

## Summary

Allison Clark is a senior at Foothill Technology High School and will be attending Syracuse University in the fall. She has worked on The Foothill Dragon Press, the award-winning online news site of Foothill Technology High School, for three years as a news writer, Assistant Editor-in-Chief, and Editor-in-Chief.



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## Best Work

### [Foothill students doing better than demographics predict, new West Ed study shows](#)

This is one of a few of my articles that isn't an event, and I really enjoyed putting research into this one. My favorite part however, was being able to interview the principal and a research specialist who conducted the study and I won't forget asking students from all grades about their reactions.

### [Students dance the night away Old Hollywood style at Winter Formal](#)

I think that this is one of my favorites because of how fun it was to write. I remember writing down every single detail of what I saw at Winter Formal and articulating that into my article, which was really cool. I really

## Education

### Foothill Technology High School

Ventura, CA, United States

Aug 2010 - Jun 2014

### Syracuse University

Syracuse, United States

Aug 2014 - Present

### Broadcast and Digital Journalism

## Work History

### The Foothill Dragon Press

Ventura, CA, United States

Mar 2013 - Mar 2014

### Editor-in-Chief

### Lure Fish House

Ventura, United States

May 2013 - Aug 2014

### Hostess

### Channel Islands Social Services

Ventura, United States

Apr 2013 - Aug 2014

### Respite Care Worker

## Initiative

One example of initiative that I took this year was participating in the online news package competition in Boston at the National Scholastic Press Association Convention. Although I would've been in another section of the competition if I hadn't chosen this one, I'm very glad I chose to do this section. I was extremely nervous before and during the competition, but I still managed to come out of it with a superior rating, and I'm very happy about that. The same goes for when I signed up for sports writing at the Tri-Counties Journalism Education Association at Cal Lutheran University when I had written only one sports article before. I was not confident at all in my sports writing abilities, but I ended up getting first place, which taught me that often times, trying something new is a very good thing.

The second example of initiative taken this year is when I volunteered to do the senior college map and "In 10 Years." Traditionally, the old Editor-in-Chief does take on these jobs, but I'm really glad that I pulled through and kept this tradition going through all of the busyness of the end of senior year.

enjoy covering events and this one was definitely one of the highlights.

[Olivia Dela Cruz believes election will impact gay rights, gay marriage](#)

This article is special to me because it was more like a feature than a news article and I got to talk to one specific person. Also, it was on the Ventura County Star as part of a package which was really great recognition.

## Character

### Concern

I would have to say that I believe that out of all the other character traits, the one I have shown the most and improved on the most is concern- be it for the publication as a whole, the staff's feelings, or other people's thoughts. The dictionary definition for concern is "a matter of interest or importance to someone." I've always tried to show concern for what other's think is important, because that's what's important to me. I know that I really value when people seem to care about things that are important to me, so I try to do the same for others.

My concern for The Foothill Dragon Press in general has grown tremendously over four years from going to not even knowing what it was, to writing the bi-weekly articles as just another elective, to becoming the biggest part of my life. Now, The Foothill Dragon Press has led me to my passion and what I want to do in life- reporting the news. I think that the fact that concern is so important to me is a big part of why I love journalism do much in the first place, because technically you have to be concerned about pretty much everything (and if you're not, you have to act like it, and make others concerned about it).

As Editor-in-Chief, I've had to put my concerns for others and their thoughts and feelings as a top priority. If someone comes to me with something that they feel is a problem, I have to find a way to help them fix it. I've always tried to make the whole staff feel included and welcome, partly by greeting them and asking them how they're doing often. I genuinely care for the interests of every person on staff and have great concern for their concerns. If one person is unhappy, we're all unhappy, and vice versa, so I tried to make The Dragon Press a place where people could come to me and know that I actually care.

## Skills

### News Writing (Advanced)



3-4 Years Experience, (Currently in use)

I've learned a lot the past three years in this area and have definitely gotten better, but I still have a lot to learn.

### Content management through Joomla and Wordpress



(Expert) 3-4 Years Experience, (Currently in use)

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..."

### Confidence (Expert)



10+ Years Experience, (Currently in use)

I agree with Mrs. Wantz when she said that my confidence level has skyrocketed these past four years. I'm able to do a lot more confidently than I could before, but this will always be something I'm working on improving.

## Community

I spend most of my time outside of journalism working as a hostess at Lure Fish House where I am the restaurant's first and last impression. I also work for Channel Islands Social Services as a Respite Care Worker for my 15-year-old sister with special needs. At school, I am involved in National Honors Society, California Scholarship Federation, Kiwins Club, Senior Focus Council and Foothill Intervention Reinforcement and Enrichment. I enjoy working out by running, doing yoga, BodyPump, or dancing. I also enjoy babysitting some of my neighbors and my younger brother's friends.

## My Journo Portfolio

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