



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

2024-2025 Fellows



MACKENZIE JACKSON

Hometown: Bentonville, AR

Graduation Date: Spring 2026

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Project Name: Addressing Food Insecurity at SMU



YASMINE BOUERI

Hometown: Delray Beach, Florida

Graduation Date: Spring 2026

Major: PR and Strategic Communication,
Corporate Communication and Public
Affairs

Project Idea: The Thrive Project



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KATELYN TRAN

Hometown: Garland, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2026

Major: Biological Sciences

Project name: STEM Zone



KYLAH BERGAN

Hometown: Belton, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2027

Majors: Electrical Engineering and Math

Project Name: Mixed and Native American
Student Coalition



KYRA OLADEJI

Hometown: Houston, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2025

Major: Health and Society

Project Idea: The Global Healthcare
Program



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AYOOLA OLAOSEBIKAN

Hometown: Allen, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2026

Major: Computer Science and Data Science

Project Name: Coders For Community



ALINA MUNOZ

Hometown: Dallas, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2026

Majors: Health and Society, Psychology,
Biology

Project Name: First Generation M.D.



DEVON LUKE

Hometown: Avondale, AZ

Graduation Date: Spring 2026

Major: Biological Sciences, Applied
Physiology, and Sports Management

Project Idea: Senior Sundays at Parson's
House





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2023-2024 Fellows



VIVIAN THAI

Hometown: Garland, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2025

Major: Biology and Health and Society

Project Name: Circle K International



RIYA REDDY

Hometown: Dallas, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2024

Majors: Biology and Human Rights

Project name: Role of Religiosity in Hospice
Worker Stress



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SARAH KHOJA

Hometown: Carrollton, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2025

Major: Political Science and Government

Project Name: The AAPI Project



APARNA SRIDHAR

Hometown: Plano, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2024

Majors: Electrical Engineering and Math

Project Name: Meet and Greet: A Podcast



CYDNEY CURTIS

Hometown: Springfield, Mo

Graduation Date: Spring 2025

Major: Political Science and Human Rights

Project Idea: Environmental College
Organization





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BEN PERRY

Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2024

Majors: Psychology and Advertising

Project Name: Earth First & SMU Career Closet
Event



MAX BUSHA

Hometown: Dallas, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2025

Major: Computer and Data Science

Project Idea: Environmental College
Organization



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2022-2023 Fellows

MIREYA SANCHEZ

Hometown: Mesquite, TX

Graduation date: Spring 2025

Majors: Economics and Public Policy Analysis

Project Idea: Veteran Donation Drive



CYDNEY CURTIS

Hometown: Springfield, Mo

Graduation date: Spring 2025

Major: Political Science and Human Rights

Project Idea: The Clean-Up Project



ANIKA KRIEGER

Hometown: Boca Raton, FL

Graduation Date: Spring 2025

Majors: Human Rights, Data Science and Religious Studies

Project Idea: It's the Little Things





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2022-2023 Fellows



ASHISH DOMA

Hometown: Irving, TX

Graduation date: Spring 2024

Majors: psychology

Project Idea: Commuter Inclusion @ SMU



MAX BUSHA

Hometown: Dallas, TX

Graduation date: Spring 2025

Major: Data and Computer Science

Project Idea: The Clean-Up Project



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2021-2022 FELLOWS



KEYSHON JONES

HOMETOWN: WINDSOR MILL, MD

GRADUATION DATE: SPRING 2023

MAJOR: MARKETING

PROJECT NAME: THE NETWORKING SERIES



HANNAH HALL

HOMETOWN: WYLIE, TX

GRADUATION DATE: AUGUST 2022

MAJORS: HUMAN RIGHTS & FRENCH STUDIES

PROJECT NAME: ARE THE KIDS ALRIGHT?



LILY SMYTH

HOMETOWN: NORTH PALM BEACH, FL

GRADUATION DATE: SPRING 2024

MAJORS: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & FASHION MEDIA

PROJECT NAME: CLEAN @ SMU



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SAMEET BANERJEE

HOMETOWN: SUGAR LAND, TX

GRADUATION DATE: SPRING 2024

MAJOR: FINANCE

PROJECT NAME: GIDDY-UP PODCAST



SAYUMI MAHAWANNIARACHCHI

HOMETOWN: ROWLETT, TX

GRADUATION DATE: SPRING 2023

MAJORS: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES & PSYCHOLOGY

PROJECT NAME: MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



APURVA VEERASWAMY

HOMETOWN: IRVING, TX

GRADUATION DATE: SPRING 2024

MAJORS: BIOLOGY & HUMAN RIGHTS

PROJECT NAME: THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND
HEALTHCARE STUDENT INITIATIVE



LILLIAN DUMA

HOMETOWN: SOUTHLAKE, TX

GRADUATION DATE: SPRING 2024

MAJORS: POLITICAL SCIENCE & HUMAN RIGHTS

PROJECT NAME: LANGUAGE PARTNERS



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2020-2021 Fellows

RALEIGH DEWAN

Hometown: Austin, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2023

Majors: Marketing & Creative Writing

Project Idea: UVCommunity

A network that allows local universities and research institutes to help support relief efforts for COVID-19



TAYLOR JOHNSON

Hometown: Bryan, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2022

Major: Psychology

Project Idea: Treat Yo Self Brunch

A monthly brunch for youth from minority communities with the goal of educating them about mental health, how to identify certain phenomena, and how to seek help.



NIA KAMAU

Hometown: Little Elm, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2022

Majors: Human Rights & International Studies

Project Idea: RLSH Student Leader Training

Diversity training based on research from Voices of SMU (VOS) and created for residence Life and Student Housing student leaders.





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JO LEW

Hometown: Coppell, TX

Graduation Date: Spring 2023

Majors: Political Science, Public Policy, and Economics

Project Idea: Increase Voter Engagement

An initiative that helps to increase voter turnout AND civic engagement in the SMU (and possibly) Dallas community.



MEREDITH LLOYD

Hometown: Atlanta, GA

Graduation Date: Spring 2022

Majors: Marketing and Journalism

Project Idea: College access & Prep Program

A program that will partner with area high schools to provide college prep to increase access to higher education.



SYDNEY O'DONNELL

Hometown: Wichita, KS

Graduation Date: Spring 2023

Majors: Finance and Economics

Project Idea: Greek life & CIQ at SMU

A project that gathers, educates, and influences the Greek Life population on our campus on topics related to cultural intelligence at SMU



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

2019-2020 Fellows

NICK FONTELA

Graduation Date: Spring 2021

Majors: Business & Spanish

Project: Leadership Consultants

Supported student organizations' leadership development by creating resources and meeting with SMU staff members. These resources are implemented through curriculum, facilitating workshops, and making plans for sustainability of the project



BRADY MARTIN

Graduation Date: Spring 2022

Majors: Human Rights, Psychology, & Spanish

Project: Redefine

Created a film to be released during Mental Health Awareness Month composed of mental health stories and advocacy on the Hilltop.



JOHANNA PANG

Graduation Date: Spring 2022

Majors: English & Human Rights

Project: Champions Mentorship Program

Improved grade school education by working with elementary school students on literacy, and high school students on college preparedness.





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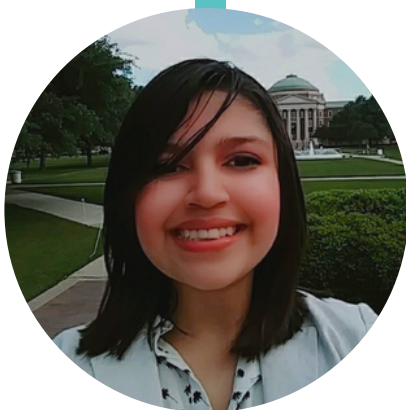
KEALEY POOLE

Graduation Date: Spring 2022

Majors: Vocal Performance, Music Education,
& Musical Theater

Project: Leadership Consultants

Supported student organizations' leadership development by creating resources and meeting with SMU staff members. These resources are implemented through curriculum, facilitating workshops, and making plans for sustainability of the project



DALIA QUEZADA CAMPOS

Graduation Date: Spring 2022

Majors: Electrical Engineering and
Mathematics

Project: IT Empowerment for Her

Created a coding camp for elementary-aged girls by partnering with the Lyle School of Engineering.



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

2018-2019 Fellows

MEREDITH BURKE

Graduation Date: Spring 2019

Majors: Mechanical Engineering, Applied Mathematics, Studio Art

Project: SMU Rocketry Club

Sponsored the research and development of multiple rockets while providing professional and personal development opportunities for SMU students

Current role: Software Engineer

Company: Raytheon (Dallas, TX)



GREG GUGGENMOS

Graduation Date: Spring 2019

Majors: Statistical Science (MS)

Project: Community Bail Fund

Created bail reform by providing money for indigent defendants who otherwise might spend days or months behind bars for nonviolent, misdemeanor crimes

Current role: Law & Statistics Coordinator

Organization: Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center at SMU (Dallas, TX)





CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS



NEHA HUSEIN

Graduation Date: Spring 2019

Majors: Human Rights & Marketing,
Advertising & Sociology

Project: Just Drive

Developed an app that rewards undistracted driving; the app allows drivers to accumulate points which can be redeemed at restaurants, shops, or money can be donated to their favorite charity

Current role: Founder

Organization: Just Drive (Dallas, TX)



RACHEL MUMAW

Graduation Date: Spring 2019

Majors: Human Rights, Biology, Religious
Studies

Project: Word of Love

Researched resources and support for LGBT+ teens and young adults living in hostile situations, as well as leaders in the Christian church who are working to have LGBT+ inclusive programs

Current role: Young adult's ministry Intern

Organization: White's Chapter UMC



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS



LAMISA MUSTAFA

Graduation Date: Spring 2021

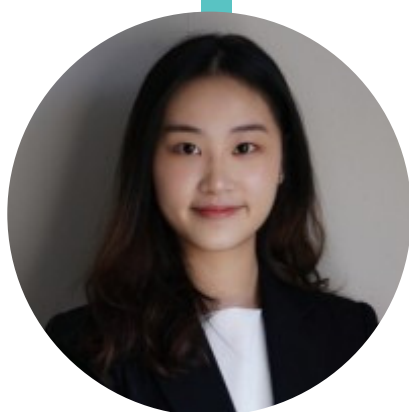
Majors: Human Rights, Sociology, Public Policy, & French

Project: Voices of resilience

DHoused events to allow a community of people from around SMU and Dallas to engage in dialogue about social justice with another through storytelling and spoken word

Current role: Welcoming Schools Intern

Organization: Human Rights Campaign (Washington, DC)



SIQIAN YANG

Graduation Date: Spring 2020

Majors: Accounting & Mathematics

Project: Chinatown at SMU

Provided biweekly tutoring sessions for students wanting to learn how to read, write, and speak Mandarin. Partner with campus organizations to host large events such as Chinese New Year Festival

Current role: Student Worker for College Access Program

Company: Simmons School of Education at SMU



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS



YUHE ZHAO

Graduation Date: Spring 2020

Majors: Marketing

Project: Chinatown at SMU

Provided biweekly tutoring sessions for students wanting to learn how to read, write, and speak Mandarin. Partner with campus organizations to host large events such as Chinese New Year Festival

Current role: Sales and Marketing Specialist

Organization: UniQLO (Dallas, TX)



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

2017-2018 Fellows



NOAH BARTOS

Graduation Date: Spring 2018

Majors: Mechanical Engineering,
Mathematics, Systems Engineering

Project: SMU Rocketry Club

Established Rocketry Club to learn about the rocketry industry and participate in creating rockets

Current role: Mechanical Designer

Organization: United Launch Alliance (Denver, CO)



TRENTON BLAKE

Graduation Date: Spring 2018

Majors: Mechanical Engineering

Project: SMU Rocketry Club

Established Rocketry Club to learn about the rocketry industry and participate in creating rockets

Current role: Management Executive

Organization: Tyson Motor LLC (Shorewood, IL)



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS



CHARMION DAVIS

Graduation Date: Spring 2018

Major: Biology

Project: SMU Foreign Leadership Initiative

Provided programming and leadership development for the summer study abroad program



JACQUELYN ELIAS

Graduation Date: Spring 2018

Majors: Journalism, Creative Composition,
Computer Science

Project: SMU Foreign Leadership Initiative

Provided programming and leadership development for the summer study abroad program

Current role: News App Developer

*Organization: The Chronicle of Higher Education
(Washington, DC)*



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NEHA HUSEIN

Graduation Date: Spring 2019

Majors: Human Rights & Marketing,
Advertising & Sociology

Project: Just Drive

Developed an app that rewards undistracted driving; the app allows drivers to accumulate points which can be redeemed at restaurants, shops, or money can be donated to their favorite charity

Current role: Founder

Organization: Just Drive (Dallas, TX)



ALEENA TAUFIQ

Graduation Date: Spring 2019

Majors: Systems Engineering (MS)

Project: Geared up

Created an engineering enrichment program for middle school students in low income school districts which consists of guest speakers, engineering design challenges, and field trips

Current role: Data Engineer

Organization: Verizon (Dallas, TX)



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS



TERRANCE ALEXANDER

Graduation Date: Spring 2019

Majors: Finance, Religious Studies, &
Chinese Finance (MS)

Project: SMU Microfinance Initiative

Educated and utilized the world of micro finance to benefit the Dallas Community

Current role: Corporate Strategy Associate

Organization: Liberty Mutual Insurance (Boston, MA)



CECI WEIGMAN

Graduation Date: Spring 2018

Majors: Accounting, Human Rights, English, &
Chinese

Project: SMU Microfinance Initiative

Educated and utilized the world of micro finance to benefit the Dallas Community

Current role: Accounting Intern

Organization: Prism Health North Texas (Dallas, TX)



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

2016-2017 Fellows



MATTIE BOONE CASEY

Graduation Date: Spring 2017

Majors: Corporate Communications &
Public Affairs

Project: Operation Creation

Promoted fine arts programs for children of Dallas in foster care systems

Current role: Account Executive

Organization: Meyer Dunlap (Dallas, TX)



VICTORIA HUBER

Graduation Date: Spring 2017

Major: Finance

Project: Mustang Heroes Service Leadership
Training & Education

Implemented educational and leadership training programs to strengthen the skills of members of Mustang Heroes

Current role: Assistant Vice President; Senior Auditor

Organization: Bank of America (Dallas, TX)



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GRACE KUANG

Graduation Date: Spring 2018

Majors: Music Therapy

Project: Musical Expression

Partnered with New Friends New Life to encourage children whose mothers were involved with sex trafficking to express themselves through music



BIKO MCMILLAN

Graduation Date: Spring 2017

Majors: Spanish & Biology

Project: The Many Faces of Intersectionality

Used photography to define and showcase intersectionality to various communities

Current role: Research Technician

Organization: Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (New York, NY)



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SYED RIZVI

Graduation date: Spring 2017

Majors: Political Science & Human Rights

Project: Humanity in Faith

Encouraged faith-based dialogue through open conferences between religious organizations on campus

Organization: Google (Austin, TX)



COURTNEY SCHUMACHER

Graduation Date: Spring 2019

Majors: Mechanical Engineering

Project: MASH (Mustangs Actively Serving Heroes)

Service-oriented organization directed at recognizing heroes of the US military

Current role: Systems Engineering

Organization: Raytheon (Dallas, TX)



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ALEENA TAUFIQ

Graduation date: Spring 2019

Majors: Systems Engineering (MS)

Project: Geared up

Created an engineering enrichment program for middle school students in low income school districts which consists of guest speakers, engineering design challenges, and field trips

Current role: Data Engineer

Organization: Verizon (Dallas, TX)



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

2015-2016 Fellows



NIKKI CARENZA

Graduation Date: Spring 2017

Majors: Finance & Environmental Studies

Project: Fostering Sustainability on the Hilltop

Developed a series of events to educate students about simple ways to incorporate sustainability in their professional and personal lives

Current role: Strategy Consultant

Organization: EY (New York City , NY)



ANNA NORKETT

Graduation Date: Spring 2016

Majors: Economics & Public Policy

Project: College Bound Expansion

Focused on developing cognitive and qualitative skills through mentorships, parental involvement, and college trips

Current role: Analyst

Organization: Sendero (Dallas, TX)



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS



HENA RAFIQ

Graduation Date: Spring 2016

Majors: Political Science & Human Rights

Project: SMU Goes Green

Increasing awareness of sustainability and implementing trash cans and recycling bins in Hughes-Trigg Student Center

Current role: MSc Candidate

Organization: London School of Economics (London, UK)



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

2014-2015 Fellows



RYAN BLITZER

Graduation Date: Spring 2016

Majors: Film & Advertising

Project: Film: Reveal

Selection of 2015 Film Festival, *Reveal* told the story of a young person coming out to give courage to those who feel like they cannot be strong

Current role: CEO and Creative Executive Director

Organization: HiRai Creative (Dallas, TX)



KATE GOUGH

Graduation Date: Spring 2015

Majors: Political Science & Theater

Project: The Deportation Question: on both sides of the border and both sides of the issue

Educated the community about immigration

Current role: Research associate

Organization: Center for Global Development (Washington, DC)



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JAIME SISSON

Graduation Date: Spring 2015

Majors: Spanish & Education

Project: English Literacy and Citizenship

Preparation Program

Current role: ESL Teacher

Organization: Ingles Para Ti (Dallas, TX)



KELLY ZITKA

Graduation Date: Spring 2015

Majors: Dance & Business

Project: SMU Shapes Dallas Into All Stars

Linked the All-Stars Project with Cox and Meadows to affect inner-city youth in Dallas

Current role: Member Experience Associate

Organization: MIRROR (New York, NY)



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

2013-2014 Fellows



KALINDI DINOFFER

Graduation Date: Spring 2014

Majors: Marketing

Project: SMU's Voice in Panama

Project aimed at bringing attention and resources to severely neglected, disadvantaged, and abused children through a group service trip in Panama in partnership with the SMU Spanish Club

Current role: Vice President of Marketing

Organization: OnCourt OffCourt (Dallas, TX)



TAYLOR HENRY

Graduation date: Spring 2017

Majors: Engineering

Engineering Education (MS)

Project: Idealistic Realists: a bootcamp for future world-changers

Developed mentoring program and leadership development to first-year students in the Lyle School of Engineering and Engineers Without Borders organization

Current role: English Teacher

Organization: Woodrow Wilson High School (Dallas, TX)



CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

2012-2013 Fellows



JORDAN ACKERMAN

Graduation Date: Spring 2014

Majors: Environmental Studies &
Communication Studies

Project: The Sustainable Hope Project

Built a recycling center at a ministry to benefit the greater Haitian community

Current role: Marketing and Research Coordinator

Organization: Aperio Consulting Group (Saint Louis, Missouri)



ZAHRA KHAN

Graduation Date: Spring 2014

Majors: Marketing & English
Engineering Education (MS)

Project: Think Out Loud: A Common Reading Initiative

Created an online discussion between students and professors about common reading

Current role: Senior Specialist, Client Services

Organization: Brierley+Partners (Plano, TX)