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Lexi Pepper

Neeley School of Business

Lexi Pepper is a 2024 summa cum laude graduate of Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship & Innovation and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. While at TCU, Lexi was passionately involved across campus, including her three years in both the BNSF Neeley Leadership Program and the Chancellor's Leadership Program. Her thesis was the culmination of her time at TCU, combining elements of her degrees. Currently, Lexi is continuing her education to become a Physical Therapist with the intention of helping people live healthier lives.

Alexandra Pierce, originally from Laguna Beach, California, earned her BBA in Marketing as an Honors Laureate from Texas Christian University in May 2024. She is currently continuing her education at TCU, pursuing her Master of Science in Business Analytics. Outside of the classroom, Alexandra is passionate about politics, sports, and animal welfare. She aspires to utilize her marketing skills to make a meaningful impact in one of these fields in the future.



Alexandra Pierce

Neeley School of Business



Victor Torres

Bob Schieffer College of
Communication

Victor Torres graduated from Texas Christian University in May 2024 with a degree in Film, Television, and Digital Media, along with minors in Creative Writing, Studio Art, and Computer Science. During his time at TCU, a number of his works were published in eleven40seven and he was given the Helen Hamilton Award in Creative Expression in 2022. He was president of TCU's Student Filmmakers Association as well as a member of TCU's social media team. He is currently working on *Lioness* Season 2 as he continues to pursue his own original projects.



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Claire Marie Abele

Bob Schieffer College of
Communication

Claire Abele is a recent TCU alumni from San Francisco, California who majored in Communication Studies with a minor in World History, and an emphasis in Women and Gender Studies and Consultative Selling. She spent her four years at TCU involved in a variety of organizations and leadership positions across campus, and is especially passionate about her study abroad experiences- the summer she spent in Rome, Italy studying world history, and the semester she spent in a Spanish immersion program in Sevilla, Spain. Claire is a curious self-starter who aims to be a lifelong learner. This September she will be moving to New York City to begin her career in consulting and is excited to be immersed in a city so rich with culture and educational opportunities.

As a first-gen college student, Hayden thrived as a McNair Scholar, Chancellor's Scholar, and Honors College student. With a passion for serving the TCU community as a servant leader, he committed himself as an Orientation Leader, Frogs First Co-Chair, Cultural Connector, Resident Assistant, and Peer-Guide. Hayden is currently attending a Higher Education master's program at the University of Michigan, hoping to support first-generation college students.



Hayden Nguyen

College of Education



Claudia Urbina

College of Education

Claudia Urbina is a junior majoring in Physical Education and a member of the John V. Roach Honors College, pursuing departmental honors in Kinesiology. As a McNair Scholar, she participated in a Summer Research Experience and presented on the benefits of a middle school civic education camp. Passionate about uplifting others, she serves as an executive director for LEAPS, a first-year service leadership organization. During her time at TCU, Claudia has been a Frog Camp Facilitator, an Orientation Leader, and is currently a Resident Assistant in Milton Daniel Hall. She looks forward to continuing her journey in education and community building.



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Kaitlyn Snider

College of Fine Arts

Kaitlyn Snider, a Virginia Beach native, holds a BFA in Interior Design with a minor in Architectural Lighting. Currently employed at Paramount Pictures, she's immersed in a TV show project within the dynamic Dallas/Fort Worth area. Raised amidst the coastal allure of Virginia Beach and nurtured by a passion for exploration, Kaitlyn envisions a multifaceted career. Post-graduation, she aims to delve into film production for a year before pursuing a dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Architecture. Her ultimate goal? To pioneer in production design, seamlessly merging her artistic vision with her fervent dedication to interdisciplinary research within architecture and film.

Originally from Laguna Niguel, California, Emma Wilkie graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from Texas Christian University in May of 2024. Passionate about fostering meaningful relationships and serving others through creativity, Emma's work demonstrates empathy and a care for those around her. Currently, she works at the Infinite Agency in Dallas, designing and developing campaigns, branding, and experiential events alongside an incredibly talented team. Emma's creative work is driven by her commitment to love others well, intending to combine creative vision with purpose to make an impact in the field and her community.



Emma Wilkie

College of Fine Arts



Ellie Jackson

Harris College of Nursing & Health
Sciences

Ellie Jackson is from Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated from TCU in May of 2024 with a Bachelor of Movement Science in Kinesiology and a minor in psychology. During her four years at TCU, she was a member of the John V. Roach Honors College and chose to complete her upper division honors through conducting a research thesis that focused on using virtual reality to increase enjoyment of exercise. Ellie is currently a first year DPT student at the University of North Texas Health Science Center with hopes of becoming a physical therapist.



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Isabel Van Vleet

Harris College of Nursing & Health
Sciences

Isabel is a speech-language pathology major and a child development minor who will graduate from TCU in May of 2024. She is originally from Portland, Oregon, but now considers Texas her new home! Isabel will pursue her master's degree in speech-language pathology at TCU in the fall. The process of completing her departmental honors project fueled her passions for research in the speech pathology field. In her free time, Isabel enjoys going on walks outside, trying new restaurants with her friends, and traveling.

Caleb J. Shaw, is a graduate of the class of 2024 with a degree in Economics and History. He is a curious explorer at heart with broad academic interests in general economics and historical economic thought, the rise of the western world, as well as theology. Outside of academic settings, he immerses himself into the wilderness, exploring from the mountains of British Columbia to the woods of Arkansas, and enjoys leading youth and young adults in discovering how God has wired them. He can be seen running around, donning his running shoes, and training for his next race.



Caleb Shaw

Addran College of Liberal Arts



Jazmine Velasquez

Addran College of Liberal Arts

A Texas native and Air Force veteran, Jazmine is a political science student passionate about non-profit work and social issues. She advocates for the LGBTQ+ community and explores the role of media in shaping public perception. With a strong commitment to amplifying marginalized voices, Jazmine believes in the power of education and advocacy to drive meaningful change. Her journey focuses on overcoming challenges and fostering inclusivity. She is eager to leverage her background and studies to contribute to a more equitable society. In addition to her primary interests, Jazmine is also passionate about constitutional law, media literacy, and promoting civic engagement through voting.



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Aleah Appel

The College of
Science & Engineering

Aleah Appel grew up in Canyon, Texas and graduated magna cum laude in 2024 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. During her time at TCU, she was an active member of the environmental club, the pre-dental society, and the climbing team. She spent two years working in Dr. Matt Chumchal's research lab where she completed her honors research project focusing on mercury contamination of Arctic invertebrates. She enjoys rock climbing, running, and baking. She is currently attending dental school at the Hunt School of Dental Medicine in El Paso, Texas.

Jack Bonnell is a 2024 TCU graduate, attaining his Bachelors of Science Chemistry degree on the Pre-Health track. He joined Dr. Kayla Green's research lab at the end of his freshman year, working on organic and inorganic synthesis in the pursuit of his Honors Thesis, titled "The Characterization of Iron RPy₂N₂ Azamacrocyclic Complexes as Carbon-Carbon Coupling Catalysts." Jack now attends the Burnett School of Medicine at TCU in his first year, with the goal of becoming an anaesthesiologist.



Jackson Bonnell

The College of
Science & Engineering



Sheridan O'Coynne

John V. Roach Honors College

During Sheridan's time at TCU, she completed her Bachelor of Biology, as well as earning both Departmental and University Honors distinctions. She is very proud of the work she did at TCU and the research she conducted to complete her thesis. She is incredibly grateful for all of the opportunities this project has opened for her and for all the support she received from her professors and peers. Sheridan's proudest academic achievement at TCU was being nominated as a Boller Finalist and having the opportunity to present her project to a panel of esteemed honors faculty. Sheridan is currently residing in her hometown, San Diego, CA, and is entering the Biotech industry. She will be applying to graduate programs in the fall, with the hope of pursuing a PhD in the future.





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Julianne Tai

John V. Roach Honors College

Julianne Tai graduated from TCU in May 2024 with a Bachelor of Music in piano performance and Bachelor of Arts in anthropology. She entered TCU as a Nordan Young Artist in Music and graduated summa cum laude and as a laureate of the John V. Roach Honors College. Julianne has a humanitarian's heart and has volunteered extensively with refugees and marginalized communities in Fort Worth and beyond. She is dedicated to exploring culture, global entanglements, and international development. Julianne is currently pursuing a master's degree in Global Studies at Ghent University and University of Vienna through the Erasmus Mundus joint-degree program in global studies.

