

ALEX DERRICK, MLA CLASS OF 2026



From the very beginning of his MLA studies, Alex has been intrigued by the social and anthropological factors that contribute to the denial and disappearance of original cultures:

“I’m curious about finding ways to encourage society in the rediscovery of origin stories that have been lost in the current narratives, as well as how leaders are formed in today’s social structures.”

Growing up in Burleson in a family of TCU alumni, Alex graduated from TCU with a B.S. in Economics. He joined an international campus ministry program after graduation and spent time working and studying in Asia until the pandemic abruptly forced a pivot. He returned to TCU through the Army ROTC program and is completing the MLA program where he is exploring the impact of history through social inquiry and literature.

“The MLA program has given me the opportunity to do a deeper dive into the complexity of histories and multiple perspectives, and how mass media and communications influence the ways we view ourselves and our communities.”

Alex’s fierce discipline, hard work, and compassion for humanity come from his family’s legacy of teaching and service as well as the hard work essential to farming and ranching. With his military career in geographic information systems already underway, he and his wife are pursuing their mutual goal of international foreign service. A hardcore history buff, in his free time Alex enjoys outdoor adventures, camping and traveling, and knows every line to every song in the *Phantom of the Opera*.