

This week was definitely one of the most nerve-wracking but exciting things I've experienced at Alliance University. This week, I did a lot of work with planning topics for my show, reviewing music for the station, and having my first live show! Working the WNYK warrior radio this week also encouraged me to come out of my comfort zone.

After Thursday's work time, I went straight to my dorm and started thinking of things I could talk about for my first show. After much consideration, I decided to make my first show more of an introduction time. Making my first show revolve more around me and my story to New York City would help listeners get to know more about who they are listening to and allow me to get comfortable being on air. Also, because it was my first time being live on the radio, choosing something to talk about that I know a lot about was the best choice. Mr. Hickey also encouraged me to try and figure out a show name. I wanted to incorporate my name into the show's title and ended up with "Lynette Out Loud" or, for short, "LOL."

I had my first show this Thursday at 2 pm. At first, I will say I was nervous and wasn't sure how everything would go. However, once Brad explained everything to me, the basic procedures of when to play my music and how to reintroduce a topic after a break, I really felt more comfortable with the work I was about to do. I started my show by providing my listeners with some facts about me. My name, where I'm from, things I enjoy doing, and I even spoke about how I ended up coming to school in New York. Because I am from California, I thought this would be something pretty interesting to talk about, as not many people know what it's like to move across the country as a young adult. I then cut to one of my songs breaks to end the beginning of my show. As my first song finished, I started talking about my experience with God and how coming to a

Christian university helped me trust in His plan. I decided to give my listeners a story from a time when I felt God helped me accomplish what I thought was impossible. Lastly, I introduced a segment to my show that I plan to continue as time goes on. This segment is called Throwback Thursday, where I'll be ending my show with a Throwback song. I'll receive recommendations from listeners (family and friends back home) each week and play different music from "back in the day." This week, my roommate recommended I play one of Rihanna's old songs in honor of her Super Bowl performance this weekend, so that was definitely a fun little incorporation to my show.

Before and after my show, Mr. Hickey emailed me a list of songs by local artists. My job was to review these songs and give my honest opinion on whether or not I liked the music, if it should be part of our show, or if I'd like to play it during my show. Many of the songs I received were not exactly genres I would usually listen to, but each had great and encouraging lyrics and messages. I had a mix of rap, jazz, pop, and alternative music. I also liked how every song came with a short description of the song and the story of the artist's journey. It really makes you understand and appreciate their work more. My favorite song that I listened to was "No Honor Among Thieves" by Joey Majors.

All in all, it was a very productive week, and I had a lot of fun being on the air, as it was something very new to me. I am very excited for the rest of my time as an intern on our radio station. As time went on in my first show, I began to get more comfortable and considered my talks more of a conversation rather than a speech. Every day, I keep learning and adjusting to what it's like to speak on air and to a crowd properly, so I look forward to my growth as the semester progresses!

