

“Moore” than Your Average Student

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When picturing a student body president of a university the typical image would be a young clean-cut man that is studying business or politics. He can be seen through out campus giving firm handshakes and making promises to his constituents. However, at Tarleton State University we have changed this stigma. Maggie Moore walks into each senate and house meetings with a backpack filled with books of knowledge and skill she hopes to instill in her future students. This backpack, rather than briefcase, holds Maggie’s most valuable items. These items are helping her pursue a degree to influence young men and women with necessary life skills.

Moore is currently serving as the student body president of Tarleton, but more importantly she is leaving behind a legacy. “After one encounter with Tarleton, I was sold. Everyone I met was extremely friendly,” Moore said.

The story here, however, is not about a student body president or why a student decided to attend Tarleton. This story is about a tall blonde that easily rocks purple with a pencil skirt that simply wants to influence personal lives. Moore has a passion in her eyes that shines through when she talks about her passion, serving. This passion was found through an unusual senior year. While most seniors were busy with athletics and choosing a college to attend, Moore had a short fight with cancer. She was diagnosed with papillary thyroid cancer, rare disease in 17-year-old girls. When most young girls would cry in their pillow, Moore kept her head up and found faith in God that she would be apart of a miracle. Through out the whole process she only “shed three tears” because her faith and family gave her the strength to fight cancer. “The whole experience was a

blessing,” Moore said. After her short bout with cancer Moore bought as much purple as she could and moved to Stephenville to pursue her passion, teaching high school family and consumer sciences.

The real story is about a young woman that has passion to teach. Moore has a passion for the home and teaching young girls those lost skills of building home within a house. As expressed by her professor Mrs. Paula McKeehan, “she is going to be a good teacher because she is so open minded.” Moore is one of many excellent students in the Human Sciences degree. “I want to teach life skills, not just one subject,” Moore said. Teaching is her passion and she has “gained a wealth of knowledge from the classroom.”

Moore became student body president not for the government aspect, she was simply willing to learn and do the best she could while serving others. She has enjoyed her time as president and has represented Tarleton well at conferences and monumental events. Moore expressed that this was the biggest growing year because she has made mistakes that has made her a better leader. “I live and breathe serving. I want to leave a legacy,” Moore said. “It’s not for me at all, with me it is about serving others.”

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