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Careers on the Horizon Program offers job showing for visually impaired students

TYLER, Texas – Wednesday March 8th, three of six participating students completed the 2016-2017 session of Careers on the Horizon. Marshall, Elkhart, Van, Harmony, Hallsville and Whitehouse Independent School Districts participated in the program with 1 student under a mentorship and the others participating in the job shadowing portion of the program. Careers on the Horizon is a "job-readiness" opportunity for blind and visually impaired high school students. Once a month for five months, students work directly with Lighthouse employees who are also blind or visually impaired. Job shadowing allows students to explore a different career area each month such as marketing, accounting, customer service, human resources, production and operations, and information technology. In mentoring, students stay with a career path for all five months of the program and dig deeper into what it takes to do the job.

“I believe that students who do not know their career path can see that job options are not as limited as they might think, and those who have something in mind for their future can get a chance to see what lies in store for them. Stated Cezar Lopez, IT Desktop Support for East Texas

Lighthouse for the Blind. “The program is an excellent opportunity to being one step closer in deciding what you do or don’t want to do for a career.”

Careers on the Horizon has sponsorship opportunities available for the 2017-2018 session. For more information visit www.tylerlighthouse.org and click on the “Get Involved” tab.

