
EDUCATION

- **University of Texas at Dallas** Class of 2021
B.S. Physics, Minor in Music GPA: 3.883

HONORS

- **Eugene McDermott Scholar** - One of twenty-three undergraduates selected for UTD's flagship scholarship; traveled to Santa Fe, Austin, and Washington, D.C. for leadership training; studied classical guitar in Valencia, Spain
- **Collegium V Honors Student** - Took advanced coursework in math, political science, and liberal arts

PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY EXPERIENCE

- **University of Texas at Dallas: Physics Department** 2020
Teaching Assistant
 - Set up and led the undergraduate lab component for Electromagnetism & Waves (PHYS 2126)
 - Taught curriculum that builds up DC and elementary AC circuitry from first principles
- **UTD Cosmology, Relativity, and Astrophysics Group** 2017 - 2018
Research Assistant
 - Numerically treated the General Relativistic three-body problem of inspiraling binary black holes subject to a third perturbing black hole with hopes to explain underlying dynamics of LIGO measurements
 - Cataloged stellar photometry data from *Gaia* to help facilitate an exoplanet survey led by citizen-scientists
- **Advanced Research in Thermo Fluid Systems Lab** 2019
Research Assistant
 - Measured and catalogued fluid properties of samples bovine and human milk
 - Developed models to describe how fat globules affect the velocity-dependent viscosity of various milks
- **Society of Physics Students** 2017 - present
Astronomy Committee Member
 - Coordinated large-scale star parties at UTD for major astronomical events, including 2018 & 2019 total lunar eclipses, 2018 opposition of Mars, and 2020 pass of NEOWISE, collaborating with the Texas Astronomical Society
 - Co-led telescope training sessions, exposing community members to a variety of amateur telescopes

PRESENTATIONS & PROJECTS

- **Stellar Spectroscopy**, end-of-semester project for 4373 Physical Measurements Lab
- **Quantum Electrodynamics**, term paper for PHYS 4352 Concepts of Modern Physics
- **Coriolis & Centrifugal Forces**, presented at the Graduate Students in Physics Seminar on September 25th, 2020
- **Pappus's Theorem**, presentation for MATH 3321: Geometry, summer 2020
- **Ballistic Entry: Monte Carlo Simulation**, presentation for PHYS 3330: Numerical Methods, fall 2019
- **Musical Physics**, presented at the Graduate Students in Physics Seminar on October 5th, 2018
- **Explaining the Solar Analema**, an end-of-semester paper for PHYS 3380: Astronomy, fall 2018

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Languages:** Python, HTML, \LaTeX (intermediate proficiency); MATLAB, SQL (elementary proficiency)
- **Technologies and Frameworks:** Anton Paar Rheometry & Density Interfaces, Meade and Celestron telescopes

AFFILIATIONS

- **Texas Astronomical Society**, 2018-present
- **American Physical Society**, Division of Astrophysics, Division of Gravitation, Texas Section, 2020-present

MUSIC & ACOUSTICS EXPERIENCE

- **Freelance Musician**

Bass guitar, piano, guitar

2016 - present

- Perform with **Addis** (jazz/world), **Stephen Houpt** (New Age/world), the C3 Big Band (contemporary jazz), the **Squirrelheads** (old-time), Banks and Co. (southern soul), and **Strictly Tablue** (electric blues)
- Studied with **Russell Jackson** (B.B. King), **Brian Mulholland** (Maynard Ferguson), and James Driscoll (Doc Severinsen); shared stage with the likes of **Todd Mosby**, **Reggie Thomas**, **Jim Suhler**, **Steve Miller**, **Tony Baker**, **Josh Hanlon**, **Kelly Durbin**, and **Austin Zhang**
- Play solo jazz piano at private parties, weddings, corporate events, etc.

- **Custom Chimes**

Acoustician

2018 - present

- Handcraft and custom-tune wind chimes and chime trees of solid-bar and tubular varieties
- All proceeds benefit the North Texas Food Bank

- **Helbing Jazz Initiative**

Coordinator

2018 - 2019

- Coordinated jam sessions following monthly jazz masterclasses led by Stockton Helbing
- Promoted musical dialogue between community members through the language of jazz

RECORDINGS & PROJECTS

- **Jazz Guitar**, 2021
- **Orphan Girl**, 2020
- **Ode to Friends**, 2020
- **The Power of Small Things**, 2020
- **Blues in June**, 2020
- **Straight Eighths**, 2019
- **Light on the Mountain**, 2019
- **Strictly Tablue**, 2019
- **Search for Answers**, 2018
- **White Rock Lake**, 2018

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

- **Advanced Jazz Improvisation Masterclass with Todd Mosby**, Eisemann Center, January 23rd, 2020
- **C3 Big Band**, The Free Man, album release party, January 6th, 2020
- **Addis featuring Austin Zhang**, Shebelle, January 4th, 2020
- **The Chirag Gokani Trio**, Jonsson Performance Hall, November 21st, 2019
- **Greg Waits Jazz Refugees**, The Balcony Club, October 3rd, 2019
- **Stephen Houpt & Chirag Gokani**, The Taos Inn, July 16th, 2019
- **Strictly Tablue**, Poor David's Pub, album release party, May 17th, 2019
- **Steve Miller**, St. Mark's School of Texas, March 15th, 2015

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **IntelliChoice**

Branch Manager & Instructor

2018 - present

- Directed IntelliChoice SAT Summer Camp (2018-2020), valued at \$297,000/year, boosting students' SAT scores by factors of ~1.5 and significantly increasing college matriculation rates in the underprivileged community
- Led volunteer efforts at the Vietnamese Community Center, tutoring math weekly to underprivileged students

- **Richardson Public Library**

Volunteer

2017 - 2019

- Co-taught technology classes for adults and creative writing classes for children
- Assisted circulation by pulling hold items for patrons