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The Heart Behind *The Palladium-Times*

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The City of Oswego's local paper, *The Palladium-Times*, covers many local stories such as what the mayor is up to, the U.S. Coast Guard upgrading their equipment, and local sporting events in Oswego County. But what is at the heart of all these stories? The writers. Ben Grieco and Spencer Bates talked about why they chose *The Palladium-Times* and where they get all their passion from.

Grieco, a SUNY Oswego alum, and Bates, a current SUNY Oswego journalism student, both grew up playing sports and had a deep passion for athletics. Neither of them truly discovered their writing potential until their teenage years when they took a chance on covering what they loved doing: sports. For Bates, he felt a great sense of hope after being a quiet soccer player for so long. "Maybe I do have something to say," he said. "You know, I'm not just the soccer kid."

Both writers share the goal of having a positive emotional impact on their readers and grabbing their attention with the stories they write. One of Grieco's favorite stories to cover has been traveling with the SUNY Oswego hockey team. The journey felt personal. Similarly, Bates also traveled with the SUNY Oswego basketball team. For them it's not about a quick scoop for a story; it's about the personal connectedness they feel with the people they interact with and get to know on the job. They feel the same love for the sport as the basketball and hockey teams do.

The Palladium-Times is full of passionate young writers who have the drive to achieve any goal they set their minds to when it comes to the topics they love to cover. SUNY Oswego students are welcome to intern to further explore their love for journalism and improve their writing skills.



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