**Photojournalism**

***First Semester Portfolio & Self-Evaluation***

**Directions:** You will save your artifacts (photos) in your Individual Portfolio in the shared drive in a subfolder titled “Midterm.” You will also save your reflections and responses as a Word document in that folder.

**What to include…**

What do you feel best represents your work this semester? Think of where you began and where you are now.

**1. Choose a minimum of five photos that show growth.**

You should consider the following areas:

* Composition techniques (i.e. planning the shot)
* Camera techniques (i.e. adjustments, settings)
* Shooting techniques (i.e. positioning, timing)
* Post-production (i.e. Photoshop)

***I will be looking for effort, skill and growth.***

**2. Reflect on each piece.**

Walk me through your portfolio and explain why each piece is included*. Write a brief reflection on each piece (approximately ½ page each).* For instance, even if a photo isn’t as good as you wanted it to be, explain to me what technique you were trying to use. If you learned something more recently and there is evidence you’ve incorporated that skill into your repertoire, tell me (and show me).

**\*\*Talk about each photo using the language and terms you’ve learned in this class. Be specific.**

**3. Consider your goals.**

What do you want to do now? How will you grow this next semester? What are your strengths and weaknesses, and how will you address them? What do you like and not like about what you do?

***Write a purpose statement (again, about a paragraph) in which you state your plans for the short-term.***

**4. What grade do you feel you’ve earned for first semester?**

Keep in mind how you’ve grown and also how you’ve contributed to the staff and the publications as a whole. Be honest. What have you done to earn that grade? ***Write your justification.***