

2019 Miller Fellows



Téa Blumer | iScribble | College of Design Graduate

Téa is a graduate of the Art + Design program at the College of Design, with a minor in graphic design. As a burgeoning entrepreneur, Téa was involved in the entrepreneurship community through the Garage, the Entrepreneurship Clinic and the Lulu eGames—where her startup iScribble won first place in the Arts Venture category. Téa is determined to continue developing iScribble, an interactive, drawing-based web application that allows individuals from all over the world to collaborate on a digital canvas.



Connor Regan | ProvingGround | Poole College of Management Graduate

Connor graduated with degrees in Business Administration (concentration in entrepreneurship) and International Studies. While at NC State, he was a member of the Entrepreneurship Clinic and utilized the Garage for product prototyping as well as building out his art collections. He is the co-founder of ProvingGround, which aims to revolutionize the way students prepare themselves for the workforce by providing a platform where they can take on project-based work relevant to their majors.



Praneet Mocherla | Chirp | College of Engineering Masters Graduate

As a graduate in engineering, Praneet is motivated to make a positive impact on the world by aiming high, being tenacious with his goals and continuing to learn long after he gets his degree. It wasn't until very recently that his passion for solving problems aligned with the standard engineering ideals. Praneet will be utilizing his time in the Fellowship to develop Chirp, an innovative smart home device that will cut down the emergency response time of fire professionals to cooking fires by 50 percent.



Keith Markham | Triple Point Materials | College of Engineering Graduate

Keith participated in the Engineering Entrepreneurship Program for senior design over the last year with fellow students in Materials Science and Engineering. Through the process of ideation and prototyping, he created nanomaterials that give polymers significantly more strength and he plans to continue his work through his startup, Triple Point Materials. Triple Point Materials is able to make nanomaterials in large capacity cost-effectively, so Keith hopes to bring the advantages of nanotechnology into industrial relevance.



Hartley Leroy | Portal Technologies | College of Engineering Graduate

From a young age, Hartley has been interested in building his own company. During his time at NC State, he participated in a variety of entrepreneurship programs to build his business sense. In his undergraduate years, Hartley started two companies: TRASHR, a waste management solutions company, and Portal, a micro-vending platform. Hartley will devote his efforts to the latter during his time in the Miller Fellowship. Portal is a micro-vending platform providing people what they need where they need it.



David Schuler | Portal Technologies | College of Engineering Graduate

David graduated from NC State in 2019 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. While at NC State, he participated in the Engineering Entrepreneurship program, competed in the Lulu eGames and represented NC State at the ACC Inventure Prize competition. David first started work on Portal Technologies with his co-founder, Hartley Leroy, in their design class. Portal is a micro-retail startup that aims to provide consumers with seamless access to what they need, where they need it.

