



# Texas Early College High School

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## All Work and No Play, and at TECHS, Another Day

As most TECHS students know – only too well – balancing high school classes with college classes can be difficult. Nothing says ‘anxiety’ more than struggling to “get into the Blue,” on Edgenuity, only to suddenly remember that there is a college research paper due in three days. Such is life at Texas Early College High School.

And although this challenging schedule can test even the best of us, there are those among us who take on even more — a job. Many of our students have chosen employment in addition to education. To those who face this challenge, and those featured below, we salute you!



**Mackenzie McGuire** is a senior currently enrolled in five college classes. Not only is Mackenzie at the top of her class, she also works full-time at Walmart. Having worked several previous jobs, including Factory Connection, Super One, and Marshall Movie Theater, Mackenzie appreciates the pay at Walmart and the fact that she doesn't have to work the cash register. To balance her heavy schedule, Mackenzie does most of her school work at home. Working allows her to pay for her car and gives her more money to pay for things herself. Her advice to other students wishing to work while attending college is “Manage your time!”

**De’Asia Floyd** is a dual credit student at Texas Early College High School, De’Asia Floyd handles both work, high school, and college at the same time. As a carhop at Sonic, she brings out orders for customers. She works to be able to afford her wants and needs. For example, her braces, a car, and maybe other items she may want as a teenager. She enjoys her co-workers and working environment. Working with difficult customers has taught her to be patient and understanding. Her favorite part of her working environment is getting to know and interact with the customers and/or regulars who come in daily. She balances work, high school, and college by efficiently planning out and prioritizing her time. After getting a job, she’s learned to handle her money and time responsibly.





**Madalyn Warren** works for the Harrison County Historical Museum where she performs several different jobs: sometimes a receptionist at the main museum or at the research center where they keep artifacts and donations that relate to Marshall and Harrison County. At the research center, she organizes and catalogs different donations. Maddie has an understanding boss and gets along well with co-workers. The most challenging part of working, doing high school, and college is "...probably making time to do college work due to procrastination."

**Wesley Vasquez and CJ Davis** work for Wes' father Juan Vasquez. Doing odd jobs – moving items, clearing debris, setting up equipment – they use the money to pay for car parts and to save. "It's nice to get a job early," Wes says. Working on the weekends, they still find time to do college and school work after school. Wes also works for First Methodist Church.

