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UT Dallas Announces 2022 Axxess Scholars

Three Jonsson School Students Selected to Receive Axxess Scholarships

RICHARDSON, Texas, March 10, 2022 – Three University of Texas at Dallas [computer science](#) students have been selected as the newest cohort of Axxess Scholars.

[Endowed by a gift](#) from Axxess, a Dallas-based health care technology company founded by [John Olajide BS'04](#), the scholarship program is the largest for computer science students in the [Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science](#).

Olajide, founder and CEO of Axxess and co-chair of [New Dimensions: The Campaign for UT Dallas](#), began Axxess in 2007 and quickly grew the company to become one of the leading home health care technology providers worldwide.

The Axxess Scholars Program is designed to build upon the Jonsson School's reputation for educating future leaders in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.

"Jonsson School graduates are among our region's greatest source of technical talent and innovation," Olajide said. "Our new Axxess Scholars are incredibly skilled and motivated students, and I look forward to seeing what they will do in the future. Axxess is proud to help these scholars realize their potential."

The 2022 Axxess Scholars are:

Michelle Kelman

Computer science senior Michelle Kelman is a member of the [Computing Scholars Honors Program](#) and the University's student chapter of the [Association for Computing Machinery](#), where she has served in the education mentor program. Some of her favorite courses have included discrete mathematics and automata theory. She is considering pursuing a master's degree at UT Dallas after graduation before beginning

work in the software engineering industry. This summer Kelman will join the technology internship program at Capital One.

Bellamy Phan

Originally from Vietnam, computer science senior Bellamy Phan works as a software engineer intern at Micro Focus, where he conducts automation testing for the company's software products. Phan earned an associate degree in computer and information sciences from Northeast Texas Community College, where he was treasurer of the Student Government Association, before he enrolled at UT Dallas in 2020. Inspired by a favorite UT Dallas course in computer graphics, Phan enjoys working in the field of computer vision and hopes to work for a developer of self-driving cars after graduation.

Bradley Wersterfer BS'21

Born in San Antonio, master's student Bradley Wersterfer BS'21 originally studied game design at UT Dallas before he switched majors to pursue computer science. Attracted by courses in machine learning, C++ programming in a Unix environment and mobile app development, he has focused on practical and elegant design solutions, which helped him land internships at L3Harris Technologies and CAE USA and a role as a database developer for Gentrifi GPS. As an undergraduate, Wersterfer was president of the UT Dallas chapter of the [Golden Key International Honour Society](#) and a member of the [fencing club](#) and Codeburners, a competitive UT Dallas coding club. After finishing his master's studies, he plans to pursue a career in data science and machine learning.

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About The University of Texas at Dallas

Established in 1969, The University of Texas at Dallas has grown to an enrollment of over 29,500 students studying in 140 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs. UT Dallas is one of the nation's fastest-growing public research institutions, offering leading programs in the sciences, technology, engineering, mathematics and management. In 2021, the University launched [New Dimensions: The Campaign for UT Dallas](#), a \$750 million effort to attract the best and brightest students, support life-changing research and transform the arts in North Dallas.

About Axxess

[Axxess](#) is the leading technology innovator for healthcare at home, providing solutions that help improve care for more than 3 million patients worldwide. Trusted by more than 9,000 organizations, Axxess offers a complete suite of easy-to-use software solutions that empower home health, home care and hospice providers to grow their business while making lives better. The company's collaborative culture focused on innovation and excellence is recognized nationally as a ["Best Place to Work."](#)