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# Freshman Excels at Linfield

## Doors open quickly at smaller school

Linfield College student Ivanna Tucker doesn't let being a first-year student slow her down.

The mass communication major brought so many fresh ideas to her first day of class that the school newspaper editor tapped her to be features editor for the Linfield Review, a high-level editing position rarely held by a freshman. Tucker was also the only freshman to be voted to the executive council of her so-



Ivanna Tucker

at Linfield College. "She doesn't think in terms of long, drawn-out stories, but breaks up features into modules that combine narrative, images, sidebars and snippets of information. She sees the whole picture."

Tucker's gregariousness means she likes interviewing perfect strangers, and because communication comes naturally to her. One of her goals as a writer is to make sure other voices are heard.

"Journalism is in an exciting place right now," Tucker said. "It's changing, and there are opportunities to enhance print journalism and connect with new, younger audiences."

Her goal is to write about small issues that relate back to larger issues, and to focus on positive news. "You can't fluff away war or childhood hunger," she said. "But there are also a lot of people who are actually enjoying their lives. I want to tell those stories as well."

"Ivanna has an obvious love of life and learning," Thompson said. "I'm expecting great things from her."

"It's a small school, so you can sometimes work your way up fairly quickly," she said.

Tucker focuses her feature stories on topics that attract college audiences, writing about everything from the female perspective on college romance, to tattoos, to Halloween "Wildcat style."

"Ivanna has a lot of innovative ideas," said Brad Thompson, a mass communication professor

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