

# Trinity Fellows Class of 2022 – Our 19<sup>th</sup> Class



**Austin Beale, Norfolk, VA**  
*University of Virginia:* Political Science: Foreign Affairs  
*Host Family:* Edward and Elisa Bricker  
*Job Host:* Turner Group  
*Mentor:* Jonathan Nelson

Austin is a recent graduate of the University of Virginia where he studied Foreign Affairs and Religious Studies while completing the McIntire School of Commerce's Business Fundamentals Program. As a solution-seeker, he combines his studies in method and statistical analysis with his experience in market research to improve business performance and decision making. Through his experience in assisting clients in commercial real estate, the financial sector, and the maritime industry, he honed his research, teamwork, software, sales, and presentation skills. Outside of the classroom and workplace, Austin developed a passion for community development through his involvement in the Unsung People and Sustained Dialogue clubs at UVA. Austin loves soccer (Manchester United), history, tennis, and classical music.



**William Bradford, Tupelo, MS**  
*University of Mississippi:* International Studies and Spanish  
*Host Family:* Leonid and Vera Volodin  
*Job Host:* Nisolo Shoes (Nashville, TN)  
*Mentor:* Paul Chen

Inspired by having lived in Peru for over a decade, William chose to pursue International Studies and Spanish at the Croft Institute of the University of Mississippi with concentrations in Latin America and International Governance and Politics. While there, he became fascinated with the global economy and international economic development. These interests, combined with his affinity for languages, led the U.S. Department of State to choose William as a recipient of the Boren Award, a national scholarship dedicated to sending students to countries critical to national security. He is excited to use his international and linguistic skills to work at Nisolo, an ethical shoe company that sources its products from Latin America and East Africa. William loves to get lost in a good book, rock climb, mountain bike, run trails, and play violin.



**Will Campbell, Charlotte, NC**  
*University of Georgia:* Finance and Sport Management  
*Host Family:* Jim and Anne Newman  
*Job Host:* UVA Darden School of Business, Mayo Center for Asset Management  
*Mentor:* Dan Goodall

Will has proven himself as a creative problem solver and impactful leader. Will found a passion for sports and community while working for the University of Georgia football team. A natural storyteller, Will spent his time sharing the university with recruits and their families while connecting them with the coaching staff. He further developed his leadership skills working as a director at Camp Rockmont in Black Mountain, NC. He worked closely with the staff to build a community that promotes personal growth for kids of all ages. Will has demonstrated an ability to be an effective communicator and public speaker in a diverse set of work environments. Outside of work and school, he has volunteered his time through the Institute for Leadership Advancement working for Life League Coalition, a nonprofit focused on helping kids excel and flourish in life. Will loves engaging in conversation, playing tennis, and enjoying a good cup of coffee. He hopes to one day travel the world with his friends and family.



**Ella Carlson, Castle Rock, CO**  
*Covenant College:* Economics; Business and Community Development minors  
*Host Family:* Ken and Jennifer Bilchick  
*Job Host:* Lee Livingston and Tony Green, MichieHamlet Attorneys at Law  
*Mentor:* Janice Hendrickson

Ella majored in Economics with minors in Business and Community Development at Covenant College in Look-out Mountain, GA. While at Covenant, she developed tools for econometric analysis and became passionate about the ways in which systems, policies, and markets impact people, society, and the world. Combining her passions with the practical skills she developed as an Economics major, she plans to pursue a master's degree in Public Policy at UVAs Batten School. Through her master's, Ella hopes to shape policy to help people and the planet. Having lived and traveled overseas, she enjoys engaging with people from different cultures and values the richness that diverse perspectives bring. In her free time, Ella can be found skiing, knitting, and playing board games.



**John Livermore, Aldie, VA**  
*Virginia Tech:* International Relations; German minor  
*Host Family:* Bill and Nicolien Wilder  
*Job Host:* ORB International  
*Mentor:* Bill Cassidy

An International Relations major and German minor from Virginia Tech, John strives to make a global impact through cross-cultural relationship building. He is fascinated by the workings of politics, and the science behind how governments interact with each other. His studies culminated in research projects on the engagement of social workers in countering violent extremism for the U.S. Department of State, and a review of the World Bank's aid allocation in the Caribbean region. In addition to his studies, John played on the men's rugby team and spent his summers mentoring youth at Summer's Best Two Weeks, a sports and outdoor wilderness camp in Pennsylvania. John also spent time living and working in Germany. He enjoys competitive athletics and outdoor activities such as horseback riding, snowboarding, and volleyball.



**Reagan Luce, Shreveport, LA**  
*Baylor University:* Human Sciences; Criminal Justice minor  
*Host Family:* Graham and Rebecca Scharf  
*Job Host:* UVA Batten School of Public Policy  
*Mentor:* Carrie Macfarlan

Reagan is an enthusiastic communicator and quick learner with experience in group leadership, grant writing and research, business correspondence, and problem solving. While attending Baylor University, Reagan became passionate about understanding the intricacies of human development and the roles that varying social-ecological systems play in the lives of children and families across the country. This passion led her to numerous community development and educational research opportunities in Waco where she was able to engage with and learn from individuals across all socioeconomic backgrounds. An internship at a law firm gave Reagan the opportunity to see the criminal justice system's complexities through the eyes of the defendant, while her internship at Communities in Schools allowed her to understand factors contributing to inequality within underserved populations. These positions allowed Reagan to learn invaluable professional communication skills in diverse professional settings.



**Allison Marrs, Waterford, VA**  
*Liberty University:* Industrial and Systems Engineering  
*Host Family:* Mark and Christine King  
*Job Host:* Elder Research | Data Science, AI, and Machine Learning  
*Mentor:* Melanie Britt

While at Liberty University, Allison discovered an outlet for both her creativity and her problem-solving abilities in Engineering. During her research with Abbott Labs, she and her team created an automated dashboard to analyze medical production data. Through this experience she personally witnessed the power of harnessing data to promote human flourishing. In her college summers, Allison coached and mentored youth at Summer's Best Two Weeks, a sports and outdoor wilderness camp. She spent much of her time at Liberty mentoring young women through university-facilitated programming. Allison enjoys reading biographies, playing the piano, and spending time outdoors at her family's vineyard in Northern Virginia.



**Brooke Spalding, Cary, NC**  
*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:* Economics; German minor  
*Host Family:* Aaron and Betty Ashton Mayo  
*Job Host:* Fringe (Richmond, VA)  
*Mentor:* Sarah Hutchinson

As a methodical planner and communicator, Brooke approaches every task with a positive attitude, maintains a strong willingness to learn new skills, and balances multiple priorities well. Having worked in corporate, nonprofit, and international settings, Brooke has proven to be an adaptable and mindful contributor to diverse teams. She always tries to bring a well-rounded, global perspective to her work. Her ability to operate in various work environments, navigate sensitive situations, and communicate effectively has been foundational to her business career. Outside of the classroom and workplace, Brooke enjoyed serving the Chapel Hill community by mentoring international students and by advising them in areas such as academic, social, and personal challenges. Brooke's love of unique experiences has taken her all over the world, but her home away from home is Heidelberg, Germany, where she once lived and worked.



**Taylor Thiessen, Annapolis, MD**  
*Washington & Lee University: Politics and Philosophy; Poverty Studies minor*  
*Host Family: Mark and Laurie Mandichak*  
*Job Host: UVA Department of Economics, Ken Elzinga*  
*Mentor: Carlton Dixon*

At Washington and Lee University, Taylor developed skills in analytic thinking, problem solving, and social analysis while double majoring in Politics and Philosophy. He independently researched an honors thesis in democratic political theory, allowing him to engage with contemporary scholars while exploring the unique intersection of thinkers such as Raymond Geuss and Søren Kierkegaard. Taylor has worked extensively in government, education, and research, allowing him to unite the political and philosophical aspects of his education with his interdisciplinary study of poverty. This work brought him around the world to Europe, South America, and most recently, South Africa. A fervent learner, Taylor's travels enriched his deep desire to explore and understand socio-political structures. He is a skilled musician who plays seven instruments and has enjoyed over ten years of experience leading musical groups. In his spare time, Taylor loves to hike, run, read political theory, and play frisbee with his golden retriever.



**Lauren Thompson, Southlake, TX**  
*Baylor University: Political Science and Religion*  
*Host Family: Ken and Terry Elzinga*  
*Job Host: Causeway Strategies (New York, NY)*  
*Mentor: Lisa Wood*

Using her natural ability to communicate the complicated into relatable information, Lauren helps others conceptualize the "why." At Baylor, she was a University Scholar in the Baylor Honors Program concentrating in Political Science and Religion. She engaged in policy formation and government analysis through her time in Model United Nations. The relationships Lauren built with delegates from across the globe grew her ability to bring together diverse perspectives and forge a rich, international community. She is a dedicated researcher, analyzing the contemporary political history of Iran to compose an American policy proposal for her undergraduate thesis. Her passion for international cooperation was further cultivated through her time living in the Netherlands, studying at Maastricht University's School of Global Cultures and Politics. In her free time, Lauren enjoys distance running, backpacking, and all things outdoors.



**Emily Wise, Charlotte, NC**  
*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Exercise Science; Biology minor*  
*Host Family: Brandon and Ashley Wooten*  
*Job Host: Dr. Joseph Hart, UVA Orthopedics*  
*Mentor: Liz Jones*

Having pursued a degree in Exercise Science and Biology, Emily is inspired by the strength and intricacy of the human body. After starting at Auburn University as a student-athlete, Emily transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she discovered a passion for science through clinical experience. She had the opportunity to assist in hospitals, challenge herself with advanced STEM classes, and gain her certification as an EMT-B. Emily has also worked as a clinical intern for one of Charlotte's leading healthcare providers, Tryon Medical Partners. These experiences gave her problem-solving skills to adapt to many situations and effectively communicate within teams. Emily seeks to find the best in those around her, and strives to make everyone she interacts with comfortable, especially people with different stories and cultures from her own. In her free time, Emily enjoys hiking with friends, wakeboarding, and traveling to new places.



**Christian Woo, Fairfax, VA**  
*Virginia Tech: Clinical Neuroscience; Music and Psychology minors*  
*Host Family: Mark and Jorie DeBoer*  
*Job Host: Institute of Law, Psychiatry & Public Policy*  
*Mentor: Joel Mercado*

Christian seeks to translate his passions for serving others, human physiology, and the arts into a career as a physician. He demonstrated his aptitude as a creative and thoughtful problem-solver while serving to combat hunger relief through VT Engage and during his involvement in a global campus leadership organization. Through his experience as a CNA and volunteering at INOVA Fairfax Hospital, he developed a desire to serve those in need through the universal language of healthcare. Being raised in a multi-ethnic family and having traveled to many countries around the globe, Christian has sustained a deep appreciation for those with different upbringings and backgrounds than his own. He is passionate about cinema, plays multiple instruments, loves visiting the U.S. national parks, and is a devoted fan of Washington D.C. and Virginia Tech sports.



**Abby Chellis, Plainfield, NH**  
*Mount Holyoke College: Dance and Spanish*  
*Host Family: Bryan and KC Verbrugge*  
*Job Host: Worship Arts, Trinity Presbyterian*  
*Mentor: Kristin Baltes*

Abby is a recent graduate of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts where she studied Dance on a composition and choreography track. She is passionate about the intersection of faith and artistic endeavors, and has cultivated a particular interest in technical production. In college she also studied Spanish, developing a focus on the arts as political expression throughout Latin America. Beyond her involvement with her community in western Massachusetts, Abby's heart can be found at the FOCUS Study Center on Martha's Vineyard, where she has served as a volunteer leader and summer staff. In her free time she can be found journaling and curating her music library.



**Ben Gould, Durham, NC**  
*Wofford College: Humanities; Government minor*  
*Host Family: Bobby and Dawn Jenkins*  
*Job Host: Student Ministry, Trinity Presbyterian*  
*Mentor: Randy Fox*

Ben has a deep-seated passion for storytelling, conversation, and learning. While at Wofford, Ben was heavily involved on campus, taking leadership roles with orientation staff, campus ministry (RUF), and his fraternity. Through these roles, Ben applied his communication and organizational skills while helping people and groups to achieve their respective goals. After declaring a Humanities major and Government minor, Ben focused his studies on American political history, literature, and religion in the South. He had the opportunity to combine his love for travel with his academic work by spending a winter term studying the life and work of C.S. Lewis in Oxford, England. Ben's year-long research capstone project centered around the following specific passions: baseball, the Civil War, and race relations during the Reconstruction Era. Ben enjoys being outside in a number of ways, from playing his guitar in a nice rocking chair to fly fishing and hiking the great outdoors with family and friends.



**Emily Faith Morgan, Norfolk, VA**  
*James Madison University: English; Writing, Rhetoric, and Technical Communication minor*  
*Host Family: Tim and Ruth Emerick*  
*Job Host: Community and Care, Trinity Presbyterian*  
*Mentor: Mary Wilson*

As an English major and Writing, Rhetoric, and Technical Communication minor at James Madison University, Emily Faith cultivated a deep passion for the power of words to develop community and relationships. At the end of her college career, she was awarded the Cynthia Gilliatt Bibliophile Award for her independent study of the British aristocracy and monarchy. She fueled her knowledge for her independent study through studying Shakespeare in London. Emily Faith has been involved in youth mentoring and student leadership for over a decade and is passionate about cultivating community and deepening relationships through intentional communication. This passion motivated her to take on roles such as small group leader, meeting facilitator, and leadership trainer. As an intern in the DC-Metro area, Emily Faith organized youth mentorship programs. In her free time, she enjoys baking for her friends, reading classics, and hiking the Blue Ridge Mountains.

### Leadership Team

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