

Van Johnson Rice Alumni Board Nomination

Van Johnson graduated from Rice with a Bachelor of Arts in 1974, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Mathematical Sciences. Van also received a Master of Mechanical Engineering from Rice in 1975. After 10 years with I.A. Naman + Associates, Consulting Engineers, in Houston, Van relocated to Atlanta, and after 10 additional years of experience in building systems engineering, established C.V. Johnson and Associates, P.C., in 1995. Van is now President of Leppard Johnson & Associates, P.C., a consulting engineering firm specializing in mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection and communications systems for buildings. Van is registered as a professional engineer in 31 states and the District of Columbia.

While attending Rice, Van Johnson served on the Wiess College Cabinet for 3 years, as freshman representative, sophomore representative, and secretary. Van was nominated for homecoming king during 1974, his senior year.

Van has been a regular contributor to the Annual Fund. During his time in Atlanta, Van has been a tireless recruiter of high school students to attend Rice, and has for 3 years been a volunteer admissions interviewer for the Office of Admissions.

Van observes, "While there is a substantial community of alumni here, Rice is a relatively unknown quantity to many high school students. Many of the qualified students are opting to apply to Ivy League schools or big-name schools out west and do not see the opportunity they are missing for a wonderful college experience and tremendous quality of student life. As a member of the Board of the Association of Rice Alumni, I feel like there is a lot I could do for Rice."

Van resides in Tucker, Georgia, with his wife, Terri, also a professional engineer, and 3 children, and enjoys golf, running, and water sports.

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