Brandon Colvin
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Western Kentucky University alumnus Brandon Colvin ('10) is currently working towards his Ph.D. in Film Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Along with working on his own projects, he has also served as a teaching assistant for film classes for four years. The classes he has helped to teach include Introduction to Speech Composition, Cinematography and Sound Recording, Advanced Motion Picture Production Workshop, and Introduction to Film. Colvin has already produced two feature-length films: "Frames" (2012) and "Sabbatical" (2014).

In 2013 "Frames" won "The Best Feature of 2013" award from NoBudge, a website where independent filmmakers upload their films. It received praise especially for its intelligent representation of a filmmaker's view on the mundane and for its gripping finale. The film "Sabbatical" has received praise from critics for its honest portrayal of loss and relationships. It is clear that Colvin's successes are many, and will continue to expand as he advances his career. However, he will always be proud of where he got his start: right here among the Hilltoppers of WKU.

Colvin claims that his current career path is almost exactly what he envisioned when he was a student here at WKU. He is incredibly grateful to WKU and the teachers who helped him here. Colvin says he would not trade his experiences at WKU for anything. He notes that many Potter College professors both encouraged and challenged him to become a better writer and filmmaker. Teachers like Ted Hovet, Mary Ellen Miller, Tom Hunley, and many others helped shape Colvin on his journey. His advice for current students is this: “Develop relationships with your professors. The only limit to your education is your own curiosity, and professors love nurturing the interests of precocious students. “