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# McConnell Hall news and current student magic



Oct 11 – left to right – Ryan, Lakhisha, Iris, Vivian (Holding the read folder), Charvi, Naren, Jian, Nikhil and Avin competed at Tx A&M for the TJAS competition



Students participate in the monthly stress reduction/engage program presented by the TAMS counseling staff.



What is this you ask...this is the view as of Nov 12 when you walk out of the front doors of McConnell. Projected August 2026 finish – 5 story (one is underground) new research building.





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FACES hosted a night celebrating GARBA



Senior Sunrise tradition continued this fall with students rising to greet the sunrise on the top floor of the garage



Officer in TAS – TAMS Academic Society baked and sold items for their charity cause this year.



TAMS Business O. hosted Casino night raising money for the Texas Advocacy Project





# TAMS Students Jumping into the Solar Car Competition

TAMSters are seeking support. They attached their [pitch deck](#) and [budget](#), and here's the link to their [GoFundMe page](#). These materials highlight our mission, current progress, and goals as we prepare for the **National Solar Car Challenge**.

They are excited to share the sponsorships of which they already attained:

**Toray** – Approximately **\$3,000 in carbon fiber materials**

**MoTeC** – **30% discount on all motors**

**STMicroelectronics** – Funding for chips and data sets (**≈ \$5,000 value**)

**Shenzhen Xiangxinrui Solar Energy Co.** – **High-efficiency solar cells with a \$1,000 discount**

They would love the opportunity to **host a short virtual presentation** for interested TAMS alumni — a chance to introduce our team, share their story, and answer any questions about the project. If a virtual session would be helpful, feel free to reach out to Prahladh.

Warm regards,

Prahaladh Gopalakrishnan

TAMS Class of 2027

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# Academy Bliss



Sarah and Allen Kaiser  
Class of '95



Sara, the 'kids' and Bryan Robinson,  
Class of '94



Jeff, Roshni and the  
little Hogwarts. Class  
of '05



Travis '02 and Shan '03





# Alumni spotlights



Marcie (Cunningham) Clarke, TAMS '99, was named a 2025 Super Lawyer in Boston by the Thomas Reuters association.

Paige Hall, TAMS '15, is starting a new role as Director of Operations at Proctor and Gamble!



Olivia Liu, TAMS 2023, will be joining Jane Street as a TDOE Intern



Dave Banerjee, TAMS '21, has taken a position as a Research Manager with ERA with the focus on A.I. governance policy.





# *Alumni Magic!!*



Sage (Class of 21) and brother Nikhil (Class of 2024) are both authors on a recent article in Nature. The article has been featured in many news affiliates and currently ranks in the top 50 publicized papers in Nature!

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-025-09655-y>



Maxine Tao, '16 invited Russ & his wife to the Dallas concert on 10/19 where she played with the New Texas Symphony Orchestra.



Anthony Nguyen, '96, is back in Texas and stopped by Sage Hall.



# Alumni Connecting



Kiran Chennupati, Ankur Desai and Darshan Gad, '97's connected in California



Drs. Evelyn Lamb and Lindsey Cameron, '01s connected on the Princeton campus.



Oct 9, UNT hosted the Kuehne Speaker Series at the Dallas Anatole. The TAMS crew attending were Ben Stewart '98, Robert Karicod '94, Ankur Desai '97, Anthony and Marianna Gheno '99, Russ, Sean Modjarrad, Nastaran Safdarian '99 and Dr. de Oliveira.





# Million \$\$ Mission

The 'Million \$\$ Mission' is off to a good start. All donations are fantastic. The goal is 1000 donors each giving at least \$1K. Those donors will be one of the **1000 points of light**. Shooting for 30 donors from each class – 1990 – 2023. Giving the 2024s and 25s a break. The stars indicate how many 'points of light' we have in each class. Students and families can donate. A green \$ – someone/s in the class has donated!

★ STARS = someone/s in the class have made the \$1K donation or more.

1990 = ★  
1991 = ★  
1992 = 2 ★ \$  
1993 = nada  
1994 = \$  
1995 = 6 ★  
1996 = ★  
1997 = 2 ★  
1998 = 10 ★ \$  
1999 = ★  
2000 = nope  
2001 = 12 ★  
2002 = 10 ★ \$  
2003 = ★ \$  
2004 = nada?  
2005 = nuthin..

2006 = \$  
2007 = nope  
2008 = \$  
2009 = nuthin  
2010 = \$  
2011 = \$  
2012 = nope  
2013 = nope  
2014 = nope  
2015 = ★  
2016 = nope  
2017 = nada  
2018 = nope  
2019 = nope  
2020 = ★

2021 = ★  
2022 = \$  
2023 = \$  
2024 = \$  
STAFF = 3 ★

**947 Points of Light left!!**

**Let's get those donations  
in before December 20 !**







# *Class Endowments*

Many classes have initiated and funded endowments. An endowment needs a minimum of \$30K to begin awarding scholarships in perpetuity. A few classes got a quick start on forming endowments while others are just beginning. Not all of these have made it to the \$30K threshold. Contact Russ if you are interested in learning more.

Class	Date of Inception	Rank Order of total \$\$
1993	10/2025	8
1994	10/2020	# 1
1995	02/2021	7
1996	09/2018	4
1998	03/2021	2
1999	06/2019	3
2000	11/2016	5
2001	12/2023	10
2002	11/2025	9
2003	11/2025	9
2006	01/2020	6



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# *Alumni of the Class of 95*

The Class of 1995 was scheduled to have their 25th during the summer of 2000. Well COVID had something to say about it so they gathered this past Oct. Great weekend of fun, catching up and walking down memory lane. The weekend included tour of McConnell, an afternoon of beverages and food trucks and culminated at the dress up dinner. Many many photos of the weekend if you desire to see more – contact Jamie, Grace or Diana.



Class of 1995





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