a complete stranger, and then 45 minutes later, knowing more about them than some of their closest friends.