

Dear JEA Journalist of the Year Selection Committee:

I've known Alice Scott since we were in KBTV, the broadcast news program at Kealing Middle School. There, we worked as anchors together. Even then, I always admired Alice's work ethic. She was organized, hardworking, and everything she put together was always so well thought through.

The next time I worked with Alice was on the McCallum Shield. I started on the newspaper staff my sophomore year of high school. That year Alice was a Freshman, and the youngest member in staff. We didn't begin really working together until the following year, when I held the position of News Editor, and she, Online Editor-in-chief.

From the start, it was always very apparent to me that Alice had great things ahead of her. Alice's insane work ethic only became more apparent when we both became the Editor-in-chiefs the following year. When we started the school year, she had already done hours of work to make a calendar, templates, and guides for the staff to use.

Once a week we would host a 'late night' where we would all sit down after school and work on the paper. Alice was there every late night, and was always the last one to leave. Even if she had been there for hours, she would stay until she felt like everything had been completed. This sometimes would be as late as 12 a.m. or into the early morning.

Something to keep in mind is that Newspaper isn't Alice's sole obligation. She also is heavily involved in the theater program, along with being an AP student. I add this to give perspective of just how much Alice has to juggle. She has truly perfected the art of time management and is ridiculously productive in everything she does.

I learned so much from working with Alice. Even though she is a year younger than me, I always looked up to her as a role model for the type of journalist I want to be: dedicated, hard working, motivated, and creative. She combines pure talent with hard work and everyone who meets Alice knows that she's a force to be reckoned with.

I can't imagine any person more deserving of the National Journalist of the Year Scholarship than Alice Scott. I just know that she is going to make big waves in journalism in the future.

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