

Did you blink? Then you might not know that...

LOOK AGAIN



"I used to play football."
MADISON BARTON (10)

"I go hunting on my family's land every weekend."
ANDREW BARTMAN (9)

"I'm going to represent Texas for future medical sciences."
YASMINE EASTER (11)

"I'm Asian, but can't use chopsticks."
EMIRI PETERS (11)

"I always play video games."
MATTHEW ROGERS (10)

1. Senior Megan Stanfill practices step-by-step cleansing her hands for Practicum CNA to prepare to drive to the nursing home. "The first few weeks of the semester, we learned how to tend to elders," Megan said. We practiced cleaning their feet and hands, brushing their teeth, and giving them baths." 2. Talking with a college representative, senior Anthony Delgiornio realizes what he wants his next step after high school to be. "Going to the college fair at TC helped me solicitate my decision to go to Texas A&M Texarkana," Anthony said. (LDavis) 3. Sophomore Cole Slade focuses on his computer while working on designs for Animation. "I'm really good with the inside of computers. This class taught me more things to do with applications." (C. Slade) (M. Payne) 4. Junior Michelle Wingo practices styling a mannequin's hair for Cosmetology, while timing how long it takes her. "Curling hair was hard for me because we had a time limit. We had to treat the mannequin as if it was a real client, and finish quickly to be ready for the next appointment," Michelle said. (KMcCorkle)



TWO STEPS AHEAD

Some take high school step-by-step, but others are already preparing for college and career



Junior Aubrey Maynard hands out papers to second graders during her Education Training class. "I've always wanted to be a teacher. This class has given me the chance to have a first hand experience," Aubrey said. (KMcCorkle)



Junior Matthew Pleuger works with middle school students during Education and Training class. "Teaching isn't something I want to do for a career but it improves my communication with others," he said. (THurst)



TAKING THE EXTRA STEP

Senior Katie McCorkle helps Mrs. Cathy Pace with her first and second graders. "I love working with special needs kids. Getting to shadow Mrs. Pace has just made me want to be a teacher even more," Katie said. (THurst)



5. Junior Stevon Smith signs up for dual credit classes with the TC staff in the library. "I thought that dual credit classes would look good on my resume," he said. (AClark) 6. Junior Hayden Dossey stands with students at the Career Fair at Texarkana College. "Taking the Culinary Arts class has benefitted me for my job and career in the future by cooking for the class and cleaning up after ourselves after," Hayden said.



The light at the end of the tunnel seems far away on a slow Monday morning, and high school feels never ending. But senior Chris Yates can see the end. Rather than burn another year sitting in high school classes, he jump-started college by finishing early.

Whether it was a dual credit class, heading to Texarkana College class on week nights, or taking cosmetology to get early practice, Chris wasn't the only one who planned for the future.

He started planning for college before his junior year. After doubling up on high school classes and taking extra college classes, Chris graduated with 60 hours and

finished with an Associates' degree and as sophomore in college. "I took 20 college classes to get all of my basics in," Chris said. "It's nice that I finished them and don't have to worry about them later on."

Other students already had an idea about their future career goals and used extra slots in their schedule to learn basic skills. Junior Keith Shipp took a class at TC to prepare for a welding career. "Welding is a job I have always imagined myself pursuing," Keith said. "After high school, I am going to a two-year college for welding and needed these classes for my transcript."

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