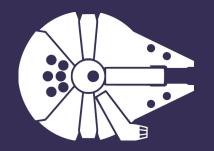
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Will Rice College 2025

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## WELCOME NEW PHOENIXES!!!!

We are so excited to welcome you to both Rice and Will Rice! As your 2025 O-Week Coordinators, we cannot wait to welcome you to become a part of our community and for you to learn that you love it as much as we do. We — Boyuan, Sammy, and Will — have spent the last seven months preparing for your arrival. We have put together an amazing team of Advisors, Co-Advisors, and Affiliates who are prepared to guide you throughout both O-Week and the rest of your time at Rice.

If you're feeling nervous or unsure of what to expect of the next four years, that's okay! We have all been there at one point, but Will Rice has given us an unimaginable amount of love and support as we continue to learn to spread our wings and soar as Phoenixes. College is a time for learning and growth, both academically and personally, and we could not imagine a better place to do just that than at Rice. Here, you will be able to cultivate your academic interests and uncover your passions. Your peers are an extraordinarily thoughtful, caring, and diverse group — we encourage you to learn as much as you can from them. Of course, your fellow Will Ricers will become especially important as you navigate your life at Rice. Will Rice holds some of our fondest memories, but also offers an unwavering support system during our greatest challenges.

We know that the process of paving your academic path, joining a new community, and coming to Rice can be nervewracking (that was us a few summers ago!), and we are sure you have lots of questions about O-Week, Will Rice, and Rice culture. We hope this book will begin to give you a general picture of what Rice has to offer, and a glimpse of what makes Will Rice special to us. We can't wait to meet you in August, so sit back, relax, and get ready to make some memories!









## 5 CONTACT INFO



2025 Will Rice O-Week Website: A Long Time AgO-Week Website

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## WHAT IS O-WEEK? (

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Rice's Orientation Week (almost always referred to as O-Week) is a student-led program dedicated to giving New Students the information and resources necessary for life at Rice. It provides a shared experience for every Rice student and helps create the community that makes friendships at Rice, and Will Rice, so powerful. Get ready for an amazing week!

Every year, all eleven colleges come up with a fun theme to define their O-Week. These themes usually combine some sort of pop culture reference with a potential Rice or College-specific reference as well! The theme almost always ends in an O, so it can be followed with O-Week! This year, Will Rice's theme is: A Long Time AgO-Week: Hyperdrive Into New Adventures!

This means that all of our O-Week Groups (which you get to read more about later) will be named after a fun pop-culture reference mixed with a Star Wars pun! And a lot of our events (and even this book!) will be riddled with Star Wars references and lingo.

One of the most important aspects of O-Week is academic advising. During the week, you'll meet with student and faculty advisors who specialize in your area(s) of interest and can help you choose classes for the semester. The rest of the advising team will help you understand what these resources are best for and how to use them effectively.

There are also department and club fairs hosted during O-Week where you can meet professors and student leaders of different organizations and learn about activities and clubs that you're interested in.

While academics may be one of the main aspects of Rice, college life is more than just classes. The other half of the week is devoted to student life within Will Rice and Rice as a whole. We'll discuss extracurricular involvement, safety, diversity, the alcohol policy, the Honor Code, and some of the important groups around campus.

You will meet many members of the Will Rice community, from other New Students, to upperclassmen Advisors, to our A-Team. Together, our priority is to provide you with an O-Week that leaves you well-equipped and confident to tackle your first year here at Rice!





## 8 MISSION STATEMENT

#### EXPLORING THE GALAXY

We know that leaving home can be daunting, but every young Padawan must one day embark on their own journey. Arriving at college may feel intimidating at first—navigating a new place, meeting new people, and leaving behind familiar comforts. Like exploring uncharted star systems, it takes time to find your way. But fear not! Our small yet mighty college has much to offer, with countless ways to engage. By connecting new students with resources and opportunities, we aim to empower them to get involved, forge new paths, and make the most of their adventure at our university!

#### DISCOVERING YOUR INNER JEDI

Everyone comes to college with a very different idea of what they want to do. We want to help our New Students feel prepared to face the many challenges that might arise during their time at Rice. No one's future is set in stone, and the time that we spend in college changes us all in different ways. Through connection and support from the Core Team, Advisors, Community Facilitators (CFs), and Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs), we aim to help strengthen the New Students personal development and give them the tools to shoot for the stars!

#### FORGING NEW ALLIANCES

Will Rice is a diverse and welcoming family, and we want to extend a welcoming hand to all the New Students as they forge new relationships with their peers. Will Rice is a community of amazing people who come from completely different parts of the galaxy, and by learning about and from each other, and celebrating our differences, we can all grow as individuals. We hope to instill within our New Students the confidence to branch out and try new things and meet new people, forming connections that may last a lifetime!

We hope to empower each New Student to embark on their journey with courage and curiosity, discover new realms of knowledge, and forge lifelong connections. Just as the heroes of the Star Wars saga faced tribulations and achieved greatness, we encourage our new Phoenixes to embrace the challenge, harness their unique abilities, and become the legends of tomorrow. Together, we will create a universe where every student can thrive, innovate, and lead with integrity. While everyone's journey will take them somewhere different, we want you all to know you always have a home at Will Rice.

Will Rice uses a platform called Slack for general communication around the college: whether it be for announcements, organizing committees, asking random questions, quoting or shouting-out Will Ricers, or even just reporting broken washing machines (rip).

You should receive an email notification from your Rice account in the next day or so inviting you to join a Slack workspace that is going to be used specifically for A Long Time AgO-Week! Please check your junk mail or email us if you can't find the invitation.

As the A Long Time AgO-Week Slack is specifically designed for this week, the only members on this workspace are New Students, O-Week Coordinators, Advisors/Co-Advisors, O-Week PAAs, and O-Week CFs. For easier identification, all of the Advising Team has included their advising roles in parentheses and you can tap on their profile to see their majors/minors/tracks. Once O-Week has concluded, you will be added to the general Will Rice Slack workspace!

#### Will Kinnebrew (Coordinator)

Sport Analytics, Statistics, Data Science

he/him/his · Will Kin-Uh-Brew

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#### CREATING A PROFILE

[Profile Photo] → Clear, recognizable photo of your face
 [Full Name] → First and last preferred name
 [Display Name] → First and last preferred name
 [Title] \*OPTIONAL\* → Intended major(s) of interest

Please download both the phone and computer applications to stay up to date on messages as we will be using Slack every day as the main form of communication during O-Week!

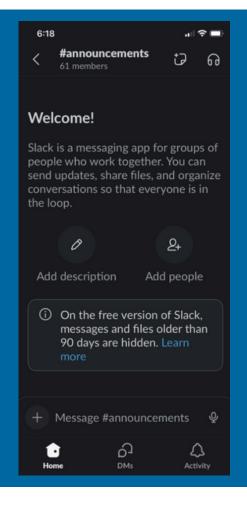
While your phone should generally suffice for most things on-the-go, we will often send links, documents, and daily schedules to the Slack as well, which tend to be easier to view on a computer browser.

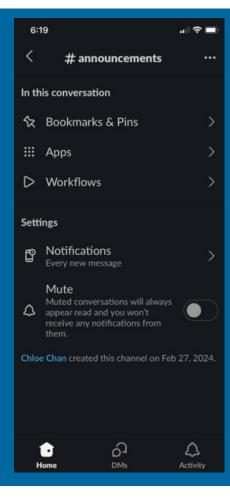
By default, Slack will only notify you when someone uses @channel, DMs you, or @'s you. Please follow the images and instructions to keep notifications turned on for the #announcements channel. Feel free to configure notifications for the other channels as you would like!

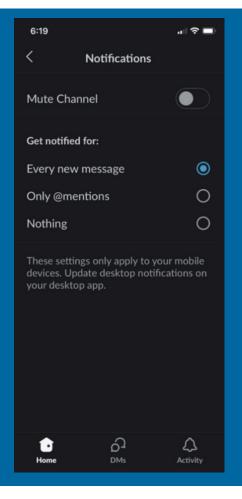
#### TAP ON #ANNOUNCEMENTS BAR

#### SCROLL DOWN TO SETTINGS → NOTIFICATIONS

#### SELECT GET NOTIFIED FOR EVERY NEW MESSAGE







## 11 SLACK

Slack uses channels to compartmentalize discussions. Especially in complex workspaces like the main Will Rice Slack, it is extremely helpful to section off communication into smaller group chats so that various groups of people can stay efficiently updated on a variety of different topics! Additionally, one of Slack's signature features is thread conversations. When possible, please use [Reply in Thread] to answer questions and continue niche discussions so as not to disturb the entire channel. Without further ado, below are the 4 main channels that will be active during A Long Time AgO-week:.

#### **EANNOUNCEMENTS**

This channel will be used to send out any important information: whether that be meeting times, schedule changes, or any information you need to know! Because we ask everyone to keep notifications on for this channel, we also ask that you be mindful of what is sent here. Most questions and discussions are more appropriate for the #alongtimeago-week-chat channel, whereas important information coming from the Coords and Advising Team will typically be sent in the #announcements channel.

#### #LOFT-BEDS

This channel will be activated on Move-In Day, and is solely meant for bed lofting requests and reporting any other needed repairs (AC, outlets, locks, etc.) This allows our awesome Student Maintenance Representative (SMR), Gabe Sanchez, to have all requests in the same place so that he can help you out as soon as possible!

#### #SCHLUMPED

This channel will be activated during O-Week and is an opt-in channel! O-Week can be pretty intensive and it's not too surprising that a lot of us - New Students, Advisors and even Coords alike - sometimes end up dozing off in random places... cue the perfect time for your friend to catch you slacking (\*pun intended\*). TLDR: join for silly pictures during O-Week of everyone trying not to fall asleep (but evidently, sometimes failing)!

#### CALONOTIMEACO-WEEK-OHAT

This is where most discussions will take place! Have a question about what to bring? Want to share photos of your pets? Want to talk about literally anything? Do it here! This channel is designed so that Advisors and New Students can interact both leading up to and throughout O-Week.





Move-in will be on August 17th, all on the same day! Specific driving instructions and times for move-in will be emailed in late July / early August. As a heads up, you can only move into Will Rice College during your assigned move-in time. If you don't come at your assigned time, we will NOT be ready for you. If there is an unforeseen travel problem or emergency, please contact us as soon as possible!

When you get here, one of your Advisors will take you on a tour of Will Rice while other Advisors move all of your belongings to your room. For that reason, please make sure that all of your items are labeled with your full name and room number to minimize confusion when our Advisors are moving your belongings!

On your tour you'll get to meet the College Magister and the rest of the A-Team. Once that's taken care of, you'll head to the College Coordinator's office where you'll pick up your key. We'll have a lot of people available to help you and guide you once you arrive at Will Rice, so don't worry about memorizing every detail on where to go!

Lunch will be provided in Will Rice Commons so that you can eat with your family and meet some of your fellow new Will Ricers! For parents, there will be presentations and a tour of the campus available afterward if they are interested. After lunch, you will say goodbye to your family, and your Rice journey will begin!

## SMR//UTILITIES



The Student Maintenance Representative (SMR) is a fellow student who is available to help with things such as lofting your bed and reporting needed repairs to Housing & Dining (H&D). Our Brand new SMR is Edgardo "Gabe" Sanchez (shoutout How to Train your Jedi)! During O-Week, you can make requests in person or by sending a message in the #loft-beds channel in Slack. However, please remember that there are a lot of requests during O-Week and that he is also a student (and Advisor!) with responsibilities like yours, so please be patient!



To increase floor space, many students loft their beds to a medium height and place storage, like their dresser, underneath their bed! Some even loft their bed to a bunkbed height and place desks, couches, or fridges underneath. You'll be able to loft your bed during O- Week, or the school year, with a request to our SMR. If you choose to loft to a bunk bed height, you will also receive a ladder and a railing.



## WILL RICE AMENITIES

#### DORM SPECIFIC

- twin XL bed frame + mattress
- hanging closet space, dresser (3 large drawers)
- desk + chair, desk drawers (3 small drawers)
- ethernet port, electrical outlets
- one trash can per bed, one single-stream recycling bin
- air conditioning and heating unit
- window blinds

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- vacuums & moving dollies
- toilet paper & trash bags
- Commons Kitchen: oven, stove, microwave, basic utensils/dishware, private & communal fridges/freezers
- Laundry Room: free washer and dryers
- Computer Lab: Mac & Windows computers, printer (\$0.07/sheet)
- Music Room: piano, drum set, guitar (large piano in PDR)
- Felipe's Weight Room (FWR): adjustable workout bench, power rack, barbell, weight plates (5-45 lbs)
- Bike Room: bikes with clipless pedals, cycling cleats, helmets

• New Dorm: private bathrooms - no soap or paper towels

- Old Dorm 1st & 3rd Floor Women's Communal restrooms & showers
- Old Dorm 2nd & 4th Floor Men's Communal restrooms & showers
- Old Dorm 2nd Floor All Gender restroom
- Commons: 2 public all-gender restrooms



## 14 PACKING LIST\*

Houston weather is generally hot and humid most of the year, with a colder spell in winter months, so bring clothes for both kinds of weather! Be prepared for heavy rains — rain boots and jackets are a good idea, and always keep an umbrella in your bag. From O-Week Matriculation to dinners with professors, to dances or award ceremonies, consider bringing some more formal attire to dress up for the occasion. On the flip side, Rice has a pool on campus at the Rec, and we aren't too far of a drive from Galveston, so bring a bathing suit if you would like to go for an occasional swim to cool off from the Texas heat!

#### CLOTHING & LAUNDRY

- laundry detergent/pods, dryer sheets laundry bag/basket
- dress clothes (O-Week Matriculation)
- clothes you don't mind getting dirty
- shoes that can get wet / rain boots
- swimwear

#### BED & BATH

- twin-XL bed linens/sheets
- comforter / blankets, pillow(s)
- towels, toiletries, hair dryer
- New Dorm: hand soap & towels, bathroom organizer
- Old Dorm: shower shoes, shower caddy

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES/GEAR

- backpack/totebag, reusable waterbottle
- laptop/computer/iPad, headphones/earbuds
- charging blocks and cords, charging bank
- writing utensils (pencils/pens, erasers, etc.)
- paper products (sticky notes, notebooks, etc.)
- sunscreen & bug spray, umbrella and/or rain gear

#### WALUABLES !

- money (cash, credit cards, checks)
- IDs (driver's license, passport, etc.)
- house keys, wristwatch/jewelry
- bicycle (and lock), skateboard, longboard, scooter, etc.

#### CLEANING & HEALTH

- broom + dustpan, Swiffer sweeper/duster, etc.
- paper towels, Clorox wipes, Febreze
- hand sanitizer, tissue boxes, face masks
- up-to-date insurance or prescription card
- any medication you will need

#### DORM ITEMS

- mini fridge and/or microwave, rug(s)
- power strips & extension cords, floor or desk lamps
- clothes hangers, extra storage drawers/bins
- Command strips/hooks, room decorations
- reusable plates, bowls, cups, and utensils
- iron & ironing board or steamer

## 15 MOVE-IN TIPS



#### COORDINATE WITH YOUR ROOMATE

It's a good idea to contact your roommate and figure out what each person is bringing and how you want to split thespace. Dorms can feel pretty small, especially when you're sharing with another person, so you'll want to be efficient with how you use the space! Be sure to check who's bringing what appliances and make sure to be considerate of your roommate's space within the dorm as well.



#### CREATING ADDITIONAL STORAGE

The dorms at Will Rice vary in their dimensions, especially in Old Dorm where the floor plans are a bit more eclectic! Try to bring storage options that can be tucked into a variety of different spaces. Command hooks and strips are useful for hanging mirrors, bags, umbrellas, decorations, etc. and are also approved by H&D. Remember to not remove the hooks otherwise you might face damage charges.



#### LABEL EVERYTHING!

Label your things! O-Week is the one time you wont have to move all your stuff in! That being said in the event that something gets misplaced, a label goes a long way when trying to reroute it to the correct place! Putting a label (tape, tags, stickers) on every bag with your name and room number will ensure that all of your things end up in the right place.



#### DOGUMENT DAMAGE

Sometimes things are broken even before the new semester begins! Before you move in, take a moment to assess your dorm and generally assess if anything major is missing or broken. Take a picture to document anything that's damaged and and report it to the #loft-beds Slack channel along with your room number so that the SMR can help get it checked out or fixed by H&D.



#### HAD HOUSING AGREEMENT

When in doubt there is always the Housing Agreement! Please refer to the H&D Housing Agreement to ensure that you are not in violation with anything you plan to bring. Most offenses have fines associated with them, and no one wants to get fined, right?

## 16 WILL RICE HISTORY

If you take a little wander through South Campus, you'll come across a college that shines like the pyre of a thousand Phoenixes, illuminated by myth, power, and value. Congratulations, you are now a part of the rust and gold glory that is Will Rice College, "The College of Gods and Goddesses" and the second college founded at Rice University! You may first notice that we have a dazzling outdoor quad flanked on three sides by our spectacular "New Dorm," our stunningly historic "Old Dorm," and the coziest Commons on campus. It is inside, though, that you will truly get to experience the welcoming and warm spirit of your new Will Rice family.

Originally built in 1912, Old Dorm (known then as "South Hall") was the first residential building on campus. Will Rice College was founded in 1957 and named after William Marsh Rice Jr., the nephew of Rice's founder. Beginning as a college of about 200 members, Will Rice was named by James Street Fulton as "The College of Individuals." In 1977, Will Rice became a co-ed college and adopted the name of "The College of Gods and Goddesses." It was during this time that Will Rice developed its victorious culture. From 1960-1968, Will Rice dominated Songfest, the university's prestigious annual chorale competition, to the point that the university decided to cancel the competition due to Will Rice's endless winning streak. Since then, Will Rice has claimed victory in freshman flag football, the Presidents' Cup Tournament, and most famously, Beer Bike!

Started in 1957, Beer Bike is an annual competitive bike race hosted by Rice in the spring. Starting from the Monday of Beer Bike Week, Will Ricers passionately fill water balloons, plan jacks (pranks) against other colleges, and practice chugging and biking until the day of the race. Will Rice has taken pride in winning countless Beer Bike races and being the only college to sweep the alumni, women's, and men's races not just once but 5 times!

However, Will Rice isn't all about competition. While winning is fun, Will Rice has always been about doing things, whether racing or studying, together. As one of the oldest colleges, our culture is rooted in tradition, with a phoenix spirit that is open to rebirth and change. Over time, Will Rice has introduced new traditions to its culture such as Whale Day, KITQs, and Phinest Phoenix. Along with its formal traditions, Will Rice has also developed more laid-back rituals such as late night studying in the Commons, playing Smash in the game room, watching cheesy reality TV with the RAs, and having daily lunch announcements.

Will Ricers take initiative. Our student government, affectionately nicknamed Diet, meets every other week in the Magister's House to discuss what's going on at Will Rice. Everyone, regardless of elected position, is encouraged to attend to hear the latest on Will Rice, make a proposal for a grilled cheese party, or even just come for the friends! Everyone is encouraged to get involved, and there truly is something for everyone. Each matriculating class of Will Ricers shapes our college's trajectory for the better, and we cannot wait to see what new values, traditions, and perspectives you'll bring to the table. Like the mythical phoenix that serves as the symbol of the college, Will Rice rises above the others, burning with a bright fire and passion. We take pride in our history and work every day as a college to grow together, becoming the best versions of ourselves with each new reincarnation.

#### **OLD DORM**

Built in 1912 and originally called South Hall, Old Dorm was designated a Will Rice College dormitory in 1957. Old Dorm is four stories tall and contains mostly double rooms, with some singles and triples scattered throughout. There is one communal bathroom per floor — 1st and 3rd floors have women's bathrooms, and 2nd and 4th have men's bathrooms, with the addition of a single all gender restroom on 2nd floor. As one of the older buildings on campus, Old Dorm is known to have a somewhat eccentric layout. The beloved snake mural along the main staircase, Esmerelda, helps to guide many a New Student.

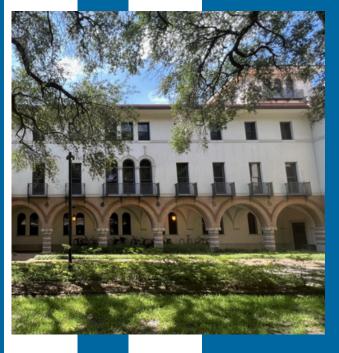


#### LONG HALL

The first three floors all have a long hall with several dorms, but the term "Long Hall" generally refers to the 2nd floor hallway

#### SHORT HALL

The smaller halls. Hae Hun, our RA who lives in Old Dorm, lives in the first floor short hall.



#### ) MICRO HALL

Located at the end of long halls. Micro halls have three rooms: a single, a double, and a triple, all of which are pretty spacious.

#### FOURTH FLOOR

It's unique because it is home to a two-story suite called Perch and the Piano Room. The Piano Room used to be part of an attic, but is now a quad complete with, of course, a piano. Every year, four lucky New Students are placed here.

## 18 NEW DORM

Built in 2010 to replace the original 1957 New Dorm, New(er?) Dorm is composed of one triple suite, four 8-person suites, and several doubles. Every double room has its own bathroom and sink, while the quad and suites have bathrooms shared between four people. It stands four stories tall with one elevator and two staircases. Each floor has its own lounge with tables, chairs, whiteboards, and couches perfect for studying. It is LEED Silver Certified and 30% more energy efficient than its predecessor. It has a balcony on each end of the building overlooking Seibel Servery and the Grove respectively.



#### FIRST FLOOR

The first floor consists of 6 doubles, 1 quad, and Sandy and Will's apartment (the RAs who live in New Dorm). It also has the Laundry Room, Music Room, and Computer Room (all accessible outside from the Quad).



#### SECOND & THIRD FLOORS

Each floor has 12 doubles along the hallway and an 8- person suite on each end. Each suite has four double bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a common room.



#### FOURTH FLOOR

This floor has 16 doubles, and two covered balconies on either side where many students like the hang out with their friends! Elevator access is on the side closer to Seibel Servery with the sliding door whenever you tire from all the stairs.

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#### BALGONIES

Found on either side of the 4th floor of New Dorm, the balconies have patio furniture and overlook the Grove and Seibel respectively. Come for a breath of fresh air!

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Located in the basement of New Dorm, the bike room is equipped with professional clip-less pedal bikes, helmets, and bike shoes. Home base to our fantastic bike team!

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The common building at Will Rice where Will Ricers eat, hangout, and spend many hours studying. Commons is rarely empty and there is always a table for you!

#### COMMONS KITCHEN

Our communal kitchen is located at the end of Commons near Seibel Servery. Many students store and cook food here and it has an oven, refrigerators, a sink, a stovetop, and a microwave. It was recently renovated, so always make sure to clean up after yourself as a courtesy to others!

#### MOOR THOUSE SEQUES

Aka FWR, the weight room has been a 2+ year passion project of our former Will Rice president, Felipe Lerner. Transformed from the old theatre closet in New Dorm basement, it is equipped with a bench, power rack, barbell, and an assortment of weight plates – more to come soon!

#### CAME ROOM

The Game Room, where you can find classics like pool, air hockey, foosball, ping pong, and video games like Smash Bros — not to mention the shelf of board games!

#### KITCHEN

Not to be confused with Commons Kitchen, Kitchen is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Old Dorm. It's mainly known for having the ice machine and playing host to many social events!

#### LAUNDRY ROOM

Located on 1st Floor New Dorm and accessible from Quad, the laundry room is equipped with washers and dryers to support your laundry needs! Don't forget to bring your own laundry supplies!







## WRG LOGATIONS 20

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Common areas found on each floor of New Dorm. They contain distinctive orange couches, tables, chairs, and whiteboards. They are a great quiet place to study or hang out with friends!

#### MUSIC ROOM

A music room is located on New Dorm 1st floor and accessible by Quad. It contains a drum kit, piano, and guitar that you can borrow, or feel free to bring your own instruments!

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Parlor is a newly revamped cozy space with couches, a large work table, and a TV! It is located near the Coordinator's Office and features several decades of past Beer Bike shirt designs on the wall!

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Perch refers to a 3-person room on the 4th floor of Old Dorm, but perhaps more pointedly for the room's access to an outdoor balcony! They've got a pretty sweet view overlooking Baker and are known to throw solid parties, popular not only at Will Rice but campus-wide as well. You won't want to miss them!

#### PDR

PDR (which stands for Private Dining Room) is equipped with couches, a large tv, a work table, a piano, and whiteboards to study or hang out. PDR is a popular space, especially for a movie night, so make sure to reserve it on the Will Rice website if you want to snag it in time!

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The central outdoor area surrounded by Old Dorm, New Dorm and Commons. Home to hammocks, swinging benches, and picnic tables – don't forget to pull up to KITQ!

#### SUITES

Suites are 4 doubles with a central common space and 2 private bathrooms. Upperclassmen live in the suites, and their common space is sometimes host to social events!

#### WIENER HOLE

Wiener Hole is a lounge space located on the 4th floor of Old Dorm. Made up of 3 rooms, lots of tables, office chairs, and couches, Wiener Hole is a perfect space to hang out or study. Also known for having great internet.



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## CULTURE & TRADITIONS 21

#### APC

APC (Albert Patrick College) is a traitorous band of Will Rice New Dorm residents that secede during Will Rice Week and form their own college, in the name of William Marsh Rice's murderer.

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Will Ricers who practice all year long to bike for (and win!) Beer Bike. There are Alumni, Women, and Men teams.

#### CHUC TEAM

Will Ricers who chug for Beer Bike. They are crazy good! Try out chug practice and see if you've got the knack to join these prochuggers. If chugging isn't for you, then you can cheer them on every day at chug practice!

#### ASSOCIATE'S NICHT

A semesterly event when Will Rice's Associates visit to mingle with students over a nice dinner, accompanied by the spring awards ceremony (in the spring)

#### BTWRG

Pronounced "buh-twerk," used as an abbreviation when Will Ricers are saying they are headed "Back To Will Rice"

#### COLLEGE NICHT

Each residential college hosts one a semester — students wake up early, party, and spend the day attending classes that they're not enrolled in. We always bring a big group to our New Dorm RA Sandy's social psychology lecture, so tag along!

#### BEER BIKE AUGTION

To supplement our Beer Bike budget, Will Ricers volunteer their services for auction. Previous items have included portraits, baked goods, and pies to the face.

#### CHUC PRACTICE

Will Rice cares a lot about Beer Bike; we host chug practice every single weekday at lunch in Commons for anyone who wants to try it out or work on their time.

#### DIET

Our biweekly government meetings, led by EC, where Will Ricers can come to hear and voice their opinions about the latest proposals and policies around campus. If you have an idea for the college, come propose it! We love spending money!



#### FRIDAY GAME DAY

A weekly lunchtime tradition where our Secretaries choose several Will Ricers at random to participate in a game of their design.

#### FLAME AND FORTUNE

Will Rice College's official merchandising brand which features spirited and classy designs created by Will Ricers on the Merch Committee. Flame & Fortune aims to merge rich history with timeless style and establish Will Rice as a frontrunner of residential college merchandise!

Taking place every other Friday, Will Ricers from all around gather in the quad for Keg In The Quad's food, drinks, and music to celebrate the weekend to come. Since we also do KITQ for major events, sometimes we get lucky and get one several weeks in a row!

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#### LUNGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A daily series of announcements at lunch, hosted by the Secretaries, where anyone can tell the inhabitants of Commons about their event or club. Also contains daily jokes, fun facts, themed days, and a countdown to Beer Bike!

#### PHINEST PHOENIX

Our annual talent show / beauty pageant where competitors raise money for a charity of their choice. The crowned Phinest Phoenix goes on to represent Will Rice in the campus-wide competition, Rice's Finest.

#### SWEED

To win every single race of Beer Bike (Men's, Women's, and Alumni's). Will Rice is the only college to have done so - not just once, but five times! We make sure to remind everyone about it when we get the chance.

#### MYTH, POWER, VALUE

The iconic Will Rice motto coined by Doc C (former resident associate at Will Rice College for 55 years) – a sentiment embodied by all Will Ricers.

#### PIT GREW

One component of our Beer Bike team, a collection of Runners, Catchers, Flaggers, and Throwers. The faster the Pit Crew (along with the Chug Team) works, the faster the next Biker can be on the track tearing up the competition!

#### THE NICHT DEFORE BEER BIKE

Don't miss it.

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Older than myth itself, a crystallization of the Will Rice spirit...

#### STOP AND GROW

A personal growth & reflection program hosted at Will Rice, developed by our very own Dr. Sandy Parsons, which aims to help students ground themselves and utilize campus resources as they grow as students and individuals at Rice University.

#### WHALE DAY

A sacred Will Rice holiday that takes place every year on the third Wednesday of September. Two rules: Respect the whale. Don't ask questions.

#### WILL RIGE WILL SKATE

An end of Fall semester celebration at the Galleria Mall ice rink, where Will Ricers will skate for hours, compete in class races, and learn the new Beer Bike theme! Getting a photo at the rink is a time-honored tradition.

#### WILL RIGE WEEK

A week in the Fall semester preceding our Fall College Night dedicated to Will Rice traditions and events, including APC Secession and Assassins!

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Will Rice Will Sweep! Our favorite Will-Rice-centric chant, you'll learn it fast!



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## 24A-TEAM / CORE TEAM

The A-Team (or Core Team) is the group of staff/faculty adults that reside at Will Rice. They work at Rice during the day, where they teach classes or direct programs. They are here to act as a support system and make your transition to college life as seamless as possible! Our A-Team is truly the "core" of Will Rice College. The A-Team consists of our two sets of Resident Associates (RAs). who live in the dorms, our Magister, who lives in a house right next to Will Rice, and our College Coordinator, whose office is right inside the Will Rice Commons. Oftentimes. our A-Team members will bring their pets around, too! They are always a knock or a text away, so reach out to them anytime you want to chat or pet a dog! The A-Team is not meant to act like your parents or patrol your behavior. Rather, they are here to be your friends and be a source of insight, perspective, and experience. We have one of the best A-Teams around they are encouraging, fun, and kind. They are our supporters, advocates, and friends, and we are incredibly lucky to have them at Will Rice. We can't wait for you to meet them!



## MAGISTER

Welcome to Will Rice College! While his will be my third year at Will Rice as the college's magister, I have been on faculty in the Department of Chemistry and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the Wiess School of Natural Sciences for many years. College Magisters are tenured faculty members who live at each college and provide support for students at their colleges, such as academic advice on classes to take, course schedules, study abroad, majors, extracurricular activities, and more. The magisters represent the colleges to the administration. While the magisters have considerable authority in college operations, they do not 'control' the colleges but rather work within a shared student governance model, engaging with the student leadership to make sure that all members of the college are able to achieve their academic, career and personal goals in a safe, supportive and nurturing environment.

Will Rice has a really nice, very large magister house (Rice uses well-known architects to design these!) in the Grove adjacent to Old Dorm. You will get a chance to visit the house when you arrive for O Week. I host events in the house, including get togethers for the college, including special events for seniors and other student groups, game nights, and more. Diet also meets there regularly. You should feel welcome to visit me at the house, but you can also find me regularly in the Commons and at student organized events as well.

Among the classes I teach are General Chemistry (which I have taught since I arrived at Rice, and you may have me for class in the Spring if you take CHEM 122), Honors General Chemistry, and the Chemistry of Art in addition to upper level undergraduate and graduate level classes in inorganic and organometallic chemistry. All three of my children have attended Rice: Rachel (Jones, '06), Piper Jay (Hanszen, '07) and Kenton-David (McMurtry, '07). I live with an adorable canine, Lady Arwen who doesn't realize that she is not human. Lady is an 9-year-old extremely affectionate but hyper Australian shepherd. She loves attention, is highly physical (kissing is her passion) and almost never tires. If you would like to take a break with the pupple (Lady is always up for playtime), or are interested in dog-sitting opportunities, hit me up for details. I have lived in England, Germany and South Korea as well as having had a long term collaboration with a research group in France.

In addition to my faculty responsibilities, I like cooking, baking, biking, painting (mostly oil), gardening, quilting, and messing around on my grand piano. I am happy to teach folks about quilting if interested and will probably host a Quilting 101 seminar in the Fall for those interested. Fun facts: I earned my spending money in college baking cakes and made the wedding cakes for my sister and my oldest daughter. My mother was into genealogy, and I can trace my line back to Scotland (1700s) and Germany (1600s), and (teaser alert) my last name probably shouldn't really be Whitmire. Fun facts: I have a vast collection of bowties (45 and counting), a large collection of orchids (>100) and a grandson named Phoenix.

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DR. KEN WHITMIRE

PROFESSOR ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CHEMISTRY DEPT

#### LETTER FROM SANDY

Hello, new Phoenixes! I am a faculty member in the Department of Psychological Sciences and have been part of Will Rice as a faculty associate, Divisional Advisor, and, now as an RA for about 15 years. I love being an RA because I get to share meals, come to your extracurricular events, and hang out in the quad with you. I have monthly study breaks (free food!) and other things planned for you. Get ready for lots of fun!

Will is a pediatric oncologist at Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor where he is the Interim Director of Cancer and Hematology. He also runs a lab looking at brain tumors. He is my "permanent +1" and the primary caregiver for our dogs Dexter (French Bulldog) and Penelope (Pug). You will mostly see me at events and him in the quad with the dogs. Feel free to stop and chat with him when you see him! He's an MD/PhD and can give you advice about medical school and research. We have been married for 29 years and have 3 daughters (25, 25, and 28). One in med school, one in law school, and one working in tech. We can offer advice on all of these paths.

We love poke bowls, bubble tea, chocolate chip cookies, water chicken (don't worry — you will learn what that is), and animals of all kinds. You will see us outside every evening playing ball with our dogs. They have never met a stranger and would love to play with all of you!

#### LETTER FROM HAE HUN

Hi, Will Ricers! I am delighted to be part of the A-team at Will Rice College. I've been working at Rice University's beautiful campus since 2015 and currently serve as the Administrator of the Chao Center for Asian Studies and the Department of Transnational Asian Studies. In this role, I oversee daily business operations, including budgeting and financial management. I also develop and implement outreach strategies that encompass relationship building, communications, and event coordination. The friendly and caring culture of the Rice community makes it a special place to work and live.

Originally from Seoul, Korea, I have lived in Germany, Japan, the U.S. West Coast, and the Rocky Mountains. Through my experiences connecting with people from different cultures and backgrounds, I have seen firsthand that people are more alike than different. We have many things to offer each other, including cultural values & traditions, art, food, and music. This is one of several reasons I am excited to reside amongst students. I look forward to getting to know you and learn from you all while supporting your academic, personal, and social endeavors at this great university! Some of the events I host include Korean cooking classes, sign language lessons, breakfast gatherings, and more. Let's make this a memorable experience together!

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DR. SANDY PARSONS

SHE/HER

**NEW DORM RA** 

ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR PSYCHOLOGICAL
SCIENCES



DR. HAE HUN MATOS

SHE/HER

OLD DORM RA

ADMINISTRATOR -TRANSNATIONAL ASIAN STUDIES

#### COLLEGE COORDINATOR

Will Rice also has a College Coordinator. The College Coordinator is one of the most helpful positions at Will Rice, and your new 2025 Coordinator will be there to assist you with anything and everything you could need!

The College Coordinator's main job is to help you with anything you may need regarding mail, keys, and finances for the college. Will Rice's College Coordinators also have a tradition of keeping a candy bowl on their desk or by their door! So even if you don't need anything from them, you're always welcome to swing by to say hi and grab some candy!

Currently, we are transitioning between coordinators. Standard Coordinator's office hours are Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM to help with anything you may need. The Coordinator's office is located at the entrance of the Commons, by Parlor and PDR as soon as you enter Will Rice!

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COLLEGE
COORDINATOR

#### REMEMBERING DOGG

Gilbert "Doc C" Cuthbertson was a Resident Associate of Will Rice from 1964 to 2011 and served as an Emeritus Resident Associate from 2011 until his passing in 2019. Doc C was a key figure of Rice University and of Will Rice. He founded the Department of Political Science at Rice and served as a professor in the department from 1963 to 2019. For Will Ricers, though, Doc C was much more than just a lecturer. As the founder of Will Rice's defining phrase "Myth, Power, Value," Doc C played a huge part in fostering the culture and sense of community at Will Rice. Doc loved pool, foosball, shopping online for antiques, and Liar's Poker. Even more, though, he loved his students and loved Will Rice. He went out of his way to get to know every Will Ricer and greeted everyone with a warm smile. Doc C embodied Will Rice pride and spirit. As the greatest phoenix of all time, he will be missed dearly by all. Now, in his memory, we have what is known as the "Doc C Fund", which is a fund used to promote access and opportunity to all Will Ricers, and throughout the year there are many ways to use this fund, such as for merchandise, events, and more!



DR. GILBERT GUTHBERTSON

RESIDENT ASSOCIATE 1964-2011

EMERITUS RESIDENT ASSOCIATE

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## 29 WILL RIGE PRESIDENT

Speed? She is Speed! Pulling up from nearby Missouri City, TX, this Anthropology major and Museum Studies minor is here to unearth more than just dinosaurs. A curator of the finer arts, you can spot her seated at the opera and theater, or tucked in with her splurge of a record player and treasured album collection. Though she is far from unplugged (with a pretty incriminating screen time), this screenager is seldom without a movie on her laptop or book in her hand, so be on the lookout for her frequent Letterboxd and Goodreads updates. Her quest for knowledge (or to prove you wrong) runs

deep, so be ready to be fact-checked because she is a loyal patron of Wikipedia and leaves no stone unturned or email/message unread. Her efficiency has no bounds whether it be her strict capsule wardrobe (with the occasional funky earrings) or effortlessly putting out Presidential fires. She comes equipped with a full 9 hours of sleep, her trusty toolkit, a relaxing plant sanctuary, and an endless supply of love and support. Mary Margaret (NO HYPHEN!) will always be there to share in all her joys and embark on every adventure together.

Ruchi Tiwari (Will Rice '26)

#### 2 CHIEF JUSTICE

EMMIE CASEY! 8th generation Texan hailing from Austin, you can find her at Solidcore, the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen (OEDK), or anywhere around Will Rice. She is an Electrical Engineering major and THE BEST Chief Justice on campus — seriously, she will get you snackies if you text her about your private party!! She loves a good craft and can fix just about anything she puts her mind to, like the engineer baddie she is. Emmie's the type of girl to always call out people's BS, tell you her honest opinion no matter what, and always has her friends' best interests in mind. FYI: she loves Smiskis and fun lil trinkets, so you can bring her offerings for her service to the college

Raye Osayimwese-Sisson (Will Rice '27)



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WILL RICE 2027

**CHIEF JUSTICE** 

**ELEC** 

AUSTIN, TEXAS

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#### **WHAT ARE COORDS?**

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Each residential college has 3 student leaders – O-Week Coordinators – who spend seven months of their time at Rice preparing for and executing O-Week. From theme creation to Advisor Training and roommate pairing to event planning, we have been working with various departments at Rice and Will Rice to make the transition into your Rice journey as seamless and supported as possible. Our love for Will Rice, Rice, and O-Week have led each of us to this position and we are so excited to welcome you to your new home!



#### **WHAT ARE O-WEEK GROUPS?**



An O-Week Group consists of 8-9 New Students and 4 Advisors. You'll be attending most events, activities, and meals throughout O-Week with your group, so you'll get a lot of time to get to know each other! Your O- Week group will also have a name associated with a star wars or Will Rice pun since this year's theme is a long time ago - week! You'll probably end up with random inside jokes and silly memories with your group as the week goes on. O-Week groups play a key role in many of the traditions that take place throughout the week!

#### WHY ARE THERE O-WEEK GROUPS?

O-Week groups are meant to serve as a sort of social framework for your first steps into Will Rice and Rice. Your Advisors and fellow New Students will be a network from which you can begin to branch out and meet other people. Every group dynamic looks a little different, but you will always have this family to fall back on if things get rough. Through your O-Week groups, you'll participate in group competitions, meet people from our sister colleges, matriculate, and likely make your first connections at Rice!



#### **WHAT ARE ADVISORS?**

Advisors are returning Rice students who will show you the ins and outs of Will Rice and Rice. They will be the first people you meet and your number one supporters during and after O-Week. Three of the Advisors will be from Will Rice, and the fourth will be from another residential college (known as a Co-Advisor). This helps diversify the perspectives of the Advisors in each group and gives the New Students in a group an open door to different opportunities to connect outside of Will Rice.



#### WHAT DO ADVISORS DO?



Each Advisor is eager to share their distinct experiences and perspectives to help you navigate your time at Rice, whether it is academically, socially, or otherwise. Advisors have been excitedly preparing and training for your arrival since the Spring semester. They will be there with you during move-in, O-Week activities, and your time at Rice after O-Week. You'll find an amazing mentor, peer, and friend in each of your Advisors, so please don't be afraid to open up to them!

#### **WHAT ARE AFFILIATES?**

O-Week Affiliates and Liaisons are returning students who play a specialized role outside of (or in addition to) advising. Many act as representatives for a program or department at Rice. Throughout the week, you'll see them taking photos, giving presentations, helping New Students with class registration, picking up food, and more! At Will Rice, our affiliate positions include our Photographers, Videographers, Gophers, Community Facilitators, O-Week Peer Academic Advisors, and Rice Health Advisors!

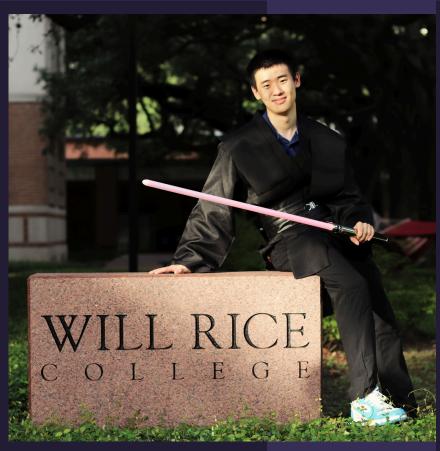


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## 34 CORDINATORS

Boyuan Zhang embodies Rice's motto of Unconventional Wisdom, Born in metropolitan China and raised in the American Midwest before moving to Texas a few years ago, he blends discipline with creativity as a Business Finance and Economics double major, complemented by a minor in Engineering Design. As Senior Treasurer of Will Rice College and an investment portfolio manager for his growing fund backed by close friends, Boyuan balances professionalism with an imaginative spark, often found building funky looking prototypes in the engineering design kitchen or battling friends over the Will Rice pool table. When he is off the clock from his teaching assistant job in the Jone's Graduate School of Business, he is always around Will Rice tinkering with whatever inefficiencies he discovers. Pull up a chair if you ever want to hear about the latest in public finance, PC building, the business major / engineering design minor, or play a few friendly rounds of card games (He WILL deal himself a 5 card 21 somehow). He is deeply grateful to those who've guided him these past three years and is eager to inspire the next generation of Rice Owls.

Riley Wendt (Will Rice '26)





#### BOYUAN ZHAN©

HE/HIM

**WILL RICE 2026** 

BUSI, ECON, EDES

HOUSTON, TEXAS

2025 WILL RICE 0-WEEK COORDINATOR

## 35 CORDINATORS

There are people who light up a room, and then there's Sammy Cox, a ray of sunshine trapped in a clumsy, halfblind body. Whether she's decked out in lab gear studying organometallic chemistry, or flying down the road on her bike as one of Will Rice's most spirited Beer Bike Captains, Sammy is both a brainy and brawny girl boss. This double major in Chemistry and Japanese can often be found buzzing between pipettes and beakers, chilling in Commons, or anywhere a friend is in need. She's the kind of person who remembers your go-to Chaus order and surprises you with a drink, but also isn't afraid to roast you for it.

But beneath her sarcastic wit lies a heart which cares freely and deeply about her friends, colleagues, and the residential college she calls home. Sammy brings the same fearless energy to O-Week she brings to every part of her life. She will rally the troops, make you feel seen and loved, and do it all with a radiant smile. O-Week couldn't ask for a better coord. Welcome to Will Rice, and have a fantastic week!

Tom Nitao (Will Rice '25)





SAMMY COX

SHE/HER

**WILL RICE 2026** 

CHEM

HOUSTON, TEXAS

2025 WILL RICE 0-WEEK COORDINATOR

## 36 CORDINATORS

Who's that pokemon?? If it's someone wearing Snorlax slippers, playing Magic, or chugging 156 ounces of water in an hour, it's definitely Will Kinnebrew! This 5'10" Sports Analytics and Statistics major with a minor in Data Science hails from Johns Creek, GA, yet he still complains about Houston weather. When he's not studying at his favorite table in Commons, you may find him destroying the competition in pool or Smash in the game room, fixing our budget as junior treasurer, or practicing with the chug team for Beer Bike in his official role as a Chug Captain.

But beyond all the chaos, Will brings a deep love and dedication to the Will Rice family and culture. Whether he's hyping people up, lending a hand, or just being a consistent presence, his energy, leadership, and care for the Will Rice community run deep. You can always count on him in any situation. He's beyond excited to welcome you home and make your O-Week unforgettable!

-Sammy Cox (Will Rice '26)





#### WILL KINNEBREW

HE/HIM

**WILL RICE 2027** 

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JOHNS CREEK, GEORGIA

2025 WILL RICE 0-WEEK COORDINATOR

# 37 COMMUNITY FACILITATORS

The Office of Multicultural Affairs introduces new Rice students to addressing issues regarding diversity, racism, sexism, homophobia, and intolerance through diversity workshops that occur during O-Week. The workshops are designed to engage New Students with a code of civility and give them the tools to have a dialogue across differences.

Amaya Johnson and Tori Cole are the CFs for A Long Time AgO-Week! They have been extensively trained to facilitate diversity workshops and will be present throughout the week and year to answer any questions about Rice's diverse culture and social groups.



#### & PEER ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs) are students (just like you!) who serve as familiar and approachable contacts who can answer academic-related questions and point you in the right direction towards different academic resources. The O-Week PAAs are four Will Ricers selected by the Office of Academic Advising to introduce you to the PAA program and to provide you with resources throughout the week.

Bridget, Margaret, Conner and Julianne (aka the Return of the PAAs) are the O-Week PAAs for A Long Time AgO-Week! They are so excited to meet you and help you throughout your time at Rice. You will meet them in the mornings for Academic Planning Sessions (APS) and one on ones to discuss anything and everything academic related, like choosing a major, what classes to take, and how to study for exams!



RETURN OF THE PAAS
Conner Schultz, Julianne Ma, Bridget Hale,
Margaret He

# 38 AFFILIATES

#### VIDEO CRAPHERS

They'll catch all your fun and adventures during the week, so you can look back on the blur of O-Week in a video recap once the week comes to an end! Plus, they might post a rell or two to the O-Week Instagram, so don't forget to follow @wrcoweek!

#### RHAS

Rice Health Advisors, or RHAs, are students who have been trained on a variety of wellbeing topics, and are here to support you and your mental and physical wellbeing. These students work at their college to provide health education opportunities, peer guidance, and act as liaisons between the Student Wellbeing Office and the residential colleges. Feel free to talk to them, or contact them, if you need some guidance, need health supplies, or just want to chat!

#### COPHERS

Gophers are Will Rice students who play a crucial role in the success of O-Week by traversing Houston and securing anything and everything needed for events throughout the week, from food to art supplies to sports equipment. Not to mention, they're the real MVPs for staying up late and washing all the O-Week shirts every night!

#### PHOTOGRAPHERS

They are responsible for taking pictorial documentation of O-Week, the greatest week of your life! They will be posting all O-Week photos to the Will Rice Historian Facebook page at the end of the week! Make sure to friend request the account to see all the photos.



## RETURN OF THE PAA 39





CAAM, STAT SHE/HER WILL RICE 2026 **ARIZONA** 

CHANDLER,

#### **BRIDGET HALE**

Meet Bridget Hale, a senior from Chandler, Arizona, which means she starts complaining about the weather once it drops below 70 degrees. (She would still drink iced lattes every day if she had enough Tetra to spend at Chaus.) When she's not working or doing some ridiculous math or statistics homework, you can find her reading books or consuming her favorite pieces of media. Outside of Will Rice, Bridget works at both the Fondren Library and the Outdoor Adventure Center, with not two but three job titles to her name! Whether you have a question about academics or the outdoors, Bridget will likely have the answer. (Tip: Don't mention the kayaks.) Through it all, Bridget really cares about her friends and everyone around her, and she will help you make your experience at Will Rice one of the best. If you need movie recommendations or a fun coffee shop in Houston to go to or just any question about academics, I know Bridget will have some advice to offer while also making you smile.

Thomas Lu (Will Rice '26)



HE/HIM

**BIOS** 

WILL RICE 2028

NEW ULM, TEXAS

#### **CONNER SCHULTZ**

In the bustling halls of Will Rice, where the Jedi reign and ambition soars, Conner stands as a beacon of delightful chaos. A pre-med from Belville, TX majoring in Biosciences with a concentration in Cell Biology and Genetics, Conner's mind is as sharp as a light saber. When on the grind, Conner can be found capturing the hidden beauty of campus life through his camera lens, often in the most unexpected places. His collection of bricks and campus artifacts, each a piece of history from the university, speaks to his fascination with the foundations that support our institutions. Venturing into the steam tunnels beneath the campus, Conner's ambitions stretch beyond the classroom. With a heart full of curiosity, Conner embodies the spirit of inquiry and the courage to fight any force in the galaxy.

Zachary Rubio (Jones '28)

#### **JULIANNE MA**

Meet Julianne Ma, your psychology and English double-major PAA! She's certainly passionate about her majors—if she ever finishes writing her essays, you might catch her updating her Goodreads or copy editing for the Thresher (the student newspaper). At Will Rice, she runs elections and spends too much time reviewing the Constitution as a parliamentarian. Despite her heavy workload, she always finds space in her schedule to walk her friends to class, attend their concerts or presentations, and listen to their life problems. When she wants to have fun, Julianne likes to play her beloved cello (she's in the orchestra for non-music majors), read poetry, and point out all the questionable characters in the book she's currently reading. She plans to eventually become a clinical psychologist, but for now, she's one of the best people you can talk to, whether you need academic or general life advice.



SHE/HER

**PSYC, ENGL** 

WILL RICE 2028

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Eileen Chen (Will Rice '28), Ankit Burudgunte (Sid Richardson '28)



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HOUSTON, TEXAS

#### **MARGARET HE**

Meet Margaret, our very own Houston native and junior neuroscience pre-med! While she is reserved on the outside, she's hilarious once you get to know her! She'll never fail to brighten your day with a funny remark or unexpected meme. Armed with her knowledge as a Peer Career Advisor, Academic Fellow, and Peer Academic Advisor, Margaret always has the answers to all your academic and career questions! When she is not working with mice in her research lab, Margaret is busy honing her musical genius. A multi-instrumentalist, she is proficient in piano, bass guitar, violin, while dabbling in guitar and drums! She also loves playing games with her friends, just challenge her to a game of Jenga! Warm-hearted, caring, and level-headed, she is also someone you can always count on whenever you are experiencing set-backs or need guidance. Whatever question you throw at her, she will answer it cleverly, always pointing you in the right direction. She'll frequently check-up on you and ensure you feel extra special and loved.

Zoë Chavez (Will Rice '25), Aditi Srinivasan (Will Rice '27), and Tiana Wang (Wiess '27)

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# ABBEY-ROAD KENOBI 42







#### SHE/HER HIST, ECON

BROWN 2028 TOMBALL, TEXAS

#### LIZ COX

A long time ago, in a residential college far, far away... lives Liz Cox! All the way from the other side of campus from Brown College, Liz is so extremely overjoyed to be your Advisor for O-Week! Hailing from Tomball, Texas, Liz is a Houston-adjacent native, and knows all about the Lone Star State. If you have any questions about theater at Rice, she's a Rice Players Coordinator. Catch her STARring on and offstage in various theater shows at Rice. She knows all about WARS cuz she's a History and Economics double major!! She is probably secretly a jedi since she is also a theater and financial computation and modeling double minor AND pursuing a certificate in Japanese. You'll probably run into Liz fulfilling her Fondren Ambassador duties, she's got your back on all things Fondren Library. If you see her around campus giving tours to middle and elementary school students, make sure to wish her a happy birthday! A mango green tea boba hates to see her coming, and as a Rice Health Advisor, if you ever need to talk to someone about anything especially if it's over boba, Liz is your girl (and she has a car so she's a mobile diva). She can't wait to welcome you all to Rice and is excited to make your O-Week absolutely Obi-Wanderful!!!

Michael Li (Brown '28)



SHE/HER

SOPA, ENGL

WILL RICE 2027

AUSTIN, TEXAS

#### **OPAL LUNG**

Picture this: you are sitting in Will Rice Commons and you look out the window and see a girl slowly approaching a cat in the quad. Odds are, this girl is THE Opal Lung. Hailing from Austin, this cat-loving social policy analysis major is a true nature lover. One can even say she has a "granola girl aesthetic." The backpacking enthusiast that she is, she is always down to go on any side quest and will approach it with positivity. She can make mundane activities like picking up a coffee or moving laundry into a good time just from her presence and all-round good vibes. If there is one thing about Opal that never ceases to amaze me, it is her music taste. If you pick three random nouns, Opal probably likes a band with that name: from Soccer Mommy to Rainbow Kitten Surprise and Car Seat Headrest. But seriously, Opal is the kindest Advisor you can ever dream of. She will support you through ANYTHING with a smile on her face and a witty sense of humor that will always make your day. Her chronic good-vibes are infectious, and y'all are so lucky to have her as your Advisor (I am honestly jealous!)

Miller Harris (Will Rice '27)

### **RUCHI TIWARI**

Who's that slowly trudging behind the rest of the group? It's Ruchi! Hailing from Cypress, Texas, this Social Policy Analysis Major and Data Science Minor is passionate about civic advocacy and social change. But that's not all! She can usually be found watching one of her many favorite TV shows or Bollywood movies, often while painting another amazing landscape or portrait (she's quite the artist). She can and will tell you all about her love of Target (she used to work there, so ask her about the deals!). Ruchi never gets enough sleep, but she will still always make time to chat with friends, work on yet another side project, or even participate in student government as Senior Rep! Seriously though, you've gotten lucky with your Advisor. Ruchi is compassionate, levelheaded, loyal, and a little bit silly. If she's your Advisor, prepare to be supported to the max!



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Mary Margaret Speed (Will Rice '26), Misha Gupta (Will Rice '26)



HE/HIM

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WILL RICE 2028

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

#### **ZACH VICKERS**

Imagine how much aura you have saying that THE WILL RICE BIKER is your O-Week Advisor. From Knoxville, Zach Vickers can tell you all about the funny stories he has growing up in East Tennessee (make sure you ask him). Zach is a Bioengineering major and a jack of all trades. I'm not kidding, what do you mean Zach throws pottery, plays guitar AND bikes like a champ? Yes, he "helped WRC men bring it home with <0.1s edge on Hanszen," literally preventing a Hanszen sweep and saving Will Rice culture. When he's not biking, you can always find Zach and his emotional support water bottle hanging out in Will Rice quad and blasting dad rock on his speaker. And a little fun fact: on Wednesday, he wears the camel shirt! Plus, if you're a late-night foodie, Zach is always down to make that 2 am Taco Bell trip. Seriously though, Zach is one of the nicest, smartest and funniest guys, and you're lucky to have him as an Advisor. If you need someone to help you with math, go on bike rides with or yap to, your Advisor Zach's got you.

Emily Nguyen (Will Rice '28)

## BETTER GALL MAUL L







HE/HIM

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WILL RICE 2027

AUSTIN, TEXAS

### JACKSON LIEB

They say most people have to wait more than a lifetime to win the lottery but guess what... today is not your day either. Keep waiting. But hey you get a pretty great consolation prize in having the incredible, the jaw dropping, the one and only Jackson Waite Lieb as your O-week Advisor (I was convinced his middle name was a typo too). Really expanding his horizons coming to Rice all the way from Austin, Texas, Jackson is a computer science major but not the smelly kind dw. When he's not roaming around campus looking for the "right" study spot to finish his assignments, you'll find him in the most random classes just cause he can (this guy took Japanese history and then painting the next???). Ask anyone of Jackson and all you'll hear is great things; he's a charmer, reliable, reps out 405 on bench, and a great person to lean on and talk to. Jackson is one the best guys at Will Rice and so, I guess in a way, you did win the lottery (of O-Week Advisors, money still tops).

Ismail Tambawala (Will Rice '27)



SHE/HERS

**PSYC** 

WILL RICE 2026

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

## KATHERINE ARQUITT

If you ever walk into Will Rice Commons and see someone chugging water really fast, count yourself lucky because you've just found yourself in the presence of Katherine Arquitt, a senior hailing all the way from Missouri. Whether she's studying the brain as a psychology major or asking you if you want to chug some nice and refreshing water as a devoted chug captain, Katherine won't leave you hanging. Katherine is one of the coolest people I know and never fails to make people laugh. When she's not playing a game of bocce pool or studying in commons, you'll find her at the hammocks, being a crochet master, and doing puzzles. Katherine is a superb Advisor and will be a great support system as you embark on your time at Rice.

Madeleine Lucid (Will Rice '25)

#### MADELINE PINCHES

Wanna find the best spots for a sweet treat, caffeinated drink, and goated study spot? Just follow a day in the life of THE Madeline Pinches!! Coming straight out of LA, California, Maddie has found the best spots for matcha, boba, and munching. Starting her day bright and early at 11am (because she was up so late locking in and pre med maxxing), Maddie will start her day by making a required Brochstein Pavilion run. Then, she'll go and destroy her opponents in a tennis match, followed by her post tennis cool down involving squatting 3 hundred pound weights (on each side). After that, she'll head over to Chaus for her next dose of caffeine and study. She's so locked at this point that her average typing speed will be like 100 wpm easilyyyy. Then, Maddie will take a break to go on her Chipotle or Poke run for the evening. During the walk, you'll really get to see the amazingly kind and outgoing person Maddie is as y'all yap about life. Finally, you'll see her at Fondren or comp lab "working" until you see a notification from her sending you the funniest tiktok you've ever seen (she's been doomscrolling for hours). She'll then be there until the wee hours of the night, and then she'll do it all over again the next day!



SHE/HER

BIOS

WEISS 2028

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Akina Damanik (Wiess '28), Valentina Alvarez (Wiess '28)



HE/HIM

**BUSI, ECON** 

WILL RICE

BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

#### NATHAN KWON

Ask anyone on campus who the kindest korean finance bro on campus is and the answer will always be Nathan Kwon. Trailing all the way from Bellevue, WA, Nathan will always be there to hype you up. From his world famous high school tennis pep talk (look at his Instagram tagged to find this gold) to much-needed words of encouragement, he is there to put a smile on your face and make sure you're on the right path. The guy is a natural overachiever and is an active member of all ten thousand business clubs on campus. But don't let this intimidate you, he is a jack of all trades and can talk to you about pretty much anything, ranging from his questionable movie taste to his career aspirations of becoming a comedian after finance. Whether you're looking for a fun company, for a good conversation, or just for someone to support you, Nathan will be there to make your O-week and freshman year an amazing experience.

Carlos Vasconcelos (Will Rice '28)

## **BOBA FETTY WAP**







HE/HIM

**ARCH** 

WEISS 2028

AUSTIN, TEXAS

#### ETHAN HUANG

Who's that Pokemon? It's PIKACHUUUU! NO, it's actually just the bleached blonde baddie Ethan Huang. Forged from the chaotic fires of Austin, Texas, bleached by questionable life choices and bad hair dye. Life is at least never boring with Ethan as your parent, you will likely be persuaded into wasting countless hours with him playing some mindless game like Dragonvale or Pokemon (you should do it anyway). He's a mad Archi genius and creative mastermind hard at work, just don't ask him how to design roofs. If you ever need to find him, he's most likely at Poke in the Bowl, studio, or sleeping – even if it's the middle of the day. But if you need someone to bother late at night or call someone in a crisis, he's your guy (as long as the crisis isn't on the highway). Please, I beg you, never get in a car with him behind the wheel. Even with the driving skills of a distracted squirrel, at least he looks fire in his thrifted fits. Congrats to those who have Ethan as your Advisor, you didn't just get lucky, you got the best, after all you can never go wrong with Ethan Huang.

Allison Ding (Wiess, '28)



SHE/HERS

CEVE

WILL RICE 2026

HOUSTON, TEXAS

#### **GWYNETH PEREZ**

GET HYPE! You won the lottery with Gwyneth as your Will Rice Advisor and honestly one of the most genuine people you'll meet at Rice. Born and raised in Houston, she brings a thoughtful and grounded presence wherever she goes. As a Civil Engineering major and campus tour guide, Gwyneth knows the ins and outs of life at Rice and is always ready to share her insight with warmth and honesty. You can usually find her in O'Connor, Pepsi in hand, and fully locked into her studies. But don't let the calm energy fool you. She is a strawberry matcha lover, a Tyler the Creator superfan, a proud kitty lover (meow), and someone who just happens to play eight instruments. Gwyneth also helps run the show at Chaus as a beloved KOC (keeper of coffee) and is always up for a good conversation or a quiet moment to unwind. Whether you need advice, a study buddy, or someone to just be there, Gwyneth is already in your corner. With her by your side, Will Rice will feel like home in no time.

Kyle Marks (Duncan '27), Liana Awe (Duncan '26)

#### **KAMISI ADETUNJI**

"Kamisi, Kamisi, Kamisi!" Did you hear that? That's all of Kamisi's many fans cheering her on for her second O-Week Advisor journey (don't worry, you'll def be her favorite!). Kamisi is the smartest, bestest, funniest, most giving girl at Rice. We have personally seen her save a family of 20 from a fire at age 6! But seriously, she's always willing to help you in any way. Kamisi is a Sonic slushie loving pre-med chemistry major from North Carolina. She is extremely hard working and the best person to go to if you ever have questions or need advice. If she's not in commons (or her designated separate napping bed), you can find Kamisi all over campus at one of her 3000 jobs (Tea Nook trip anyone?) or drawing (doing chem homework) in Fondy snack lounge. Ever need a show/movie rec? If it's on Netflix, she's watched it and if she hasn't, she's always down for movie night! Be warned though, she also has a crippling Welch's fruit snack addiction and loves sweet treats. No amount of words can express how lucky you are to have Kamisi as your Advisor this year!



SHE/HER

**CHEM** 

WILL RICE 2027

HOLLY SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA

Krishna Chalise (Will Rice '27), Katherine Yue (Will Rice '27), Navya Nanda (Will Rice '27)



HE/HIM

CHBE

WILL RICE 2028

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

### **NICK TRUE**

Hailing from Frankfort, Kentucky, while Nicholas True can't quite ride horses or rope cattle, he sure has what it takes to be an excellent Advisor. Nick's greatest ability is his availability. Nothing can stop him from being out and about—not even spraining his ankle on Beer Bike morning. He's one of the easiest people to find on campus, with his favorite spots being Will Rice Commons, Fondren Library, and Turrell Skyspace (only at night though). Some of Nick's favorite pastimes include running the outer loop at 3 AM (he thinks he's David Goggins), complaining about the Rockies being terrible (nobody cares bro), and switching majors (still not sure if he's pre-med, business, engineering, or pre-law). But if you really want to get him talking, just mispronounce 'Louisville' and watch how he reacts. In all seriousness, Nick is one of the most genuine and dependable people I know. Whether you need someone to listen to your late-night rants, stand in the stir-fry line when you're running late, or simply study with you for an exam, Nick will always have your back. So consider yourself lucky—you've gained not only a great O-Week Advisor but also an excellent friend

Swayam Rath (Will Rice '28)

## BUFFALO WOOKIE WINGS 48





#### SHE/HER

**DUNCAN** 2027

COLUMBIA. SOUTH **CAROLINA** 

#### **AMAYA JOHNSON**

Shoooooong! Is that a bird? Is that a plane? Nope- not even close! It's Amaya Shooooooong! Is that a bird? Is that a plane? Nope— not even close! It's Amaya Johnson AKA the coolest Chemistry major from Columbia, South Carolina you'll ever meet. As a proud advocate of the "we ball" mindset, she's always on the hunt for her newest side quest. Whether that means starring as the lead in a musical or taking LING300 for "the funsies", you'll never know what Amaya's going to do next.... but that's what makes her so fun to be around! As your local KTRU DJ and NYT word game enthusiast, she's got hobbies for days. Want to go thrifting? Bet. Want to check out a new cafe? Sure! Need a song recommendation? Don't get her started. But havend her colority paragraphity. Amayo is extramely days to earth and has emptional beyond her eclectic personality, Amaya is extremely down to earth and has emotional intelligence for days. If you have her as an O-Week Advisor, rest assured, you'll be in good hands.

Lana Nguyen (Wiess '27)



HE/HIM

BIOS

WILL RICE 2028

CARMEL. **CALIFORNIA** 

### **GRANT XU**

Ladies and germs, behold Grant—a man who operates on a sleep schedule so chaotic, scientists are considering studying him as a new form of dark matter. He's from California, but he's not "that kind" of So-Cal Asian. Standing at a generous 5'7" but radiating 6'2" energy, this king struts through life like he owns the place, probably because he's too sleep-deprived to notice he doesn't. When he's not hibernating like a bear with a melatonin addiction, Grant can be found making questionable financial decisions (Magic: The Gathering is not an investment, sir), losing at board games with the intensity of a pre-med student who definitely should be studying. Speaking of which—yes, he's pre-med. No, he doesn't know how he got here. His diet consists solely of spicy ramen, which he eats like it's a personal challenge (RIP his taste buds). Despite his feminist literature collection (he swears he's an ally), children flee from him like he's a Disney villain. Maybe it's the dark circles, maybe it's the aura of a man who's one missed nap away from chaos—we may never know. This is a sleepgoblin, a snack fiend, and a brilliant walking contradiction that you can count on to make Will Rice fun!

Steven Zhang (McMurtry '28)

#### **JAMES PUCKETT**

The fastest runner you have ever met, basically an astronaut, and a stage icon with the voice of an angel walk into a bar. Ladies and gentlemen, you just met James Puckett. When James isn't running flight ops for ACTUAL SPACE SHIPS?!?!? at NASA?!?!? he's dominating (his own tendons) with the Rice Cross Country team. Hailing from Brownsville, James makes every pair of sunglasses look like a top gun costume and every day in Will Rice Common look like another bay at the beach. What can I say, he's just a chill guy, I guess. Particularly when he pulled out his musical flare and sang his way to becoming last year's Rice's FINEST?!?!? Whether you need a good vibe or a rocket scientist, James is your guy.

Collin Dwyer (Will Rice '26)



HE/HIM

**MECH** 

**WILL RICE** 2027

**BROWNSVILLE**,



**NEUR** HE/HIM

SID RICH LAWRENCEVILLE, Destinie Sharp (Baker '26) **GEORGIA** 2026

## **OTHNIEL AMANYI**

Hailing from a town in Georgia that no one's ever heard of, Othniel is the perfect O-Week Advisor. Although a pre-med study monger, he is always willing to emerge from the shadows to be your personal therapist (I can attest to this quite confidently). He's the brainiest neuroscience major, always nerding out about how the brain works. Othniel is an Atlanta Hawks super-fan and will never hesitate to tell you how Trae Young is better than Luka Dončić (even when I have no idea what he's talking about). Fun fact: He is such a bird fan, he even owned a pet chicken as a kid! If this guy's your O-Week Advisor, you can be sure that he's got the heart and humor to get you through the week.



SHE/HER BIOS
WILL RICE CYPRESS,
2028 TEXAS

#### **SOPHIA BURGUENO**

Who's that over there with her arms full of spicy chips you ask? It's just your soon-to-be favorite bioengineering O-Week Advisor Sophia! She loves all things spicy food and is down to try any spice challenge you throw at her (she eats 2X spicy Buldak for fun, and has voluntarily done the One Chip Challenge... twice). Lover of all things caffeine you can count on the fact she'll start every day with an orange flavored celsius. Hailing from Cypress, TX, she's a Houston native but loves traveling to Mexico any chance she gets. She's a triplet, but it's no secret that her favorite sibling is actually her dog, Lucas. She's a super consistent person – whether that's describing her steady support she always shows those around her, or the fact that she sneezes precisely three times... every time. She's always easy to talk to, whether you need a laugh or someone to lean on — and she gives the kind of thoughtful, genuine advice that makes her feel like a built-in big sister. With her natural leadership, serious determination, and positive energy, she's someone you'll always want to work with and be around!

Bailey Ellsworth (Will Rice '28)



#### **GAME OF CLONES**





#### SHE/HER

**BIOS** 

WILL RICE 2028

HOUSTON, TEXAS

#### **BELLA HENDRICKS**

Most commonly observed in her natural habitat, Brochstein Pavilion, a wild Bella can easily be identified from nearly 100 yards away by her iced matcha, signature Birkenstocks, and contagious smile. As a biochemistry major and medical humanities minor on the pre-med track, Bella knows a thing or two about hitting the books and will always help you find good study spots, find great research, or navigate the Texas medical center. She may be a pre-med, but she has mastered the economic ability to justify any food purchase. Want to get boba with her? Immediate yes. Want to get coffee at chaus? Her wallet is out. Whatever the occasion, this outgoing Houston resident knows her away around town and is always down for a snackish side quest in her Toyota from circa 1987. While on campus, this tri-sport athlete can be seen biking on the track, scoring touchdowns on the field, or trying to convince you to join club lacrosse. As one of Will Rice's health advisors, Bella is always there to help navigate any mental health struggles and give you any medications or supplies. With her fun loving spirit, she is thrilled to help you through your journey at Rice.

Ainsley High (Will Rice '28), Caroline Graham (Will Rice '28)



SHE/HER

**PSYC, VADA** 

**WILL RICE** 2026

WAKE FOREST. **NORTH CAROLINA** 

### **CHIOMA MODILIM**

Picture this: you've just landed in Houston, it's 105 degrees, your water bottle exploded in your backpack, and you're low-key questioning every life decision that led you here. Then, like something straight out of a feel-good movie, Chioma appears. Hailing from Wake Forest, North Carolina, double-majoring in Psychology & Theatre with a minor in Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Chioma is here to put you at ease! Her support is unwavering, and she has this uncanny ability to make you feel seen and absolutely unstoppable. She loves theater DOWN, can casually weave psychology concepts into conversation like it's tea, and has a laugh so vibrant you'll hear it from across the quad. Oh—and she's actually hilarious. Like, the kind of funny where her comebacks are so quick and unexpected you'll be laughing about them days later. She'll hit a split mid-dance battle, then pivot to helping you figure out your class schedule or talk through a roommate situation over boba. A dance champion, anime aficionado, thrill-seeker, and low-key artist, Chioma is a walking highlight reel of creativity, care, and chaos (the good kind). If you've been assigned to Chioma, congratulations! You didn't just get an O-Week Advisor, you got the best one :)

Mariam Falana (Brown '26)

#### PIETER VERSLOOT

Pieter is a funny, active, tall Dutchman from Amsterdam who cannot pronounce aluminum or Capri-Sun. He's a Math-Econ and Finance major who brings joy to those around him. His natural habitats include the Rice Recreation Center, the music room, and the local Chipotle. I met Pieter at the international student orientation a few days before O-Week '23 and have been his close friend ever since. It does not matter if you are shy or a stranger, he will find a way to connect with you and become friends. He likes to think he's a great singer and guitarist and goes to the gym 6 times a week (even though he does not look that big yet). He's a great person and loves talking and learning about others. Do NOT tell him any secrets, though, because his voice is uncontrollably loud. All jokes aside, if you get Pieter as an O-Week Advisor, prepare for a lot of fun and laughs (mainly because he loves laughing at his jokes). He may seem intimidating and scary initially, but he's a big softie you can rely on!

Nikhil Chatterji (Hanszen '27)



HE/HIM

**BUSI, ECON** 

**WILL RICE** 2027

AMSTERDAM, THE

**NETHERLANDS** 



HE/HIM

**COMP** 

**BAKER** 2027

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

#### **RAVI BROCK**

Do you know that one person who's just effortlessly cool without even trying? That's Ravi Brock. A rising junior from Arkansas studying Computer Science, Ravi transferred to Rice from the University of Waterloo and has been making his mark ever since. When he's not in his classic white tee and jeans, he's suited up in his Baker Beer Bike team uniform, setting his newest PR. He's quite the athlete, but he's also super humble about it. You'll probably catch him vibing to indie music, getting shredded in the gym, absolutely crushing some LeetCode, or quietly cracking jokes that sneak up on you and make you laugh way harder than you expect. Ravi's the type of advisor you want in your corner, so if you get the privilege of him being your O-Week Advisor, you'll be set up for the best first year at Rice.

Aliq Jivani (Baker '27)

## HOTH ORL SUMMER (5)45







#### SHE/HER

BIOS

WILL RICE 2028

**BAY AREA**, CALIFORNÍA

#### AINSLEY HICH

Hailing from Oakland, California, this blonde baddie embraces her roots as a surfer, sushi enthusiast, and lover of the outdoors. This 6th floor Fondren warrior is majoring in Biochemistry and minoring in English on the premed track. She participates in research and is extremely passionate about her love for nematodes and hatred of drosophila flies. She can often be found as the first person in Brochstein at 8am on a Saturday or at perch the night before. With her work hard play hard attitude, Ainsley will be there for you through your academic and social struggles. Often found munching at Rice Village, this food enthusiast is always down for some grub and will share her copious SweetGreen gift cards. This gym rat will happily accompany you to the REC or encourage you to join her training for the marathon. If you're her kid, get ready to join the bike team and powder puff, or for the more mellow sort, join her as she browses the plant aisles at home depot or organizes her Pinterest boards. With her outgoing spirit and infectious joy, you will no doubt have the best O-Week with Ainsley as your Advisor.

Caroline Graham (Will Rice '28), Bella Hendricks (Will Rice '28)



HE/HIM

MECH

BROWN **2026** 

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

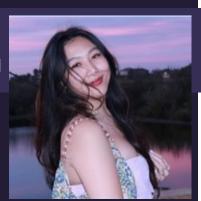
#### ©ABRIEL WELEZ

We could not be more jealous and happy for y'all to have Gabe as your O-Week Advisor. He is the person you can turn to for anything. Want to have a fun night? Gabe is at your doorstep with speakers hyping you up. Need a study buddy? Fondren and Gabe are your new besties. Don't have anyone to talk about TV with all night? Well, you haven't met Gabe yet. Need a shoulder to lean on? Gabe is ready with tissues. Gabe is funny, proactive, goofy, and honest, but most importantly, he manages to make his empathy shine through all of these different qualities. Regardless of whether he is busy being the life of the party or is swamped with a week of midterms, he always makes it clear that he cares about you. He has shown up for us time and time again in different ways and we are sure he will do that and more for every single one of you!

Disha Baldawa (Brown '25), Lilly Smith (McMurtry '27), Akash Bhat (Brown 25')

#### KATHERINE YUE

It is move-in day. You just arrived, dragging two overstuffed suitcases and a suspiciously heavy box, nervous about who you will meet. You are sweating, stressed, and full of questions: Where's your room? Where's the free food? Where's the BOBA? And then you see her: bathed in golden sunlight, glowing like a goddess, it's Katherine — an absolute Will Rice LEGEND. Katherine will try her best to carry all your heavy suitcases and all your emotional baggage too (rant to her anytime!!). A Houston (aka Sugar Land) native, she's a true Swiftie and who studies Finance, MEOS, and Psychology and is easily the most locked-in baddie on campus. Need fashion, academics, life advice? She's your go to person. Need a dress? Choose one from her famed dress rack (she has an outfit for anything)! You can find her at Sharetea, Gong Cha, Teahouse, Feng Cha, Kung Fu Tea, Moge...hope you're in the mood for a (daily) boba crawl. She also owns the cutest fluffiest babiest cat with 4+ names such as bunny/pookie-nation/pookiath/shayla, feel free to come visit as cat is (sometimes) friendly. Katherine is easily the best person to talk to, she loves giving advice + is up all hours of night. You're so so lucky to have Katherine as your O-Week Advisor!



SHE/HER

BUSI, ECON, PSYC

WILL RICE 2027

SUGAR LAND,

Juliana Zhou (Will Rice '27), Catherine Zhou (Will Rice '27), & Krishna Chalise (Will Rice '27)



HE/HIM

KINE, NEUR

WILL RICE 2026

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TAIWAN

## KYLE LU

Some might describe Kyle as the most charismatic around Will Rice. Others swear they saw him rating restaurants like a seasoned food critic before he could walk. One thing's for sure: Kyle is effortlessly cool, deeply trustworthy, and somehow always put together—even in 100-degree Houston heat. With the aesthetic of a chill guy and with the presence of your favorite TA who actually reads your drafts, Kyle's the kind of person who can give life advice and headphones recommendations in the same breath, ask him about the newest Bose model. A baller on the court and outside, you'll find him serving looks by day and buckets at the Rec after hours. But don't let the laid-back demeanor fool you—he takes his food seriously. Every meal is an opportunity for a detailed, emotionally resonant Yelp review. Kyle will teach you how to spot the best boba on campus and carry yourself with just enough mystery to keep things interesting. Above all, Kyle is someone you can count on—whether you're lost on campus, feeling homesick, or just need someone cool to sit next to.

Musab Salah (Will Rice '26) Jenny Liu (Sid '25) Anthony Wei (Sid '26)



SHE/HERS CSCI, SOCI

JONES DALLAS,
2027 TEXAS

#### TORI GOLE

Swoosh. There goes Tori trekking over to Chipotle. Coming from Dallas, Tori will never miss a chance to convince you it's better than Houston (it isn't). But she loves to rep her city, especially the Dallas Mavericks, but never mentions February 2nd to her. If you ever need someone to grab a sweet treat with, Tori is your girl, one of the most reliable people you'll meet. If she doesn't answer your call, don't worry she's probably just taking a nap. You can blame the academic grind the Cognitive Science and Sociology double major life calls for. How else does Tori de-stress, you ask? Ask Tori what the latest rom-com she watched was (don't be too surprised if it's Pretty Woman.. again) or what Pinterest mood board she's working on. She's the best person to turn to in times of need, whether it be navigating your course planning or dorm life. Tori is someone you'll be glad to have as your Community Facilitator and someone you'll be able to rely on throughout your Rice experience.

Mirfat Maani (Martel '26), Danielle Colon (Jones '27)



#### **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR JEDI**





SHE/HER

**PSYC** 

WILL RICE 2028

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

#### **ADINA OLSON**

Get ready to meet the one and only Adina Olson! Adina is always performing—as both a cello player in on-campus musical performances and the president of Rice's acapella group Nocturnal, she's always on the go. But somehow, she always manages to make time for her friends too! Adina is one of the kindest, friendliest, and most caring people that you might ever meet on campus. She always shows up to support those she cares about, whether she's rooting for you at a performance, lending you a helping hand, or just listening to you when you need someone to talk to. And it's not just those in her close circle that Adina cares about; as a psychology major with a minor in politics, law, and social thought, she's super passionate about making changes in the world for the good of others. So don't be shy, Adina is always excited to make a new friend! If you want to start a conversation with her, try talking about Broadway, Will Rice's bike team, or anything outdoorsy.

Julia Ward-Mulligan (Will Rice '28)



HE/HIM

**COMP** 

JONES 2027

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

#### BEN LINDENBAUM

Ben Lindenbaum (or, to friends, Bagel222) is a force to be reckoned with. As a brawl stars warrior, you'll often see him grinding up the trophy ladder, probably while watching Love is Blind or Rick and Morty. Ben is currently studying computer science and philosophy, but he's changed his majors so many times we can't really keep track anymore. He loves listening to music, so you'll probably hear him blasting Frank Ocean, Isaiah Rashad, or Kendrick from a couple floors down. Whether you're looking for silly presentations about the pizzas of his life (it's a New York thing apparently) or a deep intellectual conversation about current American politics, you'll find it here with Mr. Lindenbaum. Lastly, if you see someone tall walking around in a large Cookie Monster onesie, don't fear. That's just your O-Week Advisor!

Nihar Shetty (Jones '27), Samvita Gautham (Jones '27), Navya Dronamraju (Jones '27)

### **GABE SANCHEZ**

I smell coquito...is that THE Gabe Sanchez? You're so lucky to have this Puerto Rican stud as your Advisor! As a Biosciences pre-med, this upcoming Will Rice senior is either in the kitchen cooking some of the best meals you'll ever have or yapping more than studying! Additionally, he's a part of Rice University's own mexican band,"Los Búhos Del Norte," often showcasing his insane drumming skills. He also takes very good care of his friends, always checking up on them and helping them in any way he can! Whether you need someone to get advice from, to grab a late-night snack with, or to study with, Gabe will always be there for you no matter the situation.

Pedro Garza (Will Rice '26)



HE/HIM

BIOS

WILL RICE 2026

GURABO, PUERTO RICO



SHE/HER

CHBE

WILL RICE 2027

HOUSTON, TEXAS

### MARIELA GARCIA

Who's that returning from her fifth concert of the month? None other than our very own hometown hero, Mariela Garcia! She may be an eepy girl in a wakey world, but you can still catch her at 3 AM having a crazy yap sesh with her friends or screaming over an F1 race. Don't let her loud voice scare you though, she's just the coxswain for the crew team (so she's used to yelling at rowers). Mariela is a Chemical Engineering major with a specialization in Biomolecular Engineering and is minoring in Biochemistry and Cell Biology, but her true passion is taking care of the rats in her lab at the Bioscience Research Collaborative (if you know what we mean). You'll often find Mariela grinding through thermo problem sets at O'Connor—where she's always down for a quick coffee run to Dandelion Cafe (bonus points if you offer her your tetra). But what really sets her apart is her kindness: she will stop what she's doing to help you understand orgo or just listen when you need to vent. Cheerful and sweet, Mariela will be the best O-Week Advisor you could ask for!

Emma Daly (Will Rice '27) and Krish Patel (Will Rice '27)

#### **LILO AND SITH**





SHE/HER

SPCS, STAT

WILL RICE 2028

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

#### **BAILEY ELLSWORTH**

If you ever see someone sprinting to grab Chili's cheese sticks and a late night sweet treat from her DoorDasher at 11 p.m., it's probably your Advisor, Bailey. Originally from Fort Lauderdale and a Sports Analytics major, Bailey's your go to if you want to talk sports, especially baseball, whether it's talking stats or spilling game tea. But when it's time to actually watch the game? She's on her feet, yelling at the screen, jumping up and down, fully locked in. She's also always down for a spontaneous beach trip...and she'll be the first one in the water, swimming out farther than anyone else before you've even stepped in. That's just who Bailey is: when she's passionate about something, whether it's a sport, a beach day, or the people she cares about, she's all in. Get to know her, and you'll quickly realize she loves giving everyone a fair share of her sarcastic jokes, but behind those jokes, Bailey is one of the most thoughtful, grounded, and caring people you'll ever meet. She's definitely got major mom vibes, but in the best way possible. She's always making sure things are running smoothly and everyone's taken care of. Need a solution to a problem? Bailey's on it. Need to grab a sweet treat? She's already got her shoes on. She's the mom everyone needs. You couldn't ask for a better O-Week Advisor than Bailey.

Sophia Burgueno (Will Rice '28)



SHE/HER

**HEAL** 

WILL RICE

FRISCO, TEXAS

#### **ESHA SARAKINTI**

If you have Esha as your O-Week Advisor, you might just be one of the luckiest incoming Will Ricers! Originally from Dallas, TX, Esha is one of the kindest, most hardworking, and genuinely caring people you'll meet at Rice. She always shows up for others—whether it's to listen, give a much-needed hug, or just be there when you need someone to talk to after a long day, Esha is your person. She's the friend who will hype you up before a big exam and then join you for a late-night boba run to celebrate. Esha is super involved on campus and your go-to for all things pre-med, Rice Emergency Medical Services (REMS), or the Kids Are Scientists Too (KAST) program. During her downtime, you can find her baking treats, cooking up something delicious with friends, or watching Dance Moms:)) Ask her about her study abroad in Spain! Esha is someone you can always count on—whether you've known her for five minutes or five years! O-Week wouldn't be the same without her, and you'll be so glad to have her in your corner this year!

Anya Patel (Will Rice '26)

#### JACLYNN SCHWANDER

Mamma Mia! It's Jaclynn Schwander! Congrats, the almost child star of Junior Masterchef turned Rice's unofficial 0.5 squirrel photographer™ (seriously, ask her for pictures) is your O-Week Advisor!! Hailing from Dayton, TX, Jaclynn has that small-town charm and big heart to match. Her country roots run deep—she's known for riding into the sunset on her horse Scoop (jk but not really?) and swing dancing from dusk till dawn. Jaclynn is an Art/English double major, but make sure to ask about her true passion—a scraggly yorkshire terrier named Gizmo. When she's not painting in her studio, you can find her perfecting her latte art at Chaus, baking her famous snickerdoodles in Martel kitchen, or thrifting pieces for her coastal grandmother wardrobe. On move-in day, get ready to be greeted by an ear-to-ear smile and a whole lotta love. Her warmth is only matched by the Houston heat and radiates in how deeply she cares for those around her. Anyone who has Jaclynn as their Advisor has won the lottery. Get ready for the best O-Week ever with Jaclynn! We love her and so will you <3



SHE/HER

ART, ENGL

MARTEL

DAYTON, TEXAS

Amanda Kiesel (Martel '25), Claire Richert (Martel '26)

HE/HIM ELEC

WILL RICE TIMNATH, 2028 COLORADO

#### RICHARD BOSCH

If this wonderful man is your O-Week Advisor, you have won the Will Rice lottery. Originally born in Nevada, Richard Bosch is one of the most kind, hardworking, and outgoing friends you will find at Will Rice (not to mention the cutest!). He cares so much for others, having dedicated hours and hours (including several all-nighters) just to help folks with their school work or listen to their problems. He somehow manages to simultaneously be friends with everyone at Rice despite having a complete lack of social awareness and spending 99% of his time at the OEDK (Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen). Richard is also a total nerd, who will yap about rockets for days upon end if you let him. He is super duper smart, and one day he will found a company that will rival SpaceX, NASA, and Apple combined. If you need to know anything about electrical engineering, rocketry, or computers, Richard is your guy. If you don't need to know about that stuff, I highly recommend talking to him anyways. He will turn your darkest day around with his contagious positive energy, and inspire hope at your lowest point. Overall: S-tier friend, O-Week Advisor, and human being.

Christian Macchetto (Will Rice '28)

## OBI-WAN DIRECTION 60





#### SHE/HER

**BUSI, DSCI** 

DUNCAN 2026 SARASOTA, FLORIDA

#### **DIANA LIU RUDEL**

Hailing from Sarasota, Florida, meet Diana Liu Rudel, shiba inu enthusiast, social butterfly, and business major extraordinaire! If there's ANY kind of event on or around campus, you can bet Diana will be there, making new friends and making the most of free food (she will sniff out and stock her fridge with any food, soda, and boba being given out on campus). This girl can walk a mile faster than most people can run one, but don't worry, she'll never leave you in the dust. Deeply caring and affectionate, she always has your back. Whether it be a show you're performing in, gym training, or last minute cram session before an exam (first floor Fondren preferred), she'll show up for you. Whatever you need, especially if it's a warm hug or a personal cheerleader, Diana is your person!

Dviya Shah (Duncan '26) and Giovanna Veras (Duncan '26)



SHE/HER

BIOS

**WILL RICE** 2026

ALLEN.

#### **NAVYA NANDA**

Do you love Sonic slushies, claw machines, and Korean reality TV? Meet your new favorite person, Navya Nanda! Navya's a junior majoring in Biosciences, and easily your Advisor with the most duality. She can go from napping until 2pm to locked in on Fondren first for hours to side questing for pizza at Gypsy Poet, all in a day! Navya proudly hails from Allen (Dallas) (ever heard of Texas' biggest school, with their own stadium and more students than all of Rice?). When she's not searching for Smiski's (authenticated ones only!) you can find her doing her pledge problems at Chaus. She will always be there for all of your yap sessions and hair care recommendations. She truly embodies the warmth and kindness of WRC and you are so lucky to have her as your O-Week Advisor.

Krishna Chalise (Will Rice '27), Kamisi Adetunji (Will Rice '27), Katherine Yue (Will Rice '27)

#### PEDRO GARZA

Who's that handsome lad whippin' around the Inner Loop in one of the Rice Emergency Medical Service (REMS) golf carts? Well, if you catch a whiff of Creed Aventus (or adjacent fragrance) as he speeds by, driving for his life to save somebody else's, it's probably your Advisor Pedro Garza! While he's not on shift for REMS, there is a 50% chance you find this man around Brochstein either grinding for midterms or watching soccer while bumpin' it to some Don Toliver (don't ever make the mistake of asking for his experience at the concert— you'll be there for hours smh). Pedro is a huge horror movie junkie and he's watched just about every one there is— just ask me, I took the horror and religion FWIS with him and he would yap even more than the professor would! Jokes aside. Pedro is an incredibly caring individual who I know will look out for you during O-Week and always check in with you to make sure you have everything you need to make Rice feel like home. You're exceptionally lucky to have him as your Advisor and I'm sure you'll see that for yourself during O-Week.



HE/HIM

**BIOS** 

**WILL RICE** 2026

LAREDO. TEXAS

Maher Tharakan (Will Rice '26)

HE/HIM **WILL RICE** 2028

SPCS, STAT, **CMOR** 

ERIE.

#### SUHAS NARRA

Wow, I really really wish I was you right now. Because you just hit the jackpot having Suhas Narra as your Advisor. With a whistle around his neck and a mustache that just exudes wisdom, Suhas is a coach in every facet of the word. He's an extremely determined football coach, spending sleepless nights coming up with complex route trees for the freshman flag football team and delivering speeches so good that players would run through walls for him (we never ended up scoring a touchdown but I SWEAR that's not his fault). Moreover, he's a life coach, always more than willing to offer advice on everything from relationships to late-night snacks, delivered with the same fiery passion he reserves for halftime speeches. Whether you need a new workout routine or a wake-up call, he's got a sports metaphor—and a whistle—for it. On a more sincere note, Suhas is one of the most genuine and helpful people I know. No matter what you need, he'll always be extremely supportive and willing to go the extra mile to ensure your success. And if he's not, just diss Lamar Jackson and he'll PENŃSYLVANIA probably start being nice to you.

Swayam Rath (Will Rice '28)

# THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACKSTREET





#### SHE/HER

**BIOS** 

MCMURTRY 2028 MCKINNEY, TEXAS

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If caffeine could be measured in blood type, Abbie's would be 90% vanilla-iced-caramel-white as the devil's ice cold brew and 10% pure determination. Short in stature but large in heart, she's spent her days fueling McKinney, Texas's fledgling coffee addiction and her nights dreaming of fixing hearts as a Biosciences and Pre Med major. She also goes by Wang Yori, King Cook in Korean, though the only thing anyone's seen her make is ramen—she just really loves eating other people's food. If you're over 5 foot 4, you might need to tilt your head down to spot her, and you'll probably hear her before you see her. Some say Abbie cares too much about the people around her—they ask how she has the bandwidth to check in on all her friends and volunteer at a hospital—but that's what makes Abbie, Abbie. If you're lucky enough to be advised by her, she'll remember your birthday, your brother's, and your dad's too. She'll always try to help, though she might flex her gym arms if you question her answers. Know that if you're her mentee, you're in good hands. Heavily caffeinated, slightly chaotic hands—but good hands.

Isaiah Williams (UT '28) Hannah Watkins (Jones '26)



SHE/HER

**NEUR** 

WILL RICE 2028

CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA

#### ALISHA SANKHE

When is the next greatest Letterboxd review dropping? You'll have to ask THE Alisha Sankhe herself. Straight outta Cupertino, California, home of Apple Headquarters, this movie nerd may be smarter than Steve Jobs himself. The way she was able to break down the Haunting of Hill House and Jigsaw would make even Casper the Ghost blush. Majoring in neuroscience, she loves using her big brain to not only analyze horror movies, but also to serve as a NEUR 362 warrior. When she isn't watching a movie with her friends in Will Rice Private Dining Room, she can be found studying in Commons, waiting in line at Chaus, or going on one of her iconic evening walks with her friends. In all seriousness though, Alisha is one of the most loyal people I know and will be one of the most caring O-Week Parents you could ask for. She is sweet to every person she comes across and will be by your side throughout your whole journey at Rice, and beyond! No matter what your interests are, she will ALWAYS hear you out and can talk about anything. So, I can ensure your O-Week will be incredibly amazing alongside THE Alisha Sankhe.

Cole Verdirame (Hanszen '28), Mert Esat Yercel (Hanszen '28)

### THOMAS PICKELL

Thomas Pickle? No, it's Thomas Pickell (Pronounced Pick L). Coming all the way from Rockwall, Thomas is a big man majoring in Electrical Engineering and is a rising senior at Will Rice. If you can catch Thomas before he aggressively bikes past you at 30 mph (~48 kmh), you will quickly fall in love with his great sense of humor. Whether it's random documentaries about disgraced celebrities, interning at NASA, or planning a skydiving trip, you can talk to Thomas about anything. If you need help with your classes, no academic obstacle is big enough to stop him. In his free time, Thomas likes to hit his favorite muscle group (quads) at the gym, play Tetris competitively (T100 high score), or whip up new dishes (loves paninis) at his apartment. If he's somehow not doing any of these, find Thomas on stage or in the stands at a basketball game, as he plays double bass for both the theater and the pep band. All in all, he is a caring, thoughtful Advisor who is devoted to giving you an amazing O-Week. You lucked out with Thomas!



HE/HIM

ELEC

WILL RICE

ROCKWALL, TEXAS

JC Tierce (Will Rice '28), Will Patel (Will Rice '28)



HE/HIM

**CHEM** 

WILL RICE 2027

HOUSTON, TEXAS

### TYTON BALLEW

If you ever need someone to make you laugh, help you survive orgo lab, or explain a wildly convoluted Magic: The Gathering combo (yes, the goat token is necessary), meet your new favorite Will Ricer: Tyton! Born in a cornfield in Kansas but raised right here in Houston, he's got true home field advantage at Rice. A Chemistry major and pre-med pro, he basically lives in the lab—his happy place, full of beakers, reactions, and the occasional super-dangerous nerve gas. Just a fair warning: he is NOT a morning person. Seriously, approach with caution before noon. But once he's awake, he's one of the funniest, most easygoing people you'll meet. Whether he's serving aces on the tennis court, holding his own in a high-stakes pickleball match, or convincing you Taco Bell is the pinnacle of fine dining (he's not wrong), Tyton is always a blast to be around. If you're lucky enough to have him in your corner, you've got a true friend—and probably a Magic deck or two headed your way.

Kai Herman (Will Rice '27)

#### THE ROLLING CLONES





HE/HIM

**BUSI, SPCS** 

DUNCAN 2028 SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON

#### **BRENDAN LLOYD**

Hailing from the land of coffee and towering evergreens is Brendan Lloyd, from Seattle, Washington (devoted sports fans may catch the subtle nod to the Seahawks in his wardrobe.) Even though Brendan doesn't drink (despite his craziness during Beer Bike), he is always the life of the party and knows every single lyric by heart. He's already traversed the country, spending time in Chicago, Michigan, and Texas, soaking up every city's unique sports culture. Brendan harbors an absolute encyclopedia of sports knowledge—he genuinely knows everything and anything about any game, team, or stat. If you're a sports fanatic, Brendan is your guy. He could easily stand at 6'7" if he ever fully committed to basketball, despite his laid-back Seattle roots. His go-to meal in the servery is pasta and Powerade, though Panda Express will always have his heart. In the future, you will find him in the front office of any sports team, running the numbers and leading them to success every step of the way.

Pradyun Chebolu (Duncan '28), Areeb Qazi (Duncan '28)



HE/HIM

**CEVE** 

WILL RICE 2027

MONROE, WISCONSIN

#### **CLAYTON WASKI**

Sometimes there's a man, and we're talking about Clayton Richard Waski here (film connoisseurs such as he may recognize The Big Lebowski reference). Driving down every semester from Monroe, Wisconsin, he is the embodiment of a classic midwestern dad (in the best way, we swear). Our resident Claytrain was an offensive lineman and linebacker for his high school football team, the Monroe Cheesemakers. His music taste is just as dad-like as his favorite movies (see: The Big Lebowski). You can catch him blasting classic rock at any opportunity, or singing Santeria at every Karaoke night he attends. His musical inclinations don't end there, just ask him to play the baritone saxophone for you! An absolute academic weapon, this Civil and Environmental Engineering major (specializing in Structural Engineering and seeking a certificate in Engineering Leadership) will talk your ear off about anything you could imagine (civil engineering related or otherwise). Genuinely, anything. Ask him about his specialties: water, concrete, bridges, and dirt! Clayton is super excited for O-Week, and any New Student would be lucky to have him as an Advisor and mentor.

Emma Daly (Will Rice '27) and Mariela Garcia (Will Rice, '27)

## JOYCE WANG

Who is that girl hurling a goblin barrel (in Clash Royale) in commons? It's Will Rice's social butterfly—Joyce Wang \*!! Coming straight from the beautiful mountains of Utah is your beloved O-Week Advisor, studying BOTH Business and Social Policy Analysis. If you ever need someone to yap with you're just in luck, this girl will match your vibe 100% of the time. And if there is a chance you guys make it a Starbucks run while you're at it—she'll love you forever. Make sure to read her weekly senate emails... you might get lucky and earn a cookie at the end !! Whether it be cooking up spam onigiri in Will Rice kitchen past midnight to waking up bright and early for pineapple buns in Chinatown, Joyce's kindness is what feeds her big back friends (iykyk). Get excited for the most loving and supportive O-Week Advisor you can ever ask for!

Alexus Lee (Will Rice '28)



SHE/HER

**BUSI, SOPA** 

WILL RICE 2028

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH



SHE/HER

**BUSI, SMGT** 

WILL RICE 2026

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

### LINDSEY FROST

If you ever go to a football game and see a group of lovely dancers cheering on the team, know that your O-Week Advisor, Lindsey, is among them! Lindsey is Will Rice's biggest butter noodles enthusiast (\*sigh\*) and known for being one of the most hype Will Ricers. All jokes aside, this Business and Sport Management major from San Diego, California is one of the most gorgeous, energetic, and kind people you're going to meet here at Rice. Lindsey is part of the Rice Owls Dance Team, Rice Rally Club, Rice Sailing, and so much more on campus. You can usually find Lindsey somewhere in commons but she also loves to dance and go on runs in her free time! If you ever need someone to hang out with or a buddy to go to Pub with, Lindsey is your person!

Anya Patel (Will Rice '26)

#### **WOOKIE MONSTER**





#### SHE/HER

PSYC, STAT

**WILL RICE** 

**NEW JERSEY** 

#### ANGIE HUFF

Quick! You have five minutes to convince someone to go out with you on a random Wednesday night... who do you call? Look no further than your very own, Angie Huff! Coming all the way from Hillsborough, NJ, this sweetie, cutie-patootie is always down for anything and is the epitome of "work hard, play hard." She's a quadruple threat, with her majors in Psychology & Statistics, along with her minors in Data Science and FCAM. But wait – there's more! She's also the secretary of the Rice Owls Dance Team, a TA for DSCI (Data Science), and an absolute beast at time management. She will ALWAYS be there for you, regardless of the time or circumstance, and is the absolute kindest friend you could have. If you ever walk into her room at 9 pm, you'll be sure to find a unicorn (oh wait, it's just Angie with her heatless curls) and satisfying her HILLSBOROUGH, sweet tooth with a bar of chocolate. She'll also be your go-to anytime you need an outfit for a night out, a fancy dinner, or anything in between. Lastly, if the UV is high, you can always expect to find this cat-loving fashionista at the pool tanning. Oh, and by the way, you've truly struck gold with Angie as your O-Week Advisor.

Natalie Wang (Will Rice '27) & Shrusti Modi (Will Rice '27)



HE/HIM

**BUSI, SMGT** 

**BAKER** 2026

GARDEN CITY, NEW YORK

#### **BRANDON BRACCIA**

Brandon is the kind of guy who's always down for a good time, whether that means going to see live music or writing up the greatest LinkedIn post of all time. He's from Long Island, New York, and is double majoring in Sport Management and Finance. He's a fan of all New York sports, good or bad: the Knicks, Yankees, Jets, and Rangers. Since moving to Texas, he's developed a love for country music (especially Zach Bryan), but don't you fret, he's still always ready to rage to Travis Scott. Brandon is constantly juggling a heavy course load (he's usually at like 21 credit hours), but when he's not in class, you'll probably find him watching whatever game's on or picking up a box combo from Cane's. He's always up for an adventure, whether it's a last-minute trip to Austin or eating anywhere besides the servery. Brandon is very down-to-earth, easy to talk to, and always ready to help a friend, so any kid will be lucky to have Brandon as their O-Week Advisor.

Rachel Andersen (Duncan '27)

#### **CAROLINE GRAHAM**

This Mechanical Engineering major, minoring in Engineering Design, graces the halls of O'Connor with her luscious eyelashes and long legs (5'8" gang). Please don't ask her to spell anything longer than 2 syllables, but DO ask her where the Disability Resource Center is. #dyslexia #sheisanengineerforareason #noessaysforthismajor. You can often find her at Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), studying abroad in Tokyo, or spending hours at the design kitchen (OEDK). Hailing from both the sprawling suburbs of Houston, Texas, and (temporarily) the sandy shores of Rio De Janeiro, this semi-Brazilian bombshell is always down to summon her beach volleyball and surfing skills (or lack thereof). As a D1 wide receiver on women's powder puff, Internal Vice President of Women's Club Lacrosse, and speedster on the bike track, this athletic specimen is always down for a trip to the REC or a jog on the outer loop. This funloving, freckled cutie is excited to guide you on your Rice journey! #hootem



SHE/HER

**MECH** 

WILL RICE 2028

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Ainsley High (Will Rice '28), Bella Hendricks (Will Rice '28)



HE/HIM

**ASTR, PHIL** 

WILL RICE 2026

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

### **COLLIN DWYER**

Like the Phoenix, one man consistently rises from the ashes after a difficult week of classes to have a good time. This hero is none other than Collin Dwyer, the life of the party. A scholar of both physics and philosophy, Collin is also among the wisest of Will Ricers and can often be found playing mind (board) games with his friends in Will Rice commons or running the Model UN club. Collin's skill set extends well beyond yapping though... you may catch him checking scrubs on the club Lacrosse team or racking up wins in Spikeball with absolutely no mercy (he's the goat). One of Collin's most notable traits is his gift of lyricism. Known as "The Eminem of Rice," Collin is famous for his Will Rice freestyles and ukelele flow. As a man of many passions, Collin embodies Will Rice culture at its finest, and is excited to share that culture with all of our New Students!

James Puckett (Will Rice '26)

## EDELLOS EDILLECE COMMUNITY

# WRC PRESIDENT (59)

#### **WELCOME TO WILL RICE!!!**

I'm so excited to have you join us in the most amazing residential college here at Rice!!!! As Will Rice president, I'm here to welcome you to your new forever home, and give you a quick introduction to life in our college.

Pretty much any information you need can be found in this book (shoutout to the O-Week Coords) or on the Will Rice website, but I'll still give you a very short overview of the college and my role in it. Will Rice is the best, coolest, and winningest residential college on campus. We're also the smallest and the second-oldest, so we're very tight-knit with a lot of history! We take a lot of pride in our culture and traditions, and we love to learn, compete, and grow together.

One of my favorite things about Will Rice is how many ways there are to get involved here! You could join a committee, help advise your peers, become part of Will Rice's Beer Bike legacy by joining the team, or even just hang out with your friends in our common spaces! Whatever you decide, I'll be there to support you. I became president because I absolutely love this college, and I want to make sure everyone else gets to have just as much fun as I do! If you ever have any concerns or even if you just want to chat, you can always find me in commons or the president's suite.

Apart from supporting Will Ricers, my main duty as president is to help link Will Rice to administration and the rest of campus. I interact a lot with the Will Rice Core Team as well as the leaders from other colleges and the student association, so if you ever have questions about campus life or getting involved, I'll be able to connect you. I also host our biweekly student government meeting, Diet, which is open to everyone in Will Rice. There, you can make proposals for events to hold or fun things to buy, like water guns, karaoke machines, or new games. Diet is an easy way to get involved, so I hope I'll see you there!

O-Week was definitely one of my favorite parts of freshman year. I had the most amazing O-Week family, met some of my closest friends, and got the best introduction to Rice I could have asked for. I hope you have an equally amazing experience, and a great start to your Rice career! The years go by really quickly, so make sure you spend time doing the things you love, hanging out with your friends, and having fun! Academics are important, but the best part of Rice is the community, so don't be afraid to take time for yourself. And remember - Will Rice is here for you no matter what!







WRWS, Mary Margaret Speed

### WRC CHIEF JUSTICE

# 70

#### **HEY Y'ALL AND WELCOME TO WRC PHOENIXES!**

I'm Emmie Casey, your Chief Justice (CJ), and I'm so excited to welcome you to the best residential college ever! O-Week can seem hectic at first, but it's an absolute blast. We're all looking forward to your arrival, and the O-Week Coordinators have planned some amazing activities. Here at Rice, we live by a "work hard, play hard" mentality, and there's truly something for everyone. You're gonna LOVE IT!

As Chief Justice, my role is to make sure everyone has fun while staying respectful and safe. I work closely with Student Judicial Programs, RUPD (Rice police), Title IX, the SAFE office, and our awesome Will Rice Core Team to make sure everything runs smoothly. I also help everyone stay informed about Rice's Alcohol Policy, the Code of Student Conduct, and our own Will Rice guidelines. Rice has tons of resources, so if you're ever confused about who to go to or what a certain policy even means, I'm your gal!

I also lead the College Court, which is made up of our amazing Associate Justices: Alexandra Rousset, Collin Dwyer, Darren Pai, Juliana Zhou, Mariela Garcia, Naisha Shah, Suhas Narra, and Vanessa Joa. Their job is to uphold the college constitution, support the Culture of Care, and look out for their fellow Will Ricers!!

My number is posted around the college, along with the WRC Justice Hotline. You can use either to register events, report concerns, or call for backup—especially late at night if something's going down!

Love, Emmie Casey

Justice Hotline: (281) 846-4472







## 71 ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Rice prides itself on student self-governance and this goal is realized in the 11 college governments. While the other colleges may call their governments "cabinets," "forums," or "town halls," Will Rice calls ours Diet. Why Diet? According to Wikipedia, diet is a "formal general assembly of the princes or estates of the Roman Empire." As the College of Gods and Goddesses, it's fitting that our government can be traced back to Ancient Rome!

Our Electoral College (commonly referred to as "EC") is the main governing body of Will Rice. EC is a collection of elected student members who vote on major decisions and issues that affect the college. It votes on issues such as the budget, by-laws, money requests, and many other topics that may come up as the year progresses. EC positions are filled in the spring semester, so the officers (with the exception of the New Student Representative and Off-Campus Representative, which are elected in the fall) have already begun their tenure. In the Will Rice context, Diet is our bi-weekly government meetings that take place at our Magister's house. This meeting is open to all of Will Rice to get some delicious goodies provided by our class representatives, and to discuss current topics and issues regarding Will Rice and the rest of campus. It is also a great way to catch up with the Magister and your peers amidst the busy work week schedule. Diet takes place every other Wednesday at 9:00 PM, and everyone is invited to come get involved!

There is also an EC position specifically for New Students (First Year Representative), so keep your ears open in the fall! To hear what has been going on at Will Rice and Rice and get involved in the conversations. Diet is the place to be. See you on Wednesday!



## 72 ELECTORAL COLLEGE



PRESIDENT

Mary Margaret Speed



Emmie Casey



Jonathan Cheng, Thomas Lu



TREASURERS
Boyuan Zhang, Will Kinnebrew



SECRETARY Raye Osayimwese-Sisson



EXTERNAL VPS
Liam Collins, Miller Harris



SOPHOMORE REP
Tony Morales



JUNIOR REP Angelo Chen



SENIOR REP Ruchi Tiwari



DIVERSITY REP Alexus Lee



SA SENATOR
Joyce Wang



U-GOURT REP Mani Puram



RPG REP Vanessa Joa



HONOR GOUNGIL REP Sashi Kulatilaka



PARLIAMENTARIANS Julianne Ma, Navya Nanda

# 73 STUDENT ASSOCIATION & SENATE

Hey guys, and welcome to Will Rice!

So happy to be able to see everyone these next few years. My name is Joyce Wang and I am your current Will Rice SA Senator! I'm a current sophomore majoring in Business and Social Policy Analysis and minoring in Statistics. Coming from the great state of Utah (yes, we do exist), I've grown up hiking, skiing, and drinking our famous "dirty sodas". As part of the Student Association (SA), I work to advocate for the student body through implementing initiatives, events, and task forces that make a real impact on campus. Some recent wins include increasing the campus minimum wage, expanding late-night food options, and securing free Canva Pro access for all students.

Joining the SA may sound intense, but it's actually super accessible—especially as a freshman! You can apply to be a New Student Representative (NSR) for Will Rice, where you'll represent your class and gain firsthand experience with university-wide decision-making. NSRs attend weekly Senate meetings and collaborate with Senators, Presidents, and their fellow NSRs. In addition, there are also ways to apply to specific commissions we have at the Student Association, ranging from DEI to Sustainability to Athletics. Will Rice's Senate team is stronger than ever, and I highly encourage you to get involved. If you're even a little curious, don't hesitate to reach out to me (jw251@rice.edu). I'm always happy to chat or answer questions!

As your Senator I hope to be able to support you in any and all ways possible, whether it be hearing you out on our new resolutions, or even your own ideas. I'm so excited to see how we can change Rice altogether! I look forward to meeting you guys and seeing you all at Senate!

Will Rice Will Senate!
Joyce Wang



JOYCE WANG

**SENATOR** 

# 74 WRC DIVERSITY REP

Hey Will Ricers!!!

I'm Alexus Lee, your Will Rice Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Representative, and I'm so excited to welcome you to the college. I'm a sophomore double majoring in Economics and Neuroscience, originally from New York City.

College is a time when you're exposed to all kinds of new perspectives, values, and identities—which can be exciting, but also a little overwhelming. My role is to help make Will Rice a place where you feel comfortable being yourself and supported in whatever that looks like.

At <u>Will Rice</u>, we have several affinity groups that bring together students with shared backgrounds and experiences—whether you identify as LGBTQ+, Black, Latinx, Jewish, First-Gen/Low-Income, or something else entirely. We host events like Lunar New Year dumpling-making, a Black History Month seafood boil, and Diwali with Lovett. And if there's an event or food (!!!) you'd love to see please let me know!

There are even more opportunities beyond our college. Campus-wide, you can join orgs like RICE PRIDE, HACER, or performance groups like Basmati Beats and BASYK. Rice has around 100+ cultural clubs, and you can browse them all on <u>OwlNest</u>, Rice's club and event hub.

If you ever want to get involved, have questions, or just want to talk, feel free to reach out. I'd love to hear your ideas and help you feel more at home here at Rice.

Excited to meet you all :) Alexus Lee



ALEXUS LEE

DIVERSITY REP

# CETTING INVOLVED 7/5

Residential college life is not only great for academic and community development, but also for personal and leadership development. Throughout Will Rice, there are multiple ways to get involved, including joining committees! Committees are studentrun, student-led groups within Will Rice that are given a budget to contribute to Will Rice's culture and community. Each committee has 1-3 upperclassmen committee heads, as well as a varying number of members. There's a good amount of flexibility in what you can do within your committee. We look forward to seeing you joining committees and enjoying or even improving upon the events and initiatives around Will Rice!

#### FIRST YEAR REP

The First Year Rep (FYR) serves as a voting member in EC and works with the college government. The FYR oversees a First Year Committee and works at a college wide level to plan fun events for Will Rice New Students. This is a great way to represent your peers and develop great leadership skills!

#### NEW STUDENT REPS

Will Rice has two NSRs who work with their college Senator to represent Will Rice and work on campus wide projects pertaining to Rice! Each NSR also serves on one of the Student Association's standing committees and works on a Student Initiative project.



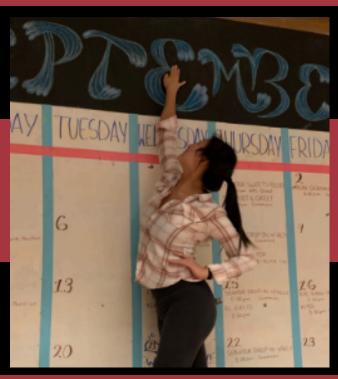
### ALA HEAD: NATALIE WANG

The HeritAlumSsociates Committee (AHA is short for Alumni / Heritage / Associates) maintains and manages relations between the college and its Alumni and Associates. Each semester (and during O-Week) the college hosts an Associate's Night in which we invite all Will Rice Associates to join us for a fancy dinner and partake in our talent show (fall) or awards ceremony (spring)! Additionally, the AHA Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the history knowledge and institutional memory of the college.

## BOARD BOARD

#### HEAD: CLAIRE DOH

The Board Board Committee has jurisdiction over the whiteboard and chalkboard at the front of Will Rice Commons. The Committee is responsible for updating the chalkboard design and list of college birthdays every month. The Board Board Committee is also continuously updating the whiteboard with monthly events that matter to Will Ricers, such as Will Rice events, Rice Program Council (RPC) events, and athletics events, as well as public parties and academic deadlines.



# DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

#### HEAD: ALEXUS LEE

The Diversity Committee organizes and promotes multicultural events, and raises awareness of relevant issues of public concern while fostering dialogue. The Diversity Committee works with the Food Committee to host a multicultural potluck, and helps Will Ricers celebrate different events such as Lunar New Year, Nowruz/Newroz, and Black History Month. The Diversity Committee also oversees affinity groups within the college and hosts events for these groups, such as FGLI (First Generation Low Income) Fridays.

# ELECTIONS HEADS: JULIANNE MA AND NAVYA NANDA

The Elections Committee, led by the Will Rice Parliamentarian, is in charge of running each election cycle at Will Rice. This includes confirming nominations, moderating campaigning and speeches, and counting the votes accurately for all elected positions. The Elections Committee is also in charge of the selection of Beer Bike themes and constitutional referendums.

### ENVIRONMENTAL

#### HEAD: VICTORIA SAUGEDA

The Environmental Committee, of which the Eco-Reps serve as co-heads, oversees environmental projects and advocacy at the college. They are responsible for Will Rice Will Garden, creating a space full of native flowers and inviting the WRC community to decorate bricks around the garden. Some other projects include; zero-waste move-out, free sustainable laundry and detergent sheets, environmental education with composting and recycling, and anything else you want to work on!



### EVENTS

#### HEADS: JOYCE WANG AND ALEXUS LEE

The Events Committee organizes smaller entertainment events that help all members of the community feel included & engaged by putting on at least one event per month. These events are usually novelties, and anyone can suggest something that appeals to them!!

# FACILITIES HEAD: ADAM VUONG

The Facilities Committee oversees the facilities of Will Rice College, ensuring that things run smoothly and everything is organized. They maintain the rooms and equipment that belong to the college, including Old Dorm, New Dorm, Commons, Commons Kitchen, PDR (Private Dining Room), Parlor, and the Game Room. The Facilities Committees is also tasked with storing the belongings of Will Ricers over summer break, and consistently working to improve our college.

## HISTORIAN

The Will Rice Historians photograph, video, and document events at the college and share their work with the college on the Will Rice Historian's Facebook page. The Historians maintain these records of past events in a publicly accessible format, so that friends, family, and alumnican all see what Will Ricers are

up to!



### MERCHANDISE

#### HEADS: ANGELA HU AND IZZY GUTIERREZ

The Merchandise Committee promotes Will Rice spirit and unity among students by designing and distributing merch items such as branded t-shirts, hoodies, and bucket hats. They design merch for any big Will Rice event, from Whale Day to College Night. To help ensure all Will Ricers have access to WRC merch, they include the financial accessibility form / Magister's Fund on all merch order forms that require student payments. Check out old merch designs on their website <u>flameandfortune.carrd.co</u> and follow them on Instagram @flameandfortune.wrc!

#### OUTIE HEADS: MARGARET HE AND DARREN PAI

The Outie Committee plans events that happen outside the hedges!! On the last Friday of fall semester we book out the ice skating rink in the Galleria for one of our favorite traditions: Will Rice Will Skate. At the end of spring semester all Will Ricers drive down to Surfside beach for Will Rice Will Surfside, where we destress before finals with swimming, s'mores, and sandwiches. Outie also hosts some smaller events throughout the semester to help Will Ricers engage with the greater Houston community such as trips to the Museum district or Rice Village.

### QUAD HEADS: GABE WITKOP AND MARTY BRANDWEIN

The Quad Committee is in charge of a super important tradition: KITQs (Keg in the Quad)!!! They are the ultimate way to kick back and let loose after a week of hitting the books. Every other Friday afternoon, we all come together in the quad to listen to some music, play volleyball / spike ball / frisbee, and enjoy a selection of snacks and drinks! KITQ is more than just your everyday kickback. It's a testament to the legendary culture we have at Will Rice College. It's all about strengthening our bond, having each other's backs, and making unforgettable memories together. So, grab your friends, bring your energy, and get ready to have a blast at KITQ!



### SOCIALS

#### HEADS: JOSEPH PHAM, TONY MORALES, AND GOLLIN DWYER

The Socials Committee plans events that strengthen bonds between other residential colleges and Will Rice. The Social Committee chairs plan the Will Rice public, Risky Business (you will hear everything about it once you're here!), as well as events with our sister colleges, the most famous being McWill bonding events with our sister college McMurtry, like joint Pub nights, McWill is Chill, or karaoke.

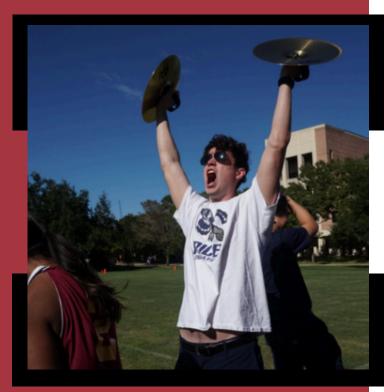
#### SPORTS HEADS: EDISON WON AND ETHAN YUEN

Will Rice has a winning history when it comes to IMs, particularly men's soccer, powderpuff, and freshmen flag football, and our success is in part because the Sports Committee ensures we always have the most fans at our games! The Sports Committee also promotes competitions between Will Ricers in the game room with ping-pong, billiards, Smash Bros, and Mario Kart. At the end of the fall semester, the committee hosts a huge FIFA tournament, with the final being played in Commons during Friday lunch. Sports Committee also makes sure major sporting events (Super Bowl, World Cup, March Madness, Rice games, etc.) are streamed in Commons or PDR for students to enjoy!

### TRADITIONS

#### HEADS: ALEXANDRA ROUSETT AND ADAM WUONG

The Traditions Committee is in charge of our most cherished events, that constitute the core of what our college is. As the second oldest college, traditions are very important to Will Rice, so the events this committee hosts bring the whole college together!! Some of our favorite traditions are Whale Day, Phinest Phoenix, and Will Rice Week, which is a week when the Traditions Committee organizes daily events for Will Ricers to have fun and bond over such as Assassins and Phoenix Raid.



### WEBSLINGERS

#### HEAD: HONGTAO HU

The Webslingers have jurisdiction over the Will Rice College website, willrice.rice.edu. The Webslingers make updates and upgrades to the website such as: periodic maintenance, technological improvements, and refreshing outdated content. They make sure the website is easy to use, and up to date on any information Will Ricers may need!

# YEAR LONG RESOURCES

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#### DISABILITY OMBUDS

The Disability Ombuds Program is a pilot program at Will Rice where student peers are dedicated to serving as a resource to help other students navigate the accommodation process and disability resources available at Rice! Through office hours and informational sessions, our Head Ombuds, Mariela Garcia and Margaret He, will support you in acquiring and implementing accommodations. They can provide helpful tips and resources for navigating the Disability Resource Center (DRC), so feel free to contact them if you have any questions!

#### PEER CAREER ADVISORS

Peer Career Advisors serve as ambassadors to undergraduates and play a valuable role in supporting the Center for Career Development (CCD). Through regular meetings and career cluster presentations, PCAs are well-informed to help students at Rice with career-related questions. PCAs are specially trained to assist with resumes, cover letters, internships & job search, and using CCD online resources, such as FOCUS 2 and 12twenty. (Insert name here) is the Will Rice head PCA if you ever have questions!

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Rice Health Advisors (RHAs) are undergraduates who have been trained to talk to peers on topics related to wellbeing (both mental and physical). They are prepared to talk to you on issues related to ally-ship, suicide prevention, body acceptance, eating well, and mental health. You can reach out to them if you ever want advice or just a shoulder to lean on. RHAs can also supply you with many free health items like condoms, ibuprofen, bandaids, and cough drops. These supply bags can be found outside their doors (if they live on campus) as well as by the Coordinator's office.

#### CARECIVERS

Caregivers are students, like you, who are trained to care for intoxicated people. You can get caregiver trained anytime you are at Rice through a simple set of modules! Our Head Caregivers, Liam Peterson and Ainsley High, oversee the Caregiving Program at Will Rice and work to implement and maintain our Culture of Care. They are a resource for the college to contact when someone is in need of caregiving or unsure of how to handle a situation. When in need just give them a call!!

#### AGADEMIC FELLOWS

The Will Rice College Society of Academic Fellows is an honorary service organization dedicated to advancing the academic life of our college. Academic Fellows are honor-code trained Will Ricers who can help you with your classes! Every Sunday evening they hold office hours in Commons and provide free academic assistance to their peers. You can email a fellow if you ever want advice on studying tips, help reviewing for a big exam, or can't figure out one of your problem sets. Often times, they can give you a push in the right direction!

#### YEAR-LONG RHAS

Desiree Duron Liam Collins

CENERAL RHAS

Maia Figueroa Cloe GM Kamisi Adetunji Kyle Lu Grant Xu Rutledge Sanders Bella Hendricks



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# WILL RICE WILL SWEEP

# 83 BEER BIKE THE GREATEST ATHLETIC NORTH POLE

The ancient Greeks had the Olympics. The modern world has the... Olympics. But we, we have Beer Bike. What does this athletic spectacle entail? Surprisingly, bikers. Beer Bike is actually 3 bike races!

The first is an alumni race that begins in the morning, soon after is the women's race, and to close it off is the men's. In previous years, each race was one heat with all 11 colleges plus the GSA (Graduate Student Association) competing at the same time, but this past year the race was done in 2 heats, with each heat having 6 colleges.

The race itself is like a relay race and every college will have a bike team, chug team, and pit crew. To start, a chugger will step up to the chug stand and once given the signal, chug a can of water. As soon as they're done, the pit crew will throw a biker onto the track. The biker will do 2 (alumni and women's teams) or 3 (men's team) laps around the track and then be caught by the pit crew, at which point a chugger will then start to chug to repeat the cycle. Each team will do this 8 times per race, so there are 8 chuggers, 8 bikers, and 5 pit crew members per team. But you can be both a biker and chugger at the same time, we call these people Ironmen. That's about it for the race itself, simple huh? Way back in the day the chugs were done with beer hence the name Beer Bike; if you're 21 you can choose to chug with beer as the GSA team does, but most people just choose water.

Five Friendly Times. If you believe in angel numbers, 555 is going to be your number. What's so important about 5? It's the number of times we've made history, the number of times we've s.w.e.p.t. (meaning we won every race: the alumni's, women's, and men's). And guess what: Will Rice is the only college to have ever swept!!! So welcome to the winningest college!!







# 84 BEER BIKE ALUMNI '99 SWEEP LETTER

I was an Ironwoman on the '99 Nitro Sweep team. Thinking back on the experience, it strikes me how many facets there are to Beer Bike. There are so many ways to be involved in this tradition. The best tradition.

Our incredible Coordinators kept really busy leading up to Beer Bike, managing a giant budget and tracking dozens of moving parts. Our Co-Coordinator Kevin Hwang ('99) helped immensely by being hyper-vigilant in booking the bike track for the practice times that our team requested, the very moment the slots became available. Having that opportunity to all be there together, to practice the technical parts of the race (and to bond as a team) was key!

Back in our day, Beer Bike was immediately preceded by a truck parade, also organized by the Coordinators. Each college rented a couple of flatbed trucks, which we loaded with people, water balloons (which took weeks to fill), and decorations, and we'd ride up the inner loop to the stadium while bystanders pelted the trucks with water balloons and vice versa. None of us can believe that they rented those trucks to a bunch of college kids, much less let us drive them. We had zero truck driving experience, which is probably why one of us clipped a car in the stadium parking lot that year. We think our wonderful Magister Dale Sawyer must have quietly taken care of the repercussions of that one. He was the best.

We were primed for success in '99: our Men's and Alumni teams had won their races for many consecutive years, and they had this great tradition of excellence that built on itself. But our Women's team kept falling just a little bit short. I think it was in '98 that we lost the Women's race in penalties because one of our riders forgot to put on her helmet before leaving the pit. The track was incredibly windy for Beer Bike '99. For our first two riders, all of the drafting practice that we'd done really helped, and our Captain, Mara Prandi-Abrams ('99) took us to a commanding lead on the second leg. That was great, but left the rest of us in that brutal wind. Luckily, all those long endurance rides we took as a team through downtown Houston saw us through to the finish line.

My legs were jelly by the end, which was where our amazing pit crew came in. Our Pit Captain Jeremy Templeton ('99) told me he can still automatically do the biker lift from the right side, which was where he always stood. He told me he was so scared that they would miss someone or drop someone that his fear (and tons of practice) etched that move forever into his muscle memory. I definitely remember how firmly he grabbed me off the bike, and also how encouraging the pushers were as I waited for my turn, simultaneously psyching me up and calming me down. The crew had our backs, 100%.

Templeton also told me that, from his perspective, the bikers came in so much more tired on race day than in practice. Everyone left it all on the track. Except, as an Ironwoman, I still had another job to do (ack!) I remember my teammates helping me wobble over to the chug table, and I remember realizing how hard it was going to be keeping anything down. But, in Texas fashion, I got 'er done. That was owing, I'm sure, to the chug practices that I'd been showing up since Freshman year: once a week in the second floor long hall bathroom, we pounded our tepid water, led by the indomitable Brandon Beck ('99), who always brought the positive energy. It was the best study break, hands down.

Everyone I talked to agreed: the day we all won Beer Bike was one of our favorite days at Rice, and while many of the details have blurred with time, we all definitely remember the immediate and complete joy of winning. Euphoric, we ran straight to President Malcolm Gillis's swimming pool, and the whole college jumped in, sweaty, clothes and all. Even Dr. Sawyer swam that day. And we also remember the camaraderie that we had as a team, a team that included everyone from riders to chuggers to coordinators to pit to water balloon fillers.

I can't tell you how great it is to hear that the tradition that we loved so much is alive and thriving at Will Rice! You all are awesome! Know that there are alumni rooting for you from every corner of the world.

Have fun!! You've got this!! WRWS!!

Cheryl Flugan Geels, WRC '00







# BIKE TEAM DO YOU CRAVE GLORY? DO YOU THRIVE ON SPEED? HAVE YOU EVER RIDDEN A BIKE?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then prepare vourself, because the Will Rice Bike Team is the path to immortal greatness that awaits you.

There are few experiences in life that parallel the spirit of being a part of the Will Rice Bike Team. It sets your soul on fire with the power of the Phoenix; the freezing headwinds of winter become a cool breeze through your hair as the pistons of your legs pump you down the asphalt of glories past and future. You ride at Mach 10 with the wind roaring in your ears, heart pounding, legs burning, as you dive into each corner with the world blurring past you. You will experience speeds known only to skydivers and waterfall barrel riders. And on that fateful April weekend of Beer Bike, as you stand before all of your college to answer the call, surrounded by friends and family, donning the rust and gold jersey for which you proudly sacrificed your time, sweat, and body, the spirit of generations of Will Rice bike teams burns with yours, igniting a fiery determination within your soul as you become a vessel for all those that came before you. In that moment, it's just you, the bike, and the promise of glory. If the day is just right and you make the dream of a Sixth Sexy Sweep a reality, for a moment, you fly with the gods, etching your name in the immortal history of Will Rice. You will never be more proud. It will be a more valuable memory than the day you graduate or the birth of your first child. We love this. We live for this.

Other colleges don't understand what it means to love something the way we yearn for the thrill of a carbon frame barreling around the track with abandon. We hold every important cycling record to date, and there is no end in sight. Will Rice is the winningest college in the history of Beer Bike, holding 5 legendary Sweep titles - no other college has ever come close to accomplishing this incredible feat. Alumni, Women, and Men, we make history happen together.

If you have any interest in basking in the glory of being part of the bike team, please contact any of our captains! Riding is an experience we would love to share with anyone, regardless of experience levels; from not knowing how to clip into clipless pedals to years of experience in the saddle, all are welcome! If we've piqued your interest and you'd like to join in on the camaraderie, speed, and fun, don't be afraid to talk to anyone on the team about how to join us on our next ride. See you on the track!

WRWS. Sammy Cox (Will Rice '26), Thomas Liang (Will Rice '27)







# 86CHUG TEAM

THEY'RE 40 YARDS OUT...
THEY'RE 30 YARDS OUT...
READY. SET. CHUG!
CHUG! CHUG!

As you ascend the illustrious chug stand, an emblem of greatness towering before your adoring fans, friends, and family, the echoes of anticipation fill the air. The atmosphere is electric, hearts pounding in unison. A distant cheer rises, growing louder with each passing moment:

they're 40 yards out... they're 30 yards out... ready. set. chug! chug! chug!

These words are ingrained into the hearts of every single student at Rice. While the grand spectacle of Biking may dazzle the eyes, it is only through Chugging that true greatness lies, an art form that transcends mere glamor and ascends to new heights of glory.

And in this pursuit of greatness, let's not forget the practical benefits of chugging. One chug is equal to 33% of your daily water intake. Talk about being hydrated! While maybe not everyone has ridden a bike before, everyone has drank water (and plenty of times probably!) and so you are that much closer to being a Will Rice Chugger!

For in the realm of chugging, water becomes our nectar, our lifeblood. With each sip, we embody the very essence of the phoenix (a symbol of fire), rising from the ashes, reborn with every gulp. The cold embrace of water courses as ice in our veins, a symbol of the indomitable spirit. Love water? Perfect! Come on over! Never chugged before? Fret not, we practice chugging every day and we will get you in tip top shape! Chugging isn't for you? Don't worry, you're invited too! We love the support!

- WRC Chug Captains: Katherine Arquitt (WRC '26), Desiree Duron (WRC '27), Will Kinnebrew (WRC '27), Krish Patel (WRC '27)





While some might say biking and chugging are the main stars of Beer Bike, Pit Crew are the unsung heroes, and are (s)uber(u) important to keeping the race safe and speedy!

Picture this: The race reaches its climax as the penultimate biker hurtles towards the culmination of his leg. Will Rice and the lesser colleges are locked in a fierce battle, their determination palpable in the air. The crowd erupts with thunderous cheers, their energy lighting up the atmosphere. Amidst the chaos and excitement, a solitary figure emerges on the track.

In the midst of this tumultuous moment, this extraordinary individual radiates an aura of effortless tranquility. Calm, cool, and collected, the runner stands as a beacon of unwavering composure. As the biker approaches, their hand rises, signaling a pivotal moment. Like a guardian angel guiding their charge, the runner flags down the biker and directs them towards the pit. The catchers, with an ethereal grace, shepherd the biker into a sanctuary of safety. It is a seamless exchange, a testament to the flawless execution of the pit crew. With the grace of a masterfully-conducted symphony, the throwers, in perfect harmony with the chugger, send off our final biker into the fray.

Will Rice, driven by this display of synchronized brilliance, stands on the precipice of triumph, poised to secure the coveted sixth sweep and etch our names in the annals of victory. As the legacy unfolds, as the cheers reverberate through time, will your name rise as an Atlantean pillar, forever revered in the banners of Will Rice Commons? We're the oil that keeps this race smooth; the net that makes sure all bikers start and end safely!

- WRC Pit Crew Captains: Aayan Riaz (Will Rice '26), Maia Figueroa (Will Rice '27), Emaline Davis (Will Rice '27)







# 88 SWEEP WEEK

Beer bike is more than a race. It's a spectacle it's our everything. We celebrate Beer Bike not just for a day, but for the entire week leading up to it - also known as the literal greatest week of your life! Starting in the fall semester, your Beer Bike Coordinators are hard at work laying the foundation for a week full of traditions and fun events to celebrate the culture of Will Rice and Beer Bike in full spirit! There are several events that occur throughout the week, many of them novelties that highlight the college's Beer Bike theme of the year - clever and silly mashups of popular culture with alcohol and drinking puns. Classics include: karaokeing in Commons, crosscollege collaboration events. Beer Debates where seniors spill the tea and drop the lore, not to mention free food! Throughout the Week, Will Ricers are also hard at work in Beer Bike Subcomittees, centered around rallying the college and coordination efforts to make sure Will Rice dominates in campus-wide traditions like the water balloon fight in Founder's Court! Sweep Week is also an opportunity to bond with your fellow Will Ricers and remind other colleges that Will Rice is the absolute best!





### MOOK BIKE

To kick off Sweep Week, the whole college gathers at the Bubble for cook-out vibes and to witness one final Mock Bike around the track before Beer Bike! Mock Bike brings together the Bike Team, Chug Team, and Pit Crew to show off their coordination skills while Will Ricers count them down and cheer them on!

# PHINEST PHOENIX

Every year during Sweep Week, Will Ricers host the college's annual talent show/beauty pageant where Will Ricers from all years compete to raise money for a charity of their choice. The crowned Phinest Phoenix then goes on to represent Will Rice at Rice's Finest.

# 89 BEER BIKE COMMITTEES

### FLOAT

Every year, Will Ricers bring together engineering savvy, artistic vision, and sheer can-do attitudes to create a winning float for the Beer Bike Parade after the campus-wide balloon fight! Will Rice has a particularly strong tradition of creating gorgeous floats, with the past several years including fantastic builds such as: Baymax hanging out on the San Fransokyo bridge for Swig Hero 6 (2025), a graffiti-tagged Houston Metro train with a spinning coin for Subway Slurpers: Endless Chaser (2024), a massive floral tree and storybook for the Jungle Juice: The Beer Necessities (2023), the literal crossed palm trees for Gin-N-Out Beerger (2022). What are you waiting for? Go grab some paint!

Jacks: You know it's Sweep Week when all the colleges come out of hiding to pull jacks on each other! As the only certified 5-time sweep college, Will Rice is a common target among the other (read: lesser) residential colleges. Every year, the craftiest Will Ricers band together in secret to plan out a slew of clever pranks to get back at all the wannabe-be sweepers out there! From graffiti tagging all the other colleges, to flipping over all of Lovett's tables, to hiring a clown to simply sit in Jones Commons all day, it's always a good time to pull a jack on another college. Grab your friends and start scheming necaise when the plans all come into play? We strike at night...

### WATER BALLOONS

In case you didn't know, Will Rice regularly and proudly fills more water balloons for Beer Bike than any other college. Long after the other colleges run out, we're still throwing them en masse. Every year, Will Ricers thousands of water balloons (literally thousands) to be unleashed upon our friends and foes! That being said, it truly does take the whole college! During Sweep Week, a water balloon filling contraption called the Cow (built by our very own Will Rice engineers!) is set up in the quad almost 24/7, all week long. Got 5 minutes between classes? Stop by and fill water balloons! It's fun and the easiest way to get involved, plus it's practically sworn college duty.









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# RIGE UNIVERSITY

# 91 HISTORY

Rice opened in 1912, over a hundred years ago! Since then, Rice has grown and changed in many ways to become the wonderful campus it is now. The residential college system, a hallmark of Rice's student life, led to the development of eleven student "hubs" around campus. Residential colleges are where students live, eat, and socialize outside of their class time. Oftentimes, they are a student's biggest support system in their time at Rice, finding friendship among the other residents and their colleges' A-Teams. However, some students find community outside their residential college as well! Rice prides itself on being student run, and as hardworking students, we really exemplify that! From the ability to get involved in student-run business like Chaus and the Hoot, to amazing student-led clubs like Nocturnal, to organizing and running an entire Hackathon, Rice gives its students the ability to find and forge friendships wherever they want them to be. We are so excited for you to come to Rice and find your own niche in our little part of the universe!

Whatever your Rice journey may be, it will probably look different for each and every one of you. That's okay! Your Rice journey should be about you and what you want from the next few years of your time here. During O-Week, we want to set you up with the resources to pursue whichever path you decide. Welcome to Rice, but, more importantly, welcome to the community of learners, jokesters, friends, mentors, musicians, leaders, and hard-workers you will soon join!



# 92 CULTURE OF CARE

During your time at Rice, we hope that you will forge new connections, find your passions, and ultimately grow as an individual! That being said, as you begin to explore your adult life at Rice, your mental and physical health can sometimes feel like it's taking a back seat. Rice University is known for its Culture of Care, a student-wide commitment to collectively keeping campus safe by looking out for one another. Whether it be the camaraderie in studying for exams, helping a friend seek confidential on-campus resources, or even just checking on a stranger at a party - Rice Owls have each others' backs!

Student Wellbeing Office | Rice Counseling Center | RHAs

Gibbs Wellness Center | M-F • 9AM-5PM | 713-348-3311 (24/7) | wellbeing.rice.edu

Supports students with in-person and virtual counseling to address topics such as personal wellbeing and academic concerns

Student Health Services

Student Health and Wellness Center | M-F • 8AM-5PM | 713-348-4966 | health.rice.edu

Provides preventive and outpatient clinical care including free physician consultation, regardless of health insurance status

Disability Resource Center

Allen Center, Room 111 | 713-348-5841 | drc.rice.edu

Assists students and faculty with academic and housing accommodation requests to help ensure equal access and opportunity

The Safe Office: interpersonal misconduct prevention and support Student Health and Wellness Center | M-F • 9AM-5PM | 713-348-3311 (24/7) |

safe.rice.edu

Offers care management and navigation to students reporting incidents of interpersonal violence, and campus-wide education

Rice emergency medical services (REMS) | Rice University police department (RUPD)

713-348-6000 (24/7) | rems.rice.edu | rupd.rice.edu

Maintains campus safety and security via 24/7 on-call emergency care and patrol response, as well as campus training

# OTHER COLLECES DE



### BAKERITES MONOPOLY GO-WEEK

Baker was the first dorm built on Rice's campus and became, along with Will Rice, Hanszen, and Wiess, one of the first residential colleges. It is home to an idyllic "like the Great Hall at Hogwarts" Commons, legendary breakfast, and iconic traditions such as BakerShake and Baker Christmas. Let's just say you'll never need to hear Feliz Navidad again...



#### HANSZEN 1957 - HANSZENITES ONCE UPON AN O-WEEK

The third of the original colleges, and across the Quad from Will Rice, Hanszen is one of the older buildings in the south of campus and is located where Rice's Health Center used to be. They claim to have something called Ramajama, which we are...not sure how to interpret.



### WIESS 1957 - WIESSMEN TEAM FAMILY WIESS

The last of the original four colleges, Wiessmen do everything slightly differently from the rest of us. We're a little concerned they might actually be a cult, as they have some pretty strange traditions and rituals you might see around campus. As a Will Ricer, you should misspell it as Weiss (but you didn't hear that from us, even though we did it everywhere in this book).



### JONES 1957 - JONESIANS UFO-WEEK

Jones was originally founded as a female-only college, housing the first women to attend Rice! It is also the first college on the north side of campus. They went co-ed in the 1980s, and they claim to be the winning-est college: they will always win, even when they lose. Nowadays Jones is known for its strong Beer Bike culture and fondness for goats.



### BROWN 1965 - BROWNIES CHOCO-WEEK

The second all-women's college, built next to Jones and as far away from the South colleges (the old men's colleges) as possible. To be honest, Brown is so far from everything that it's basically off-campus (leg day every day?). They were the last college to become co-ed in 1987. Brownies have great floor culture and are very friendly.

# OTHER COLLEGES 94



### 1968 - LOVETTEERS NABISCO-WEEK

Lovett College is one of Will Rice's sister colleges! Named after Rice's first president, Edgar Odell Lovett, is the one building you will not mix up for any others—it is riot-proof on the inside and brutalist on the outside. The look of the building has earned Lovett the fond nickname of "Toaster," which is used to jeer at Lovetteers, but they seem to like it just fine.



### SID RICHARDSON 1971 - SIDIZENS DISNEY STUDIO-WEEK

Sid Rich is the tallest college on campus with 12 stories in their highest building! Due to its height, Sid acquired the motto "Death from Above" (Mars de Super) and their traditions reflect that attitude. Every Friday, they blast music from the top of their tower speakers for Radio Free Sid, leaving Will Ricers to pray that the Spotify playlist is decent.



### MARTELIANS TECHNO-WEEK

Martel was the third North residential college to join the Rice ranks in 2002. Its traditions are rooted in Greek culture in tribute to their founders' Greek heritage. Though it is, certifiably, a pretty elegant building, you will commonly hear everyone denying its existence as a residential college and instead referring to it as a parking lot, which is what it was built over.



### MOMURTRY 2009 - MURTS PICASSO-WEEK

The 10th residential college, McMurtry, is absolutely bananas! As Will Rice's other sister college, Murts have a special place in our hearts since it was Will Ricers who first lived at McMurtry and shared their culture at founding. McMurtry celebrates their Scottish tradition, so don't be alarmed by the bagpipes. You can always distinguish McMurtry merch in a crowd as they rep a bright purple!



### DUNGAN 2009 - DUNCAROOS LASSO-WEEK

The final North college, and the most recent residential college built at Rice, is Duncan. Whether it's making milkshakes for Thirsty Thursdays or playing ping pong during Monday Night Lights, Duncaroos are all about fostering community. Oh, and they love dunking each other in the DuncTank on their birthdays!

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# **FINAL TIPS**

#### BEFORE YOU GET HERE...

- Start packing sooner than later! Be sure to coordinate with your roommate about what you'll each be bringing.
- Enjoy your summer! You'll have plenty of work to do once the school year begins, so take a moment to relax:)
- Spend and cherish your time with your loved ones! They'll miss you and you'll miss them. <3</li>
- You will get so many free t-shirts over your time at Rice, like seriously
   keep that in mind when packing!
- Bring lightweight clothing, layers, and lots of bug spray. Houston can get hot and humid, inviting tons of mosquitos, but it's also deceptively cold in the winter!
- You can buy things that you need in Houston, too, and sometimes this is easier than shipping!
- There's no need to know "everything" about Rice! Some things are fun to enjoy as a new experience! Breathe.
- We know the transition to college is a crazy time, filled with fears, doubts, and uncertainty. Don't worry, we're here for you!
- MOST IMPORTANTLY: Read all your emails from Rice and Clear your Holds!

#### ONCE YOU ARRIVE...

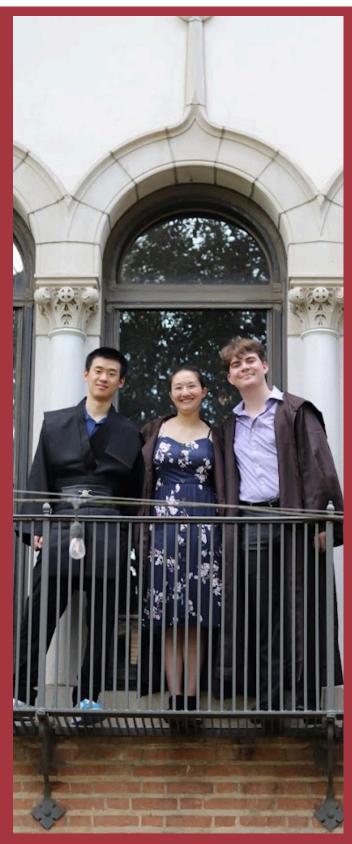
- Make time to try new things! Explore and find what you enjoy doing outside of academics.
- Go to Office Hours: professors really do want to help, even though they might seem scary.
- Try not to spend all your Tetra in the first month... pace yourself, you get \$100 per semester!
- Get to know the A-Team! They're super friendly and a wonderful resource for many things!
- Make cross-college connections:) This can be through clubs, your Co-Advisor(s), classes, and more!
- Find a place you like to study. This could be your room, Chaüs, Fondy, Brochstein, or somewhere else!
- Don't lose your ID! It gets you into buildings, but more importantly, it gets you food, too! It costs \$15 per replacement
- Bring an umbrella and take it everywhere with you. Literally everywhere.
- If you have roommate issues, talk to them about it! You can also ask your Advisors or the A-Team for advice.
- Never be afraid to ask: you will find that many people are more than willing to help you out. :)

# 96 FINAL THOUGHTS

We hope this book was as helpful to you as our O-Week books were to us a few summers ago and was able to offer a quick glimpse into your new family and home. We are thrilled to be able to welcome you to Will Rice and the greater Rice community with an amazing team of adults, Advisors, and Affiliates. We know that leaving home and entering a new environment can be scary and different, but we have confidence that you will love Will Rice and that you will have an invigorating and eye-opening experience.

Coming to Rice, it is completely normal to be nervous. No matter what situations you come across, we will be able to support you every step of the way — this can be anything from academic advice to late night food runs, because everyone's been in that spot before. We know that among your Advisors and peers you will find life-long friends. We encourage you to keep an open mind and to explore Rice as much as you can. You never know what you may be interested in or where your passions may lead you. Your original plan may change, and your peers and professors can help guide you and point you in different directions throughout your time at Rice and beyond. Your matriculating class is arriving at Rice from all over the world and will bring a variety of experiences and perspectives with them, and you will grow with each other during your time as Will Ricers. We hope that you learn and expand your knowledge of the world both inside and outside of the classroom.

As 2022 and 2023 matriculants, our O-Weeks were filled with unknowns amidst the aftermath of the pandemic. Our O-Week Coordinators worked with the situation they were in to give us an amazing introduction to Rice, and we hope to face any unexpected roadblocks the same way they did, head-first and never ceasing to provide us with the best O-Week they possibly could. O-Week is a place to begin to find your paths at Rice, and to be fully accepted into the Will Rice family. We have planned O-Week with you at the forefront of our minds, and we hope this experience helps you to begin your Rice journey on the right foot. We can't wait to meet you all!



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You, our incoming New Students, who we have the pleasure of introducing to Will Rice!

We'll see you soon, and don't forget:

# WILL RICE WILL SWEEP

- BOYUAN, SAMMY, & WILL





