

HOW TO
YEARBOOK

THE HJ WAY



Why we love it:

Three different expressions, three dancers caught in mid-clap, each great in her own way. With a slightly lower angle, the subjects seem larger than life. In 20 years, the personalities of these three ladies will still shine through in this photo.

Abbie Gaspard • Lafayette High School
Lafayette, LA



Why we love it:

We're not sure where this guy is, but we're pretty sure it's cool. The glow lights up his face just enough and frames him and his school T-shirt. It's also well-focused for a night shot.

Adriana Gonzalez • Merrill F. West High School
Tracy, CA



Why we love it:

You can feel the strain from these five JrROTC guys. The focal point starts in the black hole of the tire and is then carried to each face by the shape of the tire. This photo offers action, emotion and paints a picture of teamwork.

Brianna Andrews • Lakewood Ranch High School
Lakewood Ranch, FL



Why we love it:

All the emotion, frozen in time, right along with the water droplets. We love how the water splash frames the swimmer and we salute the photographer who got low (and probably wet) and clicked the shutter at just the right moment.

Brigham Bailey • Rigby High School • Rigby, ID



Why we love it:

We know. This photo breaks some rules. It's a little bit posed. But it also captures a guy (can we call him dude?) who is all up in his feels and just can't curb his enthusiasm. You've got to love the quintessential football scene. It's chilly. People are leaving. Our dude isn't ready to go home. Again, the low angle makes him seem larger than life, which, of course he is.

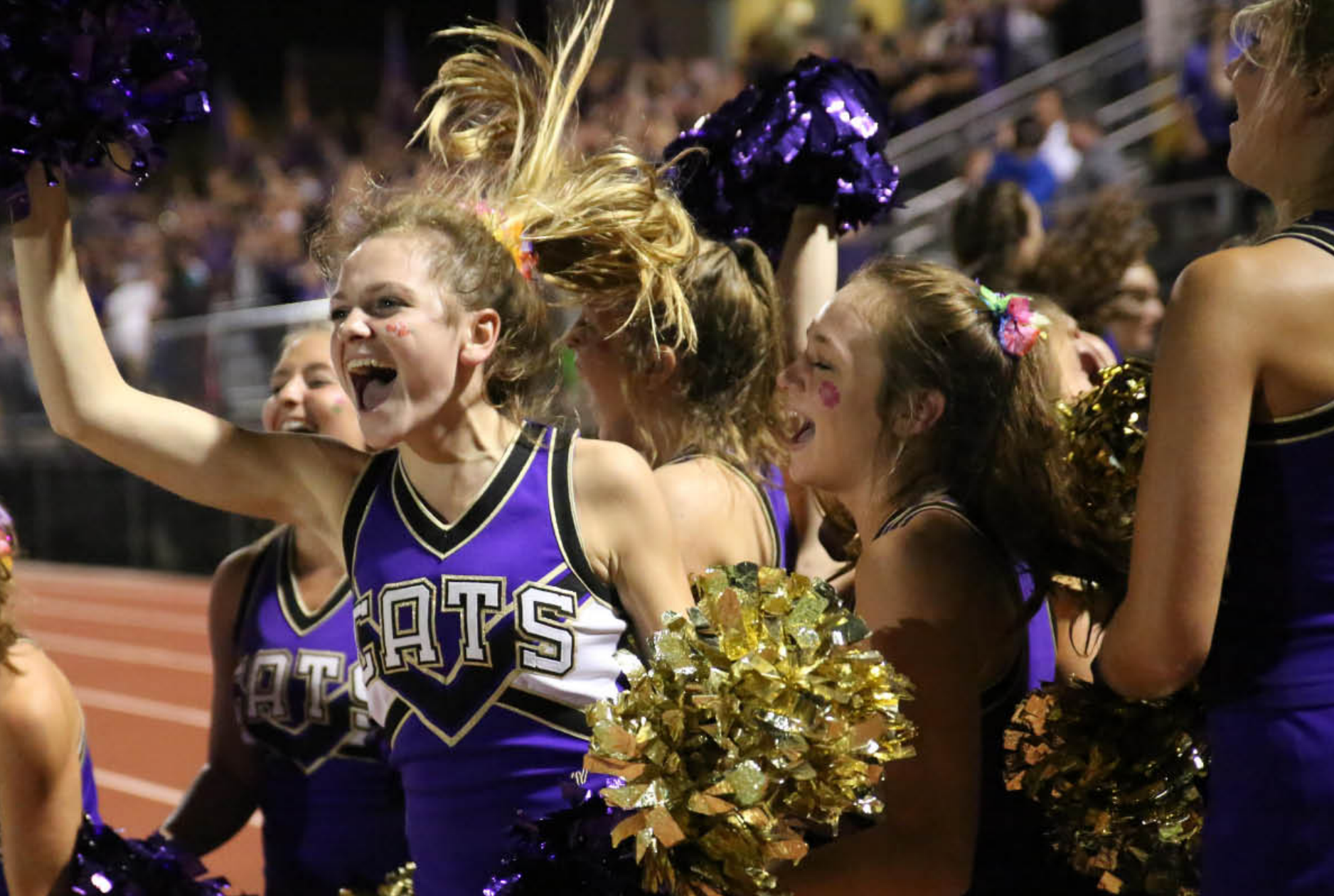
Kennedy Southern • East Forsyth High School
Kernersville, NC



Why we love it:

Cute kids sell books. And this photographer clearly went the extra mile, getting under the swings to get just the right shot. It's simple but so captivating.

Shelby Shuler • Wilson Christian Academy
Wilson, N.C.



Why we love it:

Talk about catching these cheerleaders at just the right moment — real, raw emotion on display. The hair flying just makes it better. One particularly nice aspect of this photo is the very clear and direct way your eye is drawn to the face of the center cheerleader.

Brianna Andrews • Lakewood Ranch High School
Lakewood Ranch, FL



Why we love it:

Contrast, focus, balance. This photo is striking and beautiful. It echoes the grace of the dancers and takes full advantage of allowing the shutter to freeze one moment in time.

Alex Huang • San Marino High School
San Marino, CA



Why we love it:

Sports photos are about being in the right place and ready to go. This photographer did a masterful job of framing the football and the action. The caption gets to tell the rest of the story with information about who came down with the ball.

David Gray • Wetumpka High School
Wetumpka, AL



Why we love it:

It's hard to get a good "student hanging out" shot without all of the students mugging for the camera. This photographer caught a true candid moment and framed his subject with the student in the red jacket. The shallow depth of field helps take the eye where we want it to go.

Johnathan Solorio • Mt. Carmel High School
San Diego, CA



Why we love it:

This photo demonstrates the rule of thirds really well. The chains on the left side of the subject provide interesting patterns. It's just a fun shot — and looking back at your yearbook in 10 years, it will take you back to that day.

June Nguyen • Liberty Christian School
Huntington Beach, CA



Why we love it:

This is a nearly perfect sports shot. See the action? See the reaction? See the ball? It checks all of the boxes, includes all that dirt flying and you don't need to read the caption to know the base runner is safe at home.

Rainie Wong • Moanalua High School
Honolulu, HI



Why we love it:

This photo could grace the cover of a magazine or a tourist brochure. And while we teach students to always capture people's faces, there's an art to breaking the rules. The three surfers following the natural beach lines and walking towards the horizon make for a memorable photo.

Rylee Shiroma • West High School
Torrance, CA



Why we love it:

This is the best example of a story-telling photo we've seen this year. The coach and the player, the opponent and the referee, and the tied game with 3:32 minutes left. You could write a script for this scene.

Taylor Seymour • North Cobb High School
Kennesaw, GA

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