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I stepped into this journey blind. I took what I had learned in my basic photography class and put it into something that would seem to change my whole perspective on what a single photo could mean. I was only a junior in high school when I began stepping into the world of photojournalism. For the past two years I have been able to share beautiful experiences of the ups and downs of high school memories with my own friends on the yearbook staff as well as the students who make my job possible.

Being a part of the journalism program for my school has given me priceless experiences I will take into future projects and assignments. When joining the yearbook staff it is easy to assume that you are given your desired job and you stick to it, however, I am sure it is clear to those who know the game, that this is not the case. When I was a part of the McKinney High yearbook staff I took part in photography, caption writing, name checking, interviews, and help with design. Of course I am no designer nor am I the best person to send for interviews, but because of yearbook I have been given a variety of jobs that not only help with developing skills outside of school but skills I can carry with me through anything I choose to do. I have learned a sense of leadership by being named one of the photo editors for the 2020 staff. I shared this job with two other photographers,

which encouraged me to create a sense of leadership and teamwork in order to provide an efficient team. There are many things that come involved with being a photographer for your school, and I am thankful I was able to have shared all of my memories with the people who have helped me grow into the photographer I am today.

There are many things you can learn from being a part of an organization, however, being a yearbook photographer has taught me that it is my job for me to find the beauty and story inside of an event through the lens of my camera. One of the main reasons why I love to do what I do is because of how much meaning goes into a job like this. A single photograph can hold a million words and I want to be the person to tell your story. With the experience and knowledge I have learned during my time in high school is something I will continue to carry with me throughout my studies of photojournalism in college. Not only has being a part of the yearbook program helped me grow as a journalist but it has helped shaped me into the person

I am today, and it would be an honor to carry the title Photojournalist of the Year as I continue forward in my career. Thank you for your consideration, and no matter what, I am proud of what I have accomplished and look forward to what is in store for me as I continue on.



### **ALL I'VE EVER WANTED**

While leaning over the wall, senior Ally Tauber screams. Before the game students crowded the front gate, screaming to get into the stadium. "We sprinted to the first row of the stands and I was like 'oh, shoot this is about to be awesome,'" Ally said. "I wanted to have my last football game be the craziest it could be, and it ended up being exactly that.

Our crosstown showdown football game against McKinney Boyd is one of the most anticipated games of the football season, so we expected a great turnout for our student section. When it comes to the student section there are many places you could choose to stand, however, once I noticed the waving flag I planted myself in front of it waiting for the perfect moment. I knew if I waited long enough that I could perfectly capture the flag and the amazing student section cheering on their football team.





### NOT FALLING TODAY

As the ball rolls out of bounds, senior Kevin Hernandez tries to get to the ball before it goes out. He got a foul when his opponent fell to the ground. "I just didn't want to be on the ground," Kevin said. "If I'm going against somebody, I want to make sure I can get the ball so my team can score."

This soccer game in particular seemed to be at a stand still, and with not much happening for either team. I chose to place myself towards the opposing team's goal waiting for something enticing. Because I shot the girls soccer game beforehand I was tired and decided to sit waiting for my shot. Our player in the photo had not played the entire game and was finally out on the field with a ton of energy. He was able to get the ball down to the end of the field and became in a war over the ball making the opponent fall and for it to go out of bounds. I luckily didn't get hit but was close to it.





### **BOTTOMLESS PIT**

In the mosh pit, junior Kendra Brown and senior Michelle Garcia dance along to the music. Kendra said she was proud of all of her friends in the school producing the work such as Ventura, the band playing during our 70's Homecoming Carnival. "I felt supportive of my friends," Kendra said. "And proud that our school has talented people that get to do cool things."

At our homecoming carnival we had students come together and play live music creating swarms of people who wanted to dance and have fun with their friends or support those who are in the band. I knew what was to come so I arrived at the stage early in hopes to get a good spot at the front for coverage of the band and the crowd. I used a fish eye lens and was able to place it at the edge of the stage to capture all the excitement the crowd had to offer.



### **FLAG ON THE PLAY**

During the middle of a play, senior Mason Dash reacts to a flag being thrown on the field.

Shooting football games and especially sidelines can be tough, and trying to navigate throughout all the players on the field is difficult on its own. I was making my way through the sea of blue and gold in hopes to get to the end of the field where our team was playing. As I was walking through, a play was called on the field resulting in our team moving back, I was lucky enough to capture a player's reaction to the call as he was turning around to move back.





### **SEND IT**

Outside the back of the school, sophomore Artemis Medellin and the rest of the football team cheer on the girls basketball team as they leave on the bus for the State tournament. The football team was on their way to workout in the dome, but the coaches told them to go to the bus to help send off the girls. "It was exciting and a lot of people were there," Artemis said. "With all my teammates around it was cool that we got to hype up the girls."

Our girls basketball team was headed to the State tournament in San Antonio for the first time in over a decade, and in hopes to cheer them on our school planned a whole walkthrough parade for the players while they were walking to the bus. Once the girls made it outside of the school it was evident that there would be a huge crowd surrounding the bus so I rushed over and placed myself in front of the bus to capture the excitement of the crowd. I began taking pictures and it didn't take long for the crowd to begin dancing and cheering all around the bus resulting in me capturing this image.