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“  
Matt Davis  
and I were  
like 'What  
are we doing  
in these trash  
bags and  
wigs?' but  
the skit was  
funny, and it  
was a pretty  
hilarious  
memory for  
our last year.

”  
-Jaylen  
Rhone, 12



# time's flying

From the time the leaves started to change to the days I wished Nike shorts were allowed, I lived for Friday nights and pushed through AP reviews. Time flew as I completely skipped the season of winter and only got to wear my letterman a few times. The days became longer, and I began counting them down. The beginning seems just a blur as the end approaches. Before I know it, summer will be here and another year will be gone.



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-James Murphy, 12

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-Jacorien Walker, 12



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**ADS** "I think teleportation would be cool because I could wake up and teleport to school and not have to worry about the bus."

-Christopher Brown, 9

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**-Jake Weems, 10**

“Starting the year as a sophomore, you get over the whole freshman thing, and as a sophomore, you really feel like you’re a part of the high school.”



**“HAIL TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL”**

“My favorite part of football is just playing with my teammates. When we sing the school song, it feels really good after a win, but after a loss it really just helps pick you up and feel better.”

**-Jacoryon Larry, 12**

**36 weeks**

our calendars count down the weeks for us without even being told to. We fill blank spaces in our planners with endless events needing our attention. I missed Mr. Schroeder but adjusted to the new faces patrolling the hallways. I found clubs to join and showed my spirit by tagging TWA on my Insta. As weeks pass, I worry if I can fit it all in.

each part of my high school career is measured in hours. I calculate how many hours I’ve studied so I’ll know how much sleep I’ll get. I threw colored powder at the Color Run but slept through the rain when Dash for Cash was cancelled, all in hopes my volunteer hours would add up.

**1305 hours**

it’s impossible to calculate what fills up my day. I never quite know

**180 days**

how one day’s events will roll over to the next. Two days in and we were left in the dark, waiting for the power to come back on at the school and in our lackadaisical brains. There’s over one hundred days of opportunities, and I’m ready to slay them all.

it’s **STARTED**

Every new year is full of new lessons and opportunities. When I pull up to school, maybe I’ll be lucky enough to avoid the tapping at my window telling me to exit my vehicle, or maybe I’ll be able to hide my dress code infractions behind other swift legs. Maybe my attendance will be good enough to save me a seat at lunch in the Tiger Zone. Whatever happens, take it from me, it’s going to be a memorable year.



“I was doing what we call the ‘Unicorn,’ where you hold the rifle that you tossed up like a unicorn,” freshman Cameron Murry said. “I’m in color guard because it is a really great way to get involved and to express yourself.”





# summer's GOOD

"I don't really look forward to coming back to school, but the newspaper workshop is always something fun to look forward to, junior Ashlyn Sander said. "Originally, it was just four people in the selfie but then Anna Graves yelled, 'Everybody come get in this picture,' and the whole staff got in it. The actual picture didn't even get most of them in it, though."

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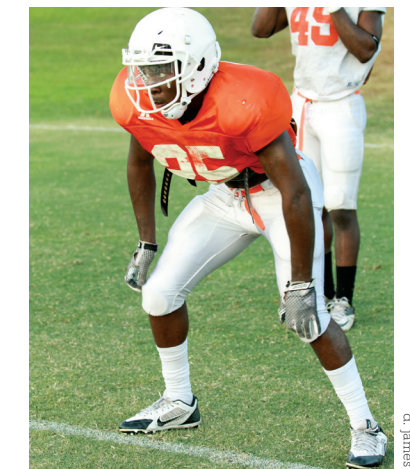
**One day** I was working and the next I was sleeping until noon. Every day was different. From France to Peru, my feet traveled everywhere and **my eyes witnessed** everything. I saw gay marriage legalized and the Confederate flag make a comeback. I grew in countless ways as **I discovered myself** among the numerous new adventures of Texarkana. Most importantly, I made sure everything I did was worth telling my friends.



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"You get to learn different things over the summer to practice. Then once you start school, it's different because you have more activities, and you know people that help you and show you around."  
**-Christian Moreno, 9**

"I went to Japan to see my family. I [went] to this park on top of a mountain, and there's this green field where you can see the ocean, and it's beautiful. I didn't know it existed, so I was thrilled."  
**-Hoshiki Reyes, 12**



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"Even though it was hot, the heat motivated us to get better and ready for the season."  
**-Deuntae Mack, 12**

"I went to summer camp at **Brookhill**. I usually go with two friends, but they **graduated** last year."  
**-Paisley Allen, 9**

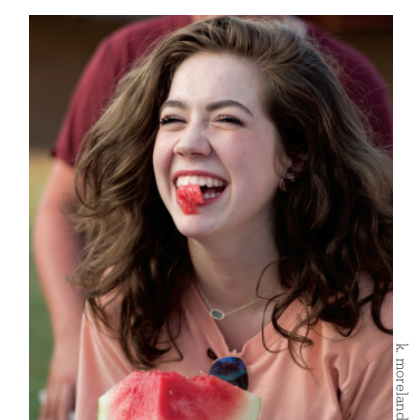
"I went to Colorado. We just drove around to a bunch of cities, and we took the whole day, so we saw the whole state."  
**-McKenzie Green, 11**



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"We made really good relationships in the summer working for StuCo, and it was also good for helping the school and helping support Texas High."  
**-Sarah Jane Paddock, 9**

"I hung out with friends at the gym at Minton's [Sportsplex] and we played sports like basketball or football."  
**-Adam Quinn, 10**



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"I was away at camp all summer, so it was great seeing my friends and having watermelon juice dripping down our faces together."  
**-Grace Hickey, 11**



# life's BUSY

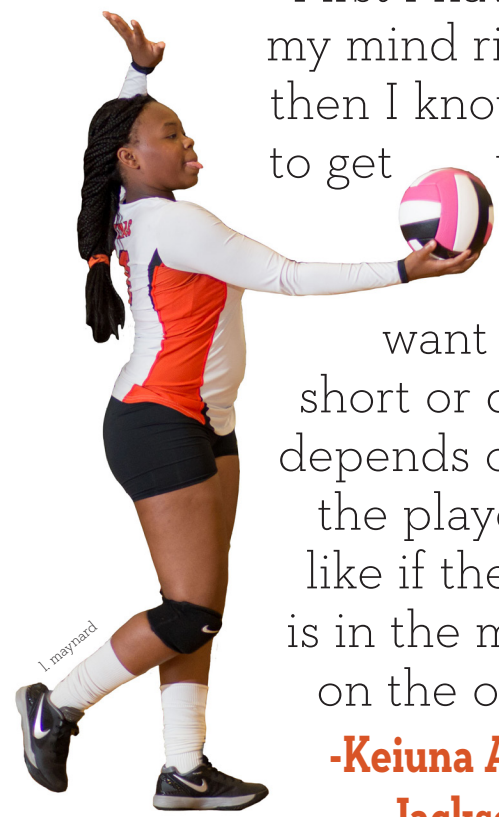
"Drill team is a lot of work, especially during football season," senior Sarah Hickerson said. "We spend a week before school starts learning all eight routines for games and pep rallies. Then once school starts, the whole team spends over eight hours each week perfecting our field routine, fixing pre-game and, if we have a pep rally, cleaning a second dance too."



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"First I have to get my mind right, and then I know I have to get the ball over, but do I want to serve short or deep? It depends on where the players are, like if the lobo is in the middle or on the outside."

**-Keiuna Aldridge-Jackson, 11**



l. maynard

"I like to hunt in the fall. I like the cold weather. I like having the heaters on at night and drinking coffee in the morning to stay warm. It's nice."

**-Bradon Prewitt, 10**

I sit and watch the leaves change colors while setting my clock back, overly thankful for the extra hour of sleep. Life has gotten busy, and commotion never seems to pause. Most of the time I am expected to be three places at once. I throw on a poncho and sit through the rain, witnessing Principal Brad Bailey slide across Grim's muddy field. I play around under the spotlight wearing fangs while also finding my soul in the midst of my peers. I am chosen to represent the school as a crown is placed upon my head. As the temperatures begin to drop, I warm my hands by gathering around towering flames. I'm busy, but every second is worth it.

"I don't like the fall because it's too cold to be happy. I just go to school and golf practice."

**-Adrian Tran, 9**



l. maynard

"My favorite part about Miss THS was learning the dance because it was kind of hard. However, I was actually more worried about school than the pageant."

**-Kushayla Jackson, 11**

"Fall gets pretty hectic because we start swimming and doing school work, but I kind of like the feeling that I'm working for something after sitting around all summer."

**-Luke Carter, 10**



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"It was good having [the government project] over Thanksgiving break because it really gave us time to work on it, and it helped to get last minute things together without stressing about time and other homework"

**-Daphne Hammett, 12**



"Getting my head shaved for the first time was scary. I didn't know how I would look afterward, but since I did it with the other [swim boys] I felt better." freshman Robert Knighton said. Senior Luke Calhoun had the honor of shaving Robert's head. "I enjoyed [shaving the freshmen's heads] because it was the last year, and they all did it to me," Luke said. "I finally got to do it to somebody else."



# sleep's OVER RATED

"**T**was the night before Christmas and the AC came on. Something about Texas' weather seemed terribly wrong. **N**o worries about semester exams for those are in the past. It's a new year and I only hope my **r**esolutions will last. I danced the night away, once with dim lights and once on the stage. Grim became the home to a new pair of cleats. My strokes became faster for I had a time to beat. Activities of all kinds buzzed through the halls, it was soon to be a busy 2016 for all.

"I like winter because I go to Michigan, and it snows. We get to make snowmen and igloos and ski. I enjoy it over other seasons because Christmas is my favorite holiday. I actually get more sleep during the winter."

**-MacKenzie Payne, 9**

"During the winter, I usually go outside and go work and help my family out. I hang out with **m**y family and we go to visit our grandmas. The **c**old weather feels nice. It doesn't bother me that much, so I've been wearing a lot of shorts. I don't wear pants because it doesn't bother me, and I can't feel my legs."

**-Juan Luna, 10**

"Dancing [at the Room 49 party] was the **cherry on top** of everything. We were all having a good time, and the music was playing, so we all decided to **boogie down** a little."

**-Kevin Jefferson, 12**



"My favorite part of the dodgeball tournament was getting to **s**pend time with friends after school. I enjoyed it because I play sports outside of school. Hearing about it **a**round school really got me interested in doing it."



**-Chris Sutton, 9**

"I love the clothes. I like the style of winter clothes rather than summer. Since I'm in band, most of our stuff happens during first semester, so I really get to sleep in more."

**-Emily Landers, 11**



"We were doing character analysis for characters in 'The Scarlet Letter,' which we were reading in class. I thought it was a lot of fun because we got to come up with our own ideas for the characters and go in depth in the novel."

**-Jillian Cheney, 11**



# support's VITAL



"This was the first year in 14 years that we advanced past district in One Act Play and got to go on to other competitions. The show, 'The Last Illusion,' has been not only an exciting production but a challenging one as well," junior Grace Hickey said. "It had an element of magic both in the script and in the illusions we had to perform."

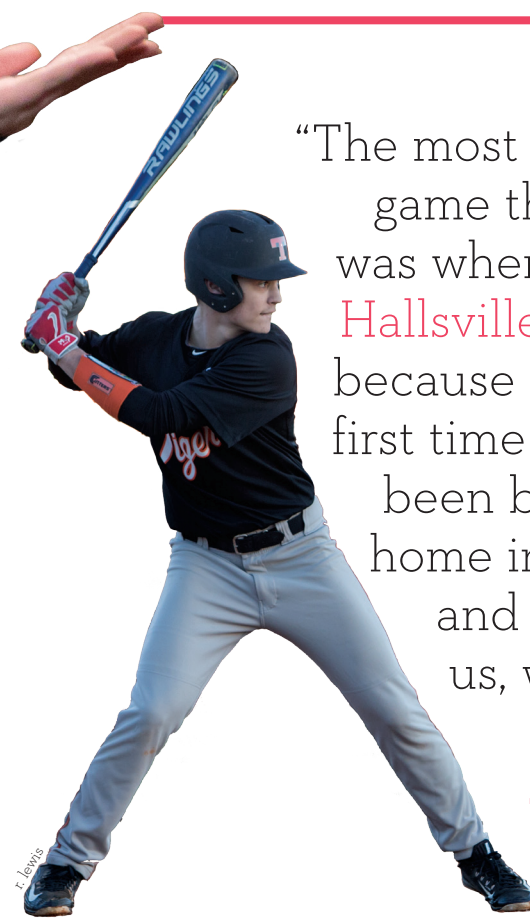
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**I** spring into action as the year continues to get busier. The clock jumped forward and made me jump out of bed sooner and slower. A week of watching **Snapchat stories** decorated with stickers of **Spring Break** destinations made me yearn for summer even more. Each week, day and hour is filled to the brim. My motivation decreased as I watched "**Fuller House**" instead of studying and hoped my friends were doing the same. We bonded over sleepless nights and counted down the days until graduation and summer vacation.



"I like that [my art teacher] just gives us the assignment, and it's up to us to either get it done or fail, and you are allowed to do it any way you want."

-Martricia Holmes, 12



"The most exciting game this year was when we **beat Hallsville at home** because it was the first time they have been beaten at home in **six years**, and it was by us, which was cool."

-JT Morgan, 12

"I think the weather and the flowers are beautiful, and I like the rain we get in Texas. I like everything about spring."

-Shae Reid, 11

"My favorite part about spring is the sports I get to play. I'm in track, and that's one of my favorite sports to do."

-Caleb LeGrand, 10

"When I get stressed out, upset or even happy, I always turn to my best friends. No matter what is going on, we make time for each other, usually with a text in our group message or a girls' night."

-Molly Crouch, 12

"During spring we have **events and banquets** where we're all represented, which is cool."

-Khyla Lewis, 10

"I go to my **youth pastor** or the **worship leader** at church for support."

-Daylan O'Neil, 11



"My favorite part of BPA is getting to travel and meet new people. I ran for state office and won, which was extremely exciting and the highlight of my year."

-Blaire Berry, 10

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**-Kaden Stewart, 11**

“It’s kind of a bittersweet thing because as you get older and closer to your senior year, every summer vacation becomes closer to your last one.”



“**‘TILL DAY IS DONE**”

“My favorite part of the senior pep rally was being with **all my friends** and experiencing things we’ve always heard about, like the video and the **memories** that come with being a senior.”

**-Trevor Danley, 12**

the numerous practices filled with sweat and dedication all led up to the days where we’d show the fans and opposing teams what

**152**  
days

we’re made of. More days than we realized were filled with sporting events as we sent the tennis team to state for the first time and supported soccer through the losses and the wins. I played every game like it was my last, until it finally was.

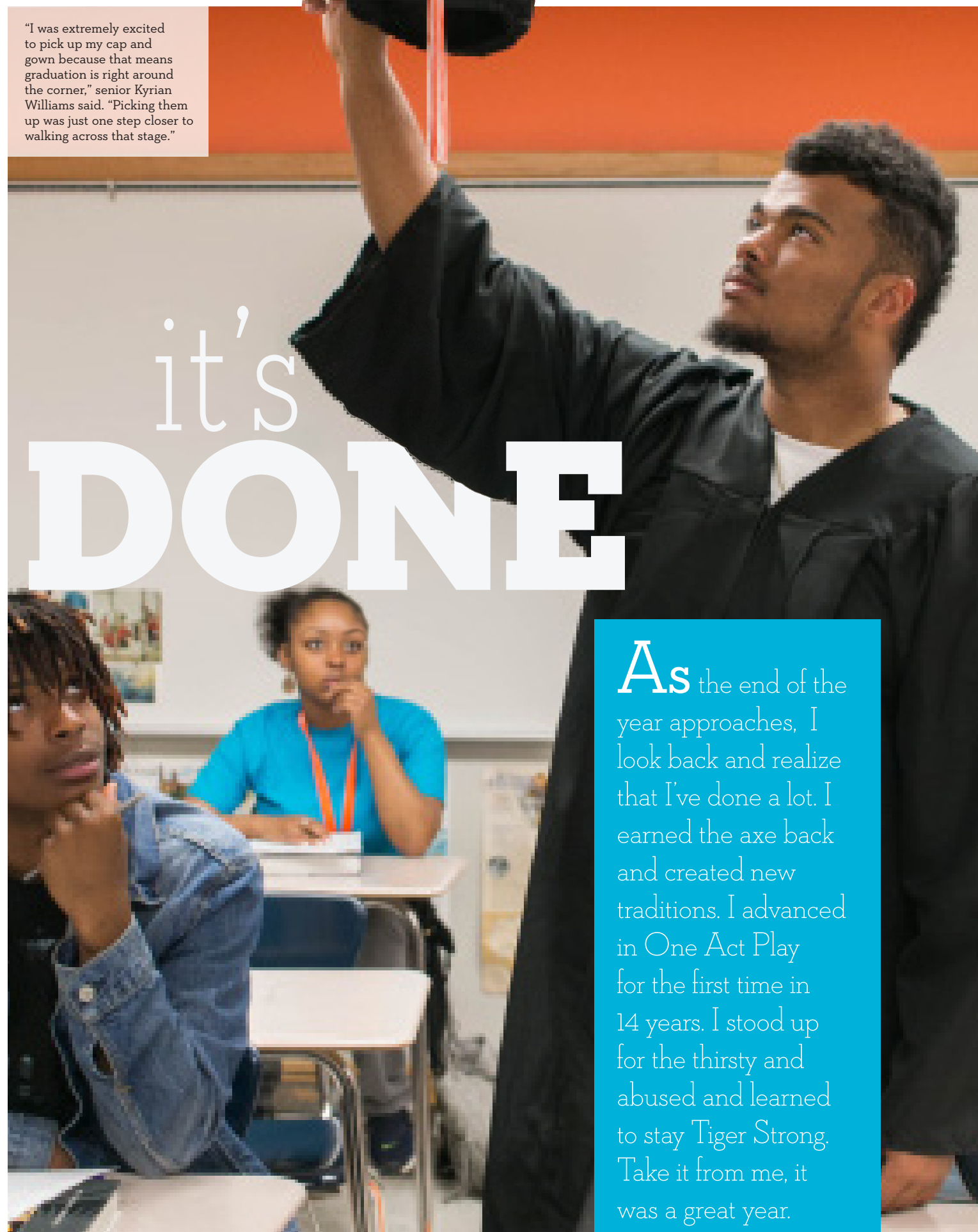
**4** seasons

my planner’s pages kept turning as the days, weeks and months went by. I bought my homecoming ticket and hoped for just one day of snow. I dressed for the cold in the mornings and stripped my jacket for the heat in the afternoons. Test reviews and end of the year ceremonies claimed my time as my anticipation of summer rose along with the temperatures.

all my clubs required community service, and before I knew it, I had a ton of volunteer hours. Every little thing I did counted for something, and I began to realize how much I was giving back to society. Serving tables, dodging balls and baking pies were simple tasks I learned to use in order to help others.

**13197**  
hours

“I was extremely excited to pick up my cap and gown because that means graduation is right around the corner,” senior Kyrian Williams said. “Picking them up was just one step closer to walking across that stage.”



it’s  
**DONE**

**As** the end of the year approaches, I look back and realize that I’ve done a lot. I earned the axe back and created new traditions. I advanced in One Act Play for the first time in 14 years. I stood up for the thirsty and abused and learned to stay Tiger Strong. Take it from me, it was a great year.





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The 'Dad Dance' at Dinner Theater channeled my inner nerdiness because of the dances that we were doing. We poked fun at ourselves since we aren't the best dancers.

”

**-Tucker  
Douglass, 11**



