

## **Student Ratings: Professor Christine Demkowych**

**Jason Schellhardt**-published in The Beachcomber, June 2007  
MCOM

“I just wanted to say thank you.... my story is on the cover of the Beachcomber [an Ocean City’s newspaper]. Your Feature Writing class made me a much better writer and made me more confident in my writing”. **Jason Schellhardt**

For full article, go to:

<http://www.delmarvanow.com/mdbeachcomber/stories/20070601/2375577.html>

**Allison Mourges**: TU graduating class 2009  
-published in **The Community Times**, 12/13/06

“Originally when I saw on the syllabus that we had to try to get our last story published I was dreading the assignment. But because we did it in steps and you showed us how to write a query letter, you made it easy. I was turned down by a couple of publications before I contacted the Community Times. You really have to work hard to sell the story and not give up. The fact that I included in the story the main elementary school in their readership area made a big difference in their decision to run it. I wanted to show them that I was willing to do whatever they wanted to get the story published. I wasn’t worried about pay and I was willing to submit pictures. Also adding more quotes to the story showed me that you need to change your writing style to meet the needs of the publication. It was a great learning experience. This was my first story to ever get published. Just having interest in my story got me so excited.” **Allie Mourges**

<http://www.communitytimes.com/default.asp?sourceid=&smenu=65&twindow=&mad=&sdetail=4426&wpage=1&skeyword=&sidate=&ccat=&ccatm=&restate=&restatus=&reoption=&retype=&repmin=&repmax=&rebed=&rebath=&subname=&pform=&sc=1049&hn=communitytimes&he=.com>

**Jeff Koslofsky**, TU graduating class of 2009, MCOM.

“Your Feature Writing class was totally different from Newswriting. To begin with the leads are completely different. This class was a lot of work, but all that rewriting you made me do helped me learn new ways to write creative leads for feature stories. The feature story I pitched for publication never ended up running because the editor wanted me to narrow the focus of what I had originally proposed and I didn’t have the time to change the story I had already written for class. But they were interested enough to pay me \$55. Taking this class taught me the importance of discipline, dedication and perseverance. “ **Jeff Koslofsky**

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**Steven Giles, MCOM**

“The particular story I submitted to Press Box wasn’t put online, but I did one similar to that and it was put on their website. My emails with the editor opened the door to an internship. I am currently working for their new website, [pressboxpreps.com](http://pressboxpreps.com), which is dedicated to high school sports. I will be logging scores on the website as well as writing articles for various teams in the area. The website just launched.

Links:

<http://www.pressboxonline.com/story.cfm?id=1736>

<http://www.pressboxonline.com/story.cfm?id=1765>

<http://www.pressboxonline.com/story.cfm?id=1705>