HANSZEN O-WEEK 2020

CRESCENDO-WEEK:
SING YOUR OWN TUNE

WELCOME HOME.

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INTRO TO HANSZEN O-WEEK

WELCOME FROM YOUR O-WEEK COORDINATORS

WELCOME, NEW HANSZENITES!!

We'd like to say congratulations and welcome to Rice, and especially welcome to Hanszen - the best residential college! We are your O-Week coordinators: Jae, Lisa, and Isabelle. Together we're Team JuilLIard, and we are beyond excited to plan out an amazing week to kick off your life at Rice!

We put together this book to help guide you through that first week and beyond. In it, you'll find introductions to the CrescendO-Week team, information about what to pack, what to expect when you arrive at Hanszen, and a bunch of fun facts, from people's favorite study spots on campus to tons of fun traditions. There's also information about the abundance of resources you'll find at Rice. Our goal for O-Week is to help you successfully transition to college life both academically and socially, and this book contains advice for any issue you may face as you adjust. Don't worry about that adjustment period -- we have O-Week so that you can start college equipped with resources to support you through that time!

As we mentioned, we are especially excited to welcome you to Hanszen. One of our mottos is HFH, or "Hanszen Family Heart." Our goal for CrescendO-Week is to introduce you to Hanszen and the culture that we feel truly makes it a family. We chose the theme of CrescendO-Week since we know that each new student brings with them an important and unique perspective -- our goal is to give you the resources to help you use your time at Rice to empower yourself and share this perspective, however you want that to happen. In addition, just as a song has many parts, so too does our community. No one piece is more important than another, and they all come together in order to create something beautiful. The same is true of our Hanszen family - however and wherever on campus you want to contribute, we hope this week will give you the confidence and resources to begin writing your own tune.

We're so excited to meet you all in August - if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email us at hanszenoweek2020@gmail.com. You can also find tons of resources beyond this book on the Hanszen website (www.hanszen.rice.edu), especially on the O-Week tab.

Much, much love,

Team JuilLIard♪
Jae • Lisa • Isabelle

WHAT IS O-WEEK?

Rice's Orientation Week is so much more than experiences you'll find at other schools. Beyond a basic introduction to Hanszen and to Rice, O-Week will provide you with the best transition to your new life and home here. We encourage exploration in every way, from academics to extracurriculars to social life, and we're here to support you every step of the way.

We've handpicked our Advisors so they can be the biggest aid to you as possible as they help you adjust and familiarize yourself with Rice. They've undergone hours of training and given up weeks of their summers to prepare to welcome you to our Hanszen family. In addition, our H-Team, which consists of the Magisters, Residential Associates (RAs), and the College Coordinator, will serve as adult resources that you can rely on throughout your time at Hanszen. Also waiting for your arrival are our Rice Health Advisors, Diversity Facilitators, Peer Academic Advisors, and your O-Week Coordinators, who have spent the last nine months planning O-Week. We are all incredibly excited to meet you all and to help you in any way that we can!

O-Week will cover everything you need to know about student life at Rice, including extracurriculars, wellbeing, safety, diversity and inclusion, our Honor Code, and of course, academics. You might be nervous about your academic transition to Rice. Please do not stress about classes! We have a ton of resources for you, including peers, professors, and the Office of Academic Advising, to help you create schedules and plans that best suit your interests and passions during your time here at Rice.

Most importantly, we begin to cultivate our unique culture during O-Week, and the most important part of Hanszen culture is our community. Community manifests itself in the plethora of activities you'll participate in along with your O-Week group, which consists of a small family unit of New Students and Advisors that will form relationships that last far beyond O-Week itself.

Welcome to Rice University, Hanszen College, and CrescendO-Week! We simply can't wait to meet you!

MISSION STATEMENT

CrescendO-Week's mission is to provide an environment that fosters personal, social, and academic growth by supporting New Students in their endeavors to form meaningful connections and relationships, to explore the abundance of opportunities and resources offered at Rice, and to pursue their individual interests. Here at the Family College, CrescendO-Week aims for our New Students to truly know and feel that they will have a home and family at Hanszen that lasts long after O-Week, while also encouraging them to branch outward to discover other spaces they might call home. CrescendO-week serves as an introduction to our Hanszen Family Heart, which is fundamental to the development of a consistent and reliable support system that cares about each Hanszenite's unique perspectives, experiences, and personalities. Whether they follow sheet music or decide to improvise, CrescendO-Week will ensure that every New Student is empowered to grow and flourish at Hanszen, Rice, and beyond.

INFORMATION & PREPARATION

A HANSZEN ADVISOR MOVES NEW STUDENTS IN ♥

WHAT TO PACK

This is a suggested list to help you get an idea of what you may need, but it's not comprehensive. We hope it helps!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES
Calculator
Flash drive
Highlighters
Laptop/tablet (not required, but very useful)
Notebooks
Organizers (folders, etc.)
Paper
Pens and pencils
Stapler
White-out

ROOM ITEMS
Blanket
Bath towel(s)
Cell phone charger
Cleaning supplies
Clothes hangers
Desk lamp
Extension cords/power strips
Extra long twin bed sheets
Mattress pad
Pillow(s) and comforter
Storage boxes

CLOTHING ITEMS
Casual or athletic clothing
Clothes + shoes that can get dirty
Dress clothes (for Matriculation)
Flip flops or sandals (for the showers)
Pajamas
Sweatshirts/sweaters/jackets/cold weather clothing
Socks
Umbrella/raincoat/rain boots (it can rain a lot)
Underwear

LAUNDRY ITEMS
Dryer sheets
High-efficiency detergent
Laundry hamper

PERSONAL ITEMS
ID (driver's license, passport)
Medicine you may need
Shampoo
Shower caddy
Soap
Sunscreen/sunglasses
Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, razors, lotion, etc.)
Towels/washcloths

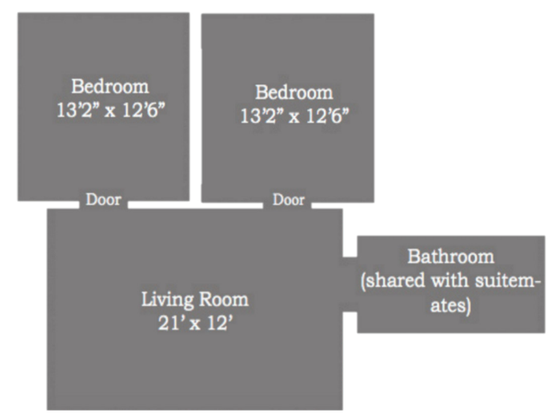
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
Coordinate big items with your roommates!
Bicycle with U-bolt bike lock/skateboard/scooter, etc.
Command hooks/strips
Dry erase board and markers
Extra furniture (couches, chairs, beanbags, etc.)
Iron/ironing board (also available in Laundry Room)
Febreze or other deodorizers
Microwave
Mirror
Mini-fridge
Plates, bowls, cups, silverware, etc.
Pool towel
Printer (also available in the Computer Lab for a fee)
Room decorations (photos, posters, succulents, etc.)
Stereo/speakers
Swimsuit
TV
Video/board games/gaming systems

VERY IMPORTANT!
Tag ALL of your belongings with your name and room number. In general, this will prevent lost items, but you'll also have the option of having your advisors move you in. They'll need to know where to move your bags!

PLEASE DON'T SHIP ANY PACKAGES TO HANSZEN THAT ARRIVE BEFORE AUGUST 10TH, AS THE SPACE IS USED BY OTHER GROUPS BEFORE O-WEEK BEGINS. THAT BEING SAID, DON'T OVERPACK, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, DON'T STRESS! THERE ARE SHUTTLES TO TARGET EVERY SATURDAY AND SOME FREE TIME DURING O-WEEK, SO THE LONGEST YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT TO GET SOMETHING YOU NEED IS ONE WEEK. IN FACT, WE RECOMMEND YOU PICK UP LARGER/HEAVIER ITEMS IN HOUSTON TO EASE THE BURDEN OF YOUR TRIP.

FLOOR PLANS

Your room will be furnished with a bed with a mattress, a desk with drawers, a chair, a trashcan, a dresser, and a wardrobe/closet for each person. You'll have extra room for a futon, fridge, tables, rugs, etc., but be mindful: space is limited, so don't overpack! Contact your roommates so you're not bringing double of anything you don't need.



FLOOR PLAN FOR NEW SECTION QUAD

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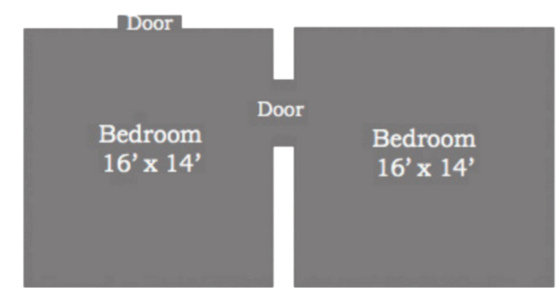

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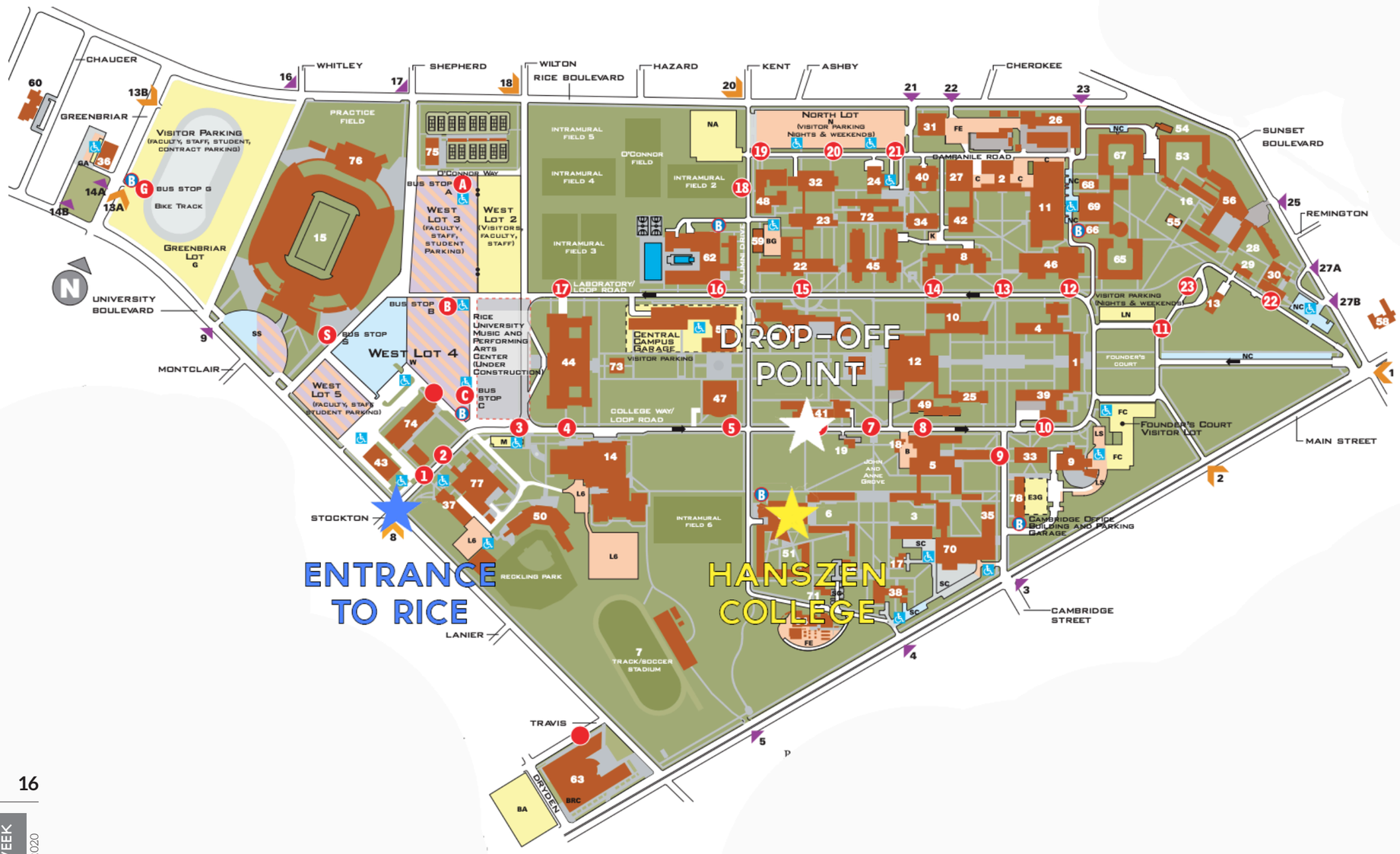
HOW TO GET HERE



Campus map also available at rice.edu/sites/g/files/bxs2566/files/2019-08/Rice-Printable-Campus-Maps.pdf

ADDRESS:
Rice University
Hanszen College
6350 Main Street
Houston, TX 77005

PLANNING:

You should plan to arrive at Hanszen at the time indicated in your O-Week information packet on Sunday, August 16th and not any earlier. Given the pandemic, we are staggering move-in to minimize contact, so feel free to explore Houston before your designated move in window.

BY CAR:

FROM THE EAST:

Take I-10 West and exit onto Highway 59 South.

BY CAR FROM THE NORTH/SOUTH:

Take I-45 to Highway 59 South.

BY CAR FROM THE WEST:

If you are coming from the I-10 East, take the exit for the 610 loop going South. Stay on 610 until you reach Highway 59. Take Highway 59 North.

BY PLANE:

FROM BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT (IAH):

Once you exit the airport, follow signs for Highway 59 South. Take Highway 59 for ~25 miles.

FROM HOBBY AIRPORT (HOU):

Take Airport Blvd and follow signs for I-45 North. Take I-45 north until you reach Highway 59.

FROM HIGHWAY 59:

Exit toward Shepherd and Greenbriar and turn (left from 59 South and right from 59 North) onto Greenbriar Drive. Continue down Greenbriar and turn left on University Boulevard.

RESOURCES AND REMINDERS

MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE SSI WEBSITE FIRST YEAR PROGRAMS FOR A LIST OF DEADLINES!

success.rice.edu/first-year-programs/o-week/new-student-checklist

OTHER RESOURCES:

HANSZEN COLLEGE WEBSITE:
hanszen.rice.edu

RICE GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:
ga.rice.edu

MAJORS AND PROGRAMS AT RICE:
rice.edu/majors-programs

COURSES OFFERED AT RICE:
courses.rice.edu

FIRST GENERATION LOW INCOME SUPPORT:
success.rice.edu/firstgens

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:
registrar.rice.edu

GENERAL CAMPUS RESOURCES:
success.rice.edu/parents-family/parent-family-resources/campus-resources

O-WEEK PERSONNEL

O-WEEK LINGO

WHAT IS AN O-WEEK GROUP?

You may have noticed in your rooming packet that you were assigned to an "O-Week group." O-Week groups are comprised of two Advisors, a Co-Advisor, an Affiliate, and seven or eight New Students each. In other words, your O-Week group is the first new group of people you will meet at Rice! The transition into college is scary, but your O-Week family will be a constant support group for you. Its members will become your first friends at Rice—a small sample of the diverse student body you will encounter during your time here. During O-Week, they'll be the first people you see in the morning and the last people you see at night. You'll bond, create inside jokes, come up with terrible nicknames for each other, and develop that love/hate (but mostly love) relationship that signifies the establishment of a true family. And that isn't even the end of it. Throughout the year, many O-Week groups will meet up for lunch, go out for late night food, or celebrate a group member's birthday. Oftentimes, members will support each other at sporting events, performances, and presentations. As the Family College, Hanszen values building genuine, lasting relationships with others, and that starts with O-Week. We can't wait for you to join our family!

WHAT IS AN ADVISOR/CO-ADVISOR?

An O-Week Advisor at Rice is a current student who will be there for you throughout your experience during O-Week and beyond. The goal of an Advisor is to integrate you into the Rice community and residential college system as smoothly as possible. The transition to life as a college student is not always easy, but your Advisors are here to help you with whatever you may need. Whether you're looking for academic advice, a devoted and kind listener, or just have general questions about what resources to take advantage of while at Rice, you're sure to find what you need with the help of an Advisor. Your O-Week group advising team will consist of two current student Advisors from Hanszen, one Affiliate, and one Co-Advisor. An Affiliate is a Hanszenite who is an Advisor but also has a unique role, and a Co-Advisor is an Advisor who comes from one of the other residential colleges. Co-Advisors play important roles because they help you learn more about the culture of colleges outside of Hanszen, and they also give you a chance to expand your social network. This great group of people will support you throughout your first year and, in many cases, through your entire time at Rice. Advisors come from different backgrounds and have a great deal of experience they'd love to share, so make sure to ask about what they've learned during their time as a proud Rice Owl. Advisors are truly great mentors, confidants, and friends who will be huge sources of encouragement and support as you transition to college life at Rice.

WHAT IS AN AFFILIATE?

You may notice that you have an Affiliate attached to your group. An Affiliate is essentially another Advisor that serves a special role during O-Week.

ATHLETIC LIAISON

Athletes at Rice have very busy schedules balancing their classes, practices, extracurriculars, and social activities. The Athletic Liaison (also known as Athletic Affiliate) is a student-athlete who has committed themselves to helping New Student athletes effectively transition into their life at Rice. Whether it's success on the field, in the classroom, or within their college, the Athletic Liaison understands what needs to be done to ensure that student athletes achieve their goals.

DIVERSITY FACILITATOR (DF)

The Office of Multicultural Affairs introduces New Students to topics such as diversity, racism, sexism, homophobia, and intolerance through diversity workshops that occur during O-Week. The workshops are designed to engage New Students with a code of civility and give them the tools to have a dialogue across differences, and they are led by the Diversity Facilitators, who have undergone extensive training related to diversity and inclusion. These Affiliates will be present throughout the week and year to answer any questions about Rice's diverse cultural and social groups.

PEER ACADEMIC ADVISOR (PAA)

The Office of Academic Advising has chosen a special group of students to be your guides to academics at Rice. They have been broadly trained in various areas of academics like general graduation requirements, specific classes, research opportunities, studying abroad, graduate school requirements, or any topic that refers to academics. There is a team of four O-Week PAAs who are specifically trained to assist you. They will coordinate advising sessions and personal meetings for academic advice during O-Week. They know a lot about academics at Rice, and if they can't answer your question off the top of their head, they will find you the answer.

RICE HEALTH ADVISOR (RHA)

RHAs are students who have been trained on a variety of health and well-being topics, from nutrition to sexuality to various other physical, mental, psychological, and spiritual issues. RHAs are the general student body's link to the Rice Wellbeing and Counseling Centers. RHAs also have various medical supplies, including bandages, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, earplugs, gauze, hydrocortisone, tampons, and condoms. Although there are only two O-Week RHAs, you will meet several other RHAs at Hanszen as time goes on.

GOPHER

The Gophers serve as the trusted helpers for the O-Week Coordinators: whenever supplies are needed, the Gophers rush to Target, Kroger, or anywhere else to get them.

COORDINATORS

JAE KIM
COORD, MECH, HANSZEN '22

Jae. Hyen. Kim. The man, the myth, the self-proclaimed legend. Born in Korea and raised in Suwanee, Georgia, this junior is incredibly talented at sleeping, eating, and cooking. A Mechanical Engineering major and Engineering Design minor, Jae has already spent waaaay too much time at the OEDK with more to come. Aside from the OEDK, you can find him taking a midday nap, playing ping pong in Upper Commons, or on the hunt for food. (Legend has it that if you say Yoyo's three times, Jae will appear.) Jae is one of the most stable people you'll ever meet, and considering Rice's high population of students jacked up on caffeine, it's super calming just to be around him. Despite his relatively stoic nature, he'll always be there to help you out in any way that you might need it. A man of few words but many, many puns and other bad jokes, Jae is much more excited to meet you than he may seem!

LISA SHI
COORD, COMP/MATH/ANTH, HANSZEN '22

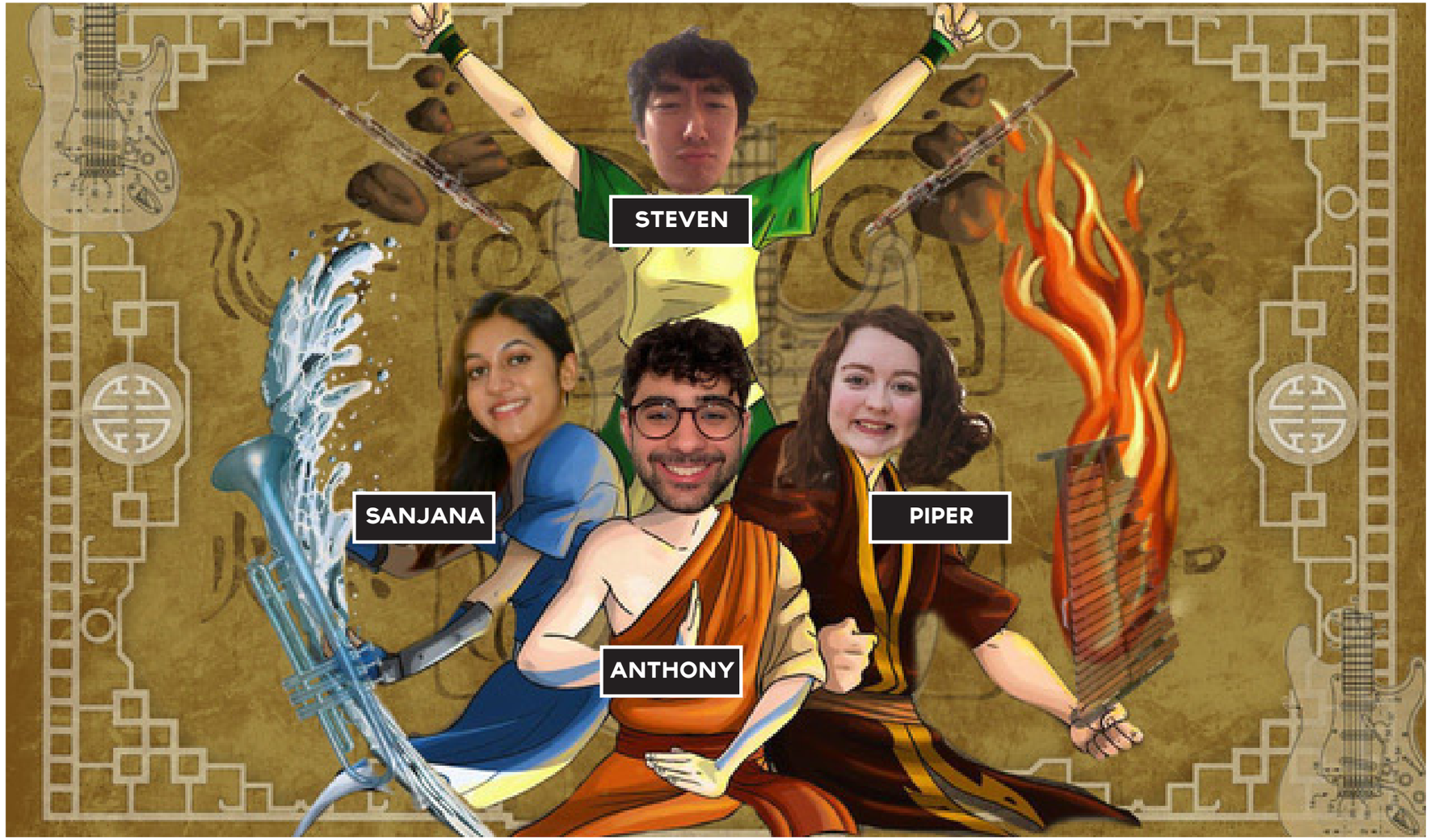
This junior is from the Bronx, New York, and she won't shut up about it. A Computer Science, Anthropology, and Math triple major, Lisa can sometimes be incredibly indecisive when it comes to life choices. Clearly. Don't let this detract from how helpful, caring, and empathetic she is: despite her deep love of sleep, she will stay up into the wee hours of the morning to talk with you about anything, or, if you prefer, walk with you to the McDonald's in the Med Center at 3AM. As a Head of Hanszen FITQ, Movie, and Diversity committees, she loves planning fun and informative events for Hanszenites. She is also involved with Period, KTRU, the Doerr Institute, and the Women's Resource Center, so please come talk to her about menstrual equity, DJing, leadership, and women <3! In her free time, she enjoys doing New York Times crosswords, trying new restaurants (and documenting every single bite), playing League of Legends, and watching Chris Morocco/Alison Roman cook. You can find her in commons lamenting South's lack of hot sauce variety, reorganizing her million Spotify playlists, taking naps in her room, or vibing behind the circulation desk at Fondren Library. Lisa is so, so incredibly excited to meet you all. Welcome home!

ISABELLE SCOTT
COORD, COMP, HANSZEN '22

A potent mix of sweetheart, nerd, and mischief-maker from Austin, Texas, Isabelle Scott is so excited to serve as a 2020 O-Week Coordinator. Studying Computer Science with a minor in Business, Isabelle loves to camp out on the Hanszen Upper Commons to try to get work done. However, working never stopped Isabelle from taking a break to talk, give out hugs, or join someone on a late night snack run. When she's not studying, Isabelle can be found playing Powderpuff for Hanszen, and she's down to try just about any IM Sport. She also serves the Rice community as a STRIVE Liaison, where she supports those affected by interpersonal violence. Her superpower is to be able to make anything better with her warm hugs and smiles, but she is also an incredible companion for impromptu trips to try new restaurants or have an adventure (on or off campus). Isabelle's heart is massive, but her commitment to New Students is even bigger. She is here to answer any questions you may have and make sure you have an amazing transition to college.

ADVISING TEAMS

AVATAR: THE LAST AIRFENDER



STEVEN FENG
CO–ADVISOR, STAT, MCMURTRY '22

Steven "Sah-tee-vuhn" Feng. What an icon. This McMurtry College Statistics major junior is from good ol' Parsippany, New Jersey, which he'll be happy to tell you was ranked by Money Magazine as the #1 Best Place to Live in 2018. When he's not flexing on you with his hometown, you'll probably find him on the bike track training for Beer Bike (rip BB2020) or foam rolling his running injuries (ask him about that one time in high school when he literally ran to school). Steven's the type of person that will literally give up dinner plans to train, because he's committed like that—get ready for that hardcore advisor dedication. Don't get us wrong though, he's definitely not a Chad. If he's not doing athletic things, he'll either be talking about his time as an ECON 200 TA, or jamming out at the KTRU radio station, queuing up some deep underground electronic tunes. Would we say that he's got good taste in music? Honestly, couldn't tell ya. Eastside by Halsey is his favorite song, so take this with a grain of salt. But actually though, Steven's literally the nicest person we know, and you'll be lucky to have him as an advisor. He's the kind of person that feels bad about using Adblock, and will literally drop anything (well, anything but online chess) to help you out. Don't worry, you won't wear him out; after his freshman year summer as a camp counselor, nothing fazes him anymore. So get ready to feel some intense culture of care, because honestly, #wewouldallmarryStevenFeng.

SANJANA KRISHNAN
ADVISOR, PSYC, HANSZEN '21

Who studies psychology, captains the Rice Rasikas dance team, and rhymes with dungeon-a? It's your O-Week Advisor, Sanjana! She's a California girl who would put Katy Perry to shame, and between hitting up the Rec for practice, spending her Tetra at Coffeehouse, and chilling during the hours of midnight to 3 am in Hanszen Upper Commons, you're sure to see her around campus. Her love of Disneyland and musicals knows no bounds, nor does her aversion to geese, her least-favorite bird, or kiwis, her most-allergic-to fruit. Bring either of those around, and this noodle-armed Taekwondo black belt might show you a thing or two. Don't worry though, we're only mostly joking. This former O-Week Coordinator is sure to help you have a wonderful first week and beyond at Rice, and can't wait to meet you when you arrive!

PIPER HARRIS
RHA AFFILIATE, PSYC, HANSZEN '22

Who's that redhead laughing obnoxiously with her friends on the Hanszen swing? Chances are it's Piper! Piper is a junior psychology major with a minor in neuroscience (and an ex pre-med woot woot). She's originally from Katy, TX ("hi y'all!"), but also lived in LA for eight years ("sup dudes?"). She loves Game of Thrones, Harry Potter, and the MCU! When it comes to any of the above, she's always down for a movie night and debates about canon (or fanfiction shhhhh). Aside from hanging out around Hanszen, you can find her working at Rice Coffeehouse, organizing RHA events, or giving a tour around campus. As her job at Coffeehouse might imply, she loves coffee and wants to explore more Houston coffee shops next semester. Piper is your go-to for deep discussions over a cappuccino or ridiculous antics with friends around 'Zen, and she's looking forward to doing all of the above with you! She cannot wait to meet y'all and is super excited to help you get to know Rice!

ANTHONY GUZZO
ADVISOR, CSCI, HANSZEN '23

If you ever need Clorox Wipes, Anthony Guzzo is the one to go to. A sophomore from Cary, NC studying cognitive science, Hanszen's resident germaphobe loves to stock up on his cleaning supplies but will toss you a slick burn or a stinging one-liner just as often. When he's not on an ambulance or working with Rice EMS, Anthony is solving crosswords in the commons or voting at Cabinet as a sophomore rep. While he is the biggest Poké fan the world has ever seen (he's literally keeping the local Poké place in business), Anthony will also be your biggest fan. Whether spending Friday night watching a movie with friends or making sure to check in no matter how he's doing, Anthony is always excited to spend time with others and will make sure your transition to Hanszen is amazing.

P.S. he hopes everyone has the chance to meet Jarrett because he's the best.

BACHLOR IN PARADISE

JUAN SERRANO
ADVISOR, MECH, HANSZEN '22

Hailing from Apopka, Florida, Juan brings all the good sunny vibes here to Houston, Texas. This Mechanical Engineering major and Business minor has the purest heart and will always laugh at your jokes guaranteed! You can typically find him grinding away at problem sets with fellow junior MECHEs or on the tennis courts on early Sunday mornings. He's always more than willing to lend a listening ear and offer the most wholesome advice and maybe even some jalapeño chips while you're at it. But when he's not studying with his excellent work ethic, he'll be catching up on some YouTube videos or chilling with his friends in Zen Commons, so if you see him, don't be afraid to say hi.

LAUREN IVORY
ADVISOR, COMP, HANSZEN '22

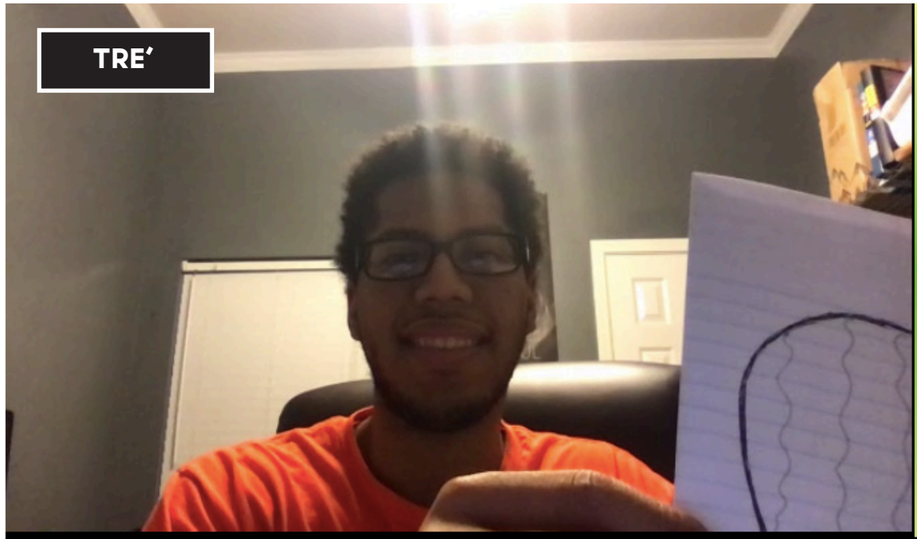
A native Southern Californian, Lauren Ivory is a goofy, inquisitive, and active nerd from the class of 2022. She cherishes nature's beautiful gifts and incredible diversity and, in particular, is passionate about hummingbirds. You can find Lauren studying on the Commons couches, playing Powder Puff or soccer, nursing a growing love of boba at East West, or complaining about Houston's ever-changing weather. When she isn't being incredibly indecisive about her career choices (currently majoring in Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics and maybe Biochemistry as well), Lauren spends her free time reading with an obsession that is borderline dangerous, or playing games with friends. She is a wonderful listener and is always up for a conversation about anything. She is incredibly excited to meet you in August and hopes to make your O-Week and Rice experience the best it can be!

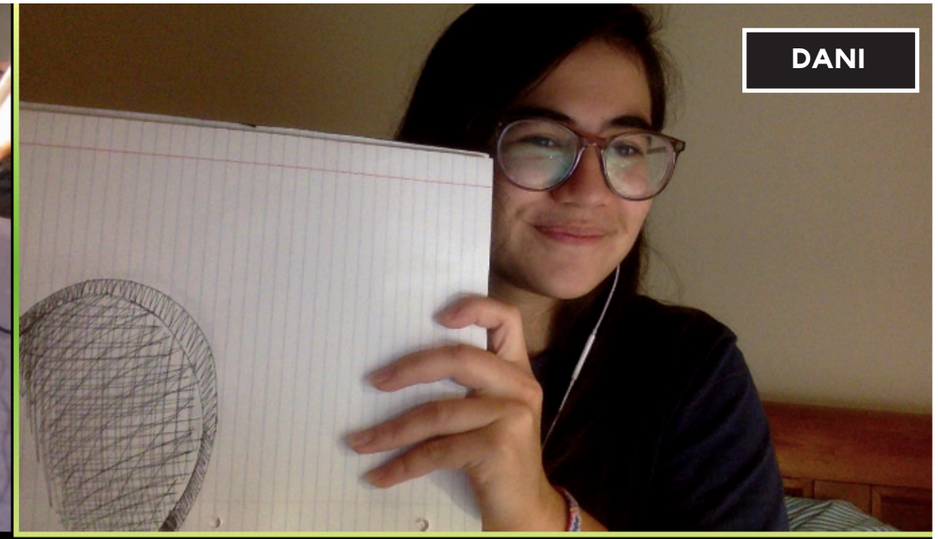
JULIE STREET
CO-ADVISOR, CSCI, JONES '22

Want a cup of tea and homemade cookies? Or maybe some fresh-baked bread? Joining us from Atlanta, Georgia is the one and only Julie Street, your one-stop-shop for all of your mom-friend needs! Seriously. She has unicorn band-aids, cough drops for days, enough ear plugs to block out the apocalypse, and she will not hesitate to jump on her bike to deliver them to you from the other side of campus. When this Jones junior is not busy with her major in cognitive sciences and minors in sociology and data science, you can find her biking laps around campus or crafting a perfect cuppa at Rice Coffeehouse. If you're lucky, you'll witness her (gradually improving) latte art skills! This spunky redhead is thrilled to be joining the Hanszen family and absolutely cannot wait to meet you!

BIANCA CHEN
ADVISOR, ECON, HANSZEN '23

Bianca is a native Houstonian majoring in economics, minoring in business, and pre-med, and she is in the class of 2023. Outside of class, she can be found in the Hanszen music room playing guitar or piano or watching Brooklyn 99 and Parks and Rec in bed. She also loves oil painting where there's good ventilation (so she doesn't poison her roommates) and starting books she can't finish. In quarantine, she is driving herself crazy by baking banana bread every day and watching Phantom of the Opera (the opera) and the Sleeping Beauty ballet. Her favorite day is any day there is 2% milk in South Servery, and she has an unhealthy obsession with Lucky Charms because her parents didn't let her eat them as a child. She doesn't know how to ride a bike.





SANIYA GAYAKE
CO–ADVISOR, ANTH, BAKER '21

Bring a mouse a cookie, and it'll want some milk to go with it. Bring Saniya a slice of Italian cream cake, and she'll undoubtedly be your grateful friend forever. Although Saniya is from the flat, moderate city of Plano, TX, you're bound to catch her rushing to and from Fondren library wearing hiking shoes like Timberlands or Chacos (with toe socks of course). She's also on the grind, from banging out anthropology essays to pumping iron at the Rec Center to drilling chores with her Rasikas dance team (now as captain!). She's also quite the event planner as President of South Asian Society and a CCL Ambassador. It may sound like Saniya spends all her time working, but don't worry, she is always down to clown. Saniya prides herself on her friendliness, so don't be afraid to strike up conversation with her. Unfortunately, you'll most likely have to put up with her attempting to tell a "joke" followed by a "haha....i'm so funny" while her audience stares at her in awkward silence. Regardless, you've certainly hit the jackpot with Saniya as your O-Week Advisor. She's a multi-talented, easy going, always-down-for-a-good-time friend with a big heart and an appetite for lentils to match.

TRE' HENSON
GOPHER, ELEC, HANSZEN '22

Tre' is from Bossier City, Louisiana and is studying electrical engineering. He is a proud member of Hanszen's class of 2022 and greatly appreciates Hanszen's family culture. In his free time, he enjoys putting up shots at the rec and beating his friend Raul in 2K. Tre' also likes exploring the city and venturing to new restaurants. He is excited to be part of O-Week this year and can't wait to meet the new Hanszenites.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

BEN BURSTAIN
ADVISOR, ECON/POLI, HANSZEN '23

Whether you're from the cold barren tundra of the midwest or the scorching heat of the bayou, Ben Burstain is the man for you. This native of both Cedar Rapids, Iowa and New Orleans, LA is a fan of everything food from tater-tot casserole to some good ol' gumbo. When he is not eating his favorite homestyle delicacies, you can find Ben in upper commons working hard on his studies and on his table tennis form. Ben is a rising sophomore majoring in both Political Science and Economics and is looking at adding the Environmental Studies minor as well. He is a lover of all things Hanszen from the weekly smores study breaks to the newly established poker night Fridays (that he is proud to have helped create). In addition to poker, Ben's hobbies include ultimate frisbee, theater, and board games, as well as the occasional Smash or Mario Kart game. He is looking forward to meeting all of the new students and having the best O-Week in the history of Hanszen!

DANI KNOBLOCH
ADVISOR, SOPA, HANSZEN '23

Hanszen's biggest social butterfly, Dani Knobloch currently serves as a Hanszen treasurer and our resident hugging expert. This sophomore from Houston, Texas is studying Social Policy Analysis and Data Science while teaching everyone else how to recreate her radiant smile and be an awesome friend. When Dani isn't throwing positivity around like confetti in the commons, she is raising spirits as a member of Hanszen's bike, basketball, chug, and powderpuff teams, and is already plotting how to drag you out there with her. Dani books her free time (and even when she isn't free) to spend with friends watching About Time on Netflix for the 300th time, sharing her favorite homemade Indonesian dishes, or chatting about the universe until late into the evening. Don't be fooled by her small stature, Dani has more than enough energy to welcome you to Hanszen and help make it your new home.

bars, beats, battlestar galactica

VIVIAN WONG
CO–ADVISOR, BIOE, DUNCAN '23

You've just hit the jackpot with Vivian (T-Swizzle) Wong. Meet the nicest and most compassionate co-advisor and friend you could possibly have. From Hong Kong to Britain to Shanghai and now Houston, this caring queen will be there for you wherever you are and whatever you might be going through. This Bioengineering major packs both brains and brawn as she bikes around from the OEDK to Torque practice and back most days. 9 out of 10 times you break something, she'll probably be able to build it for you at OEDK (she's built a whole bike already so you're in good hands). Whether she is working on a problem set in the commons or just sitting around listening to Mumford & Sons, you can always approach her if you want to have a meaningful conversation about any topic or just need some good advice from a friend. She loves exploring Houston so be sure to ask her for recommendations about what to do too. But yeah, Vivian is an amazing gal who will always have your back and cry to This Is Us with you. She's always willing to sacrifice her time to help others and you are more than lucky to have Vivian as an advisor for CrescendO-Week and for your time at Rice! She's a real keeper, y'all.

FELIX DESIMONI
ADVISOR, MTEC, HANSZEN '22

Felix is majoring in Mathematical Economic Analysis and minoring in Policy, Law, and Social thought. The 6'3" gentle giant hails from Kenosha, Wisconsin and is in the class of 2022. He loves to play soccer and is involved with a lot of Intramural sports for Hanszen as well as being the head of the social committee at Hanszen. He loves working at Hanszen as well as the business school to get work done and is always down to help if you need something.

BHAVANA KUNISETTY
ADVISOR, BIOS, HANSZEN '21

If you see someone jamming to some music (through her self-professed very cool Bose headphones) and zooming past you on her (also self-professed very ~trendy~) penny board, that's probably Bhavana! A rising senior and Biosciences major and Business minor from Fremont, California, Bhavana is one of the sweetest, smart, and talented friends I know, with an unfortunate penchant of getting herself into funny situations that make for the BEST stories (ask her about them you will laugh till you can't anymore). You can find her hard at work planning social events for Rice's South Asian Society, playing IM basketball or club ultimate frisbee, or dabbling in health policy research. Bhavana is a good friend to many and this giggling ball of energy is a great person to talk to you and is guaranteed to leave you with a big smile! She is an avid Black Mirror and Office enthusiast, loves tagging her friends in hilarious memes, binge watching reality tv shows (some very questionable ones?), and trying every class at the Rice Recreational Center from Zumba to kickboxing while making you come with her. If you are seeking a fun conversation, an exciting and loving friend, or simply a warm hug and someone to count on, Bhavana is your girl! Bhavana is an amazing Advisor to have as a New Student and she will make your O-Week and Rice experience so memorable!

GINNIE OKAFOR
ATHLETIC LIAISON, KINE, HANSZEN '23

Meet Ginnie Okafor, Class of 2023! After her eye-opening freshman year, she has decided to stick with a major in Kinesiology Sports Medicine, and continue to learn as much about the medical field as she can for her future endeavors (your girl is not pre-med though, it's a trip :)). Being an athlete on the women's track & field team has made Ginnie appreciate what it is to balance school and academics at the collegiate level, and she is here and excited for all the incoming student-athletes who are preparing to do the same. Get ready for the Hanszenite lifestyle! Ginnie can tell you how much she has enjoyed the family culture that booms from the Hanszen Commons almost 24/7 - there is always someone to say what's up, ask a question, or just rant to, because we all do it. You won't always find her at Hanszen, but prepare to catch her at Tudor or the MCC; she's always down for a conversation about pretty much anything. Being a part of the Rice African Student Association, DAWA, and the Black Student Association, has encouraged her to get more involved on campus, hence her new position as athletic liaison of the Impact Ministry Organization for the 2020-2021 school year and Hanszen O-Week 2020! Although she is a Houstonian, don't expect her to know all the hotspots (she barely go anywhere it's crazy), but if you're trying to explore the city expect her to be down too. Get hype for O-Week 2020 y'all, you won't forget it!

FANTASTIC BEATS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

SHAMS SHAMS
ADVISOR, BIOC/ENGL, HANSZEN '22

Shams is a pretty eclectic person. As an English/biochem double (class of '22), he has a liking of the sciences and the humanities, and is down to talk about almost anything! His background's just about as diverse as his interests. Born in Pakistan, he was raised across Canada, and now lives in a sleepy little city called Beaumont, TX. He's seen big cities, small cities, towns and villages, East and West! He likes to keep busy, so he's always running to one thing or another. From mentoring and research to boxing and volunteering, he enjoys a full schedule. With the little free time he has, he enjoys making others laugh and hearing stories, and learning about people from all walks of life. No matter what the story, if you've got the time, he'd love to hear it. He also almost always has his headphones in listening to whatever music has his fancy that week, whether its English prog rock, or Latin guitar, or American rap. Say hello, and welcome to the best week of your life (so far...)!

SARA MANSFIELD
GOPHER, ECON/ENGL, HANSZEN '23

Hailing all the way from El Paso, Texas, meet Sara! When this sophomore double-majoring in Economics and English is not too busy excelling in her classes, you can find her meeting up with Rice Business society, watching too many youtube videos, or making her friends laugh at 3 am in the Hanszen commons. People like to say you can only be book-smart or street-smart, or that you can only be pre-med or a non-STEM major, but Sara is all of these things and more. She has an IMMACULATE taste in music, and is the human version of Siri's song recognition feature. You can bond with her over your favorite songs, no matter what they are. Sara's a great listener, and someone who instantly livens up dull conversations and rough days. She's the type of person that always understands exactly what you mean and she's that friend you go to when you're in a stressful situation, because she'll make you feel much better at the end of the day. With Sara as your O-Week advisor, you already have one person at Rice who will always have your back!

CYNTHIA CHEN
CO–ADVISOR, CAAM, MARTEL '22

All the way from the exotic lands of Salt Lake City, Utah meet Cynthia! She's a junior from Martel College studying Computational and Applied Math with a minor in Energy and Water Sustainability. She is constantly laughing (it's basically her default reaction to everything) but will always be there for you in times of crisis. She's great for advice, listening to rants, or having philosophical discussions at 3 a.m. (one of her favorite hobbies). Aside from staring at mathematical equations all day, you can find her dancing with Rice Dance Theatre, spending way too much time in the Starbucks at Barnes and Noble, or stress eating in Martel Commons. Also, if you're into overpriced yoga classes, hit her up because she'll almost definitely go with you. Cynthia is always willing to make time for you and always wants the best for everyone around her. She can't wait to meet you and is excited to welcome you to the Hanszen and Rice family!

DANIEL WANG
ADVISOR, ECON, HANSZEN '21

Walking past Hanszen kitchen, you catch a whiff of what can only be the iconic aroma of Daniel's browned butter toffee chocolate chip cookies. Need a restaurant suggestion? Yelp who? This Senior studying Economics will be happy to match supply to demand and put you at a Pareto optimum. If you can't find him sipping a flat white at Brochstein Pavilion while soaking in that natural sunlight, he's probably at Chaus sipping on an iced vanilla latte, or at Campesino sipping a... you get the point. As a Chemistry fellow hailing from P-Town (Plano), TX, this pre-medical student spends much of his time volunteering at the public hospital across the street and is always happy to talk about community health programs or Gen Chem. During his free time, the treasure of Rice University loves watching Bon Appetit, running the outer loop, or live streaming African penguins from the California Academy of Sciences ("Pocket Penguins" in the App Store). Daniel is so excited to meet you and help you fall in love with Rice over and over again!

THE GREAT BRITISH ROCK OFF

COLE PONSI
CO-ADVISOR, BIOE, WILL RICE '22

Cole Ponsi, of Chicago, IL, is a co-advisor from Will Rice College. He is a proud member of the Rice University class of 2022 and of the Bioengineering major, which means he spends most of his time at the BRC taking classes and participating in research... not as the guinea pig. Cole has a wide variety of interests, particularly in the realm of music. He plays percussion in the Marching Owl Band and Jazz Ensemble and enjoys playing the drums and singing to artists like Frank Sinatra or Queen in his spare time. Outside of music, he enjoys staying fit by taking walks outdoors and kickboxing.

One of Cole's favorite Rice traditions is Evening of Elegance—a night in which students dress up in their nicest clothes for an evening of swing dancing. He also enjoys Willy Week, Beer Bike, and, of course, O-Week. O-Week is one of Cole's favorite memories of his Rice experience and he can't wait to share that with you!

ALP YAKICI
ADVISOR, COMP, HANSZEN '22

No, sadly this Alp is not the mountain range we all love so dearly. This one here is Alp Yakici from Istanbul, Turkey. He is a Junior Computer Science Major (and Data Science minor) from Hanszen with a beard to prove it. In his free time, while listening to music at max volume, you can find him in Hanszen commons writing algorithms, hosting office hours, and designing web applications - or working with his Eclipse rocket team in OEDK. Do not hesitate to harass him with any COMP questions - or anything about being an international student at Rice. If you are not lucky enough to have him as your advisor, catch him speed walking across campus on his daily commute in between OEDK, Chaus, Duncan Hall, and Hanszen with his AirPods in.

P.S: Do not let him start talking about how much he likes Computer Science. He will not stop.

TESSA SCHREIBER
ADVISOR, SOPA/HIST, HANSZEN '21

If you have Tessa as your O-Week advisor, say "Yeehaw" because not only is this small town babe from Fort Davis (West Texas), but also because you've hit the lottery in getting to know one of the sweetest people at Hanszen! As a senior, Tessa definitely knows her way around campus, but you can find her most often at Coffeehouse grinding out papers and jamming to Coldplay (and other artists who peaked in 2006), at the Baker Institute as an Energy Center research intern, or hanging out in her off-campus house watching gymnastics (UCLA is the best team, btw) and devouring a kale salad from Sweetgreen. She's a double major in Social Policy Analysis and History with a minor in Politics, Law, and Social Thought, and she's ready to make a difference in the world at the intersection of law and energy policy. A true advocate for empowering others, she is the Director of Government Relations for the Student Association and loves to encourage voting and civic engagement among her peers. Her killer fashion sense can definitely be intimidating (catch her wearing pointed toe heels on the daily), but don't let it stop you from befriending Tessa -- she'd love to show you her beautiful hand lettering or bake a cake with you. Above all else, Tessa wants you to know two things: you can hit her up for any questions related to organizing and decorating your dorm room (her room is straight out of HGTV), and she's so excited for you to become a part of the Hanszen family!

AMANDA MAE ASHLEY
ADVISOR, EBIO, HANSZEN '22

Amanda Mae (no, it's not Amanda, it's a double first name :)) is a junior here at Hanszen, but originally from Buda, Texas. This ecology and evolutionary biology major (with minors in business and environmental science) carries her green thumb and golden heart into everything she does. You can often find Amanda Mae taking care of plants in the lab, organizing field trips as Outreach Head of the Wildlife Conservation Club, or hosting Fair Trade events as the VP of Rice's sustainability group, R.I.S.E. Today. But when she's not hard at work saving the world, you might also see her out on Field 6 taking names with the Hanszen Powderpuff team, or running laps around everyone on Rice's outer loop. In her free time, she's always down to talk about her favorite shows (Jessica Jones or The Witcher anyone?), listen to some Alternative Beats on Spotify, or experiment in the kitchen with some vegan baking.

Lilo & Pitch: Ohana Means Hanszen

ROSE CLICK
ADVISOR, PSYC/CSCI, HANSZEN '21

The most easily excited individual at Hanszen, Rose Click brings with her spades of enthusiasm and warm laugh that could melt anyone's heart. A Senior from Los Alamos, New Mexico, Rose is double majoring in Psychology and Cognitive Sciences and also will complete 98% of the German major. When she isn't in class, Rose is Hanszen's Powderpuff captain for the second straight year, where she leads the best defensive line on campus. She also serves as an RHA, helping Hanszenites with all of their health matters, and votes up a storm as a senior representative at Cabinet. Ask Rose about her experiences abroad or to come with you to an RA study break and you are sure to not only get a spirited answer, but to still be talking two hours later about the best books from your childhood or her two adorable dogs back home. Rose is the walking definition of the Hanszen Family Heart, and will make sure you have everything you need for a smooth transition to college.

TANUJ PRAJAPATI
ADVISOR, NEUR, HANSZEN '23

If Tanuj is your advisor, get ready for an exciting, although tiring, O-Week. As a Sophomore Neuroscience Major and also Pre-Med, Tanuj works hard studying molecules and the neurons or whatever Pre-Meds do. Did I mention he's also from Florida? You may think he's only smart, but Tanuj's work for Hanszen is just as Tanjuicy as his enormous... brain. Whether it's on the field in the various Hanszen IM sports Tanuj plays, on Executive Cabinet as a Secretary, or in commons working as a Committee Head, Tanuj makes sure he does his part in making Hanszen the great community that it is. If you can't find him, he's probably in the Upper 50s playing Mario Kart or "working" (playing ping pong) in the Hanszen Upper Commons. I hope you're ready for CrescendO-Week, because not only did you get one of the best advising teams Hanszen has to offer, but this man will make sure that you come out of O-Week as enthusiastic about Hanszen as he is.

ARMANDO AMIGON
CO–ADVISOR, ELEC, LOVETT '21

Look at that! It's a bird, it's a plane- nope, it's just that tall drink of water, Armando Amigon- or should we say Armando Amigo? Let us tell you right now this boy is the epitome of joy and friendship. He's the sweetest, warmest, and most helpful guy around. This curly haired, sk8er boy, electrical engineering senior does it all. And the best part? He'll do it for you too. Armando keeps a huge stockpile of candy and snacks to make sure all of his loved ones are fed. He'll do anything for you, from killing the creepy bugs in your room, to checking for monsters under your bed before he tucks you in at night. If you're looking for someone in Lovett commons to have a deep, late night talk with, Armando's your guy (and you can always spot him easily by his elaborate hand gestures whenever he talks). This squishy Chicago boy will always care for you with his ginormous heart, and we can guarantee that your time at Rice, and your O-Week is a little brighter because he is in it.

SOHA RIZVI
DF, CAAM/MTEC, HANSZEN '22

Is she somehow magically pulling off denim on denim and quirky earrings? You are very lucky to have just met Soha Rizvi. This adorably sweet junior from Plano, TX is majoring in Mathematical Economic Analysis and Computational and Applied Math, while also pursuing a minor in Cinema and Media Studies. At Hanszen, she serves as a Diversity Facilitator, as well as a head of the Movie and College Night/Crane Day committees. You can find her taking naps, waiting in line at Chaus, or basking in the glory of the whiteboard tables on Fondren 6th. Soha is the most empathetic and patient person you will ever meet: she's beyond willing to make time for you should you seek her sage wisdom or an excellent listening ear. She would absolutely love to take you off campus and introduce you to B&T for banh mi or to a coffee shop to study. If you'd prefer, she's down to just do crosswords or bake cookies for a Mandalorian marathon. Talk to her about almond milk, Love Island, and Alt R&B -- she will absolutely make a playlist for you. You simply have the best advisor, and she is so excited to get to know you!

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IZZIE KAROHL
CO–ADVISOR, SOPA, WILL RICE '22

If you hear a loud "Hallo" spoken out of nowhere, more than likely you've found Izzie Karohl. Despite this Will Rice junior's smol stature and very tiny hands, you should not be surprised to discover she has the heart of a giant. As a friend, advisor, and all around stand up human she has an unstoppable passion and drive to help others, which can be culminated in the phrase "Big Mom Energy." Despite the soccer mom vibes she gives off, she has retired from soccer and decidedly directed her nearly unlimited supply of energy towards running. Don't be surprised if you catch Izzie racing around the outer loop, Hermann Park, or along the streets of her hometown of Houston. While this SOPA major has dedicated herself to amending serious issues on campus and with the Rice admin, do not be intimidated by the big moves this woman is making as she is a true goof at heart (if you don't believe me, just check out her dance moves). As you begin your journey here at Rice and as a part of Hanszen College, rest assured you are in good (tiny) hands.

DANIEL ROTHFUSZ
ADVISOR, ELEC, HANSZEN '22

Oh that guy over there? Fiddling with the wires? That's Daniel. He's an ELEC (and a bunch of other stuff too (but like he really likes elec)). This rising Junior from Washington, IL loves to pitch in and help you out wherever he can. Come grab some advice from your phriendly phantastic physics phellow and Peer Academic Advisor! Or go ask this Junior Class Rep some questions about Hanszen Cabinet! Or just go say hi because he's 100% ready to help you with absolutely whatever! Hit him up anytime to get a movie night or a game of Jackbox going. You can typically find him in upper commons or in one of the classrooms blasting all manner of music on Spotify. Obsessed with Hanszen and hyped to meet you, Daniel is so excited to welcome you to the Hanszen Family!!

AMY LIN
DF, CAAM/SWGS, HANSZEN '21

You! Yes, you! Amy Lin is YOUR advisor, and this makes you one of the luckiest new students at Rice. A senior hailing from Oakland, California, Amy has dabbled in a bit of everything at Rice (and continues to do so, regardless of her modest assertions otherwise). With interests ranging from differential equations to critical theory, Amy's interdisciplinary passions led her to a double major in Computational and Applied Mathematics and the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, with a certificate in Spanish—ask her about her time ~abroad~ in España! When she isn't napping under her weighted blanket or baking cookies in her off-campus house, you can find Amy in the Sewall basement prepping to verbally eviscerate opponents as a member of Rice's debate team, fostering open discussions about gender behind the desk as the Director of the Rice Women's Resource Center, or representing the voice of justice as a Senior Rep on the Honor Council. It's no wonder Amy is one of Hanszen's Diversity facilitators—she is a persistent advocate for listening to others and doing the right thing. After Rice, she plans to further her advocacy as a civil rights attorney. Even with her puzzle-like Google Calendar, Amy's most wonderful quality is that she'll always make time for you. With thoughtful advice and full attention, she'll be there at all hours, whether you need a 2AM trip to the beach to clear your mind or a 3AM trip to Whataburger to fuel you through a long night. Boba trips at more reasonable hours are also welcome. Follow the scent of freshly-baked cookies to find Amy, who can't wait to welcome you to Hanszen!

MICHELLE MARTINEZ
ADVISOR, UNDECIDED, HANSZEN '23

Did someone just say Reggaeton is the BEST music? Or was there someone in commons jamming out and dancing to music playing on her pink Beats headphones? If so, you've probably just met Michelle Martinez, the biggest and most self-proclaimed original Hispanic. From the great city of Fort Worth, Texas (no, it's not the same as Dallas), Michelle is a sophomore who claims to be pre-med, yet has no idea what her major is because of her wide range of interests. And while she may sometimes seem unorganized and out of her game, she offers great advice in almost anything and is more than willing to set aside time to have some coffee or eat Mexican candy (always found in the first pocket of her backpack) and talk about whatever you want. She is passionate about soccer (especially Cristiano Ronaldo), novelas on Telemundo and Univision, tacos, playing Powderpuff with her Hanszen teammates, and most importantly, REGGAETON AND CORRIDOS! Trust me, there won't be a day where you won't hear her singing at the top of her lungs in or outside of commons to anything in Spanish. One of the most notable aspects of Michelle is her big and bright smile which is present even on rough days. She's always eager to meet new people, have conversations that last hours to avoid doing homework, make them laugh with her bad jokes, and hopes to help you navigate through your first year here at Rice University!

PARTY IN THE HFH

LILA FRENKEL
CO-ADVISOR, STAT, DUNCAN '22

Hailing from the deserts of Tucson, Arizona, Lila has grown up somewhat disconnected from the real world. Though she may have not seen a lawn mower before, lacks basic TikTok and pop culture references, and has questionable music taste, you've lucked out with Lila as your advisor. She is a junior from Duncan College, where she serves as the Legislative Vice President and Head Peer Academic Advisor. This Dunc Hunc will make sure to let you know that "as a statistics major, [she] really thinks these numbers are interesting." Fueled entirely by tea and Takis, Lila will happily talk to you about cacti, Avatar the Last Airbender, and dumb YA books at any time of the day (but not past her bedtime of 10:00 p.m.). You'll have no problem finding her - she's always walking around in her yellow crocs, sporting pigtails in her hair, and wearing funky sweaters. And for the best part, Lila is one of the most sincere, mature, and dedicated people you will ever meet. She is incredibly caring and will always make sure to have your back and be there for you. Get excited, because with Lila as your advisor, you can be sure that your freshman year will be unbeLILAble.

KOURTNEY KANJA
ADVISOR, BIOC, HANSZEN '23

Armed with one of the biggest smiles the world has ever seen, Kourtney Kanja is an expert at making everyone's day better. This sophomore from Honolulu, Hawaii is studying Biochemistry on the Pre-Med track, while also hoping to volunteer with Rice EMS, proving her heart is just as big as her smile. When she's not saving lives or hitting the books, Kourtney serves Hanszenites as an RHA, promoting physical and mental health. With the free time she has, Kourtney also hones her craft both as a photographer and as an amateur baker. Always checking in on her friends, throwing around compliments like confetti, or sharing some biscotti from home, Kourtney makes every conversation special. Ask her about anything, and you are sure to leave feeling better about yourself and about the world. Kourtney couldn't be more excited to welcome you to Rice and help make Hanszen your home!

MAKAYLA FRANCO
GOPHER, SMGT, HANSZEN '22

It's around 6pm. You're in upper commons studying hard when you see a girl quickly make her way outside to take a picture of the sunset. There is a 93% chance that girl was Makayla Franco. From the small town of Lovington, New Mexico, this junior Sport Management major is one of the most down to earth people you'll ever meet. She loves Hanszen, so much so that she's serving as a chair of a few of Hanszen's great committees (ask her about how to get involved)! If she's not at Zen, chances are you will find her at the RMC doing manager things at the Hoot or studying (read: watching Omar Apollo videos) in Sammy's. When she's not busy on the school grind (and even when she is), you can slide over to her Instagram story to check out some sick music recs: either via Spotify links or cool concert videos! Whether it's the latest Twitter trends to skate YouTube, she's ready to start up a conversation about the things y'all have in common! Most importantly, she is always willing to lend a helping hand, whether you need helping running errands or somebody to rant to. Makayla is super excited for O-Week and cannot wait to introduce you to the Hanszen family!

BERT ODINET
ADVISOR, BIOE, HANSZEN '22

He's a Hanszenite, not a Murt! Now we're gonna kick it, gonna kick it like Bert! Bertrand Louis Odinet |||, that is, and you can watch him during the year shouting rhymes just like this one as a proud member of Rice's premiere improv team, Spontaneous Combustion! This ever busy BioE junior has a ton of zen spirit, captaining our Beer Bike Pit Crew, by far the best on campus. Although he loves iced tea, the famous brand is interestingly not actually from his home state, Arizona. You'll most likely find this Scottsdale stud working late nights in upper commons, so be sure to stop by and say hi, because he's always down for a chat, and he's super excited to meet you!

STRANGER STRINGS: THE OCTAVE DOWN

NANA MENSAH-BONSU
ADVISOR, PSYC, HANSZEN '23

Congraaatulations!!!!!!! I'm so happy to introduce NANA MENSAH-BONSU as your advisor! She's so excited to meet, welcome, and introduce you to Hasnzen and Rice as a whole. Nana is a one-of-a-kind gal: Pre-med? You betcha. Psychology? Her major. Intelligence? Intelligent. Sac-city (Sacramento)? Hometown. Funny? Hilarious. Beauty? You'll be stunned. Charisma? Tons of it. Passionate? Extremely. Fashionista? Absolutely. Nana is the type of friend who'll have you rolling with laughter no matter how boring the activity you're doing is. You can catch her deeply involved with the Rice African Student Association (RASA), RASA Dance Team (she can show you some moves), Rice's Minority Health Professions Organization (DAWA), PERIOD @ Rice, and the Black Student Association. Nana's bubbly and kind attitude always makes everyone around her smile and feel welcomed, plus she's the type of friend who is always willing to lend a hand. Nana is the best car-ride, study, restaurant, stress, and dance buddy since her infectious laugh makes doing almost anything better! Ask her about some yummy Ghanian recipes, her playlist of songs with 'nana' in it, her soccer career, her favorite Tik-Tok dances, or her favorite clothing stores; Nana's always there for you to talk things through, serious or silly. I can't think of a better person to be your advisor! Welcome to Hanszen :')

ERIC TORRES
CO–ADVISOR, BIOE, WIESS '21

ERIC "LEGEND" TORRES is a bioe, and he won't let you forget it. You'll hear this Corpus Christi native mention bioe at least once a day. On top of being a senior majoring in bioengineering, he's also BIOE: Beautiful, Intelligent, Original, and Empathetic. You won't find a better bioe than him. Not only is he passionate about his major, he has a passion for memes like no one we've ever seen—be prepared to have him send you at least ten memes a day. With his signature catchphrase "do it for the meme" paired with a sheepish smile, this Wiessman is always down for ANYTHING (or at least trying it once). Tip: look up his Beer Bike photos. You won't regret it. But don't worry, Eric's attitude on life is so refreshingly hilarious, he'll soon have you stepping out of your comfort zone alongside him! As your advisor, Eric will walk the line between deadpan humor and sincerity like a pro; he's always there to listen to your problems and can make you laugh no matter how you're feeling. Congrats, young one!! You've lucked out with Rice's most genuine meme-lord as your advisor—you'll love him.

EMILY CHANG
ADVISOR, COMP, HANSZEN '21

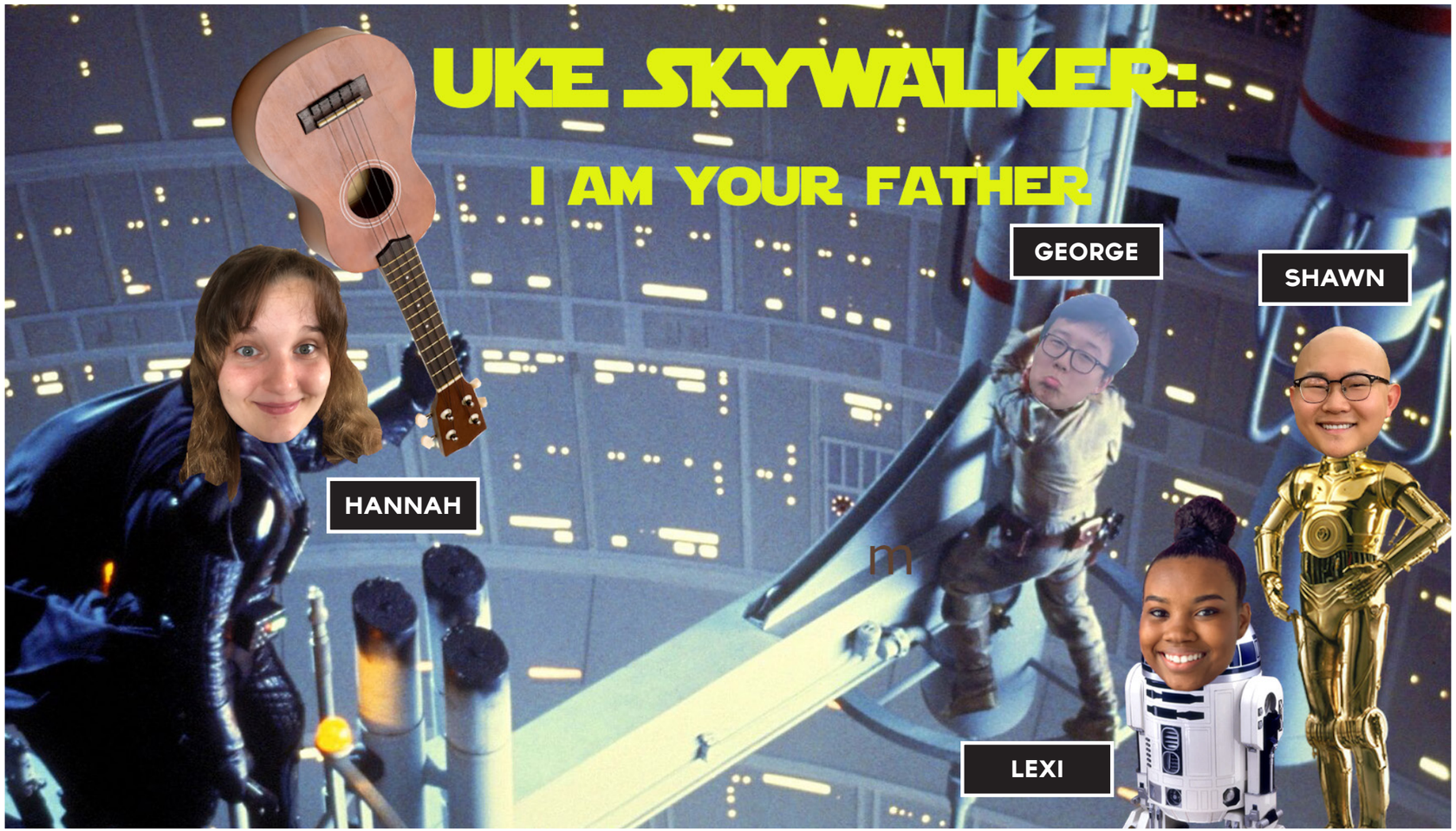
Emily Chang? More like Em ILY Chang. This senior, computer-science major is a native Texan gal from Austin, and she can even teach you how to square dance. She's chic, suave, and an iconic thrift queen; yet, she still knows how to rock the white adidas sneakers with a teddy coat. She loves movies and recently will never stop talking about Attack on Titan or Haikyuu. Did you know she's also incredibly talented and artistic (graphic design is her passion)? If you see any Hanszen merch, chances are she probably designed it. Emily is also super athletic, as a 4th year member of the Rice Owls Dance Team. She's literally one of the coolest people on Rice campus: she'll always be down to talk #deep #selfcare. Emily is extremely kind and is one of the most down-to-Earth persons. She knows a thing or two about Rice campus and can introduce you to the best spots to eat in Houston. Get ready for an amazing O-Week, because y'all were incredibly lucky to have scored the best advisor and friend imaginable.

MATTHEW BRUN
ADVISOR, CAAM, HANSZEN '22

Meet MattyB. No, not the child rapper, but your O-Week advisor. This junior from Libertyville, IL (essentially Chicago) put up a 0-0-0 Hanszen IM Freshmen Basketball season stat line and had a breakout season as sophomore center on the Flag Football team, leading them to a 1-3 record and a barely missed playoff slot. When he's not dominating on the field/court, you can likely find him playing trumpet in one of many musical groups, including as the second whitest guy in Rice's Mariachi Luna Llena. Matthew loves to pick disciplines with long names; he is pursuing a major in Computational and Applied Mathematics (and a shorter minor: Data Science) and looks forward to helping you find intricately-titled subjects as well. He loves to joke around, so watch out for a witty one-liner or sarcastic comment when he's around. He's eager to get to know you this fall and can't wait for O-Week to start!

SHAWN ZHENG
ADVISOR, MUSI
HANSZEN '22

It's 2am. You find yourself in the illustrious hallways of the Shepherd School of Music and your ear perks up: a lusciously golden sound distantly emanates through the walls. It's Shawn Zheng. When this junior Horn Performance major isn't rehearsing with the Shepherd School Symphony or preparing for his next professional audition, he can be found working out at the Rec, always beating his friends at boardgames 40% of the time, going to concerts and museums around town, and eating water chicken at South Servery. Hailing from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Shawn is a more reserved personification of Southern hospitality (but unfortunately no Southern accent). Owing only in part to him being a musician, he is a fantastic listener, and is also known to provide sage advice when requested—whether it be about your career, romantic life, or which Martin Scorsese movie to watch. Shawn is beyond excited to meet all of you, and you're surely in for a fantastic O-Week with him as your advisor!



LEXI ELLERBE
ADVISOR, BIOC
HANSZEN '22

Lexi Ellerbe is a San Antonio native who is a pre-med biochemistry major in the class of 2022. Outside of her classes, Lexi spends her time listening to true crime podcasts, kickboxing, and watching movies. She loves the Men in Black movies, and is always down to talk about the infinite possibilities of space. In addition to her love of movies, she tends to binge watch several shows at a time-including Royal Pains, New Girl, and The Last Airbender when she's feeling nostalgic which is often. She's a great time at a party or a chill night, and at both events she'll be smiling and dancing!

UKE SKYWALKER: I AM YOUR FATHER

HANNAH MEEKS
ADVISOR, CEVE, HANSZEN '21

Meet your friendly neighborhood tree hugger, Hannah Meeks! A rising senior Civil and Environmental Engineering major, Hannah is always ready to gush about city infrastructure, public transportation, protecting the environment, and so on. Even though she's come to love urban life in Houston, Hannah grew up in the suburbs in Coral Springs, Florida. On campus, Hannah is involved in a variety of groups, but is especially dedicated to the Rice Climate Alliance. Hannah is also a huge nerd and serves as an Academic Fellow for MATH 101 and 102 and as a Peer Academic Advisor. Hannah tends to migrate between different study spots each semester, but a favorite will always be Rice Coffeehouse (her go-to order is a hot chocolate with an espresso shot, peppermint syrup, and coconut milk). Hannah never misses breakfast at South Servery, especially when it's Wednesday and there's a new Thresher crossword to complete. At heart, Hannah is a 60 year old grandmother, and is always ready to sit and chat with a steaming cup of tea and some homemade baked goods. Hannah isn't just a nerd in the classroom; in her free time she likes to play competitive Pokemon, practice her Japanese by watching anime, read thick epic fantasy books, campaign in Dungeons and Dragons, and write stories of her own!

GEORGE LIU
CO-ADVISOR, BIOS/ENGL, WILL RICE '21

One of the hardest things to know in life is who someone truly is. If you were to ask me what kind of person George from Georgia is, the answer would be surprisingly simple. He's not a person; he's a chimp. Little known fact: the children's book series "Curious George" is both the story of George's early life before his parents adopted (and painstakingly shaved) him as well as the highest reading level he has achieved in his lifetime. Now, this Will Ricer and absolute fool of a senior is somehow going to go to a medical school as a bio and english double major and become a doctor, but I have my suspicions he'll actually be accepted as a test subject. George is also known to be a world-class relationship advisor. As an underclassman, know that you can reliably go to George with your questions on relationships and get consistently high-performance romantic knowledge by following the exact inverse of his advice. Be not deceived by his enormous calves and muscular legs. They were built by supporting the gargantuan weight of his head. That being said, George is a great guy and advisor despite everything I've written so far not being exaggerated fiction. I truly do hope this creature will become your close friend or confidante. His friendship and affections are without a doubt the deepest scar Rice has left on my soul including GenChem, but I wouldn't have it any other way. One day perhaps he'll pay his debt of existence back to me with a plethora of free prostate exams. Until then, his droning voice chanting "buy me food" will continue to haunt me. New students, have fun with this one!

young dumb & baroque

MASON REECE
ADVISOR, SOPA/POLI, HANSZEN '22

A god on the bike track, Mason is a Political Science and Social Policy Analysis double major hailing from Cary, North Carolina. This junior loves to explore good Houston eats, and he'd commute to Bellaire every single day if he could. Mason is dependable and caring: if you come to him with any issue, he'll offer myriad practical solutions should you seek them, but he'll also be there for you and listen quietly if you just want to rant. More importantly, he'll walk with you across campus for boba, pho, or anything on the eclectic Servery menu that piques your interest – that is, unless he has a meeting, which can happen pretty frequently because he's so involved on campus. A Peer Academic Advisor and Head Academic Fellow, Mason is your go-to for academic advice and resources. He is a vital Hanszenite; in addition to academics, he is also a Head of Baking, Kitchen, Awards, and Bike Committees. He also does research for the Political Science Department and the Baker Institute (his Data Science Minor helped him land a project on the latter's website), and led an Alternative Spring Break trip on intimate partner violence this past year. Catch him in the commons during his PAA or Academic Fellow office hours, on the bike track preparing for Beer Bike, or in the kitchen baking cookies or granola.

ALIZAY AZEEM
CO–ADVISOR, SOPA, WIESS '23

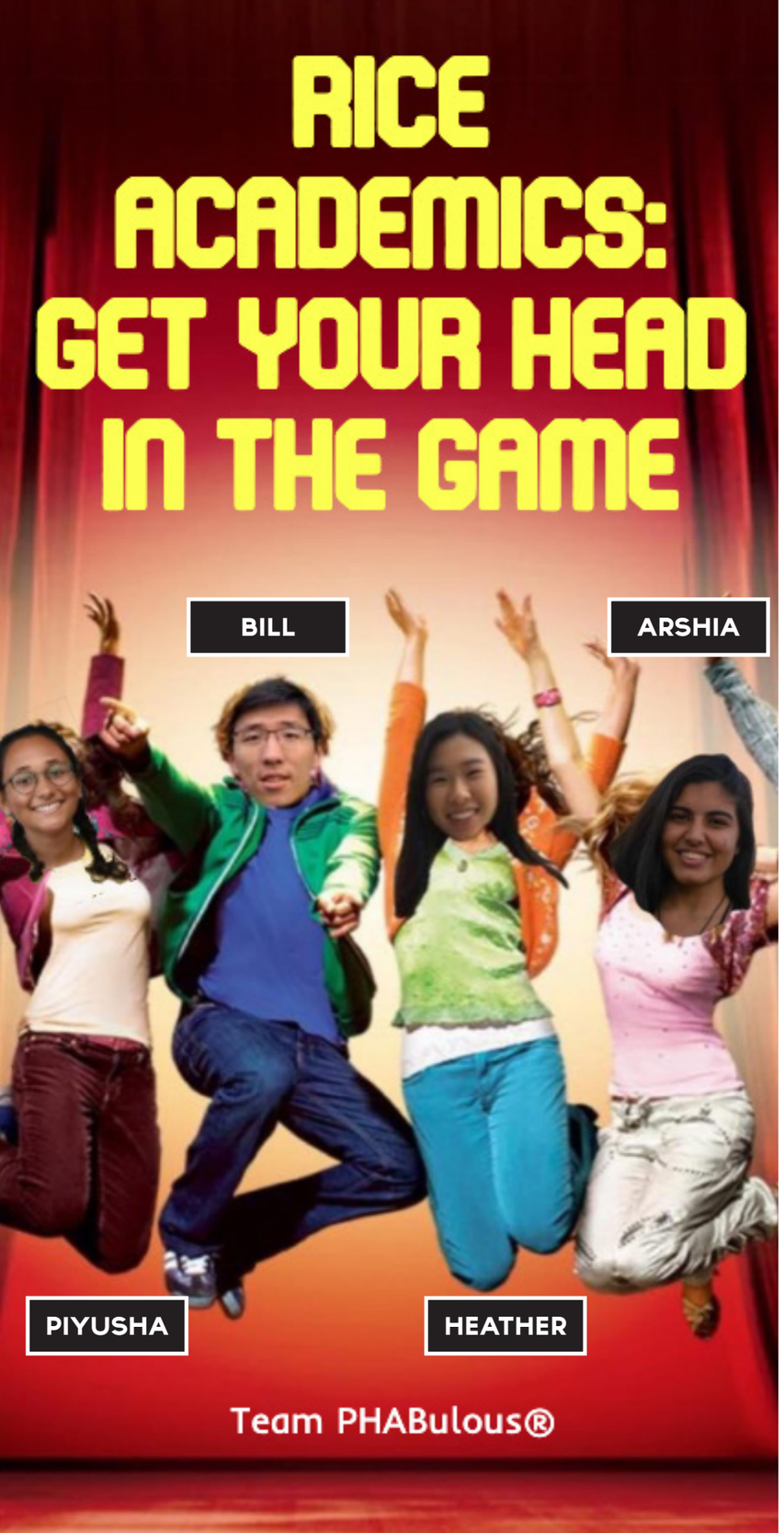
Alizay Azeem, a self-declared chaotic good, INFJ personality type, and a part of the class of 2023 at Wiess College (team family wiess!), is majoring in Social Policy Analysis and minoring in Politics, Law, and Social Thought. Her dream is to eventually go to law school, with a focus on civil rights or immigration law. While she's spent most of her life growing up in Allen, a suburb north of Dallas, TX, as well as a couple years in Chicago, Alizay fell in love with Houston from the 7ish months she's lived here so far. She'll always be down to get boba, go on food runs with you (the Pakistani food here is highkey amazing), or just even explore the city. At Rice, you'll often find her somewhere in the RMC– usually coffeehouse –"studying" and then later in the night, at Fondren library, s t u d y i n g. But besides school, she's involved with the Rice Mock Trial program, the Baker Institute Student Forum, the Muslim Student Association, and PERIOD. In her free time, she likes to chill with friends, overcommit to learning languages on Duolingo (currently she is attempting to learn Arabic and Turkish), and try to perfect the art of winged eyeliner. She is so excited for Hanszen O-Week 2020!!

ABBY WEBB
ADVISOR, ENGL, HANSZEN '22

Ah, an advisor of many talents! A writer who spends more time staring at the screen than actually typing, a humanities major at a majority-STEM school, and an avid fan of picking up random hobbies and dropping them just as quickly, Abby Webb may not have it all, but she tries. Oh how she tries. Studying English, theater, and sociology, she dreams of going to grad school; but who knows which way the wind will blow? Abby doesn't! Currently a junior at Hanszen, she dabbles in stage productions like The Vagina Monologues and participates in RicePride, Rice's Alliance for Mental Health Awareness, and the Women's Resource Center. Her top three self-isolation activities? Drawing memes to make mood board collages, playing Animal Crossing (not New Horizons because she can't afford a Switch), and making jewelry from random stuff around the house. Her biggest piece of advice to new students? Never take 3 English classes in one semester.

RADHIKA PATEL
RHA AFFILIATE, PSYC, HANSZEN '21

Looking for an OG who keeps it PG? Lower your gaze and keep on the lookout for a 5 foot Indian girl (probably sprawled out on the floor), and you might just find Radhika Patel! But don't let her looks deceive you, because she's one of the sassiest people on campus and she Knows It. She'll always have your back and doesn't shy away from a fight (just the metaphorical ones, of course). Hailing from the (mediocre) city of Sugarland, Radhika knows all the best places to hang out in and around Houston and is an expert in finding restaurants with great vegetarian options. She's lactose intolerant but that doesn't stop her from slamming back ice cream, quesadillas, and really anything with cheese. Entering old age, Radhika is a rising senior majoring in Psychology (she wanted to be a behavioral analyst like on Criminal Minds until freshman year when her professor shattered her dreams and told her it was all fake science). You can almost always find her studying in the commons or binging Netflix. Like a true Marvel stan (especially Thor because oh my), Radhika is SUPER at volunteering at local hospitals like Memorial Hermann and Texas Children's and also through organizations such as Global Brigades and GirlStart. As one of your friendly neighborhood RHAs, Radhika loves helping people through hard times and is always there to provide a shoulder to cry on or a good laugh. Compassionate, empathetic, and always there for you, Radhika can't wait to meet you at Rice and welcome you to Hanszen college!



TEAM PHABULOUS
PEER ACADEMIC ADVISORS

BILL QIAN
PAA, COMP, HANSZEN '23

Thank your lucky stars to be assigned to Hanszen College because you are going to meet peer academic advisor Bill Qian, whose passion is being a fan of everyone in his life. Hailing from Shanghai, Bill is a sophomore majoring in computer science. As a peer academic advisor (PAA), he is going to help you navigate through Rice's academic resources. If you have any academic related questions or need help with homework, he will be always there for you. Because he often goes around campus looking for a perfect spot to study, he claims that he has found the building with the highest water quality. Aside from tasting water all over campus, he also loves playing sports -- not only is he god like at ping pong, but he also scored the first points in every game he played for Hanszen IM's basketball team. A staunch Hanszen champion, after living at McMurtry for months, Bill will still tell you Hanszen has his heart. Buckle up and get ready for finding a great friend in this PAA!

HEATHER KONG
PAA, KINE, HANSZEN '23

All the way from sunny San Jose, California, Heather Kong is a bubbly and hip sophomore studying Kinesiology with a Health Sciences concentration! This gal is always up to something, whether it's working on her incredible flexibility during a yoga session, helping out some kiddos at Camp Kesem, or admiring the beautiful dessert case at the Brochstein Pavilion. When she's not planning her day on Google Calendar or expanding her horizons with all of the cool programs at the Center for Civic Leadership, you can find her at the nearest poke place munching on some delicious salmon poke with white rice, ponzu sauce, and basically all the toppings (except spicy things because her head will literally radiate heat for some reason) or learning how to skateboard (fun fact: Heather is officially a skaterboi). If you ever need a friend to talk to about academics or just life in general, Heather will soon become your go-to. She is one of the kindest and most considerate people at Hanszen; she will always stop to help you with your problems or put a smile on your face (especially with her stuffed corgi, Dave). Heather would love to help you out with anything and everything; she can't wait to meet y'all!

ARSHIA BATRA
PAA, MTEC/CSCI, HANSZEN '22

She might live in H-town but her heart lies somewhere between small town Texas and the sunny beaches of California, it's Arshia Batra! This junior Cognitive Science and Math Econ major may always seem like she's on her academics grind, but she's more than happy to pitch in with advice whenever you need it! Lucky for you, she is going to be one of your O-Week PAAs and will be so excited to 4 year plan with you! You can usually catch her at the Rec at Bhangra practice or scrolling through restaurant menus in the corner of fondy 6th. Don't let her busy schedule fool you though! She's more than willing to learn tiktok dances with you or go on late night boba runs (her blood is 97% passion fruit green tea with boba and lychee jelly)! Hold the door for her, and she'll love you forever - if you see her around, don't be afraid to say hi!

PIYUSHA KUNDU
PAA, PSYC, HANSZEN '23

Alright everyone, get ready to meet Piyusha Kundu from Sudbury, MA! She's majoring in psychology with a minor in neuroscience, class of 2023. If she isn't getting her work done at the beautiful Jones business school, Piyusha is probably saving someone's life on her REMS shift (or helping to bandage her friend's broken nail), running across the field during a powderpuff game, or rock climbing with friends on a Friday night. If you are looking for someone to have an intellectual conversation with (as someone who once participated in a passionate debate with her friend on how a car cigarette lighter works), want a workout buddy to go hit up a cycling class, trying to find someone to go thrifting with, or need an amazing friend with genuine nuggets of wisdom, look no further because Piyusha is YOUR person! With a laugh that is infectious and kindness and good vibes that literally radiate, Piyusha is so excited to welcome you all to the best, most amazing college ever: Hanszen!

TEAM PHOTOVIDEO
MEDIA TEAM

ABRAM QIU
PHOTOGRAPHER, BIOE, HANSZEN '22

Abram Qiu is a Bioengineering major in the class of 2022 from Hanszen. He hails from the largest city in America without a public transportation system, the incredible Arlington, Texas. Abram enjoys photography and editing videos whenever he gets the chance. He's part of Kesem (feel free to ask him about it!) and Rice's yearbook. A hobby of his is gaining access to places on campus. So far, he has tricked his way into the BRC, the OEDK, and the Student Center media offices. Hopefully he'll get the keys to Leebron's office by the end of this year. Abram's new favorite thing is liminal spaces - the best of which on campus is the academic quad at 3:32 AM. His previous thing was going really fast in a friend's Honda Civic while playing the Batman tumbler theme music on the subwoofers in the trunk. Abram also enjoys reading science-fiction and watching Netflix shows.

IBRAHIM ELSHARKAWY
PHOTOGRAPHER, PHYS/CAAM/PHIL, HANSZEN '23

From the class of 2023, Ibrahim Elsharkawy will be serving as one of your o-week photographers. He is from the great city of Houston, and is currently looking into a triple major plan, combining Physics, CAAM, and Philosophy. He enjoys Photography (no surprise there), and has dabbled in the realm of Astrophotography. He loves tech, basically anything to do with space or physics, late night philosophical debates, and cycling as part of the fantastic Hanszen Beer Bike team. Catch him studying in the loft or having fun with friends after 3 am.

KESHAV WAGLE
VIDEOGRAPHER, VADA, HANSZEN '22

Hailing from the great state of Iowa, Keshav Wagle is a junior studying Film and Photography on the pre-med track. When he's not busy studying in the RMC, he enjoys producing short films, playing video games, watching competitive Smash Bros (he could talk about it for hours), and participating in all of his various extracurricular groups! He enjoys singing in Basmati Beats, making people laugh in Spontaneous Combustion, Rice's best and only improv comedy troupe, and playing oboe in the Campanile Orchestra. He is extremely excited to be a part of CrescendO Week, and can't wait to make an amazing video for you all!

NASHA WANICHWECHARUNGRUANG
VIDEOGRAPHER, COMP, HANSZEN '23

Nasha Wanichwecharungruang, with the current longest last name on campus as of spring 2020 :P), is a class of 2023 computer science major with a (potential) minor in data science or arts. She's originally from Bangkok, Thailand, and outside of school, she enjoys going on food adventures, taking aesthetic pictures and videos, and binging on Studio Ghibli films! :D

INTRO TO HANSZEN COLLEGE

WHAT IS HANSZEN?

Hanszen College, without question, is the best residential college at Rice. Located on the corner of Loop Road and Alumni Drive, our location is one to be envied. We have the privilege of being closest to the Rice Memorial Center (read: Coffeehouse), the Hoot, Tudor Fieldhouse, the Recreation Center, the Bioscience Research Collaborative, and two parking lots. We are also closest to Rice Village, a Chipotle, and a Starbucks, where you will too-often visit to satiate your hunger at all hours. But Hanszen is so much more than its location. Our wide grassy quad is adorned with our mascot, the Guardian. We take pride in the Guardian, as it represents Hanszen's ferocity and passion, and also protects us from the evil-doings of other colleges. You'll often see people out in the quad studying on the picnic tables, grilling burgers, or just playing volleyball. Look up from the quad and you'll see our towering glass and brick Commons, the nicest at Rice. The Commons are the social epicenter of Hanszen College and have two main parts: downstairs or the Lower Commons (LC) is where we eat all of our meals and host our public parties; upstairs or the Upper Commons (UC) houses a number of classrooms, a game room, a library, and a lobby with several couches and an always occupied ping pong table.

CIVIL WAR

S'MORES

HANSZEN COMMUNITY

KARAOKE NIGHT

At the end of the day, what makes Hanszen so great are the people and the sense of community we foster. Hanszenites always look out for one another and are there for each other through successes and failures. At Hanszen, you'll form close friendships and fond memories that you will cherish for the rest of your life. Soon enough, you'll start calling Hanszen "home," finding yourself decked out in Hanszen regalia, painting up blue and yellow for sporting events, and waking up without a voice from chanting "HFH" at the top of your lungs. It truly is difficult to put every amazing aspect of Hanszen into one short letter, but we know that as each of you progress throughout O-Week and into your Rice careers, you will not only benefit from Zen's embracing culture, but also make your own mark on our history. We are unbelievably excited to welcome you into the Hanszen family!

HISTORY

And now, for a little crash course on Hanszen History. In 1957, William V. Houston, Rice's second President, initiated the college system, making Hanszen College one of the four original colleges. The college took the name Hanszen in honor of Harry Clay Hanszen, a member of the Rice University Board of Governors from 1946 to 1950, whose wealth came from his ventures in the oil industry. Hanszen was once known as the "Gentleman's College" because members, at that time all-male, were required to wear neckties to dinner. However, by the 1960s, most students just wore a piece of string around their necks. The tradition was stopped when a student protested by wearing only a necktie to dinner.

Hanszen was first on campus (along with Baker College) to open to both genders in 1973. Hanszen males took advantage of the change in the early 1980s to develop the men's drill team, the Hanszenettes, which performed at powderpuff football games. In 1975, tragedy struck Hanszen College when the Commons burned to the ground. Allegedly, a large pile of mattresses put there while renovating Old Section was ignited, possibly by a worker's cigarette. Hanszen students ate their meals in the Grand Hall until a new Commons was built. Hanszenites embraced the change, happily adopting the nickname "The Uncollege" that had been created by other colleges.

We have made some important contributions to the development of Rice. For example, Hanszen founded Rice Coffeehouse in what is now the Weenie Loft. Started in the late 1960s, the "Corner of the Dreaming Monkey" would fill a major caffeine need for the Rice community. It was closed when Willy's Pub opened in 1975 and became a haven for social culture. Additionally, our campus-wide radio station, KTRU, started when some students altered the room buzzer system that ran throughout Hanszen into a radio transmission network. The University would eventually recognize the presence of the radio network and reward it with the facilities and equipment that allowed it to become the area-wide station that exists today. Though long ago Hanszen was known as the "Gentleman's College" and "The Uncollege," we have now become known as the "Family College."

HANSZEN PRE-FIRE

HANSZEN TRADITIONS

BEER BIKE

CRANE DAY

With the motto "Tradition and Novelty," it's no surprise that Hanszen has some great traditions and is making more every year! **CRANE DAY** is one of most well known traditions that we celebrate. In 2002, when Wiess was undergoing construction, a giant crane malfunctioned and swung out of control, stopping above Hanszen's New Section. Forced to evacuate because of the crane dangling above them, Hanszenites gathered in the Quad. Rather than simply go about their day, the students decided to skip all of their classes, bring out a keg, and party in the Quad. As a result, Hanszenites continue to celebrate Crane Day every year.

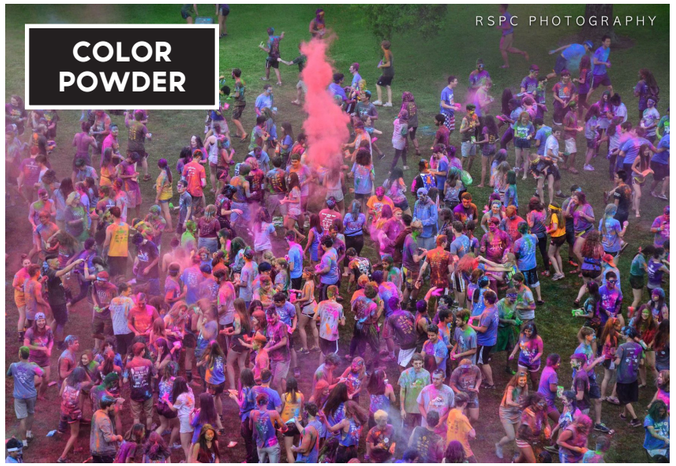
On many a Friday afternoon, you can find the Quad teeming with Hanszenites for **FUN IN THE QUAD**. A designated space for relaxation after a long week, Giant Jenga, Connect Four, and cornhole are set up, as are a plethora of drinks and snacks. A game of volleyball or soccer is always underway, and a Hanszenite's excellent playlist blasts from the speakers as we enjoy pizza or Cane's.

Of course, many traditions also stem from **BEER BIKE**, which is a campus-wide bike and chugging race that occurs in March. During Willy Week, the week leading up to Beer Bike, colleges will pull pranks on each other (called "**JACKS**"). These are coordinated by our very own Guardian, the lovely James Lewis. The Thresher (Rice's student-run newspaper) has noted one of our jacks as one of the best jacks of all time. Every year, Hanszen pulls two jacks on Wiess. One is **JAILBREAK**, where Hanszenites wake up Wiessmen early in the morning, and everyone has a dance party. The other is **WIESS WALL**, where Hanszenites build a wall between New Section and the Commons so that Wiessmen have to walk all the way around Hanszen, instead of through it, to get to class.

On the day of Beer Bike, Hanszen has a huge **COLOR POWDER CELEBRATION** before the water balloon fight, which is well-attended by all the residential colleges. During the campus-wide water balloon fight, Hanszen always lasts the longest because our dedicated Hanszenites fill at least thirty trashcan's worth of water balloons during Willy Week. Moreover, to sharpen our water balloon aim, we have **HANSZEN CIVIL WAR** in the fall, a massive water balloon fight between New Section and Old Section, held in the quad.

Finally, over the years, *our* Committees have started several traditions, such as **THE PORKER** for the Hanszen vs. Wiess Powderpuff football game and **HANSZEN ON ICE**, where we rent out the ice skating rink at the Galleria. As the first college to create and use a crest, you come from a long line of trendsetters, so who knows? Maybe you'll start the next Hanszen tradition. The Hanszen difference is that our college is not merely a dorm or a social group: it's a family. Starting with the love and care from our Magisters, RAs, and College Coordinator, the college embodies the **CULTURE OF CARE** that Rice emphasizes on the university level. Everyone is willing to help out a fellow Hanszenite, and we have a long-standing tradition of paying it forward. We are the Family College for a reason, and we cannot wait for you to be a part of it!

CIVIL WAR


COLOR POWDER

RSPC PHOTOGRAPHY

NAMESAKE: Harry Clay Hanszen

YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1957

FOUNDING ORDER: 3rd of 11

COLORS: Royal Blue and Yellow

MASCOT: The Guardian

HANSZEN ON ICE

THEME SONG: "MMMBop" by Hanson

FRIENDLY RIVAL: Wiess College

SISTER COLLEGE: Brown College

NICKNAME: The Family College

MOTTO: Tradition and Novelty

H-TEAM

WHAT IS THE H-TEAM?

Every college has a group of adults who help run the college, consisting of the Magisters, the Resident Associates (RAs), and the College Coordinator. At Hanszen, we call these people collectively the H-Team (short for "Hanszen-Team"). Hanszen has two Magisters, two sets of two RAs (one set in Old Section, the other in New Section), and one College Coordinator. They are attached to the college because they chose to be, so they are often some of the most spirited members of our college. They all had to go through a rigorous application and interview process that is run by a committee made up of students in the college. They have all been at Rice for years, know the ins-and-outs of administration, and are great resources to use for things like academic or career advice. They are also just interesting people that are great to get to know.

THE MAGISTERS

Each residential college has a set of Magisters. College Magisters are Rice faculty members who have been selected by the college for a five-year term. Like RAs, Magisters live on-campus at the college they are a part of, although most colleges have a separate Magisters' House nearby instead of an attached apartment. At Hanszen, our Magisters live in the Hanszen House, which is adjacent to New Section. Magisters are a resource to the college and are around to help students with any needs they may have, whether they are academic needs, work or career-related needs, or even just to talk about their life and chat. At Hanszen, our Magisters arrange museum tours, plan trips to live music venues, and host special events such as Thanksgiving brunch for those who stay on campus. Overall, the Magisters are here to help us in any way that they can and love to get to know New Students and Hanszenites.

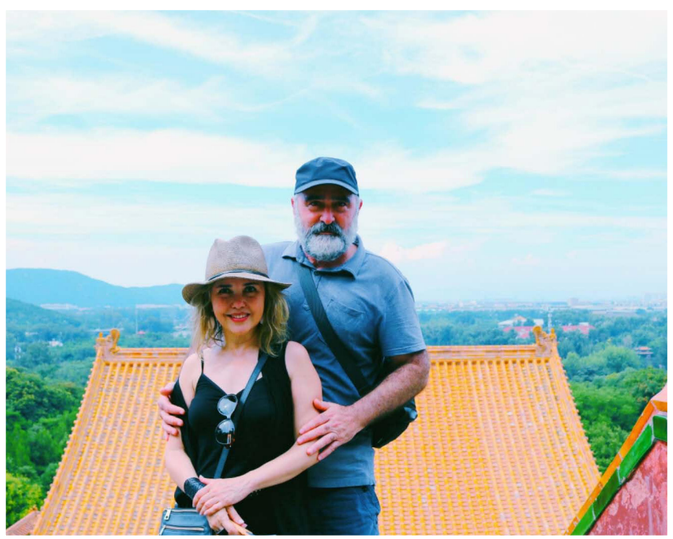
THE COLLEGE COORDINATOR

Every college has a College Coordinator. The College Coordinator works in an office in the Lower Commons that is open every weekday. You can pick up or send off mail from this office, as well as use various office supplies that the coordinator may have. College Coordinators are often the people to go to when you have a question as well (Joyce has been at Hanszen since 2006, so she pretty much knows all there is to know). The College Coordinator is another part of our fantastic adult team, and Joyce is a great resource that you can reach out to while at Hanszen and Rice.

THE RESIDENT ASSOCIATES (RAS)

Unlike other universities, RAs at Rice are actually faculty or staff rather than upperclassmen. Rather than serving the purpose of patrolling the hallways and getting students in trouble, they serve as another adult resource that you can go to for advice and support. They often host fun study breaks both at Hanszen and off campus, and they are excited to help cultivate Hanszen culture!

THE MAGISTERS:
FABIOLA LÓPEZ-DURÁN & CARLOS PELAYO MARTÍNEZ



Fabiola López-Durán and Carlos Pelayo Martínez, Magisters of Hanszen College, are thrilled to welcome you to the Hanszen community! They look forward to assisting you to succeed in your academic career at Rice University and to make the most out of living in Houston—one of the largest and more fascinating cities in the country. They are here to foster the intellectual and social life of the residential college and to accompany you in your own personal journey during your years at Rice.

Fabiola and Carlos are both Venezuelans but from opposite sides of the country. They met in Caracas, when Carlos was just moving back after spending five years working in agriculture in the rice fields of the countryside and Fabiola was just setting up her home in the Venezuelan capital after coming back from graduate school in Italy and France.

Fabiola, Associate Professor of art and architectural history in the Department of Art History, was originally trained as an architect and as a museum professional in Venezuela and Europe. After a decade teaching at the Universidad Simón Bolívar in Caracas, working at the National Museum of Fine Arts, and conducting diverse interdisciplinary museum projects in Europe and Latin America, Fabiola decided to come back to school in 2002 to pursue a Ph.D. in History, Theory and Criticism of Architecture and Art at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), a bastion of science and technology education, which considers the arts and humanities as essential for both educating great scientists and engineers and for sustaining an extraordinary capacity for innovation. Perhaps, that is the reason behind the interdisciplinary nature of her research and her commitment to teaching from interdisciplinary perspectives, identifying connections between fields that are often treated as compartmentalized phenomena within specific disciplines. Prior to joining the Rice University faculty, she was the 2009-2011 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities at the Department of History of Art at the University of California-Berkeley, where she developed a profound interest in political ecology and environmental issues. She also has a long trajectory extending her intellectual reach into new areas of investigation and collaboration with contemporary artists and architects from around the world.

Carlos was trained in business at the Universidad Metropolitana in Caracas, Venezuela, and has over 25 years of management experience in a variety of industries including agriculture, biotechnology, international trade, and adventure tourism. He also has a long record volunteering in non-profit organizations from his work at La Cocina, a kitchen incubator in San Francisco that helps low-income food entrepreneurs (mostly immigrant women) to formalize their businesses, to his work for many months after hurricane Harvey with the Red Cross in Houston. Currently, Carlos found a passion for woodworking and video production. Carlos feels at home in the skills he learned in his youth, when learned craft along with mathematics and sciences as equal parts of the curriculum, materializing the intimate relation that exists between problem finding and solving, technique and expression, work and play. "I am a producer," he said, "and an outdoor enthusiast," who enjoys creating and implementing administrative processes and procedures, designing and producing objects and furniture, and organizing hike, bike, and kayak excursions to the most fascinating places, including the Amazon in Brazil and the Santa Elena Canyon in West Texas.

They are both passionate about Houston and its surroundings, and both are also very active in the cultural life of the city. Fabiola collaborates on a regular basis with the various cultural institutions in the city, from the Museum of Fine Arts Houston to the Sicardi-Ayers-Bacino Art Gallery, and Carlos is a member of an art collective called Tarraya and collaborates with TransArt Foundation for Art and Anthropology and other institutions. He is the technical director of LASSER-Houston—a broadcast program of MIT's journal Leonardo, whose first iterations in Houston has been hosted by TransArt. Both enjoy the vibrant life of the city and cannot wait to share their favorite places with the new Hanzenites!

They are thrilled to welcome each of you to Hanszen, to Rice, and to Houston!

COLLEGE COORDINATOR:
JOYCE BALD

Hello and welcome to Hanszen! My name is Joyce and I have been in charge of the college office for 14 years, but have worked at Rice for 22 years. I am a native Texan and attended the Bradford School of Business. Officially, I assist the Magisters with the administration of Hanszen. Unofficially, I am the daytime RA, mail guru, answerer of questions, and holder of all keys to Hanszen.

Students are the heart of Hanszen and should not hesitate to come to me anytime to ask for life advice, rant about a class, figure out how to approach a difficult situation, or to gain a different perspective to any issue. While you are in the Hanszen office you can pick up your packages from home, send or receive a fax, make copies, buy a stamp, or (everyone's favorite) raid the candy jar. However, the best thing about the Hanszen office is that it is a GREAT place to take a break from your studies and just hang out!

During your time at Hanszen you will probably hear about my family and I. I was born in Houston and raised about 20 miles south in Pearland. I have been told I have a definite Texas accent! Y'all can let me know when you arrive! I have been married for 32 years to my high school sweetheart, Anthony. We have 3 sons, 2 wonderful daughters-in-law, and 2 beautiful grandchildren. Our family is very active in our church, and we love watching movies, especially sci-fi. Yes, I am a "trekie"! I also enjoy reading, hiking, gardening, cooking, and playing with our 3 dogs.

We are all very excited about your arrival. As with all new additions to a family, you will become a very important part of our family bringing your own personality and ideas. I look forward to learning all about you! Until then I hope you have a wonderful summer. If you have any questions, please call me at 713-348-4024 or send me an email at joyce@rice.edu. I will be in the office most of the summer and I would love to hear from you.

RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATES:
LEBENA VARGHESE & NICK BOURGEOIS

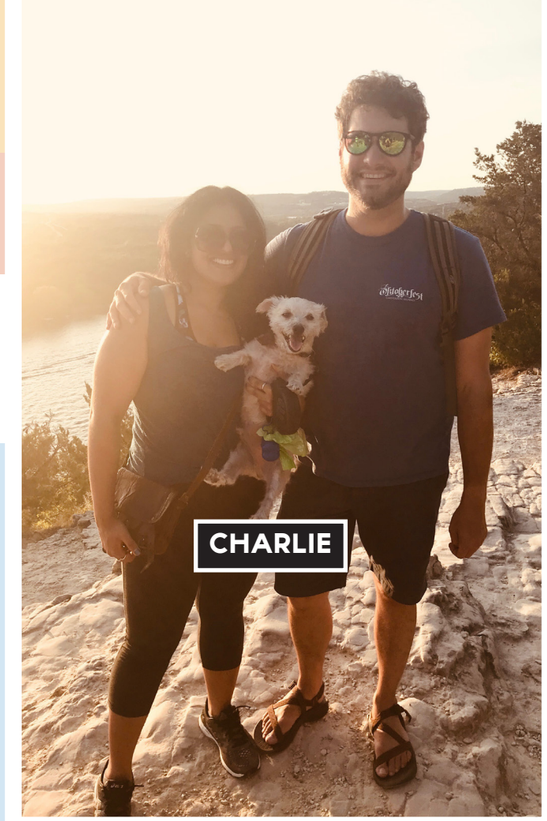
Hello Hanszenites! We are one set of the RAs and we are thrilled to have you as part of the Hanszen family. Lebena and Nick met in Houston. Charlie is their naughty dog son whose saving grace is his cute little face.

Lebena is from Abu Dhabi and received her undergraduate degree from Christ College in Bangalore, India; M.S. from University of Manchester; and PhD from Northern Illinois University. She is a research manager at the Baker Institute of Public Policy and is an absolute foodie. She loves to cook and is looking forward to sharing her culinary creations (both savory and sweet) with you.

Nick's family moved around quite a bit but they eventually settled in Baytown, Texas. He received an undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University and a M.A. from University of California, Merced.

Nick is an archeologist at an archeological consulting firm and likes to spend his free time camping, caving, and all things outdoors. Nick has promised to at least organize a few study breaks that involves biking and taking Hanszenties beyond the hedges of Rice.

As a couple they enjoy going to Rocket games and the local theatres to watch plays. Traveling is a shared interest of theirs and being foodies comes with the territory. They have a few recommendations for you be it microbreweries or restaurants in Houston. They are ardent fans of superhero movies- DC or Marvel doesn't matter, all of them are avengers to them! They would like to invite you to their study breaks which is an ideal time for all Hanszenties to leave work behind and socialize.

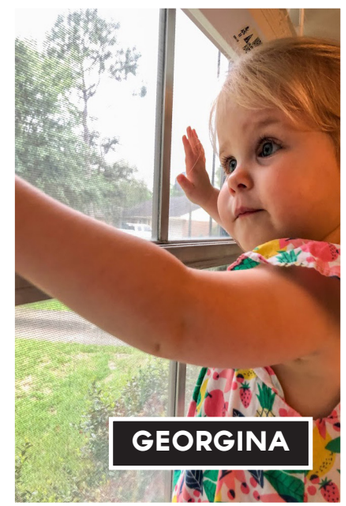


RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATES:
BRYN & NEAL DUGRE

Hey Hanszen! We are Bryn and Neal Dugre and we are thrilled to be your RAs! This is our first year as RAs and we're excited to learn all the Hanszen traditions alongside you. We met the first few weeks of college at our alma mater, Elon University. We've been married for 10 years, have been Houstonians for six, and have a two-year-old daughter, Georgina.

Bryn grew up in rural Virginia and is a bona fide debutante. Send any etiquette questions her way. At Elon she majored in two English concentrations: Creative Writing and Literature. Her passion for English contributes to her love of reading and her Instagram captions. Bryn has been the Operations Administrator in the Earth, Environmental, & Planetary Sciences (EEPS) department at Rice for four years, working with the chair on special projects and as event planner extraordinaire for all EEPS department events. She listens to a lot of podcasts and is currently working her way through Armchair Expert and Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me! You'll likely see her walking around campus with headphones trying to catch the latest episode.

Neal also hails from the East Coast: Massachusetts (the best of all the commonwealths, however much Bryn would beg to differ). Neal is an Assistant Professor of Early American History at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on U.S. history, American Indian history, and all aspects of the colonial period. Unsurprisingly, his research focuses on seventeenth-century New England, which is to say that he knows more than you will ever want to know about the puritans. Whereas most normal children grow up watching cartoons or sports, Neal grew up watching cooking shows on his local PBS station. The silver-lining of this unusual upbringing is that he is now an excellent cook and baker, skills you will no doubt benefit from during your time at Hanszen.



Georgina loves dogs, from afar, and will spot them wherever she goes. She's learning an appreciation for pools and splashpads, and loves to read books and sing. You will probably see her running around the quad or commons, and letting you know there's a squirrel or bird over there. Ooh look, there's another one!

We look forward to hosting weekly study breaks and plan to make lots of goodies to feed hungry Hanszenites. We live in Old Section, apartment 105. Please stop by and say hello. We can't wait to meet you!

ASSOCIATES

Hanszen College Associates are faculty, staff, and community members who are a vital part of Hanszen and are committed to engaging, mentoring, and serving as a resource for students as well as each other. Associates get involved in Hanszen in a wide variety of ways, including having meals at Hanszen during the week, attending and hosting sporting events and study breaks, and holding interesting lectures and entertaining movie nights in the quad, all with the goal of enriching intellectual, cultural, and social life at the college. There is no prescription for how Associates contribute to the college because each Associate brings a unique set of experiences and perspectives. During O-Week, you will be introduced to a few Associates, but these meetings are just a small introduction to our amazing Associates program. During your first year, you'll have many more opportunities to meet even more 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 around campus, be sure to stop and introduce yourself! You never know when your connections with these professionals, both in and out of Rice, will help you in the future.

ASSOCIATE MENTORS

First Year Mentors are members of Rice faculty who are also Hanszen Associates. They provide students with guidance on issues related to both academic and personal development when needed. Each O-Week group is assigned one First Year Mentor, who will participate in some events during and after O-Week, such as O-Week lunches. Mentors have the opportunity to assist New Students with their transition to Rice, provide a trusted source of guidance and informed support, share specific knowledge and insights about their own areas of expertise, engage in a residential college community, and significantly impact the lives of undergraduates.

ASSOCIATES EVENTS

HANSZENITES AND THEIR ASSOCIATES

FALL ASSOCIATE NIGHT

A themed, Hanszen-only sit-down dinner in the Commons. It's a great night to dress up, socialize with the Associates, and eat a delicious meal!

PANCAKE-OFF

PANCAKE-OFF STUDY BREAK:

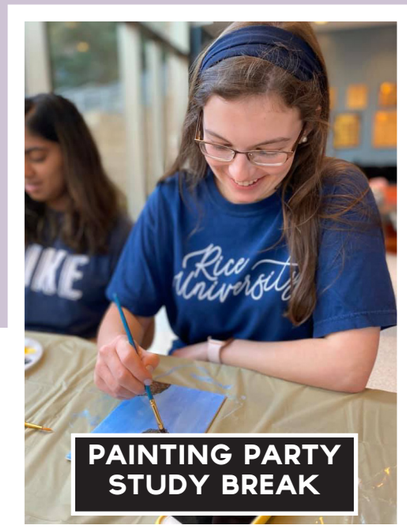
Held in the Fall, students and Associates compete in a pancake art contest. It's a fun way to take a break from studying, get creative, and eat some pretty pancakes.

SPRING ASSOCIATES NIGHT (A.K.A. AWARDS NIGHT):

Similar to Fall Associates night, this event also includes an awards ceremony honoring members of the Hanszen community. It's a great way to celebrate the end of the year and reflect back on all of the memories you've shared with your Associates and friends.

ASSOCIATES AT AWARDS NIGHT

BUBBLE STUDY BREAK


PAINTING PARTY STUDY BREAK

AND MUCH MORE!

Many of our wonderful associates will hold a variety of super fun study breaks throughout the year.

CABINET

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student government at Rice comes at two levels: campus wide (the Student Association) and at the college level. Each college has their own student government that meets weekly or bi-weekly. Here at Hanszen, we meet every Wednesday at 10:10pm in the Upper Commons! Now, government can sound a little boring, but our Cabinet is a lot of fun! Our meetings can act as a quick study break, a socializing period, or a snack break, but most importantly, Cab is a time to give important announcements and inform Hanszenites of issues relating to our college.

The Executive Cabinet consists of the President, Chief Justice, two Vice Presidents (Internal and External), two Treasurers, two Secretaries, and three Socials. In addition, there are three Class Reps per year that provide food each week and represent their class as voting members on Cabinet.

On top of that, Hanszen boasts a number of different Committees that serve a number of different roles. We have Committees that are solely devoted to food, sports, events, and anything you can imagine! If you have an idea for a cool event or opportunity, you can approach any of these Committees to see your idea come to fruition! The beauty about student government is the COUNTLESS ways to become involved or serve in some sort of leadership role! Sometimes classes can be a bit of a time-suck, but there are so many roles that have varying time commitments that allow everyone to serve in any type of capacity. Get ready to be involved in great events, traditions, and improvements to our Hanszen culture through our Cabinet!

GREEK LIFE CABINET

JUSTICE LEAGUE

The Hanszen Justices are seven elected members of Hanszen who are in charge of various duties throughout the year: Room Draw, Parking Draw, elections, noise complaints, and College Court. It's our priority to make our home a safe and fun environment for all Hanszenites. The group is composed of the Chief Justice (CJ), Jarrett Prchal, and six Associate Justices (AJs).

The Justices work to make Hanszen a place where everyone is comfortable. It's important for the CJ to know what's going on around Hanszen so that he can respond to matters appropriately. Noise complaints can be made to the CJ or AJs, if you are uncomfortable asking your neighbors to quiet down. The CJ also works with Student Judicial Programs to shape the Rice Alcohol Policy and how the administration handles parties. Keep an eye out on your Rice email for news - the CJ is a listserv regular.

When it's time to decide housing and parking for the following academic year, the Justices are in charge of running the Draws. Draws can be a stressful time of year, so look out for emails from the CJ on how to navigate the process.

Occasionally, people will break rules or destroy property. Instead of elevating these issues to the Rice administration or even the H-Team, the Justices have a system for dealing with problems internally. As strong supporters of self-governance, this is a softer way to learn from mistakes. If a College Court case is opened, the accused can choose either a closed or open hearing. The Hanszen College Judicial Code will govern the proceedings. The College Court can dole out fines and community service hours, depending on the infraction.

SEE YOU THERE AT 10:10 PM ON WEDNESDAYS!

EXECUTIVE CABINET

PRESIDENT:
Nikhita Gangla
INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT:
Morgan Seay
EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT:
Chris Lee
TREASURERS:
Amber Pitre & Dani Knobloch
SECRETARIES:
Ari Vilker & Tanuj Prajapati
SOCIALS:
Felix Desimoni, Jade McAdams, & Vickie Liu

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

SENIOR REPS:
Evan Dekhayser, Rose Click, & Ryan Davidson
JUNIOR REPS:
Amanda Mae Ashley, Arshia Batra, & Daniel Rothfusz,
SOPHOMORE REPS:
Anthony Guzzo, Carlos Rivera, & Ella Hoyt
NEW STUDENT REPS:
TBD (This could be you!)

APPOINTED POSITIONS

PARLIAMENTARIAN:
Mason Reece
GUARDIAN:
James Lewis
HISTORIANS:
Amber Pitre, Caitlin Simcox, Joanna Wang, Keshav Wagle, Lisa Shi, Michelle Martinez, & Vy Dang
WEBMASTER:
Alp Yakıcı & Jonathan Sheng
KEEPER OF THE CLOCK:
Hope Moustakakis

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

STUDENT ASSOCIATION (SA) SENATOR:
Leigh Gabriely
SA NEW STUDENT REPS:
TBD (This could also be you!)
HONOR COUNCIL REPS:
Amy Lin & Syed Shams
RICE PROGRAM COUNCIL (RPC) REP:
Will Ledig
U-COURT REP:
Keshav Wagle
STRIVE LIAISONS:
Isabelle Scott, Michelle Martinez, Nellie Chen, & Vickie Liu
OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REP:
Hanna Gratch

PRESIDENT

Hey New Hanszenites!

CONGRATULATIONS on being accepted to one of the greatest schools in the country, and on top of that, for becoming a part of the absolute best residential college at Rice - Hanszen!
I'm Nikhita, and I will be your Hanszen President this upcoming year. I'm a rising senior majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering. I hail from Singapore, so I'm pretty used to the heat that Houston brings. Even if that's not the case for you, the warmth of the Hanszen Family Heart is much easier to get used to than Houston's - I promise!

As your President, it is my job to make sure that your voices are heard and that your needs are met. This could mean a wide variety of things - from helping you organize a way to bring Hanszenites together, to bringing your perspectives on the issues that matter the most to you to Rice Administration, to simply lending a listening ear. I'm here as your advocate, your ally and your confidante, and want to support you and celebrate your successes and growth throughout your journey at Rice!

A question you might be asking right now is how my role tangibly takes effect, and this is a great and important concern. I'm responsible for leading our college government, and for representing Hanszen at a campus-wide level. I attend Student Association meetings, or Senate, each week and make sure that the concerns and voices of Hanszenites are heard there. I routinely meet with the Dean of Undergraduates and various other administrators to discuss ways to improve the Rice undergraduate experience. Finally, I run the Hanszen Government, or Cabinet meetings which take place every Wednesday at 10:10 PM. You are all encouraged to attend and participate - this is where any Hanszenite can bring up and discuss the issues that are important to us as a college, and make money and space requests for our events (we also have free food and the entire thing is generally a good time)! All the work I do is to make this community better, so if you have any ideas or projects that you would like to see implemented, I want to see you succeed, and can help connect you with any resource that you may need.

There's a resounding theme throughout all of this - this community is here to help you, and no matter where you may come from or what your interests may be - there's a place for you at Hanszen! Whether you decide to run for one of our New Student Representative positions in Cabinet, help out occasionally with Hanszen events, or just would play a game (or 10) of Smash in the game room, there are plenty of ways to be involved. Your involvement and your participation is what keeps the culture (which happens to be the best out of all colleges at this university) alive, and I'm really excited to watch you all take part in the community in whichever way invigorates you most.

Y'all, it is my utmost honor and privilege to welcome all of you to Hanszen, and to make you part of our Hanszen Family Heart. You are truly one of the lucky few. Welcome home.

Nikhita

Nikhita Gangla

CHIEF JUSTICE

Hey New Students!

My name is Jarrett Prchal, and I am excited to welcome you to Hanszen! I am a junior studying Mechanical Engineering, originally from Glenview, Illinois. Hanszen has become a home for me and I look forward to helping make it a second home for you as well. Here at Hanszen, we pride ourselves in providing a place for everyone to find their niche, regardless of what that may be. Whether you already know what you are looking for, or you are excited to explore a bunch of new opportunities, there is a place for you in the Hanszen Family Heart.

I serve as Hanszen's Chief Justice. Officially, my job is to enforce the college judicial code and serve as an intermediary between Hanszenites and other college and campus-wide officials. Although my job description includes enforcing rules, I am not here to police anyone. The Chief Justice position exists to help everyone understand the expectations of both our college and administration and to keep all students safe. I will discuss with all of you what the rules look like and how to protect yourself. I am also a resource if you feel at all unsafe, if you need someone to quiet down, or if you need to just vent. My goal is to make sure you are comfortable.

Beyond serving as CJ and keeping up with my work, I do my best to keep busy. I play on as many Hanszen IM Sports teams that will take me, and I also am a coach for our Powderpuff team. I am also a head for both the Spirit and Associates Committees and I am starting my first year as a Rice Health Advisor. Outside of Hanszen, I am serving as a Lead Student Affiliate for the Doerr Institute this year. I'm always excited to talk to you about your transition to college, anything that happens to be bothering you, or what you miss most about home. No matter what's on your mind, please reach out and I will do whatever I can to make Hanszen your home away from home!

I am looking forward to meeting all of you!

HFH,

Jarrett Prchal

JARRETT

COMMITTEES

Hanszen College government is by the people and for the people, and one of the best examples of this is our Committee System! In essence, Committees are groups of people with a similar passion, whether it be sports, community service, schmoozing with alumni, or cooking meat. Committees are the core of Hanszen College, as they are responsible for throwing all of our activities and events. Every Committee is run by a few Hanszenites and has its own budget, goals, functions, and responsibilities. The Committee System gives Hanszenites the freedom and the opportunity to control what happens in the college, throw new and quirky events, and grow and improve the college from year to year.

There are two types of Committees. The first is Standing Committees, which are constitutionally required to exist every year and are essential to the college functioning. The second type of Committee is called an Initiative Committee: it's run by a group of Hanszenites who are particularly passionate about something that isn't covered by the Standing Committees. Initiative Committees must be renewed every year, leaving a lot of room for growth and for Hanszenites to start brand new committees.

Finally, there is a way for Hanszenites to get involved without being a part of a committee. We have something called the Activities Fund. This is an awesome way for any Hanszenite to get funding to throw an event for the whole college. You apply for funding for your event/idea, and Cabinet will make a decision about which events to fund! If this sounds confusing, or you want to get involved with the Committees, feel free to talk to the Coords or any of the Committee heads below!

Many committees are dedicated to the planning of many of our traditions, including CNCD, FITQ, and Beer Bike. For example, Service Committee plans Mr. Hanszen, a male pageant where all proceeds are donated to a charity of their choice.

VALENTINE'S DAY STUDY BREAK

MR. HANSZEN CONTESTANTS

COMMITTEE HEADS

STANDING

ALUMNI:
Janya Ram, Jeffrey Salgado, Lauren Ivory & Syed Shams

ASSOCIATES:
Jarrett Prchal, Michelle Martinez, & Victoria Johns

AWARDS:
Amanda Mae Ashley, Daniel Rothfusz, Hannah Meeks, Mason Reece, & Nicky Valdivia

BEER BIKE:
Evan Dekhayser, Jade McAdams, Javen Patton, & Makayla Franco

COLLEGE NIGHT/CRANE DAY (CNCD):
Chris Lee, Javen Patton, Makayla Franco, Ryan Davidson, & Soha Rizvi

DIVERSITY:
Amy Lin, Lisa Shi, Makayla Franco, Michelle Martinez, Sanjana Krishnan, Soha Rizvi, & Vickie Liu

KITCHEN:
Ella Hoyt, Hannah Meeks, Jamie Chen, & Mason Reece

MERCHANDISE:
Amber Pitre, Caitlin Simcox, Chloe Hur, & Divya Venkatesh

OFF-CAMPUS:
Brianna Lee, Joey Black, Michelle Martinez, & Savannah Kuchar

SENIOR EVENTS:
Chris Villareal, Joey Black, Sanjana Krishnan, & Will Ledig

SERVICE:
Arshia Batra, Chidera Ibezue, Lauren Ivory, & Nana Mensah-Bonsu

SPIRIT:
Amber Pitre, Jarrett Prchal, Leigh Gabriely, & Victoria Johns

SPACES:
Evan Dekhayser, James Lewis, Luna Cortalezzi, Victoria Johns, & Will Ledig

SPORTS: Andreas Weyland, Anthony Bagamian, Carlos Rivera, Jade McAdams, & Sam Ramirez

INITIATIVE

BIKE:
Amanda Lopatin, Graham Curtis, Mason Reece, & Vy Dang

BREWING:
Alp Yakıcı & James Lewis

FUN IN THE QUAD (FITQ):
Evan Dekhayser, Felix Desimoni Lisa Shi, & Luna Cortalezzi

GRILLING:
Alp Yakici, Bert Odinet, Matthew Brun, & Tanuj Prajapati,

HEATS:
Esther Choi, Sam Ramirez, Tanuj Prajapati, & Vikram Aggarwal

BAKING:
Isabelle Scott, Leigh Gabriely , Mason Reece, & Natalie Gault

MOVIE:
Alexis Ellerbe, Lisa Shi, Soha Rizvi, & Whitney Jin

BIKE TEAM

POWDERPUFF TEAM

BEER RUN 2019

SPORTS

College sports are one of the most fun and relaxing ways to get involved at Hanszen. With sports ranging from the always-popular Powderpuff football to the annual swim meet, there are ways for everyone to get involved in a sport, regardless of your skill level.

Also, there is no better way to show off your Hanszen pride than competing as hard as you can on the field or court and beating Wiess in anything. There are even sports that are solely dedicated to New Students that offer a less competitive way to get involved from the first week of the school year. We've made quite a name for ourself on and off the field. Foes be warned: don't let our nice exteriors and friendly reputations fool you because we are a force to be reckoned with when the honor of Harry Hanszen is on the line. Shouts of "HFH!" can be heard on game days as we display our family spirit and Hanszen pride. Lose or win, we thank the referees and the opposing team at the end because we're just that classy.

Our fans are some of the best, so even if you don't choose to participate in a sport, make sure to come out and support your fellow Hanszenites! Also, every year, the President's Cup is awarded to the residential college with the most success across all of the sports, and with your help, we can win it next year! We can't wait to see you all on the fields where we will DOMINATE!

Last but not least, don't forget about Rice's biggest IM competition, the annual BEEEEER BIIIIIIKE! Practice for biking and chugging (water) at this event starts during the school year— if you're interested, feel free to reach out to the bike captains (Mason Reece, Graham Curtis, Vy Dang, and Amanda Lopatin) or chug captain (Dani Knobloch) for more information!!!

MOCK BIKE

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

You might have noticed that one common theme throughout this book is that at Hanszen, we value community above all else. The Culture of Care we strive to cultivate at Rice cannot exist without mutual respect and appreciation. Issues of race and particularly anti-Blackness have become more prominent than ever in light of recent events, though, of course, systemic racism has existed in the U.S. since its founding. It's important that as members of Hanszen College and Rice as a whole, we strive to promote equity, justice, and an inclusive environment, and not just for show. This manifests itself in lifting up and amplifying Black voices, learning about the ways in which we can use our privilege to help others, and not being silent or complacent in the face of racism. Being an active ally doesn't just mean standing up against acts of overt racism, but it also means constantly learning and educating yourself on both the history and lived experiences of Black people in America, acknowledging and addressing our own implicit biases, and calling out acts of covert racism, such as microaggressions, which often have a huge and decidedly not "micro" impact on BIPOC.

William Marsh Rice, the founder of this institution, was a slave owner. Rice's history of anti-Blackness and issues regarding inclusion is not pretty by any means. Though Rice may look different compared with a few decades ago, we still have an incredibly long way to go: there are infinitely many things we still must do to truly cultivate inclusivity at Rice. That starts with you. The Advising Team has spent hours training this year in the hopes that they will be better allies to you and to each other. At O-Week, you will attend Diversity Workshops and Presentations that help give you a better idea of what this looks like at Rice. In short, bigotry and prejudice will not be tolerated at Hanszen.

Beyond Hanszen, there are many active cultural clubs on campus that represent traditionally marginalized and underrepresented populations at Rice, and we encourage you to join these organizations, should you identify with these groups.

If you have any questions, please direct them to our Diversity Facilitators, Soha Rizvi at sar9@rice.edu and Amy Lin at asl9@rice.edu.

FINANCIAL ACCESSIBILITY

As the college is the crux of life at Rice and a focal point of social, cultural, and intellectual growth, Hanszen is committed to making the residential college experience accessible to all students regardless of their background. We've made financial accessibility a priority in order to increase access to all the resources and opportunities Hanszen has to offer. Almost every event on campus or purchasable item is subsidized in some shape or form, either by a Hanszen committee or the college budget itself. We also have the financial accessibility fund, a resource for low-income students managed by the Magisters, which covers any cost that the subsidies themselves don't. If you have any questions about financial accessibility in the college or across campus, please reach out to the Hanszen Magisters, Fabiola and Carlos!

Rice also provides free METRO Q-Cards for undergraduates! METRO is the light rail and bus public transportation system in Houston. From Hanszen, a 5 minute walk can get you to the light rail and multiple bus stops. The card gives you free access to many popular places in Houston, especially if you don't have a car. You can pick up your Q-Card from the Cashier's Office in the Allen Center with your Rice ID. It's pre-loaded with funds, and it automatically refills when you run out!

At Rice in general, efforts are constantly made and conversations are constantly had to increase financial accessibility on the larger scale. Student Success Initiatives (SSI) provides additional resources to increase financial accessibility, and they also have programs curated specifically for low-income or first generation students. One such program is a food pantry on campus that helps combat growing food insecurity on college campuses. You can also make appointments with SSI to connect with resources and learn strategies for your success on campus. Visit success.rice.edu/firstgens for more information.

WELLBEING

RHAS

Rice Health Advisors, or RHAs, are students who have been trained on a variety of wellbeing topics. These students work at their college to provide health education opportunities, health supplies and peer guidance. RHAs also act as a liaison between the Student Wellbeing Office and the residential colleges, staying up to date on campus-wide wellbeing programming. It's important to note that while the RHAs do provide health supplies like bandaids and other first aid supplies, they are mainly here for your mental health and wellbeing. Feel free to contact them or go and talk to them if you need some guidance, need health supplies, or just want to chat! Or meet them at one of the events or study breaks they host throughout the year!

Note: RHAs will direct students to the Wellness Center, Health Services or the Rice Counseling Center as appropriate.

RHAs are trained on mental health and wellness topics such as being an ALLY, stress relief, suicide prevention, and body acceptance, among other topics. They are here if you need to discuss a personal problem or issue in a confidential setting, or if you just want to learn more about the organization.

RHAs provide health supplies including alcohol wipes, Aminofen (Tylenol), antibiotic ointment, antiseptic, Astroglide, Band-Aids, cloth tape, condoms, cough drops, earplugs, elastic bandages, Ibuprofen, hydrocortisone cream, ice packs, sterile gauze pads, tampons, and maybe other supplies. Feel free to ask! RHAs keep a supply kit in their rooms, and there is also an RHA locker in the commons.

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STRIVE LIASIONS

The goals of the STRIVE Liaisons are to raise awareness within the college about the issue of sexual assault and to prepare Hanszenites with the tools they need to become allies and prevent sexual assault in the future. They work with the Title IX office on campus to understand the intricacies of the issue as it pertains to college campuses and Rice in particular. They also serve as confidential resources to listen to Hanszenites and, if requested, connect them to other resources at Rice and/or off campus in Houston that will support them and help them report incidences of sexual assault if they so choose.

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Caregivers are trained students who volunteer to ensure the safety of peers at Rice student events. They support the Culture of Care by watching out and getting help for peers when they may not be able to do so themselves. New students are offered the opportunity to be caregiver trained during O-week, and several opportunities to be trained are offered throughout the rest of the school year.

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES

PEER ACADEMIC ADVISORS (PAAS)

The Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs) consist of your fellow Hanszenites who have been trained by the Office of Academic Advising (OAA) to help you choose classes, clarify academic rules and regulations, assist in finding research opportunities and study abroad information, and anything else academically related. In addition, the PAAs also facilitate a number of academic events at Hanszen, usually in the form of academic planning sessions, where Hanszenites come together and help each other choose classes for the next term. During O-Week, four Hanszen PAAs will be present to help the incoming students narrow down which courses they want to take and create their fall schedule. Once the school year starts, about twenty Hanszen PAAs will be available to answer questions about deadlines, registration, rules, and any other academic topics. They really are here to help you, so if you have any questions or just need solid academic advice, feel free to knock on their doors or send them an email. If they can't find an answer for you, they'll find someone who can.

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DIVISIONAL ADVISORS

Divisional Advisors consist of several Hanszen Associates and Rice faculty who graciously volunteer their time to help you choose your classes and answer any questions you might have about certain majors. Most of these advisors specialize in a certain school (School of Engineering, School of Humanities, etc.). During O-Week, you'll have a chance to meet them to go over your planned schedule for the fall, and even during the school year, they will be available (usually by appointment) to help you with class or major decisions. (Note that after you declare a major, you'll be assigned a major advisor, which is an advisor from your department.) Make good friends with these wonderful professors! They love to help you find your interests and succeed here at Rice, and are a great resource to reach out to.

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HANSZEN FELLOWS

If you're ever having any trouble in any class, want someone to proofread your paper for free, or just want some help with homework/studying for tests, come visit your Hanszen Fellows! The Fellows are a group of friendly Hanszenites who hold review sessions, read papers, and help out with whatever academic needs you may have. We are also going to hold some great lectures, research events, and study breaks this year, so get excited!

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PEER CAREER ADVISORS (PCAS)

The Peer Career Advisors (PCAs) are fellow Hanszenites who have been selected by the CCD to answer questions, review resumes, and redirect you to the appropriate resources to help you figure out your major or out-of-college plans. They're trained and always willing to help out, so feel free to shoot one of them a Facebook message or email if you need any assistance with your career development, even as early as the start of your freshman year!

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List of academic resources is also available on the Hanszen website under "Resources" at hanszen.rice.edu/resources/

HANSZEN SPACES

B&P:
Short for Breadsticks and Pomegranates (it's a long story, and everyone simply calls it B&P, anyways), this is a great lounging space to organize hangouts with friends. It is located under New Section, close to the Laundry Room. Some students use this space to study or practice speeches since it is usually empty during the day.

BIKE CLOSET/SPORTS CLOSET:
The Bike Closet/ Sports Closet is located in the basement of New Section. Be sure to ask the Hanszen Bike Team Captains and the Sports Reps first before checking out any of the equipment.

CLASSROOMS:
Hanszen 201, 202, and 207 are located in the Upper Commons. They function as classrooms during the day and study spaces in the evenings. Each is equipped with a screen projector as well as plenty of chairs and tables. Hanszen 207 is more commonly known as the Glass Classroom due to its lovely glass walls.

COMPUTER LAB:
Located in the Upper Commons, this wonderful place houses Macs, PC desktops, and a black and white printer. It is a great place to go if your computer ever has problems, if you want to try out a new place to study, or if you need to print a paper. Many Hanszenites go without a printer of their own thanks to this beautiful and convenient place.

GAME ROOM:
Located in the Upper Commons, the Game Room contains a billiards table, comfy couches, a pinball machine, a ping-pong table, an electric keyboard, and board games. It is pretty neat.

HANSZEN KITCHEN:
Hanszen has its own kitchen that allows its members to be able to cook whatever they want, whenever they want. Many Hanszenites have baked cookies there on multiple occasions, and these treats are often shared with their fellow Hanszenites. There are also two Hanszen community refrigerators that we share as a family.

JOYCE'S OFFICE:
Joyce, our College Coordinator, is a great resource for Hanszenites. Her office provides a fax machine, a copy machine, free candy (gummy bears fall into the candy category), comfortable seating, and open conversation. It also houses all packages and mail delivered to Hanszen, and you can also drop off and ship out your own packages here. If you need stamps, you can purchase them from Joyce!

LAUNDRY ROOM:
Located under New Section, the Laundry Room is equipped with many washers and dryers! There is a couch inside the Laundry Room in case you like to lounge and study as you wait for your laundry to finish its cycle. Its services are free -- no need to bring quarters.

LIBRARY:
Located in the Upper Commons, the Hanszen Library has an interesting assortment of books; however, the library is better known for being one of the best places to study at Hanszen, with its multiple tables and white board.

MOVIE ROOM:
Located on the fourth floor of Old Section next to the Weenie Loft, this room has couches and a TV, perfect for getting together with friends to watch a movie.

MUSIC ROOM:
Located in the Upper Commons, the Music Room has soundproof walls and a door to allow Hanszenites to jam out without bothering their neighbors who are studying.

OC LOUNGE:
The OC Lounge is located in the Upper Commons. As its name suggests, it's a space designated for off-campus students. The lounge has a couch, a few chairs, a table, and a mini fridge.

PDR:
Short for Private Dining Room, this room is located in the Lower Commons, and it is used for fancy dining, private meetings, or ultra quiet studying.

SUNDECK/MOONDECK:
There is a sundeck on both New and Old Section towers. The sundecks are a great place to hang out with friends, sunbathe, or enjoy a great view of Houston and the Rice campus. The Old Section one is called Sundeck, while the New Section one is Moondeck.'

TERRACE:
Between the Hanszen and Wiess Upper Commons, the Terrace is the great outdoors of Hanszen. It is a perfect place to have private lunches, do some morning yoga, or study outside.

WEENIE LOFT:
Located on the fourth floor of Old Section, this is a great place to study, with chalkboard walls and lots of couches. This is where Coffeehouse (one of Rice's most popular Student Run Businesses) was founded! No doubt you will come up with some innovative ideas of your own if you visit this place often.

Built in the neo-gothic style, this building has served Rice for 100 years, first as an academic hall and now as a residential college dorm. Though one of the oldest dorms at Rice, what it lacks in "newness," it makes up for with its unique culture and the large living space in its many doubles and quads. The fourth floor houses both the Weenie Loft and the Movie Room, and Sundeck is located at the top of the tower

In this building, the rooms are four-person suite-style, which contain two two-person bedrooms that share a common room; this suite shares a bathroom with another four-person suite opposite them. The building has stairs that open into the quad, and each stairwell is named according to the room numbers, e.g. "the 50's" and "the 80's." The Laundry Room and the B&P are located below the rooms of New Section.

This building has one wall of floor to ceiling windows, which allows you to enjoy the beautiful sun rising as you eat breakfast and get ready for the day. It's the place where Hanszenites come together to study, have meals, socialize, and meet for Cabinet every Wednesday night.

The Lower Commons consists of our dining area, an entrance to South Servery, the Private Dining Room (PDR) for meetings, a kitchen open to all Hanszenites, a grand piano, and our College Coordinator Joyce's office. It's a popular place to get some work done in the evenings and on weekends.

The Upper Commons consists of multiple classrooms, the OC Lounge, the Library, the Computer Lab, the Music Room, and the Game Room. Hanszen's weekly Cabinet meetings are held in the Upper Commons' open lounge area.

This is the area between Old Section and New Section. There are picnic tables, a lawn, string lights that keep the quad bright at night, a bench swing for enjoying the beautiful, warm weather Texas is known for, a grill for barbecues, hammocks, and the Hanszen Guardian. The Quad is frequently used by Hanszenites for outdoor activities such as tailgates, Frisbee practice, and study breaks.

HOUSING AND DINING

The Housing and Dining Staff (H&D) are some of the most important people here at Rice. They are essential to keeping everything running smoothly, including cooking, cleaning, and general housekeeping, and they're the reason why our campus looks so beautiful. They are incredibly kind and friendly, so don't be afraid to say hello and let them know how much you appreciate all the hard work they put in! They and everything they do for us can't be appreciated enough. There are also opportunities to get involved with helping H&D out as a Student Maintenance Rep (SMR).

STUDENT MAINTENANCE REP (SMR)

Now introducing the man who needs no introduction (but introducing him anyways): JAMES LEWIS. Or as we like to call him, "Papa SMR." Like his name entails, he truly acts as a father-figure for all Hanszenites. Need someone to fix something in your room? Need someone to give you that stern ~dad~ look? Look no further than James! Hailing from Kerrville, TX (it's okay, we don't know where that is either, & honestly James prefers it that way), he is the MOST resourceful man on campus & will always do his best to make sure your problems are handled. So just sit back, relax, & trust him ~ he's an engineer.

JAMES

SERVERIES

Food at Rice has consistently been rated among the best in the country. There are 6 serveries on campus. In order of proximity to Hanszen, South serves Wiess and Hanszen, Sid serves Sid, Seibel serves Lovett and Will Rice, Baker serves Baker, West serves McMurtry and Duncan, North serves Martel, Jones, and Brown,.

Though South is closest to us, you can check the online rotating menu to see which servery has the options that appeal to you most. You can swipe into any servery with your Rice ID, and even multiple serveries during one meal if you'd like! There are three meals offered everyday, except Sundays, when breakfast and lunch are combined into brunch, the most awaited meal of the week. Of course, South does brunch best. From homemade soft flour tortillas, to custom omelettes, to fresh make-your-own waffles (with chocolate chips), the options are endless.

Each servery has an executive chef that designs the menu for each week. There will be options that are always there: burgers, fries, pasta, salad bar, ice cream, etc., but the main entrees will rotate from day to day. Every meal has fresh fruit and plenty of variety. The food is healthy and delicious, and there are always vegetarian and vegan options. If you have a particular dietary restriction or if there's something you'd like to see in the servery, the chefs will be happy to accommodate you – just let them know!

Every so often, serveries will have pho bars, stir fry stations, crepe stations, and a bunch of other innovative ideas. They also rotate the dessert every day, having made taro matcha cake, tres leches, cheesecake, key lime pie, peach cobbler, and so much more. Beyond the standard soda, juice, coffee, tea, and water, the servery will also prepare different fresh drinks for meals, including horchatas, watermelon juice, fruit smoothies, etc. East -West, a Student Run Business on campus that sells boba, will also come to different serveries during dinner on a designated day of the week to offer their services. That means on 4 nights of any given week, you can get free boba!

SEIBEL SERVERY

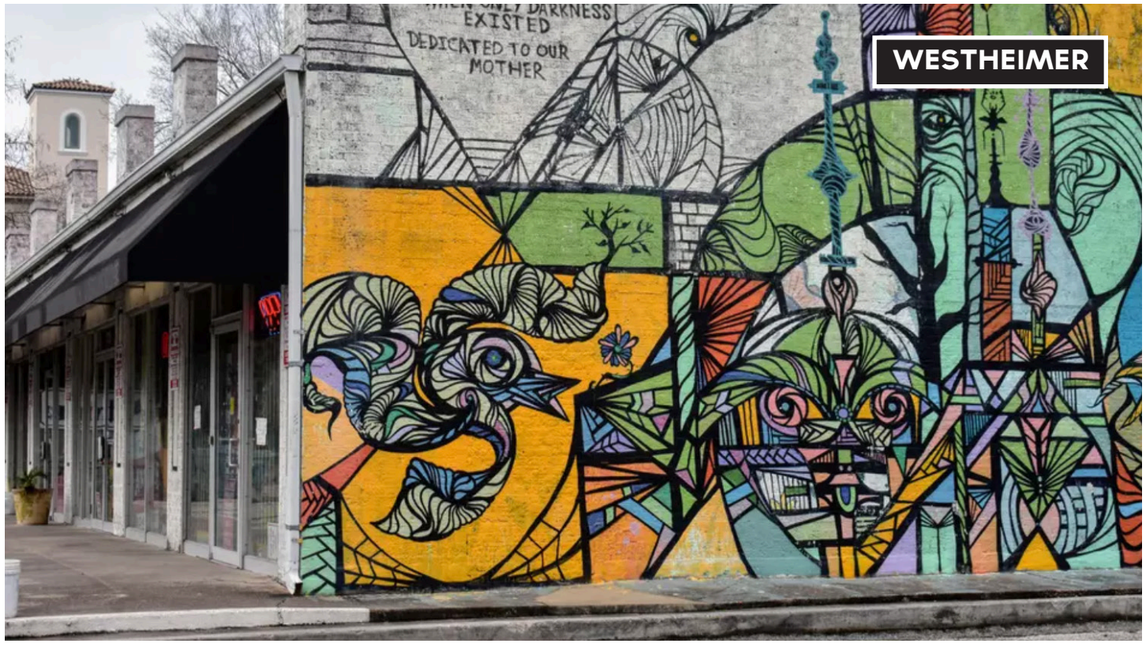
BEYOND HANSZEN

MUSEUMS

You can take the Metro to the Museum District, which houses a bunch of really interesting museums, such as the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, which is walking distance from Hanszen. Your Rice ID will get you free or discounted entry into most of them, which makes for a cheap, fun weekend activity.

HERMANN PARK

Hermann Park is one of Houston's most-visited public parks. It's directly across the street from Hanszen—only a short walk away. A lot of running and fitness clubs meet in the park, as well as a variety of other groups. It's a great place to take a walk, ride a paddle boat, people watch, have a picnic, or even just study outside!



MONTROSE

Montrose is the area right next to Rice. It's home not only to a residential area, but also many excellent award-winning restaurants and coffee shops. It's a lovely area to bike/walk through or to grind out an essay. Although generally not walking distance from Rice, the Metro will get you there quickly!

MEDICAL CENTER

The Med Center is across the street from Hanszen! The largest one in the world, it provides numerous volunteering, shadowing, and research opportunities. Rice students also enjoy going to the restaurants nearby.

This is not a complete list of things to do in Houston by any means. One of the many pros of Rice is that it has a campus feel, but it is still located in a big city. From concert venues to cool coffee shops to incredible restaurants, the options are diverse and endless. We encourage you to explore Houston - you are sure to find something that interests you!

LAST MINUTE TIPS AND REMINDERS:

BEFORE ARRIVAL:

- Read all the information coming from Rice.
- Take the English Composition Exam.
- Pack earlier as opposed to later. It usually takes longer than expected.
- Coordinate with your roommate(s) about what you're bringing (i.e. furniture, appliances).
- Don't try to learn everything there is to know about Rice before you get here. Let it be a new experience (you'll enjoy it much more).
- Spend time with your family and loved ones. They'll miss you, and you won't have a lot of time to spend with them on move-in day.
- Don't spend your summer stressing about college. Relax and enjoy yourself!

AT RICE:

- Campus can be confusing to navigate! Follow the Rainbow Building back to Hanszen if you're lost.
- Find a good place devoid of distractions where you can focus on work early on. Try one of the many floors of Fondren Library, the Commons, Brochstein Pavilion, Coffeehouse, Audrey's Coffee Shop, Kraft Hall, etc.
- Take advantage of our awesome Rec Center! Endorphins = happiness, so you will benefit from exercise mentally and physically!
- The more underwear you have, the longer you can go without doing laundry.
- Get to know the H-Team and reach out to them whenever you need help or just want to talk to someone who has a lot of life experience!
- Don't lose your ID card. It gets you into important buildings and, more importantly, gets you food.
- Don't use all of your Tetra points in the first month, although those Chaus drinks sure are tempting. You'll want coffee during finals.
- Try new things! Play IM sports (even if you've never played before) or join a club you might not have been involved with in any capacity in high school.
- There is more to Rice than Hanszen. Try to make friends from other colleges as well! There are awesome and interesting people all across campus. Ask your Co-Advisor to introduce you to people at their home college!
- Feel free to ask current Rice students about anything Rice-related, but also remember that each student's experience is unique. Don't let one person's experience discourage you from trying out something that you're excited about.
- Use the Metro! Go outside the hedges and explore Houston. It's a really cool place.
- Your college years are a time to explore and discover. The vast array of opportunities and resources at Rice are here to allow you to take charge of your college experience and to "sing your own tune." Pursue what's meaningful to you!

– ADAPTED FROM BAKER O-WEEK 2019

FINAL THOUGHTS

Thank you for making it through this book! We know this is a lot of information to process, so take some time to let all of this information sink in.

Coming to Rice is, in many ways, starting a new chapter of your life, and while it can be tough, it will also be an exciting and rewarding adventure. Don't forget that other Hanszenites will always have your back and will try to help and support you in any way they can, so please don't worry or stress about anything – we have so many resources to help you feel and be prepared to tackle your first year at college and beyond.

In just a few short weeks, you'll be starting your life as a Hanszenite, and we can't wait to meet you! In the meantime, feel free to send us an email at hanszenoweek2020@gmail.com - we know you must have a lot of questions, comments, and concerns! We look forward to hearing from you!

- Team JuilLIard
Jae, Lisa, and Isabelle

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Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding Rice University, Hanszen College, O-Week, or general student life? Please contact your Hanszen College O-Week Coordinators first!

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