Jillian Verzywvelt
Bob Schieffer College of Communication

Originally from Lafayette, Louisiana, Jillian Verzywvelt received her BS in economics and BS in communications studies from Texas Christian University in 2022. While at TCU, Jillian actively supported Housing and Residence Life as an Assistant Hall Director, the John V. Roach Honors College as President of Honors Ambassadors, and Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Upon graduating, she moved to London, England, to study global media and communications at the London School of Economics (LSE). Upon earning her MA in 2023, Jillian moved to Los Angeles, California, to pursue her MS in global media and communications from the University of Southern California (USC). Her professional experience, although varied, is concentrated on communications in the aerospace and defense technology industry.

Claire Taetz
Bob Schieffer College of Communication

Claire Kendall Taetz is an actress and creative professional based in Dallas Fort Worth. In the spring of 2022, she earned her BS in Film, Television, and Digital Media and Strategic Communication from TCU with Upper Honors distinction. With being a recent graduate, the 23-year-old has already worked as a casting assistant for renowned LondonStroud Casting and a production assistant for award-winning Bill McAdams. Currently, Claire trains under notable acting professionals and she runs social media for the George W. Bush Presidential Center, creating digital content that reaches a large audience. Remaining humble in the face of her opportunities, Claire continues to seek out new adventures where she can share her talents.

Dezirae Rodriguez
Bob Schieffer College of Communication

Dezirae Rodriguez, a proud first-generation college student, draws inspiration from her fulfilling career as a sign language interpreter and her passion for communication studies. With a commitment to facilitating understanding and empowering others, she pursued a research project that explores the intersection of language, culture, and communication. Her journey is fueled by a desire to enhance inclusivity and bridge the gap between diverse linguistic communities. As an advocate for effective communication, she aspires to contribute valuable insights that empower individuals to connect on a deeper level, fostering a world where everyone's voice is heard and understood.
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Rose Hoang
Neeley School of Business

Rose Hoang (Hoang Thi Hong Nhung), a finance major alum from Texas Christian University from Hai Duong, Vietnam. Her time at TCU was marked by active involvement in academic, personal, and professional development opportunities, sparking a deep interest in innovative technology. Notably, she excelled in TCU’s innovative fintech program, supervised by Dr. Grant Farnsworth and Dr. Kelly Slaughter, culminating in the completion of her honors thesis, a pivotal moment in her academic journey.

Divyanshi Singhal
Neeley School of Business

Divyanshi Singhal graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Texas Christian University with dual degrees in Finance and Actuarial Science in 2022. She currently works as a Product Analyst at PIMCO’s headquarters in Newport Beach, focusing on liability-driven investment solutions within the Client Solutions and Analytics group. She also serves as a board member on the Transaction and Investment Professionals (TIP) Board in the TCU Neeley School of Business. During her time at TCU, Ms. Singhal served as the president of the South Asian Inter-Cultural Association, a resident assistant, and a member of the John V. Roach Honors College. She was also a Clark Society Scholar and a recipient of the Senior Legacy Award.

Abigail Zuhlke
College of Education

Abigail Zuhlke is a 2023 graduate of Texas Christian University with a degree in Secondary Social Studies Education who will pursue her Masters in Comparative Education at University College London this fall. She has over 800 hours of classroom experience and holds a Texas Teaching Certificate in Social Studies 7-12 that she hopes to extend into international licensure in the next year. Born into a military family, Abbie has moved eleven times and lived in five countries. She has attended thirteen different schools ranging from public to private in various linguistic and cultural environments. This abnormal lifestyle exposed her to diverse educational models and sparked her interest in international educational advancement.
Corinne Marascio
Harris School of Nursing

Corinne Marascio spent her time at TCU pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Movement Science, a minor in Spanish for Health Professions, and departmental honors in kinesiology. Marascio has a passion for pediatrics and working with those with intellectual and developmental disabilities which ultimately led to the development of her honors thesis. While at TCU, Marascio worked as a teacher's assistant in the kinesiology department within the Physical Activity and Disability course. After graduating from TCU in May of 2023, Marascio began studying at the Medical University of South Carolina and will obtain her doctorate in occupational therapy in May of 2026.

Julia Marie Morales
Harris School of Nursing

Originally from Georgetown, TX, Julia Morales earned her a BS in Movement Science and Combined Science from Texas Christian University in May 2022. At TCU, she received the Class of 2022 Distinguished Student Award for outstanding academic achievement and service to the University. Julia is currently pursuing her Doctor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. After graduating from medical school, she hopes to become a pediatric sports medicine physician.

Mary Elizabeth Schuppenhauer
Harris School of Nursing

Mary Elizabeth Schuppenhauer lives in Dallas, TX where she is a nurse in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Parkland Health. Mary Elizabeth Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas Christian University in May 2022 with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and began her nursing career in Parkland’s Critical Care and Trauma Nurse Internship program. Mary Elizabeth is passionate about patient communication as part of delivering solid clinical care.
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Vinisha is a second-year student from Dallas, Texas majoring in neuroscience, minoring in Spanish for the Health Professions, and pursuing the pre-med track at TCU. She first got involved in research in her first semester through the Student Overview of Applied Research (SOAR) lab through TCU’s institute of Behavioral Research (IBR). As a freshman, Vinisha began an apprenticeship where she trained in qualitative analysis and began contributing to the larger ACTION and JCOIN studies at the IBR. She now works as a student intern at the IBR studying barriers and gaps present in substance and opioid use treatment. Recently receiving grant funding through the John V. Roach honors college, Vinisha hopes to grow as a researcher for the rest of her time as an undergraduate student.

Carsyn Poole
Harris School of Nursing

Carsyn Poole graduated from TCU in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and a minor in Spanish for the Health Professions. While at TCU, Carsyn worked with Dr. Kathy Baker on research about fecal microbiota transplantation. Their findings were published in the American Journal of Nursing in October 2023. Carsyn now works as a pediatric nurse at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Jordan Crupper
College of Science & Engineering

Jordan Crupper graduated from TCU in May 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Combined Science, focusing on mathematics and biology. During her time at TCU, Jordan loved working in the Centanni Lab—studying dyslexia and researching new interventions for non-typical learners. Her favorite memories from TCU include the Honors College Frog Camp in Edinburgh, Scotland, and her semester abroad in Rome. Jordan recently moved to Dublin, Ireland to pursue her Masters in Behavioral Neuroscience at University College Dublin as a Global Excellence Scholar. She hopes to one day become a clinician-researcher in pediatric neuropsychology.

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Benjamin Smoke
AddRan College of Liberal Arts

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Benjamin Smoke graduated as an Honors Laureate, earning a BA in Spanish and Hispanic Studies and a BA in Religion and Anthropology in 2023. While at TCU, Benjamin particularly enjoyed studying abroad in Seville, Spain, where he immersed himself fully into the Spanish experience, exploring everything Spain has to offer. In one of his adventures, he even found himself in the ring with a bull. Benjamin is eager to jump into the many adventures to come from working in ministry.

Anthony Lucido
AddRan College of Liberal Arts

Anthony Lucido graduated from TCU in 2023 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in English. In his three years of study, he has interned at the TCU Press and worked as a copyeditor for the Eleven40seven, TCU’s undergraduate literary magazine, and the Women’s Center of Tarrant County Chapbook, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping men, women, and children in the surrounding community. He has published creative works in various student publications and won honorable mention awards in the TCU Addran Festival and the Helen Hamilton Award. He plans to pursue a career in publishing and writing.

Jacora Johnson
AddRan College of Liberal Arts

Jacora Johnson is a passionate CRES Major, Honors Student and McNair Scholar. Their research interests span a range of interdisciplinary fields, including Black Queer Studies, Embodiment, Performance, Southern, and Cultural Studies. Jacora’s current research focuses on challenging the colonial project of the gender binary, particularly as it pertains to the embodied knowledges of Black Queer Folks and bodies. In their free time, they enjoy learning new things, cultivating community, and being unapologetically Black and Queer. Jacora is committed to expanding the imaginations of those around them beyond the limits of white supremacy.
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Julia Light is an actress, writer & podcast host living in New York City. She graduated from TCU in May of 2022 with a BFA in Musical Theatre and Departmental Honors in Theatre. Upon graduation, Julia first worked as a programming director for an educational theatre nonprofit. There she built upon her Honors Thesis, combining skills from her performance training and extracurricular involvement at TCU, namely Frog Camp Director Board. Since transitioning to pursue professional acting, Julia has performed at multiple regional theatres. She moved to NYC in October of 2023 and recently started her own podcast, Tears & Joy in Your Twenties, a project built to serve members of Generation Z navigating life after college.

Olivia Satkiewicz
College of Fine Arts

Olivia Satkiewicz is a graduating senior majoring in Fashion Merchandising with a minor in Entrepreneurship and innovation. She is originally from Steamboat Springs Colorado but has found a home at TCU over the last four years. During her time as a student, she discovered a deep interest of sustainability in fashion and chose to dive further into the topic through her Departmental Honors Thesis. Immediately following graduation, Olivia will move to New York City to work for Ralph Lauren in their corporate offices. Olivia greatly enjoyed her experience at TCU and is proud to be a horned frog for life!

Juliana DeBellis
College of Fine Arts

Juliana DeBellis graduated Suma Cum Laude from Texas Christian University in May of 2022 with a BFA in Ballet and a minor in Arts Leadership and Entrepreneurship. She enjoyed performing and soon started creating her own choreographic works. Juliana established herself as a dance film director, winning the inaugural Horned Frog Spotlight forum with her piece “in your presence.” Her Honor’s Project, “Shadows in the Shape of Swan Lake,” proved a further testament to her skills as a director, choreographer, academic, and above all, a storyteller. Juliana currently dances professionally with the Minnesota Ballet and continues to freelance creating films.
Ellen Brown
John V. Roach Honors College

Ellen Brown, an innovative art director, is renowned for their creative presentation skills and commitment to delivering visually compelling solutions. With a deep passion for design and a keen eye for detail, Ellen combines a strong foundation in design principles with a contemporary flair, resulting in a distinctive and impactful body of work. With a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from Texas Christian University, Ellen embarked on a career marked by a continuous pursuit of excellence. During her time at TCU, Ellen won the prestigious Boller Award for her senior thesis presentation, earned the Nordan Scholarship for excellent academic skills, and won several awards in international design competitions such as Graphis and Creative Quarterly. After TCU, Ellen went on to work as an Art Director in Dallas Fort Worth. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a versatile skill set. Her portfolio showcases a range of projects, from brand identity development and marketing collateral to website design and multimedia presentations. Beyond her role as an art director, Ellen is recognized for their collaborative spirit and effective communication skills.

Allison Reagan
John V. Roach Honors College

Allison recently graduated from TCU in May of 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in neuroscience. She is currently working on applying to medical school with the hopes of one day becoming a physician. Allison has enjoyed her time in the Neurobiology of Aging Labs, working and making lifelong connections with her faculty and graduate mentors and also getting the opportunity to present her work at the Boller Competition and Student Research Symposium. Outside of research, Allison has enjoyed working as a Special Events Coordinator for the Pre-Health Leadership Council and Peer Mentor for the College of Science & Engineering.