

Testimonials

My name is Kyle Spier, and I am a third-year, pre-medical student at UT who graduated from Arcadia High School in 2018. It had always been a dream for me to go to UT, as both of my parents grew up in El Paso, Texas and I grew up watching Longhorn football games every Saturday. Being a Longhorn as an out-of-state student from Arizona has been a very rewarding experience, as I have met students not only from all over Texas but from all over the world. The strong brand and connections that I have made while at UT will last a lifetime. To me, being a Longhorn means being involved on campus and in student organizations, volunteering in the community, and making use of the university's amazing facilities and resources, whether that is by participating in scientific research or competing in recreational sports. I have taken advantage of my free time in Austin by watching Big XII sporting events, listening to live music at events such as Austin City Limits, and exploring new restaurants. Hook 'em!

Kyle B. Spier



Sources of stress during the time of college admissions are nearly as abundant as the amount of choices one can expect to make, the biggest of these choices being where it is you want to go to college. In my specific case, the University of Texas at Austin took all of the pressure off of that particular decision. UT Austin did not have a place on my list of desired schools early on, but all it took was one spontaneous trip to the city and an impromptu tour of the forty-acres for Texas to claim first place on my laundry list of universities. It took even less for UT to convince me that most of my other options paled in comparison to what I knew I wanted to experience for four years in Austin. When I got my acceptance email- standing in the bleachers of a high school basketball game- my friends all screamed and celebrated with me, and a couple of them even ran up from the sidelines where they were cheering for the game to congratulate me, all because they knew how much I wanted to find a home as a Longhorn. Fittingly, I was wearing a Texas jersey when I got the news. Clearly, it was meant to be.

Over the last two years, the University of Texas has been an extraordinary place to call my new home, a generous community of friends, an amazing and refreshing type of education, and always a source for an exciting student section. I have appreciated every experience and enjoyed every detail the Longhorn community has had to offer. Maybe you could call it burnt-orange-colored glasses, but Austin is the best place I could imagine to call home, and the opportunity to be a student here is truly a gift.

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Hello Texas Exes,

My name is Neil Walia and I am a freshman at the University of Texas at Austin- something made possible by your support.

Currently, I am working towards earning the Business Honors degree in the Canfield Business Honors Program and planning to add a second major in Finance. On campus, I am involved in the McCombs Undergraduate Business Council, the Honors Business Association, and the Texas Undergraduate Investment Team.

Being a student at the University of Texas at Austin has been the greatest opportunity, achievement, and honor of my life. I've enjoyed meeting and connecting with peers who support one another, as well as with professors who take a genuine interest in the lives and well-being of their students. Even in the midst of a pandemic, every day as a Longhorn is enjoyable as those around you are some of the most bright, kind, and ambitious individuals from around the world. Recently, we witnessed yet another example of how much the UT community truly cares for each and every one of its members. During the extreme cold in Texas, Longhorns could be found taking action nearly everywhere, whether it be helping a friend move into temporary housing when their apartment was flooded or establishing an initiative to get clean water to those who needed it. At UT, I've had opportunities that I know are unparalleled and beyond comparison. In just my first semester, I have been able to meet and speak with executives from Fortune 500 companies, learn from renowned professionals and published authors, and coordinate an alumni-mentor program for business students. I cannot wait to see what the rest of my time at UT holds for me and how it will enable me to change the world.

My family and I are grateful every day for the opportunity for me to attend one of the greatest universities in the world. I know that as a Longhorn, regardless of what path I take, I will be well prepared to succeed while also positively impacting those around me.

Thank you again, and hook 'em!

