

THE BETSY PLANK SCHOLARSHIP (a comic!)

by 2019 recipient, Lilly Barnett



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MAY 2019

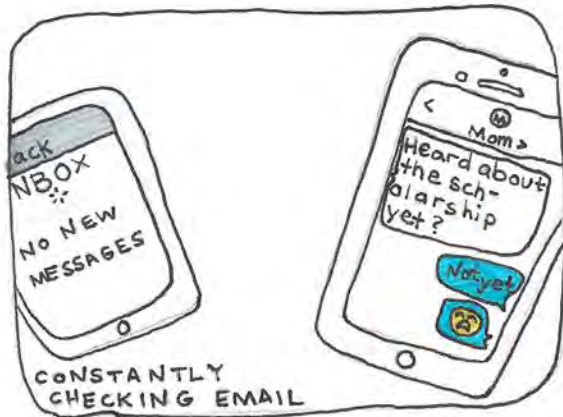


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MAY 2019
-two hours later-





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JUNE - JULY 2019



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A wave of shock hit me the moment I refreshed my email in the Walmart checkout line to reveal that I received the 2019 Betsy Plank Scholarship from the PRSA Foundation. This scholarship is an incredible honor and one that I will hold close to me forever, though it did come with its challenges, as illustrated. I find these challenges make the award even more special.

Applying for this scholarship gave me the opportunity to reflect on what public relations is. As a student and intern, I have learned that PR is storytelling, advocating and creating communities. Without heart and ethics, public relations cannot exist.

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