

## Q & A

### w/ Morgan

**Q:** What high school did you attend?

**A:** West Middlesex High School in PA. It's a small town. I graduated with 84 kids.

**Q:** Did you tell everybody in town about the award?

**A:** No, just my parents and close friends. My mom - she actually read the paper and she loves my writing. Even in high school, she loved the papers I wrote. Now she said, "See, I told you-you are so good at it."

**Q:** Is this your first year at YSU?

**A:** No. Now, I'll be a sophomore.

**Q:** What's your major?

**A:** I am undecided I don't want to declare one before I know for sure.

**Q:** What did you think about having to take a writing class?

**A:** I was really nervous for writing in college I knew that I was good in high school but you hear all kinds of things about college writing. It was not like that-I had a great teacher and I paid attention in class. I am more comfortable with writing now after I took this class [English 1550] than I was coming into it.

**Q:** What inspired you to write this paper? In other words, how did you come up with your main idea? Why did you decide to write about your particular topic?

**A:** The given topic was, oh, it's been a while... I remember it was the meaning of work as you see it throughout your life, the definition of work. In the end, my essay was about family as much as it was about work. I was trying to come up with an idea for it and I thought of my grandparents. I, basically, grew up with him [the great grandfather] and I tried really hard to help people see him, visualize him. The essay shows how much he inspired me and how much I honor him. My definition of work was inspired by how I grew up around my grandparents.

How would your grandfather feel if he read your essay?

He would be astonished. He would be like flattered I guess 'cause he never did anything to impress anybody he just wanted to have a good life for my grandma and his family. He knew I loved him but the fact that it was all written down—he'd be truly flattered

**Q:** How did you feel when your instructor nominated you?

**A:** I was beside myself. He wrote little notes on the paper like "Wow, this is interesting", or "Oh, my gosh". Him writing all these comments and then suggesting that I should send this to the CROW. It was rewarding getting positive feedback from my instructor.

**Q:** How did you feel when you found out you won?

**A:** Um well, I liked when my teacher told me that I received... I felt honored that my writing was up to par because this is the first real

writing class I was taking in college. I was impressed that he liked my writing so much. He even told me that I should be a journalist. It is nice to know that I did that well as a writer. When I took my placement test I was so nervous that I didn't do that well, so I took the pre-writing course [English 1540].

**Q:** What did you feel was challenging in your 1550 class?

**A:** I would not call it challenging but there were papers like [sound expressing displeasure combined with boredom - maybe ewww?]. It was a little hard getting motivated sometimes. This course was based off the meaning of work and you had to read a section and express your thoughts on it and there were boring parts but nothing that I couldn't handle.

**Q:** What did you most enjoy about it?

**A:** Honestly, this first paper, the one I was awarded for, and getting feedback that my writing is that good and that I should to send it. It was that awesome, that it was that good.

**Q:** After taking 1550, do you feel more prepared to write in college, less prepared, or about the same? Why?

**A:** I heard that class you just have a big paper and it makes me apprehensive I am sure I'll do fine. I was so comfortable with my first teacher and I hope to have a good one again.

I enjoy writing so I am not too nervous.

**Q:** If you could offer advice to students who are taking 1550 next semester, what would you tell them?

**A:** Don't be afraid to ask questions about your writing, anything from writing to punctuation. Don't write like you think it's supposed to be, write like you want it. That's how I do it. I just sit down and type 'til my fingers are sore, just whatever comes to mind.

**Q:** What would you say to the students who are nominated for *CROW*?

**A:** I didn't even know about *CROW*, I still don't know what it is for sure. The teacher just gave me the form. If you are confident and you feel like your writing is something to be acknowledged, go ahead and send it in. It's worth a try.