HANSZEN O-WEEK 2022

WELCOME HOME.

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INTRO TO HANSZEN O-WEEK

Welcome from your O-Week Coordinators!

Hello, future Hanszenites!!!

Welcome to your Home away from Home! We are your 2022 O-Week Coordinators: Sarah Eunsu Kim, Arvind Ramesh, and Marc Armeña, aka Team inStAgraM. Firstly, we would like to say from the bottom of our hearts: congratulations on your acceptance to Rice University and your placement into Hanszen College, the best college ever! For the past seven months (and counting), we have been tirelessly planning your first exhilarating week at Rice.

During O-Week and your time here, you will build strong connections and communities with peers, faculty, and staff that will support and guide you. But what exactly is O-Week? In short, O-Week, or Orientation Week, aims to introduce you to the college experience, and our job is to help you successfully transition to college life both academically and socially while building those communities of support. During this week, you will learn about Rice's academics, immerse yourself in Hanszen's culture and community, and discover countless opportunities that Rice offers. We made this book to guide you through that first week and beyond, along with introductions to our O-Week team, information about what to pack, what to expect when you arrive at Hanszen, fun facts about our history and traditions, and much more!

On behalf of all of Hanszen, we want to formally welcome you to the family. Here at Zen, we take a lot of pride in our "Hanszen Family Heart" or "HFH" for short. Our family thrives on its members' unique spirit, strong sense of inclusivity, and our commitment to mutual support — all values that embody HFH.

With these principles in mind, we chose the theme for Hanszen's 2022 Orientation Week to be PhotO-Week: Where the Reel Magic Awaits! Just as a photo says a thousand words, students coming from all over the world have their own stories and experiences, and we are excited for you to share this with our community and shape our culture in the coming years and beyond. Our goal for O-Week is to introduce you to Hanszen, Rice, and the culture that we feel truly makes it a family. However and wherever on campus you want to contribute, we hope this week will give you the confidence and resources to find your home and develop long-lasting memories.

We are so excited to meet y'all in August! In the meantime, we encourage you to take advantage of the many resources available to familiarize yourself with your new family college. Beyond reading this book, feel free to visit the Hanszen College website (hanszen.rice.edu) and look through the various tabs about Zen! If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at photoweek2022@gmail.com (seriously, we're here all summer, please hit us up!). As you'll be able to tell after reading this book, all of us here at Hanszen can't wait for you to arrive. Are we a bit strange? Probably. Overzealous? Yeah. Committed to helping you have the most comfortable adjustment to Rice as possible? Definitely. So, if there is ever anything we can do for you, contact us! Welcome to Hanszen and get ready for the next best years of your life! See you soon!

Much, much love,
Team inStAgraM <3
(Sarah Eunsu Kim, Arvind Ramesh, Marc Armeña)

Mission Statement

PhotO-Week 2022 seeks to foster a welcoming environment that encourages incoming students to explore life at Hanszen and Rice through new angles. Just as photos can be developed in a myriad of ways, we hope New Students will develop and flourish through meaningful, diverse experiences. Fellow Hanszenites will commit to embracing New Students and celebrating the diversity in their backgrounds, fostering a sense of belonging. We aim to embrace authenticity and individuality among our Advising Team and New Students in the spirit of building a community in which all perspectives are heard and understood. Additionally, we want to demonstrate how the Hanszen Heart truly makes us the "Family College" through the care and support our college highlights. At the foreground, we strive to empower New Students by demonstrating the plethora of resources at hand, at Hanszen and across Rice, and in turn, inspire them to pursue new experiences and opportunities. PhotO-Week aims for our New Students to develop long lasting memories, while also encouraging them to branch outward to discover other people and spaces they'll call home. To all New Students, know that when life's moments get a little blurry, you will always be able to get life into focus at Hanszen.

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 Faculty Associates (RFAs), 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.

INFOMATION & PREPARATION

HOW TO GET HERE

PLANNING:

You should plan to arrive at the time indicated in your O-Week information packet (and not any earlier) on Sunday, August 14th.

FROM THE EAST:

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

FROM THE NORTH/SOUTH:

Take I-45 to Highway 59 South.

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.

FROM HOBBY AIRPORT (HOU):

Take Airport Blvd and follow signs for I-45 North until you reach Highway 59. Then, from Highway 59, exit toward Shepherd and Greenbriar and turn (left from 59 South, and right from 19 North) onto Greenbriar Drive. Continue down Greenbriar and turn left onto University Boulevard.

FROM BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT (IAH):

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

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

*Specific move-in details and procedures will be sent via email closer to Move-In Day.
Find this map at: https://www.rice.edu/campus-maps

WHAT TO PACK

*This is merely a suggested list to help you get an idea of what you may need, but it's not comprehensive!

CLOTHING ITEMS

- Casual/athletic clothing
- Umbrella/raincoat (it can rain a lot)
- Pajamas (if you wear them)
- Flip flops or sandals (you may want
- some for the shower)
- Dress clothes (for Matriculation)
- Sweatshirts/hoodies
- Socks
- Underwear
- Clothes that can get dirty

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Face masks
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Shower caddy
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Any medicine you may need
- ID (driver's license, passport)

LAUNDRY ITEMS

- Laundry hamper
- High-efficiency detergent
- Dryer sheets

CLASS ITEMS

- Laptop (not required, but very useful)
- Notebooks
- Paper
- Calculator
- Stapler
- Pens/pencils
- Other organizers (folders, etc.)

COORDINATE WITH ROOMMATE

- Extra furniture (couches, chairs, etc.)
- Mini-fridge
- Microwave
- TV
- DVD player
- Printer (also available in the Computer
- Lab or Library)

ROOM ITEMS

- Extra long twin bed sheets
- Pillow(s) and comforter
- Cell phone charger
- Alarm clock
- Desk lamp
- Extension cords/power strips
- Storage boxes
- Clothes hangers
- Bath towel(s)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Room decorations
- Photos
- Speaker/stereos
- Iron/ironing board
- Febreze or other deodorizers
- Command hooks
- Pool towel
- Swimsuit
- Ethernet cable
- Pates, bowls, cups, silverware, etc. Dry erase board and markers
- Gaming systems/video games
- Bike with U-bolt bike lock

NOTE:

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!

FLOOR PLANS

Your room will be furnished with a bed with a twin XL 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, minifridge, 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.

IMPORTANT!

For this fall semester only during the construction of our New New Section, part of Hanszen will live in Sid Richardson College's old building. The tower is seven stories, each with an upper and a lower floor and suites on every floor. All rooms are doubles connected to another double as a suite in old Sid Richardson; please refer to the old Sid Richardson floor plan below for room layouts. Hanszen itself occupies the second, third, fifth, sixth, and seventh floors of the building with the third and fourth floors reserved for other colleges. Our RFAs, Lam and Rebecca, and one set of our RAs, Nick and Lebena, live in the building.

MAJESTIC OLD SECTION DOUBLE FLOOR PLAN

ELEGANT OLD SECTION QUAD FLOOR PLAN

MAGNIFICENT OLD SID CORNER SUITE FLOOR PLAN

SPLENDID OLD SID VATOR SUITE FLOOR PLAN

THE FIRST DAY

We couldn't be more excited for your arrival on the first day of your Rice and Hanszen journey! We've got a great week planned for you, so here are some helpful bits of information to know before you arrive on Move-In Day.

Move-In Day is August 14th. If you have trouble finding Hanszen once you arrive on campus, don't hesitate to ask for help! You'll know once you make it to Hanszen because you'll be greeted by a bunch of people smiling and shouting your name! These are your Advisors, Co-Advisors, and Affiliates! Your Advisors will take care of getting all of your belongings to your room for you (as long as you tag all your belongings with your name and room number). You'll get the chance to meet our O-Week Coordinators, Magisters, RFAs, RAs, College Coordinator, and the Hanszen President and Chief Justice. Once hands have been shaken, names exchanged, and room keys given, you'll strike a pose for your first picture as a Hanszenite!

Once all that's done, we'll take you up to your room where you can start unpacking your things and getting to know your roommate. Take some time to settle in and don't worry if you suddenly realize you've left something behind — our Gophers and your Advisors are ready to help you out in getting anything you may need. Next, we'll have lunch at South Servery, the meal hall designated for Hanszen and Wiess Colleges. Don't be afraid to sit with strangers because you'll be meeting new people all week! After lunch, you'll say goodbye to your parents. We recommend saying your real goodbyes before you get to campus — it might be a bit overwhelming once you get here. However, take all the time you need! Remember that your loved ones are only a phone call away. (Don't forget to call them from time to time!) You're about to have a busy, fun-filled week, and we promise that it'll be well worth it!

RESOURCES & REMINDERS

Make sure to check the SSI website First Year Programs for a list of deadlines!

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

OTHER RESOURCES:

Hanszen College website:
hanszen.rice.edu

General Announcements:
ga.rice.edu

Majors, Minors & Programs at Rice:
rice.edu/majors-minors-and-programs

Courses Offered at Rice:
courses.rice.edu

First Generation and/or Low-Income Support:
success.rice.edu/first-generation-and-low-income

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'S 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 generally composed of two Advisors, a Co-Advisor, an Affiliate, and a small group of New Students. In other words, your O-Week group is the first new group of people you will meet at Rice! The transition to 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 will see at night. You'll bond and create inside jokes, come up with terrible nicknames for each other, and develop a sincere and close 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. Never hesitate to fall back on your O-Week family. They are here for you through life's ups and downs! 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'S 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 outside of Hanszen, and they also give you a chance to expand your social network. This great group of people support you throughout your first year here, and in many cases, through your entire time at Rice. Advisors come from many different backgrounds and have a great deal of experiences they would love to share, so make sure to ask about what they have learned during their time as a proud Rice Owl. Advisors are truly great mentors, confidants, and friends who will be some huge sources of encouragement and support as you transition to college life at Rice.

WHAT'S 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.

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, and any other 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 OWeek. 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.

DIVERSITY FACILITATOR (DF)

The Office of Multicultural Affairs introduces new Rice students to addressing issues regarding 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. These Affiliates have been extensively trained to facilitate diversity workshops and will be present throughout the week and year to answer any questions about Rice's diverse culture and social groups.

RICE HEALTH ADVISOR (RHA)

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

ATHLETIC LIAISON (AL)

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.

GOPHER

The Gophers serve as the trusted helpers for the O-Week Coordinators: whenever they need supplies, the Gophers rush to Target, Kroger, or to the ends of the earth to get them.

STRIVE LIAISON

Our STRIVE Liaisons work with the SAFE Office to raise awareness to Hanszenites about issues pertaining to sexual assault and health. They undergo extensive training to provide confidential aid and will connect Hanszenites to resources inside and outside of Rice, if needed.

Coordinators

Sarah Eunsu Kim

Coordinator | BUSI | Hanszen '24

Sarah Eunsu Kim is the definition of a gentle giant. At a towering 4'11.5" (she swears she's at least 5'1"), she is the sweetest, most bubbly person you'll ever meet. This adorable junior majoring in Business and minoring in Korean loves to give hugs and show people the Southern hospitality of her home city: Montgomery, Alabama. If you're still confused about what she looks like, just look for her Ariana Grande hands (read: sweater paws) that she always has tucked into her size XXXXL sweatshirt, or a girl showing everyone her two cute nieces and rotisserie chicken rat dog (please ask her about them). On any given day, you can find Sarah at Chaus, Coffeehouse, Chaus, and Chaüs, usually too busy saying hi to 3342350609 friends instead of studying. She is literally always at our local student-run cafe, and her bank account is paying for it (along with many others... do NOT let her borrow your student ID). When she's not getting some kind of caffeine-free, lactose-free drink, Sarah can be spotted girlbossing as head of Hanszen's various committees, spitballing case theories for her Mock Trial team, or lovingly coercing someone to go to Taco Bell with her for a Crunchy Taco Supreme and Baja Blast Freeze at 1AM. Armed with one of the most eccentric personalities, infectious laughs, and a million snacks, Sarah is so ready to welcome you all to Rice, Hanszen, and home.

- Bianca Chen, Hanszen '23; Marc Armeña, Hanszen '24; Claire Xu, Hanszen '23; Kourtney Kanja, Hanszen '23

Team inStAgraM

Marc Armeña

Coordinator | MECH & HART | Hanszen '24

Marc is a cartoon character brought to life. Cut to him entering the makerspace lab for the first time and asking "Where's all the self-destruct buttons?" Or the Cat in the Hat-hat wearing antics during Hanszen Cabinet as External Vice President. Or that one time in the Dora costume. As a Mechanical Engineering and Art History double major, Marc hails from Corpus Christi, but really prides himself for having a volcano in the backyard of his childhood home in the Philippines (his go-to fun fact). You can catch him at the Skyspace or the Moody, waxing poetic about the arts, strolling around campus with a tote bag with an unread book, a Nalgene bottle, a phone on 7%, and plant clippings from around town. At Hanszen, find him nestled deep in Upper Commons, working on a problem set or watching ethereal, industrial, and funky music videos on the big screen, waiting for the next Houston concert. With the most contagious smile on campus, Marc will warm your heart and make you feel at home. If you ever need someone to make you laugh or someone to lend a hand (he single-handedly cleaned Hanszen's storage), Marc is your guy. Marc is so eager to meet you all during O-Week and welcome you to Rice and the BEST COLLEGE (Hanszen, obvi) — welcome home!

- Makayla Franco, Hanszen '22; Astra Burke, Hanszen '24; Reece Lusich, Hanszen '24; Hemish Thakkar, Hanszen '24

Arvind Ramesh

Coordinator | BIOS | Hanszen '23

Words cannot even begin to explain what an amazing person **Arvind** is, and you are so lucky to have him as a Coordinator! This future doctor from Memphis is one of the hardest-working and smartest people at Rice. He even takes upper-level math and chemistry classes for fun :o. On top of all of this, Arvind is a comedian. Whether it is one-liners, funny stories, or showing off his goofy talents at Mr. Hanszen (our very own beauty pageant), Arvind is sure to put a smile on your face. When he's not at Hanszen helping people out, Arvind can be found on the tennis courts captaining Hanszen to victory (again), or getting even more shredded than he already is at the rec. He's also a go-to friend to take to comedy shows, pop concerts, sports games, and everything in between. Most of all, Arvind is one of the kindest and sweetest people you will ever meet. Whether you are feeling down and need someone to vent to, someone to reassure you that everything will be alright, or honestly even just someone to vibe with, Arvind is your guy, now and forever. I am so excited for y'all to meet him, and I know he cannot wait to make your O-Week amazing and welcome you to your new home!!

- Hemish Thakkar '24

Advising Teams

29 Pixelmon: Gotta Caption Them All

31 FroZen: Let it GoPro

33 My Neighbor Photoro

35 Spiderman: Far from Phone

37 Super Flash Bros

39 Panic! At the VSCO

41 The Polaroid Express

43 Reel of Fortune

45 James Camera presents: Titanicamera

47 Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prints

49 GoProvolone: Say Cheese!

51 Prints: Purple Frame

Allison He

Co-Advisor & RHA | PSYC | Wiess '25

If you ever see someone with perfect eyeliner, a coffee in her hand, and a bright smile while chatting it up with anyone who crosses her path, that's most likely **Allison He**, a Psychology major and Business minor hailing from Dallas, Texas. This Class of 2025 sophomore from Wiess is the full package: she's insanely good at art (follow her art account @artllison_he on Instagram), she writes creative stories, she's a pro at Harry Potter trivia, she can identify hundreds of bird species, AND she's a gamer girl. If you want to be Allison's friend (which clearly, everyone does), there's a simple way to her heart – buy her boba. She'll cry tears of joy, give you the softest hug, and call you "bestie" for the rest of her life. As a Rice Health Advisor, Allison has a passion for mental health awareness, and she's always eager to talk to you about whatever's on your mind. She's pretty dedicated to the grind (evident by how she ventures off to Fondren Library almost every day), but she's even more dedicated to being a fun-loving, supportive, and caring friend. Allison's super excited to meet you all and welcome you to Hanszen!

- Ridwana Islam, Wiess '23

The serveries' greatest fan of all time (let's just say he gets his money's worth from the meal plan) is a rising senior from Amarillo, Texas. Even though **Truman** is a Sports Medicine and Exercise Physiology major, minoring in Biochemistry, you might sometimes find him outside of the dining hall taking math classes "just for fun." He is also involved in the Hanszen Bike Team and Academic Mentors. Aside from that, the former Brawl Stars World Champion enjoys racquet sports, running, biking (not swimming), and reading good books. According to his beloved, muscular, handsome, genius, and amazing twin (see author below), you can rest assured that Truman will be a great O-week Advisor at whom you'll never stop laughing.

- Sawyer Archer, Hanszen '23

Truman Archer

Advisor | SMEP | Hanszen '23

Astra Burke

Advisor | EEPS | Hanszen '24

Houston, we have a problem. But **Astra's** not one of them! Originally from Chattanooga, TN, Astra is a woman in STEM (majoring in Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Sciences) known for her iconic blue hair she dyes during Beer Bike. From late night parking garage adventures to playing Just Dance and doing the past four years of O-Week dances on Hanszen's terrace, you will have an "astronomical" time with her (haha, get it because her name is Astra... yes, she's heard this joke before). This old soul has a niche sense of humor, an exceptional taste in music, and an impeccable style — she's an incredible companion on your next concert, thrifting run, or rewatch of Clue and other quirked-up movies. As Internal Vice President, past Secretary (a menace on the college listserv), and member of the Powderpuff team, Astra puts her all into everything Hanszen (ask about her broken finger) with a strong and caring heart carried with chaotic energy. Make sure you're buckled in and ready for liftoff because O-Week is so close, and Astra can't wait to introduce you to this out-of-this-world college!

- Reece Lusich, Hanszen '24; Makayla Franco, Hanszen '22; Marc Armeña, Hanszen '24

Nitin Reganti

Advisor | CHEM & PSYC | Hanszen '24

If you were the imposter, **Nitin** would take ejection for you. When he's not geeking out about aMoGuS, Nitin Reganti is a sophomore hailing from West Windsor, New Jersey, studying Chemistry and Psychology on the pre-med track. Outside of the classroom, Nitin is a member of Campanile, Rice's non-major orchestra (he's all about the bass). You can also find him burning rubber (and crashing) on the bike track with Hanszen's Bike Team. Ever get lost on campus? Maybe you'll find Nitin's earbuds, Rocketbook, and three lost student IDs. Jokes aside, you can always listen for Nitin's cackle to find him. Need a hug? This gentle giant won't hesitate to wrap his arms around you and comfort you. No matter how busy he is, Nitin will always make time for you. You can count on Nitin to be there for late night talks. He has a stellar sense of humor and can always bring a smile to your face. If you're lucky to have Nitin as an advisor, you'll have an automatic friend, study buddy, and cheerleader.

- Christina Wong, Hanszen '25; Vy Luu, Hanszen '25

Kian Robinson

SMR & STRIVE | COMP | Hanszen '24

If you ever hear laughter near Lovett, I can almost guarantee **Ana Tiscareño** is nearby, either working on her beloved crossword puzzles outside or drinking a Chaus cold brew with her friends. Ana is a sophomore from Dallas, Texas (but not the suburbs) and is majoring in Biosciences and Health Sciences (but not a pre-med). Be sure to ask her about her favorite Remi Wolf song or the prime outdoor study spots! She's a Student Association senator and plays with Rice Women's Club soccer, but she holds the biggest presence in IM sports — Ana is one of the sweetest people, but you never want to be against her in Powderpuff. As a true soccer mom and a contagious vocabularian, she's sure to win your heart and inspire your next catchphrase. Ana is, in every sense, a bright and warm presence that cares about her college and friends with all her heart — she's so excited to introduce you to Rice!

- Fernanda Valle, Lovett '25; Rita Ajit, Lovett '25; Sophia Figueroa, Lovett '25

Kian Michael Bradley Robinson is one of the most recognizable Hanszenites around. Between his borderline corrupt term as Treasurer (where did all our money go?) and having keys to literally every room on campus, you should be overjoyed to have this bubbly junior Computer Science major from Carmel, Indiana, on your side. He's also Hanszen's Student Maintenance Representative (SMR), so he's the guy you call when you inevitably break a window or need your bed height adjusted. You can catch him at the Med Center Chipotle (perhaps for his infamous "vegan conversation"), holding TA office hours for COMP 182, or eating three plates of servery breakfast potatoes. Kian is extremely excited for O-Week and can't wait to meet y'all! New Students, have fun with this one!

- Alan Tapper, Hanszen '24; Reece Lusich, Hanszen '24; Marc Armeña, Hanszen '24

Ana Tiscareño

Co-Advisor | BIOS & HEAL | Lovett '25

In Aztec mythology, it was believed that Tlaloc, the god of rain, was temperamental and lazy; to compensate, the Aztecs used images of the War God to scare him into performing his duties. This same phenomenon can be observed twice a semester at Hanszen College; only, instead of an angry war god, it's four overdue assignments and two cans of Redbull. And, instead of a lazy rain god, it's **Juan Rubio**. When he's not frantically writing last-minute essays or contemplating adding that minor (major?) in History, this Sociology, and Social Policy Analysis double major can be found napping in upper commons, trying his hand at guitar (again), or desperately searching Houston for foods he hasn't tried yet. This East Texas native is also an avid movie fan and can often be found re-watching scenes from classic films like Taxi Driver, The Shining, and The Lego Batman Movie. A proud first-generation immigrant and college student, Juan has a passion for accessibility, inclusion, and celebrating the differences in experience that make life a vibrant mosaic of diversity. To Juan, the very first step in making those ideals a reality is making sure that, no matter who you are, your O-Week is phenomenal and your first year at Rice is filled with smiles, support, and lots of fun!

- Wally Odom, Hanszen '23

Juan Rubio

Advisor | SOCI & SOPA | Hanszen '23

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's the best Advisor you could've asked for — **McKenna Tanner**! McKenna is a Hanszen junior, double majoring in English and Psychology, and is beyond excited to welcome you to Hanszen! McKenna spends her free time at Rice watching the latest Marvel show with friends, schooling people in Star Wars trivia, and practicing ukulele and guitar. She can also help you get involved with the latest Rice Players or Hanszen theater production, point you to the next Spontaneous Combustion show, or help you check out Rice's literary magazine. Her superpower is always being able to look on the bright side and giving the best pep talks on campus. A Houston native, McKenna can't wait to welcome you to her hometown and into the Rice community.

- Isabelle Scott, Hanszen '22; Piper Harris, Hanszen '22

McKenna Tanner

Advisor | ENGL & PSYC | Hanszen '24

Oscar Reynozo is known by many names. Born and raised in Chicago, Oscar learned to be tough like iron, earning him the name "La Plancha". Oscar is a Class of '23 Electrical Engineering major, and he is known as the "The Sigma Male" among his peers because of his humble and resilient attitude. "He worked himself to sleep!" people say, and sure enough, Oscar has been featured on @schlumped.at.rice on Instagram like seven (7) times! Oscar has a "work hard, play hard" mentality, and that is why he is known as "Broscar" at Hanszen parties. However, behind that strong brow and manly beard, he is the sweetest, most reliable friend you could ask for. Oscar is a good listener, a fast texter, and the best hype man. He is very thoughtful, generous, and has a great sense of humor that never fails to lift your spirits. You can count on Oscar to be there for you at your lowest lows and to celebrate with you at your moments of triumph. Which is why among his closest friends he is known as "Osci". No matter what you call him, you're the luckiest New Student at Rice if he's your Advisor!

- Alan Lopez, Martel '23

Oscar Reynozo

Advisor | ELEC | Hanszen '23

Anusha Srivastava

Co-Advisor | CHBE | McMurtry '24

Anusha in three phrases: granola-core, injury-prone, and absolute tank. This Chemical Engineering major (and McMurtry junior) hails from Seattle and is about as Washingtonian as they get; ask her about hiking the Enchantments, Gregory backpacks, or her "adventure trunk." Anusha also averages an impressive 1.3 EMS calls a semester – more than any Rice student in documented history (at least, we think). Ask her about her experiences with hot plates, cutting avocados, electric scooters, and bike collisions! Jokes aside, you couldn't ask for a more involved, enthusiastic, or just plain fun O-Week Advisor. From coordinating Beer Bike to (basically) single-handedly organizing campuswide powderpuff last spring, Anusha is a true cornerstone of the McMurtry community and is thoroughly invested in improving everyones' college experience. She's also a really great friend and will go out of her way to make your day better, whether it's by bringing you (homecooked!) lunches when you're swamped with work or talking through tough life situations late at night. If she's half as good an Advisor as she is an outdoorswoman, Powderpuff player, or friend, y'all are in for a fantastic O-Week.

- Maria Hancu, McMurtry '24; Isabel Sjodin, McMurtry '22; Vidal Saenz, McMurtry '24

Lily Remington

Advisor | BIOS & ASIA | Hanszen '25

Hi! You must be one of the lucky new Hanszenites to get **Lily** as your Advisor?! Who ~nose~ what kinds of fun and excitement you're about to have!! This sophomore Biosciences (Cell Biology and Genetics) and Transnational Asian Studies double major from Las Vegas, Nevada is the embodiment of #HFH and #HWKA (y'all, she literally carved the Hanszen crest into a pumpkin last year), and she can't wait to introduce you to everything Rice has to offer! When she's not studying (she's so big brain!), you can catch Lily hitting the bike track in preparation for Beer Bike (follow your bike captain on Strava), in Commons hosting office hours as one of your new Academic Fellows, in the Kitchen baking something for a friend's/New Student's (that's you!) birthday, or at the chalkboard drawing something incredible! She is one of the sweetest people you'll ever meet, and despite her busy schedule, she's always down to grab a boba, watch a sunset, take a walk around the Inner Loop, teach some Mandarin, watch a movie (suggestion: Studio Ghibli), jam out to some music, or just talk about dogs! So remember, no matter how you roll the dice with Lily, you've already won the jackpot!

- Genesis Hahn, Hanszen '25

Brian Lee

Advisor | BIOS | Hanszen '24

Brian "cheesemaster" Lee holds the record for most appearances on the renowned Instagram page @schlumped.at.rice with seven. It's no surprise: this Biosciences pre-med junior, Austin, Texas native, and night owl has been known to play cello at various spots on campus in the early hours of the morning and has definitely seen the sun rise from commons more than once. In the daytime, you can find Brian and a tub of Fruity Pebbles protein powder at the Rec or the local climbing gym before he returns to commons and draws indecipherable hexagon-shaped runes while claiming he's "studying for biology." In short, Brian is the perfect Advisor for your late-night worries. Grab a Celsius, join his 2 AM order from Abu Omar Halal, and take a walk around the Inner Loop while he enlightens you about his underwater basket weaving research (just kidding, it's marine biology).

- Arnav Burudgunte, Hanszen '24; Alan Tapper, Hanszen '24

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's **Austin Mathew Lee** charging at you with a foam sword! (No need to worry folks, Austin only engages in foam sword fights with those who dare challenge him). Coupled with this bottomless source of energy is the purest form of fun and friendliness that you will ever encounter. As a Political Science major and member of the ROTC, you'll hear him speak about his aspirations in joining the navy. When he's not studying with friends in a college commons, he's probably outside grabbing food. If you're ever bored, just hit Austin up, as he's always down to play a game of Smash Bros., watch anime like Attack on Titan, and go out for extremely late night boba runs (he really embodies the spirit of an owl). So if you're in his O-Week family, brace yourselves, and just know that you're extremely fortunate and I have no doubt Austin will brighten your experiences.

- Matteo Ahn, Lovett '23

Austin Lee
Co-Advisor | POLI | Lovett '24

From the suburbs of Dallas, introducing **Anagha Alapati**!!! Anagha is a sophomore studying Biochemistry on the pre-med track. As a stellar musician herself, she knows how to play the flute and the piano (#musically talented). She's always down to watch romcom movies (Love Rosie being her favorite), go to the gym, or eat any bread product available (including the bread from the serveries). You can spot her around campus wearing her iconic grout fit and she'll always be ready to go eat Chipotle with you. If you ever need help with organic chemistry (literally a STEM queen) or just simply vibe with (she loves to poorly scream-sing Taylor Swift songs), she's your girl. With her as an advisor, you'll always have someone to ask for help and someone to always walk you to class :))

- Priya Tirumala, Hanszen '25

Anagha Alapati
Advisor | BIOS | Hanszen '25

Lucky you! **Piyusha Kundu** is your advisor! Piyusha is one of the kindest and most thoughtful people you will ever meet. She has an absolute heart of gold. Piyusha is a senior from Sudbury, Massachusetts, majoring in Cognitive Science on the pre-med track. She loves listening to her podcasts, playing Powderpuff, thrifting, having deep conversations, and creating art. Ask her about her study abroad experience in Europe! She will have many cool stories to share with you! When she is not at Hanszen, she is probably studying at the Jones Business School library, working out at the Rec, or hanging out with her friends. She is always down to explore new cafes, get milkshakes, or do something active. Piyusha is so excited to welcome you to our Hanszen family! Know that Piyusha will always have your back! <3

- Heather Kong, Hanszen '23

Piyusha Kundu
Advisor | CSCI | Hanszen '23

Jose Oviedo
DF | SOPA & FREN | Hanszen '24

Salut, **Jose's** O-Week New Students! You are in for the ride of your lifetime by having Jose as your O-Week Advisor. Jose is a junior at Hanszen majoring in Social Policy Analysis & French and will also be one of Hanszen's Diversity Facilitators this year. Jose's academic and social interests lie in policy research and diversity & inclusion, which translates to him being the best, friendliest, and most caring person out there who is down to talk to anyone, no matter their background!!! On-campus, you are guaranteed to catch Jose walking the Inner Loop with his green AirPods Max's (probably listening to Lauryn Hill or Tyler the Creator) that he never takes off, or you might catch him behind Coffeehouse's bar, exclusively making the Milky Way for his shift drink. I hope you're excited for silly texts from Jose which will include lots of Koala Animojis, being called "pookie," and endless laughs. Make sure to ask him for all his shift drinks or to go out and eat pho!!!!! He will make O-Week and Rice a great experience for you all!

- Miguel Luna, Wiess, '22

Dylan DuCharme
Gopher | ASTR | Hanszen '24

Dylan DuCharme is the most obnoxious, annoying, rude, and mean-spirited person I've ever met - said no one ever! This junior Astrophysics major (real dumb-dumb) is super sweet and chill and will always be there for you. Hailing from McAllen right near the Texas-Mexico border, he's always up to cool things, like researching the cosmos, working at the Hoot, and hanging out with friends in Upper Commons. You should consider yourself lucky to have Dylan as your very own Advisor!

- Alan Tapper, Hanszen '24

Amber Pitre
Advisor | PSYC | Hanszen '23

Amber Pitre truly illustrates the duality of man: you will never see another brunette discuss going blondER, another horse girl who has never ridden a horse, or another material girl who is so low-maintenance. This senior Psychology major began girlbossing in New Orleans, Louisiana (she will tell you all about it, don't worry!). If you ever have the pleasure of walking around campus with Amber, don't expect to arrive quickly at your destination; Amber may walk faster than a normal jog, but you will have to stop incessantly for her to say hello to her vast network of friends. If she's not out socializing, Amber might be killing it with the Rice Owls Dance Team, hanging around Hanszen, or cuddling up with her Matthew Gray Gubler blanket. If Amber is your advisor, she will care for you (almost) as much as she loves her celebrity crush, MGG. She is an amazing listener, and will talk you through any hurdles you encounter at Rice. Amber's energy is infectious, so she will be just as fantastic at celebrating your wins as she is comforting you in hard times. Amber will help you feel at home as she introduces you to Hanszen and to Rice!

- Katie Bablak, Hanszen '23

If you've ever wondered what an 80-year-old looks like in a 6'4, 19-year-old, Korean-American body, look no further than rising sophomore **Hannah Son**. She's happiest when knitting and having good conversations with friends, always one to listen through asking you questions actively. You'll often find her loitering in commons after meals talking about her favorite films/shows (ask her about Everything Everywhere All At Once or Kenneth Branagh's Much Ado About Nothing). Back home in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, she spends her time thrifting and petting her cute chihuahuas, Snoopy and Toto. At Rice, she's a proud double major in Sociology and English and a part of the literary magazine, the Rice Review. A quick way to her heart is through music; if you're a fan of Omar Apollo, Chloe x Halle, or Greer, ask her to make a Blend on Spotify! She's also always in a new fashionable outfit, although she will endlessly wear her "I <3 MY HUSBAND" shirt featuring Spencer from iCarly. Though she certainly has some fatal flaws (like being allergic to strawberries and constantly reminding people she was homeschooled), Hannah's ready to put all that aside to welcome you to Rice and Hanszen!

- Katherine Jeng, Hanszen '25

Hannah Son
Advisor | SOCI & ENGL | Hanszen '25

Austin Tran
Co-Advisor | BUSI | Sid Rich '25

If you're anywhere on the 6th floor of Sid Richardson, you'll hear **Austin** singing Pop Smoke's "Dior" at the top of his lungs in the shower as he dances and rinses the soap off his monster quads (that everyone is jealous of). Other than being super forgetful (he gives Ms. Dory a run for her name), Austin is suuuper involved at Rice. He's awake 40 hours a day, split between being secretary for both Rice Business Society (he WILL try to recruit you) and Sid Government, serving as the head of the Sid Dodgeball League, as well as showcasing Rice as campus' best 5'7 tour guide (even though he still can't walk backwards).

All jokes aside, this sophomore Business major from Katy, TX will be one of the most caring, approachable people you will meet at Rice, and you've actually lucked out if you got him as your Advisor!

- Mirely Nieto, Sid Richardson '25 and Guinivere Yeung, Sid Richardson '25

Hailing from Nashville, Tennessee, **Connor Taylor** will welcome you with his Southern charm (you'll get used to his accent in no time). Connor Taylor is a sophomore majoring in Economics and Sports Management. When Connor isn't excitedly talking about Fantasy Football or the NBA playoffs (Sport Management majors, am I right), you can find him in Upper Commons discussing his favorite movies or setting new records on Raft Wars. Connor is a proud member of Rice's premier improv team, Spontaneous Combustion! On and off the stage, you can always count on Connor to bring a smile to your face. If you ever need a shoulder to cry on or a good hug, Connor is ready with a listening ear and will go out of his way to support you. With Connor as your Advisor, get ready for a week full of laughs. He's so excited to meet you and welcome you to Rice!

- Christina Wong '25

Connor Taylor

Advisor | ECON & SMGT | Hanszen '25

Isha Khapre

Advisor | BIOS | Hanszen '24

If you got **Isha** as your O-Week Advisor, congrats, you've just won at life! This rising junior hailing all the way from Kenya is the best advisor you could possibly ask for. With her chaotic falls and contagious optimistic outlook, there's never a dull moment. Need someone to order Wendy's and watch iCarly with at 2 in the morning? She's your girl. Need someone to listen to you rant for hours on end? Isha's there. Need absolutely anything? Isha's always the first to offer. Isha is the kindest and bubbliest person you'll ever meet: she takes hours to fill up her water bottle because she's striking up a conversation with every single person she runs into along the way. Her kindness shines through in her extracurriculars with her involvement in Best Buddies (an organization that aims to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities) and Rice Red Cross. She's not only a dedicated and involved member of her community; she's also an academic superstar: Cell Biology and Genetics major, who is possibly minoring in Entrepreneurship, possibly minoring in Statistics, and possibly pre-med — very indecisive as you can tell, but she's a woman of many talents :) One thing she's not indecisive about is how much she cares about the people in her life and how much she loves Hanszen. Whether you've been friends with her for years or you just met her a few days ago, Isha will always be your biggest supporter and make you feel welcome.

- Edelawit Negash, Jones '24; Tori Payne, Brown '24

Hailing from bangin' Las Vegas, Nevada, **Janri Aquipel** is a swag-money rising sophomore from Baker College majoring in Architecture. As an Archi, his favorite building is the Eiffel Tower — the one in Vegas of course. Janri is an absolute Filipino legend, known for his dancing prowess, hat-wearing fashion as a Chaus barista, beautiful karaoke singing, and loving Boss Baby 2 (despite having not watched it). He always looks forward to going on an adventure, whether it's to eat poke or stream Pokemon with Poki on his highly active Twitch with tens of viewers. Besides his edible tastes, Janri's musical tastes involve listening to K-Pop while sprawled on his carpet with an iconic Nicki Minaj flag in view or going to chill RnB concerts at House of Blues. He even traveled 400,000 miles to see a Twice concert in Dallas. He's super-duper-mega hyped to meet you, and with him as your Co-Advisor, you'll be making plenty of fun memories this O-Week and beyond.

- Aidan Gerber, Baker '25; Cassidy Chhay, Martel '25

Janri Aquipel

Co-Advisor | ARCH | Baker '25

You hear a gentle hum approaching behind you. You look back, and who do you see but **Katie Bablak**, zooming around campus on her electric scooter. This senior pre-med Mechanical Engineering student hails from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and she won't let you forget it. When she's not grinding away on one of her problem sets, she can be found coming up with quirky characters for her next Mock Trial competition, sending her friends the most random Tik-Toks she can find, concocting crazy snack combinations, or encouraging everyone to try their hand (or should I say mouth) at chugging on Fast Chug Fridays. Seriously, Katie can drink water sooooo fast. If Katie is your Advisor, consider yourself the luckiest Hanszenite ever because not only will you get amazing advice in any situation, but you will also have made a lifelong friend. Katie is always ready to support and cheer you on in anything you decide to do. She is so excited to meet you and help you feel at home, at Hanszen and at Rice!

- Amber Pitre, Hanszen '23

Katie Bablak

RHA | MECH | Hanszen '23

Majoring in Bioengineering (and a total party animal), meet **Babushka Agrawal**. When she's not on the Polaroid Express, she's on the BRC express (Biosciences Research Collective building) headed to focus on her research. Trust us when we say she's the picture perfect O-Week Advisor! As a Rice Health Advisor, she has the training and tools to help you through any situation. No matter the time of day, she will provide quality comfort in any situation (10/10 shoulder to cry on -two verified users). She's also got one of the cutest dogs (his name is Kaju) ready to cheer you up in her camera roll (and somehow literally three photos of us three together. how.) Don't be fooled, though, because once you start feeling better, she will roast you faster than a Canon. While she doesn't mean to, she can be extremely oblivious and land herself in awkward situations (this is actually very entertaining). To those in her O-Week group, be ready to have your heart captured and a great friendship developed.

- Mia Lin, Wiess '24; Karen Martinez Perez, McMurtry '24

Anushka Agrawal

RHA | BIOE | Hanszen '24

Hailing from Larchmont, New York, **Eric Savarese** is excited to welcome you to Rice, especially Hanszen. Eric is a junior studying Computer Science and Cognitive Science (aka double CS). When he's not in Commons or at Cabinet, you can almost assuredly find Eric at Chaüs, Rice's student-run coffeeshop. As a Class Representative, Eric is also very involved at Hanszen, and will gladly attend Hanszen events with you, especially study breaks held by the Residential Associates or Magisters. Eric is always down for a conversation, whether it be simply complaining about classes or anything else. Eric is fiercely loyal and an incredible friend that will always be a hype man or a shoulder to cry on. Eric's music taste is eclectic, ranging from Taylor Swift to hyper pop. You've hit the lottery having Eric as your Advisor, having a built-in friend and amazing resource. Eric can't wait to meet you and share his love for Hanszen with you!

- Sara Mansfield, Hanszen '23

Eric Savarese

Advisor | COMP & CSCI | Hanszen '24

Standing at a mighty 5 foot 0 inches, this Tucson Arizonian has a fiery, extroverted personality that is sure to make your O-Week experience one of a kind. **Maya Adhikari** is a rising sophomore (Class of 2025) and the type of Political Science pre-law major who does her ECON 100 homework after the class is already over. She is most likely to be found at the library or Starbucks, but she is easy to miss because she is really really quiet. Just kidding, her voice from the 8th floor of Brown has been heard through closed windows all the way out in the quad. Maya loves to talk. She's a national-level speech and debater and an even higher level tea-spiller. She will keep you entertained for hours, talking about everything from her favorite show, Never Have I Ever, to her time at Basis Oro Valley High School, but, be warned, she may never finish a whole story. Also, be patient with her if you try to give her a high-five as she has zero hand eye coordination, probably because she considers mock trial a sport. But in all fairness, you guys are in good, just very small, hands. Maya is one of the friendliest and funniest people at Rice, and she'll keep you smiling all week long.

- Heather Szczesniak, Brown '24; Bikrant Das Sharma, Brown '24

Maya Adhikari

Co-Advisor | POLI | Brown '25

Flying in hot from Hanszen, the best residential college at Rice, **Andrew Li** is here to welcome you to the nest! A rising senior from the local Houston area in the class of 2023, Andrew is majoring in Statistics and minoring in Data Science and Biochemistry on the Pre-Med track. When he's not drowning in work, Andrew loves trying new foods (the spicier the better) and swimming/running (or any exercise in general). You can also find him binge-watching any new action or comedy TV show on Netflix whenever he's given up playing Valorant. Andrew loves cracking jokes and is super excited to make your transition to Rice as comfortable and hilarious as possible!

- Ginny Qian, Hanszen '23

Andrew Li

Advisor | STAT | Hanszen '23

Prince "Chickichickibangbang" Alino is a rising senior from Surprise, Arizona, majoring in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Cellular Biology and Genetics, so you know he knows more about biology other than that the mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell. He is quite the music connoisseur, having his AirPods glued to his ear 24/7 keeping up with the latest Afrobeats, rap, classical and R&B music. Prince is also by far one of the best dancers at Rice. When he is not embracing the pre-med grind (that's right, future doctor in the making), you can find him dancing with the Rice African Student Association Dance Team or when he is shoved into the middle of the circle at a party. He also enjoys playing/watching basketball, hanging out with friends, and exploring his real hometown, Houston. Prince is also very involved on campus as he is a member of various organizations, including University Court, Rice African Student Association and DAWA Pre-Health Society. All in all, Prince is one of the most down to earth and dependable people you will ever meet, and you're so lucky to have him as your Advisor! He can't wait to meet y'all! P.S. If you ever say a bad joke around him, he will most likely let you know either by a blank stare or a sarcastic rebuttal, so be on high alert.

- Nana Konadu, Jones '23

Prince Alino

Co-Advisor | BIOS | McMurtry '23

Carlos Rivera

RHA | SMGT & SMEP | Hanszen '23

Originally from Pasadena, Texas, **Carlos Rivera** is a Senior double majoring in Sports Medicine and Sport Management. This future Athletic Trainer plans to support you as much as he does Bad Bunny and Frank Ocean. You can mostly find him at the Rec in the evenings or taking a nap during the day on the lower commons couch. Carlos is super thrilled to be your O-Week Advisor!!!

- Makayla Franco, Hanszen '22; Arshia Batra, Hanszen '22

Thank your lucky stars that you have **Valentina Osorio**, our favorite Peruvian beauty, as your Advisor! When she's not exploring every study space at Rice as the baddie Chemistry and Earth, Environmental, & Planetary Sciences (EEPS) double major that she is or gushing about her acapella group, Nocturnal, you can find her obsessing over her incredibly adorable cats and laughing at her sister's dog wearing snow goggles. Her many talents and accolades include being a certified Californian (don't say Cali; she and the rest of her hometown, San Diego, will roast you) avocado sammich lover, queen of typos, and oracle of the most profound revelations like how chocolate and chocolate are spelled the same. Any moment you spend with this absolute gift of a human being is time well spent. Whether you're stargazing with her, skating down the Cambridge Garage, breaking out into song, or dying of laughter over memes (and by that I mean she is dying of laughter and you don't understand what's going on but you can't help but join in because her laughter and joy are so contagious), the vibes could not be more immaculate. Jokes aside, she is hands-down one of the most genuine and kind-hearted individuals who never fails to make you feel seen and heard. With her spontaneous spirit and open heart, Valentina will welcome you to Hanszen with genuine excitement and care.

- Pearl Fernandes, Wiess '22

Valentina Osorio

Advisor | CHEM & EEPS | Hanszen '24

You must be the luckiest person to get this scrumptious very baby-looking most adorable smartest sweetest kindest funnest all the -est SLAYEST advisor ever!!! **Aryana** is a psychology major from Katy interning in the Wellbeing Center so if you EVER need to talk to someone she's an amazing option because this girl has all the best advice and compliments and encouragements in the bag. Actual best hypewoman ever!! When you're not seeing this girl study, she's probably playing Just Dance, stretching to play Just Dance, or asking a bunch of people around to play Just Dance with her. Aryana is a HUGE dessert foodie, so literally hit her up if you ever want to know which servery has the best dessert because 11 times out of 10 she'd already have that info!! But of course no dessert will ever match the sweetness this girl has for the people she loves. This ball of sunshine is incredibly thoughtful and will be there for you even if Eric Nam or DPR or Twice is singing her name (jk she's not stupid). Unlike Ariana Grande, there is absolutely no reason for you to say Thank You, Next to Aryana being your advisor <3

- Victoria Santos, Will Rice '25

Aryana Suhartono

Advisor | PSYC | Hanszen '25

Tyler's an incoming junior at Hanszen college studying Linguistics. He hails from Cottonwood, California, and he brings his curiosity with him! Whether it's a discussion about foreign language phonetics or talking about which movie soundtracks are his favorite hype songs, Tyler loves asking hard questions and having deep conversations. He's also an amazing listener; you can always count on him to answer your questions about classes or college life. You can catch him working (and working out) at the rec, studying the Bible at Intervarsity, or learning Mandarin in commons. When he's not studying, catch him reading a book or running around the Outer Loop! He can't wait to welcome you to Zen!

- Aaron Lin, Hanszen '23

Tyler Braito

Advisor | LING | Hanszen '24

Imagine: You see fish prints on the floor. You follow the trail. At the end of the trail, you see **Hope**, her feet clad in blue fish flops (ask for pics). Congrats! You've found her! Hope Moustakakis (meaning small mustache) is a senior majoring in Chemical Engineering. This Connecti-cutie is on the STRIVE Executive-Board and an active member of Hanszen Cabinet. In fact, she will find the most creative ways to spend the Cabinet budget (and will persist until she gets it approved), hence the fish flops. Passionate about environmental sustainability, during the day, she can be found in the Rice gardens gushing about her plants or discovering new alternative milks to try out. At night, you can find her procrastinating in upper commons doing the NYT crossword or sitting in the fancy bedrest that she made Hanszen buy. If you have Hope as your Advisor, you will be gaining not only an Advisor but also a shoulder to cry on, a cheerleader, and someone to go on late-night boba runs with. Hope is so excited to meet you and show you what Hanszen Family Heart means!

- Chloe Hur, Hanszen '23; Peter Reynolds, Hanszen '25

Hope Moustakakis

Gopher & STRIVE | CHBE | Hanszen '23

Emery Engling

Advisor | ECON & CSCI | Hanszen '25

Did you just have a conversation with someone while looking directly up at them? Well, that was probably your amazing new Advisor, **Emery Engling**! This 6'4" lanky boi is a sophomore at Hanszen majoring in Economics and Cognitive Science, and he's so excited to welcome you to Hanszen! He hails from the great Midwest state of Wisconsin (but will tell you he's from Chicago if it's more convenient), where cheese grows on trees! In fact, Emery loves cheese so much that he is the head of Hanszen's prestigious Cheese Committee, which puts on various cheese related events that he will convince you to attend. Emery is full of fun, goofy, and sometimes stupid ideas that always have a way of working out, like that one time he pranked all of Rice by hanging a Hanszen flag from the Sallyport arch. When he's not helping out at Hanszen, Emery is a passionate and dedicated friend whom you can rely on to drop whatever he's doing to be there for you. Emery is so excited to welcome you home to Hanszen and Rice!

- Peter Reynolds, Hanszen '25; Noah Hight, Hanszen '25; Hemish Thakkar, Hanszen '24

Rosemary Lach

Co-Advisor | ELEC & LING | Baker '23

If you are reading this, chances are, your O-Week is about to be picture-perfect – you have the terrific **Rosemary Lach** as your advisor! An Electrical Engineering and Linguistics double major (what a combo!) hailing from Huntsville, Alabama currently (she's an Air Force kid), she's proof that you can be anything & everything you want to be at Rice. When she's not studying sounds and signals, Rosemary can be found on the field playing ultimate frisbee with Torque, Rice's women's ultimate club team, showing off her tuba talent with the Marching Owls Band, or out testing a rocket engine with Rice Eclipse, the student rocketry group here on campus. If she's not doing any of these, you can spot her taking photos of geese at Hermann Park (she's a big fan of waterfowl), watching The Lego Movie (her favorite), or chilling in Baker Commons, wearing her hallmark baby blue Crocs. Rosemary is fun-loving, kind, and hilariously funny, but when a friend is in need, she is steadfast, level-headed, and one of the best listeners ever. She is not ashamed to be exactly who she is and makes no apologies for being her full, authentic, quirky, amazing self. She will never, ever judge you; better yet, she appreciates and celebrates the quirks of others too! Rosemary will encourage you to embrace who you are, weirdness & all, and she'll celebrate you for whoever you are! You'll want to follow in her blue Croc-ed footsteps!

- Grace Walters, Jones '23

If you ever run into **Arnav** late at night, you will either hear Don Giovanni blasting from one of the classrooms or a 4 AM India-Pakistan cricket match. A junior Computer Science major native to Houston, talking with him will leave you entertained, enlightened, and wishing you paid more attention to your high school history class with equal chance. This bastion of culture is instantly recognizable by his maroon polo shirts, quiet but commanding persona, and illustrious 'stache - ask him about his beard butter. Arnav is a phenomenal person to go to for advice, compsci help, or jokes that only your grandfather would understand. Rest easy knowing that you're in the same O-Week group as someone who always drinks two servery milks per meal.

- Brian Lee, Hanszen '24; Alan Tapper, Hanszen '24

Arnav Burudgunte

Advisor | COMP | Hanszen '24

Heather Kong

Advisor | HEAL | Hanszen '23

Hailing from sunny California, **Heather** radiates sunshine in all possible ways. Her friendly, thoughtful nature makes you one of the luckiest New Students to have her as an Advisor! You can always rely on Heather for having your back — whether you need someone to talk to or just chill with. This senior from Hanszen has acquired a lot of wisdom from her past three years at Rice, so don't be afraid to reach out. She is always willing to help you in every possible way. Heather will impress and educate you on all the cool things she learns with her Health Sciences major and Poverty, Justice, and Human Capabilities minor. If she isn't tackling some of Houston's biggest issues while working on civic engagement projects, she's hanging out with friends or chilling with her amazing stuffed animal, Dave. Heather is super excited to help make Hanszen your new home. She can't wait to meet you soon!

- Piyusha Kundu, Hanszen '23

If you haven't seen **Reece** at the Rec yet, don't worry. You will in due time. This All-Star athlete is captain of the powderpuff team, on the bike team, and plays on literally every IM sports team that she can. From Slidell, Louisiana, this girl is a #womaninstem majoring in Mechanical Engineering and minoring in Engineering Design AND Entrepreneurship. Aside from academics, this country gal is a big fan of One Direction and country music — she's the Billboard Top 100s chart incarnate. Catch her binge-watching The Bachelor or some horror movie while she noshes on her almond butter cups and cold brew (both of which she can not live without). You are lucky to have Reece as your Advisor, and after O-Week, you won't be able to live without her!

- Marc Armeña, Hanszen '24; Makayla Franco, Hanszen '22; Astra Burke, Hanszen '24; Eric Savarese, Hanszen '24

Reece Lusich

Advisor | MECH | Hanszen '24

Saathwik Saladi as your co-advisor from Jones?!! I guarantee you, there is no one better for the job!! One of the goofiest, sweetest, and smartest people, he is more than willing to talk about subjects ranging from basketball, medicine, music, and any random deep philosophical questions. Born in Visakhapatnam, India, Saatwik is a sophomore student from Dallas, Texas, double majoring in Neuroscience and Health Sciences on the pre-med track. In his free time, he does Alzheimer's research at the Baylor College of Medicine (didn't I say he was smart?). Whether you need someone to listen and give advice, maybe you're in the mood for some Bruno Mars and Justin Timberlake throwbacks, or you want to talk avidly about basketball, he will absolutely be there for you. You can find him at his go-to campus spots which include playing pick-up basketball at the Rec or studying at Brochstein with friends. Get ready for the week of your life with one of the most lovable and warm Hanszen advisors!! The embodiment of the phrase "live, laugh, love," and a family man, he'll probably tell you how much he loves his momma and show you many very cute pictures of his dog, Sally. He'll most likely sing you a couple of Ed Sheeran songs. If you couldn't tell already, his high energy and enthusiasm for living life to the fullest are unmatched, so get ready to have a great time with Saathwik. YAYAYAYAYA O-WEEK (you'll understand that one soon)

- Kasia Hochwald, Wiess '25; Brendan Hlibok, Jones '25

Saathwik Saladi

Co-Advisor | NEUR & HEAL | Jones '25

Skye fredericks

Co-Advisor | SOPA & ANTH | Jones '24

If you were to ask around campus, most people would describe **Skye** with the simple phrase "girlboss." Skye (aka Skylene) is in her element at Rice Coffeehouse pulling shots of espresso (she's also the marketing manager so look through the insta for her stellar graphics) or influencing policy at the Baker Institute. Hailing from Salt Lake City, Memphis, New York, and somewhere France-adjacent, she is far cooler than most people you'll meet. When she's not hustling, she's on the move, either walking somewhere at an insanely fast speed (in her slippers), barefoot in the Jones Mailroom, or dancing with the Rice Owls Dance Team (go Owls!) She also is part of a joint food Instagram (follow @thefemininecritique), so hit her up for some local food recs. If you have questions about your major, be sure to hit her up because she's probably tried it at least once. And if you can't find her, look around for her emotional-support gingers.

- Elizabeth Fessler, Jones '24; Hadley Medlock, McMurtry '24; Peter Townley, Jones '24

Jose Acuña Valenzuela

AL | BUSI & SMGT | Hanszen '24

Starting at shooting guard for "Go Provolone: Say Cheese," **Jose Acuna** stands at 5'10". This junior student athlete on the track and field team studies both Business and Sports Management. Jose is the biggest simp for the Phoenix Suns and will go out of his way to tell you how his man-crush Devin Booker played in their last game. But feel free to ask him about how the 2021 NBA finals went or how those blazin' wings tasted. Although Jose usually spends his mornings running a ton of miles for the Rice Cross Country team, he is currently sidelined with a broken femur, so you can catch him pumping iron in the weight room tryin' to convince himself he's not a long distance runner. He is from Phoenix, Arizona, so you already know who his favorite NFL team is... the San Francisco 49ers!! If you ever want to debate which servery to go to, want to talk to see a picture of Flaco (one of his 8 adorable dogs), or just want to have a good laugh, hit up Jose – a really funny guy and a genuine friend.

- Cadan Hanson, Will Rice '24

Zach Rewolinski is a senior from San Diego, California, and he definitely won't let you forget it – being from San Diego is his main personality trait. His hobbies include things he insists you can't do in Houston - like hiking, surfing, and breathing in fresh ocean air - so if you're ever looking for a fun road trip, Zach is your guy. He also loves to search for the best barbeque in Houston, although he'll swear by In-N-Out over Whataburger any day. This Statistics major will talk your ear off about his machine learning research and probably try to get you to join intramural sports or the club baseball team as well. He can get a bit competitive, but don't let his trash talk on the field fool you - he has a huge heart and is always there to listen and be a shoulder to cry on.

- Dani Knobloch, Hanszen '23; Jarrett Prchal, Hanszen '22; Jade McAdams, Hanszen '22

Zach Rewolinski

Advisor | STAT | Hanszen '23

Basma Bedawi

Advisor | SOCI & SOPA | Hanszen '25

Hailing from Virginia Beach, Virginia, sophomore **Basma Bedawi** cannot do three things: wear a bad outfit, stop talking, and be a bad Advisor. She's a double major in Sociology and Social Policy Analysis — ask her for her favorite SOCI courses but be prepared for her to talk your ear off. She's an open book, so you can always read her emotions based on what earrings she's wearing for the day (if she's not wearing any, RUN!) Her favorite pastime is hyper-analyzing movies — add her on Letterboxd for the in-depth reviews. Her only red flags are being an Aries and her superiority complex in her taste in music. . If it was up to her, she'd spend her entire KTRU radio shift playing Steve Lacy, SZA, and Christian Leave. Her guilty pleasure song, though, is Dolly Parton's "9 to 5." That's how you'll know she'll work 9 to 5 and beyond to make O-Week and your first year a wonderful and welcoming experience.

- Katherine Jeng, Hanszen '25

"Hey, does anyone have a snack?", "Guys, should I get bangs?" and "Can we watch Despicable Me?" are all common **Chloe Hur** sayings. Coming all the way from Seoul, this resident chunky-white-sneaker-girl is so excited to meet you and help make Hanszen your home! A senior studying Psychology on the pre-law track, Chloe is one of our Diversity Facilitators and is ready to aid you in your transition to Rice. In her free time, Chloe can be found singing with Rice's South Asian acapella group and taking pictures of clouds. Don't be scared by her aesthetically unhinged Instagram – she uses Youtube Shorts, dabs unironically, and has a weird thing for minion memes. She is definitely the easiest Advisor to poke fun at (and we actually recommend you do so). Chloe is always down to sing Disney songs and watch movies with you, though she might fall asleep halfway through them. She is scarily good at convincing you to buy clothes you don't need and that bangs would look cute on you. She can't wait for O-Week and to welcome you into our Hanszen community!

- Hope Moustakakis, Hanszen '23; Bianca Chen, Hanszen '23; Amber Pitre, Hanszen '23

Chloe Hur

DF | PSYC | Hanszen '23

In ancient texts, there are mentionings of a man. That man is **Peter Reynolds**. An absolutely iconic Hanszen Mechanical Engineering sophomore, Peter, "Do you wanna order food?" Reynolds is prouder of his hometown Chicago than anyone you've met. If you're reading this past 2 AM, Peter is also probably awake right now either doing the NYT Crossword, getting hyped about the next F1 race, or watching an international curling match (possibly all 3 at once). If you recognize this line, "I fantasized 'bout this back in Chicago", then you and Peter will hit it off. If not, then do not worry, as this renaissance man surely has a shared interest with you. Be warned, if Peter spots you past midnight, he will attempt to get you to stay up and help him procrastinate his work in commons. Rumor has it that he attempted to move into Upper Commons multiple times, but has failed on all occasions. A fantastic listener, Peter is a top tier person to confide in, get advice from, or laugh with at any time. Whether you want to watch a movie (not anything remotely scary or he will close his eyes), order food, learn about poetry, watch curling at 6 AM, talk about stocks, or find a deal on something (download the app Slickdeals and you will be Peter's favorite), Peter will ensure you enjoy your time at Hanszen. Get ready for O-Week because you just lucked out and got one of the best Advisors ever.

- Connor Taylor, Hanszen '25

Peter Reynolds

Advisor | MECH | Hanszen '25

Stephanie Agu

Advisor | HEAL | Hanszen '25

Hey, besties!! Coming from Wiess College, **Taylor "slay" Rosen** ('24) is a girlboss from Shreveport, Louisiana, majoring in Biosciences and minoring in Medical Humanities. As a premed and woman-in-STEM, she loves all things science, especially chemistry (we love Rice chemistry professors!) and psychology. Some of Taylor's hobbies include finding the best places to eat in Houston (you should go follow her foodstagram) and baking (she even taught a Jewish baking course this past semester). As her O-Week New Student, you'll definitely enjoy a lot of these baked goods! When she's not grinding for classes, Camp Kesem, Period at Rice, or Rice Program Council (so many things! :o), you'll probably find her listening to Taylor Swift, rewatching New Girl and Harry Potter, being a long-distance dog mom to her two puppies back at home, or dismantling the patriarchy one dinner table conversation at a time. Most importantly, Taylor is an amazing, reliable friend, and she is always willing to go above and beyond for the people she cares about. She's the slayest Co-Advisor you could ask for, and you guys are gonna have so much fun with her this O-Week!

- Keerthi Bhoda, Wiess '24; Nisha Oruganti, Wiess '24

Taylor Rosen

Co-Advisor | BIOS | Wiess '24

Stephanie Agu is a Hanszen '25 sophomore from Sugar Land, Texas. Stephanie's hot takes are spicy, so if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen. She is mad funny and really buff (she loves the Rec), two traits every good O-Week Advisor needs. Stephanie is also a wild card. She always brings humor, fun, and life to any room. Best believe your O-Week advisor will have you on a bunch of fun, unexpected O-Week shenanigans. Always count on Stephanie for some fun, good laughs, and some expert advice. Stephanie is a lighthearted, easy-going, orange-Fanta-loving life of the party. She's great to be around and will make an awesome O-Week Advisor, even though in real life, she would much rather be the cool aunt who brings gifts :)

- Favour Alino, McMurtry '25; Ona Isiofia, Will Rice '25 Crystal Unegbu, Hanszen '25

Christina Wong

PAA | COMP | Hanszen '25

Have you ever walked past a dead hummingbird and thought, "aw, cute"? Me neither. But **Christina Wong** has—just ask her to tell you about Squiggles. Hailing from the Bay Area, Christina has an affinity for cute animals and bones, and she's not afraid to combine them. Besides these interests, she's one of the most energetic, bubbly, and caring people I've met. She's always ready to write you a card or talk you through a problem you're having. As a part of Hanszen's Bike Team, she helped lead the Hanszen women to first place during our 2022 Beer Bike! When she's not breaking records on the bike track, you can find her doing COMP (even though she's always a week ahead in her classes) in Upper Commons, snacking on Wheat Thins and Hot Cheetos. But beware about her drinking coffee – one sip and she will be up until 4 AM. Despite her crazy schedule, she'll always be there to help you choose classes, clarify academic rules and deadlines, and anything else academically related.

- Katherine Jeng, Hanszen '25

It's a bird. No, it's a plane. HoLy sMoKeS, it's **Tanya Jain** (Hanszen '25)! All the way from Fremont, California, Tanya is so ridiculously excited to be your Peer Academic Advisor. Will she force you to watch a 3 hour Bollywood movie with her? Maybe. Will it be enjoyable? Heck yeah, because she is a fantastic friend to spend time with. As a Biosciences major with a Biochemistry concentration on the pre-med track, she will absolutely be able to help you when picking classes and planning your major. When she isn't studying, you can find her practicing away as a proud member of a dance troupe on campus called Riyaaz, or binging Netflix (nonstop Grey's Anatomy). Be warned! Tanya is a very honest person, so there is a chance she might roast you. Fear not, though, as Tanya is also super easy to roast back, which allows for an entertaining dynamic. If you ever need advice on anything (whether it be academic or not), Tanya is a fantastic person to talk through it with or even be a shoulder to cry on. Get excited because she will definitely be a huge resource to you and a great friend.

- Connor Taylor, Hanszen '25

Tanya Jain

PAA | BIOS | Hanszen '25

Zarek Lu

PAA | COMP | Hanszen '25

Hear a mighty cough echoing through commons at 4 AM? See a kid fall off his bike, not one, not two, but THREE times (then get right back up again)? Or see someone playing any and every sport possible like ultimate, flag, ping pong, and volleyball (and working out at the Rec! A lot!)? Who could it be? Is it... **Zarek Lu**!?! That's right! With his iconic orange polo (or any bright polo or free Rice shirts), you might mistake him for a traffic cone. However, the only thing he'll guide you toward is making the best schedule possible! This PAA is a sophomore with juicy quads, an even juicier heart <3, and even even juicierer love for Computer Science! (his major!), from Austin, Texas! "Derek with a Z" will always be there to support you with open arms. And an open mouth. If you have food, he's also always willing to lend a helping hand, take you out on a bike ride, "chair" with you (you better ask him about this >:)), and join in on any adventure your first year may bring — so get to know him, he's a great hugger and an even better friend!! :)

- Genesis Hahn, Hanszen '25, Vy Luu, Hanszen '25, Nitin Reganti, Hanszen '25

Genesis Hahn

PAA | CAAM & ECON | Hanszen '25

HEY HANSZEN! You are so lucky to experience the most amazing PAA there is out there, **Genesis Hahn**! Originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, Genesis is a sophomore at Rice double majoring in Computational and Applied Mathematics (CAAM) and Economics. With a smile and personality as warm as the Houston summer, Genesis is happy to help you transition to life at Rice in any way, whether that be with academics, extracurriculars, or getting involved on campus. For example, if you are looking for somewhere to eat late at night, you can catch Genesis working at her favorite SRB (student-run business), The Hoot. You can also find Genesis working in the Student Center or as a tour guide, so when you see her around campus, feel free to say hi! If you are interested in participating in Intramural Sports, you can also ask Genesis about her experience picking up soccer, powderpuff, biking, or even basketball games (she's so good at everything!). When Genesis isn't girlbossing her way through life, she loves to explore Houston by finding new restaurants (she really likes Thai food!), going to concerts (her music taste is immaculate!), skating around Hermann Park (take her on a picnic!), finding a way to make a pun out of anything, or anything at all. With quite possibly the sweetest person you will ever meet as your PAA, Genesis will stop at nothing to help you discover your passion and support you at every step along the way as you find your home at Hanszen!

- Lily Remington, Hanszen '25

Peer Academic Advisors

Hailing from Bangkok, Thailand, **Nasha** absolutely fears the cold like most Houstonians. But if you ever discuss the weather with her, be prepared to talk in Celcius, as she prides herself on refusing to speak in Fahrenheit. This senior is majoring in Cognitive Sciences and minoring in Data Science, so if anyone has questions about both of these, she'll probably have some answers! In her free time, Nasha loves to dance and is an active member of Rice BASYK, a K-Pop dance group. She is always looking for new Hanszen members in BASYK, so let her know if you are interested in trying a workshop or two. Nasha enjoys blasting K-pop songs in her room and is always interested in exploring emerging artists and songs. She also enjoys quietly painting new room decor in her room during the year. She loves trying new restaurants and has the best food and drink recs in Houston! She also eats poke on a weekly basis so if u ever need a poke buddy, she's the one. Nasha is an amazingly caring person and will always be there to give you a hug when you need it. Ps. If you see someone flossing while waiting for an elevator, that's probably her!

- Janya Ram, Hanszen '23; Piyusha Kundu, Hanszen '23

Videographer | CSCI | Hanszen '23

Nasha Wanich-wecharungruang

Robert Heeter

Photographer | BIOE | Hanszen '24

Robert is a rising junior majoring in Bioengineering and minoring in Physics. Hailing from Pleasanton, California, you can always count on Robert to make your day more ~pleasant~! When he's not busy hitting the books, you'll likely find Robert at the tennis courts, at the RMC designing pages for the Thresher (the school newspaper), going on late night runs, or munching his way through his stash of servery cookies. Robert's super kind and friendly, so you can always hit him up for anything from asking for academic advice (he's a Peer Academic Advisor!!) to asking him for fruit snacks. He's so so excited to meet all of you and welcome you home to the best residential college!! :D

- Divya Venkatesh, Hanszen '23

Have you ever wondered what a buff Korean Tadashi Hamada (from Big Hero 6) looks like? Well, look no further than our very own **Taeho Choe**, Hanszen's resident videographer! Hailing from Seattle, Washington, this sophomore Computer Science and Cognitive Science double major will never fail to make you laugh with his dark sense of humor. Although he's consistently advocated for a Hanszen boxing bag (and has yet to succeed, unfortunately), Taeho frequents the boxing gym in the meantime. When he's not working as a freelance videographer creating commercials and content for influencers (check out @taehochoefs on IG!), you can spot him in commons, usually "studying" (aka watching true crime Youtube videos) or deciding what kind of Korean food to cook / eat for his next meal. If you ever need a friendly face to watch Nathan For You and eat coffee & green tea ice cream with, Taeho's your person! Rest assured, since the memories you'll make at O-Week will undoubtedly be documented beautifully by this very talented videographer.

- Sarah Eunsu Kim, Hanszen '24

Taeho Choe

Videographer | COMP & CSCI | Hanszen '25

Need help on Physics, Computational and Applied Math, or Philosophy? Need biking tips? Want some tasty Indian food? Your prayers have been answered because **Ibrahim** can do it all! Hailing all the way from Houston, this triple major Egyptian-American senior can be seen grinding day and night in Fondren, as well as on the bike track as part of Hanszen's men's elite bike team. You may also hear him joking about having no free time because of his triple major, but don't worry! He relieves his stress by biking, running, and working out (#gainz4dayz). Ibrahim is also involved in the Muslim Student Association, and you can also spot him snapping artsy pictures and videos for Rice. Ask him any existential question you may have, about his Astrophotography, or his favorite rap and rock songs. Ibrahim is so excited to meet you all this O-Week and take amazing pictures and videos to document all of the amazing vibes!

- Arvind Ramesh, Hanszen '23

Ibrahim Elsharkawy

Photographer | PHYS & CAAM & PHIL | Hanszen '23

INTRO TO HANSZEN COLLEGE

What is Hanszen?

Hanszen College, without question, is the best residential college at Rice. Located at 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 Biosciences Research Collaborative, two parking lots, and Rice Village.

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 at the picnic tables, grilling burgers, playing volleyball, or just hanging out. 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 is where we eat all of our meals and host our public parties, and upstairs or the Hanszen Upper Commons house our Private Dining Room, a game room, library, and a lobby with several couches and an always occupied ping pong table.

CIVIL WAR

SMORES

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!

HANSZEN PRE-FIRE

Our 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 one of the four original colleges. The college took the name 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 the 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 all genders in 1973. Hanszen men 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 when 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 the 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 areawide 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.”

GROVE TOWARDS HANSZEN

Hanszen Traditions

COLLEGE NIGHT

MR. HANSZEN

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 the 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 former New Section. Forced to evacuate because of the crane dangling over them, the Hanszenites gathered in the Quad. Since they were forced to leave behind their books and thus unable to attend class, the students decided to 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 (FITQ)**. 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 the week before Beer Bike, colleges will pull pranks on each other (called "**JACKS**"). One jack that Hanszenites pulled in 2011 was "selling" that statue of Willy to the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. The Thresher (Rice's student-run newspaper) noted it as one of the best jacks of all time. Every year, Hanszen pulls three pranks on Wiess. One is **JAILBREAK**, where Hanszenites wake up Wiessmen early in the morning and everyone has a dance party.

The second is **WIESS WALL**, where Hanszenites build a wall between New Section and Commons so that Wiessmen have to walk all the way around Hanszen, instead of through it, to get to class. And the last jack is **STEALING THE WARPIG**, Wiess' beloved parade float, and moving it to our quad on the other side of the Wiess Wall. On the day of Beer Bike, Hanszen has a huge **COLOR POWDER CELEBRATION** before the water balloon fight. Because our dedicated Hanszenites fill at least thirty trash cans worth of water balloons during Beer Bike Week, Hanszen lasts the longest during the campus-wide water balloon fight. 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, the 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 Galleria's ice skating rink. 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 social group — it's a family. Starting with the love and care of our Magisters, RFAs, 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 there is a long-standing tradition of paying it forward. We are the Family College for a reason, and we cannot wait for you to be part of it!

COLOR CELEBRATION

CIVIL WAR

NAMESAKE: Harry Clay Hanszen
YEAR ESTABLISHED: 1957
FOUNDING ORDER: 3rd of 11
COLORS: Royal Blue and Yellow
MASCOT: The Guardian

HANSZEN ON ICE

FRIENDLY RIVAL: Wiess College
SISTER COLLEGE: Brown College
THEME SONG: "MMMBop" by Hanson
NICKNAME: The Family College
MOTTO: Tradition and Novelty

What is the H-Team?

Every college has a group of adults who help run the college, consisting of the Magisters, the Resident Faculty Associates (RFAs), Residential Associates (RAs), and the College Coordinator. At Hanszen, we call these people collectively the H-Team (short for "Hanszen Team"). They are attached to the college because they chose to be and are often some of the most spirited members of our community. They all had to go through a rigorous application and interview process that is run by a committee of students in the college. They have all been (or will be) at Rice for years and know the ins-and-outs of administration, and they are a great resource for things like academic or career advice. Our H-Team are really interesting people who are great to get to know!

COLLEGE 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 Magister's House nearby instead of an attached apartment. 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 attend our weekly cabinet meetings, hold study breaks and special events for things like movie nights, trips to local art exhibits and concerts, and Thanksgiving dinner for those on campus. Overall, the Magisters are here to help us in any way that they can, and they love to get to know New Students and Hanszenites!

COLLEGE COORDINATOR

Every college has a College Coordinator who is there to assist the Magisters with the administration at their college. The College Coordinator works in an office in the commons that is open every weekday. You can pick up or send off mail, fax, and packages from this office, buy stamps, use basic first aid products, and borrow a key if you've locked yourself out of your room, 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 piece of our fantastic adult team and a great resource that you will learn to seek help from while at Hanszen and Rice.

RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATES (RAs)

Unlike any other universities, RAs at Rice are actually faculty or staff rather than upperclassmen. They are also not here to patrol the hallways and get students in trouble. They have gone through a competitive selection process (mostly run by Hanszen students!) and really want to be a part of the residential college!

RESIDENT FACULTY ASSOCIATES (RFAs)

RFAs are similar to RAs in that they are not here to patrol the hallways and get students in trouble. They have also gone through a competitive selection process and really want to be a part of the residential college! In addition to their RA roles, RFAs and Magisters can assist students with academic accommodations, advise students who are struggling academically, and help students communicate with their professors.

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 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. 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. She teaches and writes about modernism, monocultures and architecture, biopolitics and landscape, and the complicities of capitalism, racism and the construction of the built environment. 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 justice. 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, withwhen 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 says, “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.

Fabiola and Carlos are 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 have 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 sixteen years, but have worked at Rice for twenty-four 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 me. I was born in Houston and raised about twenty 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 34 years to my high school sweetheart, Anthony. We have three sons, two wonderful daughters-in-law, and three beautiful grandchildren, with one more on the way. Our family is very active in our church, and we love watching movies, especially sci-fi. Yes, I am a "trekkie!" 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 contact me. I will be in the office most of the summer and I would love to hear from you!

RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATES

Bryn Dugre
&
Neal Dugre

Hey Hanszen! We are Bryn and Neal Dugre, your Old Section RAs! We met the first few weeks of college at our alma mater, Elon University. We've been married for twelve years and have been Houstonians for eight. We have a four year-old daughter, Georgina, and a one year-old, Ambrose, aka the youngest Hanszenite.

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 six years, working with the chair on special projects, with the faculty on hiring, and as event planner extraordinaire for all EEPS department events. She listens to a lot of podcasts - her favorites are Armchair Expert, Wait, Wait…Don't Tell me, and Busy Philipps is Doing Her Best. 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 Associate 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.

As an honorary Beer Bike team member-in-training, Georgina loves riding her tricycle around campus. She loves to read books, sing, the pool, and showing you her stuffed animal friends. You will probably see her running around the quad or commons saying hi to all her friends.

Ambrose loves to move and loves food. He started walking at 11 months, and we can't slow him down. He's generous with his smiles, chews on everything, and loves people. You will probably hear him before you see him.

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!

RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATES

Nick Bourgeois
&
Lebena Varghese

Hello Hanszenites! We are one set of the Residential Associates and we are thrilled to have you as part of the Hanszen family. We met in Houston. Charlie is our 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 University of Northern Illinois. She is a research analyst at the Houston Education Research Consortium (HERC) within the Kinder Institute at Rice. 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. He is an archeologist at an archeological consulting firm and likes to spend his free time camping, caving, and all things outdoors. Nick also has a love of stone carving, which he is more than happy to teach to anyone wanting to learn.

As a couple we enjoy going to Rocket games and the local theatres to watch plays. We love to travel and try out the local cuisines of wherever we happen to be. We have a few recommendations for you, whether it be microbreweries or restaurants in Houston. We would like to invite you to our study breaks which is an ideal time for all Hanszenites to leave work behind, socialize, and eat some tasty treats from our own kitchen and our favorite Houston restaurants.

RESIDENT FACULTY ASSOCIATES

Lam Yu
&
Rebecca Yu

Hello Hanszen! We are Lam and Rebecca Yu, your friendly neighborhood RFAs. Lam was born in China and grew up in Houston. Rebecca is a more recent transplant to the Lone Star State, having lived here for the past nine years. Rebecca grew up outside of Nashville and then Atlanta but returned to Nashville to study music at Vanderbilt for her undergrad. They met and then married in Memphis. When Rebecca was seven months pregnant with their first child, Catherine, they and Tuck, their faithful puppy, moved to Houston. Almost a decade later, Tuck is still our puppy, but Catherine is a big sister with two brothers, Joshua (6 years old) and Samuel (2 years old).

Lam is an Associate Teaching Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. He mainly teaches introductory physics classes for science and engineering majors. He loves teaching physics. In his free time, Lam likes building and fixing things, and enjoys reading and learning to play the piano (still a work in progress). Rebecca is a violinist. This job title essentially means that she freelances and teaches. Being a musician has allowed Rebecca to travel and perform with people from around the globe. She has taught students ranging in ages from three to sixty-three, music courses for college undergraduates and preschoolers, and loves that despite different ages and backgrounds, there is always a way to connect with each other. In her free time, Rebecca loves reading and learning to play new instruments, as well as struggling to learn Cantonese.

Catherine is 9 years old and has always had a natural joy and love of learning. She is a loving big sister and takes great care of her brothers. She delights in making new friends, creating art, and being outside. Catherine loves to go camping (especially the s'mores) and has helped to instill that love in her little brothers. She loves to read and write and more often than not will have either her head in a book or a pen in her hand. Six-year-old Joshua is a big Harry Potter fan and cannot wait until he turns eleven. He has big plans for when he arrives at Hogwarts, but for now, he says Hanszen is his Hogwarts. Joshua has a kind heart and is a deep thinker. He is always building with Legos and creating new inventions to share with his family. He also loves to be outside and would stay outside to play all day if he could. Samuel recently turned two years old, and he loves to do whatever his big brother and sister are doing. He is very inquisitive, loves to listen and dance to music, and feeds Tuck. He is big into helping no matter what it might be.

The oldest of the Yu children, eleven-year-old Tuck is passionate about you. He hasn't even met you yet, but he already loves you. Together, we enjoy watching movies and tv shows, camping, cooking, baking, and learning about different cultures. We can't wait to host study breaks and share our passions (and food!) with Hanszenites. We will be on the fifth floor of Old Sid for this year, please come and see us and say hello, or just to pet Tuck. Welcome to the Hanszen Family!

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 EVENTS

HANSZENITES & THEIR ASSOCIATES

FALL ASSOCIATES 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!

ASSOCIATES PANCAKE-OFF!

PUMPKIN PAINTING

PUMPKIN CARVING

PUMPKIN CARVING STUDY BREAK

Held in the Fall, students and Associates enjoy caramel apples and carve pumpkins. It's a fun way to take a break from studying, get creative, and satisfy your sweet tooth.

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.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

CABINET

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 9:30pm 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. We also host themed Cabs where anyone can come dressed up to compete for a Coffeehouse gift card! 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 heavier workload, 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 THEMED CABINET

JUSTICE LEAGUE

The Hanszen Justices are eight 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) Alan Tapper and seven Associate Justices (AJs) with five elected and two appointed. 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 they can respond to matters appropriately, including noise complaints and private event registration. 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 — 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.

EXECUTIVE CABINET

PRESIDENT:
Dani Knobloch

CHIEF JUSTICE:
Alan Tapper

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT:
Astra Burke

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT:
Marc Armeña

TREASURERS:
Noah Hight & Kian Robinson

SECRETARIES:
Nitin Reganti & Warren Rose

SOCIALS:
Jamie Tellez, Corey Donovan, Anna Alves

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

SENIOR REPS:
Katie Bablak, Hope Moustakakis, Zach Rewolinski

JUNIOR REPS:
Yuka Aoyama, Margaret Li, Eric Savarese

SOPHOMORE REPS:
Emery Engling, Peter Reynolds, Laura Yee

NEW STUDENT REPS:
TBD (this could be you!)

APPOINTED POSITIONS

PARLIAMENTARIAN:
Hemish Thakkar, Adi Zytek

GUARDIAN:
Lara Lin, Arvind Ramesh, Brian Lee

HISTORIANS:
Amber Pitre, Sarah Eunsu Kim

WEBMASTERS:
Andrew Bare & Lauren Hu

KEEPER OF THE CLOCK:
Adi Zytek

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

STUDENT ASSOCIATION (SA) SENATOR:
Alison Qiu

SA NEW STUDENT REPS:
TBD (this could be you!)

HONOR COUNCIL REP:
Kaylah Patel

RICE PROGRAM COUNCIL (RPC) REP:
TBD (this could be you!)

U-COURT REP:
Connor Taylor

PRESIDENT

Dani Knobloch

Howdy New Hanszenites!

Congratulations on your acceptance to Rice University and -- even better -- to Hanszen College! My name is Dani Knobloch, and I have the privilege of serving as your President this year. I am a rising senior studying Social Policy Analysis and Sports Medicine and Exercise Physiology . I was born and raised here in Houston, TX and spent summers with my mom's family in Jakarta, Indonesia so if you ever need tips on how to beat the heat and humidity, recommendations for lunch/coffee spots, or any other questions don't be afraid to ask! If I'm not in Hanszen commons (rare) you can probably find me in the bike locker, on my bike, or biking to the Rice Coffeehouse (a.k.a. Chaus) to get a drink that's definitely more sugar and milk than coffee.

It's my honor as president to represent your ideas, interests, and perspectives both at Hanszen and in the broader Rice community. I'm here to be an advocate for you, support you in your endeavors, and help you build your own path during your time here. Know that whatever ideas and plans you may have, I can help connect you to the people and things that will turn them into reality. So what exactly do I do as president? Great question, I'm so glad you asked! One of my responsibilities is to lead our Residential College-level government meetings, also known as Cabinet or Cab, every Wednesday. You should definitely come! There's good vibes, free food, music, and of course great discussion about how to spend our money, what events are happening, what initiatives we want to spearhead and support, and much much more. You don't have to be a member of student government to speak up! We want everyone to come and feel comfortable sharing their ideas and thoughts. Every week, I take these discussions and bring them to Senate, the campus-wide Student Association meeting to ensure that Hanszenites are represented on the university stage. I also meet with other college presidents, university administrators, and the Dean of Undergraduates multiple times a week to advocate for student ideas to improve the undergraduate experience. All of the work that I do is centered around you, this community, and making it the best that it can be.

It's not all just business, though! Please feel free to come to me just to chat, play Catan in Upper Commons, or even if you want to learn how to ride a bike. My most important role at Hanszen is being a good friend, and I hope I can be one for you in this coming year. Know that the Hanszen community is behind you throughout your entire journey here at Rice -- whether you decide to dive head first into Cab, committees, IM sports, campus-wide clubs and volunteering, or you want to focus on your studies and deeply engage through academics, Hanszen will be here cheering you on and supporting you 110%. We're the family college for a reason, and I hope that you truly feel the Hanszen Family Heart while you're here and even after you graduate.

I'm truly so excited to welcome you to Hanszen! We are a better college for having you here.

HFH,
Dani Knobloch

CHIEF JUSTICE

Alan Tapper

Hey New Students!

My name is Alan Tapper, and I am excited to welcome you to Hanszen! I am a junior studying Mathematics and Computer Science, originally from Atlanta, Georgia. 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 you. The Chief Justice position exists to help everyone understand the expectations of both our college and the university 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, need someone to quiet down, or just need someone to vent to. My goal is to make sure you are comfortable at Hanszen.

Beyond serving as CJ and keeping up with my schoolwork, I do my best to keep busy. I play Hanszen IM Sports including soccer, floor hockey, ultimate frisbee, and more. I also run the official Hanszen website (hanszen.rice.edu), where you can find information about Hanszen, helpful resources, and much more. Outside of Hanszen, I play in the MOB (Marching Owl Band) and I am active in Rice Hillel and Chabad. 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,
Alan

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! In the past, Activities has funded a cheese wheel, a freshmen/senior BBQ, and more. 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, the Service Committee plans Mr. Hanszen, a male pageant where all proceeds are donated to a charity of their choice. Below, you can find a list of the Committee Heads for each committee.

DIWALI CELEBRATION

HANSZEN CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

STANDING

ALUMNI
Corey Donovan, Arnav Burudgunte, Izzi Childers, & Aurian Maleki

ASSOCIATES
Amey Maley, Corey Donovan, Khondker Salim, & Arnav Burudgunte

AWARDS
Maanvi Thawani, Yuka Aoyama, Emery Engling, & Hannah Kang

BEER BIKE
Katherine Jeng, Hope Moustakakis, Amber Pitre, Eric Savarese, Elena Schwegman, Connor Taylor, & Hemish Thakkar

COLLEGE NIGHT & CRANE DAY
Anushka Agrawal, Shreya Jindal, & Connor Taylor

KITCHEN
Eric Savarese, Vy Luu, Connor Taylor, & Adara Toran

MERCH
Sarah Eunsu Kim, Robert Heeter, Lily Remington, Vy Luu, & Claire Xu

OC / OC LUNCH
Joshua Fang, Anushka Agrawal, & Yuka Aoyama

SENIOR EVENTS
Lara Lin, Sara Mansfield, Amber Pitre, Katie Bablak, & Eric Savarese

SERVICE
Kian Robinson

SPACES
Hope Moustakakis, Peter Reynolds, Kian Robinson, Jyotsna Harikrishna, Alan Tapper, & Arnav Burudgunte

SPIRIT
Amber Pitre, Peter Reynolds, Vy Luu, Nitin Reganti, & Amanda Hogan

SPORTS
Tanuj Prajapati, Cole Rabson, Whitney Ball, Elena Schwegman, & Hemish Thakkar

INITIATIVE

BAKING
Mallory Tucker, Valentina Osorio, Mainavi Reddy, & Isabella Williams

BREWING
Daniel Stulski, Andrew Bare, & Alex Holzbach

BOBA
Sarah Eunsu Kim & Claire Xu

CHEESE
Brian Lee & Emery Engling

DIVERSITY
Marc Armeña, Sarah Eunsu Kim, Chloe Hur, Jose Oviedo, & AZ Ellis

FITQ
Corey Donovan, Noah Hight, Andrew Bare, Sara Price, & Khondker Salim

GRILLING
Charles Wells & Connor Taylor

HEATS
Hope Moustakakis, Adam He, & Tanuj Prajapati

MOVIE
Peter Reynolds, Valerie Elizondo, Kaylah Cantu, & Jyotsna Harikrishna

PLANT
Warren Rose & Emery Engling

TAILGATE
Reece Lusich

THEATER
McKenna Tanner & Elena Carmichael

RHA/SPIRIT STUDY BREAK

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 ourselves 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 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 with the HFH pride! Every year, the President's Cup (P-Cup) is awarded to the residential college with the most success across all the sports, and with your help, we can win again 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 Intramural competition, the annual BEEEEER BIIIIIIKE! Practice for biking and chugging (water) at this campus-wide event in the spring starts at the beginning of the school year — if you're interested, feel free to reach out to the bike captains (Truman Archer, Amanda Hogan, Tanuj Prajapati, & Lily Remington) or chug captains (Katie Bablak & Tanuj Prajapati) for more infomation!!!

BIKE TEAM

BEER BIKE 2022

POWDERPUFF GAME

SPORTS COMMITTEE & THE 2022 P-CUP

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 stars, about twenty Hanszen PAAs will be available to answer questions about deadlines, registration, rules, and any other academic topics. They are here to help you, so if you have any questions or just need solid academic advice, feel free to knock on their doors, send them an email, or catch them at one of their many events. If they can't find an answer for you, they'll find someone who can!

22-23 PAA CONTACT INFO

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DIVISIONAL ADVISORS (DAs)

Divisional Advisors (DAs) 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, School of Social Sciences, School of Natural Sciences, Shepard School of Music, School of Architecture). 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 as well.) 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 — and they occasionally host study breaks too!

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HANSZEN MENTORS

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 Mentors! The Mentors are a group of friendly Hanszenites who hold review sessions, read papers, and help out with whatever academic needs you may have. For pre-medical students, the Hanszen Mentors and PAAs have recently put together an MCAT success program, where students can learn first-hand tips on the MCAT exam, receive assistance on scheduling pre-medical courses, and gain insight on the medical school application process. 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)

Need to get your resume reviewed? Unsure of what to do at the Fall or Spring Career Fairs? Want to know how to apply for internships/jobs? Have questions about the services that the Center for Career Development (CCD) offers? Then you've come to the right place! The Peer Career Advisors (PCAs) are fellow Hanszenites who have been selected by the CCD to answer questions, review resumes, and direct 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 first year!

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MAJOR DECLARATION DAY

ACADEMIC PLANNING SESSION

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 the Student Success Initiatives website for more info!

DIWALI CELEBRATION

WELLBEING

RICE HEALTH ADVISORS (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 provide health supplies like Band-Aids 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 issue in a confidential setting, or if you just want to learn more about the program. RHAs provide health supplies including alcohol wipes, Aminofen (Tylenol), antibiotic ointment, antiseptic, Astroglide, Band-Aids, cloth tape, condoms, cough drops, earplugs, elastic bandages, Ibuprofen, hydro-cortisone cream, ice packs, sterile gauze pads, tampons, and 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 LIAISONS

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 SAFE 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

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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VALENTINE'S DAY StUDY BREAK

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. In the past few years, systemic racism, white supremacy, and anti-Blackness have come to the forefront of mainstream discussion, although they have been markedly chronic problems in the U.S. and the world. News of anti-AAPI violence and the repercussions of the model minority myth have caused many to better understand that white supremacy reaches all marginalized communities, that prioritizing diversity and inclusion requires solidarity and enlightenment, and that ignorance hurts us all. It's important that as members of Hanszen College and Rice as a whole, we strive to promote equity, justice, and an inclusive environment that's not just for show. This takes real work of lifting up and amplifying marginalized members of our communities, learning about the ways in which we can use our privilege to help others, and being vocal in the face of discrimination. Being an active ally goes beyond standing up against overt discrimination; it requires constantly educating yourself on the history and lived experiences of marginalized communities, acknowledging and addressing your own implicit biases, and calling out acts of covert discrimination, such as microaggressions which often have a huge and decidedly not "micro" impact on marginalized communities.

Rice's history regarding diversity and inclusion is not pretty, by any means. William Marsh Rice, the founder of this institution, was a slave owner. Student protestors and groups like the Task Force on Slavery, Segregation, and Racial Injustice strive to understand and address the deep roots of white supremacy that live in this institution. The newly introduced Critical Dialogues on Diversity (CDOD) course for all new students deals with critical approaches to culture, identity, and dialogue. Though the environment of inclusivity at Rice may appear very different from a few decades ago, largely due to the unsung work of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) students, staff, and faculty along the way, we still have a long way to go. While Rice has its own unique ties to slavery and anti-Blackness, it is not exempt from other bigotries. As a community, as a nation, we have seen the pain and anguish caused by homophobia and transphobia, Islamophobia, misogyny, anti-Semitism, ableism, and other hateful rhetoric and actions. We hope it is clear that there is no place for these rhetoric or acts at Hanszen or at Rice. Furthermore, we want to actively support members of these traditionally marginalized populations and build a community of allies who are equipped to advocate for their peers long after Rice becomes an alma mater to them. There will always be more work to be done to improve the experience of students of marginalized identities at Rice and Rice's impact on the world. This work is in your hands. 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 that help give you a better idea of what this looks like at Rice and within Hanszen. 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. These clubs host cultural events such as Dhamaka, Africayé, and iRitmo! that serve as a great opportunity to learn about and support a diverse array of cultures. New Students can also join or engage with the work of the aforementioned Task Force, participate in Center for Civil Leadership engagement with the greater Houston community, and attend Diversity Facilitator-led "Dialogues on Diversity" each Friday, as well as other diversity discussions held at Hanszen and around campus. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please direct them to our Diversity Facilitators, Chloe Hur at sh85@rice.edu and Jose Oviedo at jo31@rice.edu or our Diversity Committee.

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Affinity Letters

Below are letters from members of the Hanszen Advising team who identify as Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI), Black, international, Jewish, Latine, student-athlete, first-generation and/or low-income (FGLI), transfer, and LGBTQ+. These letters are meant to welcome new Hanszenites who may identify with these communities and provide guidance and support to those nervous about transitioning to a new environment. Please take a look at the letters in which you identify with. The Advisors who wrote these letters worked hard on them and are excited to serve as a resource for you during O-Week and beyond!

to AAPI Students...

Dear Hanszen AAPI students,

Welcome to Rice and Hanszen, y'all! As fellow members of the AAPI community, we are so excited to meet you!

First, we would like to acknowledge that the AAPI community here on campus is not a monolithic model minority but an extremely diverse group of students of all types of backgrounds. No matter how you identify under this umbrella, you are an integral part of this community. We understand that during college, many of you will be learning more about and reconnecting with your cultures and identities, and your fellow students are here to support you as you go through this journey. As an AAPI student, you are definitely not alone! In the Class of 2025, 40+% of students identify as Asian Americans and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. At Rice, you'll find a huge variety of clubs that promote a sense of AAPI inclusion and belonging–if you are looking to join a community or organization on campus to connect with other AAPI students, you're bound to find one here for you. Some AAPI organizations here are the Korean Student Association, Vietnamese Student Association, Taiwanese Student Association, South Asian Society, Muslim Student Association, Pakistani Student Association, Anakbayan Rice (Filipinx), and a pan-Asian American advocacy organization called the Asian Pacific American Student Alliance. Each organization holds social, development, and cultural events throughout the year, so you can always look forward to something over the week!

If you're looking for a dance to groove to, we have Rice Bhangra, BASYK, Rice Chinese Dance Club, Rice Lions, Riyaaz, and Rice Rasikas that celebrate cultural dance! Aag, Basmati Beats, and Chinese Acapella, on the other hand, are here for all of you singers. They put on some pretty stellar performances that people all across campus attend. If you're ever looking for something to do, join one of BASYK's K-pop dance workshops, or come and allow Basmati Beats to serenade you with their performance! Two of biggest AAPI events throughout the year are the South Asian Society's Dhamaka and the Chinese Student Association's Lunar New Year, both of which showcase their respective culture's cuisine, song, and dance. Organizations throw celebrations with food, performances, and fun, and, last year, Hanszen brought in food and festivities during these holidays!

Both within and beyond these clubs, there's space for cultural celebration, support, and solidarity in the AAPI community here at Hanszen—all as a part of the larger Rice campus, where a broad array of rich backgrounds and identities flourish and intersect. Looking forward to seeing you join an AAPI organization or seeing you at a few of our upcoming events! Feel free to reach out if you need anything at all:)

- Allison He, Wiess '25; Aryana Suhartono, Hanszen '25; Hannah Son, Hanszen '25

to Black Students...

Welcome to Hanszen College, Matriculating Class of 202 First and foremost congratulations and we are so excited to meet all of you.

We know that going to college for the first time can be nerve-wracking for many students, especially for Black students preparing to attend a school with a predominantly non-Black population. Being underrepresented in your surroundings may be new for many of you and the usual for others. Either way, there is a flourishing community for every single Black Rice University student just waiting to be explored, full of encouraging and unique people from all over. The Black community is not a monolith and that remains true on campus, but no matter who you are, what your background is, or where your interests lie, there is a place for you - truly. This campus is full of students, faculty, and staff that are incredibly welcoming, open, and overall amazing, all providing their own unique perspectives, contributing to the inclusivity of our community and encouraging all to express themselves however they please. I really mean it when I say that everyone is not only welcome but empowered in our communities throughout this campus. There are so many clubs and organizations that you can join to explore your culture and interests and meet Black students from across campus. These include (but are certainly not limited to) Rice African Student Association (RASA), Black Student Association (BSA), DAWA Minority Pre-Health Society, Rice Black Women's Association, and Black Male Leadership Initiative. Even as you explore clubs that are not Black centered, you will almost always find other Black students in those places as well. We are present in every part of this campus, every aspect of this university.

No matter what path you choose to take, there will always be a home for you at this university - in Hanszen, in the many sectors of the Black community, and anywhere else you may look. We will always be behind you, cheering you on as you find your place. We can't wait to see your smiling Black faces soon and welcome home <3.

- Basma Bedawi, Hanszen '25, Stephanie Agu, Hanszen '25, and Prince Alino, Hanszen '23

to International Students...

Hey Matriculating Class of 2022 international students!! Welcome to Hanszen, aka the best college with the most interesting people! We are Chloe Hur, a senior from Seoul, South Korea, and Isha Khapre, a junior from Nairobi, Kenya, and we're so excited for you to join us soon!

Moving to a new country, new cultural context, a new topics of discussion can be really exciting but also a bit daunting. Some of you might also feel very unsure and overwhelmed, but that's normal! We all went through the same roller coaster of emotions and are happy to share our experiences with you.

If you ever find yourself needing some guidance, reassurance or just someone to talk to, we are here to help 24x7. The great thing is we are not the only help around. Apart from us, there are multiple resources waiting to settle you in at Rice such as the H-team at Hanszen, with amazing Magisters and Residential Associates. The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) is also an amazing team that will help answer all your questions - This ranges from helping you open a bank account to making sure you find your community at Rice to hosting special O-Week events to get to know your fellow international owls!

There are also various student associations and various cultural affiliations that will help you find friends and safe spaces such as the Rice International Student Association, and over 300 other clubs to choose from.

Of course, everything won't feel great all the time and there are times you will feel homesick. Your struggles are valid and will differ with each individual, but we can assure you that you are not alone. There is a strong community at Rice that wants you to feel safe and loved. Moreover, Houston is one of the most diverse cities in the United States, so do not hesitate to explore the various food scenes, places, and events that will make you feel right at home!

Most importantly, please remember that International students like you enrich the student body at Rice. Your experiences, perspectives, and varied backgrounds are so special! Just remain open to interact and share a piece of your talent and experience with the others and you will find a sea of very interesting experiences around you. It may be scary at first, but I am sure you will find a home at Hanszen and in the amazing friends you will make along the way <3 See you soon!

- Isha Khapre, Hanszen '24; Chloe Hur, Hanszen '23

to Jewish Students...

Hey, guys! Welcome to Rice and our Jewish community!

While our family is relatively small at Rice, it's tight knit, and it is very easy to get involved if you're interested. The first thing I would recommend is joining the Rice Jews GroupMe for announcements from Chabad and Hillel, Rice's two Jewish organizations. Hillel is a reform Jewish organization, while Chabad is an orthodox Jewish organization. However, both organizations are very welcoming to Jews of any religious background. A lot of us go to both! Secondly, I would recommend is signing up for Chabad's text message RSVP service by texting SHALOM to 713-766-6086. This allows you to sign up for upcoming events at Chabad, such as the annual Sushi event at the beginning of the year. This is a really popular event, and it is a great way to meet new people in the community. Similarly, Hillel holds weekly bagel lunches to meet and interact with other students. Most of the information about this is sent in the GroupMe. Both organizations also host Shabbat dinners most weeks at the Hillel and Chabad buildings.

In my experience, I've found both Hillel and Chabad to be friendly, fun, and meaningful places to spend time. They both do a great job of welcoming students, holding services, and most importantly giving you fantastic food (who doesn't love free food?). Besides this, both organizations offer plenty of educational opportunities with stipends. I've participated in Chabad's Sinai Scholars and Hillel's Jewish Learning Fellowship programs, which are great opportunities if you want to learn more about Judaism, meet other Jewish college students, and even take off-campus field trips around Houston. But it's not just Hillel and Chabad! Rice offers a minor in Jewish Studies, with classes such as Medieval Jewish History, Feminism and Judaism, Israeli Language and Culture, and many more. In my experience, these classes are yet another great way to get to know other Jews at Rice. There's also the Jewish Studies Student Association, which organizes events that are more Lily Primus if you want to get involved). Overall, there are a number of opportunities for you as a Jewish student at Rice, and I'll be happy to direct you to them!

- Alan Tapper, Hanszen '24

Outside of taking classes in the Jewish studies department, you can also create your own classes at Rice (and even get credit for them!). This last semester, I led a Jewish baking course where we learned about the holidays and baked their corresponding foods. This allowed me to share some of my favorite aspects of Jewish culture with the students at Rice. Besides classes, I've personally found that I tend to interact more with the Jewish community at Chabad since it's closer to the South colleges. I typically go to the events with one of my non-Jewish, vegan friends from my hometown. I've found that Chabad is extremely good about accommodating vegans/people with celiac disease/food allergies/etc. However, I have also attended a large percentage of Hillel's bagel lunches and You Do Jew Shabbat events (dinners at local restaurants with Hillel). I've found that both organizations are very welcoming whether you're orthodox/reform/another denomination, as well as religious or cultural. Both organizations also put on various events throughout the year, such as a Passover Seder, Purim carnivals, and Hanukkah latke and sufganiyot making.

- Taylor Rose, Wiess '24

I personally engage with more Hillel events, and it's so nice to be able to say hi to Jewish friends and grab a bagel from the RMC on Wednesdays! Establishing friendships with other Jews has been such an incredibly important part of my college experience, and is not something I personally had before college. While our community may be small, it is so diverse and loving. I cannot wait to meet the new Rice Jews, so don't be scared to come say hi! Let's carpool to You Do Jew Shabbat in Rice Village.

- Skye Fredericks, Jones '24

to Latine Students...

Hola todos!

Bienvenidos a Hanszen! We are so lucky to have you join our family! Your unique experiences will enrich Hanszen culture, and it's our goal to make sure that you feel supported in every aspect of your identity. We wanted to write this letter to help give you a sense of what being a Latine student at Rice may be like, as well as what resources are available to you.

Part of what makes the Latine community so unique is the diverse range of cultures we represent. From the Spanglish-speaking Chicanos of the West Coast to the Afro-Latine communities in the Caribbean to the indigenous peoples of the Andes, Latindad encompasses a diverse range of identities that are united by a shared history of struggle, the legacy of colonialism, Spanish, music, dance, and some of the best foods ever invented.

It is our diversity and shared differences that make our sense of community strong; at both Hanszen and at Rice, you will find this same sense of community framed by an even larger culture of care filled with support and resources for exploring your identity and feeling at home.

At Hanszen, you'll find a home filled with a loving and supportive family constantly working to make you feel welcome, comfortable, and empowered to explore your identity to the fullest extent. Our amazing Diversity Committee (led by the Diversity Facilitators) will keep you up to date on all the latest happenings around campus while making sure that they're accessible to everyone. Fabiola and Carlos, the lovely Venezuelan couple that are our College Magisters, work tirelessly to support students and would love nothing more than to see each and every Latine student thrive and succeed.

At Rice, you'll find cultural events, good foods, and a huge and supportive Latine community that includes fellow students, lots of helpful professors, and friendly Housing and Dining workers. HACER, Rice's Hispanic Student Association, hosts lots of cultural events, like ¡Ritmo!, an annual evening of food, song, and dance to showcase and celebrate Latine culture at Rice. They also have a group chat for food recommendations and general chattery! In terms of academics, there are a few great options for connecting with your identity; the Center for Languages and Intercultural Communication offers some very accessible Spanish courses for heritage speakers, and there's more than a few classes about Latin American culture in the history, English, and anthropology departments.

Every student at Rice brings a unique perspective and background with them that enhances our culture, and Latine students are certainly no different. Much like the Latine community, it's the rich diversity that makes the environment here so special; together, we can create a loving and welcoming environment for every single new student.

- Juan Rubio, Hanszen '23; Jose Oviedo, Hanszen '24

to Student-Athletes...

Dear Student-Athletes,

Welcome to Hanszen, Rice's greatest residential college. My name is Jose Acuña, a junior from Phoenix, Arizona on the Men's Cross Country and Track and Field teams. The transition from high school to college is often daunting especially since you're transitioning in both academics and athletics. At times, it may seem difficult to balance your academics and athletic commitments. But there's no need to fear! Alongside myself, Rice offers multiple resources to their student-athletes. Rice Athletics offers academic advisors that ensure each student-athlete receives the help they need to be successful in the rigorous academic environment. The Academic Advising staff provides tutoring, study sessions with other athletes, and also creates your academic schedule to avoid any conflicts with practices and competition.

Be proud of being a Rice student-athlete. At Rice, you compete against the best of the best and you go to school alongside the best from around the world.

- Jose Acuña, Hanszen '24

to FGLI Students...

Dear First-Gen/Low Income (FGLI) New Students,

First of all, welcome to Hanszen! You have truly earned this—perhaps more than anyone. Having faced a myriad of challenges, you managed to get through all of it with extreme dedication and grit. We hope you're as excited as we are for your future here at Rice—but we also know how intimidating it can be to stand with your entire college career ahead of you.

While you've definitely come to an incredibly supportive and inclusive environment, it would be presumptuous to say that your challenges stop here. Being FGLI means that adjusting to the environment here might present some unique challenges that most other students don't face. The culture here might be very different from home and, without someone back home who understands the academic and social spaces you're in, you might feel disconnected or even isolated from the greater Rice community. Luckily, the FGLI community at Rice is here for you. We have felt these feelings before, and you are not alone.

Rice recognizes and embraces the diversity of its students, and there are plenty of resources available to help make your transition go as smoothly as possible. The Office of Student Success Initiatives (SSI) hosts various events throughout the year, the most popular of which being FGLI Fridays, a lunch event which gives you the opportunity to meet fellow FGLI students both within your college and throughout the larger Rice community. The SSI also hosts activities in the RMC to promote the presence and inclusion of students just like yourself—after all, you are just as worthy to be a student here at Rice, and you deserve to have your voice heard. Other inclusion organizations, fellow classmates, the RAs and magisters at Hanszen, and even professors are also around every corner eager to help navigate this new chapter in your life. Even within O-Week, you will get multiple opportunities to meet with your PAAs and major advisors in order to make a plan that best suits your needs, so don't fear asking questions, t's what they are there for! From attending your first classes and drafting your first emails to professors, to pursuing research interests, channeling your passions into student organizations, and forming friendships, there are resources (and open ears) for you every step of the way.

In addition to general advising, the Office of Student Success Initiatives offers programming and advising specific to FGLI student concerns and houses a campus pantry to alleviate food insecurity for Rice community members. Through the Access and Opportunity Portal, you can apply for funding for various academic and professional endeavors, including business attire, related travel costs, and textbooks. Through the Hanszen Accessibility Fund, you can also find confidential assistance for costs related to university life, including campus events, transportation, merchandise, medical needs, and other expenses. Our committees at Hanszen also go to extra lengths to make events accessible by offering stipends where needed, meaning you don't need to miss out on your college experience because you can't afford it. A student-run mutual aid organization, Rice Mutual Aid, can also extend anonymous financial support.

You may also find assistance in the Wellbeing Center at Rice, which offers free confidential counseling. Their services can help you to create a plan to adjust to the time-management needs at the college level, manage feelings of imposter syndrome, reduce stress, anxiety, or other negative emotions, or even just be an ear to listen as you vent any frustrations you may feel. From just a one-time call to recurring meetings, these services provide amazing help when you may feel that you don't have anyone else to talk to about how you are feeling.

Don't forget to remind yourself how amazing you are for everything you have achieved—you've overcome incredible odds by making it here, and we're all so proud of you already! Asking for help can definitely feel scary, but you are worth every bit of extra help we have to offer. Every single student that was admitted to Rice brings something new and special to the table, and we promise that includes you, and we promise that you absolutely belong here! Please don't hesitate to reach out to us whenever you need.

We can't wait to meet you!

- Hannah Son, Hanszen '25; Lily Remington, Hanszen '25; Juan Rubio, Hanszen '23

to Transfer Students...

Hello! Congratulations and welcome to Hanszen. Along with the Coords, Advisors, and the H-Team, I am so excited to have you join the Zen family. My name is Hemish, and I am majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Chemistry. I transferred to Rice in the Spring of 2021 from University of Houston.

I won't lie to you, transferring colleges in general is quite the adjustment, and at times, it can feel isolating and be overwhelming, but I'm sure you already have thought about this. After all, you are entering a brand new environment, especially one as unique at Rice.

The good news for you is that you are joining the best residential college at the best school. Rice, and especially Hanszen, does a phenomenal job at setting you up for success, no matter what background you have. The beauty of Hanszen is that we are a family, so if you are looking for new friends, help with classes, or even just someone to have a deep conversation with at 2 AM, you can find these things with literally any Hanszenite. As long as you are willing to be around Hanszen, people will be happy to have your company. Personally, the first semester was quite the adjustment for me. I transferred in the spring in the middle of COVID and was off campus, so campus was much quieter than usual. I was extremely shy and it took me quite some time to start meeting new people. Fortunately, I had amazing O-Week advisors and siblings. I also met some amazing Hanszenites who were more than willing to have lunch with me and get to know me better. No matter how hard it was initially, I stuck with it, and I have no regrets with transferring 1.5 years later.

There are a ton of resources on campus and at Hanszen for everything: the Cabinet, Committees, PAAs (Peer Academic Advisors), and RHAs (Rice Health Advisors) to name a few. Along with that the TSA (Transfer Student Association) is a great resource at Rice to meet new people. With that being said, if you are ever feeling lonely or stressed you can usually find me at Hanszen, and I encourage you to come and tell me what's on your mind and I will do whatever I can to help. The last two pieces of advice I will leave you with for now is, first, get involved! Hanszen has so many fun events all the time and helping out is a great way to meet new people. Second, don't be afraid to talk to new people! I know how scary it can be, but I promise that everyone here is also extremely excited to meet you. I cannot wait to meet you soon, but until then, get excited for O-Week, and most importantly, get ready for the best few years of your life! HFH!

-Hemish Thakkar, Hanszen '24

to LGBTQ+ Students...

Hello and welcome Matriculating Class of 2022!!! We are so excited to have y'all be a part of Hanszen College. As members of the LGBTQ+ community, we wanted to give you some campus resources and introduce you to the community at Rice!

First, know that students who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community are at all different places in their journey, and everyone's journey is different. Some students identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community but haven't come out to their friends or family yet, for any number of reasons, while others are still exploring their identity. In the end, you are the authority on who you are, and it's your decision to be as open about your identity as you feel comfortable.

Rice has a variety of spaces and events centered around supporting and uplifting members of the LGBTQ+ community. The Queer Resource Center, located in the Rice Memorial Center, is a great place to go to for any support and to meet other queer people! In addition, the Rice Women's Resource Center is a big proponent of the LGBTQ+ community here, and is always willing to help students with any and all resources. Rice's Wellbeing and Counsel-ing Center, located adjacent to the Rec-reational Center, is a wonderful resource for those who may be struggling with any mental health issues. Our RHAs, liaisons of the Wellbeing Office, and Diversity Facilitators, liaisons of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, are equipped to support you in any way you may need. As you might see, there's a slew of resources to help you feel welcome here at Rice!!

Of course, we can't forget about Rice Pride, Rice's LGBTQ+ student association! They host a variety of fun events throughout to year, from brunches, to Pride Week, to Queer Crawl (a party hosted by and for LGBTQ+ identifying students) and even a lively GroupMe! If you want to get involved in the community in any way, Rice Pride is a great place to start !

Welcome to Rice and an even bigger welcome to Hanszen!! We are so excited to meet all you beautiful people !! Please reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to support you :)

- Anushka Agrawal, Hanszen '24; Skye Fredericks, Jones '24; Jose Oviedo, Hanszen '24

HANSZEN SPACES

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

CLASSROOMS:
Hanszen 201 and 202 are located in the Upper Commons. Although they used to function as classrooms during the day and study spaces in the evenings, they are now whatever Hanszen wants them to be. Each classroom is equipped with a whiteboard as well as plenty of chairs and tables.

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 TV, a foosball table, and board games. It's 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 in the back left corner of Commons, the Laundry Room is equipped with many washers and dryers! 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 chalkboard.

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 Upper Commons 207, and it is used for fancy dining, private meetings, or ultra quiet studying.

SUNDECK:
Located on the fifth floor of Old Section, the sundeck is a great place to hang out with friends, sunbathe, or enjoy a great view of Houston and the Rice campus.

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, **Old Section** has served Rice for over 100 years and was the former location for Student Health Services. 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 the Weenie Loft and the Movie Room, and Sundeck is located at the top of the tower.

Under construction, the new wing (dubbed "**New New Section**" to distinguish it from the former "New Section" wing) will increase the number of available beds at Hanszen. Designed by Barkow Leibinger, the building will be the largest mass timber structure in Texas and in line with Rice's sustainability efforts. The upper floors feature terraces and reading nooks by the Commons.

The **Commons** 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 host fun gatherings and events. The **Lower Commons** consists of our dining area, an entrance to South Servery, a kitchen open to all Hanszenites, the laundry room, 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 Private Dining Room (PDR) for meetings, the Computer Lab, the Music Room, and the Game Room. Hanszen's weekly Cabinet meetings are held in the Upper Commons' open lounge area.

The **Quad** is the area between Old Section and New New Section. There are picnic tables, a lawn, string lights to light the quad at night, a bench swing for enjoying the beautiful, warm Texas weather, 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. Accompanying New New Section will be "2ip020 (Fragmented Sky)", a site-specific artwork by Magdalena Fernández and chosen by Hanszenites.

For the short time during the fall while New New Section is being built, some Hanszenites will be living in the **Old Sid** building. Additionally, Hanszenites will have access to a variety of Old Sid common spaces to use as they see fit!

LIVING AT RICE

HOUSING AND DINING (H&D)

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).

HANSZEN COMMONS AT MEALTIME

OTHER DINING OPTIONS

Other spots to grab food on campus include: **Little Kitchen HTX** at Brochstein Pavilion, **Little Bird HTX** and **East West Boba** at Sammy's in the RMC, **Ambassador Chinese Cafe** in the RMC, **Coffeehouse** in the RMC, **the Hoot** in the RMC, the campus **Bookstore** (which sells snacks) in the RMC, **Curbside at the Club** at the Cohen House, and **Whoo Deli** at South Servery.

EAST WEST BOBA

LITTLE KITCHEN HTX

SERVERIES

Food at Rice has consistently been rated among the best in the country. There are five serveries on campus. In order of proximity to Hanszen, **South** serves Wiess and Hanszen; **Seibel** serves Lovett, Will Rice and Sid; **Baker Kitchen** serves Baker; **West** serves McMurtry and Duncan; and **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! 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 omelets, 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, the salad bar, ice cream, etc., but the main entrees will rotate from day to day. Every meal has fresh fruit and plenty of variety, along with to-go options. 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.

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, the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, the Zoo, and the Houston Museum of Natural Science, 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.

CONTEMPORARY ARTS MUSEUM HOUSTON

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HOUSTON

RICE VILLAGE

Craving chocolate or boba? Need a haircut? This beautiful district of Houston has amazing restaurants, all sorts of stores, late-night food trucks, and much more. Some places will offer you a discount for being a Rice student, so be sure to always ask! Rice Village is just a couple blocks away from Rice's campus, so you can always walk or bike there.

RICE VILLAGE

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.

MED CENTER

MONTROSE

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!

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. The park features the Zoo, Natural Science Museum, a Japanese Garden, and the Miller Outdoor Theater. 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!

HERMANN PARK

DOWNTOWN HOUSTON

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 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 loved ones. They'll miss you tons, 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 your study spot 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 discover your path. Pursue what's meaningful to you!

*Adapted from Baker O-Week 2019

special thanks

The Hanszen family, for being the community excited to welcome the New Students this O-Week.

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You, (yes, you) future Hanszenite, for whom we have the pleasure to welcoming you to Hanszen and Rice. See you in August!

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 it 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 help and support you in any way they can. Try not to 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 photoweek2022@gmail.com — we know you must have questions, comments, and concerns! We look forward to hearing from you! See you soon!

contact us!

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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