



# RICE ALUMNI

## Alumni Information Sheet

### Areas of Volunteer Interest

(check all that apply)

- ☒ ARA Board
- ☐ ARA Committees
- ☐ Homecoming/Reunion
- ☐ Regional Groups

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### DEGREES EARNED

Institution	Degree	Year
Rice	B.A.	1983

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Name of Spouse: (if applicable) Katy Anderson

**For ARA Board applicants:** I have read the ARA Board Member Responsibilities and understand that as an ARA Board member I would be required to fulfill all responsibilities as described, including giving every year to the Rice Annual Fund in accordance with my means. ☒ I agree.

### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Briefly describe your occupation or business:

I am an attorney in private practice. I work at a full-service business firm, and I mainly specialize in helping resolve business disputes. I also give advice on legal ethics.

Tell us about your student activities at Rice:

Please see attached.

How have you been involved with Rice since graduation?

Please see attached.

Are you involved with other community or professional groups?

I am on the Colorado Bar Association's Ethics Committee, and have been so for about 15 years now. This is actually a pretty big deal--the Ethics Committee of the Colorado Bar turns down far more folks than it accepts.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT** *(recommended for board candidates)*

I would really like to serve on the ARA Board. I treasure my relationship with Rice, and have done about all I can in Colorado. As I mentioned above, Rice was the first place I really felt I fit in, and to this day it is still the place I think I fit in best. When I go to alumni functions, there is a comfort and collegiality (no pun intended) that I do not find anywhere else in my life. And believe me, I have looked.

Rice is now going through a transition period, with President Leebron's stated intentions of growing the size of the school and placing a new emphasis on the graduate students. This will present both opportunities and challenges for the ARA Board. My observation, after nearly 30 years of doing alumni stuff, is that most young alums are very busy with their families and careers and finding ways to keep them involved will get harder, not easier, despite the current ease of electronic communication.

Additionally, I have noticed that the alumni groups tend to focus a lot on residential colleges and other aspects of undergraduate life. With the increasing size of the graduate school, however, the alumni groups need to find other ways to relate to alums. This could prove to be quite a challenge as the graduate alums may be harder to organize and motivate than undergrad alums.

On the other hand, happy students tend to make for happy alums. With Rice finishing with the happiest students among major universities for 3 years in a row now, that should provide a good basis to bring those folks into the alumni network. We should be able to use the larger and happier base of alumni as base to address the challenges mentioned above.

I would really like to serve on the ARA Board, especially during this time of great challenge and great opportunity.

Please return form by mail to:	ATTN: Nominations Committee Rice University Office of Alumni Affairs — MS 520 P.O. Box 1892 Houston, TX 77251-1892
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*date submitted* *nominator*

### Student activities at Rice:

Rice was the first place I felt I fit in, so I threw myself into Rice with energy and enthusiasm. I was a triple major (history, legal studies, and political science), so I spent a lot of time reading and writing, but I enjoyed my play time too. I played every intramural sport (except soccer). I was a DJ at KTRU. I paid my own way through college, so I had a series of part-time jobs, including lifeguard at the Rice pool, stocking the vending machines at Sid, inputting data into a computer in a lab at Baylor College of Medicine, and subjecting myself to medical experiments at the U.T. Medical Center. I was on the College Council and an orientation week advisor at Sid.

### Involvement with Rice since graduation:

I do just about everything I can. Starting chronologically, I have been an alumni admissions interviewer since 1983. When I came to Colorado in 1986, it did not have a Rice alumni group, but I continued to do alumni admissions interviews.

In the early 1990s, I got in on the "ground floor" with Margaret McIntosh when the first Colorado alumni group was formed in about 1993. In 1995, I started writing the first and only Colorado Rice Alumni newsletter, "Bowling for Furniture." I have written that continuously for 17 years now.

In the late 1990s, Margaret stepped down and I succeeded her, running the Alumni group in Colorado for six or seven years. During that time, I organized about 3 alumni events per year, including having professors come speak, attending the Boulder Shakespeare Festival, organizing an outing to our then-new aquarium (that one had 200 attendees), organizing the first new-student send-offs, and whatever else I thought could keep up interest in Rice.

I continued to write the newsletter, and it was also during this time that I founded our Movie Club. Movie Club meets every other weekend and catches an afternoon movie and then discusses it afterward.

Once I had my second child in the early 2000s, doing all that became too much. At about the same time, Cindy Lindsay went on the Board of Trustees so it was a natural for her to take over the Colorado group for the 3 major events per year. I still write the newsletter, run Movie Club, and am essentially second-in-charge (for example, this year we had a Rice alumni outing to a baseball game, and at the last minute Cindy couldn't go, so she asked me to lead, which I did).

All in all, I do not think I have missed a Colorado Rice Alumni event in 20 years, except one year when I was out of town for the new-student send-off. Meanwhile, I make it back for homecoming at least every 5 years, and often more frequently. I'll be there for the Centennial next month.

Also, I make financial contributions to Rice every year.

Finally, in 2011 I was asked to serve on the nominating board for this very post, which I did.