

# COMMUNITY

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FAMILY BONDING: ODYSSEY Online Sports Editor Olivia Ripps (left) poses for a photo with ODYSSEY Newmagazine News Editor Delia Adamson (right) on the charter bus the ODYSSEY Media Group rode to the 2017 Southern Interscholastic Press Association convention. The bus ride took around three hours. “The bus ride is definitely long and we all get kinda tired but it’s really fun to hang out with everyone,” Ripps said. “It’s really cool and a really good bonding experience even though it’s long and tiring.” Photo by Jurnee Louder.



**ANCHORMAN (LEFT):** ODYSSEY Media Group broadcast staffer Alex Robinson sits in the Marriott Hotel in Columbia South Carolina waiting to participate in the Broadcast anchor competition at the 2017 Southern Interscholastic Press Association convention. Robinson is attending SIPA for the first time, so he's never participated in the competition before. "I've always been a fan of news in general and by extension anchoring. When I was in middle school I always tried to be home by 6:30 to watch the NBC nightly news program and I never thought I would actually participate in something like that," Robinson said. Photo by Hannah Gale.



**GETTING IT DOWN (Right):** ODYSSEY Media Group Visuals Editor Julie Alpaugh takes notes during her 2017 Southern Interscholastic Press Association convention session. Alpaugh has attended SIPA for four years. "It gives us the chance to share our experiences with each other and get to know each other in a more intimate setting than school," Alpaugh said. Photo by Jurnee Louder.

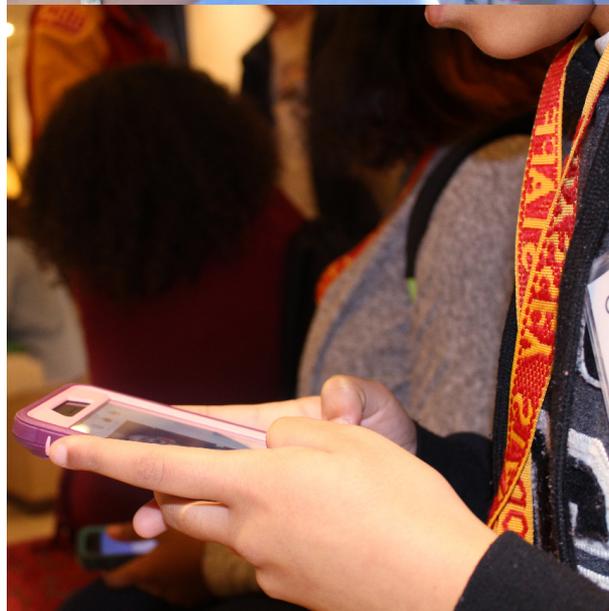
**CAPTURE IT (Left):** ODYSSEY Online Managing Editor Suncana Pavlic takes a photo at the Marriott Hotel in Columbia South Carolina for her onsite photography competition. Pavlic doesn't get to take as many photos she would like during the school day, so the opportunity to participate in the Photojournalism Team On-site Competition is right up her alley. "I think it's a really cool experience especially because we're kind of in a school setting and I can take up a more artistic endeavour which I really like to do. I like to shoot landscapes and cloud shots, so having that ability to do that in this enriching environment is a really cool experience," Pavlic said. Photo by Jurnee Louder

**GROUP HUG (Next page):** GROUP HUG!!: Members of the ODYSSEY Media Group huddle in a group hug at the Marriott Hotel in Columbia South Carolina. The 2017 Southern Interscholastic Press Association convention has led the staffer to a closer bond. "The opportunity to build friendships and relationships with kids who we don't always interact with directly in the context of ODYSSEY allows us to appreciate each other a little more, and recharges our excitement to go back to the workplace and do our best not to let each other down. If we care about one another, we'll do whatever we can to make each other's jobs easier," ODYSSEY Newsmagazine Lead Copy Editor Jordan Rhym said. Photo by Jurnee Louder





**MAKING MEMORIES (Below):** ODYSSEY Newsmagazine news writer Prana Maldonado-Collins walks with ODYSSEY Newsmagazine Editor-in-Chief Lucia Bermudez and news writer Elena Gilbertson-Hall on their way to lunch. Maldonado-Collins is a first year staff writer and is expanding her social circle, to people she hasn't talked to in class. "I think I've talked to a lot of different people than I have before, so I think it's cool seeing like certain people who are so uptight be chill and fun to be around," Maldonado-Collins said. Photo by Jurnee Louder.



**TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK (Above):** ODYSSEY Newsmagazine viewpoints staff writer Olivia Ngu wears her ODYSSEY Media Group press pass at the 2017 Southern Interscholastic Press Association convention. Ngu feels that the ODYSSEY Media Group works hard together to better the publication. "When you're in the classroom and you just see everyone working and trying to get things accomplished and really help the magazine get put together, (it) really shows the work environment and work ethic we have. We (don't care) as much about doing the work but about being a team," Ngu said. Photo by Jurnee Louder

**NOT JUST FOR KIDS (Below):** Parent chaperones Bryn Adamson and Caitlin Collins stand in the Marriott in Columbia South Carolina. Adamson and Collins are volunteering as parent chaperones with the ODYSSEY Media Group. "I love going on these kinds of trips and see the kids grow. They are all so dedicated to this and them being here just shows that they want to learn more, so I'm happy to help," Adamson said. Photo by Jurnee Louder.



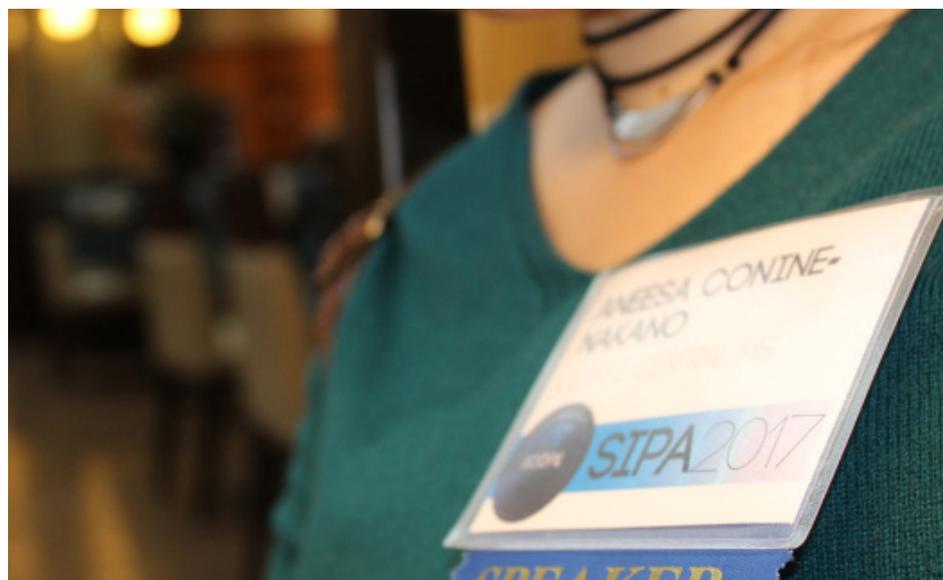
**ALL SMILES (Above):** ODYSSEY Online Editor-in-Chief Aneesa Conine-Nakano and News Editor Valeria Garcia-Pozo pose for a photo at the Fancy That bistro in Columbia South Carolina after enjoying their breakfast. Both Conine-Nakano and Garcia-Pozo believe that the Southern Interscholastic Press Association convention has a positive effect on the staff. "SIPA has allowed people from web staff and print staff to interact with one another in a low-pressure environment. We can bond and become closer with ODYSSEY kids from different classes without the immediate need to get back to doing work," Garcia-Pozo said. Photo by Hannah Gale.



**WRITING (Left):** ODYSSEY News-magazine Variety Editor Jurnee Louder writes on a poster board during her editorial writing session at the 2017 Southern Interscholastic Press Association convention. Louder practiced for weeks and made sure everything was perfect. “I was really nervous going in, because I don’t really like public speaking but the audience was extremely supportive and that made me feel confident to present,” Louder said. Photo by Hannah Gale.

### PREACHIN’ TO A CROWD

(Right): ODYSSEY Online Editor-in-Chief Aneesa Conine-Nakano goes over her presentation. Conine-Nakano has presented at other conventions before, but this time was different. “I presented a pre-convention class which was four hours long. But, I loved getting the chance to meet new people in the community,” Conine-Nakano said. Photo by Jurnee Louder.



**PRESENTING (Left):** ODYSSEY Newsmagazine Variety Editor Jurnee Louder and Viewpoints Editor Katy Mayfield present on editorial writing at the 2017 Southern Interscholastic Press Association convention. Louder and Mayfield have both been on staff for three years and seen the progression of staffs throughout their years. “I think this staff has really grown a lot over this trip. We all have made new friends and gotten closer with people we don’t interact with as often. I think we all really care for each other and want to see each other succeed,” Mayfield said. Photo by Hannah Gale.



HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS: ODYSSEY Newsmagazine Sports Editor Hannah Gale ran for the 2017-18 Southern Interscholastic Press Association President at the 2017 SIPA convention. She felt the support from her classmates through everything she did that led her to this moment. “The ODYSSEY Media Group has become my home and I really care about the people in that classroom, and I know they care about me. We have become a family and SIPA helps me get closer with the staff every year. I wouldn’t change it for the world,” Gale said. Photo by Hannah Gale.