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Whiplash

Cover Art Contest Winner

Photography became a hobby of mine in 2017, when I took my first college-level photography class. My interest in photojournalism began to grow in early 2018, when one of my photos was used on the front cover of *The Current Sauce*, Northwestern State's student newspaper. I was hired by the NSU *Potpourri*- the school's yearbook- as the lead photographer during the Fall 2018 semester. As a communications student concentrating on photography, I wanted my work to capture the energy and mood of the NSU campus. I wanted to condense a story into one frame. I wanted my photos to highlight lessons I learned in my photography classes and my time as a yearbook photographer.

"Whiplash" was taken during a battle of the bands event, on October 11, 2018. The Natchitoches-based On Point Band was the last to perform that night. I photographed them for their entire performance, and this is the photo that stuck out to me. I think it captures the energy running through the event and helps show the liveliness that exists on Northwestern's campus.



Contributor Bio

Christian Boudreaux is a photographer living in Pineville, Louisiana, who worked as the lead photographer for Northwestern State University's yearbook *Potpourri*. He gained an interest in photography in 2017 and was hired as the lead photographer in mid-2018. He graduated in the Fall of 2019, with a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast and Digital Media Production, with a minor in Photography. His photos range from landscape photography to street photography, something he built upon during his time with *Potpourri*. He always tries to find a more creative approach to photography whenever possible.

Faculty Mentor

Kenneth Burns



October 11, 2018, Digital Photography
3200 ISO
1/20 shutter speed
f/5.6 aperture
55mm focal length
Nikon d5100, with an 18-55mm zoom lens