

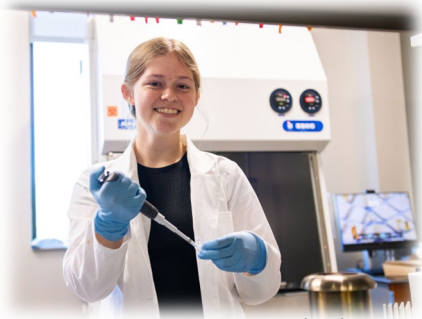


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Summer Research

TAMS hosted 24 Researchers from the Class of 2027 and 83 from the Class of 2026. All students live in McConnell for the summer fully supported by TAMS Student Life. Students on research scholarships receive around \$4K to cover on campus living and course fees. Dr. Duban does a great job coordinating the Early Researchers into laboratories and throughout the entire summer hosts seminars on etiquette, how to market one's research and public speaking.

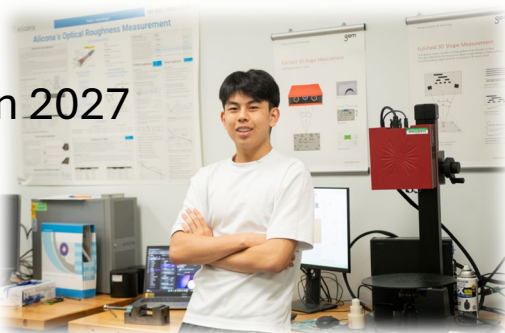


Jillian 2026



Front to back
Bradley 2026
Sri 2026
Angelina 2026
Divya 2027

Jayden 2027



Avin 2027 &
Jian 2027



Sri 2026 &
Arjun 2027



The laboratories are located on the Denton campus however many students take the UNT bus to Discovery Park. If you have not been back for a while, drop by McConnell and then ask for a tour or take a trip to Discovery. Coincidentally there is a research building under construction right across the street from McConnell Hall with a completion date for some time in 2026. The various fields of research included Artificial Intelligence, Biology, Computation Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Material Science, Physics, Psychology, Robotics. Working with worms, fish or machinery this group of summer researchers contributed to their fields and many of them secured peer reviewed publications.

Fall Orientation and Fun

Senior mentors and club executives began to arrive as early as August 12, and we welcomed 205 students into the Class of 2027! One of the largest classes since COVID. Fall Orientation included a community service initiative, community service showcase, and many social events.



2025-26 JETS officers – Chi Chi, Diana, Taylor, Sanjana, Neel



Pavan '26 is marketing a community service option he leads to members of the Class of 2027.



Mac Café full of students for the “STEMpede organized and presented by the JETS organization.



The H.O.P.E. officers – Rian, Bradley, Rachel, Anirudh, Annabelle and Vanessa organized and presented the Service Showcase for the Class of 2027.

Fall Programming Fun

The TAMS Medical Society organized and presented the now annual Dinner with Doctors. Physicians are invited to share a meal in the Mac Café with a collection of students, field questions and offer sage advice about the field of medicine. The meal was prepared by the TAMS Culinary Society. This year's panel of physicians were ALL TAMS graduates. Years ranging from 1993-2020



Pictured right to left = Drs. Justin Jordan '02, Elcy John '93, Nastaran Safdarian '99, Roxie Cham '99, Margaret Boyden '99, Toral Patel '99



Pictured right to left = MS2 Shreya Tamma 'XY, MS4 Vraj Shah 'XY, Drs. Devin Trousdale '93, Justin Jordan, Elcy John, and Nastaran Safdarian

Additional photos of the evening can be seen here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/mSACZC56nPwMvz47A>

Alumni back at TAMS



Ruth (Melton) Hunter and Mike Watts both 1991 at the McConnell Hall front desk. Some how Mike snuck past security....



Tony, Marianna and their son visiting McConnell during the Sept. Preview Day.



Ankur Desai '97 swings by Sage Hall, says hi to Russ, and walks away with a TAMS alumni shirt.



Saathwik Saladi '21 stopped by McConnell this summer after wrapping up at Rice and will start med school in Houston this fall!



David Hood, TAMS 2000, moves his daughter into McConnell as a member of the 2027 Class.



Dr. Pooneh Badger, TAMS 2000 and Russ, while in the UNT Union, give their tribute photo to Jon Allen

Million \$\$ Mission

TAMS's first major fund-raising campaign

WHY? – revenue streams to TAMS have slowly dried up. The State of Tx has not kept pace with inflation and TAMS has not had an adjustment since 2018. UNT stopped helping TAMS financially since 2017.

For the first decade of TAMS, students and families would only need to pay for room and board. TODAY the costs include room, board, tuition, fees, etc. = basically all costs.

1000 donors X \$1K = \$1million

BE one of the **1000** points of light and TAMS will send you a special gift!

Get this endowment to the finish line and TAMS will be able to provide scholarships to get back to the costs being just room and board.

Here is the link to give:

<https://one.unt.edu/giving/texas-academy-of-mathematics-science>

TAMS Forever fund is the endowment for we all wish TAMS to continue forever. Ask your employers to match. Questions, ideas, concerns – reach out to Russ.stukel@unt.edu

Donate what you can. Many have donated less than \$1k = which is great. Collaborate with your classmates and family. The Class years are below where you can see which Classes have had donors contribute. TAMS has received a donation. It would be cool to have donations from all the classes!

1990 = nope	2001 ¹ = YES	2011 = YES	2021 = nope
1991 = nope	2002 = YES	2012 = nope	2022 = YES
1992 = nope	2003 = nope	2013 = nope	2023 = YES
1993 = nope	2004 = nope	2014 = nope	2024 ⁴ = YES!
1994 = YES	2005 = nope	2015 = YES	STAFF = ³ !
1995 = nope	2006 = YES	2016 = nope	
1996 = nope	2007 = nope	2017 = nope	
1997 ⁷ = YES!	2008 = nope	2018 = nope	
1998 = YES!	2009 = nope	2019 ⁹ = YES	
1999 ⁹ = YES!	2010 = YES	2020 ⁰ = YES	
2000 = nope			

Two staff members have joined Russ to be one of the 1000 points of **light!**
993 more opportunities

Alumni Shout outs

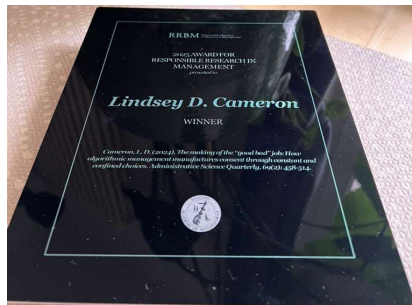


Brittney Stewart, TAMS '09, 'handles' an actual Academy Award during her Kelly Direct Online MBA conclusion.

Chanel Spellman
Jefferson & Raquel
Hoersting Barbosa–
TAMS RAs 2005



Chris Pattison TAMS '16, earned his PhD. in Physics from Cal Tech this summer. Next stop the Big Bang show!



Lindsey Cameron, TAMS '01, honored for her 2024 ASQ article, *The Making of the Good Bad Job: How Algorithmic Management Manufactures Consent through Constant and Confined Choices*, has recently been selected for four awards: [RRBM Responsible Research in Business and Management](#) from the AOM Fellows, Best Paper Award from [AOM CTO Division](#), Honorable Mention from the [American Sociological Association](#)'s Labor and Labor Movements section, and the [Financial Times](#)' Academic Research with Impact Award!!!

<https://lnkd.in/eT437BBE>

Alumni Impacts



This Sept, Dominic Hoang '24, unknown in the middle, and Saiful Khandker '95 gather at a UNT reception in NY



Siddarth Thakur, TAMS '21 is starting a company called Paradigm Robotics and they are seeking to hire. [Paradigmrobotics.tech](https://paradigmrobotics.tech)



Jine' Frederick, TAMS '21, launching De Facto Law School Admissions Consulting – check her out: <https://defactoadmissions.carrrd.co/>



Cristina Schneider, TAMS '99, seeking to hire a head of Sales with Logile. Remote possibilities available.



Saksham S. & Krish P. – TAMS '24 are hoping to launch an app that enables dining experiences to be efficient and enjoyable. They are seeking TAMS alumni that have experience in the restaurant business.

Alumni Association News

Dear TAMS Alumni,

Our alumni organization was created more than a decade ago, during a time when there were concerns about whether donations to UNT would truly support TAMS and its students. In response, alumni took the initiative to form an independent 501(c)(3) organization that could fund scholarships and projects directly at TAMS.

Since then, the landscape has shifted. Today, we believe the university is a reliable and effective steward of donations intended for TAMS. At the same time, the nonprofit infrastructure we've maintained, especially related to tax and compliance requirements, has become increasingly difficult to sustain with a completely volunteer-based board

Given all this, we are strongly considering an alternative path forward: transferring the funds and endowments we currently hold to UNT to manage, with clear direction that the original intent of these scholarships and endowments be upheld. We are confident that UNT will continue to honor donor intent and partner with alumni in making sure these funds directly benefit TAMS and its students. If we move forward, our goal would be to complete this transition by the end of the year. With Russ Stukel now focused on fundraising in his current role, having one clear channel for donations through UNT will eliminate confusion and make it easier for alumni to give confidently.

This does not mean the end of TAMS AA as we would partner with UNT to receive regular reporting on the performance of those funds and determine how those funds are best utilized for TAMS and its students. TAMS AA would also have an opportunity for the alumni network to refocus on community-building, mentorship, career connections, and other meaningful ways to support students and each other. We also believe if there is strong alumni interest in maintaining the current nonprofit mission, we welcome that and are open to transitioning leadership to those ready to carry this mission forward in a new way.

You can reach us directly at chair@tamsalumni.org or comment directly on the FB post.

Thank you for your time, your commitment to TAMS, and all the ways you've helped carry forward the legacy of this special place.

With appreciation, TAMS AA Board

Plenty of discussion on FB – step up and volunteer if you want the TAMS A.A. to continue. Talking is easy doing the work takes time & energy.

Fun development side note... UNT brought this opportunity to TAMS!



Sept 12 – Russ, Jessica Chapman (UNT Advancement, and Dr. Audhesh Paswan – traveled to Dallas and received the endowment check from the Dallas IT Serv Alliance. Another scholarship to help TAMS students.

Alumni BLISS

On Preview Days, Dr. Sinclair would joke that TAMS is altering the gene pool and then Russ would have to follow up stating that was NOT part of the TAMS curriculum. BUT LOVE finds a way. So great to read of TAMS unions. I'm attempting to generate a list. Some of you I know while others I don't. Email russ.stukel@unt.edu with a mention and if inclined, a photo. I want to see how long the list is. Call me a romantic..



Emily & Kevin – TAMS '19
Sept 2025



Avery & Preston – TAMS '21, May 2025
mom and dad – Josh & Anne '93



Tara & Chris – TAMS '93



Anthony & Marianna – TAMS '99



Mike & Celine – TAMS '12



Matt & Sapna – TAMS '96



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