

Reflective Journal #3

So far in this class, I feel that I've not only grown as a writer, but have also learned and gained much knowledge from the class's coursework and main purpose. The main purpose of this class was for us to gain more knowledge about our future discourse communities through the research we conduct. After completing Project 1 and currently working on Project 2, I feel confident in saying that I've definitely been able to gain more knowledge about my future discourse community and the progress that's been made in it throughout the years. My future discourse community is working in the sports media industry one day as a sideline reporter. I want to communicate with athletes on and off the field and hear about their personal sports stories. After having completed Project 1, I gained the basic knowledge behind my discourse community and the ups and downs women specifically have endured in the sports world. I learned about the inequalities women athletes have faced when it comes to media coverage compared to male sports and the discrimination female commentators have also faced working in sports media, which once was a male-dominated industry. However, there has been major progress made in this career path for women over the years and female athletes and commentators are receiving more coverage and opportunities than ever before. Obtaining this knowledge about my future discourse community has made me even more engaged to pursue a career in this industry. My intended major at the moment is Media/Communication Studies and I feel even more confident and excited than ever before to pursue this major and jump into an industry that still holds so much growth and opportunities for the future. I've learned not only about the obstacles and challenges that women have faced in this career field, but also the progress that's been made with women in sports throughout the years. There's still room for improvement for women in my future discourse community, but I'm glad that I've been able to

learn more about my intended career path through the research I'm conducting and the projects I'm working on in this class.