

Two Jobs, One Dream

Hailee Pingitore

W4C Student Hailee Pingitore works three jobs - but she has a hopeful eye on the future. When she is not answering phone calls in Student Services at NTCC, she works as a cashier at Brookshire's in Mt. Vernon and as an intern at First Baptist in Pittsburg. While she did admit that juggling three jobs, a college class, and a personal life has been a challenge, she knows that it will all pay off in the end. "[In] the family that I come from, I've seen a lot of struggle and I know that I don't want that for my future or my future children or family, that is the reason that I am willing to work so hard" Pingitore said. Pingitore has learned a lot of customer service skills from her Work4College job that has helped her manage customers at Brookshire's. Pingitore said that working in the Student Services department has helped prepare her for her future enrollment at NTCC by helping other students with their own enrollment. She has also become familiar with the campus and its staff, which has helped her feel more comfortable in her first college environment.



Joelle Weatherford

In addition to being a mother of four cats, and one human to arrive in early December, W4C student Joelle Weatherford works two jobs and manages her own bills to support her family. "I need to save up a lot of money for my unborn child," Weatherford said. Weatherford works for The Eagle newspaper and Lagniappe magazine during the Work4College program, and as a cook at Los Pinos Winery in Pittsburg. Weatherford said she highly recommends the program and, in fact, already has, to a Brookshire's employee who was loading her groceries into her car. The jobs are completely different, but she said it keeps her on her toes. "It's just a really great way to make money for college and get acquainted with the campus," she said. "It's not really that hard because my schedules work out so well. The W4C Program will work around your other job schedule."



Like so many other community college students, many of the Work4College students work other jobs during the summer, in addition to attending class! With this type of work ethic, and willingness to sacrifice it shows there really is hope for our future. If you know someone who would be interested in the Work4College Program and will be willing to work to earn their education, please contact Mason May at mmay@ntcc.edu or 903.434.8246.