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O-WEEK 2021

Welcome to Hanszen.
Welcome Home.



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Intro to Hanszen 0-Week



Welcome from Your O-Week Coordinators



Welcome Home, New Hanszenites!!

First, we would like to say congratulations and welcome to Rice, and to Hanszen—the best residential college there is! We are your O-Week Coordinators: Bianca, Amber, and Kourtney, otherwise known as Team BirthdAy cake. We were chosen to plan an exciting, immersive, and unforgettable O-Week to kick off your time here at Rice!

While your official orientation may only last a week, we like to say that “O-Week lasts forever,” because it really does. During your time here, you’ll build an amazing community of peers, faculty members, and staff that will guide and support you. Our goal for O-Week is to help you foster the beginnings of that community as you transition both academically and socially to life at Rice. You’ll find that Rice has an abundance of resources and information that can help you in a variety of areas. We put together this book to help introduce you to these resources, your first week, and beyond. In it, you’ll find information about the GelatO-Week team, what to expect when you arrive at Hanszen, quirky fun facts, and so much more.

On behalf of Hanszen, we wish to formally welcome you into our family. Here at Zen, we take a lot of pride in our “Hanszen Family Heart,” or HFH as we like to call it. Our family thrives on its members’ unique spirit, personalities, and perspectives. With these values in mind, we chose Hanszen’s Orientation Week theme, GelatO-Week: Find Your Flavor. We want to encourage our New Students to explore all of the diverse opportunities ahead of them and find what flavors work for them. We hope that this week will give you the confidence and resources to begin finding your flavor. Additionally, we cannot wait to see how your unique passions and traits help shape the culture of Hanszen College in the coming years and beyond.

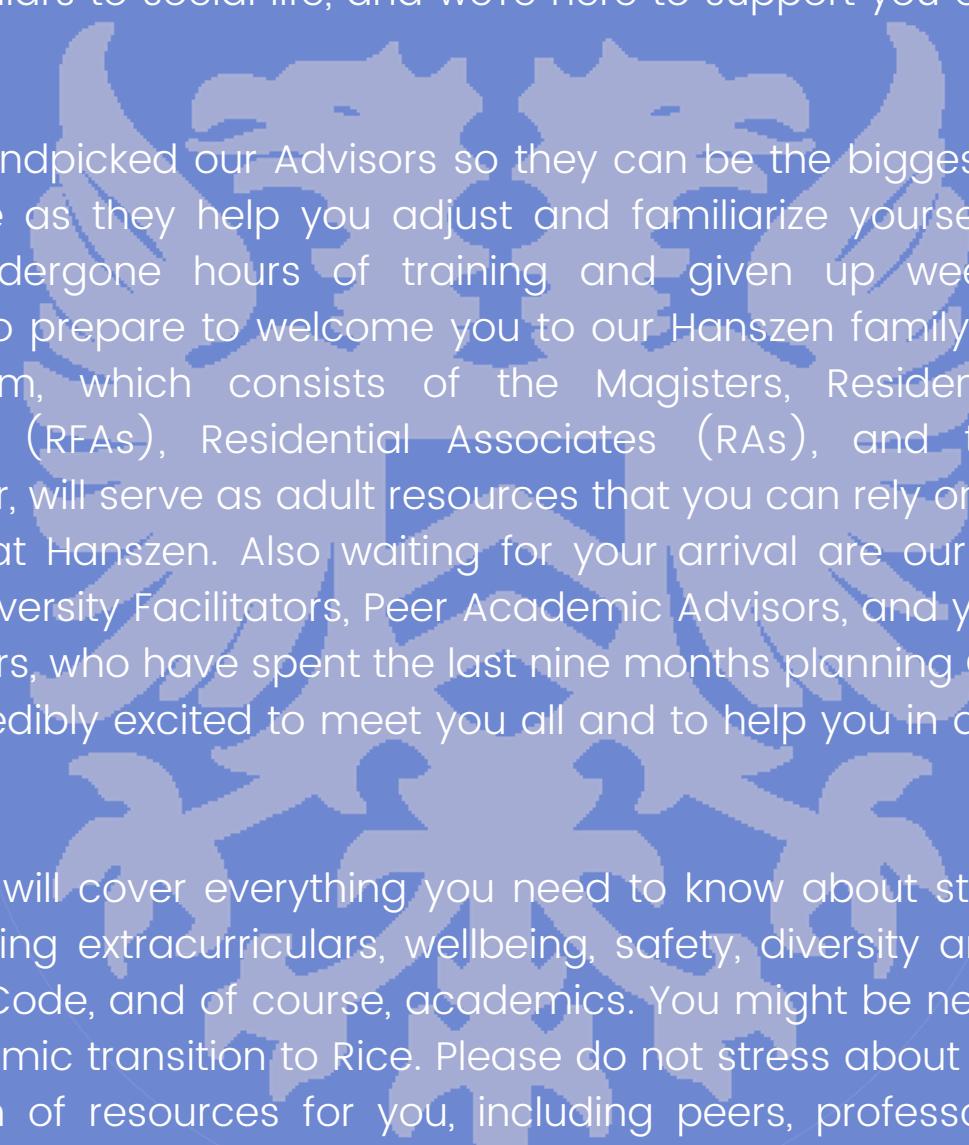
We are so excited to meet y’all in August! In the meantime, we encourage you to take advantage of the many resources we have to familiarize yourself with your new family college. Beyond reading this book, feel free to visit the Hanszen College website (hanszen.rice.edu) and look through the different tabs, which contain a bunch of information about O-Week, Hanszen history, traditions, and people. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at gelatoweek@gmail.com (seriously, we’re here to answer any and all questions!). Again, welcome to Hanszen College and get ready for the best years of your life! See you soon!

Much love and HFH,

Team BirthdAy cake

What is O-Week?

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

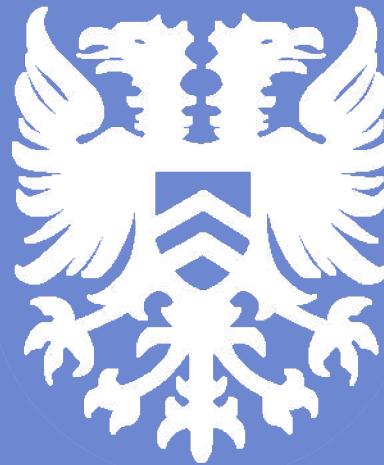


We've handpicked our Advisors so they can be the biggest aid to you as possible as they help you adjust and familiarize yourself with Rice. They've undergone hours of training and given up weeks of their summers to prepare to welcome you to our Hanszen family. In addition, our H-Team, which consists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

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

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

Mission Statement



Hanszen's Gelato-Week 2021 aims to cultivate a supportive environment that encourages incoming students to explore diverse opportunities and find their flavor at Hanszen and at Rice. Just as different flavors complement each other, we hope New Students will find a community that brings out each other's strengths and fosters collaborative growth academically, professionally, and personally. New Students will be warmly welcomed by our Hanszen Family Heart, which we hope will be enhanced with their unique voices and personalities. We wish to embrace authenticity and diversity among our Advising Team and New Students in the spirit of building a community in which all members are seen, heard, and valued. Furthermore, we want to encourage the idea that success looks different for everyone and that there is a plethora of resources available across campus to help every student achieve their personal goals and ambitions. Gelato-Week hopes for our New Students to understand that they will always have a home at Hanszen, and regardless of the path they take, they will each flourish into a sweet and special confection.



How to get Here

PLANNING

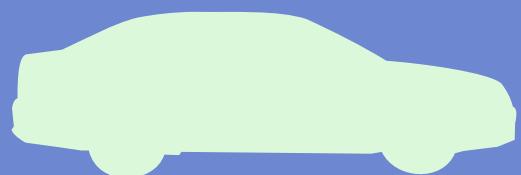
You should plan to arrive at the time indicated in your O-Week information packet (and not any earlier) on Sunday, August 15th.

FROM THE EAST:

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

FROM THE NORTH/SOUTH:

Take I-45 to Highway 59 South.

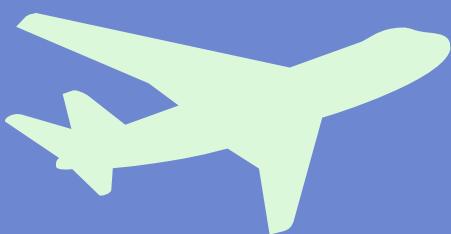


FROM THE WEST:

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

FROM BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT (IAH):

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

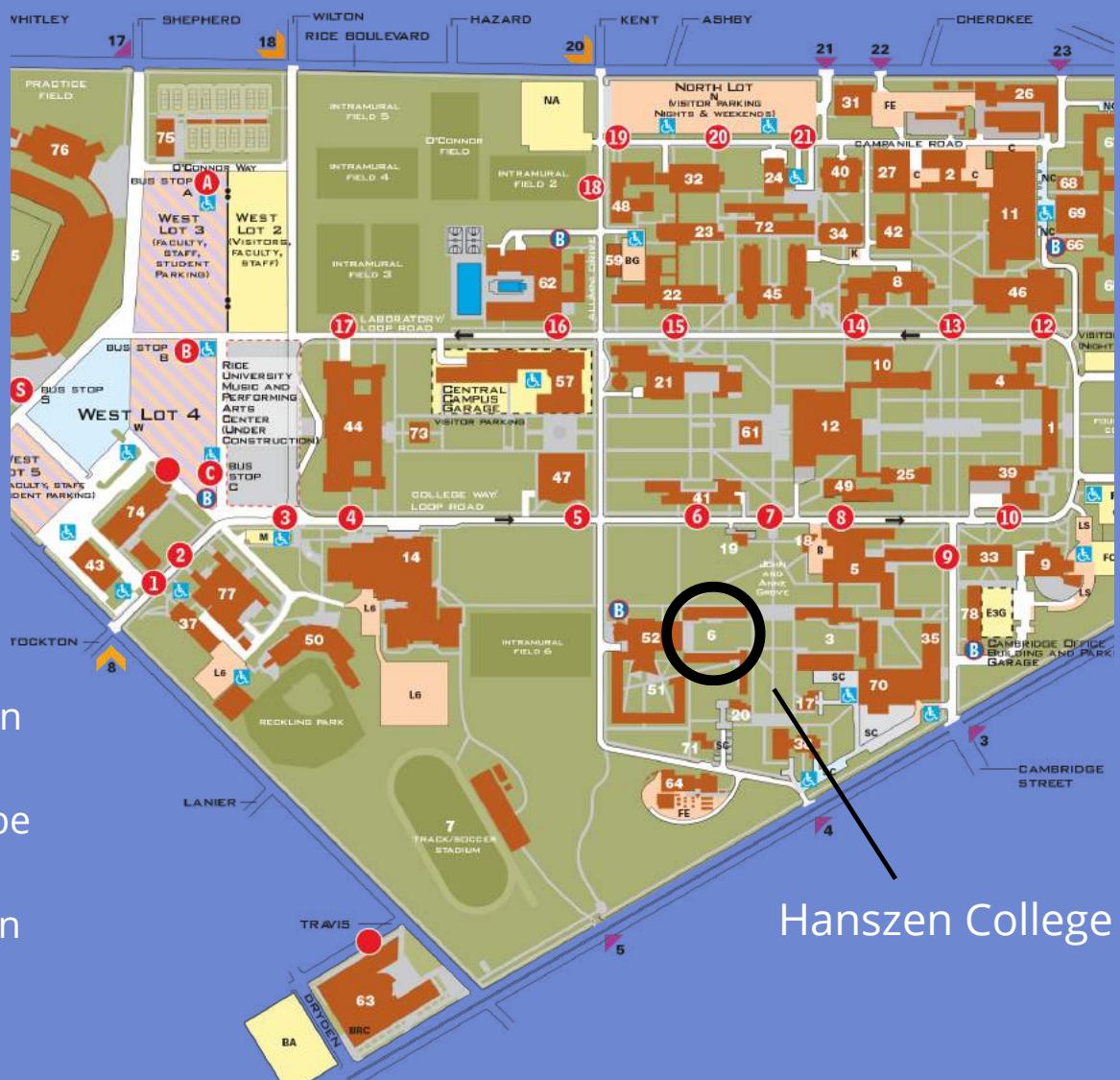


FROM HOBBY AIRPORT (HOU):

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

THEN,
From Highway 59, exit toward Shepard 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.

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



*Specific move-in details and procedures will be sent via email closer to Move-In Day.

What to Pack

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

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)

CLOTHING ITEMS

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

PERSONAL ITEMS

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

LAUNDRY ITEMS

- Laundry hamper
- High-efficiency detergent
- Dryer sheets

CLASS ITEMS

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

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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

COORDINATE WITH ROOMMATE

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

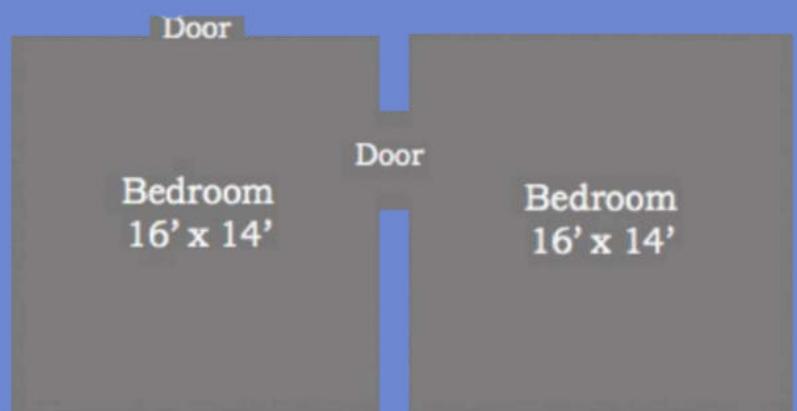
Tag ALL of your belongings with your name and room number. In general, this will prevent lost items, but you'll also have the option of having your Advisors move you in. They'll need to know where to move your bags!

Floor Plans

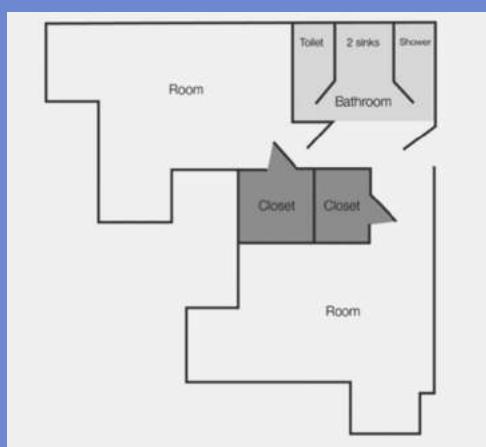
Your room will be furnished with a bed with a mattress, a desk with drawers, a chair, a trashcan, a dresser, and a wardrobe/closet for each person. You'll have extra room for a futon, fridge, tables, rugs, etc., but be mindful: space is limited, so don't overpack! Contact your roommates so you're not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



HANSZEN OLD
SECTION DOUBLE



HANSZEN OLD
SECTION QUAD



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IMPORTANT!

For this year only during the construction of our New New Section, part of Hanszen will live in Sid Richardson College's old building. The tower is seven stories, each with an upper and a lower floor. Hanszen itself occupies the second, fifth, sixth and seventh floors of the building with the third and fourth floors reserved for other colleges. Our RFAs, Lam and Rebecca, and one set of our RAs, Nick and Lebena, live in the building.

The first Day

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

Move-In Day is August 15th. If you have trouble finding Hanszen once you arrive on campus, don't hesitate to ask for help! You'll know once you make it to Hanszen because you'll be greeted by a bunch of people smiling and shouting your name! These are your Advisors, Co-Advisors, and Affiliates! Your Advisors will take care of getting all of your belongings to your room for you. You'll get the chance to meet our O-Week Coordinators, Magisters, RFAs, RAs, College Coordinator, and the Hanszen President and Chief Justice. Once hands have been shaken, names exchanged, and room keys given, you'll strike a pose for your first picture as a Hanszenite!

Once all that's done, we'll take you up to your room where you can start unpacking your things and getting to know your roommate. Take some time to settle in and don't worry if you suddenly realize you've left something behind—our Gophers and your Advisors are ready to help you out in getting anything you may need. Next, we'll have lunch at South Servery. 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 a bit overwhelming once you get here. However, take all the time you need! Remember that your loved ones are only a phone call away. (Don't forget to call them from time to time!) You're about to have a busy, fun-filled week, and we promise that it'll be well worth it!



A large crowd of students in a gymnasium with their hands raised, cheering.

O-week Personnel

O-Week Lingo

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

WHAT IS AN ADVISOR/CO-ADVISOR? An O-Week Advisor at Rice is a current student who will be there for you throughout your experience during O-Week and beyond. The goal of an Advisor is to integrate you into the Rice community and residential college system as smoothly as possible. The transition to life as a college student is not always easy, but your Advisors are here to help you with whatever you may need. Whether you're looking for academic advice, a devoted and kind listener, or just have general questions about what resources to take advantage of while at Rice, you're sure to find what you need with the help of an Advisor. Your O-Week group Advising Team will consist of two current student Advisors from Hanszen, one Affiliate, and one Co-Advisor. An Affiliate is a Hanszenite who is an Advisor but also has a unique role, and a Co-Advisor is an Advisor who comes from one of the other residential colleges 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 many different backgrounds and have a great deal of experience they'd love to share, so make sure to ask about what they've learned during their time as a proud Rice Owl. Advisors are truly great mentors, confidants, and friends who will be huge sources of encouragement and support as you transition to college life at Rice.

Types of Affiliates

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

PEER ACADEMIC ADVISOR (PAA) - The Office of Academic Advising has chosen a special group of students to be your guides to academics at Rice. They have been broadly trained in various areas of academics like general graduation requirements, specific classes, research opportunities, studying abroad, graduate school requirements, and any other topic that refers to academics. There is a team of four O-Week PAAs who are specifically trained to assist you. They will coordinate advising sessions and personal meetings for academic advice during 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.

DIVERSITY FACILITATOR (DF) - The Office of Multicultural Affairs introduces new Rice students to addressing issues regarding diversity, racism, sexism, homophobia, and intolerance through diversity workshops that occur during O-Week. The workshops are designed to engage New Students with a code of civility and give them the tools to have a dialogue across differences. These Affiliates have been extensively trained to facilitate diversity workshops and will be present throughout the week and year to answer any questions about Rice's diverse culture and social groups.

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

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

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

Coordinators

Team Birthday cake



Bianca Chen

Coord. ECON. Hanszen '23



Lucky you, because Bianca is one of your O-Week Coordinators!! Originally from Houston, Texas, Bianca is a rising junior studying Economics with a minor in Business. As the awesome Econ major that she is, Bianca works super hard with the Rice Investment Fund (what are stocks lol). If you can't find her at Hanszen, she's probably sleeping until 2pm, watching My Little Pony while eating lots of Hot Cheetos, or buying 6 pound bags of gummy bears on Amazon. Bianca is so caring and trustworthy, and has a massive heart! She is one of the most drama-free people you will meet, so being around her will bring not only a sense of calm, but somehow also the most chaotic energy ever. Don't ask how that's possible. If you need a hype woman to tell you how strong and amazing you are, she's your girl. If you need fashion advice, her fashion is iconic and unbeatable, so she is definitely the one to ask. If you need someone to go to an event with because no one else wants to go, ask her to go! All that being said, Bianca is beyond excited to meet all of you super soon! Welcome home! -Claire Xu, Wiess '23

Amber Pitre

Coord. PSYC. Hanszen '23

If you're coming to Hanszen in search of Amber Pitre, you'll most likely find her in lower commons or in the quad, working away on her laptop adorned with Rice Owls Dance Team stickers or preparing to host the next exciting Hanszen spirit event! Amber is an incoming junior from New Orleans, Louisiana, majoring in Psychology and pursuing the pre-med track. At Hanszen, she's highly involved in student government as a returning Treasurer and a head of the Spirit Committee. She loves to dance, belt along to her full One Direction playlist in the shower, eat red beans & rice on Mondays (it's a NOLA thing), get iced coffees from Chaus, and watch Netflix or TikTok in her downtime—or all the time. Whether through her incredible impressions of her closest friends, her vivid storytelling, or her one-woman re-enactment of the Twilight movies, Amber truly is a bright, warm ray of sunshine to cheer you up and make you feel at home. Her peers describe her as a dedicated, loyal, and loving leader, and as one of your O-Week Coordinators, Amber will be an invaluable resource to go to throughout your next few years at Rice. Welcome to the Hanszen family!! She's so excited to meet you! -Vy Dang, Hanszen '21



Kourtney Kanja

Coord. PSYC. Hanszen '23

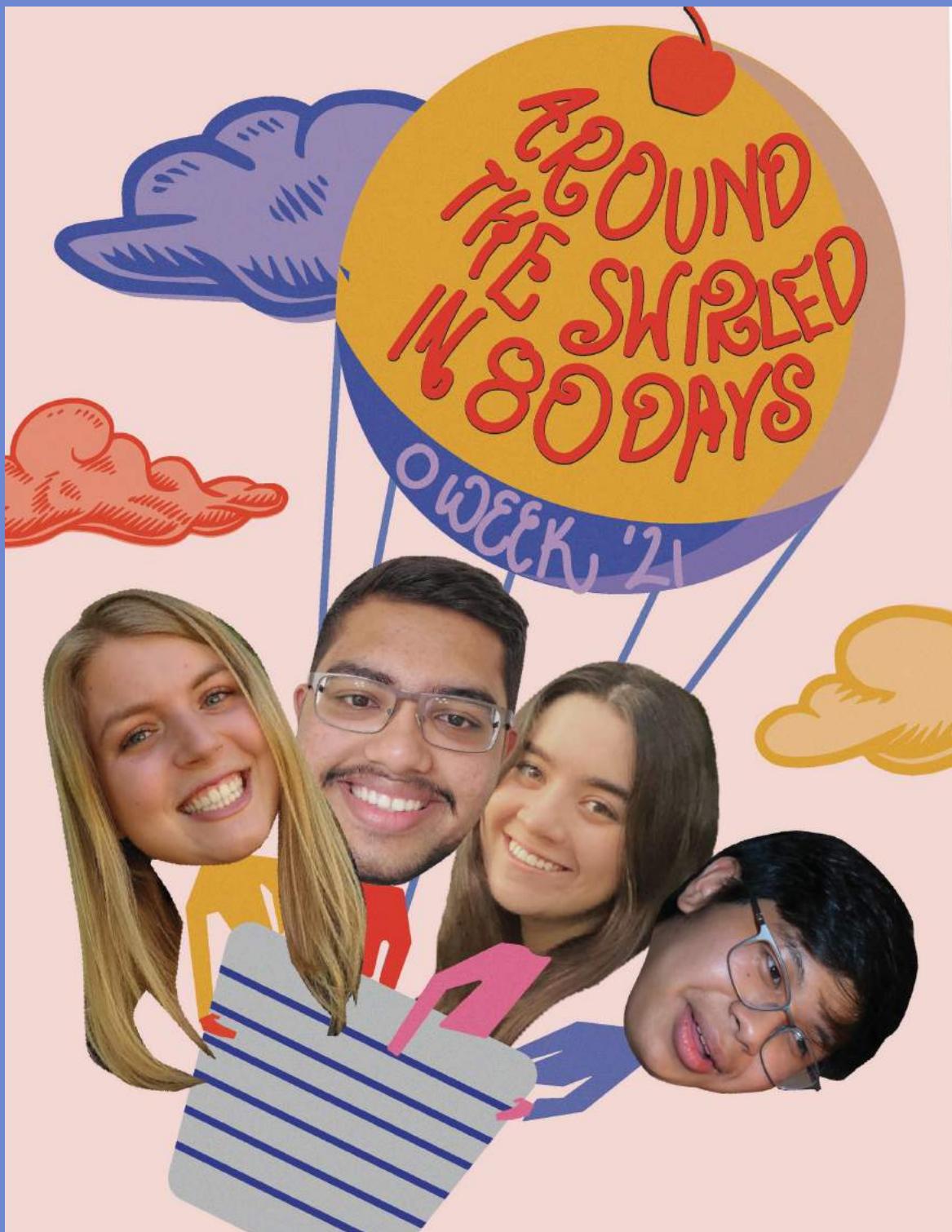


Aloha! Kourtney is the bubbliest junior you will ever meet, hailing from 5 time zones away in Honolulu, Hawaii (or "the island", as she likes to call it). If you ever see a totally cute girl wearing a hoodie and bucket hat who reminds you of Darwin from The Amazing World of Gumball (he's the fish), it's Kourtney! If someone randomly hands you a YUMMY homemade biscotti in commons, it's Kourtney! This psych pre-med will make you look like a god/goddess with her amazing photography skills, and she will hype you up to the fullest regardless of how well she knows you. Whether you're looking for a shoulder to cry on or want to celebrate with lots of food (she's so passionate about food it's scary), Kourtney's your gal! She'll be awake to keep you company because she's probably brewing coffee at 2 am anyway. This cutie will support you 100%, and she's so ready to introduce herself to you with her iconic witchy laugh and welcome you to the best college! -Bianca Chen, Hanszen '23

Advising Teams



Around the Swirled in 80 Days



Charlotte Cohen

Advisor, ARCHI. Hanszen '23



Don't let Charlotte Cohen's towering height, dark clothing, and emotionless expression give you the wrong impression. As an Architecture major from Hanszen College, 90% of the time Charlotte Cohen can be found huddled in Anderson Hall with the rest of her class building models. I'm joking of course—Charlotte Cohen, or Charlotte, as I like to call her, is one of the friendliest, funniest, and most talented people you'll meet at Rice. If I gave you any doubts, rest assured she has more than enough jokes, smiles, and large colorful John Mayer shirts to back that up. As a talented artist from Southern California, Charlotte loves designing Hanszen merch in her spare time. She's too humble to show you herself, but if you get the chance, ask her to show you her art (or just look it up). While she's not at Anderson, Charlotte can be found beating the rest of our college at Mario Kart, adventuring to Rice Village and Yo-Yo's for the best hot dogs on the planet, or telling someone about that one time she met Shawn Mendes on an airplane. Get excited for O-Week because you're in great hands. If you ever need advice, a friend, or a laugh, Charlotte will be more than happy to provide. —Colter Decker, Hanszen '23

Grace Kneidel

Co-Advisor, SPAN|MTEC. Brown '23

You've lucked out! Getting Grace Kneidel as your O-Week Advisor is basically like getting your own genie. Start a conversation about econ professor Jim Brown, the virtues of oat milk, feminism, or why Texans say "chemistry" wrong, and she'll magically appear. The only thing is instead of three wishes you get infinite conversations, and instead of the consequences being an altered fabric of the universe it's just that she won't shut up. This Spanish/Econ double major has a hometown in Connecticut and a home residential college of Brown, which are both basically the same distance from Hanszen. Don't worry though—her important roles as both STRIVE (Students Transforming Rice Into a Violence-free Environment) liaison and "person who never leaves Hanszen commons" make her a friendly face all around campus. With Grace as your Advisor, your O-Week will be what every good gelato is: smooth, sweet, and leaving you wanting more. —Annette Jones, Brown '23



Marc Armeña

B.F. MECH | H.A.R.T. Hanszen '24



The Man, the Myth, the Legend, Marc Armeña, was born by a volcano ("HIS volcano" according to him), and he'll always use this as a fun fact. This Filipino sophomore grew up in Corpus Christi, Texas and is charmed by the big city of Houston. One of the few people who will confuse the construction noises outside as music, his music taste is all over the place, ranging from heavy industrial, soothing R&B, Spanish guitar, Polish folk muzak, to Nicki Minaj verses. His majors are also as polarized as his music taste, as this man plans on majoring in Mechanical Engineering AND Art History. In his free time he enjoys strolling through art museums, making Spotify playlists as free therapy, and watching films (watch out! he keeps the 3D glasses). You'll be able to recognize him around campus if he's working as a Moody Gallery Guide or scouring for new study spots. At Hanszen, Marc serves as one of Hanszen's amazing Diversity Facilitators and half of Hanszen College's secretaries — always ready with a quick joke to make you smile! He's simply thrilled to welcome you to the Hanszen family! -Astra Burke, Hanszen '24, Alan Tapper, Hanszen '24, Brian Lee, Hanszen '24, and Amanda Mae Ashley, Hanszen '22

Khondker Salim

Advisor. BIOS. Hanszen '24

Salim is a sophomore studying Biosciences. Born in Dhaka, Bangladesh but having lived in a small Texas town called Sealy for the past five years, Salim brings the best of both worlds. When he is not volunteering for Rice Patient Discharge Initiative or just stressing over the unstoppable marching of time that is leading us all towards an inevitable death (lol), Salim enjoys playing badminton at the Rec or trying out new South Asian restaurants in search of the perfect biryani. As an avid painter himself, he is always ready to talk about art (just a heads up: you don't want to get him started on a rant about the current trends in modern art). Jokes aside, Salim has fully embraced the notion of Southern hospitality and will go above and beyond to make Rice and Hanszen feel like home. -Huzaifa Ali, Brown '24



ghostcustards



Arvind Ramesh

Advisor, BIOC. Hanszen '23

Arvind Ramesh is a sophomore majoring in Biochemistry and Cell Biology from Memphis, Tennessee. Arvind is pre-med and an aspiring neurosurgeon, so you should probably be friendly to him unless you want to wake up one day on an operating table suddenly fluent in Swahili. When he is not at Hanszen College, he can be found anywhere on campus that has either Smash Bros. Ultimate, tennis, tips for the MCAT, or music (although his music taste leaves something to be desired—more on that later). You can also find him watching Breaking Bad or his favorite anime, Naruto. Do not ask him about the gym, because you will end up getting convinced to wake up at 6 AM and go with him to lift heavy things and put them back down. Do, however, ask him whatever else you want. Even though he listens to Nav in the shower, he's a very nice guy. -Alex Susskind, Will Rice '23 and Julia Su, Lovett '23



Jarrett Prchal

RHA, MECH. Hanszen '22

So you got Jarrett Prchal as your Advisor?! Consider yourself one of the luckiest Hanszenites ever. This senior Mechanical Engineering major from Glenview, Illinois has more #Zen Spirit than a Spirit Halloween store, and that's not an exaggeration. When he's not busy crushing his problem sets or serving on various Hanszen and Student Association committees, you can find him baking, watching rom-coms, or cheering on the Rice Owls at any and all athletic events. If you're looking for someone to have deep late-night chats with, Jarrett's your guy. If you're looking for someone to spontaneously walk to Chipotle with, Jarrett's your guy. If you're looking for someone to play Just Dance with in Upper Commons, Jarrett's your guy. What I'm trying to say is that Jarrett will be there for you whenever, wherever. Jarrett is so excited to make Hanszen your home here at Rice and he can't wait to meet you! -Amber Pitre, Hanszen '23



Madhu Venkatesalu

Advisor. NEUR. Hanszen '23



All the way from Chennai, India (or San Jose, depending on who you ask), Madhu Venkatesalu is a Hanszen junior majoring in Neuroscience on the pre-med track. When she's not devouring Netflix's entire library of Rom-Coms or watching true crime videos, you can find her studying in the Fondren basement, researching in the lab, or busy being the president of Rice's Best Buddies chapter. Don't let all that fool you though! She's never too busy to make you laugh or have deep conversations with you at 2 in the morning, even if that means giving up a few hours of sleep. She's always down to grab a bite, try out new restaurants around Houston, or get boba late at night. Madhu is one of the fastest friends you could ever make, and she'll be a lifelong one. With an Advisor like her, you are guaranteed to have an amazing time at Rice! -Sara Mansfield, Hanszen '23 and Katie Bablak, Hanszen '23

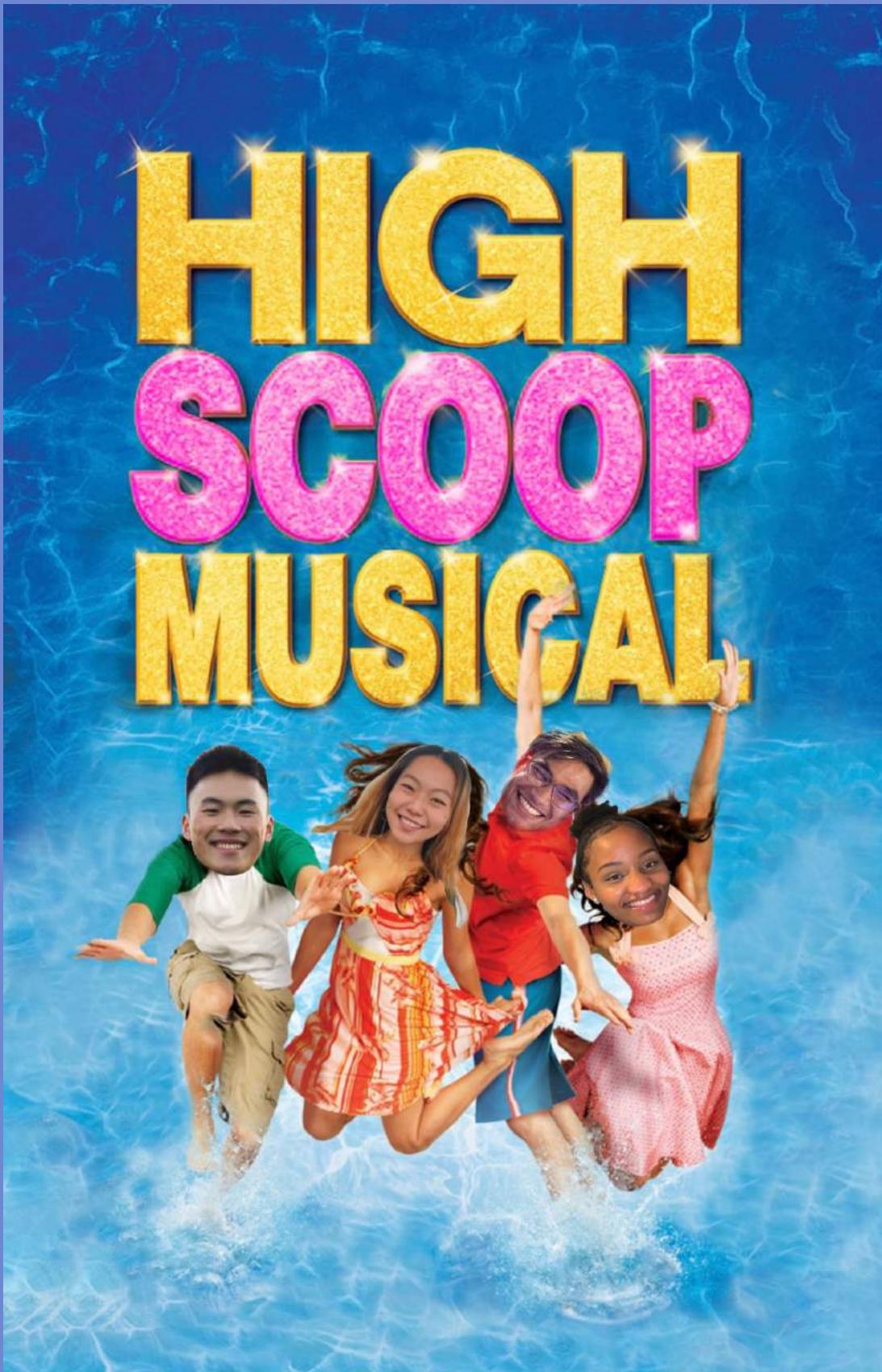
Sadie Siegel

Co-Advisor. CHEM. Lovett '24

Hailing from the sandy beaches of Sarasota, Florida (but more importantly the toaster that is Lovett College), introducing none other than Badie Biegel!!!!!!! (whoops my bad, I meant Sadie Siegel, don't tell her I said that)! Though she may intimidate you with her copious amounts of fun bird facts that she will no doubt deliver to you during breakfast (it's actually kinda neat I won't lie), worry not, she's easily won over by any assortment of late night peanut butter snacks. No matter what, this sophomore Chemistry major is always there to help you out, whether that be by helping you with your gen chem homework, providing you with one of the many cans of crisp, servery-local, cranberry juices that she always seems to have, or even convincing you to get up for 7:30 am yoga. All jokes aside, get hype to kick off your Rice experience with one of the most wholesome and genuine people on Rice campus. -Alexa Scott, Lovett '24 and Tyzic Piña, Lovett '24



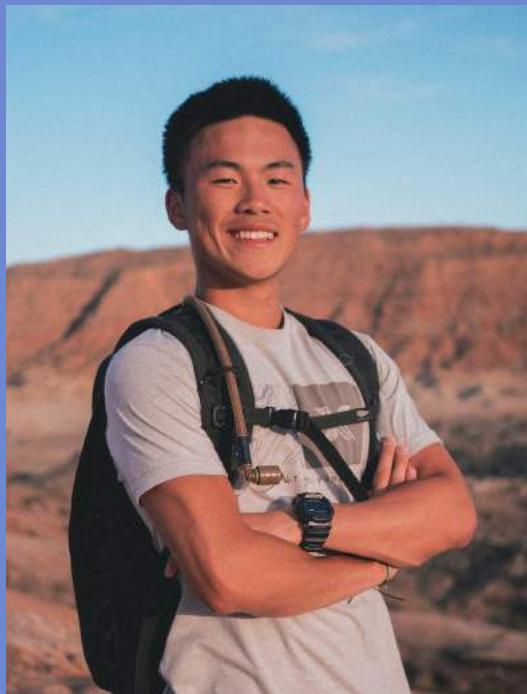
High Scoop Musical



Aaron Lin

Advisor. BIOC. Hanszen '23

Aaron is an incoming junior at Hanszen College, studying Biochemistry and Cell Biology. He's a pre-med student who hails from San Jose, California, and he's here to brighten your day! Down to listen to you talk about anything ranging from your obsession over a new Netflix show to your biggest worries about college, Aaron is a loyal friend that you can rely on for emotional support and almost-decent, grandfatherly advice :) On campus, Aaron is involved with New Life College Fellowship and Army ROTC. Feel free to ask this Hanszen Orgo fellow about jazz, movies, or his amazing friends; you can usually catch him working out at the Rec, consuming microwave popcorn and Cheetos Puffs, or practicing a variety of instruments in the music room when he's not taking a nap or studying. -Mabel Tang, Hanszen '23



Ben Murdoch

Co-Advisor. LING | GER. Lovett '23

Have you ever met someone who is an iguana in human form? Well, soon you will. Ben is a silly and easygoing guy who gets exceptionally delighted by the little things in life. For example, one of his favorite things at Rice are the public parties where he can bust out his high-energy, absolutely wild dance moves that are remarkably similar to the inflatable tube men at car dealerships. This rising junior Lovetteer hails from San Marcos, Texas and will first introduce you to Lovett's culture with a spot-on impression of his magister, Mike Gustin. In fact, he loves mimicking language so much that he's dedicated all his studies at Rice to it, majoring in German and Linguistics. If you're looking for a wild night, walk over to Lovett commons to get a stunning performance of bizarre sounds from the International Phonetic Alphabet. With a personal mantra of "I like being nice to people," Ben is undoubtedly as sweet as your favorite gelato and can't wait to welcome you to Rice and to Texas as a whole (in his opinion, the best state there is). -Grace Kneidel, Brown '23, Annette Jones, Brown '23, Andrew Tang, Lovett '23





Sarah Kim DF. BUSI | SOPA. Hanszen '24

For such a tiny girl, Sarah has the biggest heart and most chaotic energy. This cutie from Montgomery, Alabama is a rising sophomore majoring in Business and Social Policy Analysis. If Sarah's not busy hitting the books, chances are she'll be bringing her enthusiasm to spitballing case theories for Mock Trial, planning events for Rice Program Council, or facilitating the diversity as one of Zen's amazing Diversity Facilitators! Otherwise, you can catch her napping in literally any place but her dorm room, binge-watching crime shows and K-dramas, or exploring good Houston eats. She's always armed with a boatload of snacks and willing to lend a helping hand, so you can always hit her up for anything. Sarah is incredibly hyped to welcome you to Rice and help make Hanszen your new home! -Katie Bablak, Hanszen '23

Victoria Johns Advisor. MANA | CSCI. Hanszen '22

Originally from Mobile, Alabama, Victoria Johns is extremely excited to welcome you to Hanszen!! This 'Bama girl will welcome you with her Southern charm and make sure you feel right at home. Victoria is a senior double majoring in Managerial Studies and Cognitive Sciences and enjoys the occasional night out on the town. But to be honest, she's more of a Starbucks-loving podcast enthusiast who spends hours online shopping and playing Sims instead of doing her homework—but can you really blame her :/. Get excited to meet one of the kindest, genuine, and loveliest people you will get to meet at Rice! She will be an amazing Advisor and resource for you :) -Carlos Rivera, Hanszen '23



Kim Popsicle: What's the Scoop?





Isabelle Scott Advisor, COMP. Hanszen '22

A potent mix of sweetheart, nerd, and mischief-maker from Austin, Texas, Isabelle Scott is a senior majoring in Computer Science with a minor in Business. If you catch her around Hanszen, she's usually either camped out in Hanszen upper commons trying to get work done, playing on the Hanszen Powderpuff team, or working in her role as Senior Rep on Cabinet. She also serves the Rice community as a STRIVE Liaison, where she supports those affected by interpersonal violence. Feel free to talk to Isabelle about folk music, playing Dungeons and Dragons, or her latest baking creation. She's also always down for impromptu trips to try new restaurants or to go on an adventure. Isabelle's superpower is to be able to make anything better with her warm hugs and smiles, and she's beyond excited to help make sure you have an amazing transition to college. -Jarrett Prchal, Hanszen '22

Jackie Wu Co-Advisor, COMP|STAT. Jones '24

Imagine John Cena in sweatpants and a turtleneck. Now compress that visual a little bit into a 5'2" girl with just the same amount of muscles and energy. Always wearing a smile, Jackie Wu is open to conversations with anyone, about anything (except for umbrellas and microwaves because of past experiences). Jackie is a sophomore from Jones College, and she is studying Computer Science with a minor in Statistics. Her two biggest personality traits are being from New Jersey and being a Swiftie—if she's not running the outer loop, bugging her friends to join her on her run, or coding a website late at night for another Hackathon, she's probably jamming to Taylor Swift's new albums. Jackie can't wait to meet you and welcome you to Hanszen College! -Alex Walberg, Jones '23



Jose Oviedo

Advisor. NEUR|FRAN. Hanszen '24



Jose Oviedo can't wait to welcome you to Rice! Jose is a sophomore double-majoring in French and Neuroscience on the pre-med track. Born in Waller, Texas, you may expect Jose to listen to country music, so sorry to disappoint. His favorite artists include Tyler the Creator, Lauryn Hill, and Kendrick Lamar. Not to expose him, but Jose has an entire playlist dedicated to Bad Bunny with a Photoshopped picture of them together as the cover. As you can see, Jose stays busy, so he takes walks to relax from the trials and tribulations of the day. On average, he gets in about 9 miles a day. When Jose isn't walking, he can be found scrolling through TikTok in Hanszen's Weenie Loft or working at Chaüs (hit him up for coffee recommendations!). Jose knows how to turn up and have a good time with whoever he's around, so if Jose is your Advisor, you're in for a treat. Speaking of treats, cereal is his favorite, so leave a trail of Cinnamon Toast Crunch and he'll follow it right to your heart <3 You've got the O-Week Advisor with the best music taste and the most passion for life to welcome you to Hanszen. Congratulations and good luck! -Ariana Seeloff, UT Austin '24

Sara Mansfield

Advisor. ECON|ENGL. Hanszen '23

Hailing all the way from El Paso, Texas, meet Sara! When this junior double-majoring in Economics and English (with a BUSI minor) is not too busy studying for her classes, you can find her meeting up with Rice Business Society, watching too many YouTube videos/TikToks, or making her friends laugh at 3 am in the Hanszen commons. She has an IMMACULATE taste in music (read: Taylor Swift), and is the human version of Siri's song recognition feature. You can bond with her over your favorite songs, no matter what they are. You'll be able to recognize her by her bright blue Crocs she wears 99% of the time. Sara's a great listener and someone who instantly livens up dull conversations and rough days. She's the type of person that always understands exactly what you mean and that you go to when you're in a stressful situation, because she'll make you feel much better at the end of the day. With Sara as your O-Week Advisor, you already have one person at Rice who will always have your back! -Madhu Venkatesalu, Hanszen '23 and Katie Bablak, Hanszen '23



Mangolian: Attack of the Cones



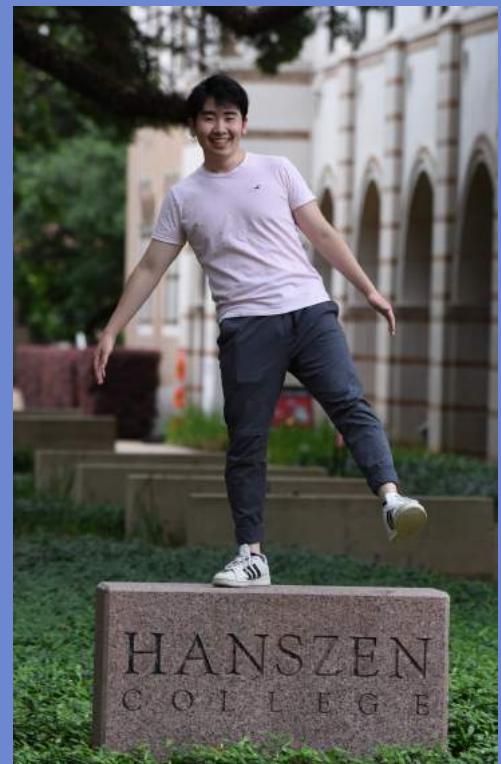


Alp Yakici gopher. COMP|DSCI. Hanszen '22

No, sadly this Alp is not the mountain range we all love so dearly. This one here is Alp Yakici from Istanbul, Turkey. He is a senior Computer Science major (and Data Science minor) from Hanszen with a beard to prove it. In his free time, while listening to music at full volume, you'll find him writing algorithms, TA-ing every single COMP class, cackling at yet another Reddit meme, or working with his Eclipse rocket team in the OEDK. Do not hesitate to harass (politely question) him with any questions about being an international student at Rice, COMP courses, or where to find the best late night meal. If you are not lucky enough to have him as your Advisor, catch him speed walking across campus on his daily commute in between Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen (OEDK), Chaüs, Hanszen (his home college), and Duncan Hall (his second "college") with his AirPods in. P.S: Do not let him start talking about how much he likes computer science. He will not stop. -Dylan Chorley, Sid Richardson '22 and Mason Reece, Hanszen '22

Andrew Li Advisor. STAT|DSCI|BIOC. Hanszen '23

Flying in hot from Hanszen, the best residential college at Rice, Andrew Li is here to welcome you to the nest! A sophomore from the local Houston area, Andrew is majoring in Statistics and minoring in Data Science and Biochemistry on the Pre-Med track. When he's not drowning in work, Andrew loves trying new foods (the spicier the better) and biking/running (or any exercise in general). You can also find him binge-watching any new action and horror movies on Netflix. He also loves animals and has a pet bird named Dodo. Andrew loves cracking jokes and will hopefully make your transition to Rice as comfortable and funny as possible. -Ginny Qian, Hanszen '23



Ridhi Rukumanna Gari

Advisor, KINE | HART, Hanszen '24



Warning! Put earplugs at the very top of your shopping list or else this Advisor's laugh will forever echo through your ears all the way from her hometown Dallas. Needless to say, Ridhi's laugh is contagious and will ensure that you will never have a bad day around her. You might recognize her from her flip flops or her bright blue blanket (make it make sense!!) or her pearly white smile. She's always open to talking about any of the 100 things she's involved in, even though she's just a sophomore, including South Asian dance teams, Camp Kesem, or Rice Program Council (RPC). Ridhi's love for event planning could save you the big bucks on your wedding planner, so make sure to keep her involved in your life. When she's not busy making TikTok dances, she's working towards becoming a doctor (big pre-med energy). Her big (Hanszen Family) heart is committed to making sure you have the best Rice welcoming possible!! -Maanvi Thawani, Hanszen '24, Shreya Jindal, Hanszen '24, and Shria Chug, Jones '24

Temi Dada

Co-Advisor, PSYC, Jones '23

Meet Temi Dada, one of the coolest juniors on campus! Although her home college is Jones (ew), she knows that Hanszen is truly the best college which is why I am so excited to introduce her as one of your Advisors!! This Psychology major on the pre-med track from League City (basically Houston to her) knows exactly how to know what's on your mind and save you if you're ever injured (you have glass stuck in your foot? she's got your back). Temi can always bring a smile to your face, from the texts she sends (ask her about her most-used emojis) to the random dances she makes. She is extremely compassionate, easy to talk to, and literally has a story for any occasion that will have you on the floor laughing. If you like music, she is your girl! Temi is a ~connoisseur~ in music so ask her about her Spotify playlists; she has everything you need from Naija love songs to 2000s rock! Outside of class, you can find Temi teaching people dance moves as the Dance Director of RASA (Rice African Student Association) Dance, giving amazing pre-med advice as the president of DAWA Pre-Health Society, volunteering with Pancakes for Parkinson's, participating in some cutting-edge psych research, and so much more. Temi loves to explore Houston so feel free to ask her to take you somewhere whether it be thrift shopping (her style is immaculate), downtown, or the museums in the Museum District next to Rice. She can't wait to meet you all and introduce you to Rice! :) -Nana Mensah-Bonsu, Hanszen '23



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Anthony Guzzo

Advisor. NEUR. Hanszen '23



If you ever need Clorox Wipes, Anthony Guzzo is the one to go to. A junior from Cary, North Carolina studying Neuroscience, Hanszen's resident germaphobe loves to stock up on his cleaning supplies but will toss you a slick burn or a stinging one-liner just as often. When he's not on an ambulance or working with Rice EMS, Anthony is solving crosswords in the commons or voting at Cabinet as a Junior Rep. While he is the biggest Poké fan the world has ever seen (he's literally keeping the local Poké place in business), Anthony will also be your biggest fan. Whether spending Friday night watching a movie with friends or making sure to check in no matter how he's doing, Anthony is always excited to spend time with others and will make sure your transition to Hanszen is amazing. -Jarrett Prchal, Hanszen '22

Corey Donovan

Advisor. SOPA | MTEC. Hanszen '24

Corey Donovan is a rising sophomore from Boston, Massachusetts, studying Social Policy Analysis and Math Econ. You probably know all you need to know about him from that sentence. Corey works as chair of the Rice Engagement Committee of Civic Duty Rice because he cares about his community like that. While it may seem like he is recycling the same fit, he assures us that he does, in fact, do laundry. If you see a white guy with the proportions of a giraffe hanging out in upper commons watching Celtics games on his phone, that's Corey. Even in the middle of a game, he'll gladly help out with whatever you may need, as long as it doesn't involve programming in R (okay fine, maybe after this last play.) -Kian Robinson, Hanszen '24, Andrew Bare, Hanszen '24, Arnav Burudgunte, Hanszen '24



Julia Engelhardt

Co-Advisor, CSCI. McMurtry '23



Julia Engelhardt thinks “Dance Monkey” is the song of the century. Everything you need to know about her can be inferred from that, but we’ll elaborate a little more anyway. 5’2 “on a good day,” what Julia lacks in height she makes up for in energy. She is always quick to greet you with a high pitched “hiiiiii” as she walks through the quad in an impeccably styled outfit. If you need her for literally anything, just text and she’ll be by your side faster than you thought possible. Just don’t ask for help with math homework... she never finished Algebra 2 because of an injury, and she won’t let you forget that. As Prime Minister and a Peer Academic Advisor, Julia is a proud Murt who cares deeply about making McMurtry a fun and inclusive environment for everyone. This is an attitude that pervades all she does—Julia is a friendly and enthusiastic person who can cheer anyone up no matter the situation and always wants to make sure you’re having as much fun as she is. Hanszen is so lucky to have Julia join their community, and you are extra lucky to have her as your Advisor. During O-Week and the entire year, she’ll be there to support you, cheer you on, and make you smile. So prepare yourself for an amazing year and the most enthusiastic greeting you’ve ever received when you meet Julia on Move-In Day. -Alyson Resnick, McMurtry ‘22 and Callie Carnahan, McMurtry ‘22

Sini Koivu

Athletic Liaison, KINE. Hanszen '23

No matter if she’s swimming, studying, or hanging out at Rice, Sini Koivu, a rising junior from Finland (aka Funland), is always thinking about how she can help others feel included and seen. She has a huge heart and loves to have fun, and she takes her Kinesiology and Biochemistry studies and her relationships with others seriously. She’s passionate about everything she does and is dedicated to succeeding in every aspect of her life. Sini will be a perfect example to New Students of how to balance dedication to school with a healthy, supportive social life. -Grace Stewart, Hanszen '23

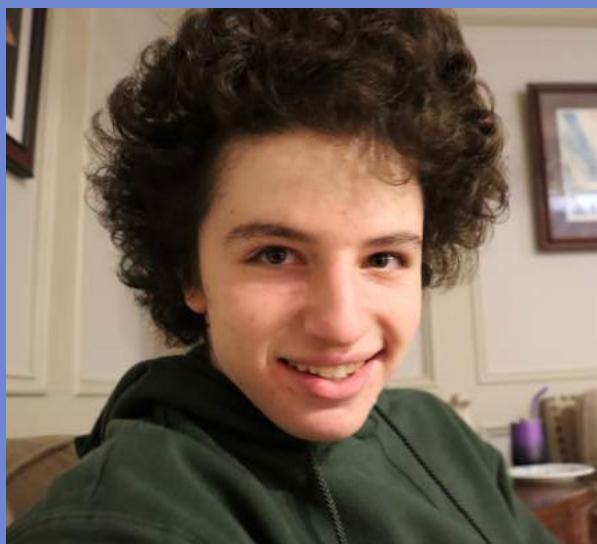


One Confection: Made in the Z.E.N.



Alan Tapper

Advisor. MATH | COMP. Hanszen '24



Hailing from Atlanta, Georgia, this sophomore Math and Computer Science major is a total nerd who dominates in trivia. His favorite snacks include Cheez-Its, Veggie Straws, and anything else with exorbitant amounts of salt (what doesn't kill you makes you stronger). Try to keep up with his absurd amount of hobbies. Alan is a juggling, frisbee, dodgeball, cubing, and bocce god who also plays violin with the Marching Owl Band (MOB). You can find Alan snagging extra bagels from Hillel events for his friends or cementing his status as a Big Name On Campus by playing ping pong in random college commons. Although he is left handed (and proud) he still chooses to torture himself by only taking hand written notes (exclusively in acoustic pencil). This butter pecan gelato lovin' boy is so excited to meet all of you and welcome you to Hanszen! - Amanda Mae Ashley, Hanszen '22, Marc Armeña, Hanszen '24, and Brian Lee, Hanszen '24

Chloe Hur

DF. PSYC. Hanszen '23

Coming all the way from Seoul, Chloe Hur is excited to meet you and help make Hanszen your home! A junior studying Psychology on the pre-law track, Chloe is one of our Diversity Facilitators and is passionate about aiding you in your transition to Rice. In her free time, Chloe can be found singing with Rice's South Asian a capella group and taking pictures of clouds. Always down to watch a Barbie movie and sing Mulan, she is scarily good at convincing you to buy clothes you don't need and that bangs would look cute on you. She can't wait for O-Week and to welcome you into our Hanszen community! -Hope Moustakakis, Hanszen '23



Grace Stewart

Advisor. HIST | FRAN | RELI. Hanszen '23

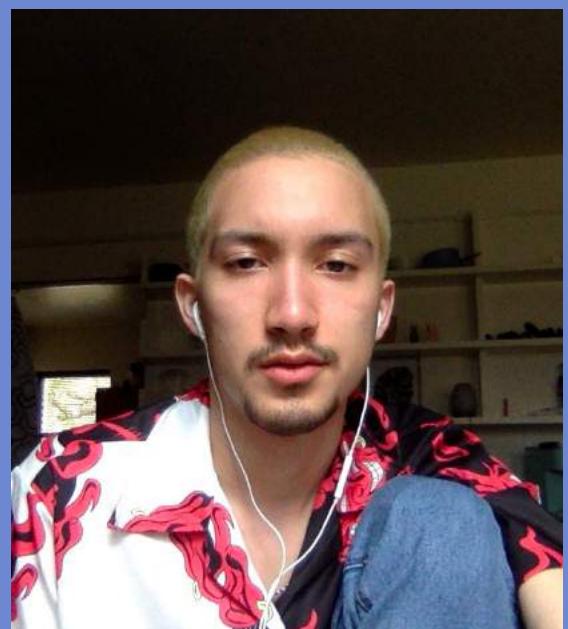


Grace Stewart is originally from the small town of Waller, Texas (where they have more cows than people!), but she is definitely a city girl at heart. She also spent some time living in France, and she wants to encourage any of her fellow francophiles to « n'hésitez pas à parler français avec elle! ». She's a part of the Rice class of 2023, majoring in History and double minoring in French and Religion. She's on the pre-grad track, and hopes to get her PhD and become a professor one day! She's a huge proponent of the School of Humanities here at Rice and can recommend all the best professors and classes that the HUMA department has to offer. In her spare time, you will find her perfecting her Spotify playlists, practicing her million-step skincare routine, or endlessly scrolling through TikTok. Grace has a huge heart and lots of love to give, and she is beyond excited to welcome you home to Rice. -Ananda Nandigam, Hanszen '23 and Grace Stewart, Hanszen '23

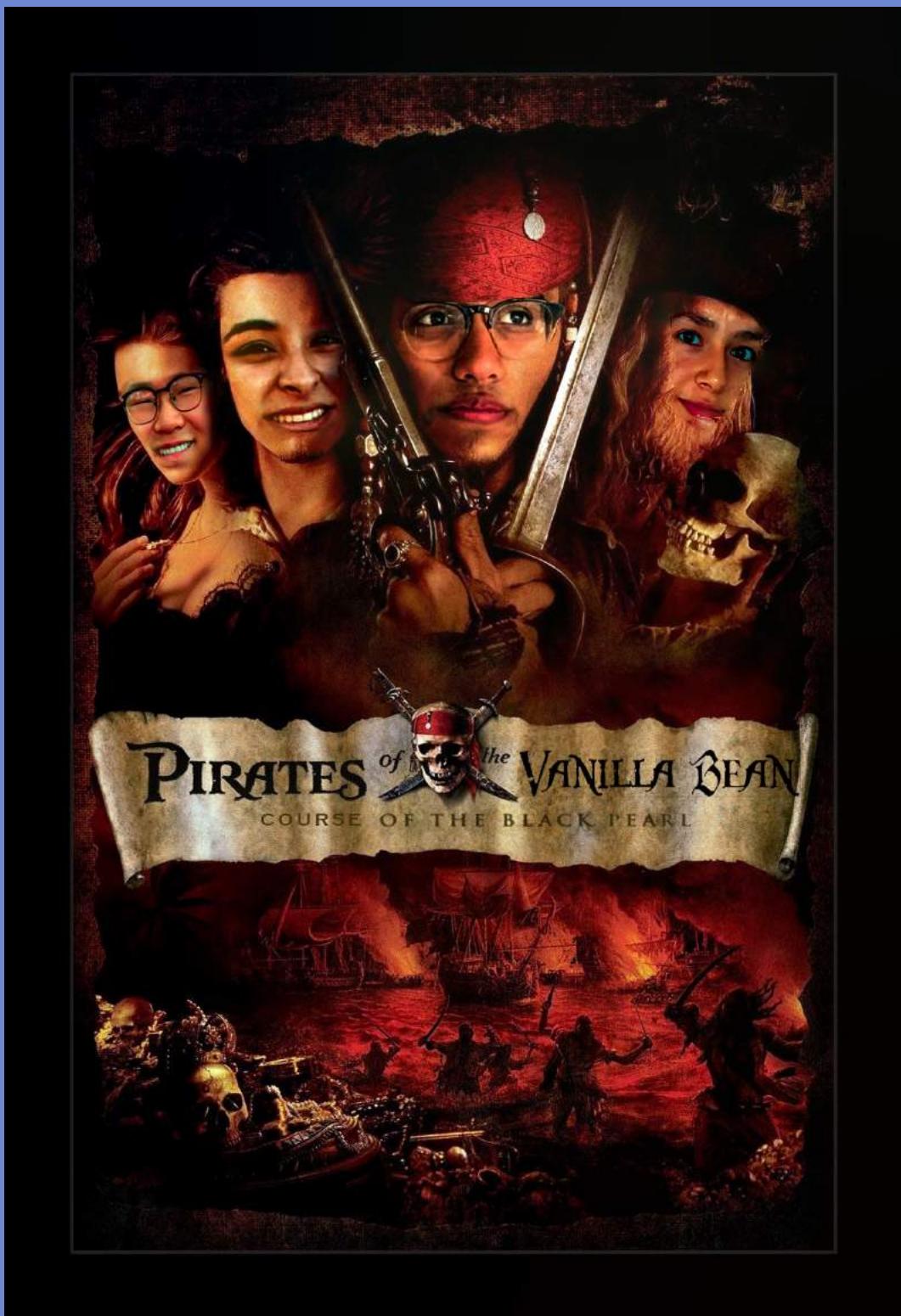
Matthew Zamarripa

Co-Advisor. NEUR. Baker '22

Meet Matthew Zamarripa. This senior Neuroscience major from San Antonio, Texas may be from Baker, but he'll be sure to wear clothes when he's at Hanszen (you'll soon find out what Baker 13 means). When he isn't laying on his bed watching Twilight and pretending to be sad, Matthew loves to listen to hyper pop, alternative, and ethereal music. You're sure to notice Matthew either from his constant headphone wearing, impeccable style, or hairstyle that seems to change every week. But Matthew doesn't just play; he works at the Jones Business School Library when he isn't busy excelling in his BIOE or CAAM classes. With the personality of Edna Mode and face of Anakin Skywalker, Matthew is certain to make your O-Week experience as unique and amazing as he is. -Sam Baron, Baker '22



Pirates of the Vanilla Bean



Amanda Mae Ashley

Advisor. EBIO | ESCI. Hanszen '22



Amanda Mae (double first name? yes, but more like Amanda Bae) hails from Buda, Texas, but calls Hanszen her home! *woo, yeahhh* This plant mom is majoring in EBIO and ESCI while also stacking on a Business minor (gotta spy on the enemy). Catch her roaming the halls of the RMC (keeping the ghosts from escaping), on IM Field 6 defending Hanszen's Powderpuff title, or collecting servery apples every day like power-ups. Otherwise, she's out saving the world, organizing volunteering trips at local parks as President of the Rice Wildlife Society, organizing fair trade markets as the President of R.I.S.E. Today, or fighting bears (for the greater good!) as a Wilderness Ranger in Michigan. She would absolutely love to talk about the shows Jessica Jones, the Witcher, and the Bachelor, reminisce about the movie Cats, and groove to the Just Dance Super Mario Medley. If you see Amanda Mae around, don't be afraid to say hi—she can't wait to welcome you to the Hanszen family! —Marc Armeña, Hanszen '24, Alan Tapper, Hanszen '24, and Brian Lee, Hanszen '24

Maanvi Thawani

Advisor. BIOS | HSCI. Hanszen '24

Ready for an ego boost? This Advisor will laugh at quite literally everything you say—maybe because of her less-than-sophisticated taste. Her favorite TV shows are All American, Grey's Anatomy, and the Bachelorette. Despite her taste in shows, her actual taste palette is immaculate. Maanvi is always down to explore food past the confines of South Servery, and you better go with her or risk experiencing her hangry moods. She will literally always blow up her step count on her beloved Apple Watch for some good ramen. Aside from her full-time job of thinking about good food, Maanvi is a Biosciences and Health Sciences pre-med from the Bay Area—so, so niche. She's also involved in way too many pre-med organizations like Camp Kesem, Patient Discharge Initiative, and the Center for Civic Leadership, which, as you'll soon know, she never stops talking about. All jokes aside, Maanvi is quite literally the sweetest, most empathetic Advisor you can have. Whether that be through true emotional support or simply someone to make straight TikToks with, Maanvi will always come through and you're extremely lucky to have her! She can't wait to make sure you guys have the best transition to Rice possible! —Mainavi Reddy, Hanszen '24 and Ridhi Gari, Hanszen '24



Praneel Joshi

Co-Advisor. MATH. Lovett '23



Hey are you from Tennessee, because you're the onl—Praneel's your Advisor! Hailing from Conroe, Texas, this au naturel coconut-shampooing gluten-free plant-based specimen of a man will blow your expectations out of the water. When he's not trying to explain higher-level math to you while you nod along, he's working at the Rice Community Garden, picking fresh arugula for his next salad. Even though Praneel is a lovable guy and delightful man, be careful because he'll steal your clothes and claim that deodorant is a scam even though he could definitely benefit from it sometimes. What's more, this literal Renaissance man beatboxes and sings bass for Rice's South Asian a cappella group, Basmati Beats. Not only does Praneel produce fire beats, but he also knows a thing or two about starting fires (don't ask him about the metal thermos in the microwave). As your Advisor, Praneel may be good at opening doors, but don't count on him to close them (his finger literally came off). Get ready for the best week of your life because this bike-riding, Remarkable-tablet-using vibe lights connoisseur is going to make it a 10. —Neil Chopra, Lovett '23, Ryan Draper, Lovett '23, Jae Ku, Lovett '25

Shawn Zheng

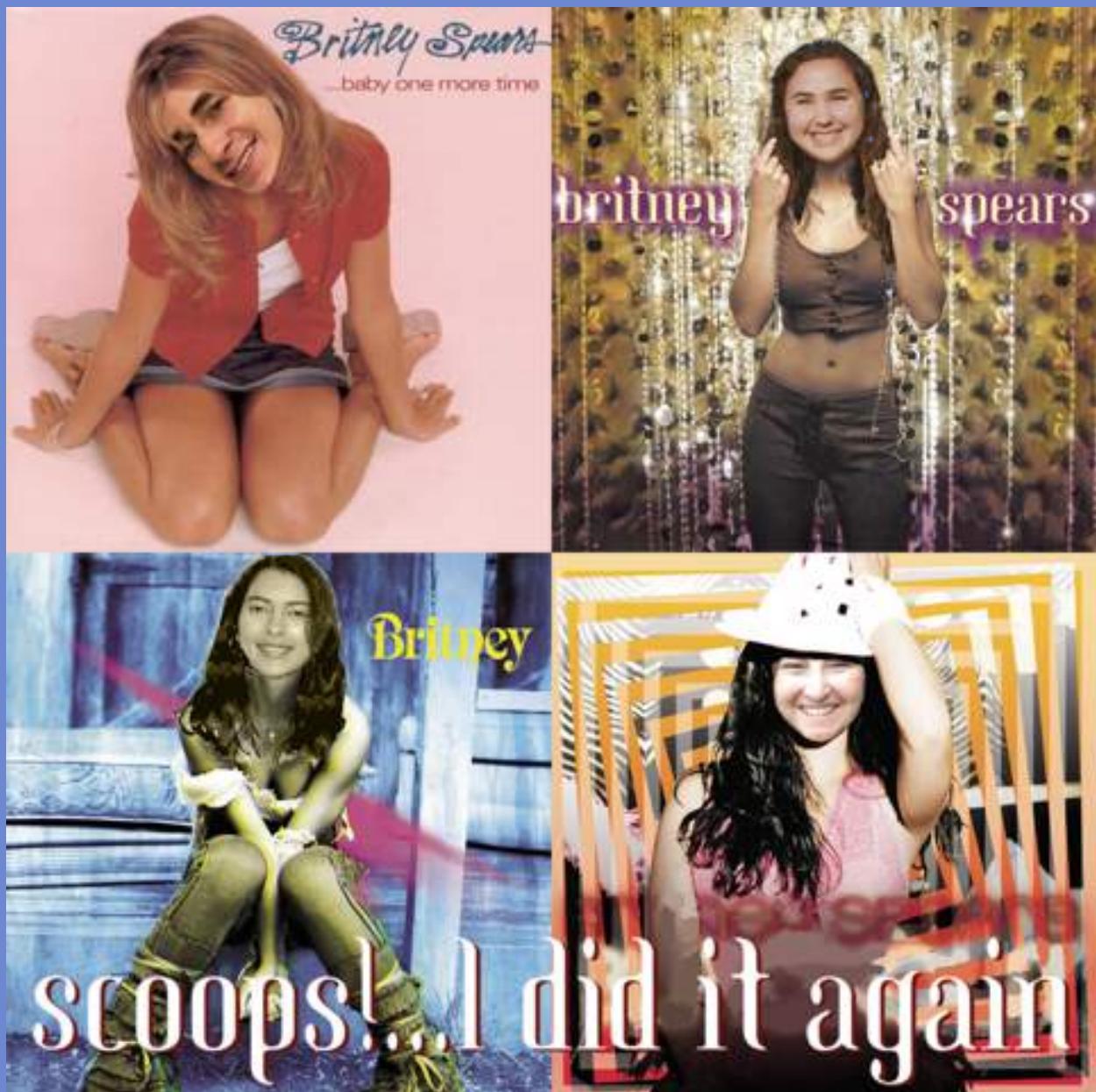
Advisor. MUSI. Hanszen '22

It's 2am in upper commons and your ear perks up: a buttery sound drifts distantly through the walls. It's Shawn Zheng. When this senior Horn Performance major isn't rehearsing with the Shepherd School Symphony or preparing for his next professional audition, he can be found lifting at the Rec, always beating his friends at board games 40% of the time, going to concerts and museums around town, and eating plain potatoes and water chicken from South Servery. Hailing from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Shawn does his best to exhibit Southern hospitality (though without the accent, unfortunately). Owing only in part to him being a musician, he is a fantastic listener, and is also known to provide sage advice when requested—whether it be about your career, fitness, or which TV series to watch next. Shawn is beyond excited to meet all of you, and you're surely in for a fantastic O-Week with him as your Advisor! —Sam Dusinberre, Sid Richardson '22



Scoops!....

I Did it Again



Anushka Agrawal

Advisor. BIOE. Hanszen '24

Majoring in BIOE, minoring in French, a pre-med, and a mechanic at Rice Bikes, Anushka Agrawal has got the brains and beauty. When she's not doing research at the BRC, she's searching for ways to make others happy. Just like gelato, she's cool and sweet! No matter the time of day, she will provide that comfort in any situation (10/10 shoulder to cry on—2 verified users). Don't be fooled, however, because she's also a fireball and will roast you any chance she gets. While she doesn't mean to, she can be extremely oblivious at times and land herself in awkward situations (comic relief: holding hands to teach someone how to skateboard ISN'T flirting apparently). Want to freshen up your Insta feed? She's always down to find high vantage points for the views and has the fits ready. To those in her O-Week group, watch out as she cartwheels her way into your life as your new friend! —Mia Lin, Wiess '24 and Karen Martinez Perez, McMurtry '24



Hope Moustakakis

Advisor. CHBE. Hanszen '23

Hope Moustakakis (noun; pronounced moose-ta-kah-kis; meaning small mustache). A junior majoring in Chemical Engineering (yeah, she's big brain), Hope is so excited to welcome y'all to Rice! This Connecti-cutie is our STRIVE Liaison and an active member of the Hanszen community (you can thank her for the rolly chairs in commons). Passionate about environmental sustainability, you can either find her in the Rice gardens gushing about her plants or discovering new alternative milks to try out. The rest of the time, you can find her in commons, sipping her Chaus drink, flourishing commons culture. Hope is so excited to meet you and show you what Hanszen Family Heart means!" —Chloe Hur, Hanszen '23



John Cook

Co-Advisor. CENE. Will Rice '22



What's that? You got THE John Cook as your Advisor?? Well you sure are one lucky duck, and let me tell you why. First of all, John is the world's best baker. **John Cook more like John Bake am I right? HAH** Throughout his past 3 years at Rice, John has made countless cakes and brownies and more, feeding the hungry souls that happen to walk into the Will Rice kitchen. He is such a hard worker that not only does he do all the baking for his friends, but he also cleans all the dishes afterward! **YES I DO THE COOKING YES I DO THE CLEANING** While he grumbles under his breath the entire time about how no one ever helps him, rumor has it that he secretly likes washing dishes! So be sure to bring your dirty plates from home as a welcoming gift for John <3. John also has a very sporadic sleeping schedule. One of the world's greatest mysteries is how he functions so well off such little sleep. But don't worry! John will never be too tired to roast you. If you're ever looking for some comedic relief, he is your go-to. If you ever walk past John on your way to class, be prepared for a very enthusiastic hello with numerous hand gestures that no one can ever seem to decipher. John truly has one of the biggest hearts and whether you need delicious baked goods, someone to wash your dishes, a full-on comedian, amazing advice, or just a friend who will listen, John will be there for you. You are sosososoo lucky to have John as your Advisor, he really is one of the best :') (also if you're ever bored ask him about British teen YouTube drama from 2012—you're welcome)" -Alina Naqvi, Will Rice '22 and Aylia Rizvi, Will Rice '22

Katie Bablak

Advisor. MECH. Hanszen '23

Katie is so excited to welcome you to Hanszen! A junior pre-med Mechanical Engineering major (yes you read that right), Katie is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. When she's not in commons studying for her countless exams, Katie is almost surely working on perfecting her odd character for Mock Trial or climbing a tree/wall somewhere. If that wasn't enough, Katie is also super involved in Hanszen. She'll gladly take you to FITQs and other college events, and is also a lineman for Hanszen's very own Powderpuff team (HWKA). Despite her full schedule, Katie is always available to chat about anything from conspiracy theories to deep, philosophical questions. Katie's music taste is as diverse as her activities, ranging from Mac Miller to Taylor Swift with a hint of popular TikTok songs. With Katie as your Advisor, you've got a built in study-buddy and friend who is down for pretty much anything. She's so excited to meet you and help you with your transition to Rice! -Sara Mansfield, Hanszen '23 and Madhu Venkatesalu, Hanszen '23



Spider-Man: Conecoming



Daniel Rothfuss

Advisor. ELEC. Hanszen '22



Oh, that guy over there? Fiddling with the wires? That's Daniel. He's an ELEC (and a bunch of other stuff too (but like he really likes ELEC)). This rising senior from Washington, Illinois, loves to pitch in wherever he can. Come grab some advice from your phriendly phantastic physics phellow and Peer Academic Advisor! Or go ask this Hanszen External Vice President some questions about Hanszen Spaces! Or just go say hi because he's 100% ready to help you with absolutely whatever! Hit him up anytime to get a movie night or a game of Jackbox going. You can typically find him in upper commons or in one of the classrooms blasting all manner of music on Spotify. Obsessed with Hanszen and hyped to meet you, Daniel is so excited to welcome you to the Hanszen Family!! -Isabelle Scott, Hanszen '23

Dylan DuCharme

Gopher. ASTR. Hanszen '24

Coming all the way from the US-Mexico border at McAllen, Texas, is our very own Dylan DuCharme. Currently a sophomore studying Astrophysics, Dylan is a super chill guy with a messed up sleeping schedule. Aside from trying to understand the universe and stuff, Dylan has also picked up a number of hobbies (which he often struggles to commit to) including playing the piano and guitar, voice acting, late night driving, and taking spontaneous naps. Although he may be a bit of an introvert and likes his alone time, Dylan cares deeply for others and is committed to ensuring that you will have the most extraordinary first year here at Hanszen. -Dylan DuCharme, Hanszen '24 and Kieren Boyd, Hanszen '23





Gia Braddock Co-Advisor. COMP. Brown '23

Meet Gia Braddock, daughter of Jill Braddock and Brad Braddock (yes Brad Braddock), aka South Carolina's greatest invention alongside vinegar-based barbecue sauce and the submarine. Gia is a junior at Brown College, and alongside being a COMP major, she is also a Brown RHA. On weekdays, you can find Gia "studying" in Sammy's (#COMP grind don't stop) where she's more likely to be refreshing her Co-Star or adding to her extensive collection of ultra-specific mood playlists. Gia loves meeting new people, and her loyalty lasts a lifetime. Prepare yourselves for an unforgettable week filled with infinite smiles, too many personality tests, and memories you will cherish forever <3! -Divya Wagh, Brown '23

Mabel Tang Advisor. BIOC|MBHM. Hanszen '23

Mabel is a rising junior from Hanszen and is super excited to welcome you to the Hanszen Family Heart! She is a Biochemistry and Cell Biology major with a minor in Medical Humanities on the pre-med track, and she is originally from Irvine, California! When she's not struggling on her Orgo homework, you will probably find her in the kitchen cooking and baking bread for her friends, being indecisive about where to travel next, eating sea salt Popcorners, or fangirling over plain carbs and sea salt coffee. She also spends her time as the IVP of the Chinese Student Association, doing computational research, and being an editor for a publishing company! While she may never love anyone more than her dog Summer, Mabel will love you so so much and support you in whatever way you need to make your transition to Rice as smooth as possible! -Claire Xu, Wiess '23 and Echo Tang, Twin Sister



Star Wars: The Cone Wars



Bert Odinet

Advisor. BIOE. Hanszen '22



He's a Hanszenite, not a Murt! Now we're gonna kick it, gonna kick it like Bert! Bertrand Louis Odinet III, that is, and you can watch him during the year shouting rhymes just like this one as a proud member of Rice's premiere improv team, Spontaneous Combustion! This ever-busy BioE senior has a ton of Zen spirit, captaining our Beer Bike Pit Crew (which is by far the best on campus). Although he loves iced tea, the famous brand is interestingly not actually from his home state, Arizona. You'll most likely find this Scottsdale stud working late nights in upper commons, so be sure to stop by and say hi, because he's always down for a chat, and he's super excited to meet you! -Soha Rizvi, Hanszen '22

Christa Westheimer

Co-Advisor. SMGT|MANA. McMurry '23

Get pumped!! Because you just scored the greatest Advisor of ALL TIME!!! Hailing from Friendswood, TX, this Houston native is always up for an adventure! Laughing her way through 2 majors, 2 minors, and a Certificate in Civic Leadership (whew I don't know how she does it!!) this sports management and managerial studies QUEEN will definitely manage to steal your heart ;) In addition to her impressive academics, Christa is the greatest friend anyone could ask for. Coffee dates, breakfast meetups, and spontaneous trips to Target in the rain are just a few of the wonderful things you can experience with her. Be ready, because she'll probably invite you to break a sweat at the Rec (dinner afterward is always included). And did I mention that she's a fashion icon?? Vogue could take a page from her book. Around campus, Christa is known as the go-to girl for an encouraging conversation. Always ready with a smile and a listening ear, this girl is ridiculously wise and could put any "influencer" out of business. And not only does she want to help you but she's already changing the world! Be sure to ask her about the plethora of social impact efforts and entrepreneurial clubs that she's involved in here at Rice! I could go on and on about Christa, but I'll leave some for you to learn during O-Week. Just know that you are beyond lucky to have her as your Co-Advisor and that perfectly timed gifts, lots of gut-busting laughter, and the perfect sprinkle of sass are waiting for you this school year! -Mikayla Hurley, Lovett '23



Juan Rubio

Advisor. SOCI | SOPA. Hanszen '23



In Aztec mythology, it was believed that Tlaloc, the god of rain, was temperamental and lazy; to compensate, the Aztecs used images of the War God to scare him into performing his duties. This same phenomenon can be observed at Hanszen College; only, instead of an angry war god, it's four overdue assignments and two cans of Red Bull. And, instead of a lazy rain god, it's Juan Rubio. When he's not frantically writing last-minute essays or contemplating adding that minor (major?) in History, this Sociology and Social Policy Analysis double major can be found napping in upper commons, trying his hand at guitar (again), or desperately searching Houston for foods he hasn't tried yet. This East Texas native is also an avid movie fan and can often be found re-watching scenes from classic films like Taxi Driver, The Shining, and The Lego Batman Movie. A proud first-generation immigrant and college student, Juan has a passion for accessibility, inclusion, and celebrating the differences in experience that make life a vibrant mosaic of diversity. To Juan, the very first step in making those ideals a reality is making sure that, no matter who you are, your O-Week is phenomenal and your first year at Rice is filled with support, community, and lots of smiles. -Wally Odom, Hanszen '23

Valentina Osorio

Advisor. CHEM | EEPS. Hanszen '24

Thank your lucky stars that you have Valentina Osorio, our favorite Peruvian beauty, as your Advisor! When she's not exploring every study space at Rice as the baddie CHEM/EEPS double major that she is, you can find her obsessing over her incredibly adorable cats. Her many talents and accolades include being a certified California (don't say Cali; she and the rest of her San Diego hometown will roast you) avocado fried chicken sammich lover, queen of typos, oracle of the most profound revelations like how chocolate and chocolate are spelled the same (where are my bilingual people at?), and expert in all things Criminal Minds (especially Dr. Reid—and rightfully so). Any moment you spend with this absolute gift of a human being is time well spent. Whether you're stargazing with her, skating down the Cambridge garage, breaking out into song, or dying of laughter over memes (and by that I mean she is dying of laughter and you don't understand what's going on but you can't help but join in because her laughter and joy are so contagious), the vibes could not be more immaculate. Jokes aside, she is hands-down one of the most genuine and kind-hearted individuals, who never fails to make you feel seen and heard. With her spontaneous spirit and open heart, Valentina will welcome you to Hanszen with genuine excitement and care. - Pearl Fernandes, Wiess '22



Ben & Jerry's





Carlos Rivera

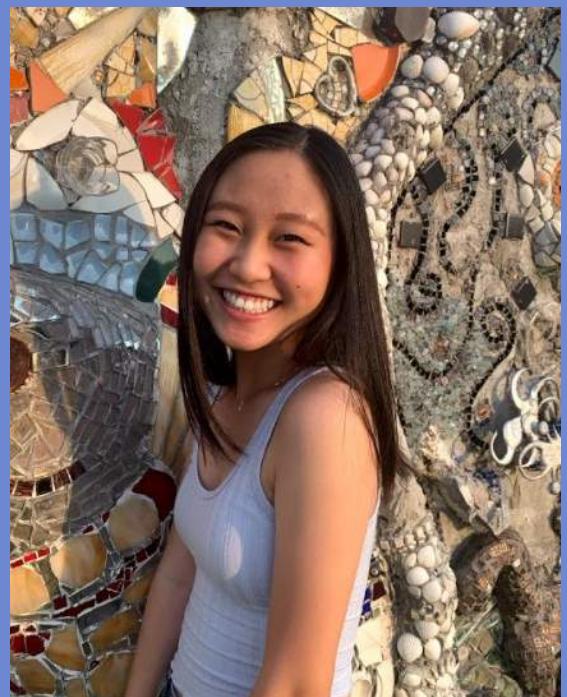
RHTA, KINE | SMGT, Hanszen '23

Originally from Pasadena, Texas, Carlos is so excited to help you make Rice your next home! Carlos is a junior double majoring in Kinesiology and Sport Management. He aspires to become an Athletic Trainer in the future and work at a D1 university. When he isn't aimlessly walking around campus searching for a reason to finally do some work, you can find him living it up in the Hanszen computer lab (literally his comfort place). He enjoys the typical binge of reality TV like Survivor and Big Brother. He is kind, caring and genuinely funny, so do not be afraid to spark up a conversation with him. He looks forward to meeting you and ensuring that you feel right at home at Hanszen! -Makayla Franco, Hanszen '22

Claire Xu

Co-Advisor, COMP, Wiess '23

Claire is a rising junior Co-Advisor from Wiess College who is super excited to welcome you home to Rice! Originally from Princeton, New Jersey, Claire majors in computer science with minors in Business and Data Science. On campus, she is involved with STRIVE as a liaison, CSTers, Powderpuff, New Life College Fellowship, and is a Peer Academic Advisor. When she's not being a coding queen or helping people out at the OIT, you can find her making chai or miso soup in her apartment or bragging about exclusively shopping at TJ Maxx. You can always count on her to make TikToks with you and bake cookies in her spare time! -Mabel Tang, Hanszen '23 and Chris Xu, Twin Sister





McKenna Tanner

Advisor. ENGL | PSYC. Hanszen '24

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's the best Advisor you could've asked for: McKenna Tanner! McKenna is a Hanszen sophomore, double majoring in English and Psychology, and is beyond excited to welcome you to Hanszen! McKenna spends her free time at Rice watching the latest Marvel show with friends, schooling people in Star Wars trivia, and practicing ukulele and guitar. She can also help you get involved with the latest Rice Players production or volunteering with Rice Young Democrats. Her superpower is always being able to look on the bright side and giving the best pep talks on campus. A Houston native, McKenna can't wait to welcome you to her hometown and into the Rice community! -Isabelle Scott, Hanszen '22 and Piper Harris, Hanszen '22

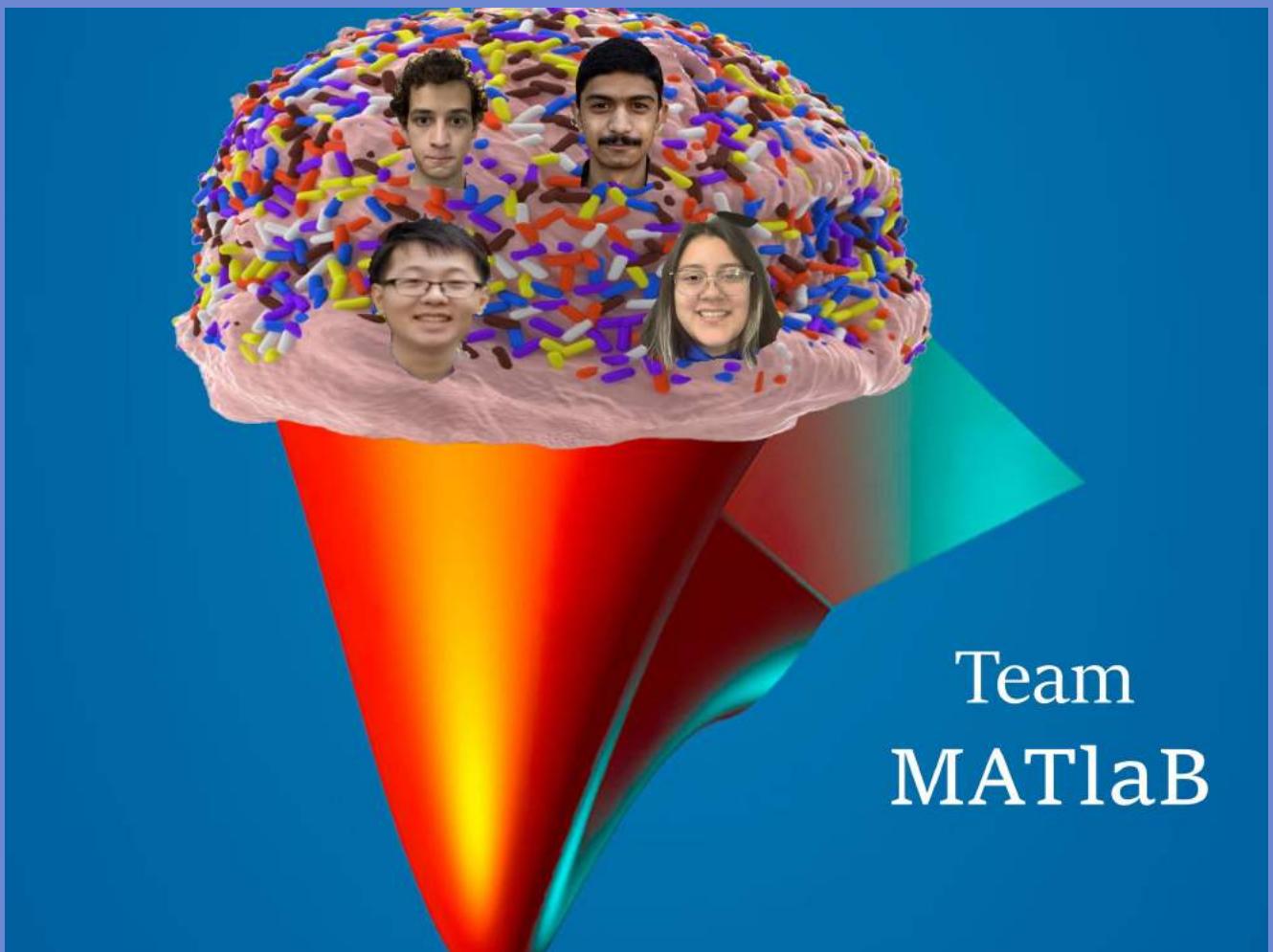
Moses Glickman

Co-Advisor. STAT | MTEC. Martel '22

Ladies, gentlemen, and beyond, it is our pleasure to congratulate you on having none other than the Moses Aaron Glickman as your O-Week Advisor! A senior Statistics and Mathematical Economic Analysis double major and the absolute embodiment of golden retriever energy, Mo can always be counted on to bring you your favorite snack when you're in need of cheering up. The chair of at least 15 committees, clubs, and organizations, Moses can usually be found awkwardly shuffling out of Coffeehouse with an oat milk latte in hand (hot, contrary to what you might expect). Do not be alarmed, he WILL initiate small talk. If you want a disturbingly detailed recounting of any political or economic trends in the last century, Mo's got you. He's also there with funny stories, updates on his atlas collection, and (occasionally) tidbits of life-changing advice. Above all else, you can rely on Mo to be there for you through whatever comes your way :) -Rodrigo Gonzales-Rojas, Duncan '22 and Blaise Willis, Duncan '22



Peer Academic Advisors (PAA)





Arnav Burudgunte

PAA. COMP. Hanszen '24

Arnav Burudgunte is the owner of the best moustache on campus. This rising sophomore is majoring in Computer Science and will evangelize Vim software to anyone who will listen. Be warned. A native Houstonian and avid Rockets fan, Arnav regularly makes sports references that fly over most people's heads. Ask him about literally any topic and he will have a story to tell about it (he has a great voice suited for narration too). Arnav can and will help you with all of your academic needs, so long as you can get past his antediluvian music taste. -Alan Tapper, Hanszen '24 and Kian Robinson, Hanszen '24

Brian Lee

PAA. BIOS|EBIO. Hanszen '24

Who's that stuffing his pockets with parmesan cheese packets from the servery? Who's dropping dumbbells on the floor and waking the neighbors downstairs? It's Brian! This sophomore from Austin, Texas, enjoys climbing, writing, and working out and is always sleep deprived because of it. Majoring in Cell Bio and Genetics and minoring in Ecology, Brian is the biggest biology fan on the block. Plus, as one of our wonderful PAAs, Brian will be there for any of your schedule planning or research-finding needs. Don't be fooled by his outward appearance of organization though; he can never seem to find his own pencils. Brian is always down to get Chipotle or sushi. Spot him unlocking the secrets of the universe at the BRC, racing to book a reservation at the Rec, or strolling around the inner loop in his patented blue Crocs after a midnight mac-n-cheese study break. Brian is so excited to welcome you to the best, most wonderful college: Hanszen! -Marc Armeña, Hanszen '24, Amanda Mae Ashley, Hanszen '22, Alan Tapper, Hanszen '24



Michelle Martinez

PAA. SMEP | SMGT. Hanszen '23



Selena, Ozuna, Los Angeles Azules, and Daddy Yankee playing in the commons? If so, you've probably just met the one and only Michelle Martinez. Michelle is a junior double majoring in Sports Medicine and Exercise Physiology and Sport Management while following the pre-med (maybe pre-PT) track. Although originally from Fort Worth, Texas (NOT Dallas), Michelle is a great resource to go to when looking for authentic Mexican food in the Houston area. She loves being involved around campus through HACER, RPC, STRIVE, and DAWA, so make sure and reach out to her if you are interested in getting involved. Michelle is passionate about soccer, novelas on Telemundo and Univision, making other people smile, trying new food, and most importantly, REGGAETON (although sadly, was unable to get tickets for the Bad Bunny concert before they sold out). While she may seem unorganized and lost half of the time, know that she is always ready to offer advice at any time, even in the middle of the night. As an O-Week PAA this year, Michelle eager to get to know and welcome every New Student, have conversations that last a couple of hours (especially as an excuse to procrastinate), make anyone laugh with her unique sense of humor, and hopes to help you make your first year at Rice a memorable one! -Carlos Rivera, Hanszen '23

Tyler Braito

PAA. LING | DSCI. Hanszen '24

Tyler's an incoming sophomore at Hanszen College studying Linguistics and Data Science. He hails from Cottonwood, California, and he brings his curiosity with him! Whether it's a discussion about foreign language phonetics or talking about which movie soundtracks are his favorite hype songs, Tyler loves asking hard questions and having deep conversations. He's also an amazing listener; you can always count on him to answer your questions about classes or college life. You can catch him working (and working out) at the Rec, studying the Bible at Intervarsity, or learning Mandarin in commons. When he's not studying, catch him reading a book or running around the outer loop! -Aaron Lin, Hanszen '23



Media Team



Ibrahim Elsharkawy

Media. Phys | CAAM | PHIL. Hanszen '23



Ibrahim Elsharkawy, a Houston-residing Egyptian-American Hanszenite, is excited to capture all of your first Rice memories! He is a rising junior who is planning a possibly overambitious triple major plan, which consists of Physics, Computational and Applied Mathematics (CAAM), and Philosophy majors. During his rapidly disappearing off time, Ibrahim enjoys doing a type of photography known as astrophotography, capturing galaxies and nebula in the heavens above. He also likes to bike, has a pet parrot, and loves to travel. -Ibrahim Elsharkawy, Hanszen '23

Keshav Wagle

Media. RADA. Hanszen '22

Hailing from the great state of Iowa, Keshav Wagle is a senior studying Film and Photography on the pre-dental track. When he's not busy studying in the RMC, he enjoys producing short films, playing video games, cooking, watching competitive Smash Bros (he could talk about it for hours), and participating in all of his various extracurricular groups! He enjoys singing in Basmati Beats, making people laugh in Spontaneous Combustion (Rice's best and only improv comedy troupe), and playing oboe in the Campanile Orchestra. He is extremely excited to be a part of GelatO-Week and can't wait to make an amazing video for you all! -Arvind Ramesh, Hanszen '23



Nasha Wanichwecharungruang

Media. COMP | PSYC. Hanszen '23



Hailing from Bangkok, Thailand, Nasha Wanich is the amazingly bright, cheerful, and caring friend you have always wanted. She always knows how to make you laugh and put a smile on your face! She is a junior studying Computer Science and Psychology. When she's not studying, she's either doing a K-pop dance or building a really cool fortune telling app that's become super popular in Thailand. Her talent as a photographer and videographer really shines through her very own YouTube channel (give her a like!!) and her randomly impressive photographs. Nasha is literally the best person alive. She can't wait to welcome you to the best college ever!!! -Piyusha Kundu, Hanszen '23

Robert Heeter

Media. BIOE | PHYS. Hanszen '24

Born and raised in the ~bAy aReA~, Robert is a generous, thoughtful, quick-witted, and responsible Hanszenite, most likely majoring in Bioengineering or Physics (tuff stuff). When he's not busy working on his infinite to-do list, Mr. Heeter can be found curating sucky Spotify playlists, photographing campus architecture and student life (check out his work @r.h.portfolio on Instagram!!), designing for the Thresher, playing competitive tennis, stealing cookies from the servery, caring for his butt-shaped succulent, occasionally running late at night, and sometimes talking in his sleep. He says he's "HYPED" to take pix during O-Week 2021 and meet all of the New Students! -Ebube Ukabiala, Hanszen '24



A photograph of a group of approximately ten young adults, likely students, standing outdoors on a paved path next to a grassy area. They are holding up a large, white, hand-painted sign. The sign features the letters "HFSI" in blue and yellow, with "HUMANITIES" written vertically along the right side in blue. The students are dressed casually, with some wearing t-shirts that have the same "HFSI" logo. The background shows a large, mature tree with dense green foliage, and a street lamp post is visible on the left.

Intro to Hansen College

What is Hanszen?

Hanszen College, without question, is the best residential college at Rice. Located at the corner of Loop Road and Alumni Drive, our location is one to be envied. We have the privilege of being closest to the Rice Memorial Center (read: Coffeehouse), the Hoot, Tudor Fieldhouse, the Recreation Center, the Biosciences Research Collaborative, two parking lots, and Rice Village.

But Hanszen is so much more than its location. Our wide grassy quad is adorned with our mascot, the Guardian. We take pride in the Guardian as it represents Hanszen's ferocity and passion, and also protects us from the evil-doings of other colleges. You'll often see people out in the quad studying at the picnic tables, grilling burgers, playing volleyball, or just hanging out. Look up from the quad and you'll see our towering glass and brick Commons, the nicest at Rice. The Commons are the social epicenter of Hanszen College and have two main parts: downstairs or the Lower Commons is where we eat all of our meals and host our public parties, and upstairs or the Hanszen Upper Commons (HUC) house our Private Dining Room, a game room, library, and a lobby with several couches and an always occupied ping pong table.

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

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

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

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



Hanszen 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's New Section. Forced to evacuate because of the crane dangling over them, the Hanszenites gathered in the Quad. Since they were forced to leave behind their books and thus unable to attend class, the students decided to bring out a keg and party in the Quad. As a result, Hanszenites continue to celebrate Crane Day every year.

Of course, many traditions also stem from Beer Bike, which is a campus-wide bike and chugging race that occurs in March. During the week before Beer Bike, colleges will pull pranks on each other (called "jacks"). One jack that Hanszenites pulled in 2011 was "selling" that statue of Willy to the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. The Thresher (Rice's student-run newspaper) noted it as one of the best jacks of all time. Every year, Hanszen pulls 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 Commons so that Wiessmen have to walk all the way around Hanszen, instead of through it, to get to class. On the day of Beer Bike, Hanszen has a huge color powder celebration before the water balloon fight. Because our dedicated Hanszenites fill at least thirty trashcans worth of water balloons during Beer Bike Week, Hanszen lasts the longest during the campus-wide water balloon fight.

Finally, over the years, the Committees have started several traditions such as 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 social group—it's a family. Starting with the love and care of our Magisters, RFAs, RAs, and College Coordinator, the college embodies the Culture of Care that Rice emphasizes on the university level. Everyone is willing to help out a fellow Hanszenite, and there is a long-standing tradition of paying it forward. We are the Family College for a reason, and we cannot wait for you to be part of it!



FUN 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

What is the H-Team?

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

COLLEGE MAGISTERS: Each residential college has a set of Magisters. College Magisters are Rice faculty members who have been selected by the college for a five-year term. Like RAs, Magisters live on campus at the college they are a part of, although most colleges have a separate Magister's House nearby instead of an attached apartment. Magisters are a resource to the college and are around to help students with any needs they may have, whether they are academic needs, work or career-related needs, or even just to talk about their life and chat. At Hanszen, our Magisters attend our weekly cabinet meetings, hold study breaks and special events for things like movie nights, trips to local art exhibits and concerts, and Thanksgiving dinner for those on campus. Overall, the Magisters are here to help us in any way that they can, and they love to get to know New Students and Hanszenites!

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

COLLEGE COORDINATOR: Every college has a College Coordinator. The College Coordinator 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 seek help from while at Hanszen and Rice.

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



The Magisters

Fabiola López-Durán & Carlos Pelayo Martínez

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

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

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

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

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



College Coordinator

Joyce Bald

Hello and welcome to Hanszen! My name is Joyce and I have been in charge of the college office for 15 years, but have worked at Rice for 23 years. I am a native Texan and attended the Bradford School of Business. Officially, I assist the Magisters with the administration of Hanszen. Unofficially, I am the daytime RA, mail guru, answerer of questions, and holder of all keys to Hanszen.

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

During your time at Hanszen you will probably hear about my family and I. I was born in Houston and raised about 20 miles south in Pearland. I have been told I have a definite Texas accent! Y'all can let me know when you arrive! I have been married for 33 years to my high school sweetheart, Anthony. We have 3 sons, 2 wonderful daughters-in-law, and 3 beautiful grandchildren. Our family is very active in our church, and we love watching movies, especially sci-fi. Yes, I am a "trekie"! I also enjoy reading, hiking, gardening, cooking, and playing with our 3 dogs.

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



Residential Associates

Lebena Varghese & Nick Bourgeois

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

Lebena is from Abu Dhabi and received her undergraduate degree from Christ College in Bangalore, India; M.S. from University of Manchester; and PhD from University of Northern Illinois. She is a research analyst at the Houston Education Research Consortium (HERC) within the Kinder Institute at Rice. She loves to cook and is looking forward to sharing her culinary creations (both savory and sweet) with you.

Nick's family moved around quite a bit but they eventually settled in Baytown, Texas. He received an undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University and a M.A. from University of California, Merced. He is an archeologist at an archeological consulting firm and likes to spend his free time camping, caving, and all things outdoors. Nick also has a love of stone carving, which he is more than happy to teach to anyone wanting to learn.

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



Residential Associates

Bryn & Neal Dugre

Hey Hanszen! We are Bryn and Neal Dugre, your Old Section RAs! We met the first few weeks of college at our alma mater, Elon University. We've been married for 11 years, have been Houstonians for seven, have a three-year-old daughter, Georgina, and a newborn baby, who just arrived at the end of June, aka the youngest Hanszenite.

Bryn grew up in rural Virginia and is a bona fide debutante. Send any etiquette questions her way. At Elon she majored in two English concentrations: Creative Writing and Literature. Her passion for English contributes to her love of reading and her Instagram captions. Bryn has been the Operations Administrator in the Earth, Environmental & Planetary Sciences (EEPS) department at Rice for five years, working with the chair on special projects, and as event planner extraordinaire for all EEPS department events. Ask her about EEPS – the major you never knew you wanted. She listens to a lot of podcasts and is currently working her way through Armchair Expert, Wait, Wait...Don't Tell me, and Busy Philipps is Doing Her Best. You'll likely see her walking around campus with headphones trying to catch the latest episode.

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

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

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



Resident faculty Associates

Lam & Rebecca Yu

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

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

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

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



Hanszen Associates

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

Associate Events

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!

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

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



Student government

Cabinet

Student government at Rice comes at two levels: campus-wide (the Student Association) and at the college level. Each college has their own student government that meets weekly or bi-weekly. Here at Hanszen, we meet every Wednesday at 10:10pm in the Upper Commons! Now, government can sound a little boring, but our Cabinet is a lot of fun! Our meetings can act as a quick study break, a socializing period, or a snack break, but most importantly, Cab is a time to give important announcements and inform Hanszenites of issues relating to our college. The Executive Cabinet consists of the President, Chief Justice, two Vice Presidents (Internal and External), two Treasurers, two Secretaries, and three Socials. In addition, there are three Class Reps per year that provide food each week and represent their class as voting members on Cabinet. On top of that, Hanszen boasts a number of different Committees that serve a number of different roles. We have Committees that are solely devoted to food, sports, events, and anything you can imagine! If you have an idea for a cool event or opportunity, you can approach any of these Committees to see your idea come to fruition! The beauty about student government is the COUNTLESS ways to become involved or serve in some sort of leadership role! Sometimes classes can be a heavier work load, 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!

Justice League

The Hanszen Justices are seven elected members of Hanszen who are in charge of various duties throughout the year: Room Draw, Parking Draw, elections, noise complaints, and College Court. It's our priority to make our home a safe and fun environment for all Hanszenites. The group is composed of the Chief Justice (CJ) Leigh Gabriely and six Associate Justices (AJs). The Justices work to make Hanszen a place where everyone is comfortable. It's important for the CJ to know what's going on around Hanszen so that she can respond to matters appropriately. Noise complaints can be made to the CJ or AJs, if you are uncomfortable asking your neighbors to quiet down. The CJ also works with Student Judicial Programs to shape the Rice Alcohol Policy and how the administration handles parties. Keep an eye out on your Rice email for news—the CJ is a listserv regular. When it's time to decide housing and parking for the following academic year, the Justices are in charge of running the Draws. Draws can be a stressful time of year, so look out for emails from the CJ on how to navigate the process. Occasionally, people will break rules or destroy property. Instead of elevating these issues to the Rice administration or even the H-Team, the Justices have a system for dealing with problems internally. As strong supporters of self-governance, this is a softer way to learn from mistakes. If a College Court case is opened, the accused can choose either a closed or open hearing. The Hanszen College Judicial Code will govern the proceedings. The College Court can dole out fines and community service hours, depending on the infraction.

SEE YOU THERE AT 10:10PM
ON WEDNESDAYS!

Hanszen Cabinet Spotlight

Executive Cabinet

PRESIDENT: Morgan Seay
CHIEF JUSTICE: Leigh Gabriely
INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT: Dani Knobloch
EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT: Daniel Rothfusz
TREASURERS: Amber Pitre & Kian Robinson
SECRETARIES: Astra Burke & Marc Armeña
SOCIALS: Jade McAdams, Felix Desimoni, & Vickie Liu

Appointed Positions

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mason Reece
GUARDIAN: Alp Yakici & Jarrett Prchal
HISTORIANS: Amber Pitre, Sarah Kim, Lisa Shi, & Chloe Hur
WEBMASTERS: Andrew Bare, Alan Tapper, & Divya Venkatesh
KEEPER OF THE CLOCK: Sarah Kim

Class Representatives

SENIOR REPS: Makayla Franco, Lauren Ivory, & Isabelle Scott
JUNIOR REPS: Ella Hoyt, Hope Moustakakis, & Anthony Guzzo
SOPHOMORE REPS: Ridhi Gari, Amanda Hogan, & Margaret Li
NEW STUDENT REPS: TBD (this could be you!)

Campus Representatives

STUDENT ASSOCIATION (SA)
SENATOR: Andrew Bare
SA NEW STUDENT REPS: TBD (this could be you!)
HONOR COUNCIL REPS: Syed Shams & Spencer Darwall
RICE PROGRAM COUNCIL (RPC) REP: Sarah Kim
U-COURT REP: Keshav Wagle

President

Morgan Seay

Hello New Hanszenites!

Congratulations on being accepted into one of the top universities in the country! It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to Hanszen (the BEST residential college to ever exist) and to Rice! My name is Morgan and I'll be your Hanszen President this upcoming year. I am a rising senior studying Social Policy Analysis and French. I'm from Birmingham, Alabama, so the heat, the humidity, and the southern hospitality are all things I'm used to. When I'm not at Hanszen you can find me at the next best space on campus-- Rice Coffeehouse, where the warmth of the coffee matches the warmth of the Hanszen Family! (Fun fact: Rice Coffeehouse did begin in Hanszen's Weenie Loft!)

As President, it is my honor and my duty to represent your diverse interests and perspectives. I am your advocate, your supporter and most of all your friend! My role is to ensure all your needs are met and your voices are heard. Have ideas you'd like to implement at 'Zen? I'm here to help you plan and connect you to the resources needed to turn that plan into action! Want to see changes at the University level? I am your advocate and ally, here to speak to administration on your behalf. My job is to be here for YOU, and I look forward to this opportunity.

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

Throughout your time here at Rice and at Hanszen, I want you all to know that you have a community. Whether you choose to jump right in and get involved as a New Student Representative or choose to explore your interests in areas like student organizations, Hanszen will always be here to cheer you on and support you. We are a college that runs on dedicated community members and a family oriented atmosphere. No matter what we face (and we've faced a lot) we'll do it as a community and we will be better for it.

Once again, it is my honor and privilege to welcome you to Hanszen. Welcome Home Hanszenites!

With so much love and Hanszen Pride,
Morgan Seay



Chief Justice

Leigh Gabriely

Hey y'all!

My name is Leigh and I'm so excited to welcome you home to Hanszen. Here we embrace individuality and incorporate it into the Hanszen community. Quirkiness is encouraged, never judged. We construct, consistently looking to strengthen, build, and include. We appreciate tradition while looking to the future. I love that no matter where I go, I know I'll have someone to talk to and will find someone that genuinely cares. I love that no matter where I go, I find that I have someone to genuinely care about. Here, we build a safe space where students feel confident to explore and express; whether you already know what you're looking for, or eager to discover new opportunities, there is a warm place for you in the Hanszen Family Heart.

I serve as Hanszen's Chief Justice (CJ). While my job is to fundamentally enforce the college judicial code, it is also my job to support and listen to students who find themselves in potentially sticky situations. I am not here to police anyone, but to serve as an intermediary between Hanszenites and other college or campus-wide officials. The Chief Justice position exists to ensure everyone understands the expectations both our college and administration carry to keep Rice a safe community and respectful community. I am also a resource if you ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable; if someone's acting a bit too goofy, you need someone to quiet down, or simply need to rant, I am here as your CJ and as your friend. As we dive into the week, I will discuss with you what our rules and expectations are and how to protect yourself.

A little bit about me!

I'm a junior studying Economics and Psychology originally from Tampa, Florida, and as you will all quickly learn, I took a gap year participating in a social leadership program abroad. I proudly identify as a Ravenclaw and a vegetable lover. I can be found dancing like nobody's watching, engaging in an intense heart-to-heart, or helping out a friend. No matter what the setting, I absorb energy from being with others. I'm a shoulder to cry on, a friend to laugh with, and an enthusiastic adventure buddy, and I cannot wait to meet you!

HFH,
Leigh Gabriely



Committees

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

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

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

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



STANDING COMMITTEES

ALUMNI: Mason Reece, Corey Donovan, Yuka Aoyama, & Aurian Maleki
ASSOCIATES: Victoria Johns, Jarrett Prchal, Amey Maley, & Lara Lin
AWARDS: Mason Reece, Maanvi Thawani, & Yuka Aoyama
BEER BIKE: TBD (this could be you!)
COLLEGE NIGHT/CRANE DAY (CNCD): Lisa Shi, Anushka Agrawal, Luna Corteletti, & Aurian Maleki
KITCHEN: Mason Reece, Hope Moustakakis, & Jamie Chen
MERCHANDISE: Lisa Shi, Chloe Hur, Shreya Jindal, Anushka Agrawal, & Sarah Kim
OFF-CAMPUS (OC): Amanda Lopatin & Alden Sears
SENIOR EVENTS: Makayla Franco, Victoria Johns, Isabelle Scott, & Jarrett Prchal
SERVICE: Kian Robinson, Isabelle Scott, & Lauren Ivory
SPACES: Hope Moustakakis, Arnav Burudgunte, Alan Tapper, & Aurian Maleki
SPIRIT: Hemish Thakkar, Amber Pitre, Carlos Rivera, Lauren Ivory, & Jarrett Prchal
SPORTS: Tanuj Prajapati, Hemish Thakkar, Andreas Weyland, & Amanda Mae Ashley

INITIATIVE COMMITTEES

BAKING: Leigh Gabriely, Isabelle Scott, & Lara Lin
BIKE: Mason Reece, Amanda Lopatin, & Dani Knobloch
BREWING: Alp Yakici, Alex Holzbach, & Ella Hoyt
CHALKBOARD: Soha Rizvi
CHEESE: Anthony Nguyen & Brian Lee
DIVERSITY: Soha Rizvi, Lisa Shi, Chloe Hur, & Marc Armeña
FUN IN THE QUAD (FITQ): Makayla Franco, Corey Donovan, Jamie Tellez, & Lara Lin
HANSZEN EATS (HEATS): Hope Moustakakis, Jamie Chen, & Amanda Mae Ashley
MOVIE: Astra Burke, Marc Armeña, & Amey Maley
SKELETON: Astra Burke
TAILGATE: Makayla Franco, Jarrett Prchal, & Ashton Smith
THEATRE: McKenna Tanner & Elina Carmichael
TRANSFER: Amey Maley

Sports

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

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

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

Last but not least, don't forget about Rice's biggest Intramural competition, the annual BEEEEEER BIIIIIKE! Practice for biking and chugging (water) at this event starts during the school year—if you're interested, feel free to reach out to the bike captains (Mason Reece, Truman Archer, Dani Knobloch, & Amanda Lopatin) or chug captains (Katie Bablak & Tanuj Prajapati) for more information!!!



Diversity & Inclusion

You might have noticed that one common theme throughout this book is that at Hanszen, we value community above all else. The Culture of Care we strive to cultivate at Rice cannot exist without mutual respect and appreciation. In the past few years, systemic racism, white supremacy, and anti-Blackness have come to the forefront of mainstream discussion, although they have been chronic problems in the U.S. and the world. News of anti-AAPI violence and the repercussions of the model minority myth have caused many to better understand that white supremacy reaches all marginalized communities, that prioritizing diversity and inclusion requires solidarity and enlightenment, and that ignorance hurts us all.

It's important that as members of Hanszen College and Rice as a whole, we strive to promote equity, justice, and an inclusive environment that's not just for show. This takes real work of lifting up and amplifying marginalized members of our communities, learning about the ways in which we can use our privilege to help others, and being vocal in the face of discrimination. Being an active ally goes beyond standing up against overt discrimination; it requires constantly educating yourself on the history and lived experiences of marginalized communities, acknowledging and addressing your own implicit biases, and calling out acts of covert discrimination, such as microaggressions, which often have a huge and decidedly not "micro" impact on marginalized communities.

Rice's history regarding diversity and inclusion is not pretty, by any means. William Marsh Rice, the founder of this institution, was a slave owner. Student protestors and groups like the Task Force of Slavery, Segregation, and Racial Injustice strive to understand and address the deep roots of white supremacy that live in this institution. Though the environment of inclusivity at Rice may appear very different from a few decades ago, largely due to the unsung work of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) students, staff, and faculty along the way, we still have a long way to go.

While Rice has its own unique ties to slavery and anti-Blackness, it is not exempt from other bigotries. As a community, as a nation, we have seen the pain and anguish caused by homophobia and transphobia, Islamophobia, misogyny, anti-Semitism, ableism, and other hateful rhetoric. We hope it is clear that there is no place for this rhetoric at Hanszen or at Rice. Furthermore, we want to actively support members of these traditionally marginalized populations and build a community of allies who are equipped to advocate for their peers long after Rice becomes an alma mater. There will always be more work to be done to improve the experience of students of marginalized identities at Rice and Rice's impact on the world. This work is in your hands. The Advising Team has spent hours training this year in the hopes that they will be better allies to you and to each other. At O-Week, you will attend Diversity workshops that help give you a better idea of what this looks like at Rice and within Hanszen. In short, bigotry and prejudice will not be tolerated at Hanszen.

Beyond Hanszen, there are many active cultural clubs on campus that represent traditionally marginalized and underrepresented populations at Rice, and we encourage you to join these organizations. These clubs host cultural events such as Dhamaka, Africayé, and iRitmo! that serve as a great opportunity to learn about and support a diverse array of cultures. New students can also join or engage with the work of the aforementioned Task Force, participate in Center for Civil Leadership engagement with the greater Houston community, and attend Diversity Facilitator-led "Dialogues on Diversity" each Friday, as well as other diversity discussions held at Hanszen and around campus. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please direct them to our Diversity Facilitators, Chloe Hur at sh85@rice.edu, Sarah Kim at ek34@rice.edu, and Marc Armeña at mba4@rice.edu.



Affinity Letters

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

to AAPI students...

Hey Class of 2025, welcome to Hanszen College!! As fellow members of the AAPI community, we are so excited to meet you!

First, we would like to acknowledge that the AAPI community here on campus is not a monolithic model minority, but an extremely diverse group of students of all types of backgrounds. No matter how you identify under this umbrella, you are an integral part of this community. We understand that during college, many of you will be learning more about and reconnecting with your cultures and identities, and your fellow students are here to support you as you go through this journey.

As an AAPI student, you are definitely not alone! In the Class of 2024, 34.04% of students identify as being of Asian American ethnicity. If you are looking to join a community or organization on campus to connect with other members of the AAPI community, there are so many options for you to choose from, including the Rice Taiwanese Association, South Asian Society, Vietnamese Student Association, Asian Pacific American Student Alliance, and so much more. Through these organizations, you will be able to connect with people of similar backgrounds, explore the cultures and heritage of yourself and your fellow students, get resources, and learn from so many new perspectives on campus.

If you ever need anything, please do not hesitate to ask! Everyone on campus is more than willing to help us, whether that be your Advisors, peers, professors, or H-team at Hanszen. You can also reach out to our Diversity Facilitators, the Multicultural Center, and the Wellbeing and Counseling Center for support. We are all here for you!

Mabel Tang (Hanszen '23)
Claire Xu (Wiess '23)

to Latine students...

Hola todos!!

Bienvenidos a Hanszen! We are so lucky to have you join our family :)

Your unique experiences will enrich Hanszen culture, and we hope that you feel supported in your identity.

We wanted to write this letter to help give you a sense of what being a Latine student at Rice may be like. Part of what makes the Latine community so unique is the diverse range of cultures we represent. From the Spanglish-speaking Chicanos of the West Coast to the indigenous Maya of the Yucatan Peninsula to the Afro-Latine communities in the Caribbean, Latinidad encompasses a diverse range of identities that are united by a shared history of struggle, the legacy of colonialism, languages, music, dance, and some of the best foods ever invented.

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

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

At Rice, you'll find cultural events, good foods, and a huge and supportive Latine community that includes fellow students, lots of helpful professors, and friendly Housing and Dining workers. HACER, Rice's Hispanic Student Association, hosts lots of cultural events, like *¡Ritmo!*, an annual evening of food, song, and dance to showcase and celebrate Latine culture at Rice. They also have a group chat for food recommendations and general chatter!

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

Unidos, podemos compartir nuestro amor y nuestra diversa comunidad que marca el legado latine.

Con cariño,
Juan Rubio (Hanszen '23) and Valentina Osorio (Hanszen '24)

to Black students...

Hey Class of 2025! First and foremost, congratulations and welcome to Rice University! It is so exciting to welcome more brilliant Black students to campus. We can't wait to cheer you on and support you during your time at Rice. Matriculating into a predominantly white university can often be a scary or nerve-wracking experience. Some of us come from communities that are filled with people who look like us, and others do not. Regardless, being apprehensive as a Black student on campus is normal and okay. While we are a small community, we make a lot of noise :).

When you arrive on campus, not only will you be welcomed by the amazing community at Hanszen, but also the amazing Black community here. There are so many different organizations that will allow you to explore your culture, grow in your academics, and meet people that will be there for you throughout your time at Rice and beyond. Some of these clubs include the Black Student Association, Rice African Student Association, Caribbean Student Association, National Society of Black Engineers, DAWA Minority Pre-Health Society, Black Male Leadership Initiative, Rice Black Women's Association, and more! The students, staff, and faculty are all SO amazing and come from so many diverse backgrounds. One of the great things about our community is that it is so inclusive, and everyone is encouraged to express their Blackness in their own unique way.

Although there might be so many different paths that you can take during your time at Rice, know that you don't have to choose between being a part of the Hanszen community and being a part of the Black community. You will find your community on this campus and we are so excited to see you flourish and help you find that community, wherever it may be! Know that we, the Black community, and the Hanszen community are rooting for you as you embark on this experience. Welcome home!

Temilade Dada (Jones '23)
Morgan Seay (Hanszen 22')

to Jewish students...

Hello!

First of all, welcome to Rice- and to Hanszen. You're going to have a great few years.

Rice, as well as Houston, has a strong, sizable, and diverse Jewish community- no matter what your practices are, you'll be well supported here.

There's probably a lot of questions you have about Jewish life at Rice, and this letter isn't going to come close to answering all of them. Please please feel free to reach out to either of us if you have any questions.

You might be wondering if there are any convenient synagogues. There are- Houston Hillel is a couple blocks away on Bissonet, an easy walk (but they will pay for your Uber if you ask.) Congregation Emanu-El, at the corner of Rice Boulevard and Sunset, is also open to students- as are positions on its religious school faculty, which pay \$20/hr (feel free to ask Moses for a reference- he worked there for two years.) If you're more on the Orthodox side of things, you might consider Chabad at Rice, which serves homecooked Shabbat dinners every Friday night. (More on Chabad, and Hillel, later!) During the high holidays, Hillel typically holds free services at the Rice Chapel, a five minute walk from Hanszen; on Simchat Torah, Chabad's rabbi can usually be found outside Brochstein Pavilion with a set of tefillin. (Chabad and Hillel work together on the sukkah, and each hold seders.) Long story short- you've got plenty of places to worship at and near Rice.

Of course, it's not just finding a place- it's making sure you're supported, like when a test gets scheduled for Yom Kippur. Rice will come through for you there too. If a test or mandatory event conflicts with a holiday in a way that'll make it impossible for you to attend, professors at Rice are obligated to accommodate (although if the test date appears on the syllabus, it might be on you to email them as early as possible.) If you keep strictly kosher, email the good folks at H&D and they'll accommodate you, sourcing and delivering kosher meals.

If you're interested in learning more about your Jewish identity, meeting other Jews at Rice, etc., there's a lot of good options. Hillel holds a Jewish Life Fellowship discussion series every semester, with a stipend of \$150; ditto for Chabad's Sinai Scholars program, with a stipend of \$350. (\$500 if you coordinate the program; ask about that at the start of the semester, if you're interested.) There's also a Rice Jewish Studies program, which holds formal classes about Jewish history, culture, and faith- a minor is available if that's your preference, but there aren't prerequisites for most of the classes, so you can also take one or two classes that spark your interest. Rice also manages the Houston Jewish Archives. They're a great resource if you need some old primary sources- or if you need an on-campus job, since they're always looking for research assistants. On the social side, Houston Hillel holds free bagel lunches every week at Brochstein Pavilion, or outside RMC when the weather's good. (Hillel also has a fund to pay for Jewish social events, so if you and a couple friends cook a Shabbat dinner together, believe it or not, you can get reimbursed for the ingredients.)

There's other cool stuff you should know about- even though this letter's getting kind of long. There's a big Jew Crawl every year, where Jews across campus hold parties at their dorm rooms. There's free trips available to DC for AIPAC and J Street; Hillel coordinates the trips, so reach out to Rabbi Kenny Weiss. There's also an annual free research trip to Israel and Palestine, also hosted by Rabbi Kenny Weiss, although there are a limited number of seats. And if you're sick, reach out to the good folks at Chabad; Nechama, the rebbetzin, always has a LOT of matzah ball soup and will literally drop off a Tupperware container of it at your dorm. It is very good and re-warms well. The rabbi at Chabad, Shmuli Slonim, makes God-tier rugelach. (Chabad also hands out care packages, holds finals study rooms, and does weekly baking for the families of recuperating patients at Aishel House, so there are reasons to drop by other than rugelach, but the rugelach alone is more than worth the walk.)

Alright, so we didn't make it quick. It's a long letter, and we hope it's full of information you'll find valuable in your first year, but if you only take one thing from it, we want it to be this: Rice, and Hanszen, are a place where people will look out for you- the university, the Jewish student groups, and the Rice community writ large.

Goodbye for now—and welcome to Hanszen!

Moses Glickman (Martel '22)
Sadie Siegel (Lovett '24)

to LGBTQ+ students...

Hey Class of 2025!!! Welcome to Hanszen College! As members of the LGBTQ+ community, we want to introduce ourselves, and tell you a little about what to expect as part of the community at Rice.

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

In terms of life at Rice, the LGBTQ+ community is visible on campus and the Hanszen and overall Rice community is, as a whole, supportive of those who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. If you would like formal support, there are a number of options on campus. Rice Pride and other academic or interest specific clubs provide groups of students that are part of the community. (If comfortable doing so, feel free to join the Rice Pride GroupMe for general LGBTQ+ chatter!) The Queer Resource Center is located in the Rice Memorial Center, and serves as a safe space and a resource should you need any support. The Wellbeing and Counseling center is also always available to help students through mental health issues. Regardless of where you are on your journey, you will be supported both in exploring and sharing your identity to any extent you are comfortable, just as you will be supported in all the other challenges that come with being a college student!

There's also a number of LGBTQ+ events you won't want to miss. Every semester, (except for the last couple, of course,) there's a Queer Crawl, an LGBTQ+ party put on by students across campus. Every year, there's a Pride Week, with events ranging from parties in various college quads, to panel discussions, to drag shows.

We are SO excited to welcome you to Rice and the diverse LGBTQ+ community here! Please reach out to us if there's anything we can do to support you.

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Moses Glickman (Martel '22)
Jackie Wu (Jones '24)
Anushka Agrawal (Hanszen '24)
Isabelle Scott (Hanszen '22)

to FGHI students...

Dear Hanszen First-Gen/Low Income (FGHI) students,

Congratulations! Seriously. In spite of the struggles you faced, the benefits you missed out on, the self-teaching you had to do, and all the little moments of confusion you had to dig your way out of, you made it to one of the top private universities in the nation. Over half of the students here (64 percent, to be exact) come from the top 20% of wealthy families in the US, meaning that they had way more help than you did making it to Rice, but you're here anyway. That's amazing, and you're amazing. To top it all off, you even made it to Hanszen, the literal best college at Rice :)

You've made it incredibly far, and you're coming to a great place that's filled with tons of genuinely helpful and amazing people, but I'll be honest with you: sometimes, it can be tough at a place like this. The culture here might feel very different from home, and it might be a little difficult to adjust accordingly. Plus, given the vastly different backgrounds of other new students and all their incredible talents, you might occasionally feel like you don't belong, have trouble fitting in, or even start to wonder if you should be somewhere else—I certainly did a few times after O-Week.

So, first things first, you are not going to be alone in those feelings. Rice recognizes and embraces the diversity of its students, and there are resources available to help smooth out the ups and downs of your transition. At Hanszen (as well as every other college), you'll find a Financial Accessibility Fund, the usage of which is confidential and is overseen by our Magisters. You might also see occasional stipends offered by Hanszen committees for on-campus events to make sure the price is ridiculously low and the accessibility is ridiculously high. At Rice in general, you'll find even more resources, such as the Student Success Initiative (which has lots of its own resources to offer) and the Wellbeing Center, which offers free in-person counseling.

Rice is committed to an all-inclusive Culture of Care, and Hanszen is committed to being a supportive and helpful environment. Asking for help can definitely be scary, but you've come to an incredible supportive place where you're sure to find all the help that you need to thrive. You'll learn a lot more about the resources available to you during O-Week, but for now, rest assured that there are lots of resources and lots of people here for you!

Every single student that was admitted to Rice brings something new and special to the table, and I promise that includes you, and I promise that you absolutely belong here! I'm super proud of every FGHI student I meet, and I can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll do at Rice. I can't wait to meet you!

Juan Rubio (Hanszen '23)

to transfer students...

To the matriculating transfer Hanszenites, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the Rice community and express my sincere congratulations! My name is Amey and I joined Hanszen last year after transferring from a public university back in my hometown of Chicago, IL. Like any major adjustment in life, transferring schools was a source of great change, and with that immense growth as well. For that reason, I'm so excited to see you all come into your own and experience everything you may have sought out when you took that first big step of applying to Rice and so much more. That said, when experiencing growth, you may also feel growing pains, anywhere from navigating your credit transfer to adapting to the unique social scene at Rice. I want you all to know if you find yourself feeling lost or challenged in this way, you are not alone, and that there is a vast support network of people here that want to see you succeed. I strongly encourage you to connect with the wonderful advisors, PAAs, H-team, as well as everyone else at Hanszen and beyond supporting your transition here. And, of course, me and the rest of the Transfer Student Association (TSA)! Even though I won't be Advising at O-Week, I'll still be a helpful resource for you if you ever need anything or just need someone to listen.

Amey Maley (Hanszen '23)

to international students...

Dear international students,

Welcome to Hanszen, the only residential college that matters! We are Chloe Hur, a junior from Seoul, South Korea, and Madhu Venkatesalu, a junior from Chennai, India. Transitioning to college is a big step for everyone, but we know for international students, this transition can seem especially overwhelming. As you adapt to attending school in a new country, culture, and language, there will be times where you find yourself confused and need help. But don't worry! Alongside us, there are multiple resources available to you. The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) is a great resource for students that assists with matters such as immigration or cultural adaptation. Whether it's questions on how to make a bank account, or plans for Thanksgiving Break when you can't go home, the OISS is here to help.

We won't lie; there will be times when you feel especially homesick. Though your struggles may be unique, please do not feel like you are alone! There are various student associations, like Rice International Student Association (RISA) and over 70 cultural groups where you can find a community of support. Additionally, Houston is one of the most diverse places in America, with a large immigrant population. Take the time to explore outside the hedges, and find something in this city that reminds you of home.

Most importantly, be proud of being an international student! Our diverse student body is what makes Rice special; share your experiences and perspectives with your peers, and learn from friends with different backgrounds. Very soon, you will find family at Hanszen and at Rice, and a home away from home.

Madhu Venkatesalu (Hanszen '23)
Chloe Hur (Hanszen '23)

financial Accessibility

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

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

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



Wellbeing at Hanszen

Rice Health Advisors

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

RHAs are trained on mental health and wellness topics such as being an ally, stress relief, suicide prevention, and body acceptance, among other topics. They are here if you need to discuss a personal problem or issue in a confidential setting, or if you just want to learn more about the organization. RHAs provide health supplies including alcohol wipes, Aminofen (Tylenol), antibiotic ointment, antiseptic, Astroglide, Band-Aids, cloth tape, condoms, cough drops, earplugs, elastic bandages, Ibuprofen, hydrocortisone cream, ice packs, sterile gauze pads, tampons, and maybe other supplies. Feel free to ask! RHAs keep a supply kit in their rooms, and there is also an RHA locker in the commons.

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STRIVE Liaisons

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

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

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Academic Resources

Peer Academic Advisors

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

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Hanszen Mentors

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

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Divisional Advisors

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

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Peer Career Advisors (PCAs)

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

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Hanszen Spaces

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

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

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

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

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

LAUNDRY ROOM: Located in the back left corner of Commons, the Laundry Room is equipped with many washers and dryers! Its services are free—no need to bring quarters.

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

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

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

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

PDR: Short for Private Dining Room, this room is located in Upper Commons 207, and it is used for fancy dining, private meetings, or ultraquiet studying.

SUNDECK: Located on the 4th floor of Old Section, the sundeck is a great place to hang out with friends, sunbathe, or enjoy a great view of Houston and the Rice campus.

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

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

Additionally,
Hanszenites will have
access to a variety of
Old Sid common
spaces to use as they
see fit!

Housing & Dining

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



Student Maintenance Rep (SMR)

Kian Robinson SMR, SOPA | COMP. Hanszen '24

Kian Michael Bradley "Wanna go to Chipotle?" Robinson is your best resource during O-Week, as long as you address him by his full name. This rising sophomore hails from Carmel, Indiana (from which he gained his appreciation for roundabouts) and is double majoring in Social Policy Analysis and Computer Science with a minor in Data Science. If you need help with any maintenance tasks, find Kian at breakfast loading his plate with potatoes and he'll get you sorted. Kian loves to talk about veganism, help you loft beds, and do just about anything else, so come to him for all matters vegetable, animal, or mineral. -Alan Tapper, Hanszen '24 and Arnav Burudgunte, Hanszen '24



Serveries

Food at Rice has consistently been rated among the best in the country. There are 5 serveries on campus. In order of proximity to Hanszen, South serves Wiess and Hanszen; Seibel serves Lovett, Will Rice and Sid; Baker serves Baker; West serves McMurtry and Duncan; and North serves Martel, Jones, and Brown.

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

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

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



Last Minute Reminders

Before Arrival:

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

At Rice:

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

final Thoughts

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

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

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

Much love,

*Team Birthday cake
Bianca, Amber, & Kourtney*

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

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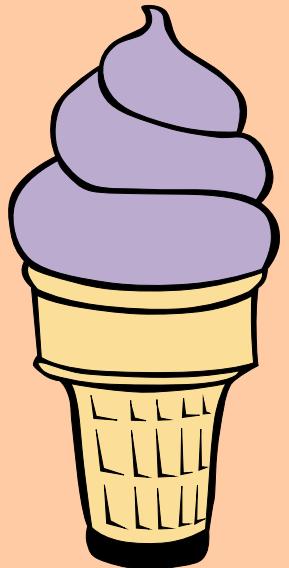
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