



TEAM WIESS
O-WEEK 2017





WELCOME TO WIESS



DEAR NEW WIESSMEN

As fall approaches, we hope you are as excited as we are to see you become the newest members of Rice University and Wiess College! Your college years are a time for learning and personal growth. Here at Rice, you will be able to explore a variety of academic majors and programs, which will hopefully help you figure out what subjects you really enjoy and want to learn more about. The academic resources available to you are unparalleled, and you will undoubtedly learn more here than you ever have before.

However, some of your most important lessons will be taught outside the classroom. Your friends and classmates are an extremely intelligent and diverse group of people, and we highly encourage you to learn as much as you can from your peers as well as your professors. Most importantly, you were lucky enough to have been placed into Wiess College, and all of you are now Wiessmen for life! Over the past several years, we have made some of our closest friends and created some of our favorite memories at Wiess, and it has been an unforgettable part of our own college experience. We hope that you will come to feel the same way. No matter who you are and what you like to do, your new home will embrace you as one of its own. Whether you want to be Wiess president, one of our invaluable academic mentors, or a friendly face in the commons, you get to choose your role in our (and, now, your) community.

O-Week was one of our favorite parts of our Rice experience because it introduced us to both the university and the people who we have grown to love. We hope that this book is able to answer some of the questions you might have about O-Week, Wiess, and life at Rice. But, if you happen to have any additional questions, feel free to email us at wiessweek@gmail.com.

Your Fellows (and us!) have been planning for your arrival since February and absolutely cannot wait to meet you! Your whole Fellow team has been hard at work trying to create the best O-Week and first year at Rice possible, so get excited!

Much love,
Your Head Fellows,
Abbey, Eugene and Richard



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IMPORTANT INFO

YOUR WIESS MAILING ADDRESS

[Your name]
 Wiess College
 6340 Main St.
 Houston, TX 77005

Please note that you can only mail or ship things to arrive after **Aug. 6**. Our space is limited and used by other groups this summer, so please bring important items with you. There will be plenty of time to purchase other personal items during and after O-Week.

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O-WEEK



You may have some expectations for your college orientation, but they probably aren't as high as they should be. At Rice, Orientation Week (which will almost always be referred to as O-Week) provides you with a foundation for everything you need to know to succeed at Rice—along with an introduction to Wiess, your home for the next four years. As soon as you arrive on campus, you'll be greeted by our fantastic advising team. The team is made up of some of the best students that Rice has to offer, each specially selected and trained to give you the smoothest possible transition into college. Shortly afterwards, you'll be introduced to your O-Week group, a small group of new students with diverse backgrounds and interests. Together, you'll journey through an exciting week that lingers in students' memories long after they graduate.

Half of O-Week is dedicated to academic advising. As the first day of classes approaches, you may be growing nervous that you haven't picked a course schedule yet—but don't worry. We'll have more academic resources than you could ever imagine at O-Week. Peer Academic Advisors, Divisional Advisors, and individual departments will give you plenty of guidance, while the rest of the advising team will help

you to understand what these resources are and how to use them effectively. But while academics may be the one of the main draws of Rice, college life is more than just classes. The other half of O-Week is devoted to student life, within Wiess and Rice as a whole. We will discuss extracurricular involvement, health and wellbeing, diversity, safety, the alcohol policy, and the academic Honor Code. In addition to our advising team, you'll also be introduced to the Wiess A-Team: the Masters, Resident Associates (RAs), and College Coordinator, who will be adult resources throughout your Wiess tenure. Together, our priority is to provide you with an O-Week that leaves you well-equipped and confident in tackling your first year at Rice.

Students often name O-Week as a major factor that makes our student body one of the happiest in the nation. It provides a common experience that every Rice student goes through and helps create the community that make friendships at Rice so powerful. Get ready for an amazing week!



MOVE-IN INFORMATION

Please plan to arrive at Wiess the morning of **Sunday, Aug. 13**. Specific instructions and times for the Sunday move-in will be emailed soon.

Once you arrive, you'll be greeted by our friendly O-Week team, who have anxiously been awaiting your arrival for months (and we do mean months!). It's best to unload your things onto the sidewalk and then move your car to a parking lot so that other families can unload as well. Be sure to label your belongings with the labels we sent to you. Our team will label your belongings (if you forget to) with the proper room number and help you carry everything to your room. We will have carts to transport your heavier items.

You'll have a roommate and two suitemates, so contact them before you arrive to see what you can share (e.g. couches, TVs, mini fridges, etc.)

After unloading your belongings, you will go to a reception at the Magister's House, where you will meet the Magisters and the RAs. Then you will go to the Commons to meet Ewart, our College Coordinator, so you can check in and get your key. We'll have people guiding you on where to go, so don't feel like you need to memorize all of this!

Lunch will be served in the Commons and after that, it's time to say goodbye to your families. You will meet up with your Fellows, and your family will remain in the Commons. From there, your introduction to Wiess College and Rice University will officially begin. Get excited!

DON'T FORGET

- Extra long twin bed linens: sheets, comforter, blanket
- Pillow
- Towels
- Toiletries
- Laundry detergent (High Efficiency, or HE)
- Laundry basket
- Alarm clock
- Backpack and school supplies
- Computer
- Money (cash, credit cards, checks, etc.)
- IDs (driver's license, passport, etc.)
- Up-to-date medical insurance or prescription card

NICE TO HAVE

- Floor or desk lamp
- Power strips and extension cords
- Mini fridge
- TV and/or DVD player
- Extra furniture: couches, tables, chairs for your common room
- Rain gear: umbrella, rain boots, rain jacket
- Printer
- Bike (and lock)
- Snacks
- Water bottle
- Plates and eating utensils
- Iron and ironing board
- Basic tool set
- Important documents (social security card, copy of birth certificate, etc.)

WIESS ALREADY HAS

- Bed (Twin XL)
- Desk and desk chair
- Closet and dresser
- Trash cans/recycle bins
- Washers and dryers (don't worry, they're free!)

GETTING TO RICE

FLYING TO HOUSTON

Houston is served by two major airports: George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) and William P. Hobby (HOU). Hobby is closer to campus, but IAH is served by more airlines. You can take a taxi, Uber, or Super Shuttle (use OWLS1 promo code!) directly to campus. The shuttle costs about \$20 from Hobby and \$30 from Intercontinental. We recommend you call and make a reservation in advance: (713) 523-8888.

MAPS TO RICE

rice.edu/maps/getdirections

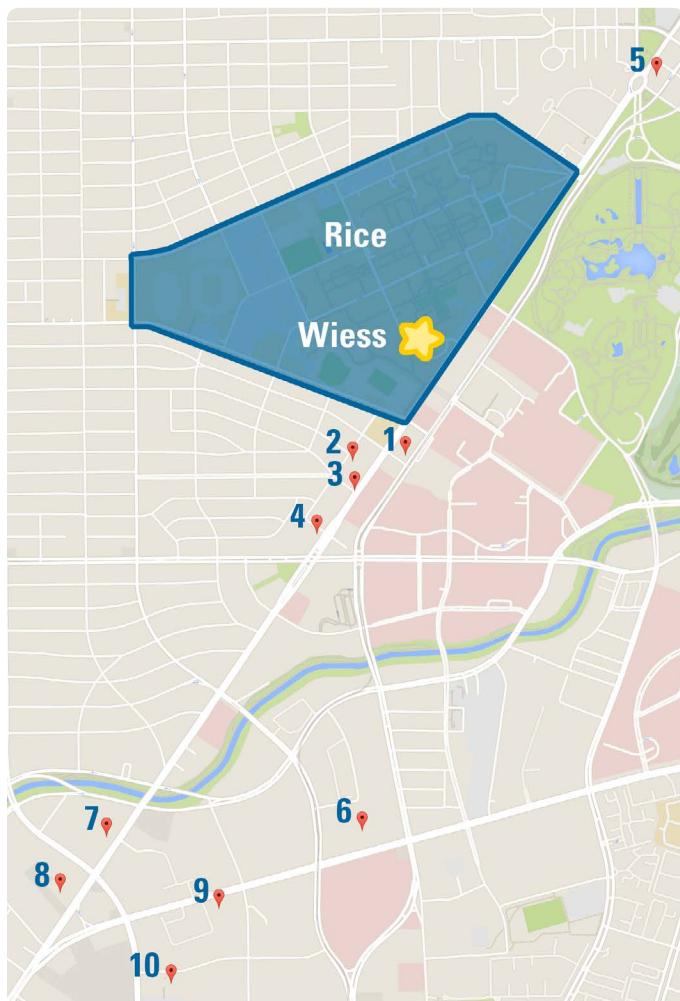
HOTELS NEAR RICE

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| 1 | Houston Marriott (Medical Center)
6580 Fannin St., Houston, TX 77030
713-796-0080 |
| 2 | Hilton Houston Plaza (Medical Center)
6633 Travis St., Houston, TX 77030
713-313-4000 |
| 3 | Best Western Plaza Hotel & Suites
6700 S. Main St., Houston, TX 77030
713-522-2607 |
| 4 | Wyndham Houston (Medical Center)
6800 Main St., Houston, TX 77030
713-528-7744 |
| 5 | Hotel ZaZa
5701 Main St., Houston, TX 77005
713-526-1991 |
| 6 | Hampton Inn & Suites (Medical Center)
1715 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, TX 77054
713-797-0040 |
| 7 | Residence Inn (Houston Medical Center)
7710 S. Main St., Houston, TX 77030
713-660-7993 |
| 8 | Holiday Inn Express & Suites (Medical Center)
8080 S. Main St., Houston, TX 77025
713-665-4439 |
| 9 | Springhill Suites (Medical Center/NRG Park)
1400 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, TX 77054
713-796-1000 |
| 10 | Holiday Inn Houston (Reliant Park Area)
8111 Kirby Dr., Houston, TX 77054
713-790-1900 |

DRIVING TO CAMPUS

- **From IAH** Follow signs to 59 South. Then follow the "From 59" directions below.
- **From 59** Exit Greenbriar and head south. Follow Greenbriar and take a left onto University. Then turn left on Main. Make a left into Entrance 4 and continue around the bend to Wiess.
- **From Hobby** Follow signs to 45 North and then exit to 610 West. Then follow the "From 610" directions below.
- **From 610** Exit Main and head north. Continue along Main past University and turn left into Entrance 4.

If your parents would like to stay around Houston before or after they drop you off, here are some options for hotels near Rice. Be sure to mention Rice, some may offer discounts.





WEISS



ABOUT WIESS

HISTORY OF WIESS

Welcome to Team Family Wiess! Like any family, we have traditions and a long history, most of which is passed down through oral tradition, usually beginning with the phrase, "Back when Wiess was cool...". You'll soon learn, though, that Wiess always has been and always will be cool. While we'll never be able to document the vast amounts of wisdom you'll pick up from your upperclassman and alumni friends, we'll attempt to give you a brief history of where we've been and who we are now. So pull up a chair and let us tell you about a magical place called Wiess College (w-l-ess, rhymes with Rice).

In the beginning, there was one man. Harry Carothers Wiess, famed oil tycoon and founder of Humble Oil (which goes by Exxon-Mobil today), left Rice a big chunk of cash upon his death in 1948 for the building of Wiess Hall, the fourth residential hall on campus. In 1949, Wiess opened for business. In its modest beginnings, Wiess had only 100 rooms and a small Commons. The unique "Motel 6" design with outdoor hallways and wrap-around balconies brought instant notoriety for its rowdy social atmosphere. The addition of wings to the original design split the college into two sections, each with their own courtyard and personality: the Acabowl, where the action was, and the Backabowl, where a quieter atmosphere prevailed for sunbathing or studying. "Old Wiess," as it's become known, was built to last, and it did, through 2002. But we're getting ahead of ourselves.

In 1957, the residential college system began at Rice. The four residential halls (East, South, West, and North) became Baker College, Will Rice College,

Hanszen College, and Wiess College, respectively. Each had its own dining hall, Commons, Magisters, and self-governing body of students. Over time, each began developing its own distinctive personality. Wiess identified itself as a spirited college, and this spirit was embraced and embodied in the color voted on in the early days to represent us: gold (which became the goldenrod we know and love today in the '80s).

In the early years, certain aspects of Wiess were vastly different from today. The first Magister, Dr. Roy Talmage, was a strict man. He instituted mandatory Wiess blazers (complete with crests) for formal Sunday dinners, where freshmen served upperclassmen a family-style dinner while sporting goldenrod and navy beanies to distinguish themselves (a tradition which, thankfully, died out quickly). Despite the formality of Sunday supper, Wiessmen found time to create some of their own unorthodox customs, which included the third-floor dangle and the Ubangee. Although the Ubangee is still proudly practiced in a slightly modified form, the dangle disappeared as human life became more valuable.

The '60s brought fewer milestones to Wiess, but they did bring one of our proudest traditions. In 1964, an ambitious Wiessman named George Grenias wrote and composed a complete musical, *Hello, Hamlet*, spoofing Shakespeare through creatively parodied show tunes. He wrote and put on the entire show in a matter of two weeks. Performances of *Hello, Hamlet* continue to grace the stages of Wiess every four years. It was last performed in the Spring of 2016, which means you'll have a chance to join in on this tradition in 2020!



In the '70s, the Wiess we know today started to take shape. College rules were relaxed, and women gained unlimited visiting hours. Huge parties became common. Then came the now-famous "Team Wiess" cheer derived from a blend of a '70s Xerox commercial with the phrase, "Team Xerox," the movie *The Longest Yard* (in which football fans chanted the phrase, "Mean Machine"), and the TeamBank chain of banks. The "Team Wiess" cheer made its debut at Beer Bike in 1975 when we celebrated our glorious win. Since then, the deep, resonating chant has become Wiess' metaphorical heartbeat and our trademark on campus.

In 1988, a team of Wiessmen orchestrated the most notorious jack in the entirety of Rice history. Angered by the upcoming hike in tuition, they turned Willy's statue around in the quad to face Fondren Library, thus turning his back on the administration. The jack is still so legendary today that Rice promotes it as an example of students' creativity, and is a common talking point in most campus tours. Another highlight of the '80s was the addition of women to Wiess College, the second-to-last all-male college. Wiessmen welcomed women to the Wiess family, and their addition only strengthened the Wiess spirit and sense of community (and allowed us to dominate on the powderpuff field). This is when the term Wiessmen became non-gendered.

By the time the '90s rolled around, the administration realized that Old Wiess was literally sinking into the ground and becoming more structurally unsound. This prompted the planning of New Wiess, which opened in the fall of 2002. We now have an enormous courtyard, still

called the Acabowl after the old main courtyard, and a gorgeous Commons. The exterior hallways that were (and are) the pulse of the college still remain, but since moving to New Wiess, we've also added the Acaglider, the Acagrills and, most recently, the Acahammock. Wiess Day has become an annual tradition, as has an O-Week mango-eating contest. Night of Decadence has grown with the times, and our distinctive wooden warpig was created in time for Beer Bike 2012. Soon enough, you'll learn all about these traditions.

The greatest thing about Wiess is that while we hold our traditions near and dear to our hearts, we know that there is always room for improvement. Our spirit, team atmosphere, and pride continue long after O-Week is finished. Everyone else might think we're a little wild, but we're pretty crazy wabout ourselves. And we plan to keep it that way.

THE A-TEAM

Wiess' A-Team, or the adult team, has been an integral part of keeping Wiess traditions and culture alive throughout the years. The team consists of the Magisters, RAs, and College Coordinator. All of them are great resources and wonderful people you should feel comfortable talking to. They are there for you, no matter what you need; you can go to them for advice or just for a listening ear. Just like everyone else at Wiess, they can't wait to meet you!



WIESS SPEAK

Glossary of all things Wiess.
Don't worry: you'll catch up quick.

Acababy Evan! Renata and Lenin have a knack for having the most adorable babies ever (see **Acatoddler**). Evan has been a Wiessman since the day he was born and would love to meet you!

Acabowl The Wiess courtyard/quad. The social epicenter of Wiess, where people commonly hang out, play frisbee or football, and study.

Acaglider Giant covered swinging picnic table of glory, located in the Acabowl.

Acagrill The grill located in the Acabowl.

Acaterrace The terrace behind the Upper Commons that we share with Hanszen.

Acatoddler Gavin! Almost six years old, Renata and Lenin's adorable son is often found playing in the Acabowl. Feel free to join him and enjoy a study break.

Acatramp The trampoline located in the Acabowl.

Affiliates Fellows who also serve a specialized role during O-Week and afterwards. They include your Peer Academic Advisors, Diversity Facilitators, Rice Health Advisors, Gophers, Photographer, and Videographer.

Associates Night Formal dinner held in the Commons once a semester to honor our Associates.

Bacaterrace Fourth floor balcony. Great spot to hang out or watch the sunset.

Basement The area under the Commons used for storage and shirt screening.

Battlesows Affectionate name for the Wiess powderpuff football team.

Cabinet Governing body of Wiess, made up entirely of Wiessmen. Meets every other Wednesday at 10pm in the Upper Commons. There's always free food.

Commons The place to be. You will eat here, study here, act here, play here, party here, hang out here, and well, live here.

College Night A day filled with college bonding, hanging out, a nice dinner, and an evening of entertainment. Each college has their own each semester, usually with a different theme.

Corner To pull up an extra chair at the corner of a table. Frequently occurs during meals but not at formal occasions.

Fellows Advisors for new Wiessmen. They are some of the greatest people you will ever meet and care about you so much. Co-Fellows are Fellows from other colleges. These other colleges may confuse you by calling them "advisors"—it's the same position, we just call them something different.

Filmfest 24-hour film marathon held once a semester.

Freshman One-Acts First Tabletop production of the year, which includes—you guessed it—one-acts featuring new students.





Freshman Service Points Four hours of required service hours. Necessary to enter the housing jack at the end of your first year. There are plenty of opportunities throughout the year to get them!

Goldenrod The official Wiess color. It will soon dominate your wardrobe. Remember, it's not yellow!

Head Fellows The people who have been planning your O-Week since January. AKA Abbey, Eugene, and Richard. Be sure to come and say hi!

Mentors Called Academic Fellows at other colleges, Wiess Mentors are here to help you in your classes through review sessions or individual tutoring sessions.

NOD Night of Decadence, Rice's biggest party. Held at Wiess in October, featuring interesting decorations and creative costumes.

OC Lounge Off-campus Lounge. Room on first floor where people who live off-campus hang out.

PDR Private dining room, a smaller room attached to the Commons.

Pumpkin Caroling The spreading of Halloween cheer, led by the elected College Idiots. Features Halloween songs and visits to the other colleges.

Room Draw Process used to assign rooms for the next year.

Servery Where you get your food before you go sit down in the Commons. We share South Servery with Hanszen.

Sparky's The hidden room on the fourth floor, adorned with goldenrod paint, an air hockey table, and a mini basketball game system.

Stacks The loud speakers that can be heard throughout the Acabowl on Friday afternoons or special occasions.

Summit Weekend retreat during the fall semester to discuss Wiess issues and bond with other Wiessmen.

Tabletop Wiess theatre productions, held in the Commons.

Wiess Day Held during the spring semester, when Wiess hangs out in the Acabowl all day to eat good food and participate in various fun activities.



Team Wiess Our cheer—the embodiment of everything that makes Wiess cool.

TFW An abbreviation of Team Family (or anything else that starts with F) Wiess.

Turnover Party to celebrate the new Cabinet held at Willy's Pub each year.

Ubangee A unique Wiess celebration of life.

Upper Commons Second floor of the Commons, featuring a pool table, ping pong table, foosball table, TV, and lots of couches.

War Pig Wiess mascot, embodied by the giant wooden pig built by the Class of 2012 for Beer Bike.

Wilson House (Wiess Magister's House) The Schaefer's home. Where everybody knows your name, and the door is always open.

Wiessmen The inclusive, gender-neutral term for all of the members of Wiess—including you.

Other words that are good to know.

45, 90, 180 The three slabs of granite located in the Engineering Quad, worth three million dollars and modeled after their namesake angles.

Academ Humanities or Social Sciences major. Very archaic term.

Academic Quad The central academic quadrangle around Willy's Statue.

Archi (AR-kee) Architecture student.

ASB Alternative Spring Break; service trip over spring break based on a social issue.

Associate Faculty, staff, or community member associated with a college. Good people to get to know.

Autry Gym in Tudor Fieldhouse where the Rice basketball team plays.

Baker 13 An event where participants undress, smear shaving cream on their bodies, and run around campus, leaving a trail of body prints. A proud Baker institution for over thirty years; all undergrads are invited to participate.

Baker Institute The James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy. Holds a lot of interesting talks and events that are typically open to undergraduates. Not to be confused with Baker College.

Beer Bike A competitive intercollege race held in the spring, where ten bikers and ten chuggers from each college compete for both personal and college pride. Often compared to Christmas, and also includes a water balloon fight and much rejoicing.

Beyond the hedges The "real world" outside of Rice.

Big Three Classes frequently taken by Science and Engineering majors: Physics, Chemistry, and Calculus.

BRC Bioscience Research Collaborative, where Rice meets the Texas Medical Center for research. Also where Bioengineers spend most of their time for class starting junior year.

Brochstein A modernistic glass building located behind Fondren. Home to Salento (a non-student operated coffeeshop) and a great place to relax and sit outside.



Campanile 1. The bell tower in the Engineering Quad, 2. Rice's yearbook, 3. the undergraduate orchestra for non-music majors

ChBE ("Chubby") An affectionate name for Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering majors.

Coffeehouse Student-run coffeeshop providing the best legal way to artificially increase your study skills on short notice. Located in the RMC.

Cohen House The faculty dining club near Sewall Hall with really good food.

D1, D2, D3 Refers to distribution credits, Rice's way of making sure you get a balanced education. You need 12 credit hours in each category to graduate. D1 = Humanities, D2 = Social Sciences, D3 = Science and Engineering.

DMC The Digital Media Center. Lots of computers to use and cool equipment to check out. Located in the basement of Fondren Library.



Esperanza Fall formal hosted by Rice Program Council. A major part of homecoming weekend and lots of fun!

Fondren Also known as Fondy or Club Fondy. Rice's library—it has seminar rooms, study rooms, and classrooms that you can reserve. A great place for productivity or a quick nap between classes, and it's open 24 hours a day during the week.

Frog Wall An architectural quirk of Anderson Hall. Running your hand down the ridges of the wall produces a frog-like noise. Try it out for yourself.

FWIS First-Year Writing-Intensive Seminar. Writing course students are required to take in their first year. When you pronounce it, it rhymes with "swiss."

GSA Graduate Student Association.

H&D Housing and Dining. Administrative office in charge of all food service and residential buildings on campus.

Hedges Extensive botanical growth that surrounds campus and the Academic Quad.

The Hoot A student-run late night food stop for hungry students, located at West and South Serveries.

IM Intramural. Informal, low-stress sports played among students. Not to be confused with college sports, which are played between teams representing each of the colleges with points going towards the President's Cup.



Inner Loop One-way road that loops around the center of campus.

Ironman/Ironwoman Someone who both bikes and chugs at Beer Bike.

Jack A prank pulled on another college.

Jones School Rice's Graduate School of Business, not to be confused with Jones College.

KTRU (KAY-true) Rice's student-run radio station, which now streams online. Plays everything from jazz to reggae to bands you probably didn't even know existed.

LPAP Lifetime Physical Activity Program. Required "gym" class that all students must take to graduate. Capoeira, swing dance, disc golf, and fitness swimming are among the different options.

Matriculation Ceremony held during O-Week to officially welcome you to Rice.

Media Center Building near West Lot and RUPD where film and photography classes are held. Also houses a gallery space and theatre with Houston's only silver screen.

Mudd Lab The university computer center. If you have problems with your computer, the IT (Information Technology) people here are glad to help out. Also a great place to print large posters.

MOB Marching Owl Band. They don't actually march. They do, however, always put on an entertaining show during halftime—filled with amusing skits, jibes at opposing teams, and zany antics.

Musi (Myoo-zee) Music student.

OC Off-campus. Typically your second year at Wiess.

Outer Loop Three-mile long path that encircles campus, great for a jog.

PAA Peer Academic Advisors. Students who are trained by the Office of Academic Advising to help you choose your classes and navigate academics at Rice.

PCA Peer Career Advisors. Students who are trained by the Center for Career Development. They can help you revise your resume or cover letter, as well as figure out resources to find internships and jobs.

Private Party A party thrown by a group of people, rather than the whole college. The rules and regulations vary with each college but they're outlined by the Alcohol Policy.

Powderpuff Women's college flag football. One of the most intense (and fun) of the college sports, as well as a great spectator sport. Played during the fall semester.

Pre-Reqs Courses or credits needed prior to signing up for a course.

Pub Willy's Pub, located in the basement of the RMC. Great place to grab some pizza and hang out with people across campus. Heavily populated on Thursday nights.



Public Party Party thrown by a residential college; most throw one a semester. All of them are themed and open to all undergrads.

Pumpkin Grades Mid-semester grades given to new students in the fall to indicate how they are doing in their classes. They come out around Halloween.

Q-Card Card that gets you on the lightrail. Works for the Metro Bus system too.

R2 (The Rice Review) An independent literary magazine published entirely by students.

The Rec Barbara and David Gibbs Recreation and Wellness Center. Fully equipped for all of your workout needs. Also where the Wellbeing and Counseling Center is located.

REMS Rice Emergency Medical Service. Rice students that are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Respond to emergencies on campus.

RHA Rice Health Advisor. Students who are passionate about being healthy and keeping their fellow students healthy too!

RMC Rice Memorial Center, also known as the Student Center. Where you can find the Bookstore, Recharge U, Coffeehouse, Pub, and important offices like Academic Advising.

Rondelet Spring formal hosted by Rice Program Council.

RPC Rice Program Council. The organization in charge of university-wide events, such as Beer Bike, Screw-Yer-Roommate, Esperanza, and study breaks during finals.

RSVP Rice Student Volunteer Program. The organization that runs a lot of community service opportunities beyond the hedges.

RUPD Rice University Police Department. Save their number for emergencies: 713-348-6000.

Rustication A harsh penalty banning a student from campus except for attending classes and exams. Basically, don't get rusticated.



SA Student Association. The campus-wide body representing students. Deals with campus-wide issues and administrative business.

Sallyport Big archway in Lovett Hall. Rumor says that if you walk through it between matriculation and graduation, you won't graduate.

Sammy the Owl The Rice mascot.

Screw-Yer-Roommate Also known as Screw. A Rice tradition held in the fall in which roommates set up blind dates for each other.

Skyspace Pyramidal installation located next to the Shepherd School of Music. Great place to watch the sunrise and sunset.



SMR Student Maintenance Representative, the liaison between H&D and the students. They can help you change the height of your bed or your lightbulbs.

Tetra Points "Digital Money" on your ID card. Can be used at various on-campus venues, including but not limited to: The Hoot, Coffeehouse, Pub, Sammy's, RechargeU, Brochstein, and the serveries.

Thresher Rice's weekly student newspaper.

Valhalla Graduate student bar located below Keck Hall. Serves cheap beer and *banh mi* sandwiches.

Village Also known as Rice Village. Shopping center west of campus. Has a lot of great restaurants and shops, all within walking distance!

Whataburger A 24-hour restaurant where you can get a burger or legendary Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit.

Wiess Your home and family.

Willy Week The week preceding Beer Bike, filled with college activities, alumni, and jacks.



Willy's Statue Memorial statue of William Marsh Rice in the center of the Academic Quad. In a famous jack, Willy was turned 180 degrees by some ingenious Wiessmen.

Y'all Southern slang short for "you all." Soon enough, y'all will be saying this too.

WHAT TO CALL PEOPLE FROM...

College	Nickname
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Baker	Bakerite
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Will Rice	Will Ricer
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Hanszen	Hanszenite
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Jones	Jonesian
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Brown	Brownie
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Lovett	Lovetteer
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Sid Richardson	Sidizen
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Martel	Martelian
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McMurtry	Murt
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Duncan	Duncaroo
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MAGISTERS

Welcome to Team Wiess from the Schaefer Family!

Although this is the Schaefers' second year as Magisters of Wiess, they have a long history with the college. Andrew is Wiess '94 (CAAM and Math Econ) and Laura is Wiess '95 (MECH and English), and they met as undergrads at (Old) Wiess in 1991. They started dating two years later, when Laura built a (still-extant) exhibit at the National Air and Space Museum and Andrew had a summer job doing math for the CIA (shhh!) in Washington, DC. They went off to graduate school at Georgia Tech in 1995, where they received their PhDs, and they were professors at the University of Pittsburgh from 2000-2015. (During that time, the Schaefer family spent a magical year on sabbatical in London, where they lived in a small, fifth-floor flat in the middle of everything.)

Andrew is a professor in the Department of Computational and Applied Math. His research is in optimization, in particular how to make decisions in treating diseases. Laura is a professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department. Her work is centered on improving the environmental impact of energy consumption, both through increasing energy efficiency and investigating alternative energy generation technologies. Andrew grew up in Williamsburg, Virginia, and Laura lived in Illinois, Houston (well, the Woodlands), and Maryland. They love international travel, HBO series, foreign films, art, literature, hiking and all kinds of music.

There are two other important members of the Schaefer family: Elizabeth (nearly 14, and a self-proclaimed member of the Wiess class of 2026) and David (11). Elizabeth is a rising eighth grader at St. John's School. She enjoys all of her subjects, but especially science. She plays field hockey and lacrosse, and does junior classical league and quiz bowl. She has been interested in economics for

many years. David is a rising fifth grader at Annunciation Orthodox School (obviously a Greek school, though we aren't Greek). He is adept at Legos and origami, and will happily challenge you to a game of chess. He likes camping, basketball, and eating xiao long bao. Both are voracious readers who also love playing outside with their friends. The kids have been to over 40 countries – they love learning about various cultures, including food, history, and a few phrases.

The Schaefers are die-hard sports fans – Rice, of course, and an eclectic collection of professional teams: White Sox, Pirates, Packers, Steelers, Bulls, and Penguins. Andrew's grandfather played high school football for Curly Lambeau in Green Bay! They were a divided family during Super Bowl XLV between the Packers and Steelers.

The Schaefers are eager to welcome you to Wiess, and to the residential college system, which is part of what makes Rice the best undergraduate institution. The college system is both a small, intimate setting where you get to know a group of students extremely well, and also a framework for students to develop different cultures. The college system includes everyone, while maintaining eleven separate identities. The Schaefers feel that the Rice college system (and Wiess in particular) is "in their DNA" - it has shaped them (and continues to shape them) in many ways. As Magisters, they are eager to help you in your journey through the undergraduate years - please share both your concerns and your triumphs with them, and join them for a chat about Rice, Houston, or your future path.



RESIDENT ASSOCIATES

RENATA AND LENIN

Renata is not known for making many mistakes, but once upon a time she was an Associate at a lesser college. She was quick to fix that lapse in judgment and dragged Lenin to join TFW. This will be their seventh year as RAs! Gavin (also known as the Acatoddler) and Evan (known as the Acababy) have been Wiessmen all their lives: they were born across the street, but only took 36 hours to find their ways to Wiess. These four from the third floor love to spend time around Wiess, and their door is always open if you want to chat, relax, or simply have somebody listen to you.

Besides being RAs at the best college, Renata teaches in the Bioengineering department, Lenin works for Schlumberger, Gavin loves to play in the Acabowl, and Evan loves to follow Gavin around pretending to be a big boy. They enjoy food and love to travel and can be found regularly cheering for the Battlesows on the powderpuff field.

Lenin likes scuba diving and Renata likes horseback riding, so Lenin dials back his respect for horses to go riding and Renata chooses to forget the reasons why humans are not aquatic to go diving. Gavin absolutely loves baseball, frisbee, balls, and the trampoline and he can be spotted playing in the Acabowl most days (he'll drag you to play if you let him). Evan is always eating, sleeping or trying to convince someone to jump on the trampoline with him, but will most likely be talking non-stop by the time you get here. Join them for dinner, a movie, a game or barbacoa study break!



ESTHER

Yes! Yes! That geeky individual you are looking at is your new RA at Wiess College. Don't be scared though, this is just a picture; you will see my real nerdy side when I study in the commons with you guys. Other than that, I try to hide it pretty well. I have tons of energy that I hope to share with all Wiessmen in everyday life at the college. I am originally from Spain, but as soon as I finished high school I found a new home in the United States. However, I did keep some very good Spanish qualities such as my love for tapas (cooking and eating), as well as my fondness for animated conversation at meals (if you don't stop me I can go on for hours) and for fun in general. Even though I don't play soccer—as a true Spaniard should, apparently!—I am always ready to go for a run or a walk and I can't wait to watch a good Powderpuff game. Others hobbies that can become very handy during study breaks or weekends are my interests in films, performing arts, and my serious addiction to TV—this is a dangerous and recently acquired taste that I owe to my students. Don't hesitate to come by my room if you ever have a creative idea that you want to develop; I will be more than happy to help. And, of course, my door is always open for you to chat, complain, share a cup of tea or coffee or even practice some Spanish or French. I couldn't be happier to be part of this wonderful family and dive into it!



COLLEGE COORDINATOR

Ewart

Ewart (pronounced EEE-wert or You-wert, if you are Scottish) wears many hats at Wiess; a few of them have something to do with his actual job as college coordinator. Officially, he assists the Drs. Schaefer with the administration at Wiess. Unofficially, he is the mail guru (assisted by office assistant, Tyler de Salazar), fax master (anyone hear of scanning and emailing?), daytime RA (someone has to do it), holder of the keys (losing your keys gets you gentle mocking and a head shake), assistant to the Wiess treasurers (reluctantly), career counselor (we all need jobs) and human almanac (if he does not know the answer to your question he will try to find it or direct you to the Google machine on the interweb).

He can be found Monday through Friday in his man cave (the Wiess College office) and if you don't mind sass, you are free to come by and chat him up, but bring your A-game. Bottom line: Ewart exists in his current form to make your life at Wiess function as smoothly as possible.

From time to time you will see two smaller, female versions of Ewart running around. Don't be alarmed, those are his daughters, Vivian and Tabitha. Vivian will talk to you. Tabitha will not. They are super cute and somewhat entertaining. If you like bowties, cycling, photography and the Dallas Cowboys, you and Ewart will get along just fine (and even if you don't like those things).



THINGS YOU CAN DO IN THE WIESS OFFICE

- Borrow a room key if you've locked yourself out of your room.
- Buy stamps and envelopes to update your family and friends with good old snail mail.
- Borrow scissors, markers, a stapler, a hole punch or even a paper cutter.
- Use basic first aid products.
- Pick up your packages and drop off your outgoing packages.
- Make copies (\$0.10 per page).
- Send a fax.
- Scan a document.
- Listen to Ewart's odd music collection from his ancient iPod.
- Bring Ewart gifts.



TAY Known by many as the esteemed Wiess President, PresidenTay is more than just our fearless leader. In an unassuming little area called Sykesville, MD and famed for being the “2016 Coolest Small Town in America” by Budget Travels, Taytertot was raised from the ashes and made a name for herself as the lead singer of the locally renowned band Crossfire. When Tayble descended upon Wiess on a magnificent war pig, people immediately realized that with her ability to sing the songs of angels, inexplicable infatuation with knitting, and constant need for copious amounts of sleep, Tay truly is an elderly woman trapped in a 21-year old body. But don’t let this finely-aged guise fool you. When she isn’t maintaining a resting heart rate going about her pedestrian activities, you shouldn’t be surprised to find ParTay lapping countless victims on the outer loop, consuming vast amounts of chips and chocolate, or combatting the plethora of allergens which seek to dethrone her. Although you’re probably picturing an immortal goddess, you’ll quickly find your intimidation evolve into admiration. You’ll see exactly how genuine, thoughtful, and caring of a friend she is. You’ll see how she persistently goes out of her way to help those around her. You’ll see her uncanny ability to brighten anyone’s day. And finally, you’ll see someone who truly possesses a heart of goldenrod, and whose love for dogs is only surpassed by her love for Wiess. Prepare to be astounded, young Wiessmen, as you’re soon to meet the living legend that is Taylor Ann Jacob!

-Richard Zhang (Wiess '18)

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi there, new Wiessmen! My name is Tay Jacob, and I am the President of Wiess College (your new home!!). My role is to push forward positive changes to our college and our campus. I truly love Wiess and Rice, and I feel so fortunate to have the honor of being President.

“Team Family Wiess” is something that you have probably seen written many times in this book. As you read this, you are probably wondering what exactly that means. To the best of my ability, I can attempt to explain it, but I cannot wait for you to arrive so that you can experience it for yourself.

Team Family Wiess means that you can come as you are. Each and every member of this community contributes something different to our college. Rice is full of smart, quirky, funny, interesting, talented people, and Wiess is a microcosm of this. The peers that you meet here will become your lifelong friends. Be truly and completely yourself, and we will love you for it.

Team Family Wiess means that you will grow. College is a life-changing experience. You will grow intellectually through your classes and interests, but that’s not all. Your fellow Wiessmen, RAs, and Magisters will challenge you to be the best version of yourself.

Team Family Wiess is a support system. When you’re having trouble figuring out your path, Wiess will have your back. Looking back on my time at Rice, the support systems that I’ve found through Wiess have been instrumental to my happiness. Everyone at Wiess is rooting for you, even when you’re having trouble rooting for yourself.

Team Family Wiess is home. At the end of a long day of classes or studying, you will always be able to come home to Wiess, and the community here will welcome you with open arms. I hope that Wiess can become a home for you as it has become a home for so many of us.

We are so excited to meet you!



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Wiess Court is a safety net. Court makes sure that all Wiessmen are aware of and abide by the basic rules that are in place so we can keep our privileges, such as a wet campus and a quiet, trusting atmosphere. If anything goes wrong, we try to deal with it inside the college. By acting as a liaison between Wiessmen and Student Judicial Programs/RUPD, we can resolve issues quickly and effectively. When things arise that Court is not to handle, they may be settled by the A-Team; or if appropriate, by University Court and Student Judicial Programs.

Court's job is to support an environment of mutual respect and responsibility by enforcing both Wiess and Rice rules. Most of these rules are common sense, and even as a new student, you should have no problem abiding by them. Any academic violations should be reported to the Honor Council. However, if you've got non-academic issues, questions, concerns, complaints, problems, or irreconcilable intra-college disputes, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Wiess Court members to talk about it. With good common sense and responsibility, we can ensure that Wiess College remains a safe and enjoyable environment for all Wiessmen.

CHIEF JUSTICE



AKASH

Akash

"A-Cash" "A-Money"
"A-\$"""" Ghosal is a senior with the privilege of living at Wiess College. Hailing from an exotic small town called Houston, this civil and environmental engineering major

since arriving on the big stage at Rice. In his extracurricular life, Akash serves as Chief Justice for Wiess, a bartender at Willy's Pub, and as the bare-handed catcher for the Wiess Men's softball team. In his professional life, Akash is a DJ at KTRU and a specialist of the outdoors at Rice Outdoor Programs and Education, enhancing the public airwaves with his divinely inspired musical curations as he prepares Rice students to immerse themselves in the endless natural beauty of Texas. In his personal life, he invented the hybrid car, has performed over 250,000 hours of community service, and regularly ignores text messages from desperate supermodels whose numbers he doesn't even have saved. He's the best Twitter follower you could ever ask for and will exceed the highest expectations that you can possibly have for another human.

-Ryan Deal (Wiess '16)



It's Wednesday night. Do you know where your roommate is? Probably at Cabinet, Wiess' governing body, which holds open meetings every other Wednesday in the Upper Commons. All Wiessmen are encouraged to partake in the precarious balance of bedlam and decision-making that ensues in the biweekly meetings. With food, beverages and costumes relevant to the arbitrary weekly themes, Cabinet is one of the best ways to get involved at Wiess. Cabinet positions are led in the spring semester, so the following officers (with the exception of the freshmen reps—this could be you!) have already begun their tenure.

With the exception of the Off-Campus Reps and Freshmen Reps, here are the Cabinet officers, who holds the position these days, and a little description of each position. The roles are more formally described in the Wiess Constitution, which can be found at teamwiess.com.



President: **Tay Jacobé** is in charge of overseeing Cabinet meetings and all other Wiess activities, as well as representing Wiess around campus in a ridiculous number of meetings.

Tay is excited about all of the new ideas that the freshmen will bring to the college and is excited to help you make them a reality!



External VP: **Mike Dai** is Wiess' link to the community through the Associates program. He sets up Associates with O-Week groups and plans semi-formal dinners so we can chat with our Wiess community beyond the hedges and thank them for everything they bring to the college. Mike is also in charge of the Associates' Committee, which you can join!



Internal VP: **Kunal Shah** is all about Wiess culture and events. He is in charge of appointing and managing the Wiess Reps, as well as coordinating Summit, Wiess Shark Tank, Pumpkin Caroling, and Big Bang, whatever that is.



Social VPs: These are the people who keep us entertained throughout the year by hosting Wiess events and organizing Cabinet meetings. **Liz Kacpura** and **Sarah Silberman** threw an awesome Wiess Day in the spring and are already gearing up for NOD by the time you read this. They work unbelievably hard and will welcome your help in their prep and planning!



WIESS CABINET



Secretary: **Johannah Palomo** is in charge of creating Cabinet agendas, as well as jotting down meticulous and entertaining minutes at the meetings to e-mail to the college.

She is also in charge of reserving public rooms at Wiess and keeping the Wiess calendar updated, so keep her contact handy!



Treasurers: The buck stops with **Ashish Kulkarni** and **Yunnie Huang**. They organize our entire budget:

shifting funds around so we have money where we need it, reimbursing people, cashing checks, and also updating the budget online and presenting it at Cabinet meetings.



Off-Campus Reps: **[TBD]** and **[TBD]** represent the Wiessmen who live off-campus. They make sure the concerns

of off-campus (OC) students are heard by Cabinet, and they plan activities aimed to incorporate OC students into daily Wiess life. OC-Reps are elected in the fall once it's clear where everyone is living.

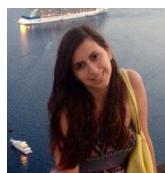


Cultural Reps: **Dilo Dube** and **Ajay Subramanian** pack a one-two punch in promote Wiess' diversity. They are

not only in charge of hosting events to celebrate different cultures but also serve as resources for Wiessmen to bring up matters of diversity. They also oversee the Wiess Diversity Council, in charge of making Wiess an even more welcoming and inclusive place!



Sophomore Reps: **David McDonald** and **Jeel Mehta** bring a little more sophomore leadership to Cabinet and are, among other things, in charge of a couple of barbeques each year. They also keep track of your freshman service points, which you need to apply to live on-campus as a sophomore.



Capital Improvements: Rice allots thousands of dollars each year to each college to be spent as the college sees fit. **Kristina Dickman** is in charge of that money, investing it in things like renovating our movie room, buying a hammock and arcade machine, and any other crazy idea you can come up with.



At-Large Rep: **Brian Tighe** helps connect Cabinet with the greater Wiess community by conducting a number of colorful surveys and letting people know what Cabinet is up to. The surveys cover everything from the weather to the quality of the servery food.



Parliamentarian: To keep us all in line, **Jacob Mattia** presides over Cabinet in his chair high above the Upper Commons with requests for motions and general discipline.



Historian: **Anson Tong** organizes all of the pictures taken by Wiessmen, takes pictures at Wiess events (like O-Week!), and keeps records of all the random stuff we do for historical reference.



Academics and Career Chair: **Serena Tohme** heads the Wiess Mentors, Peer Academic Advisors, and Peer Career Advisors so that Wiessmen have access to academic help and career-related opportunities for every type of major.

NEW STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

First Year Reps: The two First Year Reps will serve as voting members on Cabinet and work with the college government through responsibilities such as creating Wiess merchandise, organizing the Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Study Break, and planning other fun events for the college. Overall you will act as a voice for Wiess's new class!

SA New Student Reps: Each residential college has four NSRs who each serve within one of the Student Association's standing committees or a Student Initiative project. You will represent Wiess and work on projects pertaining to Rice!



Freshman Council: The Freshman Council will serve as a group of freshmen who the Sophomore Reps will oversee. You will represent the class, plan projects and events for Wiess, and work together to implement new ideas for the college!

Shadowing Wiess positions: As a New student, you have the opportunity to "shadow" any Cabinet/Rep/Committee Position that interests you. As a shadow, you will learn the role and responsibility of the position and be able to get involved at the college in whichever area of Wiess interests you!



Wiess Associates Committee: As a member of the Associates Committee, you will work with Associates who are a part of Wiess. You will organize events, act as a liaison from Wiess, and make valuable connections with faculty, alumni, and community members.



Wiess Outreach Committee: On the Outreach Committee, you will get the opportunity to engage Wiess with service in the Houston community. You will work with other Wiessmen to volunteer at Outreach Days at various service sites well as plan events such as study breaks and events.

Being a Wiessman! - Whether or not you want a position at Wiess, there are ALWAYS opportunities for you to get involved in some way. You are now a member of Wiess and that means you have the chance to benefit and contribute in whatever way interests you. Yeah Wiess!



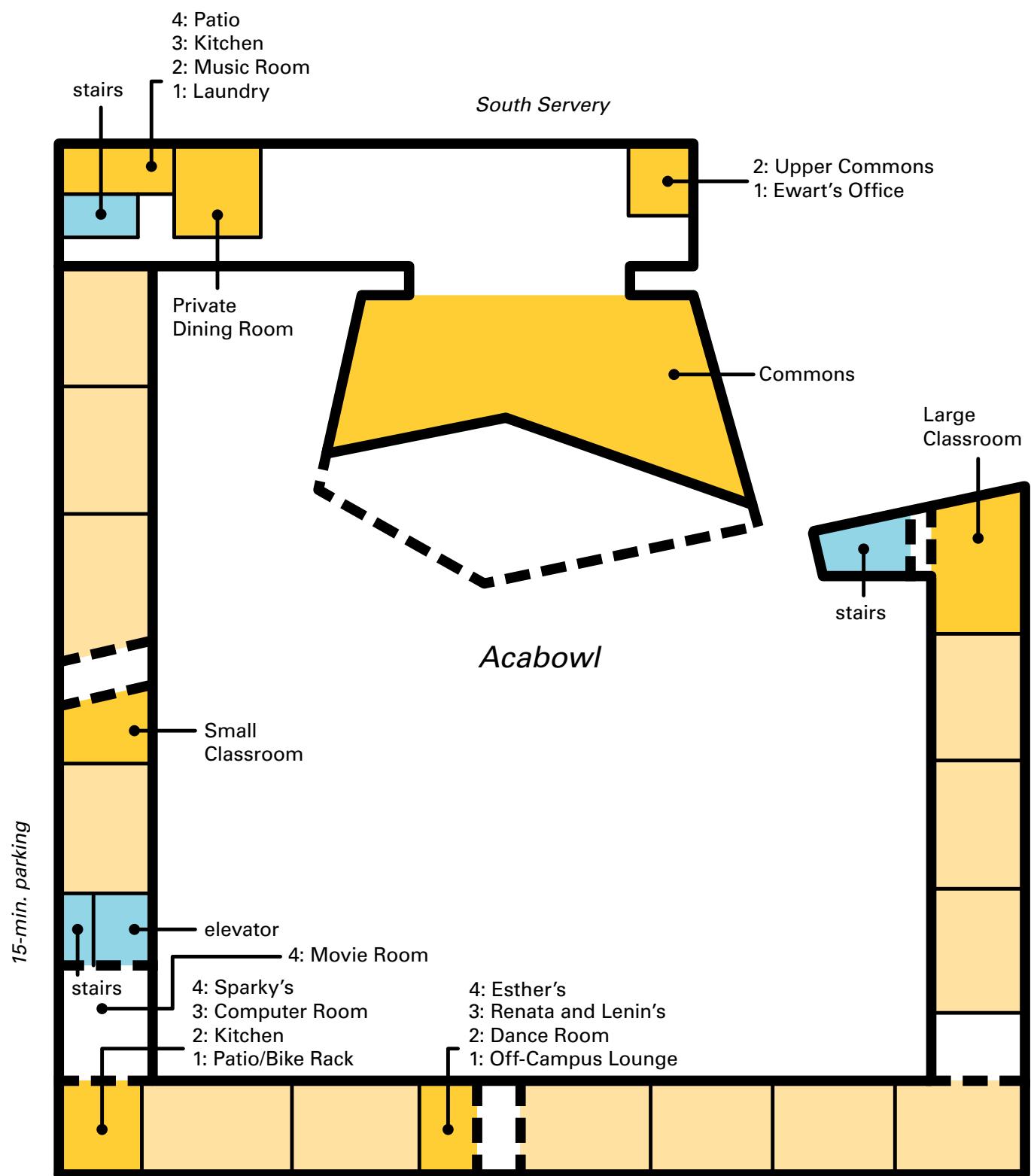
Other entirely new opportunities for new student involvement include:

- Joining the Welcome Committee
- Joining the Field Trips Committee
- Either becoming a Wiess Representative or creating a Rep position on a topic of your choice! If you express your passion for a new position, it is possible to get appointed and funded immediately.
- Pitching to Wiess Shark Tank, where the winner will be awarded ~\$750 to make an idea for their college become a reality!

Make sure to ask your IVP if you are interested in participating of any of these great opportunities.



MAP OF WIESS

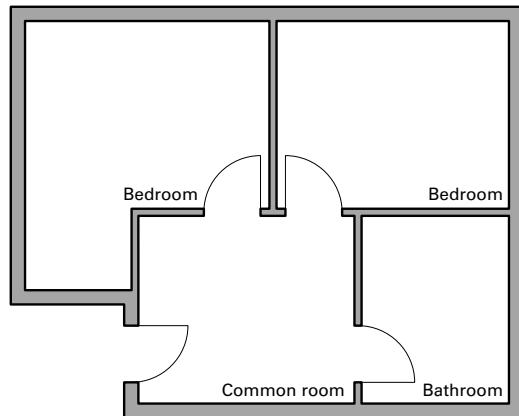


*Pale goldenrod denotes suites.
Number prefixes indicate a room's floor. This map shows the first floor.*

Learn more about suites on page 27.

Learn more about rooms at Wiess (e.g. Kitchen, Music Room) on page 28t.

YOUR ROOM



One example suite layout. Minor variations occur among suites.

YOUR ROOM

Without a doubt, one of the biggest perks of being at Wiess is living at Wiess—the rooms are nice and quite spacious!

For your first year, you will be assigned to what we call a double—a suite with four people in two rooms and a shared common room. The bedrooms and common rooms are each approximately 16' x 12'. Each suite also has its own bathroom, which means no trekking down the hall in the middle of the night when you need to go.

The standard bedroom furniture for each student is a three-drawer dresser, a wardrobe closet, a desk, a desk chair, and a twin EXTRA LONG (make sure you get the right size sheets!) bed that is bunkable and can be lofted to different heights. Most people don't find it necessary to bunk their beds, and there's not much need for more furniture in your bedroom, unless you want to have a special desk chair or a simple bookshelf.

In the common room (pictured above), you will find a bookcase, tiled flooring, and space to be adventurous. Wiessmen often choose to outfit their common rooms with couches, recliners, mini-fridges,

etc., but if you are apprehensive about transporting large furniture, rest assured that there is almost always cheap furniture floating around with "a lot of sentimental value." If that doesn't work out, there are also great (read: economical) furniture places in Houston, and you can always try your luck with Craigslist. To give you a better idea about size, most common rooms can comfortably fit a large couch or two small couches, your mini-fridge, and a TV.

If you're planning to share appliances or entertainment devices (e.g. TV, DVD player) with your roommate and suitemates, make sure to communicate with them in advance. You probably don't want to end up with three mini-fridges and no microwave (or do you?).

Be advised that the bathrooms have no cabinetry so buying a plastic storage container is advisable, especially if you have lots of toiletry items.

STUDENT MAINTENANCE REP

If the process of rearranging your furniture and dealing with the maintenance of your very own room sounds like a lot for you to manage on your own, don't worry! Your Student Maintenance Representative (referred to as your SMR) is a fellow student who will be there during O-Week and throughout the year to help you with things such as lofting your bed, providing you with lightbulbs, and reporting necessary repairs.

Your SMR is available to help you all throughout O-Week, but remember that during the year she is also a student with responsibilities like yours—please be flexible with your requests. Wiess' current SMR is **Walker Grimes**.



AMENITIES/ROOMS AT WIESS

Luckily your suite isn't the only thing you have access to at Wiess. You can access Wiess' public rooms with your room key! Many of these rooms have been renovated in recent years, and everything is still pretty modern because we were built so recently. But we always want to make Wiess better, so if you have any ideas about how to improve our rooms, talk to our Capital Improvements Rep.

COMMONS

Wiess is home to the largest commons on campus, which means lots of space and shockingly effective sound muffling. Bask in the sunlight streaming from our huge windows while eating lunch with fellow Wiessmen, or find a quiet table to study late at night. Our piano is popular among musicians from other colleges, too. Most big events at Wiess, such as NOD, Salsa Night, and even our Superbowl watching party, are held right here.

MOVIE ROOM

The movie room is seriously the stuff of legend and the desire of every other college on campus. We have new, extremely comfortable couches, stadium seating, and a recently installed projector with 4k picture capabilities (people who understand technology claim this is very impressive). This is a great place to spend a Friday night with some friends and lots of popcorn, but be sure to check the Wiess calendar online to see if it's already been reserved! Also check out the huge Wiess movie collection, housed by our Movie Reps.

LAUNDRY ROOM

When you inevitably find yourself running out of clean clothes, fear not. Wiess has its very own laundry room, and the machines are free! Just remember to follow the rules of the laundry room: if someone's wet clothes are in the washing machine, kindly move them to the dryer (on low or medium heat), and if clothes are still wet after a dry cycle, run them again! When clothes are dry, you can move them to the baskets located across from the dryers so that they are ready for pickup by your fellow Wiessmen. And while our laundry room is well-equipped, don't forget to bring your own laundry detergent!

PRIVATE DINING ROOM

The Private Dining Room (PDR) is a nice place to have meetings and is frequented by the A-Team and the Rice Philharmonics. There's a lot of Wiess history in here, including pictures of all our former Magisters, and a lot of old Campanile books as well. Try to find pictures of Drs. Schaefer as students!

THIRD FLOOR KITCHEN

If you want to bake something, make popcorn, or even cook dinner on those Saturday nights when the servery is closed, the Third Floor Kitchen is the best place to do it. We recently redesigned it, with new counters, tiles, and stoves! Ask the Kitchen Reps for any baking supplies you need.

MUSIC ROOM

Don't wanna work? Wanna bang on the drums all day instead? Then check out our Music Room, located on the second floor right above the laundry room. It features a recording booth and soundproofing that sort of works. It's sure to rock anyone's world.

DANCE ROOM

Also unique to Wiess is our dance room, complete with speakers, nice wood floors and full-length mirrors. Perfect for choreographing your latest YouTube hit or your dance for the O-Week Talent Show. The dance room is located on the second floor below the RA suites.

SPARKY'S

Sparky's used to be a Wiess storage closet, but has been slowly transformed in the past five years. This vibrant goldenrod room is a great place to study, play various games with your friends, or even watch some powderpuff. We have lots of tables, mini basketball hoops, big windows, and of course, the Wiess crest. Sparky's is located on the fourth floor next to the movie room, tucked away in the corner.



WIESS TRADITIONS

It's easy to simply say that Wiess is the best college (because it's true), but as a curious new student, you're probably wondering where this supremacy came from. As one of the original residential colleges, we've developed an impressively rich set of traditions over the last 50-plus years. It may seem like there's a lot here to keep track of, but don't worry! Every Wiessman has managed to understand and love these traditions—you'll surely be able to do the same.

UBANGEE

A Ubangee is, first and foremost, an expression of love. The Ubangee combines the fun of tag with your friends simple joy of jumping up and down and grunting. Every Ubangee has a "person of interest," who lies in the center of a circle of jumping and yelling Wiessmen and one brace, protecting the person from physical harm. In some more, uh, rambunctious Ubangees, this "brace" might also serve to "tackle" the person who is being celebrated. After a satisfactory number of grunts have been emitted, the Ubangee ends with three triumphant, loud, and slow cries of TEAM WIESS.

There are numerous justifications for a Ubangee, ranging from a Wiessman having a birthday or celebrating an accomplishment. Ubangees are at their most prominent during the Beer Bike water balloon fight, as hordes of Wiessmen chase down anybody lucky enough to be picked as a Co-Fellow or unintelligent enough to target a Wiessman with a water balloon. They may sound frightening from this description, but don't worry—they're magnificent and truly beautiful in practice.

POWDERPUFF

While you may not have dreamed of growing up to be a Battlesow, you may find that playing on the Wiess women's flag football team is the lifelong dream you never knew you had. Known across campus as Powderpuff, the women's flag football league is one of the most hotly contested sports leagues on campus. Wiess has won the championship more than any other college and we have the potential to add to that total this year.

But Powderpuff is about more than just titles and winning—it's also one of the most exciting events around the college. People all around Wiess get involved in the experience—from leading cheers on the sideline to organizing barbeques for supporters. And of course, members of the team get to meet other Wiess women while enjoying the beautiful Houston outdoors. No experience or "talent" is required to be on the team. Even if you don't know what a touchdown is, Wiess powderpuff offers a great chance to hang out with your fellow Wiessmen and sport your goldenrod t-shirts (or even better, your Battlesows jersey).





FILMFEST

How does your college make sure you're prepared for your classes twice a year? That's easy: by playing movies for twenty-four consecutive hours. We play movies from all types of genres, from midnight to midnight. It's a great time to relax, unwind from studying, and watch one or two or ten movies with your family at Wiess. The experience is made even better by our legendary movie room, with countless couches, a state of the art projector, and blacked out windows for premium viewing experiences. Filmfest can be the perfect way to take a study break or to procrastinate—whichever you prefer.

SUMMIT

In early fall, every Wiessman is invited to Summit, a day-long retreat at the beach (or on a boat depending on what era of Wiess history we're in) to discuss issues at the college and devise plans for the year. Summit is an awesome chance to soak up the sun and play in the sand while bonding with your new Wiess friends and getting to know the upperclassmen. It is also a great way for freshmen to have a voice in matters at the college and, most importantly, a great time. Sign up early!

TEAM FUN FRIDAY WIESS

It's Friday! There's music on the stacks. There's Wiessmen in the acabowl playing volleyball and throwing around a football. Maybe there are puppies? Maybe the A-Team is grilling? or maybe there's a waterslide? Team Fun Friday Wiess happens a few times a month and each fun Friday has a theme and special fun activities that correspond with the theme. If you have great ideas for a TFFW, be sure to contact the TFFW Committee to get involved!

TABLETOP THEATRE

As you hopefully have gathered by this point, Wiess is a pretty impressive residential college. One of our most well-known contributions to campus culture is our Tabletop Theatre. Tabletop puts on plays that are well-done to say the least, but makes it incredibly easy for new students to get involved.

If you have a passion for performance, want to get to know other new students and upperclassmen better, or enjoy things that are awesome, audition to be part of a Freshman One-Acts. Auditions are in the early phases of fall semester and students are cast for several plays directed by Wiess upperclassmen. There is no necessary skill level to participate and the time commitment is minimal, but the performances on Families Weekend are always a sight to behold.

For those new students who don't really see themselves as actors, don't despair! Our productions wouldn't be half as magical without all the technical wizardry that goes on backstage. From the lighting and sound equipment to stage design and construction to costumes and props, much of what makes a Tabletop production run takes place entirely behind the scenes. No matter what your talents are, Tabletop will be happy to have you!

Besides the masterpieces of Freshman One-Acts, Tabletop also puts on other plays (and sometimes musicals!) throughout the year. Every four years, Wiess has the honor of performing *Hello, Hamlet*, a musical written by a former Wiessman that is only performed once during each student's career. *Hello, Hamlet* was performed two years ago, but you'll have the chance to get involved your Junior year. Don't pass up this literally once-in-a-Wiesstime opportunity!



COLLEGE NIGHT

College Night is an event held by each residential college once per semester, typically on Fridays. They're characterized by fun all afternoon, a fancy dinner, and a night full of celebrations. Each College Night has its own new and exciting theme, which in recent years have ranged from Survivor, hip-hop (All Goldenrod Everything), holidays (Dreaming of a Wiess Christmas), and flags (Team Flag Wiess, a theme so popular that you may see Team Flag Wiess as its own event). It's one of the highlights of the semester, so stay tuned for a theme announcement!

WIESS DAY

While every residential college can celebrate with a College Night, only Wiess has Wiess Day. This is a relatively new tradition, originating in the spring of 2008. This day of celebration centers around the fact that we're from Wiess and Wiess is great. Wiess Day is planned by the Social Vice Presidents, so most of the activities are up to their discretion, but past years' have included a slip-n-slide, an ice cream truck, and a petting zoo (complete with goats and a very small horse). Nobody knows what Wiess Day will hold, but it will surely be a day to remember.

PUMPKIN CAROLING

Been wondering what to do on Halloween now that you're too old for Trick-or-Treating? Wiess has the answer: Pumpkin Caroling. Every Halloween, Wiess elects a College Idiot, who wins the honor of rallying the college with an inspirational speech and serving as the Great Pumpkin. Then, with candles, song lyrics, and tasty fall treats in hand, we parade around campus singing caroling melodies with modified lyrics. The entire event is magnificent, but it gets even better when we visit the library.

JAZZ NIGHT

Whether you like or have never listened to jazz, you'll love Jazz Night! In late April, Wiess invites professional and undergraduate jazz musicians to perform in the Commons. It's a relaxing atmosphere, complete with classy wine and cheese, and the event is strategically placed at a time when classes and exams start to get stressful. Also, a former Wiessman plays in the band, so make sure to stop by!

SALSA NIGHT

The other event planned by our Cultural Vice Presidents is even hotter than Jazz Night. Each fall, Wiess hosts Salsa Night, a night of Latin dancing for the experienced, novice, and the rhythmically challenged. An hour of free lessons leads to a night full of dancing, food, and live salsa music!

NIGHT OF DECADENCE (NOD)

Rice public parties strive to be two things: safe and awesome. NOD is a party held on the weekend closest to Halloween each year. Attendance is the highest of any public party (think in the ballpark of 1200 Rice students) and so is the security force (think in the ballpark of 200 students). When you combine these, you get a party so successful that it once ranked on Playboy's Top 10 College Parties in America. NOD is no longer quite as rambunctious, but you should still be excited for your first experience this October.

NOD is a huge production and there are several important ways to get involved. Every year, Wiess students go to great lengths to decorate the Acabowl and Commons to create the unique atmosphere that makes NOD what it is. It can't be done without your help, so keep your eyes open for emails from the Socials soliciting decoration assistance. Whether you want to attend, help decorate, or join the security force, NOD is a great way to make friends and memories.



THE O-WEEK TEAM

THE O-WEEK CREW

WHAT'S A HEAD FELLOW?

If you asked every student at Wiess what the Head Fellows do, you would probably get several different answers and most of them would be incomplete. Luckily, writing this book you're currently reading is one of the things that the Head Fellows do, so we'll give you the best answer we can! We've been working since January to make your O-Week and first year at Rice the best that they can possibly be. We take the lead in planning events during O-Week, placing you with your suite members, and preparing this book, among countless other things.

One of the best things about Rice is the considerable faith that the administration places in students who hold these positions and run the show. We value that trust and take the responsibilities of our position very seriously. If there are any questions you have for us or any ways that you know we can help you, feel free to email us at wiessoweweek@gmail.com. We're so excited to meet you that any email will make us jump for joy!

One quick note—at other colleges, Head Fellows are called O-Week Coordinators.

WHAT'S AN O-WEEK GROUP?

Your O-Week group will be the first set of friends you make at Rice. Each O-Week group is composed of 7–8 new students at Wiess from all around the world and across every academic discipline. Each group is matched with three Fellows, and some Associates (don't worry, we'll explain what all of these words mean soon!). Throughout O-Week you'll spend time with the entire class of Wiess new students in the various presentations and activities that we've planned for you, but your O-Week group will provide you with a smaller group who you can get to know on a more personal level before classes start. Luckily for you, your O-Week group will have a lasting bond that goes well beyond orientation. Your Fellows are excited to meet you, so get ready!

WHAT'S A FELLOW?

Your Fellows are current rice students who have been selected to help lead you in the transition into life at Rice and Wiess. They're so excited to meet you that they've volunteered to be back at Rice almost two weeks before classes start. They're such impressive people that they were chosen through a highly competitive process. During O-Week, your Fellows will be your all-in-one resource to everything new at Rice, from your first semester schedule to the nuances of Wiess traditions. If they don't know the answer to one of your questions, they'll know somebody who does. After O-Week ends and the real year begins, your Fellows will still be there for you! They are all great people and, they want you to feel free to come to them for help with anything throughout the year.

One quick note—like Head Fellows, the term Fellows is used only at Wiess. Here, we call people who are usually called "advisors," "Fellows," to emphasize the fact that they are your fellow peers. First and foremost, your Fellows are your friends.

Each group also has a Fellow from a different residential college. Because they love Wiess so much, they applied to spend their O-Week with us and you. They can help show you the wonders of our campus outside of Wiess and help you learn a little bit about the cultures from the other colleges across campus. They may not be originally from Wiess, but they're just as excited about our O-Week as any of us.

WHAT'S AN AFFILIATE?

Affiliates are Fellows who serve specific roles for the whole college to help you in your transition to Rice. Your O-Week group will have an affiliate paired to your group, but they'll primarily serve the entire new student body as a whole. You'll have a chance to meet all the affiliates during O-Week, so be sure to say hi! They're fantastic people who can help you with a variety of specialized information about Rice.





ABBEY PEREZ
WIESS '19
AUSTIN, TX
ANTHROPOLOGY, VADA (FILM)

EUGENE WANG
WIESS '18
TAIPEI, TAIWAN
COMPUTER SCIENCE, ECON

RICHARD ZHANG
WIESS '18
GERMANTOWN, TN
COMPUTER SCIENCE



HEAD FELLOWS

RICHARD Who is the source of that obnoxious laughter that can be heard throughout the Wiess Commons? Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, its Richard Zhang! Look out, New Students of Wiess College, because Richard "Big Rich/Ricky Z/RKZ1" Zhang is here to create the O-Week of a lifetime. This goofball will warm your heart and brighten your life. Hailing from the great city of Memphis, Tennessee, this not-so-Southern boy loves the Memphis Grizzlies almost as much as he loves singing Gabriella's parts in every song from High School Musical (don't make him be Troy; he won't like it). When he's not busy coding or statistics-ing, you can find this baller working out at the gym 3-4 days a week, playing Super Smash Bros 7 days a week (and sometimes, multiple times a day!), or throwing a frisbee in the acabowl for hours on end if it is nice outside (ask him to teach you!). Hanging out with Ricky Z is always a good time; when you're with him, you may feel as though you are much funnier than normal, but that is probably because he thinks that absolutely everything is funny. Embrace this and enjoy the ab workout because he will make your stomach hurt from laughing so much. Loyal, goofy, and smart, this Golden-Retriever-at-heart will be best friends with anyone, so don't be afraid to reach out to this Head Fellow for anything you need!

-Tay Jacob (Wiess '18)

EUGENE Soccer, Computer Science, Taiwan, Food. When any combination of these words come up in a conversation, there is a good chance that you're talking about Eugene Wang. If a genie granted you three wishes, being friends with this kid would be your first, having him as your Head Fellow your second, and being a Wiessmen your third. Reigning all the way from Taiwan comes this incredibly entertaining and embarrassingly funny Wiess Senior. "Huge" decided that two majors – Computer Science and Economics – weren't enough and took up a minor in making the worlds funniest jokes. He will not only make you fall to the ground laughing (mostly at him), but will also dazzle you with his incredible soccer skills and convey his suavity as he winks seductively after every compliment he receives. If you don't see Eugene working endlessly to crack a code or scoring goals for the Rice Lads, you will probably see him napping in various and all parts of campus. In all honesty, Eugene is extremely nice, caring, and passionate and is always open to help you out or to talk to you about anything, from academics to which dumpling restaurant is the best in Houston. His combination of outgoing and sensitive makes you the luckiest person alive. Moral of the story, you are not in need of a genie.

-Eugenio Mesta (Will Rice '19)

ABBEY If you're suddenly overcome with the urge to hug the person closest to you or wave at a stranger from across the room, congratulations – you're most likely in the infectiously friendly presence of one of your head fellows, Abbey Perez! This 5'2" flower child is filled with both love and spirit, making her the perfect partner for movie nights (complete with artsy camera angle criticism) or strapping on matching fanny packs and dancing the night away. Her interests are as diverse as is her native city of Austin; when not being forcibly restrained from auditioning for multiple plays, Abbey can tell you all about her Anthropology and Film majors or share her love of astronomy. As one of Wiess's Resident Health Advisors, she knows that laughter is the best medicine, which is why you'll also find her in Rice's sketch comedy scene. With all these hobbies, the only thing larger than Abbey's to-do list is her heart; she's one of the kindest people you could hope to know. Get excited for O-Week, because you couldn't have asked for a better head fellow or Wiess-mate than this wonderful ray of sunshine.

-Steffannie Alter (Wiess '19)

FELLOWS

KAYSIE TAM
MARTEL '18
CEDAR PARK, TX
MECHANICAL ENG.

YUNNIE HUANG
WIESS '20
CHICAGO, IL
ECONOMICS, COMP. AND APPLIED MATH
+VIDEOGRAPHER

ASHISH KULKARNI
WIESS '19
THE WOODLANDS, TX
CHEMICAL AND BIOMOLECULAR ENG.



ASHISH Kobe, Steph Curry, Michael Jordan. You're probably familiar with these Hall-of-Famers. But a lesser known all-star lies within the depths of Wiess College. Ashish Kulkarni. Originally from Australia, Ashish is a Houston adoptee with impeccable music taste (One Direction's #1 fan). Legend has it that Ashish was so fast on the court, the other players bought him a hoverboard to try and slow him down. It didn't work. As a Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major and an RCEL Section Lead, Ashish keeps himself busy with his demanding workload and extracurriculars. Don't worry though. Ashish is the most selfless friend and will always be down to take a break from his problem set(s) and go on a boba seeking adventure. Warning: he will definitely sing in the car. He'll be here for you whether you want to grab late night food, talk about life, or need a study buddy (read: someone to watch Gossip Girl with) at 2 am. He's also #goals as the co-founder and president of the Rice Business Society. Ashish is Wiess's Head Treasurer so talk to him about all the cool ideas you have. He can help you fund it! Ashish will make your O-Week and Rice career the best time of your life! He may be #24 on the court but after O-Week, he will most definitely be #1 in your heart. Count your lucky stars because you just landed yourself the best fellow/friend to ever exist.

-Nasim Khalfe (Wiess '18)

KAYSIE Kaysie Tam is a rebel. We know this because she used to have purple hair (and not just for Beer Bike – it was a much more serious relationship than that). This Martel Senior's rebellious ways have also led her to become President of the acapella team, The Phils, and helped her survive three years of MechE so far. When she's not finishing problem sets or boasting on weights in the gym, you can find Kaysie in transit between all of her back-to-back meetings and still uploading photo albums from when she studied abroad last Fall. It's actually surprising that this bio went so long without mentioning Australia because Kaysie definitely will. Scientifically, if you're of the human species, you will want to be Kaysie's friend. Here are surefire topics of conversation to win your way into her elite social circle ("elite" meaning she knows pretty much everyone): Adele, belty piano ballads, Adele, Instagrams of brunch, and Adele. Also, mention her blog (<https://kaysietam.wordpress.com/>) and she will likely buy you a drink from Coffeehouse. During some interactions, Kaysie might refer to herself as "ya girl" and believe this omniscient narrator when I say "ya girl is the best person you will ever meet at Rice." Find Kaysie. Prove you can spell Kaysie. Friend Kaysie – unless she beats you to it, which she probably will.

-Sahil Solankee (Brown '18)

YUNNIE Yunjing aka Yunnie (like "bunny") Huang is funny, loves money, and is sweeter than honey! No, really, she does love money; she's a Math/Econ and CAAM double major, and Wiess' own Apprentice Treasurer! She is known by many at Wiess and around campus for her charming personality and effortless beauty. Yunnie also loves to shop, especially online, where she can score some impressive deals. Yunnie has an impeccable fashion sense, but she is a little BASYK...which is an Asian hip-hop dance group on campus that she's been involved in this past year. Her varied other talents include playing the guitar, sushi-making, and photography. In fact, Yunnie will be the videographer for Wiess O-Week, so cash her outside (and inside, for that matter) capturing all the action! Yunnie hails from Chicago, Illinois, and loves to travel. She is one of the sweetest Wiessmen around, and will always support you in whatever you do. If Yunnie is your fellow, get hype, cause you just hit the jackpot!

-Simi Rahman (Wiess '20)



RACHEL Rachel Nicole Lambert, for all intents and purposes, can be classified as her own breed of rhinoceros. She is not quite as big nor intimidating as a rhino, her wit is as sharp as a rhino's horn. Her clever puns will never fail to make you laugh at least a little bit. As a warning, don't mention corn nuggets in front of this vegetarian, as Rachel will possibly explode into a ball of excitement. If corn nuggets weren't enough, Rachel also has a severe addiction to boba. To simulate frolicking in the African savannas or drinking from the watering hole, Rachel loves going for a run at the gym or defending her title as an Inner Tube Water Polo champion. Many falls later, Rachel also learned how to ride a bike, making her the full triathlete. When she's not grazing on corn nuggets and boba or burning their calories off, Rachel enjoys listening to sophisticated music. But beneath her sly exterior is the silliest of cheeseballs, which shows through her carefree and derp-y dancing. Whether you need weight lifting advice or a buddy who's always down for boba, Rachel is the perfect person to ask. Over the course of O-Week you'll see why y'all are so lucky to have this rhino-girl as your Fellow!

-Eugene Wang (Wiess '18)

JESSE Jesse Liebman. Absolute Stud. That's what I thought when I met the 5 feet 6 inches, half ginger that is Jesse Liebman. Despite his masculine and outgoing demeanor, Jesse is a softie at heart. When not working on his Physics major, you can often find Jesse turning out pure gold on his precious guitar. Between his magical fingers and soothing voice, Jesse Liebman is the total package. A gifted soccer player. A brain with knowledge about almost everything. A social dynamo. Jesse is the man. Count your lucky stars if you get to call Jesse your fellow, for you got an awesome man who is a loyal friend and will always have your back. If you're ever looking for Jesse, you can often find him at the rec, swimming laps and toning his rock hard dad bod, or in the commons, chatting up people while doing his math problem sets. And if you can't find him, just listen because his voice has an uncanny ability to carry through walls. Jesse is an amazing person and friend, truly one of a kind. Trust me, you could not have gotten a better fellow.

-Cannon Armistead (Baker '20)

JACOB If you are one of the few, fortunate members of the Class of 2021 to be a part of Jacob Mattia's O-Week group, you are going to soon realize that you have made one of the best friends possible at Wiess College. This sophomore Bioengineer is one of the most caring and genuine individuals you will ever meet, but he is also not afraid to effortlessly trounce you in a game of Smash. From helping people with their Computational and Applied Mathematics homework to serving up a late-night plate of his own homemade recipe for rice (made from the rice cooker he keeps stashed in his off campus locker--for easy access), Jacob will always be there to come to the aid of anybody nearby. While Jacob is not only one of the most amazing Wiessmen, you will also see him doing a million things all across campus, from singing and dancing in Tabletop Productions across campus and also as a group leader for Cru. Also, make sure to be a part of the production that will be under Jacob's direction: the theatrical highlight of the year that is made up of new Wiessmen: Freshmen One Acts. As a member of Jacob's O-Week group, you can be well-assured that your first week and year at Rice will be the best you ever have!

-Murali Palathinkara (Wiess '20)

MARCOS DE LA GARZA
WIESS '19
WESLACO, TX
COMPUTER SCIENCE

MICHAEL McDOWELL
WIESS '20
HOUSTON, TX
SOCIOLOGY, ECONOMICS
+PEER ACADEMIC ADVISOR

JAHNAVI JAGANNATH LOVETT '18
MEMPHIS, TN
SOCIOLOGY, POLICY STUDIES

MARCOS Marcos De La Garza. Even if you translate his name to Spanish, he's still fuego. And even though he can't speak Spanish, this boi can definitely tango. In the years that we have gotten to know Marcos, we are proud to call him our best friend and the biggest goon around. He's always #Down2Clown (seriously... he never misses anything #FOMO), and he'll always be there for you when you want someone to talk to, grab a meal with, or even get sentimental over throwback jams with. Marcos goes above and beyond to exude the inclusivity and spirit of Wiess. Hailing from Weslaco, TX, this Valley boy has the ability to strike a conversation with anyone, and you'll feel right at home within your first minute of interacting with him. Catch him at 3 AM eating Whataburger or slaving away in front of his laptop in the Wiess commons debugging a gnarly code. If you hear the words "MONSTER, bro," don't be alarmed! It's probably just Marcos going ham at Smash Bros in the upper commons or pumping sweet iron at the gym. Although he spent the summer interning at Microsoft in Seattle, this Texas boy is returning to his roots, so get ready for the best week (and beyond!) of your life with Marcos as your fellow!!

-Jason Ye (Wiess '19)

-Megha Sheth (Wiess '19)

-Nasim Khalfe (Wiess '19)

JAHNAVI Jahnavi, noun: a Loveteer, traveler, and musical goddess with a big heart and an ability to bring sunshine into your life on even the cloudiest of days. Hailing from Germantown, Tennessee, this fiery Power Woman will steal your heart with her zest for life and her warm hugs. This Basmati Beats singer and superstar just came back from a semester abroad in not one, not two, but three different countries (Nepal, Jordan, and Chile) and is truly a wanderer at heart. Despite her busy schedule as a Sociology and Policy Studies double major and EBIO minor, she always has time for adventures, both small and large, and every day spent with her is an adventure in and of itself because she has a talent for finding excitement and joy in even the smallest things in life. On top of her studies, she also works at KTRU, Rice's student-run radio, is a Rice Health Advisor at Lovett, and site led an Alternative Spring Break trip on gender equality, all while managing to find time to fuel her love for both art and coffee. Not only does Jahnavi know the best way to drink a hot chocolate with espresso, she also knows all the coolest coffee shops in town and is always willing to go on coffee study dates and explore Houston with you. Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime because after meeting Jahnavi, you'll wonder how you ever survived without knowing a soul as remarkable as her.

-Yasmine Rahmat (Wiess '18)

MICHAEL Michael McDowell's middle name is "Scott." He'll try to tell you it's Thomas. Don't believe him. He'll also try to tell you it's "the hypemaster." Don't believe that either. Michael McDowell keeps a fridge well-stocked with Topo Chico, so when you have a couple hours free, grab a couple of those, kick back, and ask Michael about barbecue, his dog Scout, or the intersection between social justice and theology. If you're free for twelve hours or more, ask him about the life and presidency of Lyndon B. Johnson. Michael McDowell is from Houston and knows the best restaurants for Saturday night dinners. He's also a tour guide, so you'll learn fun facts about Rice! Michael McDowell's accomplishments include meeting Barack Obama, Ted Cruz, and NT Wright (ask about him too). Michael McDowell will wreck your life with his puns and you'll have to figure out how to put it back together again. But it will be stronger and more beautiful than ever before. Michael McDowell is truly a morning person. And an afternoon person. And a night person. He doesn't even drink coffee. He's just like this. His favorite phrases include "litmas in July" and "I'm doing FANTASTIC!" You'll hear that one often, because he is always doing fantastic. And having him as your fellow, you will be too.

-Elizabeth Jowers (Martel '20)



IKE ARJMAND
SID RICHARDSON '19
SEWICKLEY, PA
MATHEMATICAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

KRITHIKA KUMAR
WIESS '20
HOUSTON, TX
BIOENGINEERING
+PEER ACADEMIC ADVISOR



BECCA If you are reading this because Becca Federman is your O-Week Fellow, suffice it to say that you lucked out. Becca hails from the northern lands, a proud New Jerseyan until her parents relocated to New York City and got rid of all of her favorite childhood possessions. Hobbies include being the ping pong version of Roger Federer, competitive Netflix watching (ask her about which shows she HASN'T seen), randomly switching between speaking Spanish and English (an effect of spending last semester in Valencia, Spain), and laughing (at her friends, at herself, the list goes on and on). She is kind and thoughtful, always thinking of others before herself. She will be there for you no matter what, be it to bring you coffee during a stressful week or serve as an open ear for any problem you have. You lucked out big time to have her as your fellow, but more importantly, as your friend.

-Hannah Todd (Wiess '18)

IKE If you've found yourself gazing longingly at a picture of sheer masculinity, a model for aspiring frat stars everywhere, a rugged gentleman that you can't decide if would look better in a tank and salmon shorts or a blazer and a tie in his family's tartan, then you've probably just found Ike Arjmand! Hailing from the verdant forests of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and a proud member of Sid Richardson College, this MTEC student can be found calculating price vectors and analyzing economic trends in class, but out of class can be found calculating the perfect winning angle on the squash court (ask him about club squash) or artfully crafting his next pottery masterpiece. Ike's boundless energy and limitless hype can only be surpassed by his impeccable wit and ability to make everyone around him roll with laughter. But don't be fooled by his goofy sense of humor, this man of many talents is a wonderful listener, a great advice-giver, and fiercely loyal friend. No matter how busy his life is, Ike will always be able to find time to say hi, chat about your life, and make you feel loved and supported like no one else can. If you ever need a style recommendation for your next interview, a partner for your next insane eating challenge, or a buddy for a lifting sesh followed by a quality chat by the pool, look no further than the man, the myth, the legend, Ike Arjmand.

-Nishanth Lavendra (Sid '19)

KRITHIKA "What am I going to do with my life?" By the time you've asked yourself this, Krithika "Big Krish" Kumar has already crashed through your window from Cypress, Texas, to Bob-the-Builder your life into success. Whether you want to organize a four-year plan or four-hour nap session, this O-Week PAA gives the best advice in all corners of Rice life: academic endeavors, social struggles, mid-life crises, the list goes on. Regardless of what you need, this Bioengineering-sleeping double major is always ready to lend a helping hand, a listening ear, and a kind heart. And if you're lucky enough to have her as your Affiliate? Get ready and get hyped, because your O-Week is about to get lit. In fact, you've just won the Rice University lottery: a VIP seat to the wildest, raddest roller coaster ride of your life. No doubt, by the end of your first week, you'll have part of Krithika ingrained within you (i.e. finding yourself saying "whipped by my weave," "too wild," and countless other treasures), a milestone every Rice student can only hope to achieve. Catch her ZOOMING around the outer loop faster than the Rice shuttle or at literally all animal study breaks, fulfilling her mission of petting every dog that has ever existed. On any day, you can find her somewhere, doing something, probably roasting someone. But no matter how busy or chaotic things get, be reassured in that Krithika is only one call or crashed-through window away. She's fierce, she's loyal, and she's the (totally unbiased) best Wiess has got, and you just got her.

-Blaine Schmidt (Wiess '20)



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POLITICAL SCIENCE, FRENCH STUDIES



MIKE Mike Dai, commonly referred to as the heart and soul of Wiess College, bleeds goldenrod. When he's not in the commons doing ChBE problem sets while listening to absurdly loud EDM, you can find him running around setting up Team Fun Friday Wiess in the Acabowl, designing college merch, managing the Associates Program, or playing IM soccer. He's also regularly spotted dancing awkwardly or talking about how great the Maryland flag is (feel free to disagree). Spending roughly 23 hours a day in the Wiess Commons (and the other hour playing Super Smash Bros upstairs), he is easy to find, and you'll always have someone to keep you company. Mike is the perfect combination of genuine, kind, funny, smart, and sassy. Most importantly, he is an amazing and thoughtful friend that will be there to support you throughout your first year at Rice and beyond. He's super excited to meet all the new students and can't wait for O-Week! Get ready for an entire week of laughs, bad dancing, and hype new friendships with Mike!

-Revathi Ravella (Wiess '19)

WENDY Congratulations! You have just won the best co-advisor award! You may not know it yet but Wendy Wu is already your best friend, as she has most likely already stalked all your facebook, insta, snapchat, and well, basically your life. So, don't be surprised when she already knows where you travelled this summer or the name of your prom date. Coming from Shanghai, China, Wendy is probably the most likeable person you'll ever meet; it takes her like half a second to make a new friend! In her free time, she enjoys travelling the world, going on bar/coffee crawls and discussing important issues with chief diplomats of multiple countries. She's also a committed Francophile, in fact, she spent an entire year "studying" abroad in France last year. All in all, Wendy is a hardworking Political Scientist who keeps a perfect balance between her active social life and academic prowess. You will know when you see her; she will be the most excited person cheering you on as you walk into Wiess beginning your new life as a Rice student.

-Aitash Deepak (Duncan '18)

WILL William Patrick Porter is a sophomore and Roman demigod (in order of importance), sent by the legions of San Antonio, TX to defend the honor of Wiess College. When Will isn't practicing a dead language (or three), you'll probably find him on the bike track running laps around the competition. Will's also an academic mentor, which is nice because he's a PHYS, CAAM, PSYC, MATH, FWIS—god, so if you ever need help slaughtering monsters or your math homework, hit Will up. If Will is your fellow, you've just won the lottery, because he's one of the most caring and dependable people that you'll ever meet, (you also have the special task of helping him choose between Bioengineering or Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering!). If you ever need guidance, advice or a good meme, Will will run to your side (He has run a mile in 4:50 so this is not unreasonable). Get ready for the time of your life, because Will's going to make your O-Week the best one ever. Carthago Delenda Est.

-Shashank Mahesh (Wiess '20)



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CHEMISTRY

DANIEL KOH JONES '20 URBANA, IL ENGLISH, EDUCATION

SONIA As the saying goes, everything is bigger in Texas. Well, except for Sonia - unless measured by heart, intelligence, or personality (hers is EXTRAordinary). Sonia Rao (pronounced "Sonia Wow") is a senior from Houston, Texas, despite going to high school in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This premed Chemistry major is the perfect friend you have always wanted as she takes a page out of her textbooks and has amazing chemistry with everyone she encounters. Sonia's got brains, beauty, and brawn with her top notch performance in Survivor, passion for reproductive justice (ask her about her ASB), and killer work ethic at CrossFit along with an affinity for phone games and board games (specifically Monopoly), incredible knowledge of TV shows and movies (especially Friends), and a smile that can be seen from across a room. You can find her relaxing by the pool (she used to be on swim team), walking to Starbucks (even though she does not like coffee she just wants to be #basic as she proclaims), and dancing at music festivals or concerts (catch her at ACL this fall). Sonia is multitalented with her ability to melt your heart with her sweet sultry singing voice, jam out with you on the ukulele, and start Wiess traditions like TFFW. Get excited for your future home as Sonia is one of the most genuine, caring, and thoughtful people you will ever meet, and with her as your fellow and friend, you will be assured an amazing year at Rice and Wiess.

-Perry Goldstein (Wiess '18)

DANIEL Whose mans? Daniel Koh is a proud Dallas man through and through, even though he's technically from Illinois. Daniel Koh is the kind of guy who puts in 110% into the things he is passionate about, and I assure you he's been looking forward to Wiess O-Week for months. He has been talking about it as much as he talks about his pup, Luna (i.e. all the time). This English major is one of the friendliest people you will encounter in your time at Rice. For the next three years, Daniel will go out of his way to make sure your time at Rice will be #litty (as he often says) by sending you countless memes. Countless. Memes. Like Boi. He's totally extra, but by the time O-Week roles around, you'll realize you lucked out with the best Koh-fellow you could've asked for!

-Caitlin Ervine (Jones '20)

SAGE Sage McAdams, as her name suggests, possesses a wealth of wisdom; she once read the entire history of tofu in order to procrastinate on an assignment. She is not an herb, as her name suggests, but does love good food and nothing makes her happier than spontaneous Canes or WingStop; in fact, she once tipped her Postmates 50% for bringing her wings. Coming from Plano, TX, Sage is anything but plain. Athletic, smart, and beautiful, she is known by many as the perfect package. When she isn't excelling in her MechE classes, she is using her Rice Cross Country training to beat other students to the servery when there's free boba. In fact, she will be Wiess' O-Week Athlete Affiliate! Like a real life student athlete meme, Sage's #grind never stops. Her quick feet are only matched by her quick wit; Sage is a Snapchat caption aficionado. Unlike the meme, track isn't the ONLY thing she does...Sage is also a member of the Honor Council and a Wiess Kitchen Rep. The only thing Sage loves more than matching track outfits and lists may be reality TV: she loves an episode of the Kardashians or The Bachelor. Her own life is just as eventful and she will always have a story to tell you that will make you laugh. Sage gives 110% to anything she does, from being a friend to an O-Week advisor, and anyone would be #blessed to have her!

-Simi Rahman (Wiess '20)



AJAY If you listen closely from any corner of Rice's campus, you will probably hear the sound of drums and bass being played. Thanks to the one and only beatboxing artisan, Ajay Subramanian, that is barely an exaggeration. As a beatboxer for the Basmati Beats, Rice's South Asian acapella group, Ajay is always practicing new beats. Do not be fooled by his frivolous demeanor; this senior Materials Science and Nano-Engineering (MSNE) major is one of the most renowned researchers at Wiess and Rice. Don't take my word for it - his email address, scientist@rice.edu, speaks for itself. When he's not honing his beatboxing craft, you'll probably find him in his research lab making new discoveries that will impact the entire universe. In addition to music and research, this Kansas City native loves playing and watching sports, including but not limited to soccer, tennis, squash, and Super Smash Bros (at Rice it might as well be considered a sport). Even with so many interests and extra-curricular activities, Ajay still does a fantastic job in maintaining positive relationships with pretty much everyone he meets. There are few things that he enjoys more than having meaningful conversations about anything. Ajay is quite literally the nicest, most approachable guy around, and I can't emphasize enough how lucky you to have this awesome guy as your Fellow!

-Eugene Wang (Wiess '18)

MISSY Missy Lollis is easily one of the most entertaining people you will ever meet. Coming straight out of Woodville, Mississippi, Missy loves nothing more than her family, friends and God! With Missy, you'll never be bored; her endless stories about her family, her time in boarding school and her city will always have you on the edge of your seat! There's never a dull moment with this newly elected Black Student Association president, bio-researcher and now your Wiess co-fellow! When she's not hitting the books, she's hitting the dance floor. This girl can show you all the new moves, as well as the ones you only see at family reunions. You will never meet another person that is as incredibly honest and funny as Missy Lollis! This bio-extraordinaire, pre-med has an amazing passion for helping people and is always willing to lend an ear, give advice on life and take you out when you need it! Honestly, y'all, she will always be there for you through thick or thin, so get ready for an extraordinary week with an even more extraordinary co-advisor!

-Brielle Jackson (McMurtry '19)

AMANDA If she doesn't stun you with her fashion sense, she will with her dance moves. Originally from the legendary land of Venezuela, this Mariachi queen carries a smile that will brighten your darkest day. She's endlessly passionate, she's admirably confident, she's contagiously energetic, she's Amanda Perozo. If you're lucky enough to have scored Amanda as your fellow, the first thing you should know is that she'll always be there for you. Whether you want to grab a bite to eat or read a book in the sun, Amanda is your person. ~Especially~ if you want to grab a bite to eat. She will be your loudest cheerleader when you're doing well and your shoulder to cry on when you aren't. She'll be with you every step of the way to welcome you to your new home at Wiess and Rice. In Amanda you will find a mentor, a role model, and most importantly, a true friend.

Patricia Garcia-Castineiras (Wiess '20)

-Kunal Shah (Wiess '18)



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NASIM Legend has it that in August 2015, Hannah Montana's bff matriculated into Rice. This legendary student was THE Nasim Khalfe. Ok, Nasim isn't actually Hannah Montana's bff, but this is just one example of the hilarious, entertaining stories you'll hear from Nasim now that she is your fellow. From her contagious laugh to her witty jokes, Nasim is the friend you can rely on to make you smile. Even though she could easily become a professional snapchatter (ask about her vlog or the time she accidentally met 5th Harmony), Nasim embraced the #premedlife majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Biochemistry and Cell Biology. Whether she's planning Camp Kesem Rice, volunteering at Texas Children's, staffing Impact, or in lab messin' with plants, you can find Nasim wearing her favorite Spiderman shirt while jammin' out to some classic throwbacks (her Hoodie Allen "No Interruption" impression is absolute gold). Don't even mention the word "Survivor" around her – you don't wanna know what will happen. Although Nasim is super involved, she will be the most reliable friend you'll find. Whether you need a hug and an ear to listen to you or someone to brunch with, Nasim will be there. She loves meaningful conversations and pioneered the Wiess Spirit Committee and "Team Faces of Wiess" to hear the voices of our amazing peers. Nasim has had a huge impact in making Wiess the best college at Rice, so as O-Week approaches, get ready because you will soon see how lucky you are to have the sweetest, coolest, funniest person as your advisor!

-Ashish Kulkarni (Wiess '19)

-Yasmin Khalfe (Wiess '17)

JORDAN Jordan Lee is the big warm hug you go to whenever something makes you happy, makes you sad, or you just want a hug after a long day. Jordan is the epitome of a Psychology and Sports Management major. He's there to listen to all your problems and provide comfort, plus he gives great advice for any situation. When Jordan isn't studying you can find him looking up the latest basketball stats and watching tapes of his high school baseball glory days. If Jordan seems to be on his phone a lot, don't worry he's probably just going through the 147 unread messages. And anytime you're hungry, Jordan's ready and willing to take you to the best restaurant in town, Houston's, or if it's late, Katz's. Lastly, get ready to love throwback music and Friends and HIMYM more than you knew was possible and probably have weekly heart to hearts. Seriously though, there is no one better to have as someone to look up to, someone to help you find your home away from home, and someone that truly cares more about other people's feelings more than his own than Jordan.

-Nicole Risinger (Texas A&M, Class of '18)

ANSON "CLICK!" You hear the sound of the camera shutter and that can only mean one thing: Wiess College's most wonderful fellow, Anson Tong, is doing what she does best - taking magnificent photos! This unbelievably gifted photographer from Naperville, Illinois is a woman of many talents, with her numerous hobbies and interests ranging from Latin to neuroscience to predicting the plots of TV shows. Quite the anglophile, Anson loves corgis, learning about British history, and sipping English breakfast tea (she's basically the queen!) However, this sophomore Cognitive Science major's real passion is learning about mankind's most perplexing mystery: the human brain! When she isn't thinking about thinking (how meta is that?), you can find Anson editing photos on Adobe Lightroom, helping refugees with the PAIR program, going to lab, drinking boba tea, or studying at Rice Coffeehouse. If you are one of the lucky few who will have Anson as your fellow, consider yourself extremely fortunate because this Hamilton aficionado is not throwing away her shot at making this the best possible O-Week experience for you!

-Emre Yurtbay (Wiess '20)



RILEY Riley Gardell hails from Waco, TX, the city that gave this world the single most delicious product in the history of mankind: Dr. Pepper. It's no surprise then that this junior Chemical Engineering Major from Wiess College can be seen with one firmly in hand roughly 90% of the time. Besides sipping on some fresh drank, Riley is involved in Chi Alpha Christian fellowship, many Wiess activities, and literally 7 intramural sports (just ask him about his solid contribution to the dominant Wiess IM basketball team this year). Plus, if you ever get lost during O-Week you can just look up and see this tall redhead above any crowd. This fun-loving guy is always a blast to be around and has the ability to make anyone smile. If you are lucky enough to be in his O-Week group, get ready for a fantastic time because Riley is truly one of the most kind-hearted, easygoing, and unique individuals at Rice. Don't believe me? Just go check out his Instagram (@_riman9_) and get ready to read some #deep and #inspirational posts.

-Brian Wahlig (Wiess '17)

REBECCA Like a diamond wildly beyond your price range, junior Biochem and English double major Rebecca Chen is multi-faceted (although, unlike a diamond, Rebecca could be within your price range, if bribed with an arguably minimal amount of boba). Her busy schedule is split between being a Rice tour guide, serving as a Brown Intercollegiate Events committee head, and impulsively buying clothes online and then regretting it. She loves dogs maybe more than she loves pumpkin spice lattes, and that's saying a lot. You would think Becky "Cici" Chen, as a past Beer Bike coordinator and current biker for Brown's Beer Bike team, possesses an extraordinary amount of prowess and confidence with bikes--a belief falsified by the fact that she cried twice before getting on her bike the day of the race. But make no mistake; she still got on that bike. Because, like a diamond, Beckers is tough as shit and never gives up. And the same goes for her friendships; fiercely loyal and always up for an adventure, Rebecca won't let you down. Showcased by the obscene amount of time Chen-y already spends at Weiss, it's clear that she not only thinks your college is great, but that she will go far and wide to make sure she's there for you and that you have an amazing O-Week!

-Danielle Manahan (Brown '18)

SHWETA Shweta Sridhar (aka Shwets) is a full time baller and part time rising sophomore studying pre-med stuff. Her claim to fame from "The Dirty Shug" includes being a manager for her high school's men's varsity basketball team (although she's probably never touched a basketball in her life). To this day, she's still massively salty about not being on the team's yearbook picture. Standing at 3'5" and weighing almost 8 lbs, Shweta may not look intimidating, but don't underestimate her. This fiery ball of sass can roast you from 0-100 real quick through her expertise in meme making. // Shweta is an O-Week gopher for a reason - please tell us if you figure out why. If you ever need to find her, just wait by the servery tea bags. If you REALLY need her attention, text her that you spotted Zayn Malik, and she'll run (possibly for the first time in her life) to wherever you are. If you ever need someone to jam out to One Direction with, Shweta is your gal. This might make her sound like an average person, but anyone who knows her could tell you she's anything but mediocre. If you're lucky enough to call Shweta your friend, you'll quickly realize how hilarious and genuine she is. She'll go to any heights to help a person. Unfortunately, she's vertically challenged. She will still try though - and it's the thought that counts. Get ready for a hype O-Week because it'll be unforgettable with Shweta as your fellow!

-Raj Dalal (Wiess '20)

-Jessy Feng (Brown '20)

-Anusha Gandhi (Brown '20)

-Shiv Pandya (Pomona College, '20)



LILY The year of 1996 brought the start of Oprah's book club, Mad Cow disease in Britain, and the most life changing event of all, the birth of Lily Vo. This Cognitive Sciences major is the most steadfast, trustworthy friend that you will ever meet. Facing a life crisis? In a desperate need for one of Chef Roger's delicious cinnamon buns? Need to be nursed back to health? Want to fangirl over the newest movie featuring Joseph Gordon-Levitt? Lily specializes in all of the above and much more. Don't let her perfectly straightened hair, flawless makeup, and flowy, floral shorts fool you, though; Lily is not afraid to get down and dirty... into the gym that is! When she's not steady sipping on an iced Milky Way with almond milk from Coffeehouse, playing with her teddy bear of a dog, or rooting for the Ohio State Buckeyes, this Friendswood, Texas native can be found pounding on the treadmill at the Rec, doing impossibly difficult ab exercises, and on the field out by Wiess, throwing the football around to get ready for the upcoming powerpuff season. So, Wiessman, I hope that I have hyped you up enough because you definitely need to get ready to meet one of Rice's hidden treasures!

-Yin Ng (McMurtry '18)

JUSTIN I'm going to make you privy to some top secret information. You know all the super hero movies that you've watched? Well truth is, all of those heroes are based on the true story of Justin Bernard. The man, the myth, the legend, Justin will be your hero throughout O-week and into the school year. Charismatic, friendly, inclusive, and quirky are just some words that describe Justin's multifaceted personality. From his easygoing manner, to his always inviting presence, to his bubbly and energetic vibe, Justin is one of the friendliest and most charming people on campus. This Mechanical Engineering and Theater double major can tell you all about fluid dynamics whilst serenading you with a musical number. I was once his O-week freshman so I can honestly tell you that Justin will be there no matter whether you need some academic advice, a friend to laugh with, or a shoulder to cry on. You will find in him not just an advisor, but a mentor, comedian, actor, engineer, and most importantly a life-long friend.

-Sriparna Sen (Baker '19)

EMRE Retired Laundry Rep, Recreational Speed Dabber, Avid Shakira Fan, 6'1" Half-Turkish, Half-Spanish Male On the Loose - these are all titles that Emre Yurtbay (Em-ray Yurt-bai) could put on his resume. Hailing from Overland Park, Kansas (yes, people really live in Kansas), Emre is the person to contact if you're ever craving mathematical memes, in need of any advice, want to reach things on high shelves, or wondering if the megalodon is huge and real. This sophomore Statistics major knows the capitals of all the countries in the world as well as all the ways to be a wonderful friend. If you're in his O-Week group, congratulations because you've done the statistically improbable (ask him to calculate these odds) and gotten yourself the perfect friend and Fellow! You can catch him blogging for Catalyst, playing IM soccer with all the grace of a swan, handling large data sets with ease, or eating obscene amounts of spinach at every meal. Your Rice experience is bound to go swimmingly since you've already won the lottery by being placed in Wiess, the undisputed best residential college at Rice. With Emre as your Peer Academic Advisor and Fellow, you're 100% guaranteed to have an amazing time!

-Anson Tong (Wiess '20)

A photograph of three young adults—two boys and one girl—smiling and peeking out from behind a large, textured tree trunk. They are all wearing yellow shirts. The background shows a sunny outdoor area with green grass and trees.

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WIESS '19
ZHENJIANG, CHINA
CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENG, CAAM

ANNIE TURNEY
JONES '20
THE WOODLANDS, TX
COGNITIVE SCIENCE

DILO DUBE
WIESS '18
POLICY STUDIES, SOCIOLOGY
HOUSTON, TX
+DIVERSITY FACILITATOR

BOB So you've got Bob from China as your Fellow? Congrats! Consider yourself #blessed. This junior Civil Engineering and Applied Math major from Zhenjiang is next level awesome. When he's not working with Rice's Concrete Canoe Team or on some really awesome trip, he's hanging out in the Wiess commons being the most friendly person to ever exist! Even though he's only lived in Houston for two years, he's probably explored more of the city than most native Houstonians. Whether you need schedule planning advice, help with a problem set, or just a big smile, Bob will be there for you. He embodies the Team Family Wiess spirit and is by far the most positive person you will ever meet. Bob recently won an award for giving the world's best hugs so get ready for his friendly embrace. He's always down for an adventure and loves to try new things (especially food). Get pumped, because Bob will definitely make your O-Week experience infinitely more exciting!

-*Mariah Lawhon (Jones '16)*

-*Aurnab Baidya (Wiess '19)*

ANNIE It doesn't get more goldenrod than this! Ask anyone around Rice, and they will tell you that Annie Turney has the heart of a golden retriever. This lovable sophomore co-fellow from Jones College hails from The Woodlands, Texas (voted America's best suburb by Annie Turney; don't argue her on this). When Annie is not busy serving as music director of the Lowkeys acapella group or getting massive at the rec, you will most likely find her catching up with friends while enjoying a café au lait at Coffeehouse or watching an episode or two of Friends. Some things you can look forward to experiencing during O-Week as one of Annie's freshmen include: being spontaneously serenaded with the Les Mis soundtrack, watching Annie's many goofy impressions (ask her to do her Shrek one), and hearing one too many dad jokes. She will make you feel right at home with her late night mac and cheese cooking sessions, her penchant for discount shopping at Marshalls, and her ability to say just the right things when you're feeling sad. Annie is one of the most genuine, bubbly, and down-to-earth people I have ever met, so get ready for the best week ever with your new Team (Family) Wiess!

-*Michelle Dai (Jones '20)*

DILO Do you like twerking away all hours of the day? Listening to Beyoncé to de-stress? Using the word "LIT" excessively? Well you're in luck, because Dilo Dube is the fellow for you! This bubbly, fun-loving Sociology and Policy Studies major is a sunshine in the lives of everyone she knows. On any given day, you can find her hanging with BSM (Baptist Student Ministry), turning up at a RASA (Rice African Student Association) meeting, or dancing everywhere, with or without music. As a building manager at the Student Center's Information Desk, Dilo loves Rice, conveying her passion for the campus and making a difference in the lives of others. Not only is Dilo down for a good time, but she is also able to handle meaningful, deep conversations with unparalleled grace. Her passion for tackling tough issues head-on and speaking out for what she believes in is contagious and inspires those around her. She is on cabinet as a Cultural Rep and she, along with other Wiessmen, began the Wiess Diversity Council. Dilo is mature beyond her years, imparting wisdom and knowledge through every interaction she has. Her smile is contagious, so start smiling because you are incredibly fortunate to have her as your fellow this year!

-*Tay Jacobe (Wiess '18)*



NEWSHA NIKZAD
WIESS '19
HOUSTON, TX
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+DIVERSITY FACILITATOR

KRISTINA DICKMAN
WIESS '18
HOUSTON, TX
PSYCHOLOGY, POLICY STUDIES

ANDREW HADAD
LOVETT '19
HOUSTON, TX
COMPUTER SCIENCE, ECONOMICS

KRISTINA Mount Olympus had twelve, but Rice University only needs one. Whether she's listening to latin music, crafting the best white-hot chocolate, or memorizing all the lyrics in High School Musical, Kristina Dickman and her hellenic blood can put Hercules himself to shame. If you are ever in a need for late night sushi or have a craving for cupcakes, then hop into Kristina's adorable Mini Cooper and watch her rock her clutch. Although she has a crazy busy schedule with her Psychology, Policy Studies, and Pre-Med life, Kristina always finds time to escape with Rice's sailing team, binge 80's chick flicks with whoever is interested, and spend time with her friends and New Students. Whatever and whenever you need, Kristina will be there for you!

-Natalie Dickman (Jones '19)

ANDREW Andrew represents the iconic Rice student. By coaching Lovett's Powderpuff team and playing college ping-pong, Andrew helped lead his college to their record 5th straight President's Cup. Off the field though Andrew currently serves as Lovett's EVP, but his true goal is to one day become king of the pirates! To do this, he follows a strict training regiment. In order to maintain his terrific tush, his diet consists of the only two important food groups: meat and sriracha. But he's not just eye candy. Andrew recently sold his soul to coding and now works at Microsoft as their most (under) qualified intern. Despite his loud, spontaneous, and silly attitude, Andrew is one of the most reliable people you'll ever meet. He has a natural ability to turn strangers into friends and make everyone around him feel comfortable. We have nothing but love for our obnoxious little brother, and we know you'll come to love him too.

-Matthew Mutammara (Lovett '19)

-Arpam Dutta (Hanszen '19)

NEWSHA Let's set the scene: a huge black Toyota 4Runner rolls down the inner loop; as it gets closer, you hear the Weeknd blasting inside; the bass is more than any mere mortal can handle and you wonder who could possibly be inside. As it pulls to a stop, all 5 foot 2 inches of Persian wonder, Newsha Nikzad, hops out of the car. Known for her impossible combination of both friendliness and saltiness, she's always entertaining with her comments on servery food and impressions of her mother's accent (just ask her to do it, trust me). When Newsha isn't living the Shah's of Sunset life, she's inexplicably running 8 miles for fun, killing it on the basketball court and the powderpuff field, or living it up in Fondy because pre-med is life. As a Kinesiology major, she'll tell you all about how you're squatting wrong and probably also about the perfect form of the Corgi body, which she loves very dearly. You can't go wrong with her tiny hilarious self, amazing Diversity Facilitator skills, and genuinely caring personality. Although she may only seem to get excited about animal videos on Facebook, she's even more excited to meet you.

-Sarah Lumelsky (McMurtry '18)



PEER ACADEMIC ADVISORS

EMRE, MICHAEL, KRITHIKA, AND JACOB

Peer Academic Advisors (always known as PAAs) are students who have been trained in numerous areas of academic life here at Rice. They serve as liaisons between students, faculty, and the Office of Academic Advising. Throughout the year, the PAAs coordinate events to inform students about scheduling, research opportunities, and other facets of academic life. During O-Week, your four O-Week PAAs will serve as your main resources to help you plan your first semester schedule.

DIVERSITY FACILITATORS

DILO AND NEWSHA

Diversity Facilitators (frequently known as DFs) are students who will help you transition into our incredibly diverse campus. Rice's demographics offer an incredible opportunity to interact with students from a huge range of cultures and backgrounds. We strive to uphold an environment that allows us to facilitate healthy and open discussions on any issues related to diversity in the student body. The demographics of Rice are probably different than those of your previous school, so our wonderful Diversity Facilitators are here to help start conversations and interactions that last far beyond O-Week.

RICE HEALTH ADVISORS

RACHEL AND BECCA

Rice Health Advisors (always known as RHAs) are fellow students who are trained to give mental and psychological support to peers, along with aid for minor physical problems. Throughout the year, RHAs are available as resources to talk to you about any wellness concerns and act as liaisons between the Wellness Center and the Rice Counseling Center. They also have handy kits that contain all the tools necessary for minor first aid and medication. During O-Week, your O-Week RHA will help start conversations about wellness and inform you about the resources available to you at Rice.

GOPHERS

SHWETA, WILL, AND AMANDA

Gophers are Wiess sophomores who act as general assistants throughout O-Week. You probably won't see the incredible amount of hard work they do behind the scenes, from gathering supplies for all of our events to washing your O-Week shirts each night. When you do get to see them, they can be excellent resources to ask about what your first year at Wiess might be like (their O-Week was only a year ago!).



Our Associates are faculty, staff, and community members who are a vital part of Wiess. They're committed to engaging, mentoring, and serving as a resource for students, as well as each other. Associates get involved in a wide variety of ways, ranging from casual meals, sporting events, and social gatherings, to lectures, career panels, and theatrical performances—just to name a few, all with the goal of enriching intellectual, cultural, and social life at Wiess. There's 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 in the college and a dinner off-campus, but these meetings are just an introduction to the program. During your time at Rice, 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 somewhere around campus, be sure to introduce yourself and take advantage of the opportunity. You never know when your connections with these professionals, both in and out of Rice, will help you in the days to come.





CONCLUSION/RESOURCES



FINAL THOUGHTS

We hope this book was as useful to you as our O-Week book was to us during our first year at Wiess. Absorb the information, refer back to it for questions, but remember—no matter what situations you encounter at Wiess, you'll always be surrounded by Wiessmen who would love to help you. It may be tough to say goodbye to the world you've known prior to college, but we promise that Rice can be even more exciting and fulfilling. Plus, you'll have your (Team) Family (Wiess) with you every step of the way.

Whether you're still unsure about your academic path or you've simply forgotten your bedsheets, don't worry about coming to Rice feeling unprepared. Our Fellows' are extensively trained to provide you with everything you could ever need, from academic advice to trips to Target. Furthermore, they've all been through this transition before, so they can relate to how you are feeling.

No matter what your interests and goals are and no matter what your attitude toward college may be, we will help you with whatever you need to reach your full potential at Rice.

So sit back, relax, and enjoy the rest of your summer. We can't wait to see you in August!

TFW,
Abbey, Eugene, and Richard

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YEAR-LONG RESOURCES

As a reminder, **Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs)** are the ones who can help you with course selection, general graduation requirements, and academic resources.

Peer Career Advisors (PCAs) are students who are trained by the Center for Career Development (CCD). They can help you revise your resume or cover letter, as well as figure out resources to find internships and jobs.

Rice Health Advisors (RHAs) are fellow students who are trained to give mental and psychological support to their peers, along with aid for minor physical problems.

The **Mentors** are part of the Wiess Mentors Society. They are here to help you in your classes through review sessions or individual tutoring sessions. They also invite speakers and plan other events focused on the academic life of the residential college. At other colleges, they are called Academic Fellows (but since we already have Fellows, that wasn't really an option).

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