



# **Press Crops**

## **Committee Bulletin**

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Press Corp



## DIRECTORS LETTERS

Welcome to DALE VIII Press corps, we are glad you want to become part of this committee. This year we want to have delegates who are interested in the world of journalism. Press is one of the most important elements in today's societies. We expect delegates to take this role seriously, and to act with maturity and responsibility throughout the conference. Before going into more information about the committee we would like to introduce ourselves:

Hello, delegates! My name is Isabella Bolaños, and this year I will be one of the co-chairs for Press corps. At the time of the conference, I will be a senior at St. Augustine Preparatory School. I have previously participated in DALE twice, both times as a Press Corps member. This year I am very excited to meet delegates with an enthusiasm for writing and leadership. Since a young age, I have been interested in the world of the arts. In my free time, I like spending time in the art studio and creating new things. I hope everyone has a great time at the conference and I can't wait to read everyone's articles! If you have any doubts or concerns don't hesitate to ask.

Hello, dear delegates! My name is María José Castro. I'm fifteen years old and at the time of the conference, I'll be in 10th grade. I'm from Matagalpa and currently I'm studying at NCA Matagalpa. I'll have the pleasure to be your Press Corps Co-chair. This will be my second year as a member of DALE but this time I'm glad to be part of the Staff. Last year, I was a delegate in Cumbre de las Américas and I won the first Essay Contest in the history of the Congress. I truly love to debate and even with my anxiety, I was able to become an excellent delegate, so don't underestimate yourself because everything is possible with effort. In my free time, I enjoy watching Friends and playing survival horror video games. I also spend my time improving my art skills. Loving journalism, politics, and freedom of speech, I believe in the change we can do together as leaders. I'm excited to see how you develop your abilities in writing and being a journalist! As Press Corps Co-chairs we will be helping you through the process! If you have any doubts or concerns don't hesitate to contact me. I can't wait to see you all!

Hello, delegates! My name is Jarame Torrez and this year I am co-chair of Press Corp. For the day of the conference, I'm going to be sixteen and I will be in the eleventh grade at Lincoln International Academy. In my free time I train and play volleyball, I listen to music,

write stories and watch movies. If I could describe myself in one word, it would be determined. Journalism has captivated me since I am a very curious person and I like to know more about what interests me. Press Corps is more than a committee in which I participate happily, but I also see it as a practice for the future. Knowing more about important issues and having general knowledge is always a great help for our lives. It not only helps us grammatically and educationally but also to express ourselves, develop our ideas and defend what we believe. In 2019, DALE VII was my first time as part of Press Corp and I think it was an unforgettable experience. Being my first DALE, I was very nervous, but I was very sure of something, I love writing, and that gave me amazing results. This year I will see DALE from another perspective and that makes me happy. I am very excited to see writers that can be reflected in their articles. I hope to see new faces that have new ideas and look at the story from different points of view.

We are working to bring you the best Press Corps experience!

- **María José Castro, Isabella Bolaños and Jarame Torrez. Press Corps Co chairs.**  
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## **Welcome to Press Corps!**

In Press Corps, delegates become journalists who represent a news agency and go to different committees to report on each area. They can improve their skills by writing articles and playing the role of a true journalist. This is a bilingual committee, which means that delegates can write articles in English or Spanish, depending on the agency assigned to them. Press Corps helps delegates express their thoughts and inform their community, either economically, politically or socially. This committee is designed to promote freedom of press and keep the population informed in a technological era. It also helps students develop their reasoning and criticism, being able to describe their thinking process in each article. In Press Corps, delegates will be able to interview members of different committees and report on the events of the conference, investigate various topics and areas, in addition to being part of press conferences and crises.

### **What the committee consists of...**

Press corps is a bilingual committee in DALE, during the conference delegates are expected to write 5 articles in 2 days, on day 1 delegates will have to write 3 articles, on day 2 delegates will have to write two articles (Min: 300 words, Max: 550 words). Each delegate will be assigned a news agency before the conference either on English or Spanish, the delegate will have to research the political perspective of the news agency as they are required to represent that news agency. All of the articles have to be about the events going on in DALE, whether it is about a certain committee or the conference in itself.

Creative thinking is encouraged, delegates can also take images, videos or even podcasts. Press Corp delegates will be moving a lot throughout the conference. Delegates will be able to enter other committees and interview other fellow DALE delegates, as well as partaking in crisis! Time management is one of the most important skills delegates will need during this conference, for every article has a deadline that must be met on time. Delegates will also participate in press conferences, where delegates enter other committees as a group and ask questions to certain delegates (Your chairs will explain the logistics before the press conference). All of the articles will be published on DALE's press corps website, the purpose of Press Corps is to keep everyone informed of the conference about all the committees.

### **Through the process**

The practices before the congress are the best way to get ready for the two big days. In these practices, you will be able to learn how to become and play the role of a real journalist. We encourage you to do research and get as much knowledge as you can. We are hoping to see the best of you before and during the congress. For your best experience we recommend you to assist all DALE practices. Don't be shy to ask for help, as your co-chairs we are here to support you and bring you the best experience.

### **The conference**

In the conference, the delegates will get in the role of a journalist and they will visit the committees in order to collect information about the topic being carried out, and later, based on their criteria and opinions, without neglecting the way of writing of their agency, they will write their articles. Articles must be strictly in the language used in their agency and with the formality in which their agency writes. During the conference, delegates should turn in all their 5 articles in the time and shape specified. In addition to that, the delegates also have permission to interview the participants of other committees, in order to get more information to reinforce their article and make it more credible and coherent. We hope that the delegates work with order and discipline when they are present in the debate of the other committees and that they always respectfully ask permission to not interrupt any moment of great importance for the delegates who debate.

### **Press conferences and media content**

Press conferences involve Press Corps members questioning a certain delegate from a committee. They will put the other delegates under pressure to respond to the questions in the best way they can. It's one of the best parts of being in Press Corps!

During the conference, delegates are allowed to take pictures, videos, and podcasts. Pictures must be included in all of the articles written by the delegates, as they also play a big part when reporting. You can bring your own camera or simply use your phone, for quality of image won't affect your performance. Also, all the images you take will help us capture all the essence of the congress and they will be then uploaded to our website! Inappropriate content is not allowed in any way, if a delegate uses inappropriate content they will be disqualified from any prize. Delegates are not allowed to use pictures taken by other delegates, all content submitted must be original.

During the conference delegates will have access to the Press Corps official Instagram account, where they can post about committees, the conference or exciting moments happening during the day. The account must be used responsibly, username and password are not allowed to be shared with anyone outside the Press Corps committee. Consider your news agency presence on social media platforms, you can create polls, questions, quizzes, etc!

## **How teenagers can revolutionize journalism**

Currently the world needs more lovers of chasing the truth. As teenagers we can start making a difference. Do you read fake news on Facebook or social media? Don't share them. Before you share something, make sure to research and know if the information is real. Sharing real news and stopping the spread of fake news can improve the way that we live our daily lives. Social panicking is an example of what fake news does to Society. Even if you don't want to study journalism as a career, as a member of society we must do our best. The journalists, agencies, and people reporting the current events around us need support from teenagers, who can be part of the movement. In easy ways we can contribute to the news, to the spread of real information.

### **Freedom of speech is a human right.**

The importance of a journalist is not only to cover a fact and inform society, but their role also becomes something beyond what the position indicates, a true journalist breaks barriers and struggles to express the truth, discover the truth and expose it. Since the beginning of civilization, there have always been dominant groups that have repressed less powerful groups. Therefore, the silencing the voices and thoughts of the inhabitants has always been an everyday thing in any circumstance and population.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights contemplates the right to freedom of expression in Article 19, which has been violated. Billions of journalists and agencies have been attacked to the point of murder and inauguration, to prevent them from spreading information and giving a true picture of what is happening in society.



As delegates, your role will be to represent your agency with all that this implies, we want delegates committed to the work and importance of journalism, bearing in mind the meaning of doing a good job, which will be evaluated during the conference. We want to see courage, ingenuity, and dedication in you.

### **Do's and Don'ts**

1. Delegates are not allowed to write articles before the conference
2. Deadlines should be taken seriously, no extra time will be given
3. Delegates are not allowed to disturb other committees
4. If interviewing a delegate from another committee, first ask the chair if you can interview the delegate (please make sure you are not removing the delegate from an important moment of the debate)
5. Delegates can only remove the same delegate from the debate 2 times
6. Tip: Try to go to committees where there aren't much press corp delegates
7. Plagiarism is not accepted
8. Double-check your grammar!
9. As well as writing articles delegates can also submit videos, pictures or podcasts
10. All content published should be appropriate
11. Delegates will have access to Press corps Instagram during the conference
12. Always be respectful with everybody around you
13. Deadlines will be taken seriously since articles will be published at a certain time in the DALE website
14. Delegates must follow their news agency perspective and political thinking

### **Essay contest + Art challenge**

#### **Essay Contest: Connection between politics and social media.**

This year, the second Essay Contest in the history of the conference will be held about this interesting topic. As chairs we want you to write your best unique essay with the following parameters:

**The headline must include:** Student name, email address, school, grade, committee and number of words.

**The essay must be in APA format. Minimum 700 to maximum 900 words.**

**To participate you need to send your essay in a PDF to our email**  
[\*\*dalepresscorps@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:dalepresscorps@gmail.com)

**Essays are due on October 20, 2020. No extra time will be given.**

“Social media is what keeps us informed of the current events around the world, with a speed of interaction that allows us to connect through different nations, sharing cultures, thoughts and points of view on a wide range of areas. The global platforms allow us to participate in the problems that plague countries. Social media and politics are two factors that influence our society in a significant way, affecting and benefiting our day to day.”

**Answer the following questions:** Would it be possible to live in a political world without social media? Which role do social media platforms play in political movements? How social media affects the governments and the population?

### **Art Challenge: Impact of the social media in the new generations**

For the first time in DALE Nicaragua, there will be an Art Challenge. We are so beyond excited and we invite you to participate and show your art skills. Let your creativity and imagination fly.

**To participate you need to send us an email to [dalepresscorps@gmail.com](mailto:dalepresscorps@gmail.com) including the following information in a PDF:**

1. Headline; Student's name, email address, school, age, grade and committee.
2. Information about your artwork: The title and a paragraph of 150 words explaining your artwork.
3. You must send a photo of your artwork.

Artworks can be in 2D or 3D. For example: paint, acrylic, ceramic, photography, watercolor, etcetera,

Videos and podcasts are not allowed.

An artwork per delegate.

If it is a paint or something alike, the size must be maximum 40 x 50 cm.

Artworks need to be brought to the conference. We will do an art exposition and there will be delegates voting.

We are so beyond excited to have you in our committee. Any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

María José Castro, Isabella Bolaños and Jarame Torrez.