



The Freshman machine

A machine that appears to never take a break, constantly going from one place to another, making certain everything gets done that needs to be done. Whether it is cutting through the water, racing for the fastest time or hitting the books to ensure the highest grade possible on an upcoming test. Most would pick their favorite thing to do and stick to it, taking the easy route.

The machine lives for that challenge, the machine lives for the constant juggling of events. It is what keeps the machine going.

The machine has a name:

Hannah McGinnis ('19). Hannah is an active member of the varsity swim team, and the Technology Student Association where she is also an officer. Additionally she is a member of the Student Council serving as freshman class secretary. Hannah also competes in numerous UIL events. She loves dedicating what little time she has left to Students for Jesus (SFJ), and the school's band. On top of all of that, she is a standout student in the classroom where she always strives for the prominent 100. A standout student and a passionate swimmer, Hannah has no intentions to stop going anytime soon.

"I spend roughly four and a half hours a week practicing for swim," Hannah said. "I have been swimming ever since the beginning of the year with the swim team but it is something I have been wanting to do all my life."

McGinnis's practices take up majority of her evenings after school, but once she fell in love with swimming, she would not have it any other way.

"I went to a swim camp one year when I was younger and got to compete against high school students" McGinnis said. "It was then when I really realized how badly I wanted

to be on the swim team and compete."

While swimming is her main hobby, McGinnis realizes the importance of grades and pushes herself to the limits in the classroom so she can fulfill her lifelong dream of being an Aerospace Engineer.

"Being an engineer actually runs in our family" McGinnis said. "My dad was an engineer and then his step dad was one as well. I have always loved space and math so I figured Aerospace Engineer was for me."

While math and science may be her favorite subjects, Hannah keeps a determined mind-set to never let any of her grades slip below an A. This mind-set only adds to her constant juggling of events.

"When I am not swimming or doing my homework that I have to do that night, then that is when I get to my studying." McGinnis said. "I will either make flashcards or write vocabulary words two to three times each to make sure I memorize them."

The constant workload of clubs, band, swimming, homework, and studying has made McGinnis already start to plan ahead and look at colleges.

"My number one choice of schools would have to be Stanford." McGinnis said. "My second choice was MIT but my dad said no. I looked at the top twelve schools and wrote them down then I have also printed off pictures of the schools and hung them up all over my room. I do this and keep telling myself all this hard work will pay off and these schools are my goals."

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