



**Brian Ariyo**  
**University of Houston Central Campus, Graduating**  
**Spring 2024**  
**GPA: 3.901**

We are very proud to announce Brian Ariyo as the third FEI – Ted Bauer Undergraduate Business Scholar (“FEI-TBUBS”) recipient. The C. T. Bauer Foundation has again awarded the FEI Houston Chapter with the distinct honor of administering a dedicated annual scholarship to a University of Houston student with a two (2) year tuition award. Brian Ariyo is a wonderful example of how today’s finance and accounting students are not only academically praiseworthy, but they are also inspiringly free and forward thinking.

The oldest of three (3) children to immigrant parents from Nigeria, Brian’s father and mother came to the United States with an absolute picture of the future they wanted professionally for themselves and one day their family. Brian’s father, an IT Manager and Mrs. Ariyo, a registered nurse, started their young family in Chicago. Sadly, the American dream for the Ariyo’s faced an unthinkable blow with the sudden death of Brian’s father. At the age 44, Mr. Ariyo died while out of town on a work assignment he oversaw for McDonald’s. Brian was only ten years old; his sisters were five and six. Having already been facing her own medical challenges, Mrs. Ariyo was thrust into becoming sole caretaker, bread winner as a single mother to three young children when she decided to move to Houston in 2012. Fortunately, Brian’s grandmother sprang into action helping raise Brian and his sisters fully supporting their interests and their natural talents. From piano to bodybuilding, chess and photography or everything in between, Brian has a broad range of talents and accomplishments.

Once enrolled as a Freshman at the University of Houston, and while attending an accounting class, Brian grew more and more interested in the world of Finance having gained a keen interest to understand financial reports. Brian’s robust curiosity peaked when reading news headlines on various companies merging or purchasing others. Now starting his Junior year at the C. T. Bauer College of Business, University of Houston, Brian is narrowing his field of interest from M&A to Private Equity or perhaps financial consulting. Helping him determine his path, Brian spent his first summer internship in New York as an Investment Banking Summer Analyst Intern for Bank of America. He has his sights for next summer with a possible internship at the Boston Consulting Group. Currently Brian regularly vlogs on his YouTube channel about life as a 20-year-old capturing every novelty and experience.

Our third FEI Ted Bauer Undergraduate Business Scholar brings to the table tremendous vigor, creativity, and an infinite amount of success for his future. Brian graduates in May 2024 and looks forward to having the FEI Houston Chapter members welcome him to the various Chapter in-person meetings.