

Meet the Contributors

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Bri Castillo

Fine Arts

Bri Castillo, a first-generation BFA graduate in Graphic Design, excels in collaborative settings and loves the exciting process of visual storytelling. She is always eager to adapt, learn, and grow alongside her peers while making meaningful contributions to projects that connect and inspire others. Bri currently lives in Austin, Texas, where she works full-time at IBM as a Visual & UX Designer. When she's not designing, you'll find her with a good book in hand—or with her hands full, diving into yet another new hobby.



Reagan Oates

Fine Arts

Reagan Oates graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas Christian University in May 2025 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design and a minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, completing a Departmental Honors Thesis. Her work is driven by a passion for visual storytelling and the belief that strong design lives at the intersection of creativity and strategy. Her honors thesis, inspired by a childhood dream shared with her parents, explored how thoughtful design can shape perception and create lasting impact. Reagan is currently an Art Director at PMG, where she develops concept-driven campaigns for global brands while continuing to grow as a designer and creative leader.

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Sarah Gonzalez

Nursing

During her time at TCU, Sarah Gonzalez was an active McNair Scholar, conducting research on health literacy and the aging adult population under the mentorship of Dr. Carol Howe. She also contributed to projects with the College of Science and Engineering's Institute of Behavioral Research, where she examined barriers to accessing women's health care. In 2025, Sarah graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She now works as a Critical Care Registered Nurse while applying to PhD programs to further pursue her passion for research.



Jasmine Villanueva

Nursing

Jasmine Villanueva is a senior social work student at Texas Christian University and a McNair Scholar. Her research centers on equity in Hispanic communities, including a study on teen pregnancy in minoritized populations and an honors thesis on the supports and barriers faced by monolingual Spanish-speaking parents' involvement in their children's education. She's a research assistant for Dr. Aesha John, exploring children's media use and developmental outcomes. Fluent in Spanish, Jasmine interns with Communities In Schools to expand services for Spanish-speaking students. She pursues this research to amplify the voices of the Hispanic community and advance policy and practice for marginalized families.

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Hanna Zimmerman

Education

Hanna Zimmerman is an emerging educator and researcher with a passion for inclusive teaching practices that support the diverse needs of all learners. She is particularly interested in the role of music and play in early childhood education and how these approaches can foster engagement, creativity, and meaningful learning for students with disabilities, including those with Down Syndrome. Drawing on her background in elementary education, Hanna seeks to bridge theory and practice by highlighting strategies that empower both teachers and families. Her work emphasizes the importance of joyful, student-centered classrooms where every beat counts.



Lydia Gilpin

Eductation

Lydia J. Gilpin recently graduated from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Science in Education, concentrating on Secondary Education: Language & Literacy. Lydia now works for Doxology Bible Church as a College Ministry Resident.

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Brianna Bell

Addran

Brianna Bell recently graduated with her BA in English and minor in Digital Culture and Data Analytics from Texas Christian University. As a student, she served as president of TCU's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the national English honor society. She also served as vice president of TCU's Asian Media Association, an organization dedicated to spreading appreciation of various Asian cultures. She received numerous recognitions for her research and writing, including the AddRan Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, the Women's Wednesday Club Undergraduate Research Essay Award, the McNair Scholar Award, and the English Senior Scholar Award. In her free time, Brianna enjoys reading on the couch of her favorite boba shops.



Jessica Parker

Addran

Jessica Parker is a Fort Worth native and a proud alumna of the TCU English Class of 2025. Jessica began her academic career as a psychology major but soon discovered a passion for studying literatures ranging from Icelandic sagas, Renaissance plays, contemporary fiction and poetry, and everything in between. With her background in both psychology and English studies, Jessica continues to be fascinated by the human capacity for creativity and plans to return to higher education in the coming years. In the meantime, you can find her on the lookout for fluffy creatures or attempting to brew the perfect cup of tea.

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Mark Sayegh

Honors

Mark Sayegh is from Austin, Texas and is a senior Biochemistry major with a minor in Cultural Awareness in Healthcare at Texas Christian University. He will attend UT Southwestern Medical School next year and is a Clark Society Scholar and TCU's 2025 Outstanding Senior. On campus, Mark has been deeply involved in leadership and service, including founding and leading One Shade Greener, a nonprofit focused on community health initiatives in Fort Worth. He has also served as a leader in the Honors Mentorship Program and has conducted research in the chemistry department for the past four years. Through these experiences, Mark has focused on service, collaboration, and making a lasting impact on the TCU community.



Jackson Kaiser

Honors

Jackson Kaiser recently graduated from Texas Christian University with a double degree, majoring in Political Science, Economics, and Communication Studies. He also obtained a minor in Spanish. Jackson was a member of the John V. Roach Honors College and completed his departmental honors project in Economics. While at TCU, Jackson served as president of the Speech and Debate team and secretary of the John V. Roach Honors Cabinet. After graduation, he moved back to Austin to attend the University of Texas School of Law.

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Ashley Gemoets

Neeley

Ashley Gemoets '25 graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas Christian University with a BBA in Marketing and a minor in Communication Studies, completing Departmental Honors through the John V. Roach Honors College. Under the supervision of Dr. Elijah Clark, her research examined Generation Z's perception of the implementation of generative AI in experiential marketing, revealing critical insights into how emerging consumers evaluate authenticity in technology-enhanced brand experiences. Beyond research, Gemoets served as a Residential Assistant, Frog Camp Facilitator, and VP of Marketing for the Neeley Fellows Program while maintaining recognition as a Jane and John Justin Foundation Visionary Scholar. She now applies her expertise as a Marketing Specialist at Cisco in Austin, Texas.



Braeden Schimmel

Neeley

Braeden Schimmel is originally from Davis, California, and earned a degree in Finance from Texas Christian University. While at TCU, he was a member of the Neeley Fellows program, served on the TIP Board, and participated in the club golf team. He was also involved in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Braeden gained early experience in the energy sector through an internship at Vortus Investments during his sophomore year, followed by an internship in Jefferies' Oil & Gas Investment Banking group during his junior year. He now works full-time as an Analyst at Jefferies in Houston, Texas.

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Duc Toan Nguyen

Science & Engineering

Duc Toan Nguyen is an international student from Da Nang, Vietnam. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with double degrees in Mathematics (with Departmental Honors, Senior Scholar distinction) and Computer Science. As an undergraduate, he completed four research projects in diverse areas that connect Mathematics and Machine Learning. His work was recognized at multiple conferences and symposiums, where he received several awards. Committed to advancing the theoretical foundations of Machine Learning, he is now pursuing a PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Rice University.



Ana Herget

Science & Engineering

Ana Herget recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Texas Christian University. Her research explored novel anti-inflammatory compounds in relation to Alzheimer's disease, focusing on cytokine expression in BV2 cells. She has presented her findings at TCU and earned recognition for her work. Ana plans to pursue a career in optometry while contributing to vision science research.

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Caleb Ramirez

Bob Schieffer

Caleb Ramirez got his degree in Film, TV, & Digital Media with double minors in Women & Gender Studies and Comparative Race & Ethnic Studies from TCU in 2025. His current research, “Stealing From the White Man: Black Women’s Geography as Seen in Heist Films,” centers on the representation of Black women within the heist film genre, where he examines doubt, screen time, and use of public space, which is also the winner of the best DEI award for the 2025 Schieffer showcase. Caleb is a film scholar by training with specific research interests in feminism, gender, sexuality, and race in film.



Haylee Chiariello

Bob Schieffer

Haylee Chiariello is an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation. She graduated summa cum Laude from the John V. Roach Honors College as the #1-ranked graduate of her class at TCU, earning a degree in Native American expressions, dance, and journalism. She is currently continuing her education at TCU by pursuing a master’s degree. Her roles on campus include TCU Feature Twirler and President of the Native and Indigenous Student Association.