



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
Syracuse University	BS (Marketing/PR)	1991
Rice University	MBA	1996

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Name of Spouse: (if applicable) Steve W. Sheaffer Jr. (Rice MBA '96)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Briefly describe your occupation or business:

In my role, I seek to maximize the reach and impact of the Teach For America alumni movement by connecting alumni to each other, to great opportunities, and to the work of Teach For America. Specifically, I focus on the Houston region and try to maximize the TFA alumni effect on systemic change in our region while working in conjunction with a national team.

Tell us about your student activities at Rice:

While I was a student at Rice, I was president of the Jones School Marketing Club and served as a student host that met with prospective faculty members and guests of the Jones School.

How have you been involved with Rice since graduation?

Since graduation I remained very involved with Rice as an alumna, and returned to Rice in 1999 as the first Director of Alumni Affairs for the Jones Graduate School of Management under Dean Gil Whitaker. During my seven years in that role, the JGSM alumni base doubled in size. Through the JGSAA, I was fortunate to work with alumni leaders such as Mark McMeans, Mary Bourne-Marth, George Walker, Bryan Emerson, Bernie Fields, Lorri White, Maury Bronstein, and David VanHorn and help the JGSAA evolve into an effective and robust organization that initiates change and substantially impacts the MBA program through many of its efforts and initiatives. Since leaving the alumni director role after my third son was born, I have continued to work with JGSM graduate students - first as a part-time consultant to the Career Planning Center and Admissions offices and now as an alumna volunteer.

Are you involved with other community or professional groups?

Currently, most of my energy is devoted to Teach For America and my family. I am a member of Leadership for Educational Equity - an organization to support political leadership and action among Teach For America corps members and alumni

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OPTIONAL PERSONAL STATEMENT *(recommended for board candidates)*

(cont'd from page 1) as well as ED in '08 - a nonpartisan public awareness and action campaign to ensure that the nation engages in a rigorous debate to make education a top priority in the 2008 presidential election. I am involved in the Mark Twain Elementary School PTO through serving as lead room parent for my eldest son's second grade class and volunteering at our school spirit store. I also volunteer and engage in Amigos de las Americas - an international, non-profit organization that provides unparalleled leadership and community service opportunities for young people while concurrently contributing to the well-being of hundreds of communities throughout Latin America.

Personal Statement:

I have always found that I am happiest and most effective when I am involved with initiatives and activities that I am passionate about. Education has always been one of those passions. Whether working with Teach For America to ensure that all children in this nation will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education or being affiliated with prestigious Rice University first as a graduate student and then as alumni director for the Jones Graduate School of Management, I am extremely proud of the "life" choices I have made and the opportunities, connections and relationships that I have gained through these choices. I would welcome the opportunity to continue my relationship with Rice in yet another capacity and respectfully submit my nomination form for your review.

- Rose Sundin

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