

Hanszen College Presents

HOLLYWOOD STUDIO-WEEK

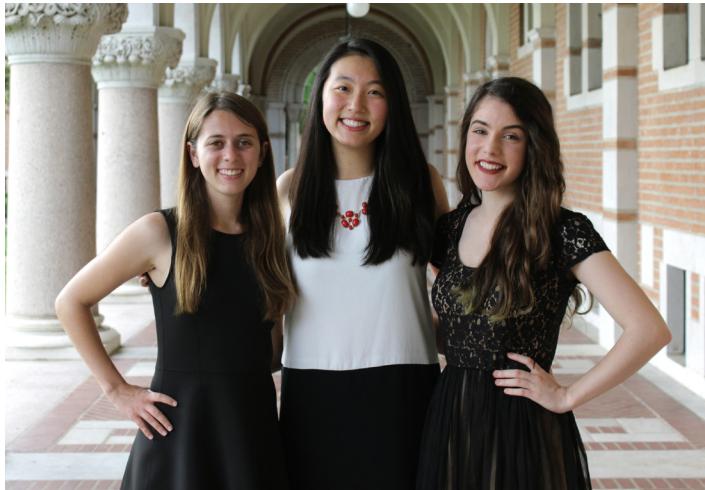


Coming to Rice University August 2016





A WORD FROM YOUR O-WEEK COORDINATORS



Welcome to Rice University and to Hanszen College! As the Hanszen O-Week Coordinators, we are pleased to be some of the first people to welcome you into the Hanszen Family and to congratulate you on both your past accomplishments and future achievements during your time at Rice. We are so excited for this year's orientation and can't wait to meet you and your classmates in person on August 14th.

Before we get started, let us introduce ourselves. Our names are Serena, Lauren, and Amber — you will often hear us referred to as Team SLAy. We are rising juniors who were selected by Hanszen College leadership to plan, organize, and execute your upcoming week-long welcome to the university and our college. However, your orientation does not begin and end in a week. Our job is to help ease everyone's transition to Rice, both academically and socially. Rice will be a new environment for you, and we have worked to find the best people, programs, and events to make this transition as smooth and successful as possible.

Through Orientation Week (or "O-Week" as you'll hear Rice students call it), you will meet hundreds of other new students, as well as returning undergraduate students, faculty, and staff who will become friends and resources for you throughout your time at Rice. The amount of information you receive during O-Week can be overwhelming, so we have made this book to provide you with some vital information beforehand that you can use to start learning what it really means to be a Hanszenite. We have tried to make this book a reliable source of information (at least more reliable than Facebook or other Internet forums) on everything Hanszen-related that we think it could be useful to know. To that end, we have divided this book into relevant sections that you can refer to in the Table of Contents. Whether you read this book cover to cover, or flip through it to check out the pictures, we hope it gives you some insight into life at Hanszen and Rice.

While every new student receives a campus-wide book (*The Owlmanac*), only new Hanszenites

receive this book (You are one of the lucky ones!), as each residential college provides a different book. In addition, each College not only has its own book, but its own O-Week theme. For Hanszen O-Week 2016, the theme is Hollywood StudiO-Week: Starring You! This theme was chosen because it emphasizes that every new student at Rice is a star and though Hanszen is the "Family College," our family values each member's individuality.

The "Family College" is more than an idea — it is an identity that we have made for ourselves. At Hanszen, you will find a support system of fellow students, our adult team ("H-Team") of faculty and staff that live and work at Hanszen, and other community members that are all around to help you. As a family, we work to lift our fellow Hanszenites up when they are down (especially with fantastic study breaks) and celebrate them when they are successful. The most important part of being in this family is acknowledging that every student is unique, and that we want to help you tailor your Rice experience to your exact needs and wants. No two people have the same Rice experience, and we want to provide you with the knowledge and capabilities to cast and direct your own saga. Our job as Coordinators is not to tell you what to do at Rice, but to help you discover what you want to do with your time and the resources offered at Rice.

We're sure you have tons of questions, so please send us an email! Our contact information can be located on the Hanszen College Contact Information page at the end of this book. Now relax and enjoy your last summer before college. While your friends may be going to orientations and registering for classes throughout the summer, trust us when we say that everything will be taken care of during O-Week this August. No great movie is made with just one actor, so we're ready to make you feel like the star in the next big blockbuster at Hanszen!

That's a wrap,
Team SLAy (Serena, Lauren, and Amber)

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O-Week Mission Statement

Our mission is to build stronger connections within and across O-Week groups, fostering a greater sense of college pride and identity. By valuing the culture, traditions, and diverse community at Hanszen, we hope to embody our role as the “Family College.” We chose the theme of Hollywood StudiO-Week because Hanszen prizes the individuality of each member and provides the resources for everyone to pursue their unique interests.





WHAT IS AN O-WEEK GROUP?

Are you ready to meet your new family? Starting college is a huge transition, but your O-Week group will be there from day one to help you with the process! Your two Advisors from Hanszen, your Co-Advisor, and your Affiliate have been preparing for months to have the best group possible. Each group will have about seven new students with diverse interests and backgrounds, and each will provide a unique support system within the wider spectrum of Hanszen. Your O-Week group members will be some of your first friends at Hanszen. Over the course of the week, they will be the first people you gather with in the morning and likely the last people you hang out with at night. You will bond over various shenanigans and maybe even have your own inside jokes. Fortunately for you, the fun doesn't end after O-Week. Throughout the year, many of your group will meet up weekly at O-Week lunches.



You might also get together to support the group's athlete at sporting events or to go out for late night food. For as long as you are a Hanszenite, you will have a special connection with the lovely people in your O-Week group.



WHAT IS AN ADVISOR/CO-ADVISOR?

An 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 plays a unique role (Check out our Affiliate section of this book!), while a Co-Advisor is an Advisor who comes from



one of the other residential colleges. Co-Advisors play an important role because they help you to learn more about the culture of colleges outside of Hanszen, and they also give you a chance to expand your social network. This great group of people will support you throughout your first year and, in many cases, through your entire time at Rice. Advisors come from different backgrounds and have a great deal of experience they'd love to share, so make sure to ask about what they've learned during their time as a proud Rice Owl. While they fulfill many roles, Advisors are truly great mentors, confidants, and friends who will be huge sources of encouragement and support as you transition to college life.

THE FIRST DAY

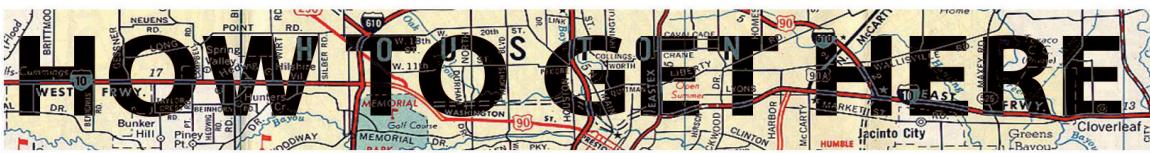


We couldn't be more excited for your arrival on the first day of a new, exhilarating, Hanszen-filled part of your life. You've got a great week ahead of you, and here are some helpful bits of information to know before you come on move-in day:

The first day of O-Week is Sunday, August 14th. If you have any trouble finding Hanszen, don't hesitate to ask for help! You'll know once you make it to Hanszen. You'll hear a bunch of people shouting your name and running towards your car. These are your Advisors, Co-Advisors, and Affiliates, who will be with you for the entire week! Your Advisors, along with members of Rice's football team, will take care of getting all of your stuff, your bags, and your clothes to your room. We'll take you inside our Commons, and there you'll get to meet our O-Week Coordinators, our Masters and RAs, and our Hanszen President and Chief Justice. Once hands have been shaken, names exchanged, and room keys given, you'll want to 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 unpack your things and get to know your roommate. Take some time to settle in and check to see if you have everything you need. Even if you don't, the Gophers or your Advisors will be able to help you out in getting anything you're missing. Next, we'll have lunch! South Servery will prepare a great meal for you and your family. Enjoy it and spend some time with your parents. 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. Say your real goodbyes before you get to campus—it might be overwhelming once you get here, but take all the time you need. Remember that your parents are only a phone call away, so don't forget to call them now and again. You're about to have a busy, fun-filled week, and we promise that it'll be well worth it! Welcome to Rice. Welcome to Hanszen. Welcome to O-Week!





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 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 the North/South:

Take I-45 to Highway 59 South.

From Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH):

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

From Hobby Airport (HOU):

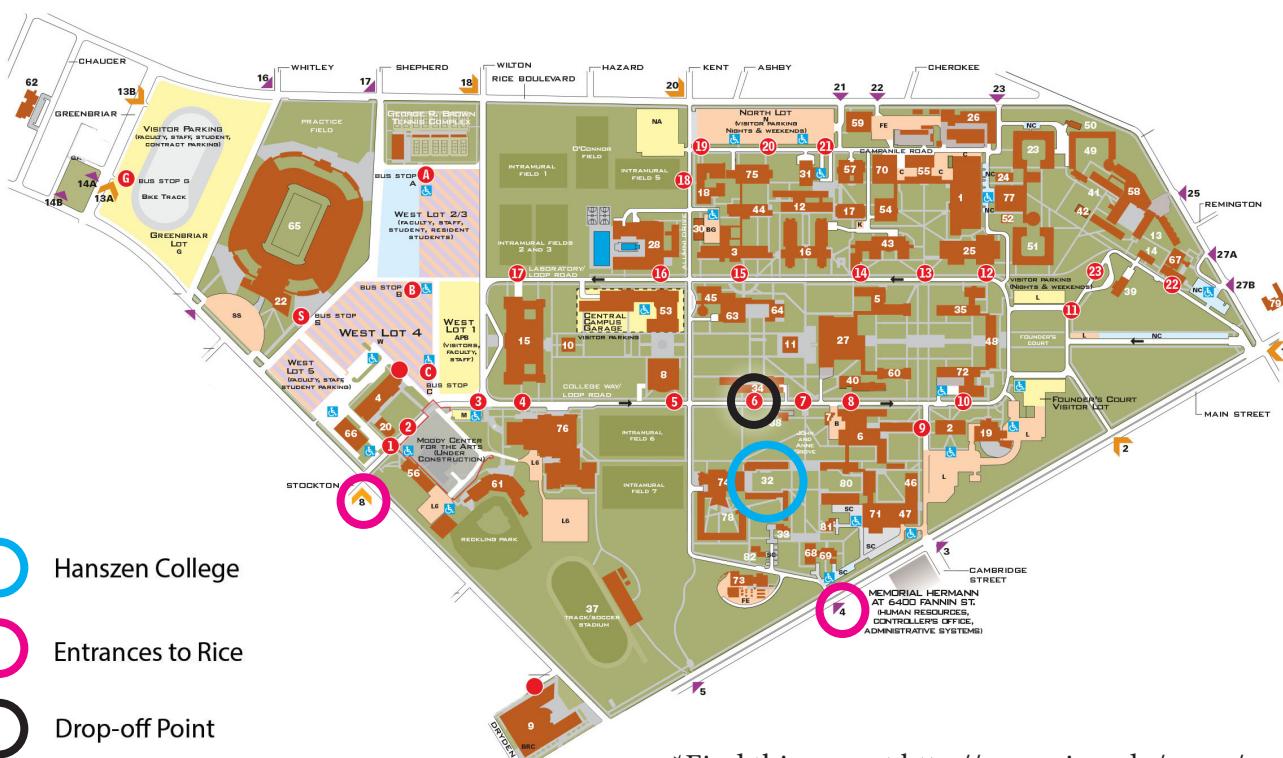
Take Airport Blvd and follow sign for I-45 North. Take I-45 north until you reach Highway 59.



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.



RICE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MAP



*Find this map at <http://www.rice.edu/maps/maps.html>

What to Bring*

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)

CLASS ITEMS

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

CLOTHING ITEMS

- Casual or 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

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Posters
- Room decorations
- Photos
- Stereo/speakers
- Iron/ironing board
- Febreze or other deodorizers
- Command hooks
- Pool towel
- Swimsuit
- Ethernet cable
- Plates, bowls, cups, silverware, etc.
- Dry erase board and markers
- Gaming systems/video games
- Bicycle with U-Lock bike lock

PERSONAL ITEMS

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

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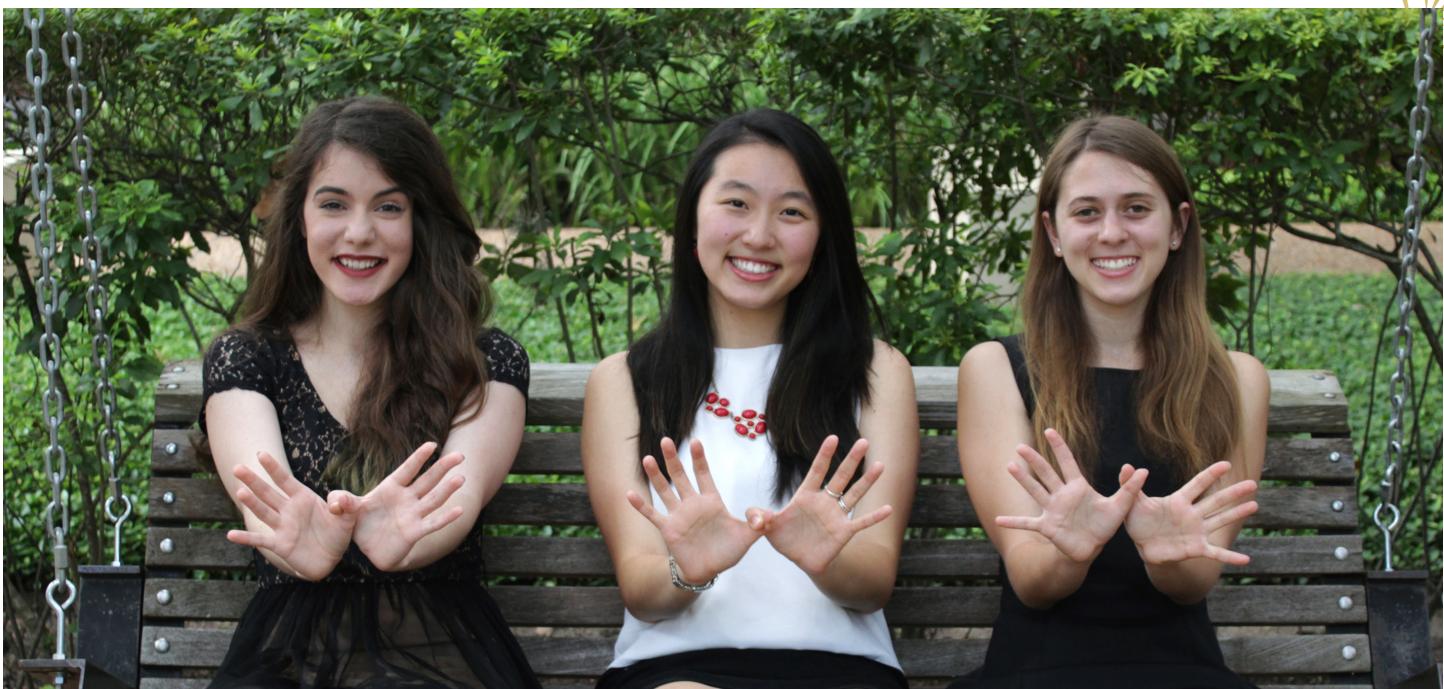
- Extra furniture (couches, chairs, etc.)
- Mini-fridge
- Microwave
- TV
- DVD player
- Printer (also available for use in the Computer Lab for a fee)

LAUNDRY ITEMS

- Laundry hamper
- High-efficiency detergent
- Dryer sheets

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





THE O-WEEK COORDINATORS



Serena Brandler, 2018

Serena Maureen Brandler is a bombshell with a dash of almost every nationality thrown in a beautifully unique mix. If you don't recognize Serena by her long, luscious locks then you will definitely recognize her laugh. Encouraging others to find their passion brings joy to her heart, but if you haven't found your passion quite yet she would love to share hers. Serena could fangirl over neurons and language with you all day. Her perfect day would consist of brains, spaghetti, and chocolate...hopefully not all at the same time. With her radiant optimism and delightfully distinctive laugh, she'll entice a friendship from you in no time—no one could be as compelling or entertaining. She's so excited to meet all of you and maybe get down to some Nicki Minaj if you dare join in her smooth moves. Nicki's not her only jam though; she loves all music and will listen to anything you send her way. It's hard to meet anyone with more Hanszen spirit or as much fierce loyalty to her friends. Once Serena's on your side, you're set for life because she stands by things until the end. That includes school-work, relationships, and especially YOU!



Yuchen (Amber) Song, 2018

You'll hear Amber long before you see her coming. A firm believer in the saying "laughter is the best medicine," Amber is always all grins. She's shamelessly silly and will oftentimes make you question her maturity, but she also has the biggest heart. Amber likes to live in the moment and try new things, often taking study breaks to go on spontaneous adventures (and usually forgetting to return to her work). Surprisingly, despite wanting to be a doctor when she grows up, her breakfast food of choice is ice cream, she's not too big on exercise (but she loves sports), and she's always getting sick or injured. Perhaps less surprisingly, in kindergarten, she wanted to be a puppy when she grew up. In all seriousness, Amber is passionate about meeting and helping others, conducting immunological research throughout the year, and spending her breaks on medical outreach trips abroad. With all these things going on, Amber likes to take a step back and appreciate the simple things in life, watching an episode of Grey's Anatomy or Suits, listening to a variety of music, and enjoying a good meal with a refreshing nap to follow from time to time.



Lauren Heller, 2017

Hey there, new Hanszenite! Lauren is a rising junior Math Econ major. She grew up in a suburb north of Los Angeles, California, so you'll hear her state pride through avocados and how California's beaches are vastly superior to Galveston, Texas. If she's not talking about avocados, chances are you'll hear her talking about a new restaurant she wants to try (She will be instituting O-Week fancy dinners once the semester starts). When she's not obsessing over food, she likes to listen to Beyoncé, Adele, and Sam Smith and lecture her friends on why she loves Tesla (You, too, will get tired of her latest stock news). That said, she's interested in a lot of things, ranging from animals to books to tennis, so feel free to talk to her about anything! Finally, something to note is that despite the use of three exclamation points in this paragraph, it is highly unlikely that you will ever hear a tone of excitement from her unless it is cinnamon roll day at the servery. She's looking forward to meeting all of you!

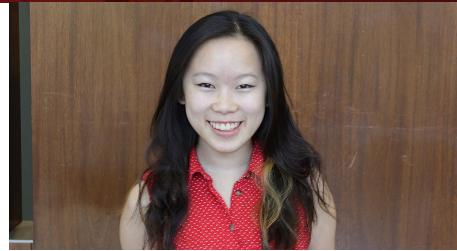


007: LICENSE TO CHILL



Trenton Alexander, 2017

It's 11:30 AM. An alarm clock rings. A lethargic but handsome man appears in the doorway of his bedroom, saunters a few steps forward, sits on the couch, and falls back asleep. Three hours later, he rises once again, puts on his patented maroon hoodie, and goes forth into a new day. As he walks to class, often late, he smiles his contagious smile and greets passersby with the deep silky voice that inspires his spirit animal, the bullfrog. An unhealthy obsession with hot sauce has resulted in the deterioration of a majority of his taste buds (Ask him about this!), and he only listens to music that is at least twice as old as he is. The Math Econ major wasn't mathy enough for him, so he decided to spice it up with a minor in Statistics. He spends at least a few hours a day explaining to hordes of tourists that he is not the capital of New Jersey, but rather a living breathing person from Dallas. His name is Trenton Alexander, and he can't wait to get to meet all the new Hanszenites!



Brenda Zhou, 2018

Introducing the one and only... Brenda Zhou! Adorable ball of sunshine by day and lifesaver by night, Brenda is Hanszen's very own Batman (without the intense gaze). With her outgoing greetings and her tendency to laugh before she's even heard the joke, she takes people off-guard with her puppy-like attitude. When she's not bouncing around the commons, she's strutting to class in her Northeast-style power walk or running because she's late. Even when she's in a rush, however, she'll always pause to say, "Hi! How are you?" A big fan of deep conversations, she'll talk about anything with you, from the ocean to the sky! When the sun goes down, however, she's off to a call with Rice EMS or studying Biochemistry in Fondren. Just kidding, she's more likely to be at a study break munching on ice cream or cookies. During her chill time, she's exploring restaurants around Houston (or eating snacks in her room), meditating (or napping), and being super real with you. Lastly, she loves to hug people! She totally understands personal space, but if you give her the okay, she'll be relentless about bear hugs, despite her small stature. As quoted in *The Dark Knight*, "She is the O-Week koala that Hanszen deserves."



Antonia Brown, 2019

Antonia is a sophomore at Lovett and is ready to bring her college pride over to Hanszen! When you first see Antonia, you will instantly notice her full head of curly black hair that may in fact be half the size of her body. She is from the friendly state of Minnesota, but you will think she's a true Southerner due to her impeccable Southern slang. You can usually find Antonia practicing her Arabic skills (or struggling with her Arabic skills) or filming a scene for one of her new, groundbreaking movies. Her favorite artist is, of course, Queen Bey, so you will likely hear Antonia belting out some "Formation" or some classic "If I Were A Boy." Antonia's one and only true love is her cat, Inky, but she is a lover of all animals. Antonia's dream is to travel the world. She hopes to soon study abroad in Jordan and Spain. She is really excited to meet all of y'all and to help introduce you to Hanszen, Lovett, and Rice!



6350 JUMP STREET



James Tang, 2017

In the category of "Most Likely To Dish It Out, But Not Be Able To Take It," the winner is... James Tang. James began his career as a Math Econ major from Georgia but quickly garnered acclaim for his irrepressible laugh and talkative nature. James' influences include Nicki Minaj, Amy Schumer, and Lana Del Rey, and he lives by the phrase, "Werk hard, play harder." In all seriousness, he is one of the friendliest people you will encounter at Rice, and you're lucky that he is your Advisor. This week is all about you, and he's so excited to be a part of your first year at Rice and Hanszen. If you ever need to freak out about the latest twist in Game of Thrones or to repeat jokes from classic sitcoms, James is there for you. You can find James in the commons any time floating around, watching YouTube videos, or maybe even studying. All in all, he's incredibly excited to meet all of you, and he hopes you have the best time at Rice. xD



Priya Kane, 2019

Priya Kane... How do I even begin to explain Priya Kane? (Haha get the reference?) Well, unlike Regina George, Priya is a caring individual who is always willing to listen! She is open-minded and loves to talk about practically anything. A rising sophomore majoring in Cognitive Science and Economics, she juggles her time between academics and many extracurricular activities. When she's not studying, Priya enjoys playing intramural sports, including powderpuff, tennis, soccer, and volleyball, and she loves volunteering at the animal shelter. Coming from the sweet land of Sugar Land, TX, this native Houstonian loves visiting places she has never been to, especially new restaurants! As a foodie, it's not uncommon to see her adventurous spirit come out when trying all kinds of new foods, most importantly dessert! Priya has also been involved in other activities on campus, including hosting prospective students, attending policy-oriented events, and dancing in the South Asian Society's cultural show. It may seem difficult to track her down at times, but she is always someone you can reach out to! Priya is super excited to meet you all, and she welcomes you to Hanszen College!



Annabelle McIntire-Gavlick, 2017

Annabelle McIntire-Gavlick has three loves in this world: her horse, good ole Harvey (giant Expedition on the brink of extinction) and baby/proposal videos (literally cries every time). Your Advisor is a Southern girl at heart, coming from Dripping Springs aka Austin. A rising senior at Lovett College, she is majoring in Political Science with a Business minor. Somehow amidst her deep, intense Netflix addiction she manages to be a huge part of Lovett and across campus. Annabelle is a terrible skier (see her Go-Pro video, please), wears very strange buns, and sings literally all the time. She is, however, an amazing support system for her friends and everyone in the college, and though she procrastinates on almost everything, she somehow manages to pull everything off spectacularly. Ask to see her dance move. It's a showstopper. Annabelle will MOST definitely try to distract and sass you at all times. Accept it; it's her way of showing love. This ball of energy will most definitely earn a special place in your heart.



THE A'ZENGERS



Brandon Gordon, 2017

[cue Morgan Freeman's deep, soothing voice] Meet Brandon Gordon. You won't meet many creatures quite like this one. Borrowing from the words of the infamous Ron Burgundy, he is "kind of a big deal." Ok, not really—he can just never pass up an opportunity to use an Anchorman quote. Brandon is a senior in that he graduates from Rice next year, not in the sense that he is over the age of 65. This above-average sized man studies Biochemistry & Cell Biology with plans for a career in medicine, but don't let that fool you—he's no run-of-the-mill pre-medical student. In fact, get to know Mr. Gordon and you'll learn that he is a movie/television fanatic, lover of all-things-football, and a generally stand-up kind of guy. And while he may be the oldest of 7 children, that doesn't necessarily mean that he's the model of maturity. He loves to jump on the trampoline, crack stupid jokes that'll leave you speechless, and procrastinate on an assignment until literally hours before it's due. One of his biggest passions is interacting with new students so he most definitely can't wait to meet each and every one of you! Have a good summer!



Abigail Tucker, 2019

Ladies and gentlemen, meet Abigail, a rising sophomore from Hanszen College. Abigail is a violin performance major and Math Econ double major. You can find her in a practice room at the Shepherd School putting in the work every day and making beautiful music (Ask her to serenade you!), studying, or running around campus frantically scrambling to get to her classes exactly 4 minutes and 37 seconds before they start. Affectionately called "mom" by her friends, Abigail will make sure that you are completely taken care of and she is the go-to person if you need to rant about something at 3 am in the morning. Abigail has an inordinate disdain for humidity, is obsessed with corgis (she has two), adores geography (Ask her any country and she will know where it is and its capital), is known to randomly break out in dance in her dorm room, and she loves reading British literature. She also has an uncanny ability to maintain an adult-like maturity level for one minute and then have that maturity level morph into that of a 15 year-old boy. Abigail is super incredibly excited to meet you and welcome you to the Hanszen family! And just a word of warning, never, ever call her "Abby."



Yida Liu, 2018

Deep in the gym jungle, you may hear animalist grunts from a figure lifting heavy objects from one place to another. You do a double take, and can't believe your eyes. You've found the wild Yida—or should I say, Yi-daaaaaaang—in his natural habitat. This 6' 3" graceful giraffe may look like he belongs on the front cover of GQ magazine, but don't be intimidated—he's a softie at heart. When he isn't suffering the treacherous climb of the pre-med Bioengineering track, he's dominating the flag football field, saving lives on a REMS shift, or jamming out to Taylor Swift. His predisposition for jumping over white picket fences is supplemented by his extremely...interpretive dance moves — something you all should be looking forward to seeing. With a passion for lifting that is only surpassed by his love for Cane's chicken fingers, this NorCal native can be spotted riding his longboard across campus like the cool kid he is. If you've landed him as your Co-Advisor, you are truly lucky — he'll raise you up (literally) so you can stand on mountains, walk the stormy seas, and most importantly, always bring you cake on your birthday.



CINEMA TOAST CRUNCH: THE TASTE YOU CAN SCREEN



Ethan Lau, 2019

Meet Ethan, a self-proclaimed outgoing introvert with a completely healthy obsession with Taylor Swift. This Psychology/Biochemistry pre-med loves to play the guitar and the piano (and he'll probably be playing Taylor Swift songs). Besides music, Ethan has a passion for laughing and is a firm believer in the phrase "embrace your weirdness," which is something that becomes very apparent ten seconds into meeting him. He considers consuming food to be one of his hobbies and is always down to try out new cuisines. For Ethan, being fashionably late is the only way to arrive to an event, which is likely due to his tendency to oversleep when napping. However, don't mistake Ethan's tardiness for indifference; he is a great listener and loyal friend who gives great advice. You might find yourself hard-pressed to get his attention if he's playing Smash, but once you have it, he will listen to you and help you no matter the circumstances.



Abigail Panitz, 2019

Abigail Panitz is a curly-haired New Yorker who loves the Texas sunshine, even if it results in a sunburn on her fair 1/8-ish Irish complexion. She is a History major and is definitely down to discuss random facts or read your book recommendations. When she's not in class she's probably writing for the Thresher, singing in chorus, or listening to a variety of music that even she can't predict. Bob Marley fans and J. Cole followers alike will be dying to break it down on the dance floor with this Hanszen Social. Abigail is eager to incorporate slang from all over the country and even some Spanish and French, two languages she hopes to become fluent in, into her distinctive voice that ranges in intensity from post-yoga zen to jittery college student who ate way too many cookies at a study break. Even if you lose your breath while trying to keep up with her fast-paced walk on the way to class, she's always available for a good conversation.



Patricia DaSilva, 2018

Patricia aspires to be a princess every day of her life. Born and raised in Houston, Texas with Brazilian roots, this Bakerite Bioengineer is more than just a good alliteration. Being graceful, caring, and poised with people, things, and fluffy animals of the enchanted woods of Rice University, most would say that she has succeeded. Some of her favorite things include... oatmeal raisin cookies, her foam roller, blogilates videos on YouTube, and Pixar movies. However, Patricia also loves some more intangible things, like laughing instead of doing homework with her friends in the commons, learning new things in her lab, dancing with Rice Dance Theatre, and going out into the community with the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. Above it all, Patricia loves her family and friends and can be a shoulder to lean on, a personal cheerleader, a mom to all, and the sweetest princess pal you'll ever have.



CLOONEY TUNES



Ben Baldazo, 2018

It looks like you're in for quite a treat: with the incredible Ben Baldazo as one of your Advisors, you're guaranteed to have an unforgettable O-Week! Hailing from the hip city of Austin, TX, Ben is finally bringing his witty jokes and Super Smash Bros finesse to Hanszen O-Week (and he would love to challenge you to a match). You might find this legend working on Hanszen Spaces as the current External Vice President, or playing a casual game of Frisbee in the quad. You know this Chemistry/Math Econ major means business when he's announced that he plans to meet every Rice student in his class (and will sleep 7-8 hours a night until he does). The epitome of unconventional wisdom, Ben can not only do a standing backflip, but can also single-handedly bring all the milkshakes to the yard (Boba fundraisers, of course). There's no doubt about it; O-Week is going to be the time of your life with Ben Baldazo as your Advisor!



Annika Divakar, 2019

If you ever see a 5'5" Guatemalan-Indian ("Guindian") girl busting a move out of nowhere, chances are it's Annika. A self-proclaimed pre-med princess, Annika loves everything related to biology, medicine, and volunteering. Annika is a rising sophomore from colorful Colorado, but no, she doesn't ski. When she's not thinking about hiking the Rocky Mountains, she's either working toward her degree in Biochemistry and Cell Biology by taking cool science classes, or perhaps procrastinating by online shopping. Annika is bubbly, outgoing, and a true social butterfly (contrary to her actual fear of butterflies). Her hobbies include dancing, doing medical missions abroad, exploring new places with friends, eating pumpkin ice cream, and listening to music (she's not ashamed of how much she loves Justin Bieber). You can always find her with a smile on her face and a boba tea in her hand. While Annika is passionate about many things in life, she is most passionate about socializing and meeting new people. That being said, she can't wait to meet all of you!



Kaitlyn Swinney, 2018

Kaitlyn Swinney is known for her quick wit, dry sense of humor, and motivation to succeed in all areas of her life. But, this is only true after she's had two cups of coffee. As a self-described "coffee snob," she is a frequent visitor of all of the hippest coffee shops in Houston. She is from Sugar Land, Texas, and her biggest pet peeve is when people spell it "Sugarland." Seriously, don't forget the space, people. As the Ron Swanson of the swim team, Kaitlyn is a true lover of all things breakfast food and sarcasm. She is a Psychology major and a Politics, Law, and Social Thought minor, but her true passion in life is Netflix, and she is actively looking for a job that would require her to do nothing but binge-watch all day. Kaitlyn has two loves of her life, her adorably small dogs. As a heads-up, you will most likely be forced to scroll through an album she has labeled for them. Her home is Wiess College, so she'll be close by all year to hang out with all of you! Get ready for the time of your lives!



THE DARK HANSZENITE RISES



Brian Walker, 2019

If you see someone walking barefoot around Hanszen with a Frisbee in his hand, chances are you just got a glimpse of Brian Walker. While it may seem odd to some, those who get to know him realize it's just typical B-Walk – Hanszen's current Resident Pacific Northwest Free Spirit. He is a rising sophomore and is strongly considering Computer Science as a major, though do not confuse that choice with him liking technology. Rather than responding to texts, Brian prefers to always be busy doing something. Whether it's hanging out with friends, listening to indie music, playing IM sports, or traveling to Frisbee tournaments with Rice's Club Ultimate team, he doesn't really care; he loves them all. When he's not in Houston, Brian enjoys backpacking and mountain biking, and he has his aims set on traveling to South America for extended periods of time. But above all, Brian is excited to get back to Hanszen for O-Week 2016 and to get to meet all the New Students.



Emily Johnson, 2017

Emily was born and raised in the Great State of Colorado, where she learned early on how to scale the steep peaks and bask in the valleys of life (both literal and figurative). In Colorado, she also learned a passion for reading, listening to indie music, and going on adventures, and she has brought these passions to her time at Rice University. Now a senior, majoring in Statistics with a minor in Global Health Technologies, Emily may seem like she knows and has seen it all, although she will always tell you that there is more of the world to uncover. Emily spent two summers in Malawi under the Global Health program at Rice and did a semester study abroad program in Singapore, to which she attributes her worldly aura. Now Emily is spending her summer in her hometown of Denver, working for an NGO by day and as a waitress for a catering company by night. As a Capricorn, Emily is always keen on appreciating the now and living in the moment, but she cannot help but look ahead with excitement to O-Week and getting to hang out with you!

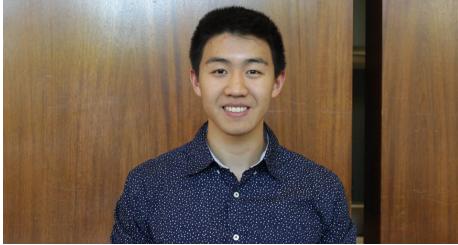


Mike Dai, 2019

A beam of light approaches from whichever direction Columbia, Maryland lies. A bang, a flash of white, and then an athletic, smart, beautiful, perfect, compassionate, genuine, funny, mature, cool, and interesting figure dressed in a red Hollywood StudiO-Week shirt, basketball shorts, and a particularly impressive pair of Nikes appears. This figure is none other than your Co-Advisor, Mike Dai. If he's not practically living in the commons, cramming for sophomore Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering shenanigans, then ya boi is probably leaving defenders in the dust while playing soccer on the intramural fields, being the best at Super Smash Bros, or making a big deal about not understanding anything about Texas. Mike is also really involved in Wiess' Cabinet and enjoys planning fun events like College Night or Fun Fridays. Ironically, Mike is a big fan of electronic dance music even though he is completely unable to dance, but that doesn't stop him from making a fool of himself. The most important thing about him though is that he's excited to meet all the New Students and can't wait for O-Week!



THE GOLDEN GLOBETROTTERS



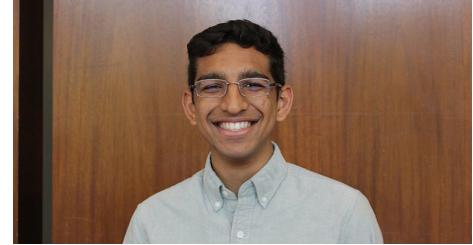
Tim Wang, 2017

Tim is a Renaissance man. He is probably the most organized person you'll meet. If you look at his Google Calendar, you'll quickly learn what time he goes to class, eats, attends meetings, brushes his teeth, and shoots three-pointers like Lillard at the rec. Importantly, Tim understands the importance of the humanities, with his Biochemistry & Cell Biology and History double major (He has publications in both areas!). You'll be hard-pressed to find a person more willing to learn and discuss ideas. Tim is a personal consultant. As a Chinese-American who has shown by his activities that he wants to practice dentistry and health policy, he can be a great resource for any pre-meds, pre-dents, or pre-policy students. If you bring him a problem that you're having, he will have a rational solution. As the head of the Peer Career Advisor program, he has helped his friends edit their resumes and perfect their job pitches. If that's not enough, Tim will take you traversing across both hemispheres: ask him about his travels!



Elizabeth Anderson, 2018

Elizabeth. Liz. Eliza. The Bethster. She goes by many names but you would never mistake her as anyone except the most devoted Hanszenite ever. Look no further if you want to know a kind soul who can make you feel like she doesn't want to be anywhere else but listening to you. This adorably awkward Linguistics and Cognitive Science major can devour a whole show (and pizza) in one sitting, and is content just to spend time with you. Feel free to drop in as she watches and re-watches any of her favorite shows, including, but not limited to Parks and Rec, The Mindy Project, Scrubs, and Veronica Mars. By the end of the semester, she'll probably know you better than you know yourself and strangely enough, you'll be okay with that. Before you know it, you'll find yourself next to her defending the Powderpuff championship title or chugging your way to Beer Bike victory. Even though Liz can make a leopard change its spots and teach old dogs new tricks, she'll always accept you for who you are and can't wait to meet you!



Akshat Patel, 2019

Akshat's the guy that's always smiling and laughing, often at his own jokes. He's always eager to have a conversation and prides himself on the fact that he can chat with anyone. Don't be surprised if he randomly walks up to you and asks about your day; he's genuinely interested. One of the most important aspects about Akshat is that he's a huge basketball fan, and a complete Houston Rockets devotee – he's stuck with his hometown team for years, through thick and thin, just like he'll do for his New Students. On the rare occasions Akshat seems down, check the Rockets score: it'll tell you a lot. When he's not busy pursuing a degree in Biochemistry and Cell Biology, tutoring as an Academic Fellow, or coordinating Beer Bike for Brown, this future doctor passes the time by re-watching every How I Met Your Mother episode for the umpteenth time (even the finale), eating Taco Bell (it's an addiction), and jamming out to almost any song (he's not picky). All in all, Akshat exudes a sense of energy – he's always smiling, talking, laughing, and he can't wait to meet you! Oh, and when you get a chance, ask him about the fig tree.



HANSZEN WITH THE STARS



Jack Toups, 2018

Hailing from the suburbs of Cypress, Texas, Jack Toups is a man like no other. Energetic yet chill; sarcastic yet compassionate; funny yet not at all funny; these contradictory phrases all describe the incredible specimen that is Jack. When he's not doing flips as a part of the Rice Club Gymnastics team, caring for students as the campus-wide Head Caregiver, or representing Hanszen as the college's Internal Vice President, you can probably find Jack just lounging around the Hanszen commons chatting with his fellow Hanszenites. This oh-so-talented percussionist enjoys taking long walks around the quad, exploring the vast city of Houston and baking cookies at 2 am. Putting the pro in procrastination, this dedicated pre-med always has time for an unplanned adventure, a three-hour discussion on the meaning of life, or a spontaneous Target run. Should you be lucky enough to call Jack your Advisor, a future filled with adventures and brownies awaits you. So welcome to Hanszen College, and get excited for an amazing Hollywood StudiO-Week and an incredible time at Rice University! Jack is counting down the seconds until you shall meet!



Sonia Torres, 2019

Everyone needs a little bit of saucy Puerto Rican in their lives. Here at Hanszen, you need look no further for that bit of spice, because Sonia Torres Rodríguez is all the curvaceous Latina you will ever need. Aside from her sprightly curls, on occasion adorned by ever-blooming fabric flowers, Sonia can be identified by her uber quirky and sometimes-random personality. Also her love of chocolate. And bachata music. And books. And sleep. And food. ALL the food. But these conflicting interests never get in the way of her main defining characteristic – how honored she feels to be a part of an incredibly inclusive community. She sees her involvement in Rice and in the Hanszen Culture of Care as a personal challenge for her to do her part in continuing a tradition of awesomeness. Therefore, she is a very active Math Econ/CAAM sophomore, who participates in a variety of activities on campus, as can be seen with her Debate Team, Baker Institute Student Forum, and Mariachi Band (as La Presidenta) memberships. She is ecstatic for O-Week, and can't wait to be a listening and comforting ear for all the New Students just as her own O-Week parents were for her!



Kristi Fu, 2017

Greetings, Hanszenites! Happily, you have the great fortune to have been placed into the O-Week family of Kristi Fu. You should rejoice, but you should also prepare, for there will be times where you will feel overwhelmed both by her loving heart and by the sheer number of acronyms she uses in daily speech. So without further ado, I present to you... THE KRISTI A. FU SURVIVAL GUIDE:

Necessary Vocabulary:

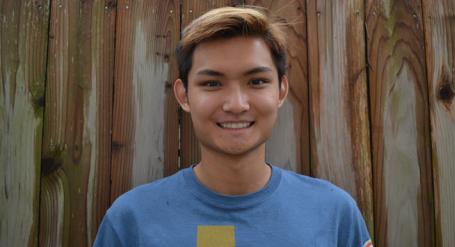
- "TMTM" – Too Much To Handle. Often an apt descriptor of Kristi herself.
- "TFTI" – Thanks For The Invite. If you hang out as an O-Week group without her, you are sure to hear this ad infinitum.
- "baller" – Used for basically everything #ballislife

Necessary Items:

- Chandler Parsons poster – If Kristi is feeling stressed by the #premedlyfe, just rub this on her face to produce a soothing effect
- Large Mocha Frappy – the most cost-effective item to choose as Kristi's free drink at Rice Coffeehouse
- But in all seriousness, Kristi is genuine, passionate about all she does, and a loyal Co-Advisor until the end.



MARY MMMBOPPINS



Bowie Lin, 2018

Bowie (pronounced BO-WEE) Robert Lin needs no introduction upon walking into a room, for he can often be recognized by his razor sharp jawline that is supposedly capable of cutting cheese and incredibly voluminous hair that combats the flow of the ocean. He is majoring in Cognitive Sciences and minoring in Business at Rice. In his free time, he likes to eat, play the violin, play with animals (his spirit animal is a sloth), watch movies, and tell unnecessarily descriptive stories about his generally mundane adventures. If you happen to miss a recounting of one of his many narrations, never fear! His personal online blog, dating under one year old, will feature his worthiest and most dramatic experiences. He also loves traveling and frankly, owns one too many obnoxious cruise shirts. He is a member of the Rice Campanile orchestra, Rice Bhangra dance team, and mariachi! Despite all his talents, however, Bowie is incredibly humble and would never brag about himself. However, his friends describe him as funny, nice, fabulous, and apparently, extremely sassy, although it takes some time to unleash that. Get to know him and he may crack you up with his sarcastic humor!



Danya Kachkou, 2017

Danya Kachkou (it's okay if you can't pronounce her name at first) is a Hanszen senior hailing from Irvine, California, majoring in Sociology and Policy Studies. If you asked her what her favorite things are, she would probably narrow it down to: guacamole, pugs, and anything/anyone that can make her laugh. You can usually find Danya wearing that beautiful Hanszen blue and yellow on the powderpuff field, in somewhat professional clothing at the Baker Institute, or on a quest for Mexican food. She's always down to talk about politics or anything related to soccer, and is pretty much always available for late-night food excursions. Some of her talents include wrapping gifts, quoting Broad City, and curating (usually) decent playlists. In the future, Danya hopes to travel and read more, meet John Mulaney, and own multiple dogs. She is very excited to welcome new Hanszenites home!

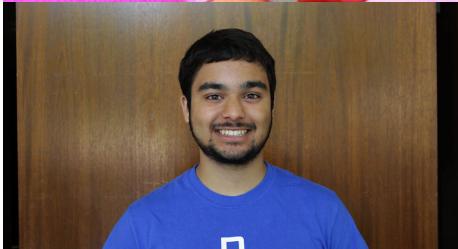


Kenan Davis, 2018

Kenan Davis is the exact opposite of his favorite basketball team, the Dallas Mavericks. The Mavs tend to crack under pressure, whereas Kenan buckles down and gets things done! You are very lucky to have Kenan as your Co-Advisor, as he definitely has plenty of good advice to give. From academic advice, where his sterling record speaks for itself, to general life situations, where his level-headedness proves helpful, he'll always be there for you. Kenan bats lead-off for the Rice Club Baseball team, but his lead-off skills aren't limited to the baseball diamond, as your lead-off week at Rice will surely be great. Moreover, he has a wealth of knowledge about Rice's faith groups as well as on-campus job opportunities, so be sure to talk to him about those things. Lastly, if you ever forget somebody's name, just ask Kenan, as he seemingly knows everybody at Rice.



MEAN SQUIRRELS



Arun Kane, 2019

If you're looking around and you can't find Arun, look down. Yes, Arun is very short. But that doesn't stop him from being a big person! This Biochemistry pre-med rising sophomore is from the big suburb of Sugar Land, TX. He fills his time at Rice playing IM sports, volunteering for medical organizations, being a nerd, and playfully annoying people. If you get a tap on your shoulder and don't see anyone on that side, Arun is probably on the other side. And even though he can't dance at parties, Arun is part of the Rice Chowl Bhangra team and loves showcasing his energetic abilities. He fuels up by literally eating everything that can fit in his 5'4" frame. No matter the task, whether it's a plate full of food or a long assignment, Arun will finish the job. Ever since he was a kid, Arun has always loved watching sports, doing math, and helping people fix their problems. No matter what situation you are in, Arun will always be there as a helping hand or a shoulder to lean on. Even though he's a bit strange and small, you know he'll always be there in a huge, important way!



Rachel Buissereth, 2017

Hailing from the small island of St. Lucia, then the big city of NY, Rachel is a rising senior, Environmental Science and Theatre double major, who prides herself with her ability to sing in the shower. If she were to have a catch phrase it would be, "Thanks, Mom" said both enthusiastically and ironically. Rachel tends to speak solely in sarcasms and pokes fun (all in good humor) at her friends. She loves to dance (badly), eat (a lot), and listen to Adele (hello. it's me.) and dislikes running (it's impossible), cold weather (poor circulation), and people who talk during movies (it's distracting). When asked which is better, chocolate or vanilla, Rachel insists (correctly) that chocolate is better. She is excited to meet the New Students at Hanszen and wishes them all the best of luck on their O-Week adventures!



Metinee Ding, 2019

DING Dong! Who's at the door? It's your new best friend and Co-Advisor, Metinee DING! This avid lover of fine food and all things lemon flavored is not only an Architecture student (Archi for short) but also the bubbliest person you'll ever meet. Hailing from the beautiful and faraway land of Thailand, this worldly traveler is full of stories from Bali, Kenya, Cambodia, and Paris – you'll never have a dull day with her as your Co-Advisor, so prepare for many more adventures during O-Week and beyond! Did we mention? Metinee's defining trait is her incomparable love for Taylor Swift, a.k.a. T-Swizzle, a.k.a. Tay-Tay. Get ready to be enchanted! Because if you ever have a bad day, she'll be sure to help you shake it off, get rid of the bad blood, and begin again. She'll be your fearless leader and help you achieve your wildest dreams. Enjoy O-Week in style with this lovely Sid Richardson Co-Advisor.



SHERLOCK HOLMES IS WHERE THE HEART IS



Chas Taylor, 2017

Have you ever heard of the Great Chas Taylor Oscars sweep of 2013? No? Well, let me tell you, it was a doozy: for the first time in history, someone swept all the Oscars. Best supporting actress? Chas Taylor. Needless to say, it was a heckuva year by a heckuva guy. But, hey, that's exactly what you get with Chas: a heckuva guy. Hailing all the way from Dallas, Texas, this fun-loving dude majors in English and Philosophy. Ask him his favorite author, and he will most certainly tell you C.S. Lewis. He also might tell you that he can dunk, something that has certainly generated its fair share of controversy amongst the Hanszen community. Personally, I'm a believer that this boy can ball with the best of them, and when he's not cozying up in Fondren Library to read through some Kant or Kierkegaard, he's racking up the points for the Hanszen men's basketball team at the rec. Also, Chas is a small group leader for Chi Alpha, one of the Christian groups on campus, and loves going to their large group meetings on Thursday nights. So, without further ado, I present to you the 2013 Academy Award Winner for Best Dance Direction, Chas Taylor! HE'S SO EXCITED TO MEET YOU!



Melody Lin, 2018

Melody Lin was unofficially voted "Most Likely To Respond to Someone Waving At The Person Behind Her" in high school and continues to validate her legacy once a week. She has mastered the art of being horizontal: napping is one of her favorite pastimes. Hailing from the land of boba, aka Taiwan, she was once asked if she was related to Jeremy Lin. Maybe it was her staggering height of 5'4" or her natural ability to avoid the basket when throwing a basketball – we'll never know (jk #ballislife). There is one similarity she has to Jeremy Lin, though; she is linsane. She enjoys running around promoting school-wide activities, playing whatever instrument she can get her hands on (supporting her fellow melodies, duh), and being a part of a support system for children affected by their parent's cancer. Besides all of that, she also makes sure to schedule enough time for a good heart-to-heart with her TV shows. Despite being a busy bee (owl?), she always has time for her friends and cannot wait for you to become one of them! She would also like you to know that her greatest achievements include being tall for her age in fourth grade and being a leftie.



Marcos De La Garza, 2019

More attractive than Ryan Gosling, more swagger than Kanye West, this southern gentleman, hailing from the border town of Weslaco, Texas, is not only a gentleman, but a gentleman and a scholar. With the body of a Greek god and the spice of a Latino hunk, you can spot Marcos Antonio De La Garza surrounded by all the ladies. Do not let his good looks and charm fool you, this Computer Science major will code the key to not only your heart, but the next big innovation. A multitalented sophomore from Wiess College, Marcos is not only an athlete, but also an actor. He acquired more Oscars than Leonardo DiCaprio for his performance in Hello Hamlet and more Olympic gold medals than Michael Phelps as a professional car-surfer. Marcos will be sure to invite you to church, as he is a devout Christian and active member of Chi Alpha. You can also catch him getting paper by working at the info desk. With Marcos as your Co-Advisor, you are more than guaranteed to have not only the best O-Week experience, but also an amazing college experience.



WEEZY OF OZ: SOMEWHERE OVER THE WAYNEBOW



Jordan Lee, 2018

Jordan Lee is the big warm hug you go to whenever something makes you happy, makes you sad, or you just want a hug after a long day. Jordan is the epitome of a Psychology and Sports Management major. He's there to listen to all your problems and provide comfort, plus he gives great advice for any situation. When Jordan isn't studying, you can find him looking up the latest basketball stats and watching tapes of his high school baseball glory days. If Jordan seems to be on his phone a lot, don't worry, he's probably just going through the 147 unread messages. And anytime you're hungry, Jordan's ready and willing to take you to the best restaurant in town, Houston's. Lastly, get ready to love Taylor Swift and Friends and HIMYM more than you knew was possible and probably have weekly heart to hearts. Seriously though, there is no one better than Jordan to have as someone to look up to, someone to help you find your home away from home, and someone that truly cares about other people's feelings more than his own.



Varsha Sathappan, 2018

All your dreams have come true in getting the incredible Varsha Sathappan as an Advisor for Hollywood StudiO-Week. This Girl Scout extraordinaire, complete with large earrings and immaculate hairstyle, hails from the Bay Area. Don't be fooled though, her personality is even larger than her hair. When she's not handling mouse ovaries in her lab, you'll probably find Varsha trying new restaurants as our resident food connoisseur (and she'd love to take you along). You're guaranteed to see her trekking back from dance performances in full stage makeup, as she's one of the captains of Rice Rasikas, our school's only Indian classical dance team. Luckily for you, you can relive each day of Hollywood StudiO-Week via Varsha's highly acclaimed Snapchat stories, complete with witty commentary. Since you have the pleasure of spending the entire week with her, maybe you can help us figure out if the good lighting follows her or if it's just her glowing personality.



Alex Hwang, 2019

You might mistake Alex Hwang for a tall, attractive, lean, muscular, athletic NBA basketball player named Jeremy Lin. Actually, you probably won't. Still, "ball is life" is a maxim Alex lives by (Just remember: he's much, much better than Jordan Lee, the guy on the left of this page). Alex is crazy about Rice and will talk for days about how much he loves it (He is a tour guide, after all). He has some...interesting...freshman year stories, such as wearing his Advisor's tight dress in the Jones Male Beauty Pageant. Although Alex considers himself on par with a professional dancer, his trip to Rice Zumba was not so successful ("Who was that awful, sweaty dude who came to Zumba yesterday?" remarked some girls in the servery). It's okay. Alex doesn't give up. On a more serious note, Alex is thinking about getting a degree in Materials Science and NanoEngineering, and eventually getting a PhD. As a Co-Advisor, Alex will be your mentor and friend from across campus. Talk to him about anything from classical music to philosophy to community service to the NBA. He's so excited to be your Co-Advisor!



WHAT IS AN AFFILIATE?



You may have noticed that you have an Affiliate attached to your group, along with a Co-Advisor and two Hanszen Advisors. An Affiliate is a member of an O-Week group that serves a specific role during O-Week, such as the ones listed below. Although they have a different title because of their role during O-Week, they are essentially another Advisor and a great resource for your group!

Athletic Affiliate: Athletes at Rice have very busy schedules balancing their classes, practices, extracurriculars, and social activities. The Athletic Affiliate is a student who is very involved at Hanszen and wants to welcome New Students to Hanszen, athlete or not!

Diversity Facilitator: 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 cultural and social groups.

Gopher: The Gophers serve as the "right-hand men" for the O-Week Coordinators: whenever they need supplies, the Gophers rush to Target, Kroger, or anywhere else to get them.

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

Rice Health Advisor (RHA): RHAs are students who have been trained on a variety of health and wellbeing topics, from nutrition to sexuality to various other physical, mental, psychological, and spiritual issues. RHAs are students' link to the Wellbeing and Counseling Center. RHAs also have various medical supplies, like Band-Aids, Tylenol, gauze, hydrocortisone, condoms, etc. Although there is only one O-Week RHA, you will meet several other RHAs at Hanszen as time goes on.

Photographer: The Photographer's job is to capture every event during O-Week. On top of taking photos of each New Student on move-in day, the Photographer will move from group to group during events in order to take photos of everything that's going on.

Videographer: Like the Photographer, the Videographer is tasked with recording the events of O-Week, with the obvious difference of taking videos rather than photos. The Videographer will make a video of the entire week that everyone can view later on as well.



CLAY MUSIAL, 2019



Athletic Affiliate, Hanszen With the Stars

If you have ever seen Clay Musial, it was likely in a blur, shooting across the edge of your vision. Clay, a long distance runner on Rice's track team, makes his most notable public appearances either running around campus, or passing and weaving through fellow students at Olympic speed-walking pace on his way to class (his classmates can attest). If he needs to take a break from winning, he savors leisurely reading (or watching) fantasy epics of all varieties, most notably A Song of Ice and Fire, Star Wars, and The Lord of the Rings. His knowledge of geography is also quite comprehensive, whether of Westeros, Middle Earth or even Normal Earth (Rumor has it that he can sing all the countries of the world in song, if he's in the right mood). When he's not dreaming of far-away lands, Clay is in his small hometown of Burlington, Illinois looking at cornfields, or more likely in nearby Chicago satisfying his diehard Cubs Baseball fandom at Wrigley Field (#thisistheyear). Where school is concerned, Clay is often called "EBIO" (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology) by his comrades, even though his major is undecided; he likes nature and animals almost as much as he likes New Students, and can't wait for the future and O-Week 2016!

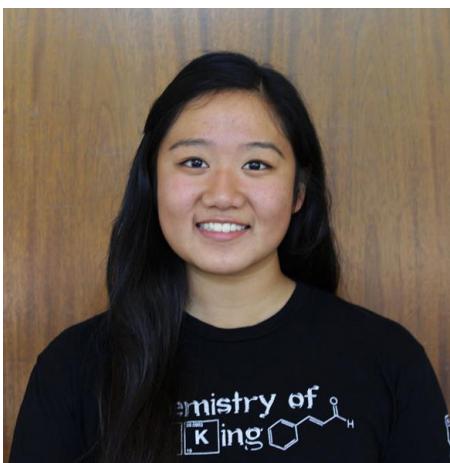
Diversity Facilitator, 007: License to Chill

If there's something strange at your residential college, who you gonna call? Elena Busch. This junior Physics major from Hanszen College is equipped with everything from a mini-quadcopter to lightsaber chopsticks, and maybe even a rumored desk-top catapult. However, she isn't all brains. Elena can often be seen playing co-ed and women's intramural soccer, sailing on Galveston Bay, or horseback-riding off into the sunset. Her dedication to sports parallels her love of food, cuisine, and all things dessert, and you might see her at Target debating how many packs of Oreos to buy or discussing whether to add more tea to her (extensive) collection. You might say she sounds too good to be true, but don't be afraid to talk to this affectionate Diversity Facilitator about anything you're passionate about, because no one gets more excited about being excited. And speaking of getting excited, what she's most excited about right now is getting to know YOU!!

ELENA BUSCH, 2018



VALERIE DU, 2019



Diversity Facilitator, The A'zengers

Meet Val Du; she'll be a great pal for you!

She's from Ohio, let's read her bio:

I'm a real cool pre-med, so you'll never be sick in bed.

Because I love Chemistry, if you ask for help I'll be free.

I'm super energetic, my personality is magnetic.

Although I'll be OC, you will still see me!

If you like TV, you can watch with me!

The Flash and Grey's, let's watch for days.

If you like to swim, we can all go to the gym.

Want to go on an adventure? I will say "for sure!"

I'm here to facilitate, to teach love and not hate.

I really like to ski, but there's no snow in Texas.

I don't really like poems, but I just said "Imma Just Du It."

GILLIAN MELLOR, 2019

Gopher, Mary MMMBoppins



Gillian is a cereal thief, Beyoncé enthusiast, fresh fruit fanatic, and wide receiver on Hanszen's powderpuff team. When she's not looking for her keys, you can probably find her talking with friends in the quad, covering her room with Drake faces and obscure quotes from her friends—you might just be lucky enough to make the quote wall—or rushing to finish that problem set that slipped her mind. She's a Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major, Secretary of Hanszen's Cabinet, and involved in way too many sports to list here. This native Austinite is both easy-going and easily excitable, meaning she gets along with anyone and everyone. She will always be there for you—whether that be when you need a ride to Target, are freaking out about your upcoming paper deadline, or just want to grab some food. But most importantly, she is super excited to show you what Rice and Hanszen have to offer!

Gopher, Mean Squirrels

TROY ZIMMERMANN, 2018

Troy may be from the chilly state of Wisconsin, but the only thing cold about him is his 3-point shot. A junior Math Econ major by day and chess expert by night, Troy is constantly playing the world's greatest game, be it at a national tournament in Dallas or online at 3 AM when he should be studying. Feel free to challenge him in chess or any other game, but understand the consequences of such an action. He also never turns down a chance to shoot some hoops or hit up the links and play some golf. Although a bit reserved at first, Troy will quickly become his silly, sarcastic self as you get to know him. While his music interests are vast, he is a big alt-J fan. He loves the Green Bay Packers with every fiber of his being. But don't worry, he will like you too! He is looking forward to meeting all the New Students and making O-Week great.



MEERA DEVARAJAN, 2018

Peer Academic Advisor, The Dark Hanszenite Rises



A rising junior, Meera lives life as an episode of *Suits*—suave, entertainingly witty, and full of movie references (gouda's her favorite). As a thrilling Cognitive Sciences major, she spends her free time trying out new cuisine, visiting new places in her native city of Houston, and mostly, curling up in bed with her best friend, Ned Flicks. Meera especially takes pleasure in enjoying special movie edition popcorn, in and out of the theater. Despite her busy schedule, Meera always finds time to get her groove on, whether choreographing classical routines with Rice Rasikas, breaking out some moves on the dance floor with Chowl Bhangra, or trying her feet at salsa. You might also see this girl around campus as she eagerly gives tours and convinces every random passerby that Rice University is, indeed, “the happiest place on Earth,” and she hopes you see it that way too! Get ready to meet the chillest gal of the group because she cannot wait to get to know y'all.

TAHIR MALIK, 2017

Peer Academic Advisor, Clooney Tunes



Whenever Tahir's not in lab at the Bioscience Research Collaborative, you'll catch him hanging around Hanszen reading a book or maybe just taking a nap on the hammocks by the Burbs. A pre-med Bioengineer with a Global Health Technologies minor, Tahir loves working on engineering design projects. You might catch him up late at night with a pencil in one hand and a slice of pineapple pizza in the other as he tries to sketch out an idea with his team. Whether he's hanging out at Brochstein on a nice, sunny day, or grabbing a drink at Coffeehouse, Tahir's always happy to talk and meet new people. Every once in a while, you'll see him on duty with Rice EMS. Regardless of what he's doing, Tahir's always around to answer questions or talk to you about anything from driving stick-shifts to how aortic valves work. As an O-Week PAA, Tahir's excited to meet everyone and looks forward to having a great O-Week!

Peer Academic Advisor, Weezy of Oz

Hailing from the great city of New Orleans, Maggie firmly believes in the importance of good food and "letting the good times roll." She doesn't forget to make time for studying and problem sets though; this is made evident by how many hours a week she spends in the Hanszen PDR (She's even learned the art of napping across the dining chairs). Her hobbies include people-watching, ordering Postmates, and watching those Buzzfeed videos of people trying to pronounce foreign names. She lived abroad in her early childhood and has traveled fairly extensively, and she dreams of living overseas one day after graduating from Rice. As a Mechanical Engineering major, Maggie enjoys solving problems in innovative and clever ways and is passionate about making progress in the aim of helping others. Don't be fooled by her tendency to stare off into space, she really is friendly and has a super dry, witty sense of humor and is excited to meet all of you!

MAGGIE WEBB, 2019



PETER YUN, 2017

Peer Academic Advisor, Cinema Toast Crunch



I could tell you a lot about Peter. I could tell you about his involvement across campus as the Student Association's Internal Vice President, his love for Hanszen, or about how he's always around to lend a helping hand. Instead, I'm going to tell you about how even though this is his fourth and last year at Rice, Peter still acts like the adorable, lovable freshman he once was. Even though Peter throws enough shade to blot out the Sun, deep down, he really wants to get to know you. Don't let his sass keep you away. As a senior, Peter has diligently, nerdily pursued Biochemistry with a minor in Sociology. As a pre-med and O-Week PAA, Peter knows the ins and outs of dat pre-med life. Peter is a child with a major in adulting. He'll cry with you during Finding Nemo and still be able to help you with your taxes. He's got yo' back!

LEYA MOHSIN, 2019



Photographer, The Golden Globetrotters

If there was a Yelp page about Leya, reviews would include “brown Texan Leslie Knope,” “appalled like 50% of the time,” “my favorite daughter,” and “basic.” However, Yelp reviews don’t tell the whole story. Texas born and Ohio raised, this sophomore Math Econ and Policy Studies major is the perfect combination of Southern sass and Midwestern friendliness. Her personality can be quiet, but her sharp wit will catch you by surprise. The oldest of three children, Leya is definitely used to being the mom in any friend group, and will always be there to provide you with a Disney princess band aid or keep your stuff in her huge “mom bag.” When she’s not solving constrained optimization problems or writing about policy issues, Leya is mentoring at PAIR, hosting prospies, or taking a nap. In addition to being a Taylor Swift devotee, Leya loves to watch Gilmore Girls, talk about feminism, and eat her favorite food, Wendy’s chicken nuggets. She’s so excited to meet you!

Rice Health Advisor, Sherlock Holmes Is Where the Heart Is

MONICA JULIAN, 2018

This 6 foot tall, curly-haired, ball of happiness can light up anyone’s day with her charm and crazy quick wit. Monica has the kind of passion for other people that makes everyone feel genuinely welcomed by her presence. She makes giving out band aids and life advice seem fun, and you somehow won’t feel weird asking her for a condom if you need one. In her free time, Monica enjoys playing pranks on people, watching Sherlock, and sharing her immense knowledge of chocolate desserts. She is weirdly passionate about her major, Civil Engineering, but her classes and problem sets never keep her away from the people she cares about, and she will always make time for you. You can always expect a hug from this social butterfly, and there’s not a cute bunny or puppy video out there that she has not seen. Always ready with a smile, Monica is excited to be your RHA Affiliate and kiss all your boo-boos away!



NICK MCMILLAN, 2019



Videographer, 6350 Jump Street

It’s said that Nick’s life served as the inspiration for the book and film, “The Series of Unfortunate Events” because he has an uncanny ability to attract bad luck at the worst possible moments. Despite that, Nick always adds laughter and a huge smile to any situation. As a rising sophomore, he loves to compete in triathlons, watch the Flash and Arrow, play ukulele, and take photos all while trying to figure out what to do with his life (aka decide on a major). Nick loves to travel and learn about other cultures; his family is from Germany/Mexico so feel free to strike up a conversation with him in German, Spanish, or English!







Hanszen College has an acceptance rate of less than 10% among Rice students, putting it among the most elite colleges in America. But, now that you're here, you may be confused as to what exactly this place is and what it's all about. Here is a little crash course on why Hanszen College is objectively the best residential college at Rice.

Located on the corner of Loop Road and Alumni Drive, Hanszen is one of Rice's four original residential colleges, meaning we have a rich history and plethora of traditions. Our location is to be envied. As the only relevant college south of Will Rice, we have the privilege of being closest to the Rice Memorial Center (read: Coffeehouse), the Hoot, Tudor Fieldhouse, the Recreation Center, the Bioscience Research Collaborative, and two parking lots. We are also close to Rice Village, a Chipotle, and a Starbucks, which you can visit to satiate your hunger at all hours. But Hanszen is more than its location. Our wide, grassy quad is adorned with a 13-foot metal crane, and 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, learning how to do a backflip on the trampoline, grilling burgers, or just

tossing a frisbee. 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, the

Lower Commons are where we eat all of our meals and where we host public parties, and upstairs in the Upper Commons are a number of classrooms to socialize or study, a game room, a library, and a lobby with several leather couches to nap or chill.

At the end of the day, though, what make Hanszen so great are the people and the sense of community. Hanszen is known as the "Family College", and you'll see that you have a friend in every single Hanszenite. Hanszenites always look out for one another, and are there for each other through the good and the bad. Our Masters, RAs, and College Coordinator are by far the best on campus and make sure that everyone has a blast. 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," you'll find yourself decked out in Hanszen regalia, painting up blue and yellow for a sporting event, and waking up with a lost voice from chanting "HFH!" at the top of your lungs. We are unbelievably excited to welcome you into the Hanszen family!



Fast Facts About Hanszen

Namesake: Harry Clay Hanszen

Year established: 1957

Founding order: 3rd of 11

Colors: Royal blue and yellow

Mascot: The Guardian

Theme song: "MMMBop" by Hanson

Friendly rival: Wiess College

Sister college: Brown College

Nickname: The Family College

Motto: Tradition and Novelty



The 'Zen Guardian

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88^{°F}

15%
Precipitation

56%
Humidity

8 mph
Wind



Hanszen History

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

Hanszen was first on campus (along with Baker College) to open to both genders in 1973. Hanszen males took advantage of the change in the early 1980s to develop the men's drill team, the Hanszenettes, which performed at powderpuff football games. In 1975, tragedy struck Hanszen College when the Commons burned to the ground. It

seems that a large pile of mattresses put there while renovating Old Section was ignited, possibly by a worker's cigarette. Hanszen students ate their meals in the Grand Hall until a new Commons



was built. Hanszenites embraced the change, happily adopting the nickname "The Uncollege" that had been created by other colleges.

Hanszen College has 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

Breaking News!



Harry Hanszen inducted into the Hollywood Walk of Fame!

Hanszen has shown a long history of creating stars, so it came as no surprise when... see ZEN, page 6

Monkey" would fill a major caffeine need for the Rice community. It was closed when Willy's Pub opened in 1975 and became a haven for social culture. Additionally, our campus-wide radio station, KTRU, started when some students altered the room buzzer system that ran throughout Hanszen into a radio transmission network. The university would eventually recognize the presence of the radio network and reward it with the facilities and equipment that allowed it to become the area-wide station that exists today.

Though long ago Hanszen was known as the "Gentlemen's College" and "The Uncollege," we have now become known as the "Family College." This name is a reflection of the close and caring relations among its members. The present building housing the College Coordinator's Office, Commons, and South Servery was built in 2002 and is a beautiful modern space where you can experience hours of games, fun, and bonding.



HANSZEN

TRADITIONS

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 New Section. Forced to evacuate because of the crane hanging above them, the Hanszenites gathered in the Quad. Rather than simply go about their day avoiding New Section, the students decided to skip all of their classes, bring out a keg, and party in the Quad. As a result, Hanszenites continue to celebrate Crane Day every year. A notable part of Hanszen’s traditions involve public parties. During the spring semester we have Mardi Gras, one of the biggest parties of the semester!

Of course, many traditions also stem from Beer Bike, which is a campus-wide bike and chugging race that occurs in March. During Willy Week—the week before Beer Bike—colleges will pull pranks on each other (called “jacks”). One jack Hanszenites pulled in 2011 included “selling” the statue of Willy to the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and was noted by the Thresher (the Rice newspaper) as one of the best jacks of all time. Every year, Hanszen pulls two pranks on Wiess. One is Jailbreak, where Hanszenites wake up Wiessmen early in the morning and everyone has a dance party. The other is building a wall between New Section and the Commons so that Wiessmen have to walk around Hanszen, instead of through it, to get to class. On the day of Beer Bike, Hanszen has a huge color powder war before the water balloon fight. Because so many Hanszenites fill water balloons during Willy Week, Hanszen lasts the longest during the water balloon fight.

Finally, over the years, the Committees have started several traditions, such as Cascarones during Easter, the Porker for the Hanszen vs. Wiess powderpuff football game, and renting out the ice skating rink at the Galleria. As the first college to create and use a crest, you come from a long line of trendsetters, so who knows? Maybe you’ll start the next Hanszen tradition. The Hanszen difference is that our college is not merely a dorm or a social group, it’s a family. Starting with the love and care from our Masters, 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 a part of it!



What is the H-Team?

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

College Masters

Each residential college has a set of Masters. College Masters are Rice faculty members who have been selected by the college to a five-year term. Like RAs, Masters live on-campus at the college they are a part of, although most colleges have a separate Masters' House nearby instead of an attached apartment. Masters 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 Masters hold weekly study breaks (including fancy ice cream study breaks), attend our weekly Cabinet meetings, and hold special events for things like movie nights, big sports events, or Thanksgiving dinner for those on campus. Overall, the Masters are here to help us in any way that they can, and love to get to know New Students and Hanszenites.

Resident Associates

Unlike 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!

College Coordinator

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

THE



TEAM



The Masters



Paul and Klaudia Brace

Hanszen College welcomes you! We are Paul and Klaudia Brace, Masters of Hanszen College, and we are thrilled that the matriculating class of 2016 is joining us as the newest Hanszenites. Your Hanszen family is a very special part of life at Rice University, providing wonderful opportunities for leadership, camaraderie, creativity, and recreation. This family is dedicated to your overall success at Rice, providing support, recreation, and social endeavors to make great and lasting memories.

College life will be new and exciting, with many challenges. As College Masters, we are here to smooth your transition to college life, familiarize you with the Hanszen culture, and promote an engaging environment. We will be among the first to greet you upon your arrival and will proudly march with you at commencement.

Paul is the Clarence L. Carter Chair in Legal Studies and Professor of Political Science with research and teaching interests in the areas of American politics, policy, and law. He attended University of Oregon as an undergraduate and received his M.A. and Ph.D. at Michigan State University. Klaudia is a CPA and serves as Chief Financial Officer for the Houston Food Bank. She graduated from Michigan State with Bachelors and Masters degrees in Business. Prior to our move to Houston in 1996, our careers have taken us to Colorado, New York City, Chicago, and Florida. We have two sons—Noah, who recently graduated from the University of Michigan, and Reed, who will be attending Trinity University in San Antonio.

Overall, our purpose as Masters is to assist you in reaching your academic goals and making the most of your time at Hanszen. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to ask. We are here to help or just to listen.

Again, welcome to Hanszen. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Paul & Klaudia Brace
Hanszen College Masters





The Resident Associates



Alan and Rebecca Russell

Hey, Hanszen! We are thrilled to be a part of your Hanszen family. We both work on campus: by day, Alan is the director of Disability Support Services and Rebecca is an Archivist and works in the Woodson Research Center in Fondren Library.

Alan is originally from England (primarily London), but he went to boarding school and attended university in Sussex. Alan LOVES English football and is a Gooner (a life-long Arsenal supporter). He also enjoys traveling and history -- he has an M.A. in American History, British TV, and movies. He has successfully turned Rebecca into an Arsenal fan, Doctor Who fan, and even an occasional cricket fan. He has skills and will try to convert you too.

Rebecca grew up in Texas, attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, and has a M.L.S. from the University of North Texas. After marrying Alan, they lived in England for three years before Texas pulled them back and they settled in Houston. Rebecca loves movies, theatre, discovering new restaurants in Houston, and traveling. She geeks out about certain shows (Sherlock and Game of Thrones!) and binge-watches a lot of Gilmore Girls, British TV, and Orange is the New Black. She also loves to bake and try out new recipes for hungry Hanszenites!

We host a weekly Sunday study break in our apartment which normally includes our current TV or movie obsession. Our apartment is on the first floor in Old Section (apt. 105), so please stop by to watch TV or a movie, ask us questions, or just hang out.





The Resident Associates



Danny and Diana Garcia

Welcome to Hanszen College, the BEST college ever! We are Danny and Diana, one set of Hanszen's Resident Associates and part of the H-Team. So a little bit about us...We grew up on the East Coast (Danny in Brooklyn and Diana in Philadelphia), but Danny is originally from Ecuador and Diana from Colombia. We've been living in Texas for the last eight years, and as the saying goes, "We got here as soon as we could!" Aside from being RAs, Diana is an HR Specialist in Rice University's HR office. She has a B.A. in English (Ursinus College) and an M.A. in Professional Communications (La Salle University). Danny is a Project Manager for Lubrizol, a chemical company. He has both a B.S. and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering (Drexel University). We also enjoy working out, such as running (10Ks and half marathons) and doing CrossFit. We try to maintain a healthy lifestyle, even though sweets are Danny's weakness. We're HUGE sports fans! Danny enjoys playing FIFA and watching soccer with fellow Hanszenites. Our favorite teams are F.C. Barcelona, the Yankees, the Astros, the Giants (football) and the Knicks. Massimo and Georgia are also part of the family. They are Boston terriers and are about seven and ten years old, respectively. They like to play, go out for walks and sleep a lot! Georgia might snuggle next to you while she sleeps, while Massimo will wiggle his little tail and show you how excited he is to meet you!

Our pastimes involve going to the movies, cultural events/festivals, sporting events, concerts, and traveling. We especially love to travel and meet people from all parts of the world! We invite all Hanszenites to come out to the Burbs (New Section) to hang out, have fun, and try some interesting treats. Diana is constantly trying her hand in baking and would like to get some feedback, hopefully positive. If you aren't interested in the treats, don't worry, we will still like to get to know you and help you in any way we can. Please feel free to stop by our place (apt.192).





The College Coordinator



Joyce Bald

Hello and welcome to Hanszen College! My name is Joyce, and I am the College Coordinator. I have been running the college office for over 10 years, but have been at Rice for 18 years. I am very familiar with the Rice campus and know many people in other departments, which could be very helpful to you. Officially, I assist the Masters with the administration of Hanszen. Unofficially, I am the daytime RA, mail guru, answerer of questions, and holder of all keys to Hanszen.

While you are in the Hanszen office, you can pick up your packages from home, send or receive a fax, check your email, make copies, buy a stamp, get a band-aid or an aspirin, have some tea, 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! Here, it is very laid back! Don't let the regulars intimidate you—come on in and get to know everyone!

During your time at Hanszen, you will undoubtedly hear about me and my family. I was born in Houston and raised about 20 miles south in Pearland. I have been told I have a definite Texas accent! Y'all can let me know when you arrive! I have been married for almost 30 years to my high school sweetheart, Anthony. We have three sons, a daughter-in-law, and a beautiful granddaughter. 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 three dogs.

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





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, ranging from meals at Hanszen during the week, to attending and hosting sporting events and other social gatherings, to 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 Associates on at least two occasions: a lunch at Hanszen and a dinner off-campus. But these meetings are just an introduction to the Associates program. During your first year, you'll have many more opportunities to meet Associates, seek mentoring, share interests, and ask questions. Associates are around on a regular basis, so if you see any of our wonderful Associates in the commons, or 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

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!

Sweets and Treats: One of the sweetest (hehehe) study breaks during the Fall finals period. Imagine mountains of delicious desserts baked for all Hanszenites by our talented Associates. You won't want to miss this great opportunity, or the sugar coma afterwards!

Spring Tailgates: The famous event fondly referred to as "Hanszen on the Hill" entails a good 'ol fashioned day of relaxing with the Hanszen Associates, eating burgers and hotdogs, and watching America's favorite pastime—baseball!

Spring Associates Night (aka 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.

Associate Mentors

Associate Mentors are members of the Rice faculty and Associates at Hanszen who provide students with guidance on issues related to both academic and personal development when needed. Each O-Week group is assigned an Associate Mentor who will participate in some events during and after O-Week, such as O-Week lunches.



Mentors have the opportunity to assist New Students with their transition to Rice, provide a trusted source of guidance and informed support, share specific knowledge and insights about their own areas of expertise, engage in a residential college community, and significantly impact the lives of undergraduates.



WELCOME FROM HANSZEN'S PRESIDENT

Hello, New Students!

First off, welcome to the Hanszen family. My name is Kenny Groszman, and I am Hanszen's President. A little about myself—I am originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina but moved to Boca Raton, Florida when I was six years old. I'm a rising senior and a Computational and Applied Mathematics major, so naturally, MATLAB is my most loyal friend (perhaps it will soon be yours as well). When I'm not studying or in meetings, I love rock climbing, reading, or just hanging out around Hanszen. The most important thing you need to know about me is that I am a goofball, and I derive my greatest pleasure from making people laugh. Consider this your first warning of the numerous bad jokes and puns you'll certainly hear from me this year.

Now, I'm going to describe a bit about what my job is as Hanszen's President, both so that you know what to expect out of me, and also so that you understand why I am at meetings all the time. My role is divided into two main parts—one is to lead Hanszen's government, and the second is to serve as Hanszen's representative campus-wide. In the first capacity, it is my job to run Hanszen's weekly Cabinet meetings (Wednesdays at 10:10 PM—be there!), work with Hanszen's Cabinet and committee heads to make sure everything is running smoothly, and try to drive Hanszen to move toward being as engaging, inclusive, and fun as possible. In my external role, I serve as the middle-man between Hanszen and the administration. Every week, I meet with Dean Hutchinson, the Student Association Senate, and the other college presidents to bring Hanszen's opinions and best interests to the table as we hash out campus-wide issues.

In both of these capacities, there are tons (tons!) of opportunities for you to get involved and make a difference in the Hanszen community, even as a New Student! Whether through throwing events with the support of the Activities fund, shadowing committee heads, joining Cabinet or the SA, or even just by answering surveys that we'll send out, try to take advantage of the great and numerous opportunities Hanszen will present you with this year.

Feel free to always (always!) reach out to me if you have any questions, and don't ignore my emails! I can't wait to meet you all.

HFH,
Kenny



Kenny with 2015-16 president, Angela!

SPOTLIGHT: OTHER CABINET MEMBERS

Internal Vice President: Jack Toups

External Vice President: Ben Baldazo

Treasurers: Brian Walker & Henry Lanear

Secretaries: Nik Liebster & Gillian Mellor

Socials: Abigail Panitz, Dwight Fan & Amera Dixon

Senior Representatives: Trenton Alexander, Vidhi Vakharia & Olivia Hsia

Junior Representatives: Austin Cao, Evan Shegog & Amber Song

Sophomore Representatives: Valerie Du, Clay Musial & Isabella Gandara

New Student Representatives: TBD (this could be you!)

WELCOME FROM HANSZEN'S CHIEF JUSTICE

Weighing in at 5.66×10^{13} nanograms, Andrew Elsey is a man of reputable size and strength. Some have compared his climbing prowess to that of a newborn koala. Roosters rely on him to be their alarm clock. When he's not out on wild, caffeine-fueled night adventures, he's curled up in the fetal position on couches across campus. This great listener puts the "ear" in Clearwater, his hometown in Florida. Andrew's a Mechanical Engineering major with a hankering for robotics and design. He can see why kids love Cinnamon Toast Crunch. He's generally indifferent about sports but feigns interest to be polite, so be sure to bring up the latest big game. He runs like servery eggs. He only listens to music without words. Mention something about coding, paper airplanes, or sweet trampoline trickz, and watch his eyes light up. To directly quote Harry Lockhart from the entirely underrated 2005 film Kiss Kiss Bang Bang, "[Andrew] used to be great, now [he's] amazing. Get with it." Be on the lookout for stern, satirical emails—while your Chief Justice may think he's funny (he's the only one who thinks that), he's not afraid to dole out some sweet Justice® to protect Hanszen.

What's a Chief Justice (CJ)? Glad you asked. Basically, (s)he's the student responsible for making sure the rules of Hanszen and Rice are followed. Rules are there for a reason, and the CJ's main job is to make sure everybody is safe and happy in their own home. The CJ works as a liaison between the administration and the student body to make sure both sides' voices are heard. But Andrew's certainly not out to get you in trouble—send a smile and a "hi" to this fun-loving guy. I'm going to stop pretending that I'm not writing this now—Andrew's writing this, and I sincerely apologize for the contents of the last sentence. I'm a good person to know—if you want to throw a party, file a noise complaint, or learn a little more about the room draw process in March, don't be afraid to reach out. I'm a student just like you, and keeping Hanszen and Hanszenites out of trouble is my top priority.



SPOTLIGHT: CABINET CONTINUED

Campus Representatives

Student Association (SA) Senator: Peter Yun

Honor Council Representative: Emily Wu

Rice Program Council (RPC) Rep.: Gillian Perkins

STRIVE Liaisons: Abigail Panitz & Elizabeth Anderson

Appointed Positions

Director of Special Projects: Rachel Bowyer

Parliamentarian: Avery Whitaker

The Guardian: Brian Walker

Intercollegiate Representative: Brenda Zhou

Food Representatives: Jeemin Sim & Evadne Rodriguez

Historians: Nick McMillan, Ryan Cox, Leya Mohsin & Conrado Asenjo



STUDENT GOVERNMENT: HANSZEN 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 10:10 pm in the Upper Commons! Now, government can sound a little boring, but our Cabinet is a lot of fun! Our Cabinet meetings can act as a quick study break, a socializing period, a snack break, or most importantly, as a time to get important announcements and issues spread to the students.

The Executive Cabinet consists of the President, Chief Justice, two Vice Presidents (Internal and External), two Treasurers, and two Secretaries. In addition, there are three Class Reps per year that provide food each week and represent their class as voting members on Cabinet. On top of that, Hanszen boasts a number of different Committees that serve a number of different roles. We have Committees that are solely devoted to food, sports, events, and anything you can imagine! If you have an idea for a cool event or opportunity, you can approach any of these Committees to see your idea come to fruition!

The beauty about student government is the COUNTLESS ways to become involved or serve in some sort of leadership role!

Sometimes classes can be a bit of a time-suck, but there are so many roles that have varying time commitments that allow everyone to serve in any type of capacity. Get ready to be involved in great events, traditions, and improvements to our Hanszen culture through our Cabinet!



H-Team will be there too!

SEE YOU THERE AT 10:10 PM ON WED.



Hanszen 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 Standing Committees are Alumni, Associates, Spirit, Sports, Merchandise, Beer Bike, College Night/Crane Day, Off-Campus, Senior Events, Awards, and Properties/Spaces. The second type of Committee is called an Initiative Committee, and is 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. Examples of Initiative Committees are the Grilling/Outdoors Committee, Culture Committee, Baking Committee, and Crafts Committee.

Finally, there is a way for Hanszenites to get involved without being a part of a committee. We have something called the Activities Fund. This is an awesome way for any Hanszenite to get funding to throw an event for the whole college. You apply for funding for your event/idea and Cabinet will make a decision about which events to fund!

If this sounds confusing or you want to get involved with the Committees, check out the Hanszen College website for more information about the Committees and contact information for the Committee heads!



S P O R T S !

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 freshmen 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 opposing team at the end because we're just that classy. This last year alone, we racked up championship wins in coed tennis, men's flag football, men's softball, Powderpuff football, AND men's soccer. But we don't like to brag.

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





Old Section: Built in the neo-gothic style, this building has served Rice for 100 years as a residential college dorm. Though one of the oldest dorms at Rice, what it lacks in “newness,” it makes up for with its unique floor culture and the large living space in its many doubles and quads. Old Section has a large lounge called the Weenie Loft on the fourth floor, which is a great place for studying. There is also a movie room on the fourth floor and a sundeck at the top of the tower, which are both great places for Hanszenites to hang out.



The Commons: This building has one wall of floor-to-ceiling windows, which allows you to enjoy the beautiful sun rising as you eat your breakfast and get ready for the day and people-watch throughout the day. It is the place where Hanszenites come together to study, have dinner, socialize, and meet for Cabinet every Wednesday night. The Lower Commons consists of our dining area, an entrance to South Servery, a Private Dining Room (PDR) for meetings, and our College Coordinator Joyce's office. It is a popular place to study and do homework in the evenings and on weekends. The Upper Commons consists of multiple classrooms, an off-campus student lounge, a library, a computer lab, a music room, and a game room. The college's weekly Cabinet meetings are held in the Upper Commons' open lounge area.

Hanszen Spaces

The Quad: This is the green lawn between Old and New Section. There are benches, picnic tables, a bench swing for enjoying the beautiful, warm weather Texas is known for, a grill for barbecues, and the Hanszen mascot: The Guardian. The Quad is frequently used by Hanszenites for outdoor activities such as tailgates, Frisbee practice, and study breaks.



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



Hanszen Services

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 often shared them 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 delivered to Hanszen.

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

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

COMPUTER LAB: Located in the Upper Commons, this wonderful place houses Macs, PCs, 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, it contains a billiards table, comfy couches, a pinball machine, a ping-pong table, an electric keyboard, and board games. It is pretty neat.

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

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.

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.

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.

SUNDECKS: There is a sundeck on both New and Old Section towers. The sundecks are a great place to hang out with friends, sunbathe, or enjoy a great view of Houston and the Rice campus.

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

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

LAUNDRY ROOM: Located under New Section, the laundry room is equipped with nearly BRAND NEW washers and dryers! There are two comfortable chairs inside the laundry room in case you like to lounge and study as you wait for your laundry to finish its cycle. Use of the laundry room is free -- no need to bring quarters.

Floor Plans



Old Section Double



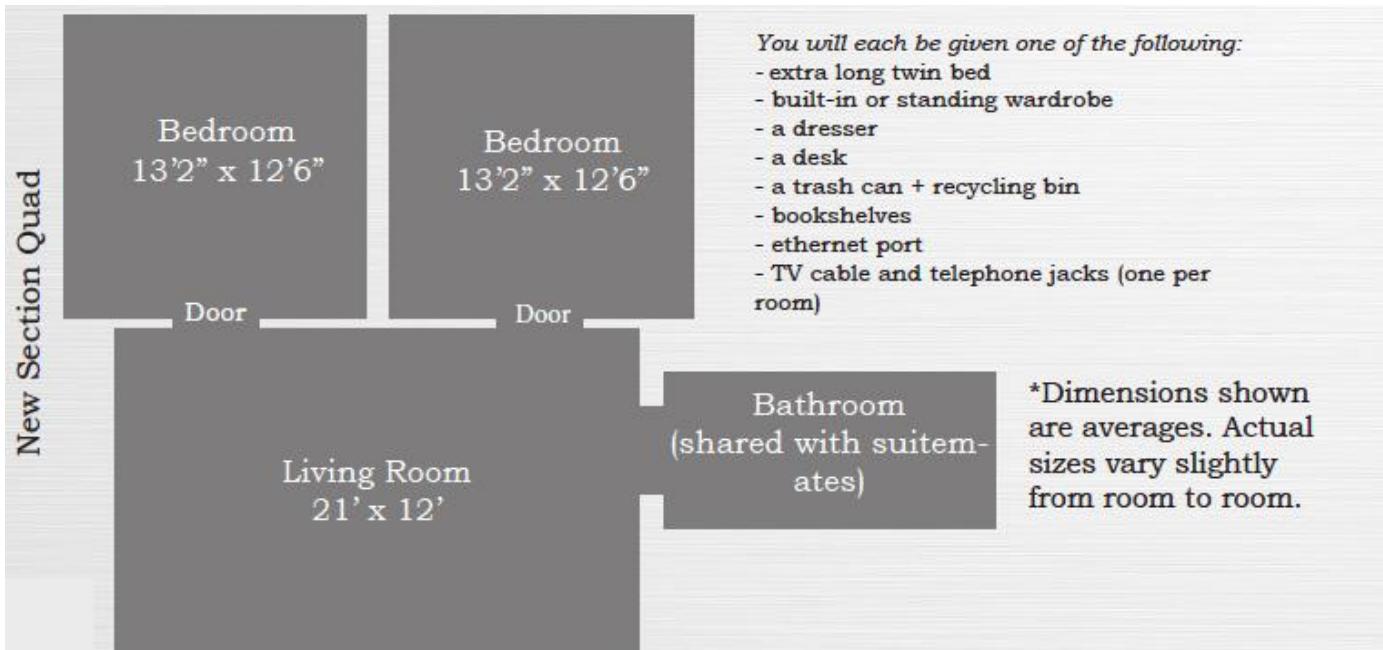
Old Section Quad



Old Section Double: The Old Section Double is what most people imagine when they think of a stereotypical “college room.” Depending on how much stuff the two people inside it have, doubles can range from spacious to cozy, but don’t worry: there is plenty of space for the creative mind.

Old Section Quad: An Old Section Quad is basically two doubles with a door connecting them. Many students choose to treat the quads this way, with two beds in each room, although many also choose to put all four beds in the inner room and have the outer room as a kind of living room.

New Section Quad: New Section Quads are two doubles that share a common room. Two New Section Quads share a bathroom in the middle that connect the two.



Ben Baldazo (page 18) is also the Hanszen SMR or Student Maintenance Representative. He is the liaison between Hanszenites and Housing & Dining (H&D). He can help you with things like changing light bulbs, moving furniture in your room, and lofting your bed.



FINAL THOUGHTS

Congratulations on making it through this book and to the beginning of your Rice experience! Before you dive in, here are some nifty Rice hacks to make me sound wise and help you make the most out of your college years.

1. Learn how you work best. The biggest difference I've noticed between people that survive Rice and people that thrive at Rice is that those who excel understand why they excel. Take the time to evaluate how you can manipulate your strengths and weaknesses to promote effective study habits and good health and wellbeing.

2. Appreciate and contribute to Rice's supportive and collaborative environment. One of the main reasons Rice appealed to me over more competitive and cut-throat universities was the sense of comradery between individuals on campus. Have a Hanszen Heart! :)

3. Discover Rice. Explore campus, support student-run businesses and organizations, and participate in events and traditions. Take advantage of the unique experiences Rice offers. After all, did you really go to Rice if you didn't attend Beer Bike, run Baker 13, or eat enough food to feed a village at the President's study break?

~Amber Song, Hanszen '18

To those who actually read this book cover to cover: props to you because that is some dedication to appreciate this masterpiece. To those who skipped to the last page for the spoilers: we saved the best for last ;). Given that Serena, Amber, and I are only 20 years old and have been in college for 2 years, take the following advice with a grain of salt and the understanding that at the end of the day you should make your own decisions that work best for you. Here are three pieces of advice that I either received my freshman year or have come to realize during my time at Rice:

1) Take the time to take stock of all the resources that Rice has to offer and the student organizations around campus, and then pick the opportunities that interest you most. Your first year at Rice will be a big transition, whether that is academically or socially, so it is best not to overcommit to anything during your first semester. Before I started college I was told to join one club that related to my post-graduate interests, one service-oriented club, and one club geared towards my hobbies. Like everything you do at Rice, it is important to maintain a balance and this very much applies to your extracurricular activities.

2) Don't worry if you come into Rice knowing absolutely no one. I was the only one from my high school to attend Rice and I was really nervous that as an out-of-state student I would be at a disadvantage in making friends. O-Week is the first of many opportunities that you will have to meet a diverse set of talented and interesting people who are excited to get to know you as an individual, so enter it with an open mind!

3) You will soon find out that I spend every waking moment thinking about food. Lucky for you (and me), Houston has a fantastic food scene that in my opinion is unparalleled by any city in the U.S. Since Houston is the 4th largest city, on track to become 3rd soon, and has one of the largest refugee populations in the U.S., there is an endless array of dining options from all corners of the globe. Pro tip: authentic ethnic food is a delicious and affordable option, especially if you're dining on a budget. I encourage you to explore everything that Houston has to offer because it truly is an outstanding city for college students.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any point in your college career — whether that's before O-Week or during your senior year — because I truly care about your time at Rice and beyond! I am so excited to finally meet you and welcome you to our college and the university!

~Lauren Heller, Hanszen '17

Whoo! You made it. I hope you learned a lot by reading this book and that you are as excited to get to Hanszen as I am to have you here. Everything Amber, Lauren, and I have been doing in the months before your arrival is explicitly so you can integrate yourself into Rice and Hanszen as seamlessly as possible. We are so devoted to you, and we haven't even met you yet! Here are some pieces of advice I picked up along the way to help with the transition.

1) There will be a lot of pressures once you get to Rice, and you might feel pushed in a lot of conflicting directions. Whether that pressure is from friends, family, or self-induced, it can make your life so much harder when you're trying to decide what you want to major in or do with your time at Rice if you're trying to please others. It's not easy, but try to ignore the voices. Follow your passion! As cheesy as it sounds, following your heart will lead you to where you need to be!

2) Rice is an amazing school (as I'm sure you know), and you should be so proud of all the hard work and time you've put in to get this far. In high school you were probably one of the top students and what's more, you may not have had to put in much effort to succeed. Rice is a whole different ballgame because everyone here is incredibly intelligent, well-rounded, and talented, which might be a little hard to cope with in the beginning. Be careful not to compare yourself to others. We all come here with our own stories and personal challenges, and you learn and work at your own pace. At the end of the day, you get to say what "success" means to you. Don't forget that you're a fantastic student and person that is deserving of every minute here!

3) Explore! Spend time dipping your toes, trying new things, and really making an effort to shape your time here with things you care about! There are so many opportunities at Rice, but avoid overloading yourself. Narrow down your interests and really devote yourself to them. Delving into something and giving it your all will reward you a lot more than small involvement in a lot of things.

I hope these pieces of advice help you during your time here. Get ready for the next chapter at Rice, this great institution, and Hanszen, our wonderful college. I can't wait to meet you and welcome you with open arms.

~Serena Brandler, Hanszen '18

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