# FortyAcres Scholars Program

2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW







Since its inaugural class in 2011 of 10 scholars, the Forty Acres Scholars Program, administered by the Texas Exes, has grown into one of the most elite and competitive scholarships in the country. The premier full-ride, merit-based program for The University of Texas at Austin, is unique in its dedication to a close-knit and diverse cohort community, and the access it gives scholars to successful alumni. Not only does the program significantly raise the prestige of the university, it develops a community of students who will become dedicated alumni themselves after graduation.

For more than a century, the Texas Exes has been awarding scholarships that are far more than just a check. We take great pride in supporting the education of these talented young people and guiding them through their time on campus. Forty Acres Scholars are dynamic leaders who go out and change the world, while staying closely connected and engaged with their alma mater. In just a few short years the program has truly been transformative for the association and the university.

As another graduating class of scholars begins their professional lives, the program will welcome the Class of 2021 who stand out by excelling academically, leading their peers, and making meaningful contributions to their communities.

All of us at the Texas Exes wish to thank the donors and volunteers who have helped this program make such a profound impact on campus and beyond. The following is a summary of another successful year for this growing program. We look forward to many, many more!



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Programming throughout the year is designed to create a bond between Forty Acres Scholars that will last for four years, and beyond. These fun events are meaningful opportunities for scholars to connect with others outside of their cohort.

#### ALL-SCHOLAR MEETING

At the beginning of each semester, scholars come together for teambuilding and a housekeeping meeting. The spring meeting featured a teambuilding session led by The Drum Café. The facilitator did a great job of recognizing the accomplishments of the scholars and encouraging them to continue to stay in rhythm with the program throughout the year.

#### **SCHOLAR FAMILIES**

During the fall semester, the Scholar Families Committee plans mixers for the freshman and sophomore scholars to meet and get to know one another. The committee then matches every freshman scholar with a sophomore scholar based on preferences, and the freshman scholar joins the Scholar Family. Each family is comprised of scholars from every cohort, allowing peer-to-peer mentoring across all years. Families are given a stipend each year to plan and organize outings.

#### **BROADWAY IN AUSTIN**

Each year scholars attend a Broadway in Austin performance at Bass Concert Hall. This year, scholars had front row seats to see the classic performance of The Phantom of the Opera.

#### SCHOLAR THANKSGIVING

A new event this year, Scholar Thanksgiving allowed scholars to come together before the holiday and enjoy dinner and company with one another. The event also served as a service opportunity, with scholars donating canned food and coins for a local food pantry.

#### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

On the last class day of the fall semester, scholars de-stress from final exams and papers with ornament and cookie decorating.

#### **FORMAL**

Before leaving for the long winter break, scholars come together to celebrate the end of the semester. The Formal Committee chose Abel's on the Lake as the venue for this year's event, which provided a nice view of the holiday light show at Mozart's next door.

# PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SCHOLARS ARE PROVIDED exclusive personal and professional development opportunities through the program.

#### **ETIQUETTE DINNER**

Each year, scholars are invited to attend an etiquette dinner led by Sharon Schweitzer with Protocol & Etiquette Worldwide. Freshman scholars are required to attend, and older scholars are strongly encouraged to brush up on their dining skills prior to fall events.

#### **INDUSTRY BREAKFAST**

Scholars interested in the finance were invited to hear from members of the 1883 Council who work in the industry. A pilot event this year, the breakfast was well-received by both scholars and finance professionals.

#### **COMPANY INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Representatives from companies host private networking events for scholars throughout the year. These events allow scholars one-on-one access to learn more about the company. This year, scholars had the opportunities to hear from:

- Bain
- Boston Consulting Group
- Facebook
- · McKinsey & Company

# FORTY ACRES DISCUSSIONS (FADs)

FADs serve as an opportunity for scholars to hear from alumni and special guests on a specific topic or more generally, the pathways that led the individual to where they are now. The informal setting allows discussion between the speaker and scholars to share and learn. This year's FAD speakers were:

- Judge Ricardo Hinojosa: Judge Hinojosa, BA '72, Distinguished Alumnus, is a federal judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.
- Creativity for Peace: Donors Jeanne and Mickey Klein arranged for the executive director and young leaders from Creativity for Peace, an organization that trains young Israeli and Palestinian women to partner as leaders by transforming anger and prejudice to mutual respect, facilitating an understanding of the other, and inspiring action to promote equality and peace.

## COHORT RETREATS

COHORT RETREATS are a critical element of creating and maintaining the bonds and friendships that will strengthen the scholars throughout their four years on campus.

#### **CLASS OF 2020 FRESHMAN RETREAT**

The purpose of the freshman retreat is to create the cohort bond and outline the program requirements and expectations. The annual two-day retreat in August is held at the JW Marriott Hill Country Resort and Spa in San Antonio. Scholars bonded over s'mores and free time at the waterpark. During the program discussion, scholars were split into small groups to discuss expectations for themselves, as well as their cohort, for the next four years. At the end of the retreat, scholars wrote reflection letters to themselves, which will be returned during their senior year

#### CLASS OF 2019 SOPHOMORE RETREAT

The Sophomore Retreat Planning Committee executed a successful retreat to the Hill Country in November. The committee planned a hiking tour of Canyon Lake Gorge, followed by an overnight stay in Wimberly.

#### **CLASS OF 2018 JUNIOR RETREAT**

The Junior Retreat Planning Committee planned a day of exploration along the Guadalupe River, followed by an overnight stay in a country house in Kyle. The rainy day in April did not stop the scholars from enjoying their outdoor adventure.

#### **CLASS OF 2017 SENIOR TRIP**

Days before classes resume in January, senior scholars gather one last time before going their separate ways. This year's senior cohort traveled to Canada for four days. The trip began with an overnight stay in Calgary, where scholars visited Calgary Olympic Park and cheered the local Calgary Flames on to victory at an NHL game. The group then journey to Banff for the remainder of the trip. Highlights include ice skating at Lake Louise, cross-country skiing, and hiking Johnston Canyon within the Banff National Park.

# **ALUMNI EVENTS**

Scholars are invited to attend many events with successful alumni throughout the year. UT's alumni network is dedicated, generous, and most importantly, everywhere.

#### TEXAS EXES FALL KICKOFF PARTY

Many scholars attended the event, which honored the recipients of the Outstanding Young Texas Exes Awards, including former basketball player Kevin Durant.

#### **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARDS**

Each year, the Texas Exes honors alumni who have distinguished themselves professionally and through service to The University of Texas. Scholars had the opportunity to congratulate this year's recipients, including Governor Greg Abbott and donor Pete Geren.

#### **DINNER AT LONGHORN VILLAGE**

The Longhorn Village staff paired scholars up with residents from the retirement community for dinner. Scholars enjoyed meeting the residents and hearing their stories. Following dinner, residents and scholars were treated to a magic show by scholar Giancarlo Bernini.

#### FORTY ACRES SOCIETY EVENTS

Society events are a great opportunity for scholars to network with members of the society as well as hear from guest speakers. Scholars were invited to the annual tailgate, as well as to events featuring Distinguished Alumnus Bob Inman, UT Men's Athletics Director Mike Perrin, UT Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis, and a tour of Dell Medical School.

## SERVICE

The Service Committee planned activities throughout the year to encourage scholars to donate their time and give back to the community.

#### LONGHORN HALLOWEEN

The Service Committee set up a pumpkin decorating booth at UT's annual event. Scholars helped kids decorate 160 pumpkins throughout the event. We learned that for next year we need more pumpkins and less glitter!

#### CANNED FOOD/COIN DRIVE

Scholars were encouraged to bring canned food and coins with them to Scholar Thanksgiving. The Service Committee purchased additional canned food with the coins. In total, 164 pounds of food was donated to Caritas of Austin.

## FRESHMAN DINNER SERIES

FOR EIGHT WEEKS throughout the fall semester, the freshman scholars gather each week on Wednesday night for dinner and discussions with UT faculty, special guests, and older scholars in the program. This year's series featured:

- Texas Exes Management Team
- Scholar-Led Panel: What I Wish I Had Known My Freshman Year
- Dr. John Daly, Moody College of Communication
- Moonlight Prowl with Jim Nicar
- UT Counseling and Mental Health Center
- · Dr. Michele Rountree, School of Social Work
- Dr. Jeremi Suri, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs; College of Liberal Arts
- Scholar-Led Panel: How I Used My Enrichment Funds and What I Learned

# SCHOLAR COMMITTEES

 ${\tt Scholar}\ {\tt committees}\ helped\ plan\ and\ executive\ programming\ throughout\ the\ year.$ 

#### RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

Isabelle Donatelli Michael Everett Jacqueline Gibson Chandler Groves Katherine Kennedy Bronwyn Scott Kathryn Stouffer

#### SCHOLAR FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Henry Boehm Bronwyn Scott Ben Stevenson Micky Wolf

#### **FORMAL COMMITTEE**

Caroline Read Marlene Renz Scott Urbis

# FINALIST WEEKEND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Senior Coordinators: Jonathan Go Mandy Jústiz Greyson Rubin Kathryn Stouffer Ryan Diebner Justin Dunlap Skyler Frost **Emily Gex** Sophia Guirola Clio Harralson Holden Hopkins Scott Kennedy Vikram Ramanathan Lauren Smith Jed Vick Jill Young

# VALENTINE'S CARDS FOR DELL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

A few days prior to Valentine's Day, scholars made homemade cards to be delivered to patients at the Dell Children's Hospital.

#### SCHOLAR DAY OF SERVICE

The Service Committee organized a day of service for scholars in late March. Following lunch at Zilker Park, scholars volunteered at the Umlauf Sculpture Garden doing outdoor maintenance, which included gardening, cleaning up pathways, restoring ponds, and cleaning sculptures.



#### **SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Manjula Andukuri Janelle Chavez Emily Gex Mandy Jústiz Kelsey Mumford Bronwyn Scott

# CLASS OF 2019 SOPHOMORE RETREAT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Janelle Chavez Chandler Groves Mandy Jústiz

# CLASS OF 2018 JUNIOR RETREAT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Andrew Bazley Abigail Griffin







(Top) Texas Exes Dallas Chapter Forty Acres Scholarship recipients Katherine Allen and Will Clark with chapter leaders at the 2016 scholarship dinner.

(Middle) Stamps Scholars at the 2016 Stamps Convention in Atlanta. (Bottom) Class of 2017 Scholars at the Commencement Reception.

# SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Every fall, donors, scholars, parents, UT faculty and staff, and program supporters come together to recognize the scholars and their accomplishments. The highlight of the dinner is hearing from the senior scholars as they reflect on their time in the program and on the Forty Acres.

# STAMPS CONVENTION

THE STAMPS FAMILY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION hosts a biennial convention designed to connect Stamps Scholars across the nation in order to create a network and achieve the following goals:

- Empower Scholars to make a positive contribution to the world
- Promote sustainable bonds through intellectual discussion
- Highlight participating Stamps schools and their programs
- Give thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Stamps

Stamps Scholars traveled to Atlanta, Georgia where the convention was hosted by Georgia Tech. This year's keynote speakers were:

- Elisa Villanueva Beard, the current Chief Executive Officer of Teach for America
- G. Wayne Clough, Secretary Emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution and President Emeritus of the Georgia Institute of Technology

Scholars had the opportunity to participate in lectures, activities, tours and small-group discussions in their chosen thread topic. A new event at this year's convention was the Stamps Service Challenge, which aims to apply Scholars' skills to real-life challenges faced by organizations.

# COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

Each year during the Great Texas Exit, senior scholars are invited to a private reception at the Alumni Center prior to the university-wide Commencement. With their families present, the Class of 2017 cohort was toasted for a great four years. Scholars were reminded to stay connected with the program and encouraged to give back to the program in various ways as alumni.

# SCHOLAR ACHIEVEMENTS

## UNIVERSITY HONORS

Ashley Alcantara
Abigail Aldea
Manjula Andukuri
Jeff Auster
Erin Backus
Eli Barrish
Andrew Bazley
Cole Bennette
Giancarlo Bernini
Henry Boehm
Janelle Chavez
Will Clark
Alexi Cortez
Alicia Crespin
Siji Deleawe

Ryan Diebner
Isabelle Donatelli
Justin Dunlap
Michael Everett
Ale Flores
Skyler Frost
Emily Gex
Ben Giddens
Jonathan Go
Abigail Griffin
Chandler Groves
Sophia Guirola
Elizabeth Hamm
Amanda Hildebrand
Holden Hopkins

Lindsey Jacobe
Mandy Jústiz
Katherine Kennedy
Scott Kennedy
McKenna Kernaghan
Rachel Larson
Aasim Maknojia
Katie Mark
Kelsey Mumford
Smitha Nagar
McKay Proctor
Alex Rabinovich
Vikram Ramanathan
Emma Rappold
Caroline Read

Chessie Reece Marlene Renz Greyson Rubin Bronwyn Scott Celia Shaheen Ben Stevenson Lizzy Tan Audrey Urbis Scott Urbis Jed Vick Micky Wolf Jill Young

## CAMPUS AWARDS

Janelle Chavez, Class of 2019 College of Natural Sciences Aspire Leadership and Service Award

 ${\bf Jacqueline~Gibson,}~Class~of~2019\\ {\bf College~of~Natural~Sciences~Aspire~Leadership~and~Service~Award}$ 

Seth Krasne, Class of 2019 Texas Exes President's Leadership Award

Rachel Larson, Class of 2016 (Completing a Fifth-Year Integrated Degree Program) Alpha Rho Chi Bronze Medal 2017 American Institute of Architects Henry Adams Medal Kelsey Mumford, Class of 2019 2017 American Association of Colleges of Nursing National Student Grassroots Ambassador

Bronwyn Scott, Class of 2017 Cactus StandoUT Award University Co-op George H. Mitchell Award

Lizzy Tan, Class of 2018 Sorority and Fraternity Life Individual Leadership Award

# CAMPUS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Jeff Auster, Class of 2019 Genesis Program – Director of Development Society for Biomaterials – VP of Operations

Henry Boehm, Class of 2019 Sigma Phi Epsilon – Rush Captain Student Government – Associate Director for Alumni Relations Janelle Chavez, Class of 2019
Global Surgery Student Alliance –
Co-Founder/Chair
Student Health Advisory Committee –
Student Government Representative
Freshman Researching
Initiative – Mentor
College of Natural Sciences Council –
Student/Faculty Relations Committee
Longhorn Advocates Mentorship
Program – Congressional District
27 Student Representative

Will Clark, Class of 2020 The Daily Texan – Senior Report; News Desk Editor

Ryan Diebner, Class of 2020 Business Honors Program Recruiter

Justin Dunlap, Class of 2019 Pi Kappa Alpha – Rush Chairman; Social Committee Chair

# CAMPUS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Michael Everett, Class of 2019
Student Consulting Initiative –
Director of Programming
Longhorn Energy Investment Team –
Co-Founder; Analyst Team Leader
Pi Kappa Alpha – Public Relations
Chair; Purchasing Director;
Honor Council member
Texas Exes Student Ambassador

Ale Flores, Class of 2019
Ernst & Young Ambassador
Texas Latin Dance –
Philanthropy Chair
Subiendo Academy –
Director of Administration

Jacqueline Gibson, Class of 2019
Association of Black Computer
Scientists – Co-Founder; President
Senate of College Councils –
Academic Enrichment Co-Chair
Faculty Council Technology
Enhanced Education Oversight
Committee – Student Appointee
Women in Computer Science
– Nell Dale Mentor
Texas Orange Jackets – Director
of Scholarship and Service

Clio Harralson, Class of 2020
Business Honors Program Steering
Committee – Freshman Representative
Business Honors Program
Hometown Recruiter

Amanda Hildebrand, Class of 2017 Teachers of Tomorrow – Historian

Mandy Jústiz, Class of 2019
Dean's Scholars Honors Program
– Council Representative
Zeta Tau Alpha – Scholastics
Assistant Chair

Hannah Kelly, Class of 2018

Longhorn Entrepreneurship Agency

– Media and Creative Director

Freshman Interest Group Mentor

Katherine Kennedy, Class of 2018 Young Life College Team – Team Leader Delta Delta Delta – VP Chapter Development: President

Seth Krasne, Class of 2019
Senate of College Councils – Academic
Integrity Committee Co-Chair
Business Honors Program Student
Ethics Board – Co-Chair
Student Conduct Board
Student Endowed Centennial
Lectureship Board Member

Rachel Larson, Class of 2016 (Completing a Fifth Year Integrated Degree Plan) Social Justice Initiative – Secretary

Katie Mark, Class of 2016 (Completing a Fifth Year Integrated Degree Plan) Student Engineering Council – Executive Advisor

Kelsey Mumford, Class of 2019
Health Advocacy Student
Coalition – Founder/Director
UT Nursing Students Association –
Health Policy Committee Chair
Student Government –
School of Nursing Representative
Student Health Advisory
Committee – Advocacy & Policy
Subcommittee Member
Orange Squad (Co-ed) Cheerleading
Team – Appearances Project Manager,
Social Media Project Manager

Smitha Nagar, Class of 2020 Freetail Hackers – Corporate Organizer Code Orange – Vice President of Logistics/Operations EGaDS – Corporate Officer

Alex Rabinovich, Class of 2019
Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity –
Head Recruitment Captain
Student Consulting Initiative – Finance
and Corporate Relations Director
Silver Spurs

Chessie Reece, Class of 2019
Senate of College Councils – At-Large Representative
Clements Center for National
Security – Undergraduate Fellow

Ron Richard, Class of 2017 Cultural Interest Association – Director

Greyson Rubin, Class of 2018
Student Government – School
of Architecture Representative
for Student Government
Texas for Expanding Opportunities
– Workshop Director
Zeta Beta Tau – Vice President

Bronwyn Scott, Class of 2017 Texas Undergraduate Research Journal – Editor-in-Chief Plan II Pre-Medical Society – President

Lizzy Tan, Class of 2018
Texas Leaders – CoFounder; Co-Director
Creative 40 Acres – Outreach Chair
Cohen New Works Festival – Selection
Committee; Project Lead

# CASE COMPETITIONS

Michael Everett, Class of 2019 Accenture McCombs Spring Case Competition – 3rd Place

Ale Flores, Class of 2019
Deloitte FanTAXtic National Case Competition – 3rd Place
Deloitte FanTAXtic Regional Case Competition – 1st Place

Alex Rabinovich, Class of 2019 Student Consulting Initiative – 2nd Place

Jed Vick, Class of 2020 McCombs Spring Case Competition – 3rd Place

# **INTERNSHIPS\***

Ashley Alcantara, Class of 2017 Texas Exes Advocacy Department; Austin, TX

Abigail Aldea, Class of 2018 Dimensional Fund Advisors; Austin, TX

Katherine Allen, Class of 2018 Handshake; San Francisco, CA

**Jeff Auster**, Class of 2019 BASF; Geismar, LA

Eli Barrish, Class of 2018 Ruach Naschit; Haifa, Israel

Henry Boehm, Class of 2019 Legacy Star Capital Partners; Austin, TX

Janelle Chavez, Class of 2019 Office of Senator Eddie Lucio Jr.: Austin, TX

Will Clark, Class of 2020 Moody College of Communication, Journalism School; Austin, TX

Justin Dunlap, Class of 2019Rivet Networks LLC; Austin, TX

Michael Everett, Class of 2019 Crossnore Group; Austin, TX Statoil; Austin, TX Ale Flores, Class of 2019 Texas Exes Scholarship Department; Austin, TX

Jacqueline Gibson, Class of 2019 Microsoft; Redmond, WA Chandler Groves, Class of 2019 Feeding Texas; Austin, TX

Mandy Jústiz, Class of 2019 Sway Water; Austin, TX

Seth Krasne, Class of 2019 Office of the Texas Secretary of State; Austin, TX

Rachel Larson, Class of 2016 (Completing a Fifth Year Integrated Degree Plan) Goldman Sachs; New York City, NY

Katie Mark, Class of 2016 (Completing a Fifth Year Integrated Degree Plan) Stantec; Plano, TX

Kelsey Mumford, Class of 2019 Central Health/CommUnity Care; Austin, TX

Smitha Nagar, Class of 2020 Google; Mountain View, CA Alex Rabinovich, Class of 2019
Anti-Defamation League, Words
to Action Fellow; Austin, TX
Old Three Hundred Capital; Austin, TX

Emma Rappold, Class of 2020 Lost Arts Entertainment; Dallas, TX

Caroline Read, Class of 2017 Texas Watch; Austin, TX

Chessie Reece, Class of 2019 YMCA Texas Youth and Government State Office; Austin, TX

Celia Shaheen, Class of 2019 Museum of Fine Arts; Houston, TX

Kathryn Stouffer, Class of 2017 Whole Foods; Austin, TX

Audrey Urbis, Class of 2019 PelotonU; Austin, TX Southwest Airlines; Dallas, TX

Steven Wilbanks, Class of 2016 (Completing a Fifth Year Integrated Degree Plan) Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church Interim Director of High School Discipleship; Austin, TX

Micky Wolf, Class of 2018 The Purpose Institute; Austin, TX TrendKite; Austin, TX

# **RESEARCH\***

**Jeff Auster**, Class of 2019 Laboratory for Cardiovascular Bioengineering and Therapeutics

Andrew Bazley, Class of 2018 Functional probing of the pre-60s polypeptide exit tunnel with Dr. Arlen Johnson

Jacqueline Gibson, Class of 2019 Autonomous intelligent robotics research with the Learning Agents Research Group Mandy Jústiz, Class of 2019 Proteins involved in cetacean hearing with Dr. Harold Zakon

Kelsey Mumford, Class of 2019 Case management to enhance health promotion in black, lowerincome adults with Dr. Ana Todd Bronwyn Scott, Class of 2017
Published first-author paper "A pyruvate decarboxylase-mediated therapeutic strategy for mimicking yeast metabolism in cancer cells" in Pharmacological Research; Published co-first author paper "Hesperetin Liposomes for Cancer Therapy" in Current Drug Delivery

Lizzy Tan, Class of 2018 Published "Religious Expression: Applying the Lemon Test Redux to Establishment Clause Cases" in Texas Undergraduate Law Review Volume V, Issue I

# ENRICHMENT STIPEND

FORTY ACRES SCHOLARS have a world of opportunity at their feet. Scholars receive a \$13,000 stipend for at least one enrichment activity during their UT career. These funds allow them to attend conferences, conduct original research, gain work experience through internships, serve in volunteer positions, and study abroad. Each scholar designs an experience best suited to his or her individual goals.

These amazing experiences transform scholars' lives, challenging them to excel outside the Forty Acres and accelerating their personal and professional growth. Recently, scholars have studied history in Spain, conducted biochemical research in Italy, played the oboe in Japan, and much more.

#### STUDY ABROAD

Katherine Allen Barcelona, Spain **Emily Barnes** Granada, Spain Alicia Crespin Buenos Aires, Argentina Siji Deleawe Hong Kong, China Ryan Diebner Buenos Aires, Argentina Isabelle Donatelli Florence, Italy **Connor Frew** Berlin, Germany Clio Harralson

Buenos Aires, Argentina Holden Hopkins Buenos Aires, Argentina Lindsey Jacobe London, United Kingdom Hannah Kelly Copenhagen, Denmark McKenna Kernaghan Lausanne, Switzerland

Steffi Lee Paris, France Katie Mark Europe

Vikram Ramanathan Shenzhen, China

Lizzy Tan London, United Kingdom

Jed Vick Santiago, Chile

#### **INTERNSHIP**

**Emily Barnes** Harvard Lab for Developmental Studies;

Boston, MA

**Justin Dunlap** Nectar Company; Barcelona, Spain Ale Flores Ernst and Young; San Jose, CA **Skyler Frost** Cannes Film Festival; Cannes, France **Abigail Griffin** Military Child Education Coalition; Austin, TX

Aasim Maknojia Goldman Sachs; New York City, NY Cannes Film Festival; Cannes, France Emma Rappold

Chessie Reece Association of Organisations of Mediterranean

Businesswomen; Barcelona, Spain

Jill Young Cannes Film Festival; Cannes, France

#### RESEARCH

**Andrew Bazley** MD Anderson Cancer Center: Houston, TX Janelle Chavez MD Anderson Cancer Center; Houston, TX

Micky Wolf Jagriti Yatra; India

#### PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Ale Flores NHSMUN Conference; New York City, NY **Abigail Griffin** Frances Hasselbein Leadership Conference;

Colorado Springs, CO

Military Child Education Coalition

National Training Seminar;

Washington D.C.

Elizabeth Hamm US Naval Academy Leadership Conference;

Annapolis, MD

Game Developers Conference; Smitha Nagar

San Francisco, CA

TBX Residencies: Kira Blazek and Idan Sharabi; Lizzy Tan

Austin, TX

American Dance Festival; Durham, NC

#### DOMESTIC STUDY PROGRAM

**Emily Gex** GOV 312L The Washington Campus;

Washington D.C.

Chandler Groves GOV 312L The Washington Campus;

Washington D.C.

Elizabeth Hamm UT Summer Intensive Greek; Austin, TX Clio Harralson

GOV 312L The Washington Campus;

Washington D.C.

**Bronwyn Scott** University of Texas School of Public Health;

Austin, TX

**SERVICE** 

Janelle Chavez Global Medical Training; Lima, Peru

International Volunteer HQ: Genaro DeLeon

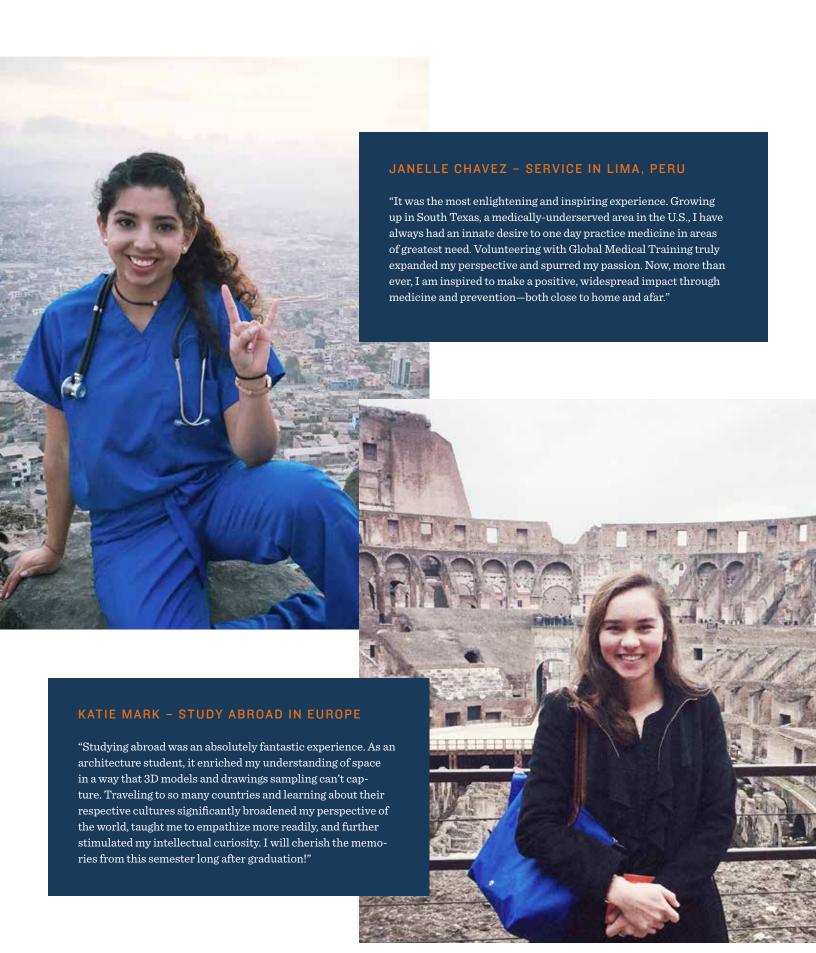
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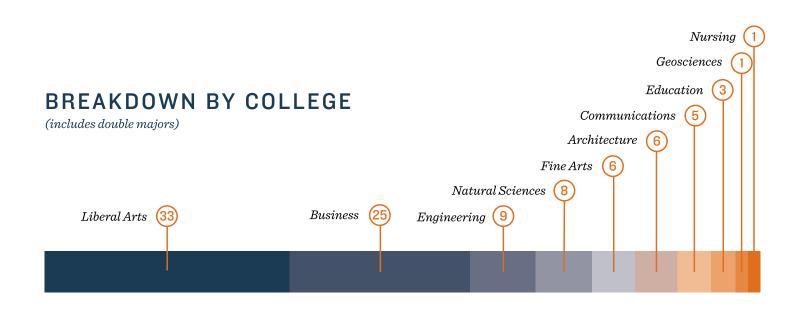
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#### SCHOLAR DISCOVERY

Mandy Jústiz Cuba **Chandler Groves** Cuba Chessie Reece Cuba

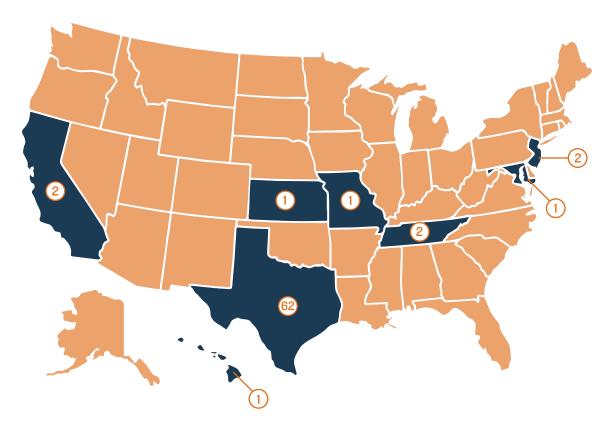


# **CURRENT SCHOLARS**



# 72 SCHOLARS

# SCHOLARS BY HOME STATE



# $class\ of\ 2016$ (Completing a Fifth Year Integrated Degree Program)



Rachel Larson • Dallas, TX
Stuart W. Stedman Forty
Acres Scholarship
BA in Plan II Honors with
Highest Honors; BArch in
Architecture with Highest
Honors
Post-Grad Plans: New
Analyst in Market RiskGovernance division with
Goldman Sachs in
New York City, NY



Katie Mark • Bethesda, MD Cain, Denius, McGill Family Forty Acres Scholarship Architecture; Architectural Engineering Post-Grad Plans: Graduating spring 2018



Steven Wilbanks • Austin, TX
Elizabeth Shatto Massey
and John H. Massey Forty
Acres Scholarship
BBA in Business Honors;
MPA in Accounting
Post-Grad Plans: Tax
consultant with Deloitte
in Houston, TX

# class of 2017



Ashley Alcantara • Houston, TX

AIM Foundation Forty Acres Scholarship
BA in Government; BA in Plan II Honors
Post-Grad Plans: Attending The University
of Texas School of Law in Austin, TX



Amanda Hildebrand • San Antonio, TX
Stamps Forty Acres Scholarship
Supported by the College of
Education Advisory Council
BS in Applied Learning and
Development with High Honors
Post-Grad Plans: Volunteer with
the Peace Corps in Nicaragua



Genaro DeLeon • Kingsville, TX
Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long
Forty Acres Scholarship
BSA in Biochemistry
Post-Grad Plans: Attending either Drexel
College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA, or
graduate school for medical physiology at Case
Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH



McKay Proctor • Nashville, TN
Elizabeth Shatto Massey and John H.
Massey Forty Acres Scholarship
BBA in Business Honors with Honors
Post-Grad Plans: Participating in
Texas 4000 during summer 2017 and
then seeking full-time employment
in the renewable energy industry



Connor Frew • McKinney, TX
Stamps Forty Acres Scholarship
Supported by the College of Fine Arts
Art History; Studio Art
Post-Grad Plans: Graduating spring
2018 and then pursuing art endeavors as
well as applying to graduate school



Caroline Read • Dallas, TX
Stamps Forty Acres Scholarship
Supported by Jayshree and Sanjay Desai
BA in Plan II Honors
Post-Grad Plans: Traveling throughout
Australia and Southeast Asia and then applying
to creative writing graduate school programs



Ben Giddens • San Antonio, TX
Stamps Forty Acres Scholarship
Supported by the Cockrell School of Engineering
Chevron Enrichment Award
BS in Chemical Engineering (Engineering
Honors) with Highest Honors
Post-Grad Plans: Engineer with MPR
Associates in Alexandria, VA



Marlene Renz • San Antonio, TX
Lenora and Walter F. Brown
Forty Acres Scholarship
BA in English; BA in History with
Honors (Liberal Arts Honors)
Post-Grad Plans: Participating in Texas
4000 during summer 2017 and then
seeking full-time employment with a
nonprofit specializing in either women's
health or outdoor engagement



Jonathan Go • Wichita, KS Hobby/Beckworth Forty Acres Scholarship BBA in Business Honors with High Honors Post-Grad Plans: Attending Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX



Ron Richard • Missouri City, TX
Charline and Red McCombs Family
Forty Acres Scholarship
BBA in Business Honors; BBA in Finance
Post-Grad Plans: Analyst with S&P
Global in New York City, NY



Bronwyn Scott • Kingwood, TX Stamps Forty Acres Scholarship Supported by Jeanne L. and Michael L. Klein BA in Plan II Honors with Highest Honors; BSA in Biochemistry with Highest Honors College of Liberal Arts Dean's Distinguished Graduate Post-Grad Plans: Attending Stanford University School of Medicine in Stanford, CA



Kathryn Stouffer • Dallas, TX Eugene McDermott Forty Acres Scholarship BA in Plan II Honors with Honors; BA in Public Relations with High Honors Post-Grad Plans: Public relations contract position with Whole Foods in Austin, TX



Scott Urbis • Brownsville, TXKaren and Charles Matthews, Jr. Forty Acres Scholarship Business Honors; Plan II Honors Post-Grad Plans: Graduating fall 2017 and then seeking full-time employment in consulting Class of 2016 (Completing a Fifth Year Integrated Degree Program)

class of 2017

# class of 2018



Abigail Aldea Germantown, TN George Kozmetsky Forty Acres Scholarship Business Honors: Finance; Plan II Honors



Alexi Cortez Mission, TX Vicky and S. Javaid Anwar Forty Acres Scholarship Business Honors: Marketing



Steffi Lee Carrollton, TX Oldham Family Forty Acres Scholarship Philosophy; Women's and Gender Studies



Katherine Allen Dallas, TX Texas Exes Dallas Chapter Forty Acres Scholarship Mechanical Engineering Honors; Plan II Honors



Abigail Griffin Saint Charles, MO Preston M. "Pete" Geren Forty Acres Scholarship Government; Plan II Honors



Aasim Maknojia Friendswood, TX Sylvie and Gary Crum Forty Acres Scholarship Business Honors; Finance



**Emily Barnes** Dallas, TX Pauline Allen Gill Forty Acres Scholarship Plan II Honors; Psychology



Elizabeth Hamm Mililani, HI Stamps Forty Acres Scholarship Supported by Stephen P. and Anne M. Ballantyne Classical Languages; English (Liberal Arts Honors)



Greyson Rubin Dallas, TX Hamilton-Hilliard Forty Acres Scholarship Architecture; Plan II Honors



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Consideration for the Forty
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application, as well as a supplemental
essay specific to the program. The
application opened in early September.

Following the December 1 deadline, the Texas Exes scholarship staff reviewed nearly 5,000 applications, narrowing down to just over 200 quarterfinalists. Representatives in almost every UT college reviewed the applications and recommended students for the semifinalist round. Semifinalists participated in a phone interview conducted by alumni volunteers.

From March 2-4, 45 finalists came to Austin for Finalist Weekend, where they interacted with current scholars, learned more about the campus, and got a glimpse of what their future life in Austin could look like. Highlights from the weekend included an appearance by the Longhorn Band at the Welcome Dinner, photo opportunities with Hook 'Em while touring Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium, and dinner at The Headliners Club in downtown Austin. The weekend concluded with two 15-minute interviews with a small panel comprised of alumni, campus representatives, and senior Forty Acres Scholars.

The 14 scholars selected for the Class of 2021 range from writers to musicians, athletes to philanthropists. Among the incoming class is a playwright, an award-winning violinist, and a Presidential Gold Service Award recipient. Many more are student government leaders, AP Scholars, and newspaper editors.

# Applicants 4,998 Quarterfinalists\* ---- Semifinalists\* ---- Finalists 203 110 45 \*Not including Business or Fine Arts applicants \*Recipients 14

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