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"People always told me to do something I'm passionate about," said Isom, a senior meteorology major. "I've wanted to do this since day one, and I'm loving every minute of it."

Isom cites his ability to reach people and help them, while constantly studying something he loves as one of his favorite parts of the job.

"I enjoy sharing my passion with my audience, to be able to connect with them and help them," Isom said.

The internship at KBTX has given him more than just experience going live and predicting the weather; it has given him a drive for success that can't be shaken.

"It's given me a perspective of what's its like at the bottom," he said. "I want to reach my other goals; I want to be better."

Isom is determined to never stop striving for the best and to deliver weather forecasts accurately and enthusiastically.

"The weather affects everyone who is watching," he said. "That is powerful."

Walter, who earned his bachelor's degree in physics from Thomas More College in Kentucky, agrees that weather is something that involves everyone and said it has also had a major impact on his life.

"Thunderstorms always took me out to the porch," he said. "It's so unpredictable and powerful. It's unstoppable."

As one of the coordinators of the on-campus storm-chasing club, Texas A&M Mobile Severe Storms Data Acquisition, a division of TAM-SCAMS, Walter has seen his fair share of severe

weather and considers it one of the most interesting parts of his field.

"I would enjoy the chance to be on-air severe weather to help people out in a real way," Walter, a graduate student in atmospheric science said.

But every time he steps in front of the camera, Walter seizes the opportunity to bring smiles to the faces of his viewers.

"My presence on the air is one way to help them," he said. "If you're enthusiastic, someone might have a good day."

Walter plans to continue his meteorology education and finish his master's degree in May and Ph.D. in wind engineering at Texas Tech.

Whether he goes on to be a professor or works in the corporate arena, he says the skills he acquired at KBTX will be very valuable.

"It's helped me work on my communication skills, which are important in any field," he said. "It's a crucial skill that I can take with me wherever."

As far as the future, Walter echoes Herzog's advice in saying, "Be as proactive as possible. Don't set any limits for yourself."

All three meteorologists say they have succeeded in college and have a new perspective on the world. With their drive, desire and passion, the three believe their options are limitless.

"I'm so thankful for the opportunity," Herzog said. "It's been a life-changing experience."

Viewers can catch Herzog on KBTX weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and noon to 12:30 p.m. and Isom on Saturdays at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sundays at 10 p.m. Visit www.kbtx.com for the most up-to-date forecast.

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