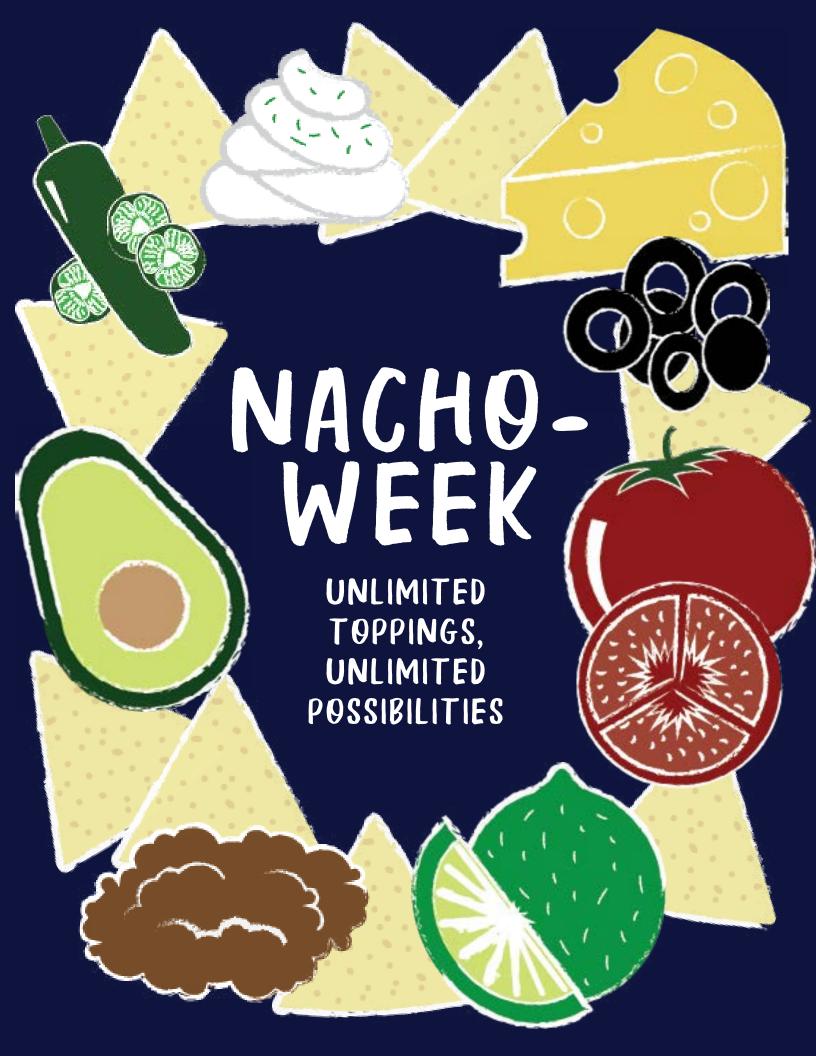
## HANSZEN COLLEGE PRESENTS



UNLIMITED TOPPINGS, UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES



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Hanszen O-Week 2019 aims to foster inclusivity, personal growth, and community. New Students will be introduced to a variety of resources and opportunities to help them discover their own unique place at Rice University and Hanszen College. We are called the "Family College" for a reason, and O-Week will be a time for incoming students to find a home on campus, whether that be in a person or a place, while also being free to define their own college experience. Individuality and inclusivity are championed at Rice, and here at Hanszen, those same values play an integral role in how our college pride has thrived over the years. As a college, our goals are to maintain this sense of family and create an accepting environment far beyond the scope of O-Week. Ultimately, New Students will be provided the tools to explore their varied interests, embrace their diverse identities, and sculpt their own success from a foundation of camaraderie and lasting relationships.

# MISSION STATEMENT



## HOW TO GET HERE

#### **PLANNING:**

You should plan to arrive at the time indicated in your O-Week information packet (and not any earlier) on Sunday, August 18th.



#### FROM THE EAST:

Take I-10 West, exit onto Highway 59 South.

#### FROM THE NORTH/SOUTH:

Take I-45 to Highway 59 South

#### FROM THE WEST:

If you are coming from the I-10 East, take the exit for the 610 loop going South. Stay on 610 until you reach Highway 59. Take Highway 59 North.



## FROM BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT (IAH):

Once you exit the airport, follow signs for Highway 59 South. Take the 59 for ~25 miles

#### FROM HOBBY AIRPORT (HOU):

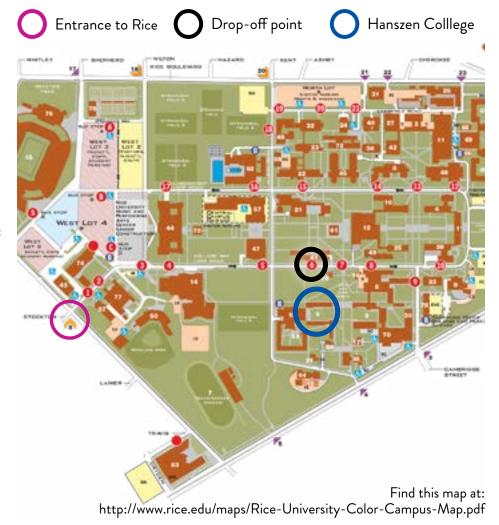
Take Airport Blvd and follow sign for I-45 North. Take I-45 north until you reach Highway 59.



**THEN**, from Highway 59, exit toward Shepherd and Greenbriar and turn (left from 59 South, and right from 19 North) onto Greenbriar Drive. Continue down Greenbriar and turn left onto University Boulevard.

#### **ADDRESS:**

Rice University
Hanszen College
6350 Main Street
Houston, TX 77005



## THE FIRST DAY



We couldn't be more excited for your arrival on the first day of a new, exhilarating, Hanszen-filled part of your life. You've got a great week ahead of you, and here are some helpful bits of information to know before you come on move-in day:

Arrival day is August 18th. If you have any trouble finding Hanszen, don't hesitate to ask for help! You'll know once you make it to Hanszen. You'll hear a bunch of people shouting your name and running towards your car. These are your Advisors, Co-Advisors, and Affiliates who will be with you for the entire week! Your Advisors will take care of getting all of your stuff, your bags, and your clothes to your room. We'll take you inside our Commons, and there you'll get to meet our O-Week Coordinators, Magisters, RAs, College Coordinator, and the Hanszen President and Chief Justice. Once hands have been shaken, names exchanged, and room keys given, you'll want to strike a pose for your first picture as a Hanszenite!

Once all that's done, we'll take you up to your room where you can unpack your things and get to know your roommate. Take some time to settle in and check to see if you have everything you need. Even if you don't, the Gophers or your Advisors will be able to help you out in getting anything you're missing. Next, we'll have lunch! South Servery will prepare a great meal for you and your family. Enjoy it and spend some time with your family and/ or friends. Don't be afraid to sit with strangers because you'll be meeting new people all week! After lunch, you'll say goodbye to your parents. Say your real goodbyes before you get to campus – it might be overwhelming once you get here. However, take all the time you need. Remember that your parents are only a phone call away, so don't forget to call them now and again. You're about to have a busy, fun-filled week, and we promise that it'll be well worth it!

Welcome to Rice. Welcome to Hanszen. Welcome to O-Week!



## WHAT TO PACK\*

#### **ROOM ITEMS**

Extra long twin bed sheets Pillow(s) and comforter

Cell phone charger

Alarm clock

Desk lamp

Extension cords/power strips

Storage boxes Clothes hangers Bath towel(s)

#### **CLOTHING ITEMS**

Casual or athletic clothing

Umbrella/raincoat (it can rain a lot)

Pajamas (if you wear them)

Flip flops or sandals (you may want some

for the shower)

Dress clothes (for Matriculation)

Sweatshirts/hoodies

Socks

Underwear

Clothes that can get dirty

#### PERSONAL ITEMS

Shampoo

Soap

Shower caddy

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Any medicine you may need

ID (driver's license, passport)

#### **LAUNDRY ITEMS**

Laundry hamper

High-efficiency detergent

Dryer sheets

#### **CLASS ITEMS**

Laptop (not required, but very useful)

Notebooks

Paper

Calculator

Stapler

Flash drive

Pens and pencils

Other organizers (folders, etc.)

#### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

**Posters** 

Room decorations

Photos

Stereo/speakers

Iron/ironing board

Febreze or other deodorizers

Command hooks

Pool towel

Swimsuit

Ethernet cable

Plates, bowls, cups, silverware, etc.

Dry erase board and markers

Gaming systems/video games

Bicycle with U-bolt bike lock

#### **COORDINATE W/ ROOMMATES**

Extra furniture (couches, chairs, etc.)

Mini-fridge

Microwave

TV

DVD player

Printer (also available for use in the

Computer Lab for a fee)

<sup>\*</sup>This is a suggested list to help you get an idea of what you may need, but it's not comprehensive. We hope it helps with packing!

# WELCOME FROM YOUR O-WEEK COORDINATORS



Hello Future Hanszenite!!!

As the Hanszen O-Week Coordinators, we are beyond thrilled to be among the first to welcome you to Rice. We want to commend you on both your past accomplishments and future achievements you will undoubtedly reach during your time here. Our names our Q, Emily, and Sanjana, otherwise known as Team QuESo. We are current undergraduates (Em and Sanjare rising juniors, Q's a rising senior), and we were chosen to organize an immersive and unforgettable orientation experience for the matriculating class of 2023 (aka, you guys)!

While your orientation may only be a week, at Rice we like to say that "O-Week lasts forever," because it really does. During these next few years, you are going to build an amazing community of peers and faculty members that will support and guide you throughout your time at Rice, and our job during O-Week is to help foster the beginnings of that community to help you transition both academically and socially to life at our university. You'll find that Rice has an abundance of resources to guide you, and, with that, an abundance of information, which can be a bit overwhelming. To help you navigate some of these resources, we have made this book to help you better understand what life is like as a Rice undergrad. Think of this as a little study guide on Rice University, complete with fun facts and pretty pictures! We've tried to highlight all the essentials you'll need to start off the year with a bang, so whether you read this book cover to cover, or, again, just flip to the pretty pictures, we hope it gets you hyped for the Rice experience. Feel free to reference this handy guide beyond O-Week, as we've also provided lists of our favorite classes, Rice study spots, and places to explore in Houston! We should also mention, while every New Student receives a campus-wide Rice book, only new Hanszenites receive this exclusive, special Zen edition copy. Wow!

Now, on behalf of all of Hanszen, we want to formally welcome you to the family, and an amazing one at that. Here at Zen, we take a lot of pride in our "Hanszen Family Heart," and we are so excited to welcome you into a community that thrives on its members' spirit, inclusivity, and mutual support. With these values in mind, we have made Hanszen Orientation Week's theme, NachO-Week: Unlimited Toppings, Unlimited Possibilities! In our eyes, as weird as it may sound, we see each of you starting college off with a fresh plate of nachos. Throughout your time at Rice, you will have numerous opportunities to accent it with various toppings a.k.a. experiences that will serve to help you create your own culinary college journey. Likewise, we are so excited to see the unique traits and passions you bring to Hanszen College and the ways in which you will shape our college's culture in the coming years and beyond. Now, before you get too excited, we highly recommend you take advantages of the many resources available to help familiarize yourself with your future family college. A great way to do that is by visiting the Hanszen College website (hanszen.rice.edu) and looking through different tabs, the "O-Week" one in particular, which provide various info on our history, traditions, and important members like our H-Team who you'll meet during orientation. If you want to reach out or have questions about anything at all, please feel free to contact us at hanszenoweek2019@gmail.com (seriously, we're here all summer, please hit us up).

Welcome to Hanszen College y'all; get ready for the best years of your life!!!

Much love,





## 0-WEEK LINGO

WHAT IS AN O-WEEK GROUP? You may have noticed in your rooming packet that you were assigned to an "O-Week group". O-Week groups are comprised of two Advisors, a Co-Advisor, an Affiliate, and seven or eight New Students each. In other words, your O-Week group is the first new group of people you will meet at Rice! The transition into college is scary, but your O-Week family will be a constant support group for you. Its members will become your first friends at Rice—a small sample of the diverse student body you will encounter during your time here. During O-Week, they'll be the first people you see in the morning and the last people you see at night. You'll bond and create inside jokes and come up with terrible nicknames for each other and develop that love/hate (but mostly love) relationship that signifies the establishment of a true family. And that isn't even the end of it. Throughout the year, many O-Week groups will meet up for lunch, go out for late night food, or celebrate a group member's birthday. Oftentimes, members will support each other at sporting events, performances, and presentations. As the Family College, Hanszen values building genuine, lasting relationships with others, and that starts with O-Week. We can't wait for you to join our family!

WHAT IS AN ADVISOR/CO-ADVISOR? An O-Week Advisor at Rice is a current student who will be there for you throughout your experience during O-Week and beyond. The goal of an Advisor is to integrate you into the Rice community and residential college system as smoothly as possible. The transition to life as a college student is not always easy, but your Advisors are here to help you with whatever you may need. Whether you're looking for academic advice, a devoted and kind listener, or just have general questions about what resources to take advantage of while at Rice, you're sure to find what you need with the help of an Advisor. Your O-Week group advising team will consist of two current student Advisors from Hanszen, one Affiliate, and one Co-Advisor. An Affiliate is a Hanszenite who is an Advisor but also has a unique role, and a Co-Advisor is an Advisor who comes from one of the other residential colleges. Co-Advisors play important roles because they help you learn more about the culture of colleges outside of Hanszen, and they also give you a chance to expand your social network. This great group of people will support you throughout your first year and, in many cases, through your entire time at Rice. Advisors come from different backgrounds and have a great deal of experience they'd love to share, so make sure to ask about what they've learned during their time as a proud Rice Owl. Advisors are truly great mentors, confidants, and friends who will be huge sources of encouragement and support as you transition to college life at Rice.

**WHAT IS AN AFFILIATE?** You may notice that you have an Affiliate attached to your group. An Affiliate is essentially another Advisor that serves a special role during O-Week.

#### TYPES OF AFFILIATES

PEER ACADEMIC ADVISOR (PAA) - The Office of Academic Advising has chosen a special group of students to be your guides to academics at Rice. They have been broadly trained in various areas of academics like general graduation requirements, specific classes, research opportunities, studying abroad, graduate school requirements, or any topic that refers to academics. There is a team of four O-Week PAAs who are specifically trained to assist you. They will coordinate advising sessions and personal meetings for academic advice during O-Week. They know a lot about academics at Rice, and if they can't answer your question off the top of their head, they will find you the answer.

**DIVERSITY FACILITATOR (DF)** - 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. These Affiliates 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 cultural and social groups.

RICE HEALTH ADVISOR (RHA) - RHAs are students who have been trained on a variety of health and well-being topics, from nutrition to sexuality to various other physical, mental, psychological, and spiritual issues. RHAs are students' link to the Rice Wellbeing and Counseling Centers. RHAs also have various medical supplies, like bandages, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, earplugs, gauze, hydrocortisone, tampons, condoms, etc. Although there are only two O-Week RHAs, you will meet several other RHAs at Hanszen as time goes on.

**ATHLETIC LIAISON**- Athletes at Rice have very busy schedules balancing their classes, practices, extracurriculars, and social activities. The Athletic Liaison (also known as Athletic Affiliate) is a student-athlete who has committed themselves to helping New Student athletes effectively transition into their life at Rice. Whether it's success on the field, in the classroom, or within their college, the Athletic Liaison understands what needs to be done to ensure that student athletes achieve their goals.

**GOPHER** - The Gophers serve as the trusted helpers for the O-Week Coordinators: whenever they need supplies, the Gophers rush to Target, Kroger, or anywhere else to get them.



#### **EMILY**

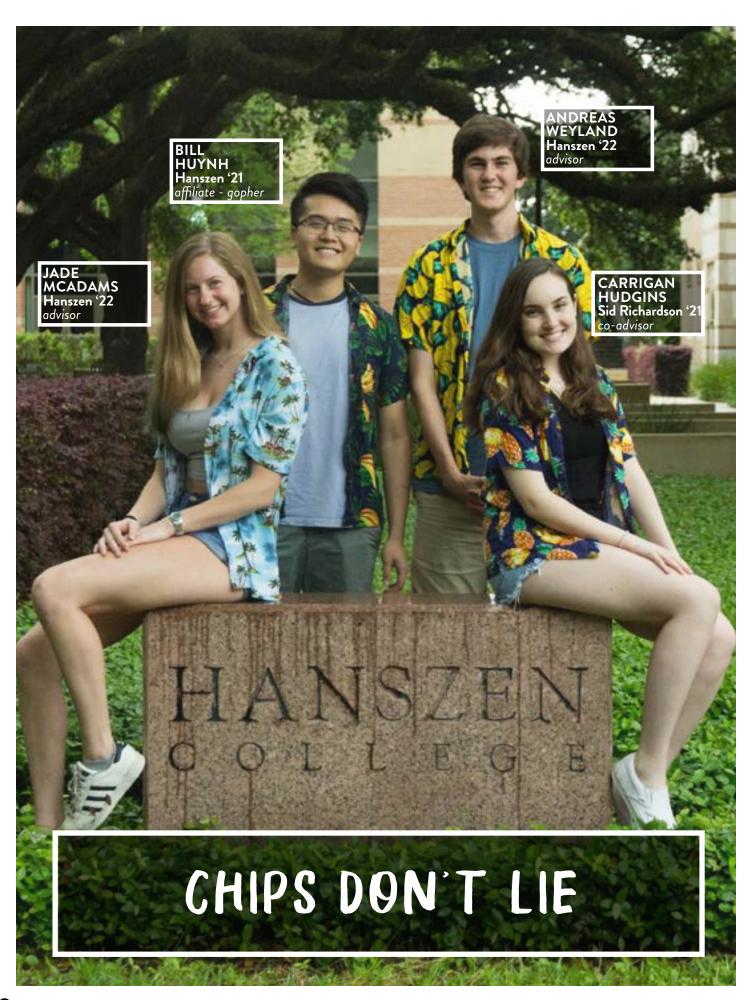
No one at Rice shines brighter than Emily Chang! More commonly known as Em, this neat gal is as cool and trendy as the city she's from, Austin Texas. She is a junior pursuing a B.S. in Computer Science and a member of the Rice Owls Dance Team! When she isn't dancing at an event or coding for her classes, Em is probably making her friends look at memes (mostly ones that have something to do with doggos) that she found on social media. Also, Em is a hockey fanatic whose enthusiasm for the Dallas Stars can be contagious. She truly embraces the #culture at Hanszen college and can not wait to show you some of our traditions. If you're lucky, she may even give you some of Hanszen's swag merch that she will be in charge of designing this year as a merch committee head. Don't feel shy to ask her about how much she loves Harry Potter or Narnia movies or about how she hates avocados (big smh). Altogether, Emily is the best O-Week Coordinator you could have asked for! Be ready for the best week of your life!



Did you just hear someone call him a letter and wonder if you misheard? If so, you just met Q. Q was born and raised in Houston, Texas, so don't be surprised if you hear some Southern slang from him. This Chemistry pre-med is equally as nerdy as he is athletic. He is down to both catch some Pokemon as well as rally in tennis or make a birdie in golf. Q also spends his time teaching chemistry or MCAT classes, conducting science demos to high school students, and listening to the freshest R&B and hip-hop songs. His skills include swooning anyone with his guitar skills, convincing people to eat late-night food with him, and being able to pay full attention while playing games on his phone. While he enjoys having a good time, he equally prioritizes being the #1 fan for the people in his life. Q is so excited to meet y'all and support you as you navigate your way around Rice!

#### **SANJANA**

You're sitting in Hanszen Commons late at night, studying for your midterm, when suddenly you hear singing from across the room. You look up from your laptop and see a tall Indian girl dancing to Gwen Stefani's "Sweet Escape," with a cookie in one hand, her idea of a "well-deserved study break": that's Sanjana. Hailing from sunny Irvine, California, Sanjana is a current junior majoring in Psychology and minoring in Global Health Technologies. Clearly not one to be afraid of giving a performance, Sanjana is a current captain of the classical Indian dance team, Rice Rasikas, as well as a member of Basmati Beats, Rice's feature South Asian acapella team. That's right, this fun-loving queen is not only one of the most genuinely caring people you'll ever meet, she's also incredibly multi-talented. When she's not juggling practices, Sanjana is also involved with Rice's chapters of the AAUW and Period, a menstrual advocacy organization that aligns with her interests in health policy. In her free time, Sanjana loves to free write, spontaneously choreograph, and ease her next inevitably incoming existential crisis by watching Vine compilations. Beyond all that, she is super excited to meet all of you and hopes to make NachO-Week an experience you'll never forget!



## **ANDREAS**

Andreas is a sophomore psychology major and sociology minor hailing from the best city in Texas: Austin. He really loves sports, especially soccer (hit him up if you want to join an intramural soccer team). Don't be surprised if you hear him yelling in happiness from his room as wins yet another game of FIFA. His most important role as a Hanszenite thus far has been being the quarterback of Hanszen's illustrious 2018 freshmen flag football team that won 2 games and lost 3. He is looking to bounce back and propel Hanszen to the President's Cup with the help of the new students. Sports aside, Andreas enjoys listening to music, especially Taylor Swift and Khalid. In addition, he enjoys talking about traveling, movies, or just life in general. He is super excited to meet all of the new students!

#### BILL

Bill Huynh of Pearland, TX is a sophomore Chemistry major, RHA (Rice Health Advisor), chef and food connoisseur (the emphasis could not be greater on this, he makes the best food you'll ever eat), and most importantly, the owner of a precious Siamese that inhabits the core of his universe: Soba. While he's a premed Chem major who claims he solved every PHYS 125 problem set in the shower, he's just as willing to make a trip to the infamous Yoyo's hot-dogs in Rice Village at 1 am. When not studying for his classes or working away in lab, he's probably dissecting every Spotify playlist in order to enhance his own EDM playlist (affectionately known as "songs for an abb and his kitty") or looking for the next rave to attend. He specializes in many fields, specifically in the knowledge of good coffeeshops to study at and the types of restaurants to try out. But beyond his general culinary expertise, he's always got your back and above all, cares most about the happiness of those around him. Bill is absolutely ecstatic about welcoming all new students to the Hanszen family!

#### JADE

Perhaps the most recognizable Hanszenite in a crowd purely from her voice, Jade McAdams currently serves as one of Hanszen's treasurers and as a hypewoman for all. A sophomore originally from Plano, Texas, Jade is studying mechanical engineering when she's not on impromptu trips to the zoo or spur of the moment runs around the inner loop. Full of Hanszen spirit, she will try her hardest to get you to come out and join her at IM sports, be it Powderpuff or basketball, where she excels, or even sports she doesn't play, where you will find her screaming from the sideline. A true and dedicated friend, she always has something kind to say to you and time to help you out, be it with homework, finding a fun way to spend an afternoon, or just offering her ear so you can rant about whatever may be bugging you. She definitely has the biggest voice at Hanszen, but she also has the biggest heart and cannot wait to meet y'all.

#### CARRIGAN

Carrigan Hudgins? You're going to want to keep your eye on this awesome gal -- she's always up to something, whether she's helping you choose your classes as a Peer Academic Advisor, putting on events for all of Rice as a member of Rice Program Council, or exploring the streets of Denmark on her study abroad this summer. As you get to know Carrigan, this junior Bioengineering major from Mansfield, TX will engineer a way into your heart. If you're looking for a quality friend or just someone to watch a rom-com with, Carrigan's your girl. She will always make time in her busy schedule for you, so use that precious time and get to know one of the nicest and sweetest people at Sid!



#### ALYSON

When Alicia Keys wrote the song "Girl on Fire", she had a specific person in mind. And that person was Alyson Resnick. Rice's only ginger "New Jerseyan turned Californian," Alyson is a sophomore Cognitive Science major with many talents. Such talents include sunburning to the point of having to miss class, having her hair catch on fire at a candlelight vigil, and napping in impressive four-hour increments. Some random fun facts about Alyson: she loves sports (Let's go Mets!), she's obsessed with board games and strategy games, she often has random bursts of cleaning at 2 am, and she's a super picky eater. Despite her abiding hatred for melted cheese, having Alyson as you advisor for NachO-Week is one of the luckiest thing to happen to you here at Rice. Alyson is patient, genuine, empathetic, and loving, and as an advisor you can be sure that she will give 100% in supporting you during O-Week and beyond. Alyson is a walking ray of sunshine, and she will be one of the most energetic and enthusiastic (and definitely most sunburnt) people you meet at O-Week.

#### CHRIS

If Chris Lee is your Advisor, thank your lucky stars that you'll be getting mentored by one of the most overwhelmingly awe-inspiring students at Rice. At first, it might seem that there's nothing special about another Asian male COMP major, but legend has it that when he was born, his parents seriously considered making his first name "Ug," just because they instantly knew he was way too overpowered in every other department. Do you need help with homework? Chris is a TA for COMP 140. Interested in the Machiavellian machinations occurring behind the curtain in Hanszen's college government? Chris is one of Hanszen's two elite Secretaries, an executive Cabinet position. Are you an aspiring Soundcloud rapper using a Rice degree as your fallback plan? Chris makes beats in his free time, because he's as cultured as he is clever. Rumor has it he also has a friend who will write your O-Week bio for you if you ask, but he can't confirm that. With Chris showing you the ropes at Rice, you're sure to have all the help you need settling into life at Hanszen College, so get ready for an amazing O-Week, and a fantastic first year at Rice with Chris Lee as your Advisor.

#### SALONEE

Did someone say lacrosse, chocolate chips and granola, or Fetty Wap? If so, they must be talking about THE Salonee Shah. This kind-hearted and bubbly girl hails from the great state of New Jersey (yes, they are the only ones that like themselves) and while she loves to explore big cities, her favorite things in the world include looking at the stars late at night and finding beauty in the little things in life. Though she may be one of the clumsiest people and finds ways to trip over flat surfaces around campus, she is one of the most graceful dancers you will meet and is a part of the classical Indian dance team, Rice Rasikas. You can either find her off saving the world and mentoring her refugee students through Rice PAIR or alternatively, listening to the same song on loop for hours while snacking on mini Kit-Kats. Majoring in Social Policy Analysis with a minor in Poverty, Justice, and Human Capabilities, she is passionate about helping other people and loves to work with kids. Her best attributes include her silent laugh that once started doesn't stop and her never ending supply of love for everyone around her. Get ready for Salonee's infectious laugh and to find a great, amazing friend in this Advisor!

## VIKRAM

Vikram Aggarwal aka "The Tree." The man, the myth, the legend, hailing from Southlake, TX, was deemed Mr. Hanszen by our very own college last year when he performed his standup comedy set and had the judges in TEARS. Whether those were tears of laughter or tears of pain, we'll never know, but what we do know about this mysterious man is that he can always be found zooming around on his scooter by day and leaving with no trace at night. Don't be fooled though; he's no ghost. Vikram will always be there for you when you need to talk. In addition to being an all-around cheerful and meme-worthy person, he's involved in many organizations around campus, especially South Asian Society, PAIR, and Camp Kesem, all while being a Biochemistry and Cell Biology major. He'd love to share more about them with you in person and talk about his other unique, personal experiences at Rice, and he's so excited to meet you once you get here!



#### **ANTHONY**

Having an existential crisis and don't know who to rant to? Look no further than Anthony Nguyen. This sophomore from Austin, TX is a former premed (and proud of it) majoring in Social Policy Analysis and dabbling in about 3 different minors. When he's not procrastinating in Coffeehouse, binge-watching cooking shows (without actually knowing how to cook), or throwing away his money on Cane's and indie concerts, you can find Anthony napping in upper commons or on the bean bags in the Queer Resource Center! Anthony is also a social media enthusiast, managing four (4!) Instagram accounts, planning a podcast set to launch this fall, and recently getting over 25k likes on a moderately funny tweet. From late-night talks about life to custom-made Spotify playlists, Anthony is so excited to be here to support you during O-Week and beyond.

#### CHIDERA

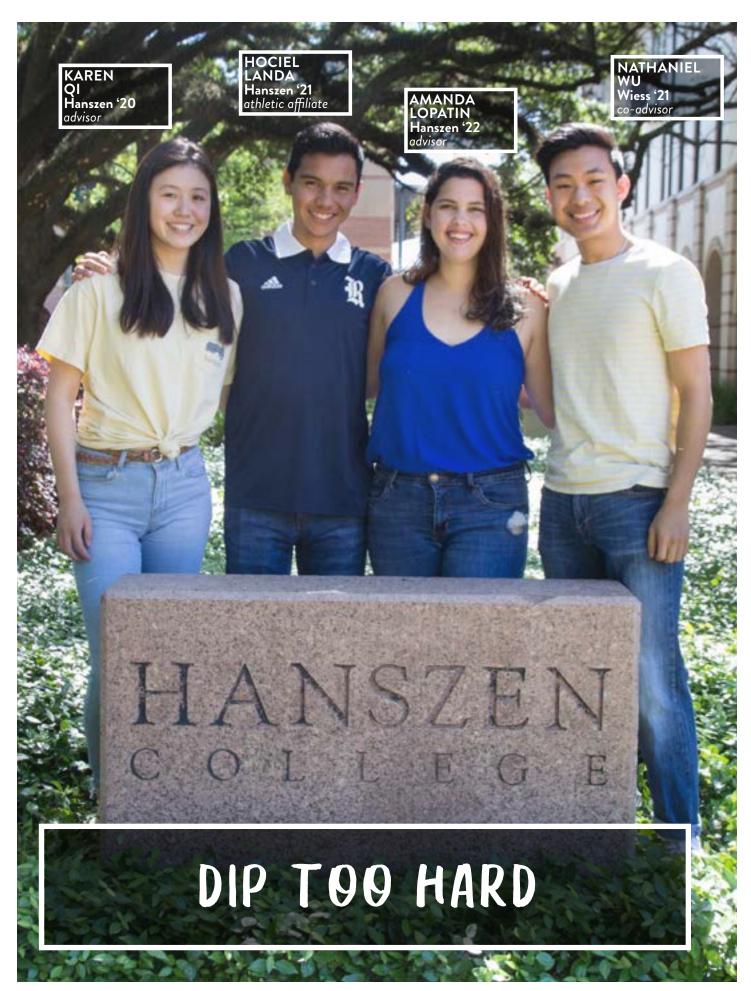
If she's decked out in yellow, a crop top, high waisted jeans, and Airpods, you've probably just met Chidera! A Psychology pre-med who's also a black belt in karate, she can break your wrist then patch you right back up. This sophomore RHA was born in Nigeria, and has since lived in Ohio, Maryland, North Carolina, and now calls Dallas home. She's wise beyond her years and can offer a plethora of advice for any problem or situation you find yourself in. Though generally a reserved and calming presence, she's also so much fun to hang out and meme around with, especially because she's armed with so much Twitter knowledge. You can find her hosting RHA Soothing Sundays, playing Powderpuff on IM Field 6, or searching for her next boba fix. Chidera is so excited to meet you!

#### **JEEYOON**

Hailing from the desert city of El Paso, Texas, Jeeyoon Kim is a junior studying English and Psychology with a minor in Politics, Law, and Social Thought. Known as Jeegoon or Jeeyoon "AHH" Kim, she embodies the "yes man" persona in all the best ways. You can find her being active on campus whether it's rowing through toxic Bayou waters for Rice's crew team, hosting events with the English Undergraduate Association, advocating for civic duty with Civic Duty Rice, or playing violin for Rice Luna Llena Mariachi. Want to sweat out your frustrations in good company? Jeeyoon will accompany you to any yoga studio at any time and will always be open to new workouts and adventures. Most importantly, want to grab a coffee and ask for advice on what is troubling you? She will go with you at any coffeeshop at any time to listen and contemplate over oat milk lattes. This goon is so excited to be a part of your support system as you navigate your first year at Rice!

## NOAH

Noah is from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This Senior from Duncan College studies cognitive science as his major and studies mathematics on the side. He is passionate about reef diving, working out, and spending time with friends. He also loves breakfast tacos. They are the key to his heart. Noah has 5 brothers and sisters. When he goes home, he likes to eat out, watch movies, and debate with his siblings. Noah loves music as well. Ever since he was a kid, he has played the saxophone. His favorite songs to listen to are "San Francisco" by the Mowgli's, "Human" by the Killers, and "Everybody Talks" by Neon trees. Noah likes listening to all kinds of genres of music, anything from alternative rock to EDM. If you ever want to jam to some good music, Noah is always down to listen to new songs.



#### **AMANDA**

You're sitting in the commons doing your homework. All of a sudden, a huge water-bottle (1.5 L) thuds onto the table. Who could it be? It's Amanda, of course! Amanda is a pre-law sophomore studying Linguistics, and she is originally from St. Louis, MO. You can catch Amanda throwing frisbees on field 6 or you can not catch her riding her bike (because she's fast). If servery food is ever getting you down, you can hit up Amanda to go get some delicious OC vegetarian cuisine. Please be careful around Amanda because if you let your guard down, she will attempt to force you to watch The Good Place. Amanda can't wait to welcome you to Hanszen!

#### **HOCIEL**

If you see someone fly by, breathing like it's normal to run that fast and sporting Adidas everything, it's probably Hociel Landa. This junior from Phoenix, Arizona is a Mechanical Engineering major and runs for Rice's Cross Country and Track team. He's so fast, he can run 10,000 meters in 29:56 minutes (that's approximately a 5 minute mile split!!). Besides being super speedy, Hociel is also a beast at Mario Kart and chugging for Hanszen's Beer Bike team. Unfortunately, his talent doesn't translate to Uno – which he loses pretty regularly. He also (still??!) plays Pokemon Go and Minecraft and sleeps at 9:00, because he's a little kid at heart. But, in all honesty, Hociel is a great guy who's always willing to offer you a tissue, a cough drop, or whatever you need. He's always got your back, and he can't wait to welcome you to the Hanszen Family!

#### KAREN

Upon entering Fondren Library, you'll notice dozens of students laboring away at their problem sets and papers...and one girl...taking Buzzfeed quizzes? That's Karen! Just like Buzzfeed quizzes, she can be silly or surprisingly deep. She's here for you, whether you're seeking an intellectual conversation about the meaning of life, or you're looking to hear about her hourly embarrassing moment(s) that'll not only make you scream internally but also indirectly boost your self-esteem. In the rare moments when she's not taking personality quizzes, you'll find this senior studying Neuroscience, doing psychiatry research at the medical center, and planning all the food she's going to eat the next time she heads home to California's Bay Area. Last but not least, she loves dogs, and she has a dog whose name is Bark Dogbama. Much like her desire to meet every dog in existence, she also hopes to meet all of you and make your O-Week experience and time at Rice amazing!

#### NATHANIEL

May 31st, 1999. Absolute beast Natty Frickin' Wu pops out of the womb, wearing his classic pink Cooper Tennis t-shirt. To this day, he still wears that shirt (seriously, every shirt he owns has to do with THE John Cooper High School). Hailing from the far away, mystical world of The Woodlands, TX, Nathaniel has the ability to strike up a conversation with anyone, and you'll feel right at home within your first second of interacting with him. As a BioE Premed, Natty Wu is always zooming by on his longboard from his classes and labs to Club Fondy to his research position. He's always #busy and #onthatgrind, but don't be fooled by his crazy tennis skills, his high-ranking government position as Wiess Sophomore Rep, or his stylish (and high-key bougie) clothes. Natty Wu is a gigantic nerd. He's also a fantastic listener, a fiercely loyal friend, and incredibly hard-working, but mostly a nerd. And above all, he's a super down-to-earth guy who is always down for a #deep conversation, a good laugh, and some late-night food runs. Now get ready to Natty Wu-HOO because you just landed the best Advisor & friend!



#### BERT

"I met a cool guy his name is Bertrand! Now I'm gonna kick it, gonna kick it like Bertrand!" Whether it's performing this hilarious skit for Rice's Improv Group Spontaneous Combustion or working tirelessly on his Bioengineering (but not pre-med) coursework in the Upper Commons, Bert strives to follow his passions and also do well in his classes. Don't be fooled by Bert's Vineyard Vines, "frat boy" appearance or the fact that his name is "Bertrand," Bert works hard as one of Hanszen's two elite secretaries, an executive Cabinet position, and brings his comedic talent and knack for organizing to help Cabinet run smoothly in an entertaining way. Not only does this man have a heart of gold, spending his time serving Hanszen, but he is also as hot as the city he hails from, Phoenix, Arizona. Some sources say that Bert has a good friend who will write an O-Week bio for you upon request, but nobody was able to confirm. Even if you're not a future bioengineering student, an aspiring comedian, or curious about the inner workings of Hanszen Cabinet, Bert will be a great resource and a wonderful Advisor for you this upcoming O-Week and for your first year at Rice.

BHARATHI

Don't be shocked when you meet Bharathi! She may be small, or "fun- sized" as she likes to see it, but she has a loud voice with which she sings and is outspoken about her passions. Bharathi was born in India, but has lived most her life in Houston and so will most likely greet you with a friendly "y'all". This Sociology premed spends her time singing for Basmati Beats, advocating for women's health, and conducting sociology research on housing and disasters. Her skills include being sassy in all situations, sleeping a mere 20 minutes after chugging coffee, and convincing herself she's hungry when she wants to justify buying food. While she enjoys engaging in conversations, she equally prioritizes listening to the people in her life and being there for them. Regardless of if you want to talk about your favorite espresso drink or about any problem you may have, she will always lend you an ear. Bharathi is looking forward to meeting y'all and getting to know your quirks and passions!

## SHRYANS

Shryans Goyal is the second best thing to come out of India after Butter Chicken. Voted "Most likely to be found sleeping", this rising entrepreneur is also the president of Rice Ventures club. Considering his love for Econ and Policy, you might wonder why he is a comp sci major (he's wondering too). Regardless, he can help you figure out yours as he's a trained Peer Academic Advisor as well as an Academic Fellow for Math and Physics. Although his cricket skills are not surprising, you'll perhaps his ability to devour Chipotle bowls at alarming rates one of his more surprising features. He loves reading non-fiction, talking sports (basketball, football, tennis) and listening to rap/hip-hop. Though he may be colorblind, Shryans is here to make your O-Week colorful! You can always count on him to lighten your mood and brighten your day with his jokes. He is super excited to welcome y'all to the NachO-Week and Hanszen!

Looking for a great resource and an even better friend? Well then look down and you may just be able to find Vy! Towering at a colossal 5'1", Vy may not be able to reach the top shelf but she'll definitely be able to help you reach your own goals. As a chemistry major, she is really good at forming bonds with others and having organic relationships. Hailing from the one and only P-Town (Plano, TX), Vy is one of the most passionate people you will ever meet. She is always so excited to help others and loves yelling "Aww so cute!" whenever she can. Ask her about anything from classes, extracurriculars, to the best places for Vietnamese food, and she is sure to have you covered. When she's not studying in commons or at Fondren, you'll probably find Vy at the Beer Bike Track getting ready for #ZenSzn as one of the biggest supporters of Hanszen pride and culture. She's sure to convince you to join the Bike Team (and you should). All in all, Vy is one of the friendliest people you will have the chance to meet at Rice and she can't wait to welcome you to objectively the best residential college at Rice, Hanszen!



#### **MASON**

A god on the bike track, Mason is a Political Science and Cognitive Science double major hailing from Cary, North Carolina. This sophomore loves to explore good Houston eats, although Yoyo's is a necessary and welcome constant in his life. (He claims he's had 97 of these legendary hot dogs over the past year.) Dependable and caring, if you come to Mason with any problem, he will offer a myriad of rational and practical solutions, though he'll also be there for you if you just want to rant. More importantly, he'll walk with you across campus to explore the latest servery concoction – that is, unless he has a meeting, which lowkey happens pretty frequently because he's so involved on campus. Mason is a volunteer at the Women's Resource Center and does research for multiple organizations, including the Political Science Department at Rice and the Baker Institute. Catch him in the commons during his PAA or Academic Fellow office hours, at the gym bulking up for Beer Bike, or in Coffeehouse chatting with his fellow cool ASB group members!

#### NATALIE

You'll hear Natalie before you see her! Her laughter is contagious and fills Hanszen commons. You might also hear her voice singing with the Philharmonics or jamming out on her ukulele. While currently studying Biochemistry and Neuroscience, this junior's love for music goes further than just a past time: she hopes to eventually combine science and music and pursue music therapy. This native Singaporean loves everything baking and cooking; she's more than happy to share some singaporean snacks and enthuse about Crazy Rich Asians! More than anything, though, Natalie loves spending time getting to know people and will always provide late night coffee or tea for cozy conversations.

#### SAVANNAH

The smell of coffee and concentration hit you as you walk into Rice's student run Coffee House and see Hanszen's very own Savannah Kuchar. This Sophomore can often be found analyzing data for her latest Environmental Science assignment or reading about various societies and cultures for an Anthropology class. Savannah carries her passion for people to her work as a Senior Reporter for the Thresher. If you are lucky, she might even interview you for one of her weekly articles! When she's not hard at work, Savannah can be found at the height of Rice competition hitting with the Club Tennis Team or snapping a football on the Powderpuff field. Although she likes to stay busy, Savannah is always down for some healthy procrastination and will be happy to chill and discuss her favorite Twitter posts. These will likely involve bizarre memes, funny videos, or cats. In fact, if you ask, Savannah will gladly bless you with pictures of her own temperamental furball which she sometimes visits on her sporadic visits home to Pearland, Texas.

#### VICTOR

INTRODUCING. THE ONE. THE ONLY. VICTOR NGUYEN!!! If this Houston-area native is your Co-Advisor, prepare for a fun, action-packed O-Week! This Lovett junior not only has the most wide ranging and sophisticated music taste you'll ever hear, but he'll also keep you laughing with his spot-on impressions and goofy sense of humor (make sure you ask him about his duties as the former "member at large" in Lovett's college government!) Y'all are in for a treat with this History and Poli Sci double major on your advising team!



#### **AMANDA**

Amanda Yang, hailing from the far lands of Dallas, Texas (yes, she flies home, and it's frequent, too.), is a boba-loving, Adidas-repping, ex-pre-med—she claims she's finally left the dark side—who might just have the most perfect hair you've ever seen. Many eons ago, she was a Rice pre-med—she came in as a chemistry major and took not one but both Gen Chem classes with lab. She's now interested in law, sociology, and business, though her beautiful spirit and curious mind is sure to take her far with whichever field she ultimately chooses! Some of her biggest dilemmas include choosing between oh-my-gogi fries and instant ramen, or between a nap and an intense workout. She's a Torque queen, so be sure to ask her if you're interested in ultimate frisbee! Here's a tip to spotting her in Hanszen commons: she's the one with a pile of noodles topped with a few sprinkles of parmesan cheese on her plate. Though her only facial expressions are that she is dead inside or utterly exasperated, she is truly one of the best humans you'll meet, and she cares about her O-Week family so much. Amanda's thrilled to welcome you all to Hanszen!

## NIKIT

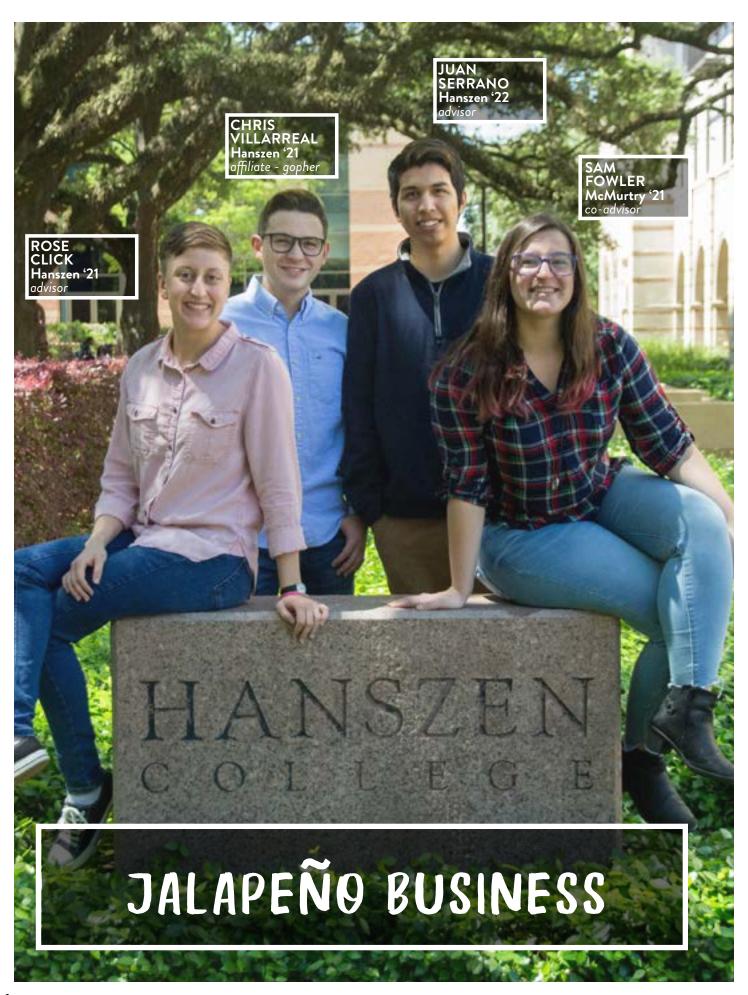
20 (almost 21) years ago, a meaty little Cowboys fan was born in Plano, Texas. Just 2 days later, this future baller (also a Neuroscience major) was seen waddling to his first local Taco Bell. Fast forward 20 years, and Nikit Venishetty is still seen driving other people's cars (often without permission) to get some late night Taco Bell. This pre-med is the king of repeating old jokes, and when he's not coining phrases that literally make no grammatical sense, this man can be seen laughing at his own supposedly clever jokes. One might even say, "Wow Nikit, you are so funny.", and that person would most likely be saying it in only a mildly sarcastic tone. But in all honesty, future Hanszenites are beyond lucky to have Nikit as an Advisor. Whether it be conducting research at Baylor, or shakin' his booty in Bhangra (a competitive Indian dance team), Nikit is the definition of "work hard play hard". His dedication to everything he does in life will make your college experience an unforgettable one, and his kind heartedness and willingness to listen is what makes him the perfect O-Week Advisor!

#### PIPER

Who's that redhead laughing obnoxiously with her friends on the Hanszen swing? Chances are it's Piper! Piper is a sophomore neuroscience and psychology major with a minor in biochemistry and cell biology. She's originally from Katy, TX ("hi y'all!") but also lived in LA for eight years ("sup dudes?"). She loves Game of Thrones, Harry Potter, and the MCU! When it comes to any of the above, she's always down for a movie night and/or debates about cannon. Aside from hanging out around Hanszen, you can find her working at Rice Coffeehouse or giving a tour around campus. As her job at Coffeehouse might imply, she loves coffee (especially espresso) and wants to explore more Houston coffee shops next semester. Piper is your go to for deep discussions over a cappuccino or ridiculous antics with friends around 'Zen and she's looking forward to doing all of the above with you! She cannot wait to meet y'all and is super excited to help you get to know Rice!

#### STEFFI

It is my absolute pleasure to introduce Stephanie of house Halow, 1st of her name, English and Sociology double major, graduating class of 2021. If this native Houstonian is not discussing Foucault at a remote coffee shop, or running a couple laps around the track, she's climbing inside her duvet and cuddling her pillow-husband. This saucy redhead will always give a shoulder to cry on and she may cry a little herself. Steffi Is always looking to better the lives of those around her, whether it's developing a fierce hatred for boys that screwed her friends over, or lending her friends cute bras. Hold onto your boyfriends ladies, this crazy ginger is bound to steal your man. Next time you think about taking her to a party with you, I strongly suggest you reconsider. On a more serious note, Steffi is a genuinely kind and caring person, and one of the only people that will sit and really listen to what you have to say—so if you have the opportunity to confide in her, take it. To be honest, no one really deserves her, but I guess y'all with have to do!



#### **CHRIS**

Did Better Homes and Gardens use this room in one of their magazines? No, this is just Chris Villarreal's dorm. He's the king of creating an atmosphere. Yes, that is a five panel picture of the Matterhorn on the wall (fresh off Amazon) and, yes, you can set those lamps to any color on the spectrum. From McAllen, Texas (you know--in the Rio Grande Valley, an hour and a half from South Padre Island), he spends his time keeping active at the rec, voicing opinions as a sophomore/junior rep for Hanszen College, playing pool in the commons, and just hanging with friends somewhere in between. In addition to that, he's a huge fan of procrastinating on schoolwork with Netflix shows and then getting all of it done just in time to qualify for cool programs like Rice's 2019 Judicial Practicum or 2019 Consulting Practicum. He's a dual Economics and Managerial Studies major with a minor in Business, but don't let that stop you from saying hello. He's a funloving guy and comedy connoisseur who can definitely shoot a few jokes (or hoops) with you. Yes, he rocks AirPods (you can roll your eyes), but I promise he'll take them out to have a conversation with you. With an Advisor as amazing as Chris, O-Week will be one of the most memorable experiences of your college career.

JUAN
All the way from Apopka, Florida meet Juan! A man who loves tennis and calm songs with great lyrics (See: Ed Sheeran). Juan is the person that you will most likely become friends with. This sophomore, pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering, is the friendliest person you will ever meet and will always be there for you with some words of encouragement or the BEST advice! You can typically find him working diligently in the commons, occasionally in the kitchen cooking up some flan, or debating with friends about musical tastes. And if you ever want to hit up a Rice tennis match, Juan is the person to call. Seriously, there's a 95% chance he will go with you. Juan cannot wait to welcome you into the Hanszen Family!

#### ROSE

A rising junior from Los Alamos, New Mexico, Rose is studying Psychological Sciences and German Studies. One of the things that she's SUPER excited for next year is to be co-captaining Hanszen's kick-ass Powderpuff team, but don't let that scare you off. When she's not squaring up against an opposing team, Rose loves to pass the time religiously attending every Hanszen study break, binging her favorite TV shows (Doctor Who and Stranger Things top the list), and playing nerdy board games (Sentinals of the Multiverse for the win). If she's not in class or asleep, you can usually find her around the Hanszen commons, thrilled to start up a conversation with any passing Hanszenite. From discussions on the newest psychological findings, to the best episodes of Doctor Who, to anything that you need to get off your chest, Rose is your girl! She can't wait to meet you and welcome you to the Hanszen family!

With a personality as big as her love for Torchy's queso and as bubbly as her beloved Coca-Colas, Sam Fowler is one of the sweetest and nicest people you're ever going to meet. Hailing from Lake Highlands, which she will tell you is the best part of Dallas, Sam is an open-minded, big-hearted Southern girl who's never afraid to stand up for what she believes in. This tour guide can show you the way out of any problem you may be struggling with and she's always willing to lend a helping hand regardless of how busy, tired, or stressed she may be. Beyond just being one of my favorite people, Sam is an admirer of puppies, singer of songs, player of powderpuff, and second-generation Rice student majoring in Chemical and Biological Engineering. When she's not out there working for her global peace program or volunteering to promote women in STEM, you'll find her hanging around Murt watching Gilmore Girls or organizing yet another amazing event for our college. And, if you're lucky, you'll soon get to see her as your O-Week Advisor too!



#### BRANDON

Hailing from THE Big D (Dallas), Brandon is a native Texan Senior that loves to rave about his favorite sports teams: The Dallas Cowboys and Mavericks. When he's not at the recreation center destroying opponents in table tennis, this Kinesiology major is often seen studying the movement of the human body. While he is constantly on the pre-med grind, you'll often see him throwing frisbee out in the quad or playing smash with the BOIS. As a member of Will Rice college, Brandon is often heard talking about his undefeated freshman flag season or recent Beer Run. His personality is as infectious as his speech patterns, and you'll sound the same as he does by the end of the week.

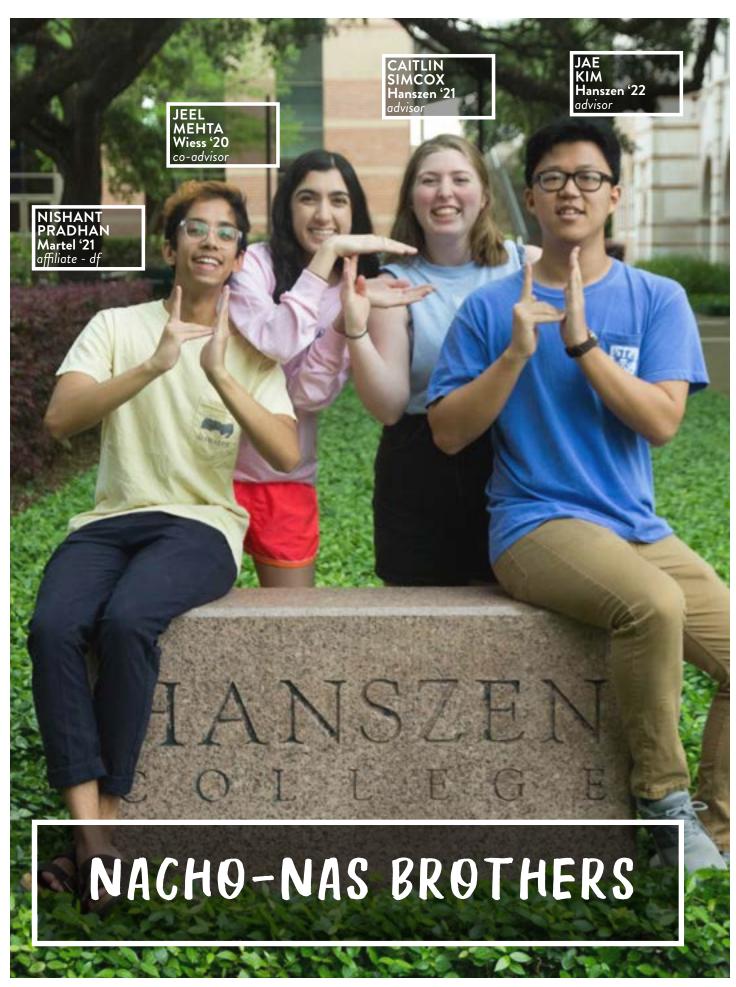
Whether it be an intense game of Codenames or a late-night food run, Brandon will always be down to hang out and meet new people. Brandon is truly a great and friendly individual and he is excited to welcome all of you into Hanszen and Rice!

**EXTHER**Ever vibe with every song being played on aux? So much so that you are just dying to meet the person behind all those tunes? Chances are, you're trying to meet THE Esther Choi! Hailing from the music capital of the world, Atlanta, GA, there is not a genre of music she doesn't have a playlist for. If you're not hearing her music though, you're probably hearing her. This SOPA, Econ double-major is constantly laughing and enthusiastically talking to those around her. When Esther isn't looking for her lost phone or ID or wallet or keys...you get the point...you can find her studying in the Weenie Loft or Chaus. Esther radiates positivity and you won't find an Advisor more excited to make your time at Rice as incredible as possible!

## WHITNEY

Rumor has it that the reason O-Week is such a chaotic yet amazing event is to maintain a favorable entropy in the universe by offsetting the significant decrease in the New Students' entropy (i.e. stress, confusion, etc.) from having Whitney as their Peer Academic Advisor! Originating from Naperville, Illinois, this Junior is setting roots in the food capital of Texas and its Texas Medical Center. If this Kinesiology and History major isn't preoccupied with killin' it in her classes (ask her about the classes she takes for FUN), she's out striking fear in the hearts of local ramen restaurants and cleaning out the day's boba supply. Juggling multiple extracurriculars, lacking in sleep, and being mildly dehydrated in TX's brutal heat is Whitney's functioning equilibrium; if any of the above become off-balance, only good vibes and watching her favorite show, Game of Thrones, with the people she loves (YOU!) can restore the balance. Queen of naps and cultivator of the aesthetic, Whitney can't wait to welcome y'all to Hanszen: the best college of all!

If you see someone in the commons at 3:30 in the morning working on both a computer science project AND buying a new futon for Hanszen, odds are it's Will Ledig. While he may look like the coolest 7th grader on the block, he's actually a Junior (Class of '21) Computer Science Major with a smooth Data Science minor. A Houston native, his house is just one block away from campus, but you don't need to worry about not seeing him around at Hanszen. As the External Vice President, he is constantly looking for ways to make the Hanszen experience better. Always laughing and looking for a good time, you could not have gotten a better Advisor than Will. Whether you want to talk about Brockhampton or have some questions about resumes or internships, Will is an expert on both. All in all, you've hit the jackpot with Will as your Advisor and you can guarantee he'll make your O-Week one for the history books.



#### CAITLIN

Caitlin is an elusive junior Archi (Architecture major) from Bossier City, Louisiana who has found her true home here at Rice! This military brat spent her childhood travelling all over, so she loves exploring Houston's restaurants, thrift stores, and most importantly, coffee shops. You can typically find her working at Rice's own Coffeehouse with a cold brew in hand or somewhere sunny outside when she's not trapped in studio. Aside from keeping busy with the never-ending architecture work, Caitlin enjoys playing Powderpuff football for Hanszen--despite being tragically uncoordinated--and DJ'ing for KTRU, Rice's radio station. She is always happy to make odd music recommendations, talk about the latest show with which she's become obsessed (btw it's Russian Doll right now), or lend an ear when needed while wandering around campus. Caitlin is super pumped to make this O-Week and the Rice experience for all you New Students the best it can be!

## JAE

Jae. Hyen. Kim. The man, the myth, the self-proclaimed legend. Born in Korea and raised in Suwanee, Georgia, this sophomore is incredibly talented at sleeping, eating, and cooking. A Mechanical Engineering major, Jae has pulled many an all-nighter at the OEDK working on projects, which include a meticulously crafted gift for his brother and an anteater enrichment device for the Houston Zoo. Aside from the OEDK, you can find him watching Youtube in his bed, playing ping pong in Upper Commons, or on the hunt for food. (Legend has it that if you say Yoyo's three times, Jae will appear.) Jae is one of the most stable people you'll ever meet, and considering Rice's high population of students jacked up on caffeine, it's super calming just to be around him. A man of few words but many, many puns and other bad jokes, Jae will saunter his way into becoming one of your favorite friends.

## JEEL

Jeel Mehta doesn't even need this bio because you probably already know her (like the rest of campus). You can instantly feel this multifaceted, compassionate, and cheerful human's presence in a room, probably because you heard her laughing from 3 miles away already. This junior Biochemistry beauty from Houston, Texas has it all; the looks, the brains, and the charm, and all she's missing is the perfect O-Week group to fill her in on important Vine references. But don't be fooled, Jeel "I don't watch memes" Mehta, has her own brand of humor and will have you cackling in seconds. tThis dedicated individual is part of several organizations such as BCM Patient Discharge Initiative, Camp Kesem, and Global Brigades, making her a great resource and a wonderful multi-tasker.

But on the real, when Jeel isn't busy mom-dancing to the latest Charlie Puth song or hard at work in her home, 6th floor Fondren, she gives all of her time and energy to her friends. Anyone would be lucky to have Jeel as an Advisor, since she's always down for anything from deep talks at 3AM to spontaneous ice cream runs. So consider yourself lucky to be getting The Jeel Experience<sup>TM</sup> because this Wiessman is a hot commodity that is in high demand all over Rice.

## MISHANT

Say hello to this double-caked baddie from the wonderful Midwest city of Columbus, Ohio! A lover of food and Nicki Minaj Roman Holiday memes, this Anthropology and Kinesiology major is always looking for the newest internet trend.

When talking to him, your conversations will never get boring; he has the unique talent of talking about the most tangentially related topics. Don't worry though! He loves being dramatic and can make anything interesting. Talk to him about his lucrative TikTok career – you're sure to get lots of good stories.

In his free time, you can find this junior from Martel college watching the newest TV series, trashy reality shows, or old SpongeBob episodes. His favorite Jonas Brother is Joe, but Nick is a close second. If you need anything from him, Nishant will do everything he can to help you out!



## JORDAN

Jordan is a rising Senior pursuing a double major in Mathematical Economic Analysis and Statistics as well a minor in Financial Computation and Modeling. Extracurricularly, Jordan co-chairs the Social Sciences Student Advisor Board and is a Senior Class Representative in Hanszen Cabinet. From Dallas, Jordan comes from a large family (7 siblings) including a twin who confuses everyone when he comes to visit Jordan. When Jordan isn't working or hanging out with his friends, he is most likely playing with his Miniature-Goldendoodle named Argos. Lastly, Jordan is super excited to be an Advisor during O-Week and cannot wait to meet all the New Students!

## MORGAN

The cutest and most determined person you'll meet, Morgan is a Birmingham, Alabama native studying Social Policy Analysis on the pre-med track. While she's quite small physically, her huge presence and big smile more than make up for it! This sophomore is highly active on campus: Hanszen's Senator and Diversity Facilitator, you can be sure that she's advocating for you at her impossibly many weekly meetings. Don't be intimidated by her sassy, fiery nature; Morgan is still very much someone you can go to to talk about anything and ask for advice. You can find her on the phone mediating between her parents and her twin sister, grinding away at Coffeehouse with her unparalleled work ethic, cackling at something on her Twitter feed, or taking a much-deserved nap in her impeccably decorated room. There's nothing she loves more than being loved and telling people she loves them, so take advantage of her as a resource and treat her to Sweet Paris every so often!

## SAIPRIYA

Say Hi to Sai! Hailing from Dallas, Texas, Saipriya Lammata is a Psychology major on that pre-med grind from Jones College. Sai is a huge fan of all things Jones and Jonas Brothers. Don't worry though, she's ready to bring all her excitement and love to Hanszen College! A radiant bundle of positivity and happiness, Sai spreads good vibes with her trademark loud voice. Around campus you can find Sai chilling at Coffeehouse, running complex psychology experiments, or practicing her dance moves for Rice Rasikas. If you can't seem to find her on campus, she's probably at Raising Cane's ordering her regular 3 Finger Combo. Loud, extra, and not really sure what her favorite color is, you lucked out on getting Sai Lammata as your Co-Advisor!

#### VICKIE

Vickie Liu, more like Vickie Too Coo'

If this Colorado gal is not at the pool, soaking up the rays or swimming some laps, she is Rock(y Mountain) ing your World with her EDM music, her undying love of pandas, and her love of spontaneous adventures. This Psych, Managerial, and a possible third major can't make up her mind... ever... but she'll make your O-Week exciting, fun, and memorable.

She'll be your best friend, your worst enemy (when it comes to Pokemon Go), but most importantly, she'll be the best Advisor. She can't wait to meet you!



### **ANDREW**

Andrew Abikhaled is a man of many talents. Besides being on the Rice Track and Field team, he can make chainsaw noises with his nose, wake board, sing, play the piano... the list goes on and on. Andrew is from Jones College but, due to popular demand, is sharing his passion and skills with the rest of campus at Hanszen's NachO-Week. This rising junior studying neuroscience (yes, he's pre-med) hails from Austin, Texas and will never admit Houston is the better city. Most of time Andrew is easy going and kind hearted, but the second a competition arises he will show no mercy. With Andrew's contagious energy and big heart, you are lucky to have him welcome you into O-Week and your first year at Rice!

### HANNAH

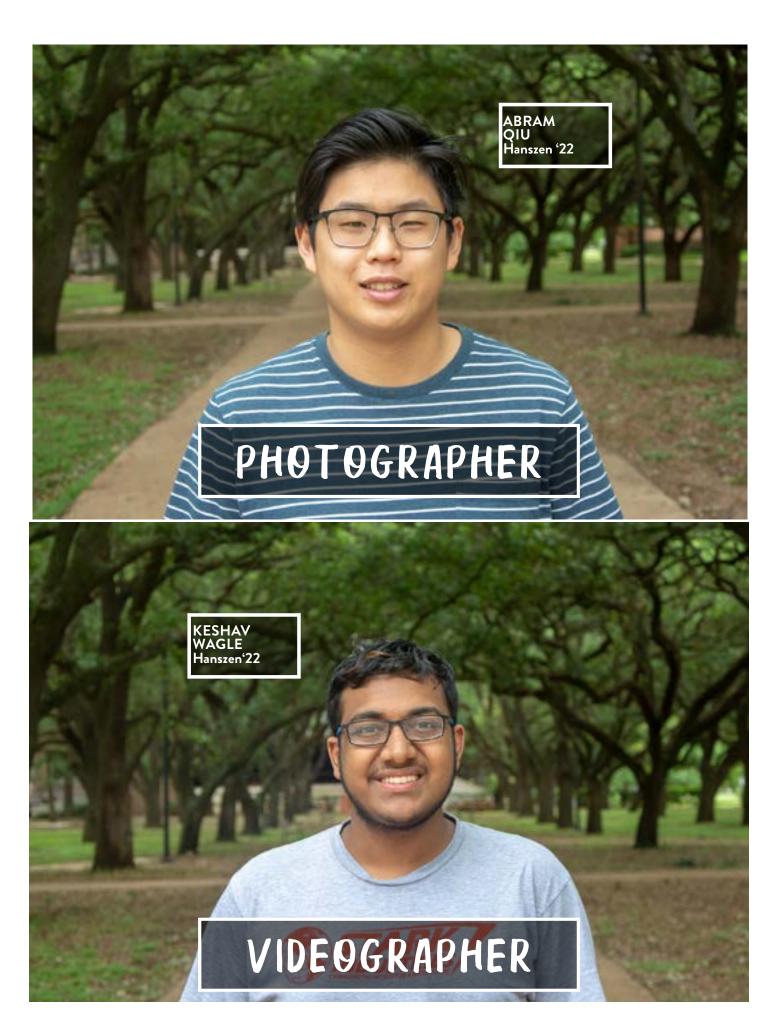
Hannah is a rising senior studying Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. From the backwoods of Louisiana, she is always ready to eat Cajun food or teach you Cajun phrases. She loooves animals and will definitely point out every dog she sees when y'all hang out. When not binge watching Netflix with her friends, she likes to play sports like Powderpuff (she's a runningback) and softball. She loves to dance (she was a cheerleader for 2 years) and sing even though her singing voice is terrible. She is so excited to meet every one of the New Students!

### LISA

Even though she came all the way from the Bronx, New York just to tell South Servery it doesn't have enough Sriracha, this sophomore, currently considering 11 majors, will blow you away with how helpful and caring she is. Lisa can be found jamming out in the KTRU station, sipping TEA;) in Chaus, or in commons offering you her latest fusion masterpiece (Nutella and watermelon anyone?). After long days when she's ready to unwind, you can find her yelling at her laptop in an intense game of League of Legends or indulging herself in mukbang and ASMR videos. A lifelong friend, Lisa will be the first person to help you in messy situations, literally and figuratively. Nowhere else will you find such a comedic combination of the worst puns you'll ever hear, intense love for food, and a source of endless 3am support!

### MATTHEW

Meet MattyB. No, not the child rapper, but your O-Week Advisor. This sophomore from Libertyville, IL (essentially Chicago) put up a 0-0-0 Hanszen IM Freshmen Basketball season stat line and had a breakout rookie season as center on the Freshmen Flag Football team, leading them to a 2-3 record and playoff appearance. When he's not dominating on the field/court, you can likely find him playing trumpet one of many musical groups, including as the second whitest guy in Rice's Mariachi Luna Llena. Matthew loves to pick disciplines with long names; he is pursuing a major in Computational and Applied Mathematics alongside a minor in Financial Computation and Modeling and looks forward to helping you find intricately-titled subjects as an academic Advisor. He loves to joke around, so watch out for a witty one-liner or sarcastic comment when he's around. He's eager to get to know you this fall and can't wait for O-Week to start!



#### **ABRAM**

Abram is from the largest city in the country without public transportation, Arlington, TX. He's a sophomore majoring in Bioengineering as a pre-med, which if fun. Outside of cramming for classes, you'll usually find him editing photos or putting together dumb videos on his laptop. If not, he's probably zooming around campus on his obnoxiously loud electric skateboard. Abram also is an enormous fan of David Dobrik and has most of his vlogs memorized. He's super excited to welcome New Students to Hanszen!

### KESHAV

Hailing from the great state of Iowa, Keshav Wagle is a sophomore majoring in Visual and Dramatic Arts on the Pre-Med track! At Rice, he enjoys making people laugh as a stand-up comedian as well as a member of Spontaneous Combustion, Rice's best and only improvisational comedy troupe! He also is an avid musician, as an oboist in Campanile Orchestra as well as a vocalist and co-captain of Basmati Beats, Rice's South Asian Fusion Acapella team! Outside of school and the arts, Keshav enjoys taking photos, watching a lot of movies (ask him about the Marvel Cinematic Universe and he'll probably never stop talking), and playing video games! He can't wait to meet you all!



# WHAT IS HANSZEN?



Hanszen College, without question, is the best residential college at Rice. Located on the corner of Loop Road and Alumni Drive, our location is one to be envied. We have the privilege of being closest to the Rice Memorial Center (read: Coffeehouse), the Hoot, Tudor Fieldhouse, the Recreation Center, the Bioscience Research Collaborative, and two parking lots. We are also closest to Rice Village, a Chipotle, and a Starbucks, where you will too-often visit to satiate your hunger at all hours.

But Hanszen is so much more than its location. Our wide grassy quad is adorned with our mascot, the Guardian. We take pride in the Guardian, as it represents Hanszen's ferocity and passion, and also protects us from the evil-doings of other colleges. You'll often see people out in the quad studying on the picnic tables, grilling burgers, or just playing volleyball. Look up from the quad and you'll see our towering glass and brick Commons, the nicest at Rice. The Commons are the social epicenter of Hanszen College and have two main parts: downstairs or the Lower Commons (LC) is where we eat all of our meals and host our public parties; upstairs or the Upper Commons (UC) house a number of classrooms, a game room, a library, and a lobby with several couches and an always occupied ping pong table

occupied ping pong table.

And now, for a little crash course on Hanszen History. In 1957, William V. Houston, Rice's second President, initiated the college system, making Hanszen College one of the four original colleges. The college took the name Hanszen in honor of Harry Clay Hanszen, a member of the Rice University Board of Governors from 1946 to 1950 whose wealth came from his ventures in the oil industry. Hanszen was once known as the "Gentleman's College" because members, at that time all-male, were required to wear neckties to dinner. However, by the 1960s, most students just wore a piece of string around their necks. The tradition was stopped when a student protested by wearing only a necktie to dinner.

Hanszen was first on campus (along with Baker College) to open to both genders in 1973. Hanszen males took advantage of the change in the early 1980s to develop the men's drill team, the Hanszenettes, which performed at powderpuff football games.

In 1975, tragedy struck Hanszen College when the Commons burned to the ground. Allegedly, a large pile of mattresses put there while renovating Old Section was ignited, possibly by a worker's cigarette. Hanszen students ate their meals in the Grand Hall until a new Commons was built. Hanszenites embraced the change, happily adopting the nickname "The Uncollege" that had been created by other colleges.

We have made some important contributions to the development of Rice. For example, Hanszen founded the Rice Coffeehouse in what is now the Weenie Loft. Started in the late 1960s, the "Corner of the Dreaming Monkey" would fill a major caffeine need for the Rice community. It was closed when Willy's Pub opened in 1975 and became a haven for social culture. Additionally, our campus-wide radio station, KTRU, started when some students altered the room buzzer system that ran throughout Hanszen into a radio transmission network. The University would eventually recognize the presence of the radio network and reward it with the facilities and equipment that allowed it to become the area-wide station that exists today.

Though long ago Hanszen was known as the "Gentleman's College" and "The Uncollege," we have now become known as the "Family College." At the end of the day, what makes Hanszen so great are the people and the sense of community we foster. Hanszenites always look out for one another and are there for each other through successes and failures. At Hanszen, you'll form close friendships and fond memories that you will cherish for the rest of your life. Soon enough, you'll start calling Hanszen "home," finding yourself decked out in Hanszen regalia, painting up blue and yellow for sporting events, and waking up without a voice from chanting "HFH" at the top of your lungs. It truly is difficult to put every amazing aspect of Hanszen into one short letter, but we know that as each of you progress throughout O-Week and into your Rice careers, you will not only benefit from Zen's embracing culture, but also make your own mark on our history. We are unbelievably excited to welcome you into the Hanszen family!

## HANSZEN TRADITIONS







With the motto "Tradition and Novelty," it's no surprise that Hanszen has some great traditions and is making more every year! Crane Day is one of most well known traditions that we celebrate. In 2002, when Wiess was undergoing construction, a giant crane malfunctioned and swung out of control, stopping above Hanszen's New Section. Forced to evacuate because of the crane dangling above them, the Hanszenites gathered in the Quad. Rather than simply go about their day, the students decided to skip all of their classes, bring out a keg, and party in the Quad. As a result, Hanszenites continue to celebrate Crane Day every year. A major part of Hanszen's traditions involve public parties. During the spring semester we have Mardi Gras, one of the biggest parties of second semester. However, we are currently in process of revamping, revitalizing, and reinventing our public party to make it even better!

Of course, many traditions also stem from Beer Bike, which is a campus-wide bike and chugging race that occurs in March. During Willy Week, the week before Beer Bike, colleges will pull pranks on each other (called "jacks"). One jack that Hanszenites pulled in 2011 was "selling" the statue of Willy to the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. The Thresher (Rice's student-run newspaper) noted it as one of the best jacks of all time. Every year, Hanszen pulls two pranks on Wiess. One is jailbreak, where Hanszenites wake up Wiessmen early in the morning and everyone has a dance party. The other is building a wall between New Section and the Commons so that Wiessmen have to walk all the way around Hanszen, instead of through it, to get to class. On the day of Beer Bike, Hanszen has a huge color powder celebration before the water balloon fight. Because our dedicated Hanszenites fill at least thirty trashcan's worth of water balloons during Willy Week, Hanszen lasts the longest during the campus-wide water balloon fight.

Finally, over the years, the Committees have started several traditions, such as the Porker for the Hanszen vs. Wiess Powderpuff football game and renting out the ice skating rink at the Galleria. As the first college to create and use a crest, you come from a long line of trendsetters, so who knows? Maybe you'll start the next Hanszen tradition. The Hanszen difference is that our college is not merely a dorm or a social group, it's a family. Starting with the love and care from our Magisters, RAs, and College Coordinator, the college embodies the Culture of Care that Rice emphasizes on the university level. Everyone is willing to help out a fellow Hanszenite and there is a long-standing tradition of paying it forward. We are the Family College for a reason, and we cannot wait for you to be a part of it!

### FUN FACTS ABOUT HANSZEN

NAMESAKE: Harry Clay Hanszen

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1957

FOUNDING ORDER: 3rd of 11

**COLORS:** Royal Blue and Yellow

MASCOT: The Guardian

**THEME SONG:** "MMMBop" by Hanson

FRIENDLY RIVAL: Wiess College

SISTER COLLEGE: Brown College

**NICKNAME:** The Family College

**MOTTO:** Tradition and Novelty

# WHAT IS THE H-TEAM?

Every college has a group of adults who help run the college, consisting of the Magisters, the Resident Associates (RAs), and the College Coordinator. At Hanszen, we call these people collectively the H-Team (short for "Hanszen-Team"). Hanszen has two Magisters, two sets of two RAs (one set in Old Section, one in New Section), and one College Coordinator. They are attached to the college because they chose to be and are often some of the most spirited members of our college. They all had to go through a rigorous application and interview process that is run by a committee made up of students in the college. They have all been at Rice for years, and know the ins-and-outs of administration, and are great resources to use for things like academic or career advice, and they are also just interesting people that are great to get to know.

#### COLLEGE MAGISTERS

Each residential college has a set of Magisters. College Magisters are Rice faculty members who have been selected by the college to a five-year term. Like RAs, Magisters live on-campus at the college they are a part of, although most colleges have a separate Magister's House nearby instead of an attached apartment. Magisters are a resource to the college, and are around to help students with any needs they may have, whether they are academic needs, work or career-related needs, or even just to talk about their life and chat. At Hanszen, our Magisters hold weekly study breaks, attend our weekly cabinet meetings, and hold special events for things like movie nights, big sports events, or Thanksgiving dinner for those on campus. Overall, the Magisters are here to help us in any way that they can, and love to get to know New Students and Hanszenites.

### RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATES (RAS)

Unlike other universities, RAs at Rice are actually faculty or staff rather than upperclassmen. They are also not here to patrol the hallways and get students in trouble. They have gone through a competitive selection process (mostly run by Hanszen students!) and really want to be a part of the residential college!

#### COLLEGE COORDINATOR

Every college has a College Coordinator. The College Coordinator works in an office in the commons that is open every weekday. You can pick up or send off mail from this office, as well as use various office supplies that the coordinator may have. College Coordinators are often the people to go to when you have a question as well (Joyce has been at Hanszen since 2006, so she pretty much knows all there is to know). The College Coordinator is another piece of our fantastic adult team, and a great resource that you will learn to use while at Hanszen and Rice.



# THE MAGISTERS

Fabiola López-Durán and Carlos Pelayo Martínez, Magisters of Hanszen College, are thrilled to welcome you to the Hanszen community! They look forward to assisting you to succeed in your academic career at Rice University and to make the most out of living in Houston—one of the largest and more fascinating cities in the country. They are here to foster the intellectual and social life of the residential college and to accompany you in your own personal journey during your years at Rice.

Fabiola and Carlos are both Venezuelans but from opposite sides of the country. They met in Caracas, when Carlos was just moving back after spending five years working in agriculture in the rice fields of the countryside and Fabiola was just setting up her home in

the Venezuelan capital after coming back from graduate school in Italy and France.

Fabiola, Associate Professor of art and architectural history in the Department of Art History, was originally trained as an architect and as a museum professional in Venezuela and Europe. After a decade teaching at the Universidad Simón Bolívar in Caracas, working at the National Museum of Fine Arts, and conducting diverse interdisciplinary museum projects in Europe and Latin America, Fabiola decided to come back to school in 2002 to pursue a Ph.D. in History, Theory and Criticism of Architecture and Art at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), a bastion of science and technology education, which considers the arts and humanities as essential for both educating great scientists and engineers and for sustaining an extraordinary capacity for innovation. Perhaps, that is the reason behind the interdisciplinary nature of her research and her commitment to teaching from interdisciplinary perspectives, identifying connections between fields that are often treated as compartmentalized phenomena within specific disciplines. Prior to joining the Rice University faculty, she was the 2009-2011 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities at the Department of History of Art at the University of California-Berkeley, where she developed a profound interest in political ecology and environmental issues. She also has a long trajectory extending her intellectual reach into new areas of investigation and collaboration with contemporary artists and architects from around the world.

Carlos was trained in business at the Universidad Metropolitana in Caracas, Venezuela, and has over 25 years of management experience in a variety of industries including agriculture, biotechnology, international trade, and adventure tourism. He also has a long record volunteering in non-profit organizations from his work at La Cocina, a kitchen incubator in San Francisco that helps low-income food entrepreneurs (mostly immigrant women) to formalize their businesses, to his work for many months after hurricane Harvey with the Red Cross in Houston. Currently, Carlos found a passion for woodworking and video production. Carlos feels at home in the skills he learned in his youth, when learned craft along with mathematics and sciences as equal parts of the curriculum, materializing the intimate relation that exists between problem finding and solving, technique and expression, work and play. "I am a producer," he said, "and an outdoor enthusiast," who enjoys creating and implementing administrative processes and procedures, designing and producing objects and furniture, and organizing hike, bike and kayak excursions to the most fascinating places, including the Amazon in Brazil and the Santa Elena Canyon in West Texas.

They are both passionate about Houston and its surroundings, and both are also very active in the cultural life of the city. Fabiola collaborates on a regular basis with the various cultural institutions in the city, from the Museum of Fine Arts Houston to the Sicardi-Ayers-Bacino Art Gallery, and Carlos is a member of an art collective called Tarraya and collaborates with TransArt Foundation for Art and Anthropology and other institutions. He is the technical director of LASSER-Houston-a broadcast program of MIT's journal Leonardo, whose first two iterations in Houston were hosted by TransArt. Both enjoy the vibrant life of the city and cannot wait to share their favorite places with the new Hanzeinites! They will love to take you in their gastronomy itineraries to food markets and small restaurants of the various ethnic groups that make this great city, to the cultural events in which they participate, and to extraordinary natural sites in this large state—from Pedernales River to the Big Bend.

They are thrilled to welcome each of you to Hanszen, to Rice, and to Houston!



# COLLEGE COORDINATOR

Hello and welcome to Hanszen! My name is Joyce and I have been in charge of the college office for 13 years, but have been at Rice for 21 years. I am very familiar with the Rice campus and know many people in other departments, which could be very helpful to you. Officially, I assist the Magisters with the administration of Hanszen. Unofficially, I am the daytime RA, mail guru, answerer of questions, and holder of all keys to Hanszen.

While you are in the Hanszen office you can pick up your packages from home, send or receive a fax, make copies, buy a stamp, have some tea, or (everyone's favorite) raid the candy jar. However, the best thing about the Hanszen office is that it is a GREAT place to take a break from your studies and just hang out! Here it is very laid back! Don't let the regulars intimidate you - come on in and get to know everyone!

During your time at Hanszen you will undoubtedly hear about my family and I. I was born in Houston and raised about 20 miles south in Pearland. I have been told I have a definite Texas accent! Y'all can let me know when you arrive! I have been married for 31 years to my high school sweetheart, Anthony. We have 3 sons, a wonderful daughter-in-law, and 2 beautiful grandchildren. Our family is very active in our church, and we love watching movies, especially sci-fi. Yes, I am a "trekie"! I also enjoy reading, hiking, gardening, cooking, and playing with our 3 dogs.

We are all very excited about your arrival. As all new additions to a family, you will become a very important part of our family bringing your own personality and ideas. I look forward to learning all about you! Until then I hope you have a wonderful summer. If you have any questions, please call me at 713-348-4024 or send me an email at joyce@rice.edu. I will be in the office most of the summer and I would love to hear from you.



# RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATES

Danny & Diana, one set of Hanszen's Resident Associates and part of the H-Team welcome you to Hanszen College, the BEST college ever! They grew up in the east coast (Danny in Brooklyn and Diana in Philadelphia), but Danny is originally from Ecuador and Diana from Colombia. They've been living in Texas for the last 12 years, and as the saying goes "they got here as soon as they could!"

Aside from being RA's, Diana is an HR Specialist in Rice University's HR office. She has a BA in English (Ursinus College) and an MA in Professional Communications (La Salle University). Danny is a Project Manager for Lubrizol, a chemical company. He has both a BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering (Drexel University).

Massimo is also part of their family. He is a Boston Terrier and 11 years old. He likes to go out for walks and sleep a lot! Massimo will wiggle his little tail and show you how excited he is to meet you!

They also enjoy running (10K's and half marathons) and doing Crossfit. They try to maintain a healthy lifestyle, even though sweets are Danny's weakness. They are HUGE sports fans! Danny enjoys playing FIFA and watching soccer with fellow Hanszenites, while Diana enjoys participating in Hanszen Women's sports. (HWKA - Whohoo!!) Their favorite teams are F.C. Barcelona, the Yankees, the Astros, the Giants (football) and the Knicks.

Their pastimes involve going to the movies, to cultural events/festivals, sporting events, concerts and traveling. They invite all Hanszenites to come out to the Burbs (New Section 192) during their weekly study breaks to hang out and have fun! They would like to get to know you and help you in any way they can.

- Danny and Diana Garcia, Hanszen RAs



# RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATES

Hey Hanszen! We are thrilled to be a part of your Hanszen family. We both work on campus: by day Alan is the director of the Disability Resource Center and Rebecca is an Archivist and works in the Woodson Research Center in Fondren Library.

Alan is originally from England, primarily London but he went to boarding school and attended university in Sussex. He has an MA from the University of Sussex. Alan LOVES English football and is a Gooner (a lifelong Arsenal supporter). He also enjoys traveling, history, British tv, and movies. He has successfully turned Rebecca into an Arsenal fan and even an occasional cricket fan. He also enjoys puns, so be prepared to enjoy/suffer his skills.

Rebecca grew up in Texas and attended Southwestern University in Georgetown and has a MLS from University of North Texas. We lived in England for 3 years before Texas pulled us back and settled in Houston. Rebecca loves movies, theater, discovering new restaurants in Houston, and traveling. She geeks out about certain shows (Great British Bake Off, Schitt's Creek, Doctor Who) and loves to bake and try out new recipes for hungry Hanszenites!

We host a weekly study break in our apartment where we watch one of our current tv or movie obsessions and Rebecca bakes treats. We also sponsor events off campus to explore some of Houston's museums, symphony, and theater. Our apartment is on the first floor in Old Section (apt. 105), so stop by to watch tv or a movie, ask us questions, or just hang out.



## HANSZEN ASSOCIATES

Hanszen College Associates are faculty, staff, and community members who are a vital part of Hanszen and are committed to engaging, mentoring, and serving as a resource for students as well as each other. Associates get involved in Hanszen in a wide variety of ways, ranging from meals at Hanszen during the week, attending and hosting sporting events and other social gatherings, to holding interesting lectures and entertaining movie nights in the quad, all with the goal of enriching intellectual, cultural, and social life at the college. There is no prescription for how Associates contribute to the college because each Associate brings a unique set of experiences and perspectives. During O-Week, you will be introduced to Associates on at least two occasions: a lunch at Hanszen and a dinner off-campus. But these meetings are just an introduction to the Associates program. During your first year, you'll have many more opportunities to meet Associates, seek mentoring, share interests, and ask questions. Associates are around on a regular basis, so if you see any of our wonderful Associates in the commons, or around campus, be sure to stop and introduce yourself! You never know when your connections with these professionals, both in and out of Rice, will help you in the future.

#### ASSOCIATE EVENTS

**FALL ASSOCIATES NIGHT:** A themed, Hanszen-only sit-down dinner in the Commons. It's a great night to dress up, socialize with the Associates and eat a delicious meal!

**PANCAKE-OFF STUDY BREAK:** Held in the Fall, students and Associates compete in a pancake art contest. It's a fun way to take a break from studying, get creative, and eat some pretty pancakes.

**SPRING ASSOCIATES NIGHT (A.K.A. AWARDS NIGHT):** Similar to Fall Associates night, this event also includes an awards ceremony honoring members of the Hanszen community. It's a great way to celebrate the end of the year and reflect back on all of the memories you've shared with your Associates and friends.

#### ASSOCIATE MENTORS

First Year Mentors are members of the Rice faculty and Associates at Hanszen who provide students with guidance on issues related to both academic and personal development when needed. Each O-Week group is assigned a First Year Mentor, who will participate in some events during and after O-Week, such as O-Week lunches. Mentors have the opportunity to assist New Students with their transition to Rice, provide a trusted source of guidance and informed support, share specific knowledge and insights about their own areas of expertise, engage in a residential college community, and significantly impact the lives of undergraduates.



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT: HANSZEN CABINET

Student government at Rice comes at two levels: campus wide (the Student Association) and at the college level. Each college has their own student government that meets weekly or bi-weekly. Here at Hanszen, we meet every Wednesday at 10:10pm in the Upper Commons! Now, government can sound a little boring, but our Cabinet is a lot of fun! Our Cabinet meetings can act as a quick study break, a socializing period, a snack break, but most importantly as a time to get important announcements and issues spread to the students.

The Executive Cabinet consists of the President, Chief Justice, two Vice Presidents (Internal and External), two Treasurers, two Secretaries, and three Socials. In addition, there are 3 Class Reps per year that provide food each week and represent their class as voting members on Cabinet. On top of that, Hanszen boasts a number of different Committees that serve a number of different roles. We have Committees that are solely devoted to food, sports, events, and anything you can imagine! If you have an idea for a cool event or opportunity, you can approach any of these Committees to see your idea come to fruition!

The beauty about student government is the COUNTLESS ways to become involved or serve in some sort of leadership role! Sometimes classes can be a bit of a time-suck, but there are so many roles that have varying time commitments that allow everyone to serve in any type of capacity. Get ready to be involved in great events, traditions, and improvements to our Hanszen culture through our Cabinet!



# SEE YOU There at 10:10 PM on Wed.

#### SPOTLIGHT

#### **CAB MEMBERS**

President: Landon Mabe
Internal Vice President: Joey Black
External Vice President: Will Ledig
Treasurers: Soha Rizvi & Jade McAdams
Secretaries: Chris Lee & Bert Odinet
Socials: Travis Benedict, Jeremiah Murrell, & Marcus Thompson
Senior Pens: Frank Frankovsky, Jordan Pflum, & Molinda Wang

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Makayla Franco
New Student Reps: TBD (this could be you!)

#### CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES/ APPOINTED POSITIONS

Student Association (SA) Senator: Morgan Seay
(SA) New Student Reps: TBD (this could also be you!)
Honor Council Rep: Syed Shams
Rice Program Council (RPC) Rep: Elina Chen
U-Court: Jordan Pflum

STRIVE Liaisons: Nellie Chen, Vickie Liu, & Isabelle Scott
Parliamentarian: Jarrett Prchal

Parliamentarian: Jarrett Prchal Guardian: TBD

Historians: Hanna Gratch, Abram Qiu, & Keshav Wagle Webmaster: Alp Yakıcı Keeper of the Clock: Tre' Henson



## PRESIDENT

Hello my fellow Hanszenites!

My name is Landon Mabe, and I am the President of Hanszen College. I hail from the small, rural town of Cumby, Texas whose population is well below that of Rice University. I am a senior majoring in Sociology, minoring in Biochemistry and Cell Biology, and I plan to go to medical school after I graduate. I also serve as Hanszen's social sciences writing and sociology academic fellow so if you ever need help with a paper or presentation hit me up. Though I am a hardcore pre-med, I like to spend my time performing with Spontaneous Combustion, Rice's premiere improvisational comedy troupe. We hold shows about once per month and since we have three Hanszenites on the troupe, there is always a solid Hanszen squad at the performances. Besides my improv, you can often catch me playing Smash Ultimate in the Game Room or serving as the Dungeon Master for my long-running Dungeons and Dragons campaign. If you ever need someone to talk to or just want to get schooled in Smash, I am always willing to make some time.

As your Hanszen President, my responsibilities include leading our college government and representing us at a campus-wide level. I participate in weekly meetings with Dean Gorman, the Student Association (SA), and the other college presidents to ensure that Hanszen's needs are met and our voices are heard by the administration. I also run Hanszen Cabinet meetings which take place every Wednesday at 10:10 PM in the Upper Commons (with free food so come thru). Cabinet is our college government which is tasked with the management of the college and our nearly sixty thousand dollar budget. If you have a great idea, you can submit a money request that will be voted on at Cabinet! Past requests that we have approved include such items as a Nintendo Switch, a cuckoo clock, and even tons of bubble wrap.

At Hanszen, we have the best college culture. However, we wouldn't have a culture at all without the involvement of New Students like you. Whether you decide to run for one of our New Student Representative positions in Cabinet, help out occasionally with Hanszen events, or just like to bake in the kitchen, there are plenty of ways to be involved. I am very much looking forward to seeing how all of you take part in this community.

Now, I want you to pause and take a moment to appreciate the fact that you have been placed in unequivocally the best residential college. You are truly one of the lucky few. Welcome home. HFH.

Landon

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Hey New Students!

My name is Nikhita, and I am excited to welcome you to Hanszen and to help you make it your second home! I am a rising junior and originally from Singapore, so I am used to the heat and humidity that Houston brings, but even if you aren't from a warm place, Hanszen is a great place to call your home. We pride ourselves in providing a place for everyone to find their niche, regardless of what that niche may be. Whether you already know what you are looking for, or you are excited to explore a bunch of new opportunities, there is a place for you in the Hanszen Family Heart.

I serve as Hanszen's Chief Justice. Officially, that means that I serve as an enforcer of the college judicial code and an intermediary between students and other college and campus-wide officials. Although my job description includes enforcing rules, the Chief Justice position exists to uphold the culture of care between the students at Rice. I will work with you to plan social events for your friends, classmates, or the whole college while keeping everyone comfortable. My role exists so that everyone feels safe, and knows how to keep each other safe during their time here.

Beyond serving as CJ, I keep busy by watching the Grey's Anatomy, getting coffee at Coffeehouse, or studying Electrical Engineering. I am also incredibly excited about Hanszen culture - this year, I will be coordinating Beer Bike (It's so close!) for Hanszen for the second straight year. I'll always be excited to talk to you about your transition to college, what happens to be bothering you, or how much you miss your dog. No matter what's on your mind, please feel free to reach out and I will do whatever I can to make Hanszen your home away from home!

I am looking forward to meeting you! HFH,

Nikhita Gangla



# CHIEF JUSTICE

## COMMITTEES

Hanszen College government is by the people and for the people, and one of the best examples of this is our Committee System! In essence, Committees are groups of people with a similar passion, whether it be sports, community service, schmoozing with alumni, or cooking meat. Committees are the core of Hanszen College, as they are responsible for throwing all of our activities and events. Every Committee is run by a few Hanszenites and has its own budget, goals, functions, and responsibilities. The Committee System gives Hanszenites the freedom and the opportunity to control what happens in the college, throw new and quirky events, and grow and improve the college from year to year.

There are two types of Committees. The first is Standing Committees, which are constitutionally required to exist every year and are essential to the college functioning. The second type of Committee is called an Initiative Committee, and is run by a group of Hanszenites who are particularly passionate about something that isn't covered by the Standing Committees. Initiative Committees must be renewed every year, leaving a lot of room for growth and for Hanszenites to start brand new committees.

Finally, there is a way for Hanszenites to get involved without being a part of a committee. We have something called the Activities Fund. This is an awesome way for any Hanszenite to get funding to throw an event for the whole college. You apply for funding for your event/idea and Cabinet will make a decision about which events to fund! If this sounds confusing, or you want to get involved with the Committees, feel free to talk to us or any of the Committee heads below!



#### **STANDING** COMMITTEE HEADS

Awards: Whitney Jin, Hannah Meeks, Soohyun Yoon, & Amanda Mae Ashley Associates: Vy Dang, Rose Click, Whitney Jin, & David Yang Alumni: David Yang, Syed Shams, &

Beer Bike: Gabe Vacaliuc, Javen Patton, Jade McAdams, Nikhita Gangla, Evan Dekhayser, & Makayla

Nicky Valdivia

College Night/Crane Day: Javen Patton, Jordan Plum, & Chabrielle Allen

Kitchen: Jamie Chen, Syed Shams, Soohyun Yoon, & Brandon Stanley Merchandise: Remy Slimp, Mason Reece, Emily Chang, Radhika Patel, & Najah Hussain

Off-Campus: Jordan Pflum, Bill Huynh, & Catie Choi

Senior Events: Frank Frankovsky, Bharathi Selvan, Gabe Vacaliuc, & Michelle Nguyen

Service: Benjamin Glotzer, Chidera Ibezue, James Chen, & Anthony

Bagamian

**Spaces:** Evan Dekhayser, Christopher Lee, Samuel Cheng, James Lewis, &

Graham Curtis

Spirit: Jarrett Prchal, Makayla Franco,

& Michelle Nguyen

Sports: Sam Ramirez, Felix Desimoni,

Hanna Gratch, & Sofia Ruiz

#### INITIATIVE COMMITTEE HEADS

Hanszen Eats (HEATS): Sam Ramirez, Jamie Chen, & Vikram Aggrawal Hungry Hungry Hanszenites (HHH): Daniel Wang & Hannah Meeks Fun In The Quad (FITQ): Madison Grimes, Evan Dekhayser, Melinda Wang,

Ryan Davidson, & Lisa Shi

Diversity Committee: Sanjana Krishnan, Lisa Shi, Esther Choi, & Vickie Liu Bike: Vy Dang, Graham Curtis, &

Patrick Breen

Movie: Lisa Shi, Mason Reece, & Soha

Rizvi

## SPORTS

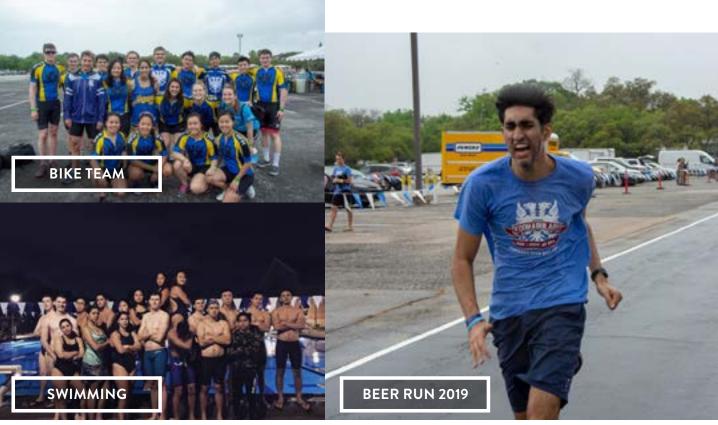


College sports are one of the most fun and relaxing ways to get involved at Hanszen. With sports ranging from the always-popular Powderpuff football to the annual swim meet, there are ways for everyone to get involved in a sport, regardless of your skill level. Also, there is no better way to show off your Hanszen pride than competing as hard as you can on the field or court and beating Wiess in anything. There are even sports that are solely dedicated to New Students that offer a less competitive way to get involved from the first week of the school year. We've made quite a name for ourself on and off the field. Foes be warned: don't let our nice exteriors and friendly reputations fool you because we are a force to be reckoned with when the honor of Harry Hanszen is on the line. Shouts of "HFH!" can be heard on game days as we display our family spirit and Hanszen pride. Lose or win, we thank the referees and the opposing team at the end because we're just that classy.

Our fans are some of the best, so even if you don't choose to participate in a sport, make sure to come out and support your fellow Hanszenites! Also, every year, the President's Cup is awarded to the residential college with the most success across all of the sports and with your help, we can win it next year! We can't wait to see you all on the fields where we will DOMINATE!

Last but not least, don't forget about Rice's biggest IM competition, the annual BEEEEER BIIIIIKE! Practice for biking and chugging (water) at this event starts during the school year—if you're interested, feel free to reach out to the bike captains (Patrick Breen, Vy Dang, & Graham Curtis) or chug captain (Mason Reece) for more information!!!

HFH!



## HANSZEN SERVICES

HANSZEN KITCHEN: Hanszen has its own kitchen that allows its members to be able to cook whatever they want, whenever they want. Many Hanszenites have baked cookies there on multiple occasions, and often shared them with their fellow Hanszenites. There are also two Hanszen community refrigerators that we share as a family.

JOYCE'S OFFICE: Joyce, our College Coordinator, is a great resource for Hanszenites. Her office provides a fax machine, a copy machine, free candy (gummy bears fall into the candy category), comfortable seating, and open conversation. It also houses all packages delivered to Hanszen.

**PDR:** Short for Private Dining Room, this room is located in the Lower Commons, and is used for fancy dining, private meetings, or ultra quiet studying.

**LIBRARY:** Located in the Upper Commons, the Hanszen Library has an interesting assortment of books; however, the library is better known for being one of the best places to study at Hanszen, with its multiple tables and white board.

COMPUTER LAB: Located in the Upper Commons, this wonderful place houses Macs and PC desktops, and a black and white printer. It is a great place to go if your computer ever has problems, if you want to try out a new place to study, or if you need to print a paper. Many Hanszenites go without a printer of their own thanks to this beautiful and convenient place.

**GAME ROOM:** Located in the Upper Commons, it contains a billiards table, comfy couches, a pinball machine, a ping-pong table, an electric keyboard, and board games. It is pretty neat.

**MUSIC ROOM:** Located in the Upper Commons, it has soundproof walls and a door to allow Hanszenites to jam out without bothering their neighbors who are studying.

WEENIE LOFT: Located on the fourth floor of Old Section, this is a great place to study with chalkboard walls, and lots of couches. This is where

Coffeehouse (one of Rice's most popular Student Run Businesses) was founded! No doubt you will come up with some innovative ideas of your own if you visit this place often.

**MOVIE ROOM:** Located on the fourth floor of Old Section next to the Weenie Loft, this room has couches and a TV, perfect for getting together with friends to watch a movie.

**TERRACE:** Between the Hanszen and Wiess Upper Commons, the terrace is the great outdoors of Hanszen. It is a perfect place to have private lunches, do some morning yoga, or study outside.

**SUNDECKS:** There is a sundeck on both New and Old Section towers. The sundecks are a great place to hang out with friends, sunbathe, or enjoy a great view of Houston and the Rice campus.

BIKE CLOSET/SPORTS CLOSET: Located in the basement of New Section. Be sure to ask the Hanszen Bike Team Captains and the Sports Reps first before checking out any of the equipment.

**B&P:** Short for Breadsticks and Pomegranates (it's a long story, and everyone simply calls it B&P, anyways), this is a great lounging space to organize hangouts with friends. It is located under New Section, close to the laundry room. Some students use this space to study or practice speeches since it is usually empty during the day.

**LAUNDRY ROOM:** Located under New Section, the laundry room is equipped with nearly washers and dryers! There are two comfortable chairs inside the laundry room in case you like to lounge and study as you wait for your laundry to finish its cycle. Use of the laundry room is free -- no need to bring quarters.

### **SPACES**





room on the fourth floor and a sundeck at the top of the tower, Section. which are both great places for Hanszenites to hangout.

Built in the neo-gothic style, this building has served Rice for In this building, the rooms are four-person suite-style, which 100 years, first as an academic hall and now as a residential contain two two-person bedrooms that share a common room; college dorm. Though one of the oldest dorms at Rice, what it this suite shares a bathroom with another four-person suite lacks in "newness," it makes up for with its unique floor culture opposite them. The building has stairs that open into the quad, and the large living space in its many doubles and quads. Old and each stairwell is named according to the room numbers, Section has a large lounge called the Weenie Loft on the fourth e.g. "the 50's" and "the 80's." The laundry room and the B&P, floor, which is a great place for studying. There is also a movie another hangout area, are located below the rooms of New



you to enjoy the beautiful sun rising as you eat your breakfast tables, a lawn, string lights that keep the quad bright at night, and and get ready for the day and people watch throughout the day. It is the place where Hanszenites come together to study, have known for, a grill for barbecues, and the Hanszen Guardian. The dinner, socialize, and meet for Cabinet every Wednesday night. Quad is frequently used by Hanszenites for outdoor activities The Lower Commons consists of our dining area, an entrance to South Servery, a Private Dining Room (PDR) for meetings, a kitchen open to everyone, and our College Coordinator Joyce's office. It is a popular place to study and do homework in the evenings and on weekends. The Upper Commons consists of multiple classrooms, an off-campus student lounge, a library, a computer lab, a music room, and a game room. The college's weekly Cabinet meetings are held in the Upper Common's open lounge area.

This building has one wall of floor to ceiling windows, which allows This is the area between Old and New Sections. There are picnic a bench swing for enjoying the beautiful, warm weather Texas is such as tailgates, Frisbee practice, and study breaks.

## FLOOR PLANS



The Old Section Double is what most people imagine when they think of a stereotypical "college room." Depending on how much stuff the two people inside it have, doubles can range from spacious to cozy, but don't worry: there is plenty of space for the creative mind.



An Old Section Quad is basically two doubles with a door connecting them. Many students choose to treat the quads this way, with two beds in each room, although many also choose to put all four beds in the inner room and have the outer room as a kind of living room.



New Section Quads are two doubles that share a common room. Two New Section Quads share a bathroom in the middle that connect the two.

You will each be given one of the following:

- extra long twin bed
- built-in or standing wardrobes
- a dresser
- a desk
- a trash can + recycling bin
- bookshelves
- ethernet port
- TV cable and telephone jacks (one per room)

**JAMES LEWIS** is the Hanszen SMR or Student Maintenance Representative. He is the liaison between Hanszenites and Housing & Dining. He can help you with things like changing light bulbs, moving furniture in your room, and lofting your bed.

<sup>\*</sup>Dimensions shown are averages. Actual sizes vary slightly from room to room.

