



Student Journalism Competition - State Finals

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Welcome back to 'We've Got Spirit!' for today's ninety second segment. Within this past week some of your very own McDowell Trojans came together with eight regions throughout Pennsylvania to compete at PSPA states and show off their journalism skills. PSPA is the Pennsylvania School Press Association that has a goal of inspiring young journalists who want to tell a story. To do this, PSPA holds competitions where students all across Pennsylvania can show off their talent. Some of our McDowell students traveled down to Penn State University on April 3rd, to compete at the Hub and Alumni Hall in a number of categories involving photography, writing, video, and so much more. To get the journalists started off, John Affleck, Department Head of Journalism, and Aaron Fitzpatrick, PSPA President, helped express their excitement towards these young journalists. Although the real star of the show was Sarah Higgins, the PSU Assistant Athletic Director, who also helps the university with content and branding. Higgins believes that, "Foundations of journalism don't change," yet despite this, she also claims that, "Storytelling can be told through a video, or even a photo of social media." Throughout the press conference and questionnaire from students, Higgins helped drive the point home that everyone approaches journalism through a different lens and that's what makes a story meaningful. To conclude of their visit, these students



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I listened to a keystone speaker and got to collaborate with one another, as if to see journalism through someone else's lens. We never know where our lives will take us, and to all of you out there, maybe give journalism a shot or try something new, because at the end of the day it's the lenses we see through that shape us into who we are meant to be. That's all for today, see you next time Trojans on the "We've Got Spirit" morning broadcast.