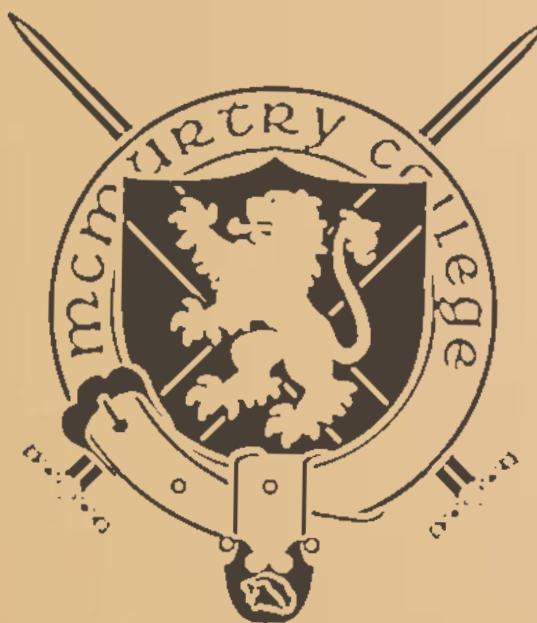


To: New Students
From: Your New Home

O-Week Book 2022



MysteriO-Week



"Solve a New Mystery"

McMurtry College

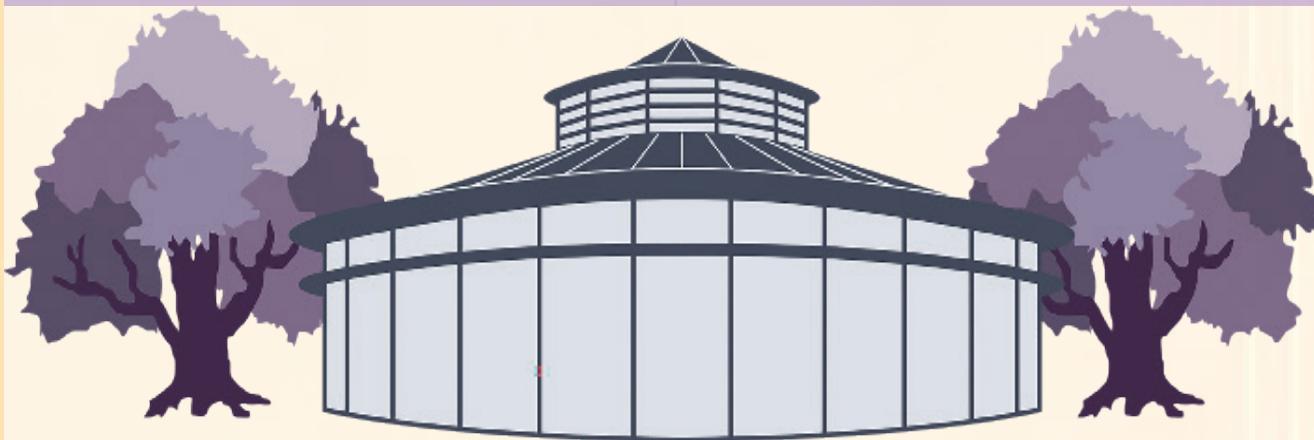
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Important Information

Your McMurtry Mailing Address

(Your Name)
McMurtry College
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Houston, TX 77005

Please only mail or ship things to arrive after August 14th. Our space is limited and not secure, so bring important items with you. There will be time to shop for other things during and after O-Week.



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Welcome to . . .



*Lion Mascot



*McMurtry '21-'22 Powderpuff Team winning the championship game

Hello Detectives! On behalf of the entire team, we would like to welcome you to McMurtry College! We are James, Prerna, and Vidal, your 2022 MysteriO-Week Coordinators, and we could not be more excited to introduce you to the mystery that we call Rice University! It is a major accomplishment to get in, and you should be extremely proud of yourselves. We want to say congratulations, as this is a sign of all of your hard work paying off. We are so proud of your resilience and are so excited to join you on this next journey. We know that this is the start of your academic and social career as you continue to chase your goals and ambitions. Also, we would like to congratulate you on being the 14th matriculating class at McMurtry College! We are thrilled to welcome a new round of Murts into our community and can't wait to see you represent McMurtry and Rice all over campus.

In these next few years of your life, you'll be working hard, studying, meeting new friends, and enjoying yourself. The time will be filled with plenty of opportunities as well as challenges for you to face and overcome. It's going to require you to dig deep, ask questions, study an extra hour (or 2!), and maybe stay up late a couple of nights. But do not be dismayed! You are not on this journey alone. You are going to be surrounded by other students, professors, and Advisors who have been in your shoes before and can help you get the resources that you need for you to succeed. We have been preparing these last 9 months in order for you to be integrated into Rice and McMurtry smoothly, so we hope that MysteriO-Week creates an environment where you can open up and really get to know each other well.

McMurtry !



*Murt at Color War during Beeeeer Bike!!



*McMurtry College Sign

One of the most wonderful and unique aspects of Rice is the residential college system. You have the great honor of being the fourteenth matriculating class of McMurtry College. During your time at Rice, we hope that this will be your support system and your home. We are one of the newest colleges on campus, which means that each Murt gets the incredibly unique opportunity to contribute to the future of McMurtry through their ideas, involvement, and initiative (and we definitely have the nicest dorms on campus). New Students, remember this: We! Are! Murt! It's not just a rallying call, it's an identity. We know there's no possible way to convey everything we'd like to impart on you through writing, but we made this book to give you an introduction to Rice and to McMurtry, as well as to answer a few of the questions you may have. Inside this book, you'll find the biographies of our core staff, affectionately called our McTeam (Magisters, Resident Associates, Resident Faculty Associate, and College Coordinator), biographies of the Advising Team, information about your new home, and much, much more! Use it as a resource, but feel free to contact us at any point during the summer (mcmurtryweek@gmail.com) - we're on campus as we speak, eagerly preparing for your arrival!

For campus-wide information on O-Week, please visit success.rice.edu, "like" Student Success Initiatives at Rice University on Facebook, and check out the super cool 2022 Owlmanac. Before we leave you to your preparation, we ask that you make sure to bring the one thing most essential for this level of mystery - your open minds. Rice is an open space to explore and we want to help you make the most of it!

Join the Mystery!
James, Prerna, and Vidal
2022 McCoordinators

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O W E e K T n R O
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What is O-Week?

This is an entire week dedicated to getting to know your peers, picking classes during holistic and intensive academic planning sessions, learning about Houston and its surroundings, and so much more.

O-Week, or Orientation Week, is Rice's special way of welcoming New Students! When you come to Rice, you are randomly assigned into one of the eleven residential colleges. Each college has its own student O-Week Coordinators who spend the summer planning O-Week in order to create a welcoming and supportive orientation program. You will be placed in a group with nine to ten fellow New Students and will be guided by four to five Advisors, all of whom are current Rice students here to offer you advice and experience from both an academic and social standpoint. These groups are meant to be a source of continuous support, and you will be interacting and spending time with them during the many activities planned throughout the week and beyond.

Don't worry, there will also be opportunities to meet everyone outside of your O-Week group! No matter how ridiculously excited, cautiously optimistic, or secretly apprehensive you are about coming to Rice, the transition to a college lifestyle will probably seem a little overwhelming. The purpose of O-Week is to serve as an introduction to a new world of academics, residential colleges, Rice culture, and life at McMurry. The social ties you build both within McMurry and at Rice will shape your college experience just as much as your classes will, and O-Week jumpstarts those formations in a fun yet meaningful and memorable way. At the same time, there will be new opportunities, connections, and as much exploration as you want, so don't stress if you feel overwhelmed now, because you will have plenty of time during the year to get connected as well. While everyone's transition looks a little bit different, this is an experience you will share with your entire matriculating class, so have an open mind and get ready to have a ton of fun!!!

An orientation you will never forget!



About the Theme



As you begin your time here as New Students, a large part of your journey is a mystery: full of unknowns that you have yet to uncover. Just like how no case is exactly alike, no student experience will be the same. Each of you comes from different backgrounds and perspectives, with unique approaches to piecing together the clues to solve your own mystery and choose your own path. We believe that by embracing each of your special problem-solving skills, you will be able to create memorable and life-changing experiences.

A crucial element of MysteriO-Week is not being afraid to get some things wrong and make mistakes. During most mystery-solving experiences, detectives have to reassess their first hunches and rethink their approach to solving the mystery. It takes determination to keep pursuing a case until you find the answer. Like these detectives, there may come a time when things do not work out the way you intended and you have to modify your initial plans. Despite these obstacles, we want to encourage you all to persevere and be vulnerable as you continue to make new discoveries about yourself during your college experience.

We understand that this journey is not always easy, which is why one of the most important things we want you to know is the support you have all around you. Detectives rarely solve their cases alone, often utilizing external sources to gather more information. Here at Rice, you have access to countless resources, and we want to encourage you to not hesitate to reach out for help and guidance. Sometimes, you will get stuck on a problem or not know how to move forward, and we want you to feel comfortable not only consulting “experts” like the OAA, the McTeam, and your Advisors, but also your fellow “detectives” among the matriculating Class of 2022.

We ultimately hope that by the end of MysteriO-Week, you will be more confident solving the mysteries that lie ahead of you so that you can find your own answers as a Murt and Rice Owl!

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Move-In Day

*****SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th, 2022**

Plan to arrive in the morning on Sunday, August 14th. When you arrive at Rice, please enter through Entrance #1 (the main entrance), take your first right, and follow the signs for McMurtry. After you unload, you will be given directions for where to park for the remainder of the morning. As you get closer to McMurtry, Advisors will hold signs and be yelling your name. They are super excited to meet you!!

As the Advisors, and maybe some helpful football players, empty your car and start moving your stuff into the building (that's right - you don't have to do ANY work), you and your family will be introduced to our wonderful College Coordinator, Jackie, who will give you your keys and other important information. After you check that all your belongings are in your room, you will meet the Mc-Team (our amazing Adult Team), who will welcome you to McMurtry and Rice. They are so excited to meet you and you can read more about them later in this book! You may have time before noon to sit in our beloved Yurt (what we call the McMurtry Commons) and mingle with your future classmates. Get to know these faces, because they are likely to become very good friends of yours in just a few weeks!

Around noon, there will be lunch for you, your family, and your Advisors. Soon after lunch, it will be time to say a final goodbye to your family, and head off to join your O-Week group for the first time. While your family and loved ones stay behind for a New Families Orientation, you will be starting one of the most jam-packed and fun-filled weeks of your college career!!!



Directions to McMurtry

Arriving by Car

From the West on I-10 East:

Take 610 South to 59 North and exit at Greenbriar. Follow Greenbriar and turn left at Rice Boulevard. Follow until it becomes Sunset Blvd. Turn right on Main Street and take an immediate right into Rice campus using Entrance #1.

From the East on I-10 West:

Take the US 59 South exit. From US 59 South, take the Fannin Street exit and travel south on Fannin until you reach Sunset Boulevard. Take a right on Sunset and an immediate left onto Main Street. Turn right onto Rice campus using Entrance #1.

From the South on US-59 North:

Exit at Greenbriar, stay on the frontage road, and turn right (south) on Greenbriar. Follow Greenbriar to the light at Rice Boulevard. Turn left onto Rice Boulevard. Stay on Rice Boulevard until it becomes Sunset. Turn right on Main Street and take an immediate right into Rice campus using Entrance #1.

From the North on US-59 South:

Take the Fannin Street exit and travel south on Fannin until you reach Sunset Boulevard. Take a right on Sunset and an immediate left onto Main Street. Turn right into Rice campus using Entrance #1.

Arriving by Plane

George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) / Houston Hobby Airport (HOU):

The travel time from IAH will be around 35-40 minutes and the commute from Hobby will be about 20-25 minutes, depending on the time of day. Car rentals and Ride Share services are available at both IAH and Hobby Airport.

Hotels

Hotels Near Rice University:

There are several hotels located in the Medical Center District. Some of the options include Hotel ZaZa, InterContinental Houston Medical Center, Houston Marriot: Med Center, and more. Some of these hotels have special Rice University rates so be sure to explore the various options at this site:

<https://success.rice.edu/parents-family/new-families-orientation/hotels>

Campus Map

RICE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MAP



Here's a link to Rice Campus Maps, including Google Maps, a printable map, and an interactive map of campus!

<https://www.rice.edu/campus-maps>

Some Construction that affects McMurtry:

Abercrombie Engineering Lab, which is right across the street from Murt, is currently being completely rebuilt, with construction continuing through 2023. This means that there will be work happening right in our backyard for a couple of years, but shouldn't affect anything else!

The Building

[The Scene]

McMurtry is a Gold LEED-certified building, which means we have a low environmental impact! Sometimes strange things will happen to our study rooms though. If your lights suddenly turn off, do not be alarmed — this is most likely due to the fact that you were sitting very still to the point where the sensor didn't notice you anymore. Wave your arms in front of the light or open and close your door. If both of these techniques are ineffective, contact our SMR (Student Maintenance Representative). We will give out the contact information of the SMR during O-Week and beyond.

All McMurtry doubles bathrooms are also known as Pod bathrooms, which are very exciting! They are similar to bathrooms in Europe, with the toilet, shower, and sink all within the same room. There are no doors, but you will notice that there is nothing blocking the water in the shower from flowing into the bathroom. While every bathroom does come with a shower curtain, the best option is to ensure that you have been provided with a long enough curtain (if it is not long enough please call or text the SMR) and fold it in towards the shower to block water. Sometimes students will purchase a squeegee to clean up after-shower water messes.

If your bed is too low or too high or if you want it to be lofted or bunked with your roommate's bed? Call the SMR! They will have the supplies and the understanding of how to take care of most of your rooming needs. If it is beyond their area of expertise, you can place a work order by emailing work@rice.edu. Be sure to specify your college, room number, and request. If you are locked out of your room and it is outside of our College Coordinator's office hours, call RUPD at 713-348-6000 for key service.



Your Room

[The Sketch]

Coming in as New Students to McMurtry, you will most likely be placed in a double (one room shared between two people) with your roommate. The diagram below is a floor plan which should give you an idea of what your 18'x18' room will look like!



What to Bring

* * Questions? Email mcmurtryoweweek@gmail.com.

Every Room Has:

- | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| _ Bed | _ Dresser | _ AC/heating unit |
| _ Desk & Chair | _ Ethernet Port | _ Private bathroom |
| _ Built-in closet | _ Cable TV outlet | _ Towel racks |
| _ Trashcan & recycling bin | _ Shower curtain | |

Supplies to Bring or Buy:

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| School Supplies | _ Desk Lamp | _ Shower accessories |
| _ Calculator (optional) | _ Storage/organizers | _ Power strips/extension |
| _ Backpack | _ Plate/bowl/utensils | cords, chargers |
| _ Computer (see OIT
article in Owlmanac) | _ Twin XL bedding | _ Pillows |

Personal Items:

- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| _ Medicines | _ High efficiency
detergent | _ Necessary identification
cards (for campus jobs!) |
| _ Toiletries | _ Up-to-date insurance
card | _ Clothes hamper |
| _ Towels/washcloths | | |

Optional or Miscellaneous Items:

- | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| _ Mattress pad | _ TV | _ Water Bottle |
| _ Iron/ironing board | _ Carpet/rug | _ Brita filter |
| _ Refrigerator | _ Wall decorations | _ Ethernet cable |
| _ Coffee maker/blender | _ Camera | _ Bike and accessories |
| _ Furniture | _ Mounting tape | _ Broom or vacuum |

What should I NOT bring?

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| _ Too much stuff! There
will be plenty of chances
to buy stuff you
didn't bring. | _ Candles or other
flammable materials | _ Microwaves (there are
communal ones on each to
each floor) |
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Welcome to
McMurtry



Amenities





*3rd Floor Lounge

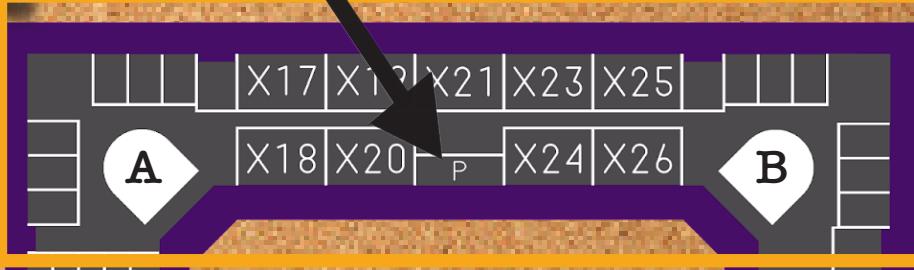
*2nd-4th floor each have lounges on the "O" side



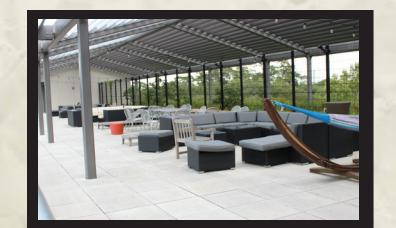
*"O" Hallway - 4th

"O" - Hallway at Murt with bright, orange walls

*Replace "X" with your floor to find your room on the map to the right! *



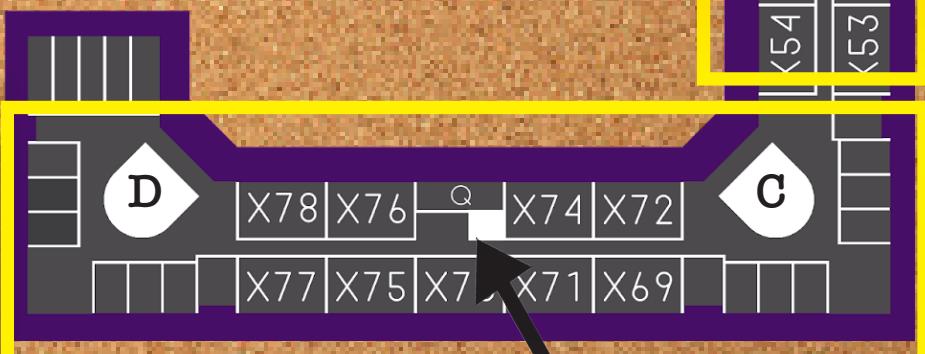
"Fifth" (5th Floor)



*Burt's Teahouse



*Deedee's Lounge



"Y" - Hallway at Murt with bright, yellow walls



*"Y" Hallway - 2nd

History and Traditions



McMurtry's history reaches surprisingly far back to the very beginning of the residential college system. Our founders, Burt and Deedee McMurtry, served together on the student-faculty committee that created the original residential college system. The McMurtrys graduated with the Class of 1956, got married, and went on to become successful in venture capitalism in California. The founding couple's efforts towards establishing the college system came full circle on August 16, 2009 with the successful opening of Burton and Deedee McMurtry College — your new home! Ever since then, each and every incoming class has worked to create traditions and culture that will last for years to come. Though there are many traditions in place already, you are all an essential part of creating even more throughout your time at McMurtry.

McRice: The first O-Week Coordinators prefixed every imaginable sign and placard on campus with the letters "Mc" to officially mark Rice with Murt spirit. From McFondren Library to McMCMurtry, the possibilities are endless as we venture across Rice to proclaim Murt pride.

"McMurtry is in-tents!": Our simple but proud beginnings were epitomized by the tents that reigned over the first McMurtry O-Week while we waited for the completion of our commons. This gave rise to the double-entendre cheer, "McMurtry is intense (in tents)!"

McWill: For its first year of life, McMurtry shared its building with Will Rice College, whose new wing was under construction. As Will Rice and McMurtry became roommates, the residential college culture was shared and a sisterhood was born. To this day, every new class of Murts and Will Ricers participates in the tradition known as McWill during O-Week, where the bond between the two colleges is rekindled and new friendships begin.

Beer Bike: McMurtry goes all out in the great tradition of Rice. Murts proudly wear banana suits and blast music throughout the week, making us the most hype college in Beer Bike. We also enjoy winning, most recently the 2019 Men's Beer Run and the 2021 Women's Beer Bike.



Powderpuff: Powderpuff is Women's Football that all residential colleges compete in. Combined with Will Rice, our college reigned victorious in our first-ever appearance in the Powderpuff championship. Since then, we've already won the Fall 2016, Fall 2017, and Spring 2022 championships, making Powderpuff a common gathering for Murts to show their college pride.



Bananas: We cheer on Murts with loud screams of "McMurtry is bananas!" Murts in banana suits have fondly been adopted as our unofficial mascot, and if you ever see people in banana suits at festivals, or events, don't be surprised if you recognize their faces. In fact, we love bananas so much that last year marked our 1st annual banana eating competition!



Conch: The conch shell appears on our crest and refers to the fact that the McMurtry name derives from the Scottish "Son of the Sea Navigator". When this instrument of glory is blown, all Murts let out the ear-piercing scream of "MURRRRRRRRRRT!" that embodies the intensity and strong bond of McMurtry.



Cookies: Our spirit of inclusivity extends farther than our own college. As part of our Baker 13 defense, we bake and pass out cookies for the runners and get a peaceful truce in return.



McScottish Night: A uniquely McMurtry night dedicated to celebrating our Scottish heritage. The night has historically featured Scottish delicacies, student-led kilt-making, a bagpipe procession, the burning of a homemade Wickerman, and more!

Y2K: Each college hosts a public party at least once a year, where free food, drinks for people of age, music, and dancing are provided in the college's Commons. McMurtry's party is Y2K, a throwback 2000's themed party traditionally held in February!

Birthday Gong: At McMurtry, we like to celebrate birthdays by hitting our Birthday Gong. Usually during mealtimes, your friend will stand on a table in Commons and yell "Hey McMurtry! It's [insert name]'s birthday!" followed by Murts cheering "Birthday Gong!" repeatedly as you go hit the gong.

Fridays in the Quad (FITQ): When you walk back to McMurtry after class on Friday, you will be greeted by the mass of Murts in the quad playing volleyball, talking, or eating food. There's nothing like finishing the week off with some good food, games, music, and friends.

McMurtry Cup: To honor our competitive, sporting nature and our strong floor culture, McMurtry hosts a yearlong McMurtry Cup to show which floor will reign supreme. Events have included trivia, tug-of-war, video game tournaments, and other competitions.

Cultivating New Traditions: This is a great freedom of our college, as the time is ripe for new traditions to be created, both during O-Week and beyond. As part of the fourteenth matriculating class, you have the incredible opportunity to help shape our ever-expanding, ever-changing college. Be ready, for you will be an unforgettable part of McMurtry's history.

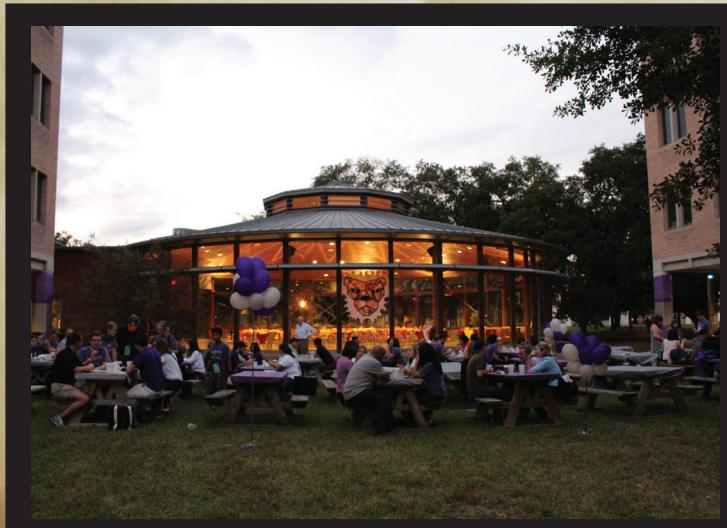
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Socioeconomic Initiatives

McMurtry is committed to making the Residential College Experience accessible to all students regardless of their background. At Rice, the college is at the heart of campus life and is charged with the social, cultural, and intellectual growth of the students that call it home. Because of this, limiting access to inclusivity in the college prevents many students from taking advantage of the complete Rice undergraduate experience. To this end, we've made socioeconomic initiatives in McMurtry an utmost priority. Starting in Spring 2017, we've implemented an initiative to make all college events and Murthandise financially accessible, capping all prices at \$5 per event/merchandise. Beer Bike shirts, which are required for participation in Beer Bike, are free. We've also established the Magister's Fund so students can opt for extra funding. This fund is intended to cover any costs missed by blanket subsidization. There is no hard minimum or maximum amount, nor strict criteria for eligibility. You can email the Magisters for more information, and all personal information will remain confidential.

Outside of McMurtry, financial accessibility is always an ongoing conversation and effort across Rice. For example, the Center for Career Development (CCD) aids students needing professional clothing. Student Success Initiatives (SSI) provides additional resources for students. One such program is Rice Firsts, which matches first-gen students with a peer mentor who is also among the first in their family to attend college. Another is The Pantry, a food/hygiene products pantry aimed at combating growing food insecurity on campus. You can also make appointments with SSI (success.rice.edu) to connect with resources and strategies for your success on campus.



Meet the McTeam



Each college has their own “adult team”, called A-Team for short, but here at McMurtry, we have our own special name for them-- the McTeam. The McTeam is McMurtry’s version of one of Rice’s most visible and helpful group of advisors and mentors. It consists of 6 people of which all except one, our College Coordinator, live in the college. In addition to being members of the McTeam, many also work for Rice in some capacity. There are 2 Residential Associates (RAs), a Resident Faculty Associate (RFA), 2 Magisters, and a College Coordinator. Among the McTeam there are several professors, administrators, advisors, and our favorites: dogs and children! The McTeam is a great resource to go to for personal or academic advice. They are also a group of great people to become friends with! You can find them down the hall in the college, at the Magisters’ house, in classrooms and offices around campus, and even in West Servery for most meals. To become part of the McTeam, each member had to apply to the program and must be reevaluated every few years at the end of each of their terms. You will get to meet them early on during O-Week, and they love it when you say hello to them around campus or at other McMurtry events! They have helped many of us in unimaginable ways, and they are truly invested in your well-being.

Welcome from the Magisters

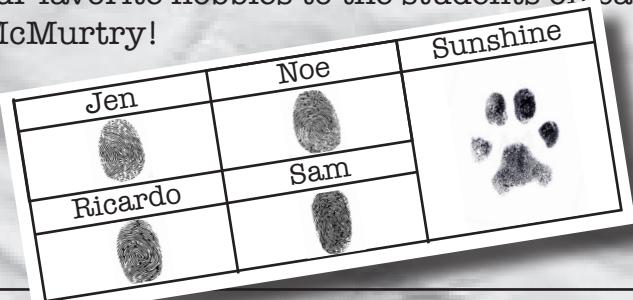
[Jen Bratter
and Noe Perez]



We are Jenifer Bratter and Noe Perez, the Magisters of McMurtry College, and we are thrilled to welcome you to the community! We feel the main ingredient to a successful college career is finding your people and developing a community. This is our third year as Magisters at McMurtry, and we look forward to helping students becoming connected to the wonderful community that is McMurtry. Jenifer is a Full Professor in the Sociology Department whose research focuses on race and ethnicity and their significance for the ways individuals identify,

form relationships, and experience well-being. She has been a professor at Rice since 2006 and sincerely enjoys teaching and mentoring the creative and intellectually dazzling graduate and undergraduate students of the Rice community. Noe is a researcher with expertise in education and community health. He loves carpentry, cooking, volunteering, kickboxing, and biking. Jenifer was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, and Noe hails from south Texas, known as “the Valley”. We met at University of Texas at Austin in the graduate program in Sociology. As a first-year grad student, Noe stole Jenifer’s desk in the teaching assistant lounge. We became fast friends, eventually started dating, and later married. After moving across the country together, they decided to settle in Houston and soon after, Jen started teaching at Rice. We have two boys: Ricardo, 17, and Sam, 12, and our puppy, Sunshine Charlie. Our kids love watching movies, playing video games, and being creative. Ricardo’s passion is American Ninja Warrior. He was on the first season of American Ninja Warrior Junior under the name, “The Origami Ninja” and continues to compete in ninja leagues. Sam loves puzzles, especially the Rubics cube (he would love to show you), computer programming, playing with Sunshine, and Ju Jitsu. They both love getting to know Murts. Sunshine Charlie is a Siberian Mix puppy that we adopted in March when he was nine weeks old. He has been folding into the Murt community ever since – he LOVES people so feel free to pet him if you’d like some puppy time. We love being a part of the McMurtry community and have enjoyed bringing some of our favorite hobbies to the students on campus. We can’t wait to meet you all – Welcome to McMurtry!

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Welcome from the RFA

[Sergio Chávez]

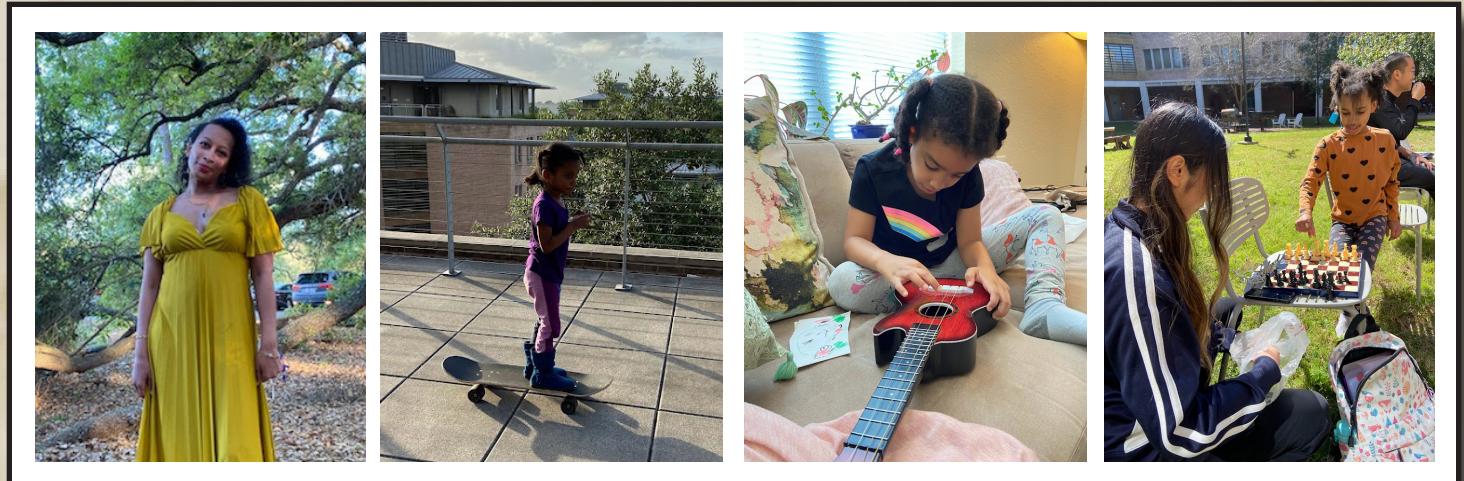
Sergio Chávez is an Associate Professor and Undergraduate Director in the Department of Sociology at Rice, and is also the Divisional Advisor for the social sciences at McMurry. He has been at Rice for a little over a decade. At Rice, he teaches courses in theory, methods, work, and family. Sergio Chávez was born and raised in California's Salinas Valley (the region that influenced John Steinbeck's work). After graduating from high school, he attended Hartnell Community College and followed by the University of California Davis where he received his undergraduate education. He then moved across the country to attend Cornell University where he received a PhD in Development Sociology and also did a post-doc at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Sergio loves photography, cycling, and just chatting about random things. His partner Robin Paige, who works at the University of Chicago, and two kids, Aaron and Abriel, visit Houston regularly. In addition to providing academic guidance as a Resident Faculty Associate, Sergio has a wealth of information about places to eat in Houston (he and his kids for example have probably visited well over 40 different Pho places). He also has extensive knowledge of cars that come from the fact that he was going to be a mechanic at one point in his life. So if you need academic advice, feel hungry, or if your car is not doing what it is supposed to, stop to talk to Sergio.



Robin	Sergio	Missy
		
Abriel	Aarón	
		

Welcome from the 2nd Floor RA

[Tamara
Jones]



There is no other individual on this campus (nor in the universe) that can compare to THE STAR herself-Tamara Jones!! Not only is she our highly cherished RA, she's also the most amazing Student Services Administrator there could ever be. Man does she do it all!!! As proven by her receipt of the Black Excellence Staff Award this past year, Tamara is an invaluable member of the Rice community. She's sure to leave a lifelong impact on each and every student she interacts with. From being your biggest supporter to having lovely chats about what's new in life, Tamara proves how much she cares for everyone as soon as she says "Hey boo!" Don't worry though, she definitely prioritizes giving the most special attention to her favorite students- MURTS! You'll definitely feel the love at her monthly MURTday celebration, where everyone with a birthday in that month is treated with a truly fantastic celebration! As a beloved resident of McMurtry's 2nd floor (along with her 3 beautiful daughters Seraphina, Aura, and Lila), Tamara and The Gems bring pizzazz that you can't find anywhere else! Whether it's from just saying hi to having a FANTASTIC play-date, this family is always down to create new memories that are filled with fun and excitement. Their stylish looks, bubbly personalities, and bright smiles are always sure to make you feel welcomed in your new home. So go ahead! Get to know this Houston Hottie and her delightful daughters! I wholeheartedly promise that the relationship you are bound to build is not one that you'll ever regret!

-Chanel Ericsson, McMurtry '23

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Welcome from the 3rd Floor RA

[Deirdre
Hunter]

Welcome to McMurtry! I am Deirdre Hunter. I live on 3rd with my two pups, Sandy and Nexus. We are thrilled to welcome you with open arms and paws to the best College. I am a Lecturer of Engineering Design at the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen (OEDK). In addition to teaching engineering design courses, I mentor students in the Sustaining Excellence in Research (SER) Scholars program, and teach in two Rice summer programs – Summer Experience in Engineering Design (SEED) and Rice Emerging Scholars Program (RESP). I received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Syracuse University and a PhD in Engineering Education from Virginia Tech (Go Hokies!). My research has focused on developing learner-centered environments in engineering classrooms, and teaching and learning metacognitive skills. I love thinking deeply and philosophizing about higher education systems and learning more broadly. Some of my



hobbies include: playing games (from cards and board games, to organized sports and wacky competitions, I am game!), cheering on our Houston sports teams (Go Astros!!), drinking coffee (totally addicted, and no shame!) and finding great conversations. But most of all, I'm passionate about people. For me, it has always been more about who I am sharing moments with, than what I am doing in that moment. My personal life vision is "to build inclusive community" and I think every person has a deep desire to be known. Knowing someone starts with listening, and when we are truly known we begin to feel like we belong to a shared experience. So, let's sit together over a meal or a cup of coffee; I am eager to hear your story!!

Sandy is a dachshund-beagle mix. She was born on the streets in Mexico, crazy story you should ask me about sometime! She loves naps, sun bathing, belly rubs, and doesn't miss a meal!! Nexus is an Australian shepherd mix. He struggles with anxiety (can you relate?), but loves spending time with students, giving hugs, and long walks. If you ever need some puppy time you can find us in 347, just knock!



Welcome from the College Coord [Jackie Carrizales]



My name is Jackie Carrizales, and I am the McMurtry College Coordinator. I have been the Coordinator here since the week before O-Week in 2015, but I have been an Associate at McMurtry since it opened in the Summer of 2009. I was so excited to be able to be a part of a college from the beginning and see the start of all of the traditions that make each college unique. I can't believe that I'm lucky enough to spend every day here now and get paid for it!

I have worked for Rice for 13 years. Away from McMurtry, I am married to Marc and we have three adult sons, Max, Luke, and Leo. We also have two dogs, Shorty and Azura, who think that they control the house.

My office is on the ground floor right outside the door to the Commons. I love visiting with students and hearing about what is going on with their lives, so please stop by any time to say hi. Grab some candy or a cup of coffee or tea. There are some very comfortable couches and chairs in my office, along with Squishmallows if you need a hug, and I'm always ready to talk about Asian dramas, Korean music, Astros baseball, or whatever interests you.

Things you can do in Jackie's Office:

Buy stamps and get envelopes

Do homework

Use the sta-

Borrow an extra room key

Take a study break

plers, packing
tape, scissors,
shredder, etc

Pick up mail and packages

Relax with other Morts

President & CJ

Hunter Brown - President



Year: Senior

Major: Political Science,
Social Policy
Analysis

Hometown: Houston, TX

Howdy New Students! My name is Hunter, and I have the absolute honor of being your College President. Let me be one of the first to tell you congratulations for surviving high school! All of the countless hours of class-work and extracurricular activity have now paid off for you with an opportunity for real freedom here at Rice University. You've reached a stage of education where you alone have close to full control over determining the kind of life that you want to live, and McMurtry College is designed to act as an ever present resource to make that decision as easy and enjoyable as possible for you. Whether it be providing chill study breaks with an abundance of snacks or all-night ragers, I am certain that our home can offer you an absolutely unforgettable event. Additionally, we've got plenty of common spaces for you to make your own fun, including our several study rooms and the McMurtry Commons. Of course, there is always room for change, and if there's anything you think the college could be doing better, I'm always available. My goal is to make your life here as comfortable as possible, so don't hesitate to reach out about anything!

Dream big,
Hunter B.

Jackson Hughes - Chief Justice

Hey New Murts! We're all so glad to welcome you to the best college on campus! My name is Jackson Hughes, and I'm studying Materials Science and NanoEngineering. My role here at Murt is pretty much to keep y'all safe and help out whenever you need some help! McMurtry is such an amazing place that we call home! There's always plenty of events in the quad, team spirit for our sports teams, and we are by far the most exciting college to be at for Beer Bike. Again, I'm so happy to welcome you to McMurtry! If you ever have any questions, feel free to reach out. I'll be around during O-Week and I live on campus so feel free to say hey!

Year: Junior

Major: Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Hometown: Hinsdale, IL

The McMInistry

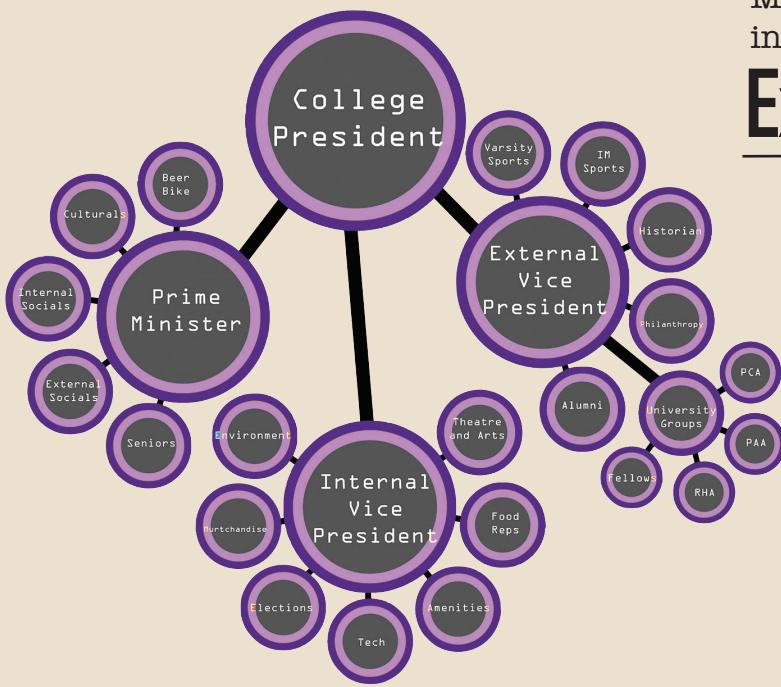
At Rice, all 11 residential colleges have an internal, student-run government designed to deal with various aspects of the college. At McMurtry, our student government is known as the McMInistry. Within the McMInistry exists the Executive Council (EC), which includes the President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, Prime Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian (all of whom are elected in the spring). The EC conducts various functions, including running the McMurtry Town Hall meetings, overseeing the committee system, sending out announcements, reserving rooms at our college, creating the budget, and much more. In addition to the EC, there are nine Hall Representatives (including one off campus rep) and one At-Large Representative. There are also Class Representatives, including three First Year Reps who are elected by first year students in the fall (and you can be one!). Hall Representatives are members elected to represent their respective hall within the McMInistry, while the At-Large Representative represents the

interests of McMurtry College as a whole and organizes meetings between the Hall Representatives and Class Representatives, collectively known as the People's Council (PC). With the exception of the President and Parliamentarian, all of the previously mentioned positions are voting members of the McMInistry.

The rest of the McMInistry is made up of non-voting members, including the Chief Justice, the Historians, the SA Senator, the RPC Representative, and the Honor Council Representative. Many of the events that are planned by and for McMurtry students are organized through the various committees. Getting involved in a committee is a great way to get involved with McMurtry government as a New Student. Additionally, the McMInistry meets bi-weekly for Town Hall meetings that are open to everyone. Town Hall meetings discuss current McMurtry issues, hold voting sessions, and are an open forum for any Murt to voice their concerns (free snacks too!). These meetings are where you will learn what is going on at McMurtry, so make sure to attend and stay involved!

Executive Council '22-'23

President - Hunter Brown
EVP - Kate Mischlich
IVP - Vidal Saenz
Prime Minister - Morike Ayodeji
Secretaries - Melody He and Joon Lee
Treasurers - Josh Posada and Shreyan Das
At-Large Rep - Vale Ortega
Chief Justice - Jackson Hughes
Senator - Aria Richards
Parliamentarian - Prayag Gordy



College Associates

College Associates are faculty, staff, and community members who are a vital part of the residential college and are committed to engaging, mentoring, and serving as resources for students. Associates get involved in the college in a wide variety of ways ranging from casual meals, sporting events, and social gatherings, to lectures, career panels, and theatrical performances. They do all this with the goal of enriching intellectual, cultural, and social life at McMurtry. There is no set path 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, but these meetings are just an introduction to the program. During your first year, you'll have many more opportunities to meet Associates, seek mentoring, share interests, and ask questions. Associates are around on a regular basis, so if you see any of our wonderful Associates in the Commons, or somewhere around campus, be sure to stop, introduce yourself, and take advantage of the opportunity. You never know when your connections with these professional and wonderful individuals will help you in the days to come!



Gallery: [Associates Night]



EVIDENCE SUBMISSION NO.1



*McWill Sister College Bonding



*New Handprint Tradition 2021



*Move-In Day 2020



*McMurtry Women's IM Volleyball Team



*McMurtry Sundae Sundays

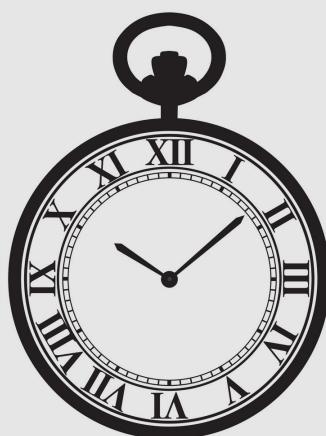


*Beer Bike 2022



*Welcome to McMurtry

The OWEEK
team



MysteriO-Week

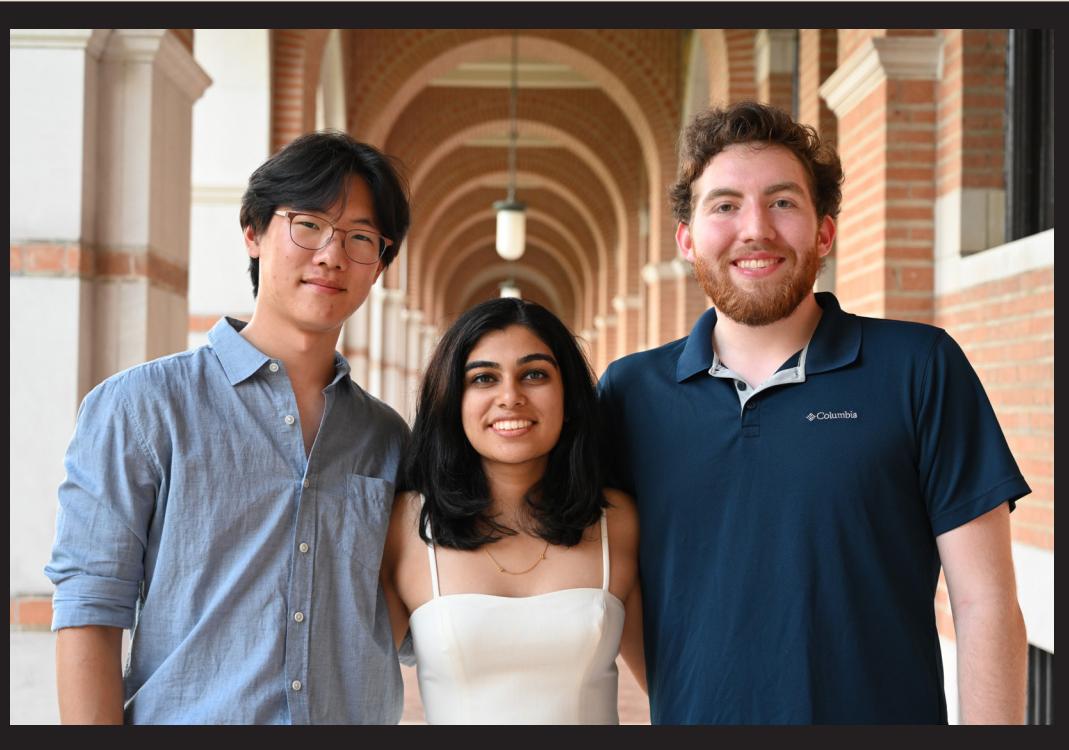
Coordinators

As O-Week Coordinators, it is our job to pour our heart and soul into creating your Orientation Week. We, your three MysteriO-Week Coordinators, have been planning for your arrival since well before you were placed in McMurtry. In fact, we have been working since January to select your Advisors and your Co-Advisors. This summer, we have prepared this book for you, matched you with a roommate, and carefully placed you into an O-Week group. We also planned the majority of O-Week events you will be participating in at McMurtry. One of the best things about Rice is that the administration places a great deal of trust in students (i.e. us) to run things. In turn, we work extremely hard to make sure that you have a smooth transition into Rice, both academically and socially. Your Advisors will be your guides for most of O-Week, but we'll largely be working to make sure everything runs smoothly. We are elated that you will be joining us at McMurtry, and we are beyond excited to meet you. See you soon!

James Hung

Pamela Johnson

Vidal Saenz



James Hwang



Hi everyone!!! My name is James Hwang, and I am a Junior here at MCMURTRY COLLEGE (your new home!) studying Biochemistry and Medical Humanities as a pre-med. After going through my own special O-Weeks as a New Student and Advisor, I'm so honored to be one of McMurry's O-Week Coordinators for MysteriO-Week 2022. For the last 7 months, we've spent every little bit of our time, energy, and brains preparing for your arrival, and we can't wait to finally meet you guys in August!

Let me tell you some more about myself! Throughout my past 2 decades, I've lived in both the United States and South Korea, so I consider both my home. When

you come to Rice, you may see me around campus often, as I like to be involved in the community. I serve as president of the Korean Student Association, captain of Murt's IM Tennis Team, student leader of Cru Christian Ministries, and teaching assistant for a biology lab. Outside of Rice, I'm currently doing biochemistry research at Baylor College of Medicine, where I study chaperone proteins involved in neurodegenerative diseases like ALS. I'm only able to do all this thanks to my electric scooter, which I use to zoom around everywhere.

In my free time, I like to do nothing or play guitar/tennis. Every night, I sleep with my Eeyore Squishmallow and wake up just in time for my first class. I like turtles! During the semester, I enjoy Coffeehouse study breaks or spontaneous late-night fast food trips. Due to my full-time student status, however, I spend most of my time studying. I've learned to enjoy learning at Rice by finding the best study spots around campus. Some of my favorites include McMurry PDR (Private Dining Room), Jones Graduate School of Business, and Fondren Library 4th floor. I'd be more than happy to share other great study spots with you guys!

Even as I write this bio, I'm smiling thinking about the memories, bonds, and experiences that will be shared during O-Week. I know that college may seem like a daunting mystery, but I can promise one thing: you'll always have a supportive, caring, and loving O-Week family and college around you. I hope that MysteriO-Week is the best O-Week ever for you New Students, and I eagerly await your arrival when we can finally shout "WELCOME TO MCMURTRY!! WELCOME HOME!!"



Prerna Mohan



Hey everyone! My name is Prerna Mohan, and I'm a Junior here at McMurtry, objectively the best residential college at Rice! I'm originally from Summit, New Jersey, and you'll quickly see my somewhat obnoxious Jersey pride. Despite the difficult adjustment to Houston humidity, I'm glad to say I've found a home here at Rice and I'm so excited to be planning O-Week so hopefully you can find yours too!

Here at Rice, I'm double majoring in Chemistry and Classical Studies, currently on the Pre-Med track. When I entered Rice, I had no intention of doing Classical Studies or a Humanities major, but after loving one of my distribution classes, I decided to explore the field more and ended up adding the major! Regardless of what major you enter as, Rice has many resources and opportunities to explore your chosen field further or to change your mind to pursue a path you discover you really enjoy.

Outside of academics, I've been involved in the Murt government as part of the Externals Socials Committee, both as a member and a co-chair. I help plan Murt's college nights, our McWill event with our sister college, Will Rice, and the best public on campus, Y2K! This past year, we were really excited because we were the first and only public that returned to campus since the pandemic. In addition to helping out around Murt, I also do bioengineering research at Baylor College of Medicine.

In my free time, I love relaxing with a cup of tea or coffee and an episode of the show I'm watching. That's why, on any given day, you will most likely find me at Chaus (our coffee-house), doing work or just hanging out. Aside from Chaus, I love listening to music and hanging out with friends doing our favorite activity: eating.

This year, I have the honor of being one of your O-Week Coordinators. I remember as a New Student, I was very nervous entering college and was scared that I wouldn't have any friends. But O-Week gave me a community, and to this day, I'm still friends with my Advisors and my O-Week siblings. O-Week is more than just an orientation, and it's a cornerstone of the Rice experience, so I hope you have fun with all the activities we have planned for you!



Transitioning to college can be a difficult experience and we hope that this week helps make that transition easier. Remember, if you ever need anything, feel free to reach out and we can't wait to see you when you arrive!!

Vidal Saenz



Hey New Students! My name is Vidal, and I am excited to be one of your MysteriO-Week Coordinators. I'm from McAllen, Texas, which can be found in the southmost part of TX on the border. I'm majoring in Bioengineering, which is one of my biggest personality traits aside from being a Coord. I am also partaking in research in a Neuroengineering lab here at Rice's Bioscience Research Collaborative (BRC), which I am enjoying so far.

Aside from my academic interests, one thing I am fairly involved in is McMurtry government, having served as First-Year Rep my freshman year, treasurer my sophomore year, and now, Internal Vice President. These positions have not only taught me a lot

about responsibility but have allowed me to meet and work with so many different people which I've really enjoyed. I highly encourage getting involved with the college whether it be joining committees, taking on government positions, or even just going to McMurtry events.

Some things I enjoy around Rice include spending all of my Tetra at Coffeehouse, working out at the Recreation Center, attending Trivia and Pub nights at the Pub every Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, or studying late at night at Fondren during exam season. In terms of exploring Houston, I haven't really been able to venture out as much as I'd like, however, some cool restaurants and places I've been to include Gyro Hut, House of Blues Houston, and POST Houston. I'm always down to explore the city or even different spots around Rice, so if you ever want to check something out with me I'd be happy to tag along.

My hope as one of your O-Week Coordinators is that we plan and execute not only a memorable O-Week, but one that will help prepare you New Students for the rest of your time at Rice. We've put a lot of time into creating your O-Week groups, choosing your roommates, and selecting your Advisors so you can have the best experience possible. We are so excited to meet you all soon and hope y'all are excited as well! Get Hype!!



What is an O-Week Group?

MysteriO-Week Coordinators

O-Week
Groups

3 Murt
Advisors

1 Co-Advisor

Affiliates

Peer
Academic
Advisors

Photographer,
Gopher,
RHA Liaison,
Athletic Liaison,
DFs

**Note: All
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PAAs are Advi-
sors too!

That's the
three of us!

Your O-Week group consists of 9-10 other New Students and 4-5 upperclassmen Advisors (one will be a Co-Advisor and one may be an Affiliate) who are beyond excited to welcome you to the best residential college on campus! All throughout O-Week, you will be preparing for registration and academic life at Rice and interacting with the rest of your incoming class at McMurtry, but your O-Week group is designed primarily to give you more of a personal support system during the week and throughout the year. From playing crazy icebreakers, learning about each other's interests and passions, sharing possible course schedules, or having late movie nights, you will soon discover that your bond as an O-Week group runs deep. Be prepared for lots of fun & encouragement from the peers in your group. Don't be worried if your Advisors seem very enthusiastic when you drive up for move-in day – it's a sign of affection.

What is an Advisor?

Co-Advisor?

Advisors are a diverse group of students from McMurtry who are so enthusiastic about welcoming you to Rice that they don't mind returning here almost two full weeks before the semester to help you move in and start your time at Rice! These fantastic people have been hand-selected to act as your guides throughout O-Week; they'll make sure you get to all activities and meetings, answer any questions you might have (or direct you to someone who can answer them), expose you to Rice's academics and student life, introduce you to the McMurtry culture, and serve as all-around resources. One thing that all Advisors have in common is their desire to help you have the best experience possible at Rice, so they'll continue to be resources for you long after O-Week is over and may very well become some of your closest friends.

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Co-Advisors make up about a fourth of our team and are students who are equally friendly and enthusiastic about welcoming you to Rice, but they hail from other residential colleges! Co-Advisors love McMurtry so much that they choose to join McMurtry's O-Week as an ambassador of their home college. In addition to having the qualities of an Advisor, they can help show you Rice beyond the beautiful wood panels of McMurtry and bring a little bit of their own college's culture and customs along with them. They are wonderful resources in helping you to branch out and explore other colleges!

What is an Affiliate?

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Affiliates

Peer Academic Advisors

Photographer, Gopher, RHA Liaison, Athletic Liaison, DFs

Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs) are students who have been broadly trained in numerous areas of academic life here at Rice and serve as liaisons between students, Faculty Advisors, and the Office of Academic Advising. Generally speaking, college PAA teams coordinate numerous group and individual activities that strengthen the academic vitality at their respective residential colleges. They offer accurate advice regarding specific classes, research opportunities, studying abroad, academic rules/regulations/procedures, and any topic related to academics. PAAs are not attached to a specific O-Week group.

Affiliates are O-Week personnel who serve specific roles designed to help you with your transition to Rice. Most O-Week groups will have at least one Affiliate. While they are paired with individual groups, they are an important resource for all New Students at the college. The Affiliate assigned to your group may often be floating around to meet other students and provide them with specialized knowledge and advice. Be sure to meet all the Affiliates present, as they are incredibly important campus-wide resources during O-Week and beyond. These Affiliate positions include Peer Academic Advisors, Diversity Facilitators, Photographer, Videographer, Gopher, Rice Health Advisor, Associates Liaison, Athletic Liaison, Student Maintenance Representative, Chief Justice, and President.

Diversity Facilitators (DFs) - You have stepped into one of the most diverse places on the planet – a college campus! Being in the most diverse city in the country at a campus as lovely as Rice offers so many great opportunities to learn about yourself and many others. At Rice, we take this to heart in every aspect of our education. We maintain an environment that allows us to facilitate healthy, open discussion on any issues pertaining to diversity within the student body. This is done with the help of wonderful Diversity Facilitators! They are an irreplaceable part of the O-Week Team, and we couldn't make our journey without them.

MysteriO-Week Witness List

*Photographers: Ryan Lipscomb and Nishita Prasad

Position	Description	Name/Contact												
Coordinator	The three students at each college who oversee and prepare O-Week for your matriculating class. We've been planning this for the last 7 months!	James Hwang - jkh7@rice.edu (256) 445-5529 Prerna Mohan - pm40@rice.edu (908) 723-8373 Vidal Saenz - vas5@rice.edu (956) 605-9308												
Advisor	Amazing Murts who volunteered their time to help ease your transition! They are great people and resources!	Check the O-Week group section to find your Advisors!												
Co-Advisor	Fantastic leaders from other colleges that can help introduce you to life at Rice outside of McMurtry!	Check the O-Week group section to find your Co-Advisors!												
Peer Academic Advisor (PAA)	Student experts on Rice academics who will help you with all your class scheduling during O-Week!	Ariah Richards - amr25@rice.edu Raj Anthony - rra2@rice.edu Karen Martinez Perez - kmm10@rice.edu Karla Alcala - kea5@rice.edu												
Diversity Facilitator (DF)	They run educational diversity workshops and are here to make sure you feel comfortable being yourself!	Jorge Arnez Gonzalez - jlall@rice.edu A'Zhariya Ellis - ane3@rice.edu												
Gopher	The Coordinators' best friends. They'll go get anything, from sharpies to body paint to make O-Week a smoother experience for you!	Anas Yousaf - anyl@rice.edu												
Rice Health Advisor (RHA)	They're your resource on wellbeing at Rice and how to be the healthiest and happiest self you can be!	Camille Villar - cfvl@rice.edu												
Athletic Liaison	A student-athlete Advisor who is around to make sure our athletes' situations, both during O-Week and after, are understood and accommodated for!	Chanel Ericsson - cel5@rice.edu												
Associates Liaison	An Advisor who helps organize Associates Night during O-Week to introduce you to our wonderful College Associates!	Gail Oudekerk - aro3@rice.edu												
Student Maintanence Rep	Go-to people if you need your bed lofted or have any issues with the facilities in your room.	TBD												
President	The President of McMurtry College's internal government for the upcoming school year!	Hunter Brown - hcb2@rice.edu (832) 546-2444												
Chief Justice (CJ)	They're your resource on the justice system and other regulations such as the Alcohol Policy!	Jackson Hughes - jth9@rice.edu												
McTeam	Jenifer Bratter - jlb1@rice.edu Noe Perez - np17@rice.edu Sergio Chávez - sc31@rice.edu Tamara Jones - tamarajones@rice.edu Deirdre Hunter - hunterd@rice.edu Jackie Carrizales - jjc3@rice.edu	<p><u>Key</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>■</td> <td>O-Week Team</td> <td>■</td> <td>McTeam</td> </tr> <tr> <td>■</td> <td>Affiliates</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>■</td> <td>College Leadership</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </table>	■	O-Week Team	■	McTeam	■	Affiliates			■	College Leadership		
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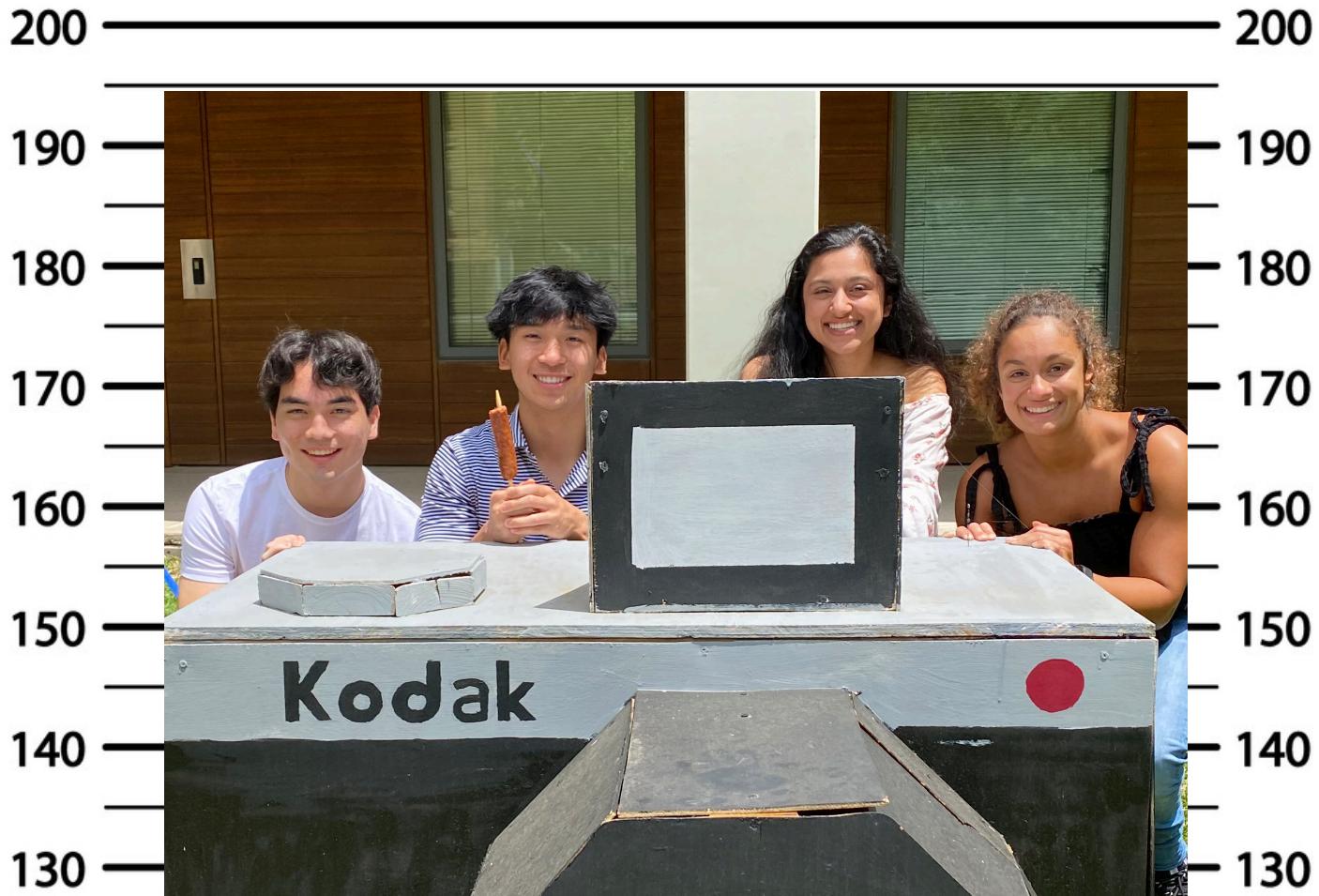
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Ahalya Lettenberger - Advisor

You won with Ahalya as an Advisor! Speaking of winning, you might know this celebrity of an Advisor as the winner of a silver medal in the 2020/2021 Paralympics! How awesome (Ahalya's favorite word)! Even though Ahalya has won so many swimming awards and accolades (as a Rice, U.S. National Team, and Paralympic swimmer), she is super humble and so nice. Ahalya is also always up for an adventure. Hailing from the windy city, this Chicago native is down to explore the coolest parts of Houston with you. But Ahalya also enjoys a chiller night in, watching a Marvel movie or weekly Bachelorette episodes while eating gluten-free snacks, dark chocolate, and a whole lot of parmesan cheese. If you want to get on Ahalya's good side, jam out to BTS! Overall, Ahalya is adventurous, super funny, thoughtful, authentic, and enthusiastic. You lucked out and we can't wait for you to see how INCREDIBLE she truly is!

-Christa Westheimer, Camille Villar, McMurtry '23

Year: Senior

Major: Bioengineering

Minor: Global Health Technologies

Hometown: Glen Ellyn, IL



Ethan Kao - Co-Advisor

Shredded. Ripped. Quads for days. These are all characteristics of Greek Gods, and it just so happens that Ethan Kao matches this description perfectly. Ethan's a junior Sidizen in the class of 2024, but he's definitely made his mark on Sid Richardson College. Ethan Kao loves participating in sports, like Rice Rugby. If you know Ethan, you can definitely tell that he LOVES meat. Especially steak. He's got a makeshift kitchen in his dorm room, complete with a rice cooker, air fryer, and other things that would make Gordon Ramsey cringe. On any given day, you can find Ethan at the gym or Chaus. The Houston, Texas native actually coined the phrase "Business in the front, party in the back" - he's pursuing the brand new Business major here at Rice, but you can catch Ethan walking around in his World Famous booty shorts with rubber ducks on them. He's goofy, charming, outgoing, kind, and supportive - everything you'd ever want in a friend.

-Lauren Hurt, Sid Richardson '24

Year: Junior

Major: Business, Economics

Minor: Financial Computation and Modeling

Home College: Sid Rich

Hometown: Houston, TX



Logan Golia - Advisor

Bing Bang! Logan is coming. I repeat, Logan Golia is coming from Long Island, NY. Advisor G moves in silence like lasagna. This half-Korean, half-Italian sophomore will always be there for you before you even notice. He is the best gift you will get during your first year. This charismatic and humorous dude knows the answer for everything you're struggling with. Academic, personal, romantic? Doesn't matter. Also, he will greet you with the best Asian foods he has tried in Houston. With his empathy, he will always listen to your story and try to help you come up with the solution. He's got huge interests in computer science, philosophy, physics, and linguistics, so he is always a great pal to talk to about interesting things. He will be a great Advisor that will help you transition into our Rice community. Hope you have a great time with Logan!

-Jaewon Jung, McMurtry '25

Year: Sophomore

Major: Computer Science,
Mathematics

Minor: Certificate in
Engineering Leadership

Hometown: Long Island, NY



Nishita Prasad - Advisor

Heyyy bestie! Want a hilarious Twitter quote that you can live by for the next month? Look no further than Nishita Prasad. Hailing from Carmel, Indiana, "N-Dog" will educate you on all things Midwest. She will console you when you're down and cheer you on as you slayyy at Rice. As a fervent cat and dog lover, she will absolutely melt over a picture of any of your pets or a sighting of the precious stray cats hiding around campus. Nishita's a Biology-Business double major and a Peer Academic Advisor, so she has got you covered for any of your finance or pre-med needs. On a given day, you might find Nishita on the grind (her natural state of being), chilling in the Yurt (McMurtry Commons), or scrolling through her extremely colorful Instagram feed. While she stands at a mere 5'2 AND 3/4 (it's basically 5'3 right?), this class of 2025 sophomore has a big bad presence on the computer, with a blazing fast typing speed and skills for days in Excel and Word. You're in good hands with this queen at the wheel.

-Nathan Nguyen, Ishani Kaul, McMurtry '25

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Doja Cat in the Hat

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Year: Senior

Major: Sports Medicine,
Psychology

Hometown: Stafford, VA

Chanel Ericsson - Advisor

Open curtain. It's McMurry College. You're walking through the quad on a Saturday morning on your way to breakfast and you hear "HI BAE!!!!" You turn around. Is that a queen? A superstar? A visit from the amazing Captain Marvel? Nah, it's someone way better. Chanel Ericsson!!!! Chanel is the most friendly, kind, fun, cool, swag person I've ever met whose heart of gold will lift your spirits on any day. You might be reading other Advisor bios that claim their friend does it all. But are they Chanel Ericsson, a pink-loving senior Sports Medicine & Psychology major hailing from Virginia (among many other places)? The Rice Cheer Captain, Celsius Ambassador (ok so maybe you did see a queen on your way to breakfast, a fitness queen!), Black Caucus Head, Murch Committee member, while still making time to be there for her friends no matter what? No, they are not. So make sure you catch her if you can to make your day 500% better. I may have said it would be hard to catch her before, with her #premed things and doing every activity possible, but since she's pretty much always injured (back, wrists, both ankles, etc) it really won't be that hard. So what are you waiting for? Go! Say hi and Chanel will brighten your day no matter what.

-Jennifer Adams, McMurry '22



Year: Junior

Major: Mechanical
Engineering

Home College: Hanszen

Hometown: Spencer, IA

Andrew Bare - Co-Advisor

Meet Andrew Bare (AKA Senator Bare, Chief Bare, Carebare), the Hanszenite junior hailing from small-town Spencer, Iowa - the home of his family owned distillery! Two key traits identify Andrew: without fail, he'll be wearing a faded baseball cap (probably with an Iowa State logo), and he'll have a thermos of drip coffee on deck for whatever the day may bring. Ask him what he's working on, and it'll either involve Mechanical Engineering homework (he'll have you know he comes from a family of MechE's), or, as Rice Eclipse's esteemed Chief Engineer, a rocket-related project. Andrew is also known around campus for his incredible contributions to Rice's Student Association during his tenure as Hanszen's Senator, as well as being a practical resident of the OEDK (Rice's maker space). With Andrew as your Advisor, you're in for a truly sensational week: Andrew will be there for you through all the highs and lows of your transition to college, always with a smile, sense of humor and cup of coffee!

-Spencer Darwall, Arnav Burudgunte, Hanszen '24



Richard Chan - Advisor

Do not sleep on Richard Chan because this Advisor won't sleep on you (literally this man does not sleep). This caffeine-addicted pre-med bioengineer coming from Sugarland, TX is fueled entirely by Rice Coffeehouse, especially the Eye Opener if an exam is near. In his free time you can catch him putting in work at Camp Kesem events, the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA), playing pickup basketball (HUGE Rockets fan), or walking around campus because his scooter got stolen within a month. When he isn't dressed up in uniform for Rice Emergency Medical Services (REMS), find this drip specialist in his classic NBA graphic tees listening to some fire music (ask him for a playlist). He is always willing to drive you around Houston, and he knows all the best spots to go for boba. Get excited to see your O-Week poster, because he does graphic design and social media for like every single organization he's in. Dude is a great person to talk to, and you should be super excited you got him as an Advisor.

-Timmy Mansfield, Jeff Brover, McMurtry '24

Year: Junior

Major: Bioengineering

Minor: Biochemistry and
Cell Biology,
Neuroscience

Hometown: Sugar Land, TX



Nicolette Douvas - Advisor

Pythagoras, Plato, Socrates, Jennifer Aniston—just to name a few important people we can thank this Advisor's homeland for. Often referred to as The Greek Freak (and commonly mistaken for Giannis Antetokounmpo due to their physical likeness), Nicolette Douvas hails from Chicago, Illinois, but familial records tie her back to the birthplace of Western democracy: Greece. If you're ever looking for her, she can be found at Brochstein Pavilion 99% of the time. She might look hard at work, but in reality, she is most likely catching up on the latest episode of Dr. Phil. Standing at a whopping 5 feet and 7 inches, this sophomore Rice University student could probably dunk on you if she decided to pursue a better sport than rowing. She might not be able to lift anything above 70 pounds but don't let that detract from her mental vigor. She is a woman of many talents—majoring in Classical Studies, minoring in Religion, and a pre-med?! What can't she do??? As an O-Week Advisor, she will always be there to give you great advice and update you on the latest Daily Mail news story. So never be afraid to reach out, because she's all you could ever want in an O-Week Advisor!!!!

-Sarah Wright, McMurtry '25

Year: Sophomore

Major: Classical Studies

Minor: Religion

Hometown: Hinsdale, IL

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The Lil Nas X-Files

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Damian Gonzalez - Advisor

Congratulations! You have been truly blessed with having Damian Gonzalez as one of your O-Week Advisors. Originally from Alton, TX (very proud of his 956 family), this outgoing Junior is studying Mechanical Engineering (he will be the best MechE yet). A good friend to all, Damian knows how to make everyone smile, and once he starts laughing, everyone can't help but to start laughing as well. He enjoys listening to music, and will listen to a single song for hours to focus (like Santa Baby by Ariana Grande for his finals). If you ask him who will be #1 on his Spotify for the year, it will change weekly. Some of his favorites include Michael Jackson, The Weekend, Kanye and Childish Gambino, but honestly his Spotify is so diverse that I absolutely cannot capture it all now. Aside from being a MechE, he is also part of the Jazz Band at Rice. He's a mighty fine trombone player, so definitely come watch his concerts, they're very fun! Overall, Damian is a very kind, amazing friend who will always be sure to put a smile on your face. I'm excited for you to get to know him, you are in for a treat~

-Maria Telesforo, Jones '24

Year: Junior

Major: Mechanical
Engineering

Minor: Engineering
Design

Hometown: Alton, TX



Jeffrey Brover - Advisor

Have you ever wanted to be brutalized in a game of Monopoly? Jeff Brover is your man. This Sport Management and Statistics junior hailing from Delray Beach, Florida is a competitive weapon and mathematical maniac that would love to play you in any card or board game of your choosing and is the optimal Advisor for your group. He's a massive Cleveland sports and Florida Panthers fan, so Jeff is ready for ANYTHING that happens during O-Week. Even though he spends a lot of time working for the Rice Basketball and Baseball teams, he'll never turn down the opportunity to catch up with you over a sports game or watch an episode of Community or Breaking Bad. If you're not into that, Jeff is always down to study with you in Fondren Library or let you vibe in his massive bean bag chair, although you might hear music blasting from his AirPods the entire time (we all think he may go deaf by 30). Just know that when you show up in August, be ready to meet one of the most sincere, caring, and funny people out there.

-Timmy Mansfield, Isabel Tu, McMurtry '24

Year: Junior

Major: Sport Management,
Statistics

Minor: Data Science

Hometown: Delray Beach,
FL



Cat Nguyen - Co-Advisor

Is she a freshman? No! She's just baby. (Don't let her cute face and mannerisms fool you into thinking she's younger than she is lmao.) Cat is a Will Rice sophomore studying Biosciences (yes, pre-med) originally from The Colony, Texas. Cat is ultimate wifey material (she's ours though so back off) - from cooking you pandan waffles to making you the cutest cards and care packages when you are going through it, this woman can do it all. And when times do get rough, she is always there to sit with you, listen, and talk through everything. BUT don't make her choose where to eat because all the restaurants will be closed by the time she has an idea. We also hope you like photos because she takes one every other second. Sometimes she'll even steal your phone to take some. But aside from her love for plushies (she has the world record plushie collection), discussing her ideal boba texture, eating sweet bread, making slime, and fangirling over Jin from BTS, she will also love you with her whole big big heart <3 This babe will take care of you and will remind you of the goodness in this world hehe.

-Teresa Chin, Celeste Wang, Lovett '24



Paige Sutter - Advisor

If Paige Sutter is your Advisor, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE THE BEST O-WEEK EVER!!! This fashionista from Omaha, Nebraska is one of the most compassionate, friendly, and humble people you will meet at Rice. She will undeniably be an incredible support to you. As a Chemistry major, this baddie in a lab coat is passionate about using her knowledge to make tangible differences in the world as she plans to enter the pharmaceutical industry. When Paige isn't jazzing up her organic chemistry notes with her beautiful calligraphy, you can find her showing everyone videos of her cockatiel bird Benny singing! Just like Benny, Paige is an extraordinary singer (and treasurer!) for Nocturnal A Cappella (~where she sings with the super cool writers of this bio heehee~). She also serves on the Honor Council and works very hard to make things run smoothly. On any day of the week, you'll see her adventuring across campus or off campus to get her favorite foods like elote and arepas. She loves to grab some boba throughout the day and wind down by watching RuPaul's Drag Race. You can count on her to give you great advice throughout your experience and make you laugh. We know Paige is going to help make your first year the best it can be! Welcome to McMurtry!!!

-Ojas Dumbre, Baker '25, Valentina Osorio, Hanszen '24

Year: Sophomore
Major: Biosciences
Minor: Sociology
Home College: Will Rice
Hometown: The Colony, TX

Year: Sophomore
Major: Chemistry
Minor: Spanish
Hometown: Omaha, NE

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Captain American Psycho

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Anas Yousaf - Advisor

Looking for the bio of the best Advisor at Murt? Well look no further. Anas Yousaf is everything you want as an Advisor and so much more (don't let his 6' 3" stature scare you). This junior Mechanical Engineering (MECHE) major is always dressed to impress whether it be going to the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen (OEDK) to build who knows what or simply going to grind at Fondren Library; He is always dripped out from head-to-toe and is your go-to guy if you wanna learn what style truly means. When he's not doing engineering things, which he does fairly often, you can find him watching NBA games or playing his Switch (both of which feature auditory experiences like yelling). Since he's from Houston, he KNOWS all about the best bites and coffee shops in H-Town so if you're ever looking for something to eat, hit him up. All things aside, Anas is a really great friend who y'all are fortunate enough to be able to have as your Advisor. Just be sure he's had his daily dose of caffeine...

-Vidal Saenz, McMurtry '24

Year: Junior

Major: Mechanical
Engineering

Minor: Engineering
Design

Hometown: Houston, TX



Teddy Gilman - Advisor

Teddy "Teddy" Gilman is one of the people at McMurtry College. This junior from Austin, Texas is a Math and Operations Research double major who constantly talks about math — ask him about vacuously holding conditions, surely you will have a wonderful time. When he's not talking about topological spaces, you can find this strapping young lad taking naps in the middle of the afternoon, playing Elden Ring, or singing bass and tenor with the Phils, an acapella group that went to national semifinals last year. He also won the Rice's Finest™ competition (seriously). While it may seem that Teddy spends all his time doing proofs, he is actually a social butterfly and loves having a good time. Also, if you're ever in a bind or facing a quandary of any sort, there is not a single person at Rice more reliable than Teddy. This future consultant will solve your problem. If he's half as good at Advising as he is a friend, you are in for a very nice O-Week.

-Dante Garderet, McMurtry '24, Max Cunningham, McMurtry '23, Victor Kaplan, Sid Rich '24

Year: Junior

Major: Mathematics,
Operations
Research

Hometown: Austin, TX

Christina Franco - Advisor



Year: Sophomore

Major: Political Science

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Let me present to you the gal that survives off boba, Christina Franco. Need any sort of boba drink or boba location suggestion? Look no further than Christina Franco. Even better, Christina works at East West (a boba drink shop) here on Rice campus, meaning she can serve you boba herself! Besides being a boba drink connoisseur, Christina also loves going out to Rice Village which is 5 minutes away from campus (mostly to visit Purple Kow and Shake Shack) and is stacked with restaurants and stores to shop or stroll around. Being from Chicago, Illinois, Christina loves to explore new parts of downtown Houston and likes to have fun! As a sophomore pursuing interest in pre-law / a Political Science major, Christina also has much interest in policies in the United States. She is always down to discuss anything celebrity-gossip related or even to just sit down and talk at the Rice Coffeehouse. That being said, just know Christina Franco is a very helpful person that will always listen to you and make you feel safe and sound, you are in good hands!

-Alexander Figueroa, Lovett '25

Rachel Dang - Co-Advisor



Year: Sophomore

Major: Biosciences (Biochemistry), Economics

Minor: Global Health Technologies

Home College: Martel

Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
Houston, TX

If you ever see a 5'8 sophomore girl from Martel, and then realize it's 5'4 plus her boots, you've met your Co-Advisor, Rachel Dang. She hails from Spain, Russia, Germany, and Vietnam, and while only one of those is actually true, she does in fact speak five languages. Making the move from Vietnam to North Carolina and finally our very own Houston, you know she is in love with the humidity. Sadly, her hair isn't as much of a fan; despite her best efforts, it cannot hold a curl. As a Biosciences and Economics double major with a Global Health minor, I don't know how this girl gets any sleep. Rest assured though, when she sleeps, she can sleep through a fire alarm (true story!). This brainiac does corporate finance modules to procrastinate studying for her physics tests. Don't be scared off though, Rachel is one of the most welcoming people I've ever met. If you drank a glass of water every time she waves hi to someone, you'd need to go to the bathroom in five minutes. Whether you need someone to compulsively order DoorDash with, or just a listening ear, you're sure to find that and beyond in Rachel!

-Aishi Ayyanathan, Martel '25
Benjamin Allen, Jones '25

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Dark Knight at the Museum

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Jared Butler - Advisor

Come one, come all!!! There's no better time than now to learn about the best Advisor on the block, Jared Butler! As a Cognitive Science major from Montgomery, Alabama, Jared brings an unmatched energy to the Class of 2023! As proven by his four years in the Philharmonics (undeniably the best acapella group on campus), Jared's one of the best singers you'll EVER hear!! Not only was he blessed with a melodious voice though! Jared is also a gold medalist in Junior Olympic Tae Kwon Do, the best cat dad you could imagine, a mesmerizing dancer to practically any song, and the absolute best friend you could ever ask for (trust me, I know!) He's guaranteed to bring a good time to any event, while also being down to fill the night with an immersive conversation on McMurtry 5th floor. A natural born leader (as proven by his position as Lovett Senator), Jared's compassion and charisma is sure to inspire you to always feel valued and welcomed in any setting! His presence will always light up your day and you'll never regret a single moment spent with him!! So if you're lucky enough to have Jared as your Advisor, be grateful that you were placed in a group that's bound to be unforgettable!

-Chanel Ericsson, McMurtry '23



Bela Nelson - Advisor

As I write this, Bela Nelson is sitting next to me eating cheese with a pair of scissors. Bela is Rice's proudest (and only) Kentucky resident. She may deny this, but you will see her wear five different University of Kentucky t-shirts over the course of a week. Bela is adamant that everything is better when dipped in ranch. Once she was scared to ask us if we had extra toothbrushes, so she brushed her teeth with her own finger for three days straight! Bela does everything at 100 percent. She's hated and feared by every other powderpuff team because of her history of roughing the passer. She wakes up with random bruises (maybe hairline fractures? We may never know) that occasionally turn into permanent dents. Her doctors say that nothing is wrong with her but we don't believe them. As a junior Biology major, Fondren Library is like a second home, and when she's not there she's killing it as a bartender at Pub. Bela is absolutely the most genuine, fair, loyal, amazing person you could ask for as an O-Week Advisor; there's no one better to be your first friend at Rice. Get ready, because she's going to make this the best week of your life!

-Prayag Gordy, Kate Mischlich, Nate Miller, McMurtry '24

Year: Junior

Major: Biosciences

Minor: Anthropology

Hometown: Lexington, KY



Melody He - Advisor

If you're looking for the best O-Week Advisor out there, you're in luck! All the way from Seattle, Melody He (or Meldawg, or Meldo), a sophomore Statistics major at Murt, spends her time baking for her friends, working hard in Fondren Library, and looking for her many, many lost water bottles. Although Melody is an only child, she's got 8 siblings from her own O-Week, and we're all excited to welcome you to the family. She's an absolute beast in the kitchen – there is nothing she makes that does not taste scrumptious. She's always down to help you out, even when she's busy watching Peppa Pig or electrocuting bugs in her room (a good second person to call if Housing & Dining does not come quick enough!). She can teach you about all her favorite groups across campus, especially her current favs: the Rice University Chess Club and Murt's own Culinary Committee (which she is the head of, slay). Melody will always give you great advice, a confidence boost, or a laugh when you need it, so you're in good hands. Meldawg is our go-to girl and we know you'll love her!

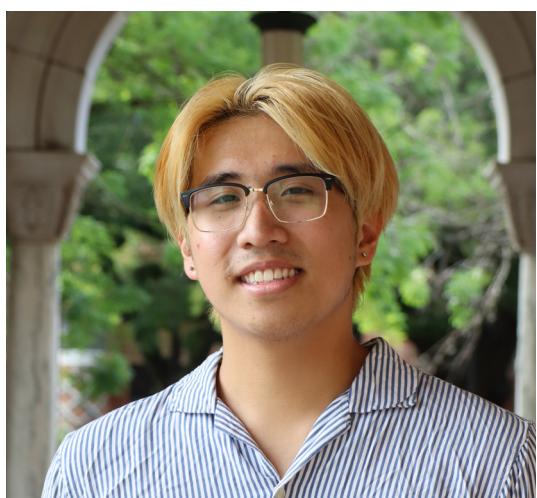
-Laxmi Giri, Cecelia Curtis, McMurtry '25

Year: Sophomore

Major: Statistics

Minor: Data Science

Hometown: Seattle, WA



Michael Wang - Co-Advisor

Imagine sitting in Houston traffic during peak rush hour, and you look back to see the driver behind you waving his arms in a fit of rage. That man is none other than your future Wiess '25 Co-Advisor Michael Wang aka Big Wang. A city boy to the core, this Obama-loving, Commons-dwelling, Health Sciences major has lived everywhere from Atlanta to Chicago, acquiring a refined palate for Korean cuisine and boba along the way. Need KRnB or CPop recs? This middle-parted, blonde-haired guy has got you covered (Jay Chou, anyone?). When he isn't planning Wiess events (Socials Vice President!!!), raising funds for Camp Kesem ("It's for the kids!"), or furthering lung cancer research in the lab (That's my future oncologist!), you'll find Big Wang taking naps in public places, staring at penguin pictures on his Instagram feed, or watching YouTube videos about the latest in tech. Despite his gaslighting tendencies (Don't let him tell you otherwise), Big Wang will always tend to your needs as Head (Care)giver, prioritizing your well-being above all. So, while your car's stuck in traffic, get out, hop in with THE best Co-Advisor, buckle your seatbelts, and prepare for the ride of your life!

-Christina Chen, Leo Zhang, Wiess '25

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Criminal MegaMinds

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Ajay Kumar - Co-Advisor

Born and raised in the 92130 (which some say is the 90210 of San Diego) Ajay Kumar (Will Rice '23) has been grinding finessing his way through life since day -1. If you don't know what that means, it's ok because neither does he. This ex-Californian turned proud TEXAN is, in short, an "interesting" person who will undoubtedly gladly share his way of life with you. Don't take my word for it. Here's what others had to say about him: "Um what you lack in muscle you make up for in brains" This is kinda true. Even after devouring 9 tacos because "it was a great deal", he isn't exactly a menacing figure (especially if there's a spider in the room), however this pre-med Biochemistry major somehow manages not to flunk out of school despite his debilitating addiction to TikTok. "Kumer the rumor" This is very true. Rumor has it he's still finishing homework assignments from high school. Rumor has it he still doesn't know the directions to his own house. Rumor has it he's never won a game of 8-Ball pool on GamePigeon. "Funniest, smartest and coolest EAGLE SCOUT alive" This would be true...if it were a joke. In all honesty, Ajay is one of the funniest, chilliest and most genuine people you could meet and will do anything as an Advisor to make sure you have a great O-Week and Rice experience.

-Likith Palabindela, UCSD '23; Kendra Ham, UHawai'i '23; Chuckles Bao, UCSB '23; Macall Peed, UCSB '23; Joanne Wang, UC Berkeley '23

Chris Shen - Advisor

Coming from Los Angeles, California, it's no surprise that Chris hates cold weather. His natural habitat is playing spike ball in 75 degree sunny weather. This McMurtry sophomore is always down to go to the recreation center to workout or play basketball and will make sure you know he's an elite "3 and D" player. It also makes sense he's a Business major given his extensive stocks and cryptocurrency knowledge. If you need investing advice, he is your guy. That's not his only talent though. Chris is also a tennis menace on the Rice Club Tennis team and is a top 1% League of Legends player. Overall Chris is an incredibly loyal and genuine friend, and I think he is going to be a great O-Week Advisor. His presence will just make O-Week more fun. He also enjoys going to the restaurant Chili's.

-Griffin Ball, Perry Gilberd, McMurtry '25



Year: Sophomore

Major: Business,
Statistics

Minor: Financial Com-
putation and Modeling,
Data Science

Hometown: Thousand Oaks, CA



Emma Chestnut - Advisor

Born and raised in Houston, Emma is a Texas gal at heart (she'll NEVER forget the Alamo). A fun fact about Emma is that you can never lose her because she spends all her time (and Tetra) at Coffeehouse scouting potential tetra donors and doing the daily crossword. On principle, she doesn't move so don't expect to find her running around campus. Unless of course there's free food or merch somewhere! Then she'll beat you there every time. Emma will never fail to make you laugh, and although she doesn't like Harry Potter (working on it), she has some other redeeming qualities! For example, as a junior Computer Science major, she loves to sit in her room in the dark and code in Python for hours and hours! Just kidding. Emma is always down for a Torchy's walk (not run), loves the Astros, eats peanut butter straight from the jar, and is fundamentally against salads. If you ever want someone to talk to about books, music (don't say anything bad about Harry Styles), or Christian Bale, Emma's your girl! And in all seriousness, if Emma is your O-Week Advisor, you've hit the jackpot. She's an amazing friend and mentor, is always willing to listen and help in any way she can, and gives the best hugs :)

-Valentina Ortega, Ananya Lingineni, Olivia Mudrick, McMurtry '24



Sarah Wright - Advisor

Got a broken arm on the field? Or maybe twisted an ankle? Don't worry, call Sarah Wright in 10 years when she becomes a doctor! This Rice University sophomore is majoring in Sports Medicine and Exercise Physiology with a minor in Biochemistry and Cell Biology and on the pre-med track! As for right now, she can put a bandaid on a scrape. Come find her at the gym in the weight room or on the treadmill Wednesday morning! This early bird will always be awake for any questions you have and will make an amazing Advisor! Late at night will be a problem, however, since she goes to bed quite early compared to the average college student. Her Mexican side will give you a great recommendation for Mexican food around town (but never ask about Taco Cabana)! Apart from her studies, she loves to draw and is up for any adventure! If you ask about her tan, it's fake along with her hair color, but she is still an amazing person. She will have a long conversation about any topic, and I mean ANY topic without fail! Get ready for O-Week with Sarah as there will never be a dull moment!

-Nicolette Douvas, McMurtry '24

Year: Sophomore
Major: Sports Medicine
Minor: Biochemistry
Hometown: Dallas, TX

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How To Get Away With McMurter

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Alejandra Rodriguez - Advisor



Year: Senior

Major: Cognitive Sciences

Minor: Spanish

Hometown: Colombia/
The Woodlands, TX

Maria Alejandra Rodriguez Quevedo (a.k.a. Ale) is a McMurry junior (transferred from Lone Star Honors College), majoring in Cognitive Sciences and minoring in Spanish. A proud, Encanto-loving Colombian queen (don't mention Bruno around her or else she WILL start singing), Ale was born and raised in Bogotá before her family moved to The Woodlands, TX when she was in high school. She is an amazing big sister, not only to her little brother but also to anyone who wants to be adopted by her. She's the caring, genuine friend you want to process life with as she expertly paints your nails and offers loving words of encouragement and wise advice. Be careful not to challenge her to a dance or bubble-gum blowing contest, or else you will get owned. But DO practice speaking Spanish with her and fall under the enchanting spell of her silky smooth voice. ¡Viva Colombia!

-Leticia Souto, Oriana Tang, Baker '25,

Sarai Huaman, McMurry '25



Year: Junior

Major: Statistics,
Computer Science

Minor: Data Science

Hometown: Takoma Park,
MD

Prayag Gordy - Advisor

Standing at 5'1" and hailing from the DMV, Prayag's hobbies include listening to a single Adele song for hours on end, opening windows, and watching math YouTube videos (like a good Statistics major). Prayag's life goal is to die in a mysterious accident (a.k.a. killed by the CIA) after writing a news story exposing the US government. If you stalk him on Twitter you will see that he is well on his way. He is the man whose articles cause online debates. But seriously, Prayag is the guy you want by your side. In a crisis, Prayag turns into a machine of efficiency, taking care of problems you didn't even know you had. Without him, we would not have couches, functioning windows, or a place to live next year. As a junior, he knows this campus inside and out. If you want to expose a Rice organization, he'll write a Thresher story about it. If your computer is broken, he'll fix it. If you're upset, he'll notice before you even say anything. If you're ever craving Torchy's or Chipotle, he's your guy. Our friend group frequently discusses how good of a father Prayag Gordy will be one day. You are so lucky to be his New Student. Get ready for a wild year.

-Bela Nelson, Kate Mischlich, Nate Miller
McMurtry '24



Renée Sanders - Co-Advisor

Whose voice can be heard from 2 miles away? IT'S RENEEEEE!!!! Coming all the way from Fluh-A-DUH (Florida), she is a junior at Lovett who is the sassiest and also funniest person you will ever meet. Her most prized possession is none other than Bella, her lime green Mini Cooper. If you ever get the chance to step inside and take a ride, you might even get to hear her cover of Justin Bieber's Stuck in the Moment. You can mainly find her either doing yoga or giving out smoothies to athletes (it's her excuse to check out a possible future hubby). But on top of her dedication to eating dessert and talking to complete strangers, she will also make time for you and make Rice feel like your second home. You can't help but sob, break down, and tell your entire life story when she gives you one of her crushing hugs. However, be warned, because you will never be her first priority (her mom is <3). Renée is one of the warmest individuals you will EVER meet, and is genuinely a blessing in your life.

-Teresa Chin, Celeste Wang, Lovett '24

Year: Junior

Major: Health Sciences

Minor: Neuroscience

Home College: Lovett

Hometown: Daytona Beach, FL



Jun Chu - Advisor

Who better to have as a mentor and friend than a K-drama binge-watching enthusiast with big, big dreams??? As a sophomore Electrical Engineering major from Frisco, Texas, Jun wants to not only have her own start-up company but also be a doctor. Like jeez girl leave some girl bossing for the rest of us (ಠ_ಠ) Additionally, Jun is always on the go and fast forwards through K-dramas, completing them in a day while at the same time somehow completing all her assignments like 5 days ahead. How does she do it? No one knows. If you ever want to annoy Jun, tell her how short she is and ask her to wear her jacket with the cute, little bear ears. She'll get all huffy and say she'll fight you. Jun also has very erratic energy levels, which is honestly quite hilarious. It'll either be head-banging to some terrible song that she is singing along to or sitting and watching bad reality TV shows with friends. No matter the vibe she'll match the energy. Overall, you couldn't have asked for a better mentor that knows how to balance fun and study!

-Rhea Rungta, McMurtry '25

Year: Sophomore

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Hometown: Dallas, TX

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Year: Senior

Major: Architecture

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Ryan Lipscomb - Advisor

Ever wanted to meet someone kind, creative, and fun, or at least someone who will help you with a smile? Well, come this August and meet the one and only Ryan Lipscomb! A rising senior from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania majoring in Architecture, Ryan is built and steeled for anything! He is a member of Rice Nocturnal, a student acapella group. He is also nocturnal, so don't be afraid to reach out to him if you're in a pickle but think nobody's awake. Chances are, Ryan still is! A true ace of the arts, Ryan is also an incredible artist (both traditional and digital!) and has a killer fashion sense that leaves Harry Styles on the cold, hard ground. When you shop with him, you know he'll find a perfect fit or two! With Ryan as your Advisor, it's no mystery that he'll always have your back and lend an ear! He will welcome you with open arms, several yummy stress-baked goods, and a fridge full of Pepsi!

-Ashley Duong, Brown '23 (also a Coord at Brown!)



Year: Junior

Major: Biosciences
(Biochemistry)

Home College: Wiess

Hometown: Seabrook, TX

Addison Saley - Co-Advisor

The stars aligned and gave you quite literally the only "Vertical Exercise" Rep in Wiess history. As a junior at her home college, Wiess, she has spent the last few years dedicating herself to her fellow Wiessmen and is excited to share her passion with you New Students! Standing at a staggering 5 foot 1, it only takes a few seconds to recognize that Addison is the most enjoyable, genuine, caring presence on campus. You can spend the entire day with her and you'll be looking for her the next morning ready to do it all over again. It's guaranteed you will spend so much time with her that you'll start picking up on all the vocabulary unique to her. There is nothing that can describe Addison's work ethic more than the fact that she's a Biosciences major on a pre-med track. I have no idea how she does it, yet it doesn't surprise me that she's one of the only people who can do it in such triumphant fashion. Did I mention she's a D1 track athlete? She does it all, literally. If you are ever in need of an all day study session, an intense run, or a quick Chaus pick up, Addison is your go-to girl. Addison's amazing talents are only rivaled by her even bigger heart which she pours in to everything she does. Get ready for the time of your life, because with an amazing Advisor like Addison, you will wish O-Week lasted a lifetime.

-Tanmay Srinivasan, Sid Rich '24,
Renzo Espinosa, Wiess '24



Matthew Gutierrez - Advisor

Congrats on getting the best possible O-Week Advisor! Matthew Gutierrez is a sophomore MURT who is majoring in Chemistry. This Houstonian is a man of many talents whether it is picking locks (to steal Hanszen's banner), throwing it back with some of the best dance moves you will ever witness, or completing his newest game. On top of this, he is always willing to drop whatever he is doing and help. From planning wonderful events for McMurry, recommendations for what to watch next, being the best caretaker, or someone to talk to about anything Matthew is your guy. If you ever need help in chemistry or don't know how to use a tool at the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen (OEDK), don't be afraid to reach out to him. Matthew will never hesitate to explain everything in a concise and clear way. With Matthew as your Advisor, I know that your O-Week experience will be nothing short of amazing and exciting!

-Christopher Hallock-Solomon, McMurry '24

Year: Junior

Major: Chemistry

Minor: Engineering
Design

Hometown: Houston, TX



Ishani Kaul - Advisor

Ishani Kaul (aka SHANJI) is a Class of 2025 sophomore majoring in History and Health Sciences (what a Renaissance woman). Hailing from Dallas but having lived in El Paso, Los Angeles, and 2 cities in Virginia, she's more well-traveled than Mr. Worldwide himself. This go-getter has big career goals and participates in a head-spinning number of extracurricular activities, but don't let that fool you into thinking that she isn't hype and fun-loving. First of all, she always has an array of show and movie recommendations, especially British comedies. She also has an impeccable taste in music and is a show-stopping dancer, so if you need an aux for your party or just someone to groove with, she's your gal! From Bollywood to Y2K songs, you'll catch Ishani stealing the spotlight at publics with her bobbing head and smooth moves, a true hype beast. She wears her heart on her sleeve and is always down to try new things and go on adventures like getting late-night milkshakes, museum trips, or roller skating. If you have any extra Reese's, you better hide them from Ishani, because she inhales them like nobody's business. She always is attentive to everyone and their needs, and will make you feel at home during O-Week and beyond!

-Jimin Lee, Ananya Kar, McMurry '25

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Camille Villar - Advisor



Year: Senior

Major: Biochemistry and
Cell Biology,
English

Hometown: Houston, TX

Congratulations! You just scored the most thoughtful Advisor EVER! Hailing from Clear Lake, TX, this Houston native is always up for a study session at a local coffee shop (probably Common Bond). With two majors in both English and Biochemistry (on the pre-med track), Camille will be sure to be there a lot. But, don't fear - Camille is also SUPER dedicated to spending time with the people she loves (and she is bound to love you). She will be sure to make you feel extra special on important dates in your life and will shower you with attention and care. If you want to make her feel special, get her a brown sugar boba tea from Gong Cha (or any boba from anywhere because she is obsessed) or talk to her about any of the Marvel movies (she knows all of them practically by heart) or get into a discussion about all things Stitch (from Lilo and Stitch). All in all, Camille is incredibly talented (she might play the flute for you if you ask her nicely), super kind-hearted, super fun and hilarious, and exceptionally loyal. We can't spoil everything for you - you'll just have to find out for yourself how amazing Camille is!

-Christa Westheimer, Ahalya Lettenberger
McMurtry '23

Jacob Wong - Advisor



Year: Junior

Major: Sports Medicine

Minor: Entrepreneurship,
Biochemistry

Hometown: Austin, TX

You may be wondering: who is Jacob Wong? Jacob is a Kinesiology junior from what he claims is the best city ever: Austin, Texas. His smile and welcoming nature will make you feel at home wherever you are. Beware, however, as Jacob is a competitive person and will aim to destroy you in ping pong, basketball, or literally any competition. Food is the one thing that Jacob may prioritize over his New Students. No matter how hard his day is, a good meal will elate him to the highest of euphorias. When not eating, Jacob loves to go on late-night drives, chill with the homies, explore music, and attend every single office hour session. As an Advisor, Jacob will aid you with stellar academic advice (he's a Head Peer Academic Advisor), social networks, and smooth integration into Rice. You will soon find out that Jacob is a man of dedication and loyalty. Most importantly, Jacob is down to do anything, and he is THE person to go to if you simply want a good time.

-James Hwang, McMurtry '24



Maria Telesforo - Co-Advisor

If you're reading this, then congrats, you lucky duck—that means the lovely Maria Telesforo is your O-Week Advisor!! Anytime you're feeling sad or stressed, Maria will drop everything to comfort you or even tuck you in bed. She will always give you a confidence boost when you need it and can even teach you all the chemistry concepts you need (ask any Jonesian who had to go through the CHEMISTRY GAUNTLET) since she is an Academic Fellow. On an average day, you can find her working through a problem set inside her home away from home - FONDREN LIBRARY. While she does live there, she is not always so FOND of it...BUT she's NOT all work. She can destroy you in JUST DANCE, quote any given anime going on at the time, build an organic molecule, and is an avid crocheter. We all need a friend like MARIAAAAAA TELESFOROOOO. If you are partying with her you know It's gonna be LEGEND — wait for it ... and I hope you're not lactose-intolerant 'cause the second half of that word is — DARY!. Long story short, as you'll quickly discover, Maria is the most kind hearted, hilarious, supportive, hardworking, and prospie-looking friend. Don't worry—you're in very good hands.

-Damian Gonzalez, McMurtry '24

Shreyan Das - Advisor

Meet New Jersey's finest trumpeter, Shreyan Das! Hailing from Bridgewater, NJ, Shreyan, a former Mathnasium employee, can usually be found botting over his computer science homework, petting random dogs, or being McMurtry's most responsible treasurer (ask him how to use a P-Card!). He's always up for a game of Valorant or soccer, unless there's a Chelsea game on, because he won't be able to hear you over his own cheering. Don't be surprised if you hear him humming Frank Ocean with his power beats on, or if you hear an airplane taking off (that's just his gaming computer). Once he's had a Red Bull, he'll be happy to help you with absolutely anything. He truly will be there for everything you need, and will give you great, thoughtful advice about anything. Shreyan will always look out for you, and you're so lucky to have him on your side as you start your life at Rice!

-Laxmi Giri, Cecelia Curtis, McMurtry '25



Year: Sophomore

Major: Computer Science

Minor: Statistics

Hometown: Bridgewater, NJ

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Gail Oudekerk - Advisor

Behold, the sweetest girl on Earth with Southern charm. A junior Social Policy Analysis and Statistics major from THE state of Arkansas, Gail Oudekerk is truly one of the coolest people you'll meet. The icon herself speaks fluent German, loves to travel, and will literally support ALL of your endeavors with a smile. I love Gail with all my heart, and I know you will, too :)

-Aimee Manikandan, Duncan '23

Year: Junior

Major: Social Policy Analysis,
Statistics

Minor: Data Science

Hometown: Conway, AR



Jimmy Dickantone - Co-Advisor

If you find a handsome, Calvin Klein sweater wearing gentleman playing Liebesleid on a random piano at 3am, that's probably your new Advisor, Jimmy! When he's not playing obscure classical pieces at ungodly hours, this junior Bioengineering major (possible Cognitive Science double major) will likely be found trying to recruit people for his calisthenics cult, or his running circle. If you were to ask him where he's from he'd say Virginia Beach, Virginia, though he always fails to mention that he lived most of his life in Yokosuka, Japan- which I would argue is far more interesting. A modern Renaissance man, Jimmy is a man of many talents. This former TikTok star and aspiring filmmaker can play multiple instruments (piano, guitar, and violin), speak multiple languages (French, Spanish, Japanese), and is also an epic gamer (he will carry you in Overwatch). Enjoyer of many things, if you need someone to go with you to a Drain Gang concert, a camping trip, or even a League tournament (he doesn't even play League), then Jimmy is your guy.

-Jacob Eguia, Sid Richardson '24

Year: Junior

Major: Bioengineering,
Cognitive Sciences

Home College: Sid Rich

Hometown: Yokosuka,
Japan



Jorge Arnez Gonzalez - Co-Advisor

All the way from Cochabamba, Bolivia, meet Jorge Arnez Gonzales, the best Advisor and Diversity Facilitator you could have asked for. This pre-med Biochemistry major is often seen grinding at Fondren Library, getting a Nutty Bee at Chaus (Rice Coffeehouse), holding office hours at the Queer Resource Center, hanging around Brown, working with HACER (Hispanic Association), or doing one of the million other things he does around campus. Basically, he's booked and busy. Nevertheless, he's an incredibly supportive friend and will always, always make time for you to talk, give you a hug, or make groan-worthy dad jokes to make you feel better after a rough day. Jorge is probably the only Michael Bublé stan you will ever meet, and will argue constantly with his friends that it's not Christmas music (even though it is). Talk to him about tennis, Pokémon, or old Spanish soap operas, and he'll be your friend forever. Genuinely we're so excited for you that you get to have Jorge as your Advisor – he's one of the kindest, most loyal people we know and O-Week is for sure going to be a blast with him as your Advisor!

-Emily London, Brown '25

Joon Lee - Advisor

The one, the only, Joon “The Biter” Lee, is a McMurry Psychology major, a proud New Jerseyan, and most importantly, the secretary of NOT ONLY McMurry, but also, THE Rice University Chess Club. If you see someone with unusually good posture sprinting to McMurry Commons, there’s no doubt that this person is Joon and that free food is involved. Don’t worry if you see him lying facedown on the floor—he’s not dead, just lost an intense game of chess (he’s been banned from Chess.com at least 3 times that we know of). Joon will make you laugh, eat your food, and serenade you with the Twilight theme on his violin when you’re sad (if you ask nicely). He’s always down for an adventure, especially when it involves a good snack. Seriously, if you are ever in need of a person to split DoorDash delivery fees with, Joon is your guy. Joon is a great listener, and will always be there if you need someone to vent to or need a lil nugget of advice. Joon is as caring, smart, and loyal as they come, so you’re in great hands with him as your O-Week Advisor!

-Cecelia Curtis, Laxmi Giri, McMurry '25



Year: Sophomore

Major: Psychology

Minor: Neuroscience

Hometown: Cresskill, NJ



Josselyn Muñoz - Advisor

There's a lot to know about Josselyn, so I'll do my best to give you some important info here. First, some warnings. She has a small dog that she is convinced is the most important living being on this planet. The dog's name is Cherry, so don't use that word around her unless you're prepared to hear Josselyn talk about her dog for the next 10 minutes. She also loves Disney. A lot. She will often be obsessed with a particular Disney movie for a period of time, and she will convince herself she's good at singing to the songs, so be prepared for spontaneous performances. With those out of the way, it's important to learn some of the great aspects of Josselyn (don't worry, there are plenty). For starters, she's probably one of the most energetic people you'll ever meet. She loves to talk (and listen) and she's always down for an impromptu dance party. She's adventurous (given some motivation) and is a wonderful friend to share new experiences with. She was once a pre-med, so she can tell you all the reasons you shouldn't be one (I kid), and knows that it's ok to change your life path or be confused about what you want (I'm not kidding at all, this is a great lesson to learn that Josselyn has wisdom about). Most importantly, Josselyn is an incredibly kind and perceptive friend that will always support you when you need it. She is a wonderful person to experience life with, and I have absolutely no doubt she will make an excellent O-Week Advisor.

-Josh Miller, McMurry '23



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Sherlock Homies

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Mayuri Gupta - Co-Advisor

If you're in the market for someone who likes words that start with b, you're going to love Mayuri Gupta. She enjoys boba, beignets, basketball... A senior at Martel, she was born in Chicago and grew up in California, India, and Singapore before generously gracing Texas with her presence four years ago, fulfilling the prophecy foretold in Pitbull's 2012 hit song International Love. As one of her New Students at O-Week, you have the chance to learn the secrets of both her complex backstory and her impressive resume. On campus, you can find her working hard at dissecting brains like a doctor (or whatever she does as a Neuroscience pre-med), taking one step closer to Tetra bankruptcy at Chaus, or biking past you on her way to some mysterious, far-off destination. Talk to Mayuri if you're worried about meeting new people—if she doesn't know someone, she knows someone who knows them. She's the Advisor to go if you ever need help with your course loads, clubs, or finding something fun to do on campus or in Houston.

-Maddie Tong, Martel '23, Angela Doran, Martel '22



Duy Ha - Advisor

"Duy, pronounced DWEE, like DWEEB, is easily the drippiest guy at McDirtry (We are from Duncan btw, Duy is a traitor to his people). Duy is a Computer Science major, not uncommon at Rice. Outside of being a Comp Sci major, his hobbies are going feral, playing Smash, and being from California. He also plays the piano and has beautiful, gentle hands. Oh yeah, and he is shadowbanned on Tinder... kinda sketchy tbh. But seriously though, Duy is one of the kindest, most considerate people you will meet. Basically everyone loves him and you will too! <3"

-Belle Eaton, Tyler Foster, Duncan '24

Year: Junior

Major: Computer Science

Minor: Data Science

Hometown: San Antonio, TX



Mrike Ayodeji - Advisor

They say that winning the lottery is nearly impossible, but you just did by getting Morike as your O-Week Advisor! If she's not in a meeting for the various girlboss leadership positions she holds, you can find her drinking matcha, scrolling through Twitter, taking photos, or being an athletic queen on the outer loop. As McMurtry's Prime Minister, former SA Senator, and tour guide, she flawlessly (and humbly) keeps Rice running. Along with being a pre-med, Cognitive Sciences major, consulting genius, and overall girlboss, Morike is an amazing friend who is always willing to talk to you about anything. As an intrepid explorer of Houston and an obsessive Jinya Ramen Bar enthusiast, Morike is your go-to for finding things to do/eat in Houston. As the mom-est of mom friends, Morike is the best Advisor and friend you could get as you start your Rice journey.

-Sarah Bartos, Lovett '24
Arie Ogranovich, McMurtry '24

Year: Junior

Major: Cognitive Sciences

Minor: Medical Humanities,
Spanish

Hometown: Yorktown, VA



Adeel Sumar - Advisor

Congratulations, your Advisor is - no exaggeration- the chillest man on the entire planet. Making the 90 minute drive from Beaumont, Texas is Adeel Sumar (he'll tell you this at O-Week, but his name is pronounced "A deal" as in "Let's Make A Deal"). A sophomore Mechanical Engineer, Adeel is an absolute beast at math and physics, and he will always be down to use his god-like math brain to help you out. Also, it would be a disservice to say that Adeel is just a foodie. He's the head of the Culinary Committee at McMurtry and a food scientist, always experimenting to optimize snacking: him microwaving me a Honey Bun at 2:36 AM on a Tuesday night changed my life. Adeel also has been shredding the clarinet since the 6th grade and plays in the Campanile Orchestra at Rice, but don't worry, he's no grouch like Squidward. If you ever need a companion to hit up a party with, Adeel is your guy. He's super outgoing, funny, great at conversation, seems to know everybody, and his signature dance moves will get everyone at the function hype. With Adeel as your Advisor, trust you'll have an amazing O-Week experience.

-Jasir Rahman, McMurtry '25

Year: Sophomore

Major: Mechanical
Engineering

Minor: Computational and
Applied Mathematics

Hometown: Nederland, TX

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Cynthia Diaz - Advisor



Year: Junior

Major: Latin American Studies (Spanish and Portuguese)

Minor: Politics, Law, and Social Thought

Hometown: Fort Wayne, IN

Cynthia Diaz takes being “hard-headed” to a completely new level. Even when she falls and bangs her beautifully curly head on McMurtry’s surfaces every other weekend, you will still catch her suited up and serving professionalism the very next day at her many immigration law internships. She is a class of ‘24 pre-law Latin American Studies and Spanish double major pursuing the Civic Leadership Certificate, yet this spicy Latina still finds time to host audio romance listening parties on the reg. Hailing from Fort Wayne, Indiana, this Salvadorian baddy travels across the country often with her 6’4” long-distance boyfriend, so feel free to ask her about her next big trip! Whether you want to rave about crappy Chinese dramas, the Twilight saga, or you’re looking for a thrifting buddy, Cynthia is your woman. Make sure to ask her about where the serveries’ coffee ranks on her “bad” coffee scale. Tell her about how indestructible Pothos plants can be, and you’ll be met with a classic Cynthia “so true!” Cynthia is the sweetest, most caring O-Week Advisor you could hope to have. You can always count on her to help you work through any school or life stress you have weighing on your shoulders. Prepare yourself for an awesome O-Week experience with the best Advisor there ever was.

-Kimberly Sanchez, Matthew Gutierrez, McMurtry '24

Mustafa Latif - Advisor



Year: Sophomore

Major: Biosciences

Hometown: Dallas, TX

Introducinggggg Mustafa Latif, a sophomore at McMurtry majoring in Biosciences on the pre-med track. Hailing from Dallas, TX, you can catch Mustafa guzzling mango izzes or lying facedown on his fluffy rug any time of the day. A talented ceramicist, feel free to ask him to make any piece you desire—a mug, a bowl, a vase, a human-sized Legoman—he can do it. You can always count on him to have an endless supply of Halal Guys white sauce (he has at least a gallon at this point). When he’s not studying, you can usually find Mustafa playing pool, buying video games, or watching anime (ask him for his extensive to-watch list). If you ever need a pen, screwdriver, hammock, or entire chair, just ask your local Eagle Scout Mustafa and he’ll pull one right out of his backpack for you. Whenever you’re looking for support or advice (or Halal Guys white sauce), you can always turn to Mustafa as an honest, reliable Advisor and friend.

-Shreyan Das, Melody He, Cecelia Curtis, McMurtry '25



Shannon McGill - Advisor

What's up new Murts, Hannah here, Shannon's roommate for the last 2 years, proud Murt, 2024! Shannon McGill is a Bioengineer (whatever that is, lol), class of 2024 from Friendswood (or, if you're not from the Houston area, from Houston). She loves peanut butter to an unhealthy degree, she has to have like a spoonful a night for a good night's sleep. She also makes these hilarious faces when she's shocked -- like a dog that just ate a grape. Shannon also has this weird thing where bubble tea freaks her out, which if you ask me is pretty funny too. And she doesn't get brain freezes!! Seriously?? Who doesn't get brain freezes?? But seriously, Shannon is super sweet and caring. She's always been there for me during the roughest patches in my life, and has been a steady and calming influence for it all. She's super responsible and knows how to keep a level head, which is definitely something that I've needed a lot during my time at Rice. If you need help with anything, Shannon is your gal. Except when it's a roach in the laundry. If it's a roach, only God can save us.

-Hannah Hoskins, McMurtry '24



Phillip Tran - Co-Advisor

As Fluttershy would say, "I'm not shy! I'm just holding back my awesomeness so I don't intimidate you!" Phillip Tran, a sophomore at Lovett from the coast of Mississippi (D'Iberville, MS) will not hold back! This hardworking, dependable, and passionate Computer Science and Math major (and an interest in philosophy) knows how to make anyone feel at home. With his loveable and warm-hearted personality, Phillip can bring a thoughtful and inclusive conversation to any group or single person. Hungry? He's always down to try new foods around Houston, or for a good dinner at Pho Saigon. Need a good-quality keyboard with satisfying clicky sounds? Phillip's got you covered. When he's not grinding out homework, you'll find him enjoying a night with friends or playing ping pong in commons. If you're lucky enough to have Phillip as your Advisor, you're sure to have a one-of-a-kind O-Week experience!

-Katharine Bonilla, Lovett '25

Year: Sophomore

Major: Computer Science,
Mathematics

Home College: Lovett

Hometown: D'Iberville, MS



A'Zhariya Ellis - Co-Advisor

Hello! Y'all are blessed to have A'Zhariya (AZ) as your Co-Advisor from Hanszen College to help make Rice your new home. As a transfer student from Pleasant Grove, Alabama, she has quickly found her own community at Rice and is super excited to help each of you find your niche. Double majoring in Biosciences and Linguistics, AZ is always willing to talk about language learning (she is SO good at Japanese, Korean, Spanish, and French!) or immunology. As y'all's Diversity Facilitator, AZ is deeply involved in promoting diversity— even within her majors, from being a strong supporter of women in STEM to someone who connects her multi-cultural background to how identity affects language. AZ is also the Head of the Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee for Rice Student Association and is on the Equity Council, so she will help you facilitate any difficulties you may come across (PLEASE reach out, that's what she's here for!!). In her spare time, you may find AZ with her blanket asleep on the first floor of Fondren Library, watching Tiny Meat Gang, or practicing to have the fastest women's chug time at Hanszen! AZ is the funniest person you will ever meet and never fails to make you laugh. She's always down to make the walk to Murt, go to the Hoot, or go off campus to get boba or food (specifically anything with ranch or barbecue sauce). Even though she may be far, she will no doubt help make Murt your home away from home!

-Lily Remington, Hannah Kim, Hanszen '25



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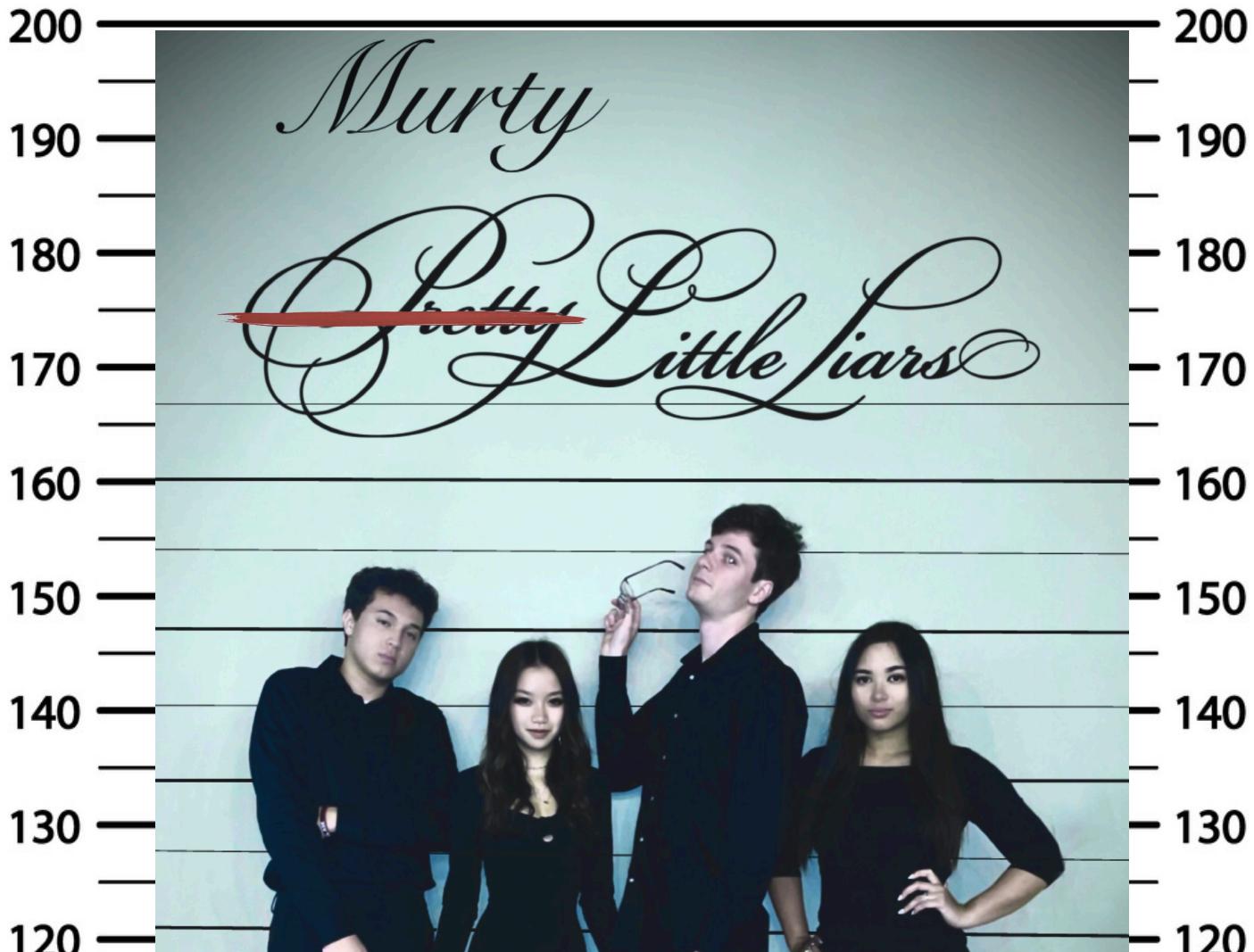
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Christa Westheimer - Advisor

Hailing from Friendswood, TX, this Houston native is always up for an adventure! Laughing her way through 2 majors, 2 minors, and a certificate in Civic Leadership (whew I don't know how she does it!!) this Sport Management and Managerial Studies QUEEN will definitely manage to steal your heart ;) We can't wait for you to meet our best friend! Okay, we're numbers people, so please bear with us as we share with you an exact tally of how many times Christa has... Made us laugh & smile, said a friendly "hi" to literally anyone passing her, encouraged us when we felt stressed or had a problem, tried to beat us in board games but lost because she's too nice: TOO MANY TO COUNT! From the second you meet Christa, you know you've met someone special, someone who'll always be by your side as an encouraging, understanding friend. Christa is always down to go on a fun adventure, jam out to country music, watch a movie, or go to Rice Village. Whatever you do, though, don't go to a restaurant with too many choices, because you'll be waiting for hours for Christa to decide on what to order. Seriously, though, you are so lucky to have Christa as an Advisor! Get ready to make incredible memories with a person who is one of the kindest people you will ever meet and will always have your back.

-Ahalya Lettenberger, Camille Villar, McMurry '23

Megan Martono - Co-Advisor

Who exactly is Megan Martono? Ask about any of her crazy life experiences to find out: from getting evicted from a hotel by throwing a banger party to losing all four of her front teeth in an e-bike accident, she's done it all. At heart, this Sid Richardson junior is a violin performance major who knew her calling in life at age five. Come to one of her concerts and to bless your ears. Megan's usually decked out in the perfect business-casual fit as she heads to Shepherd School of Music, but you can also find her in a matching yoga set at the gym. Fashion is her forte. When she's not practicing at Shepherd, Megan can either be found shopping at Galleria or traveling the world (there's no in-between). The best part of Megan is her genuine care for everyone around her. She is the textbook definition of selfless, prioritizing the happiness and comfort of others over her own. She has an incredibly positive attitude—if you ever need someone to cheer you up or talk to about any life dilemma, she is your go-to gal.

-Colin Wei, Ashley Chung, Sid '24, Julia Li, Brown '24

Year: Senior

Major: Sports
Management,
Managerial Studies

Minor: Entrepreneurship,
Business

Hometown: Friendswood,
TX



Year: Junior

Major: Violin
Performance

Home College: Sid Rich

Hometown: Orange County,
CA



Timmy Mansfield - Advisor

If Timmy was a fish, he'd be a lobster. If Timmy was a Monopoly chance card, he'd be the card that tells you to throw all the money in the air and have each player grab as much as you can. If Timmy was a fruit, he'd be a grape. If Timmy was a color, he'd be white. If Timmy's friends had to write a bio for him the day before the deadline, it would look like this: Coming from small town Hamilton, NY with a population less than the number of students at Rice, Timmy Mansfield is a junior Chemistry and maybe Psychology major, so when you eventually need help in organic chemistry, he's one remarkable fella to turn to. Although he may be quiet when you first meet him, once you get to know him you'll realize he is actually a lot more than that and then some. You can often find Timmy writing for the Thresher as the Backpage Editor, dominating Overwatch with Rice eSports, coaching the McMurry Powderpuff team to yet another championship season, working at the Hoot and accidentally overtipping pizza delivery drivers, or watching Bills games in his Josh Allen jersey. He is someone who REALLY likes Spongebob and once fought for the title of Resident Spongebob Expert. All jokes aside, you would be extremely lucky to have Timmy Mansfield as an Advisor, since you will not find a more caring, loyal, or interesting Advisor and friend.

-Jeff Brover, Isabel Tu, McMurry '24

Josh Posada - Advisor

Well look who it is! It's the 6 foot and 2 inches hypebeast from the never-before-heard-of-town of Los Alamos, New Mexico, Joshua (Joshie) Posada! Mr. Posada is a pre-law who is debating on majoring in either Political Science or Business. Josh is usually dripped out in Yeezys, Supreme, and Gucci, and always drained out in Bladee's #draingang! Young Posad's music taste is not just limited to Bladee though, he also loves to listen to the Beatles and Pink Floyd. Not only does Josh have great music taste, he's great at making music as well! Josh can serenade anyone with his skills in viola, bass, and guitar. Around campus, you will usually see him using other college's ping pong tables, zooming on his Boosted Board to go play tennis, or in the McMurry Commons with his five course meal (he may not always finish his entire meal, but you can count on him trying every dish that's being served with his electric blue hypebeast juice (Powerade) on the side). If you ever need someone to listen to you, Josh is your guy. He is bound to give you his full attention and offer you comfort and great advice. Beginning a new chapter in your life can be scary, but you are very lucky to have Josh help guide you along the way!

-Marc De Guzman, Cecelia Curtis, Laxmi Giri, McMurry '25

EVIDENCE NO.2

[Photos Leading Up to the Incident]



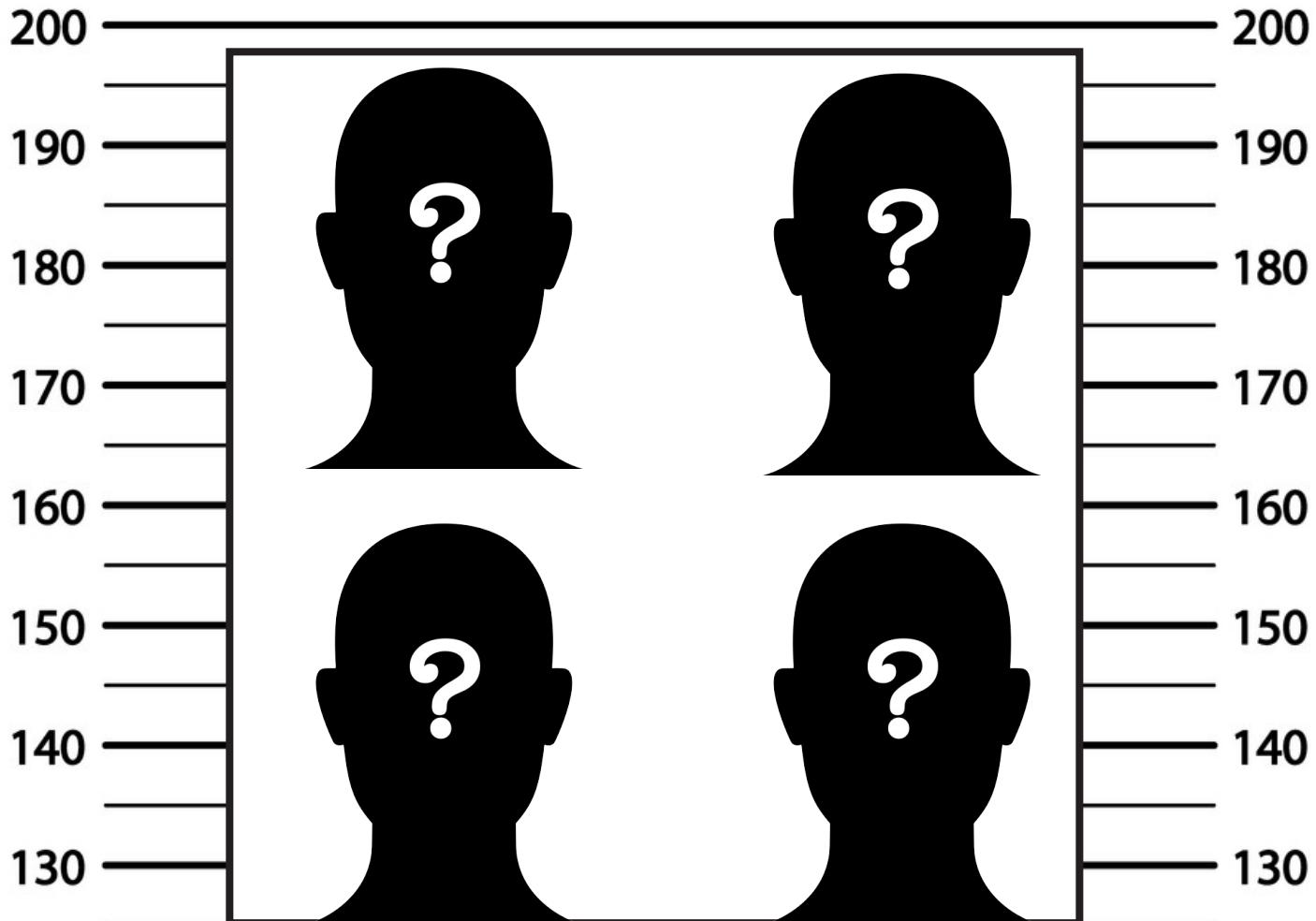
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MysteriO-Week

The PAAs

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Karla Alcala - PAA

We are proud to present one of the most amazing transfer students Rice has ever seen, Karla Alcala. She is a senior majoring in Latin American Studies, and demonstrates her passion for teaching as she spends her summers assisting with and teaching underserved kids. Karla was proudly born and raised in Mexico before moving to Spring, TX. She is sweet, always willing to lend a helping hand, and full of fun anecdotes that she can tell you about in both English and Spanish. If you want an example, just ask her about how she broke her right pinkie toe. She has a beautiful family including her little dog, Mila, who brightens her day when she is feeling stressed. Don't hesitate to vent with Karla while drinking boba tea or dancing to Bad Bunny if you ever feel sad. She will always be there to listen to your problems and cheer you up. When it comes to the color lilac she is the number one fan, you'll see that from her hair to her clothes, if it is lilac, she'll love it! Catch her working at Rice Village on weekends, eating delicious desserts with chamoy, and planning events with Pancakes for Parkinson's. Without a doubt, she is one of the sweetest human beings you will ever meet, at Rice or anywhere, and you will be very lucky to have her help through MysteriO-Week and beyond!

-Taylor Stowers, Duncan '25

Alejandra Rodriguez, McMurtry '23



Karen Martinez-Perez - PAA

Need a kind-hearted, approachable, and helpful person who will make sure all your questions are answered? Look no further than Karen! She is a junior at McMurtry majoring in Cognitive Science with a specialization in Psychology and minoring in Business. If the interdisciplinary nature of her studies hasn't already impressed you, know that Karen is also an RHA (Rice Health Advisor) and an active member of many other organizations such as the Rice Catholic Student Association. Not only does Karen know an impressive amount of information about Rice (trust me, I've asked her a million questions this past year), she is also your go-to gal for delicious and affordable restaurants around Houston. In her free time, she can be found driving in her blue Volkswagen blasting music with just the right amount of bass, cuddling her plushies, and shopping for snacks to fill her snack cart. Karen is one of the sweetest, most caring, and down-to-earth people I've ever met, so come get to know this long-haired beauty!

-Tina Li, McMurtry '25

Year: Junior

Major: Cognitive Sciences

Minor: Business

Hometown: Plantersville,
TX



Ariah Richards - PAA

Hey y'all! Born and raised in Houston, Texas it's your far from country girl Ariah. If you are new to the city, she can tell you where and where not to go. As one of the cool pre-meds, Ariah loves her classes because she's a Kinesiology major with a minor in Biochemistry, not a basic Biosciences pre-med (but it's all love). You can usually find her studying in the 2nd floor conference room in Rayzor with the besties (her best friends), but you can't steal their spot so ask her for recs. When she's not studying like a crazy person, she's running around campus as the Murt Senator, a member of RASA, BSA, DAWA, RWRC, RPMS, and last but not least PAA (okay that's enough acronyms). For fun she is usually watching movies, One Piece (it's literally 1000 eps and I'm on 450), dance parties to Beyoncé and Meg, tries new foods, and goes on bestie walks. That may seem like she does a lot, but she has plenty of time to help you discover your academic passions. She's also an amazing listener if you ever need to vent, cry, hug, or a pack of ramen. Murt Love <3

-Ariah Richards, McMurtry '25



Raj Anthony - PAA

Hey New Students!! You're the luckiest class since you get to have Raj as one of your O-Week PAAs!! Raj is a sophomore from Dallas, Texas who takes "genuine and hardworking" to a completely new level. You know you'll end up with the best possible schedule with his help! Any tech fans out there? Raj would love to talk to you about the latest computer innovations and show you all the new features from the latest updates (with a special place in his heart for retro tech too—he'd love to show you the Power-Mac in the MIS)! Don't wanna wait until O-Week to learn from this engineer about computers? Check out Texemplar Studios, Raj's YouTube channel! He's also extremely passionate about environmental sustainability. He co-founded a new sustainability organization (ask him about Rice Climate Change Catalyst!), became an engineering team lead for Rice Wind Club, and is a member of McMurtry's own Environmental Committee! Also, be sure to stop by some of the RCEL events he helps plan next year. They're always so much fun! And, beyond all this, Raj is caring beyond imagination with a heart of pure kindness. You can count on him for anything!

-Marina Klein, McMurtry '25

Year: Sophomore
Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering
Minor: Engineering Leadership
Hometown: Dallas, TX

EVIDENCE NO.3



*Moody Center for the Arts



*Brockman Hall for Opera



*Brochstein Pavilion



*Chaus



*Lunch at West Servery



*Murt Quad

Common McM Lingo

Associates Night: A formal dinner held in your college's commons once a semester to honor the Associates.

Beer Bike: A very competitive, inter-college race/event held every spring, in which ten bikers and ten chuggers from each college compete for personal and college pride.

Birthday Gong: A beautiful, golden gong located in the Yurt and carved with the McM crest that people ring on their birthday.

Burt's Tea House (Burt's): A McMurtry communal kitchen on 5th Floor, with free tea and mugs available for all Murts.

Chaus: A nickname for Rice Coffeehouse, a student-run business located in the RMC.

Chug: One-half of the Beer Bike race, often preceded by one of Rice's most sacred chants: "They're forty yards out, they're thirty yards out, ready, set chug chug chug chug...!"

College Night: Not just a night, but actually a full day of themed celebration and partying held every semester, each college celebrating their own College Night.

Conch: Whenever you hear this beautiful instrument trumpeted, know that it is time to rally and show the other colleges our Murt pride!

DeeDee's Lounge: Located on 5th floor, this room is a common space for people to watch TV or play video games.

Fellow: Murts who are dedicated to helping other Murts academically in various subjects.

FITQ: Friday in the Quad is a gathering for Murts every other Friday, typically with free food, good music, and amazing friends.

Fondy: Fondren Library is a great place to study, conduct meetings, rent out media equipment, and many other things.

H&D: Housing and Dining is in charge of all food services and residential buildings on campus.

IM: Intramural: informal, low-stress sports played among students.

Ironman/Ironwoman: Someone who both rides and chugs at Beer Bike (not at the same time).

Jack: To pull a prank, usually on another college.

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

McTriculation: Ceremony held during O-Week to officially welcome you to McMurtry.

McTeam: McM Adult Team (Magisters, Resident Fellow Associates, Resident Associates, College Coordinator).

Murt: A resident of McMurtry College (YOU)!

OC (Off-Campus): People who live off-campus are referred to as "being OC." People who live



*"Chaus" - Rice Coffeehouse



*Beer Bike 2022 - Men's Water Chug

far away from Rice, or seem to spend a lot of time outside the hedges are referred to as “deep OC.”

Private: A party thrown by a group of people in a residential college, rather than the whole college. The rules and regulations are outlined by the Alcohol Policy.

Public: Themed party thrown by a residential college open to any Rice undergrad. Most colleges throw one per semester, some throw one per year.

Quad: McMurtry Quad is a gathering place for Murts to eat at the picnic tables, play soccer in the grass, or just hang out.

RMC: Rice Memorial Center is the home of Chaus, Student Success Initiatives, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Office of Academic Advising, and many other great resources.

Room Draw (Jack): The process we use to assign rooms for the next school year.

Servery: The kitchen where your everyday food is made. Every college either has its own servery or shares one with nearby colleges (McMurtry's is West Servery).

Sallyport: The huge archway in Lovett Hall. Once you pass through during Matriculation, you are not to step foot through here until graduation.

Suite: The common rooms that are shared by 6 Murts found near each of the stairwells.

Town Hall: Biweekly meetings used to discuss various Murt events and policies, open to all Murts and their voices.

The Hoot: Located in the RMC, this is a great place to stop by for some late-night food or snacks.

Beer Bike Week: The week preceding Beer Bike, filled with college activities, alumni, and plenty of jacks!

Y2K: The best 2000s-themed public party of the year held every February in McM Commons!

Yurt: McMurtry Commons named after its resemblance to the Mongol dwelling.



*Y2K Public - 2022



*West Servery

What to call people from other colleges?

Baker - Bakerite | Brown - Brownie | Duncan - Duncaroo | Hanszen - Hanszenite
Jones - Jonesian | Lovett - Lovetteer | Martel - Martelian | Sid Rich - Sidizen | Wiess - Wiessman | Will Rice - Will Ricer



*Sallyport



*Rainbow at McMurtry

Outtakes



See You Soon !

Hello again, Detective!

We hope that this book was filled with a lot of useful information that just gave you a taste of the culture at Rice and McMurtry College. We would like to leave you with a few encouraging words:

Your upcoming mystery at Rice will be exciting, intriguing, and full of adventure. However, you will also face obstacles and may occasionally get stuck in your search for answers, but at the end of the day, our goal is to show you that you have access to the tools you need to keep moving forward. Don't be afraid to ask for help: even the smartest of detectives need a new perspective sometimes. During MysteriO-Week, we want to encourage vulnerability and authenticity every step of the way. We recognize that not every moment can be an aha moment, but we want you all to know that you should never hesitate to ask for help or to give help in return. No matter the ups and downs you may encounter on this rollercoaster ride, you won't be alone, as Rice has an abundance of resources available at your fingertips: around each corner you will find a helper whether it be someone at the OAA or Wellbeing Center, or even an Advisor and O-Week sibling.

Welcome to MURRRRRRRRRRT!

James, Prerna, and Vidal
2022 McMurtry MysteriO-Week Coordinators

