

Lovett College



Typ0-Week 2019:
It's Okay to Make Misteaks

To the Newest Members of Lovett College,

It is with great joy and excitement that we, your O-Week Coordinators, say welcome. Welcome to the place that we hope will become your home away from home for the next four years.

Welcome to Lovett College. You are now, and forevermore, a Lovetteer!

For many of you, the choice of what university to attend may have been a difficult one to make; for others, Rice may have been the obvious choice. Regardless, this arbitrary assignment to "Lovett College" may seem insignificant and of lesser importance. However, we promise that it means so much more and will have a greater impact than you may realize. Whether it be the mid-day screams of Lovetteers playing Smash, the late night conversations about anything in Commons, or the amazing people that make up Lovett and Rice, we hope that you may call Lovett College home.

A little over ninety students will join you from all over the world as the Lovett Matriculating Class of 2019. Together, you will soon commence on what we hope will be an extraordinary and transformative college career as Rice students, but more importantly, as Lovetteers. We, your college O-Week Coordinators, have worked for nine months to plan a week-long "preview" of Lovett and Rice to ease your transition into this new adventure. This week of orientation, or as we like to call it O-Week, will hopefully give you some insight to the numerous resources you have as a Rice student, and give you the confidence to embark on your college journey and take it in the direction that you want.

This book will introduce you to Lovett and some of the people that will act as crucial resources and support systems throughout your years here at Rice. We hope that this book will help answer some of the questions you may have. Every New Student will receive a college specific O-Week book, which will be similar in structure, but different in theme. Our theme this year is TypO-Week: It's Okay to Make Mistakes. This theme aligned with our mission for creating an open and honest atmosphere where our New Students could feel comfortable being vulnerable with themselves and their peers. Although failure is intimidating and hardly wanted, we wanted to focus on the positives that come out of failure and the way it could spur growth, especially when you have a community of loving and caring people to support you through every step of the journey.

From all of our rumbling, you have probably figured out that Lovett is near and dear to our hearts. Having the pleasure of calling Lovett home has been such a positive influence during our time at Rice. We took this role, so that we may introduce the next generation of Lovetteers to our community. Whether you are nervous or excited for what is to come, we want you to know that Lovett is now your second home.

With Love,
Armando Amigon, Matthew Burns, & Mira Dani



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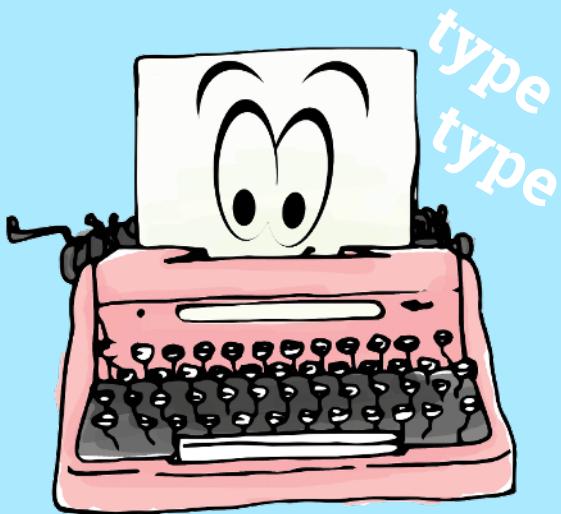
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"Anyone who has never made a mistake
has never tried anything new."

- Albert Einstein

Important Information

Your Lovett Mailing Address



(Your Name)
Lovett College
6310 Main St.
Houston, TX 77005

**Please note that you can only mail or ship things to arrive after August 18th. Our space is too limited and not 100% secure, so please bring important items with you. There will be time to purchase other personal items during and after O-Week.

Some Useful Contacts

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*Please note that the primary mode of communication in college is your Rice email. The O-Week Coordinators, Rice Admissions Office, Professors, the College Magisters, the Adult Team, and even other Rice students will use email to communicate with you so PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL- even during the summer! We suggest checking at least every night or every morning. You do not want to miss anything important.

Tentative O-Week Schedule

Sunday

- Move-In
- Lunch with Families
- O-Week Group Ice Breakers
- Matriculation

Monday

- Intro to Academics
- Faculty Address
- President's BBQ
- Rice Groups

Tuesday

- Academic Planning
- Diversity Talks
- Academic Fair
- Rice Rally
- Wellbeing Talks

Wednesday

- Academic Advising/Planning
- Associates Dinner
- RAH RAH FUN

Thursday

- Academic Advising/Planning
- O-Week Thing
- RAH RAH FUN

Friday

- Course Registration
- Campus Tours
- RAH RAH FUN

Saturday

- RPC Welcome Back Day



Schedule is not set in stone.
It is subject to change

Getting to Lovett

Flying to Houston

Houston is served by **George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)** and **William P. Hobby (HOU)**. SuperShuttle provides service from both airports directly to campus. The SuperShuttle ticket counter is in terminals A, B, C, & D at the lower level baggage claim area.



From IAH: The base fare is \$29, plus \$7 for each additional passenger (45 min - 1hr).

From HOU: The base fare is \$23, with an additional \$7 charge for each extra passenger (30-45 min).

Driving to Houston

From IAH Follow signs to US-59 South. Follow the "From 59" directions below.

From US-59 Exit Greenbriar and head south. Turn left onto University. Then turn left on Main. Make a left onto Cambridge St. (**Entrance 3**), and you will see Lovett on the left.

From Hobby Follow signs to 45 North, then exit 610 West. Follow the "From 610" directions below.

From 610 Exit Main and head north. Continue along Main past University and turn left onto Cambridge St. (**Entrance 3**)

Hotels

If your family would like to stay around Houston after they drop you off there are plenty of options. Here are a few:

Marrriott - Medical Center
6850 Fannin St.
713-796-0080
www.marriot.com

Motel 6 - Houston Reliant Medical Center
9911 Buffalo Speedway
713-668-8082
www.motel6.com

Resident Inn - Medical Center/Reliant Park
7710 South Main St.
713-660-7993
www.residenceinn.com

Hilton Houston Plaza/ Medical Center
6633 Travis St.
713-313-4000
www.hilton.com

Best Western Plaza Hotel & Suites at Medical Center
6700 South Main St.
713-522-2811
www.bestwesterntexas.com

Holiday Inn - Medical Center
6800 Main St.
713-528-7744
www.holidayinn.com

Days Inn Downtown - Medical Center
4640 Main St.
713-523-1817
www.daysinn.com

Hotel ZaZa
5701 Main St.
713-526-1991
www.hotelzaza.com

AirBnB is always a good option for staying overnight in Houston too! (Check out options in Houston at www.airbnb.com)



What to Bring

Light Summer Clothing - Houston is HOT, and you'll want comfortable clothes for walking around campus outside. You may also want to bring a few items that you don't mind getting messy for O-Week. It does get colder later into the year, though, so consider a coat and warmer clothing for later on in the semester!

Rainy Weather Accessories - Houston has very unpredictable weather, so keep an umbrella on hand for random showers! Rice is also flat, so when it rains huge unavoidable puddles form. Bring shoes you can get wet, even if rain boots aren't your thing.

Some Nicer Outfits - You'll need to wear dressy casual clothes at least twice during O-Week!

Bedding - Bring **Twin Extra-Long sheets and a pillow!** You can find good deals on bedding sets at Target or Wal-Mart.

Hanger/Closet Organizers - Each Lovett room has two closets.

Insurance Information & Identification (i.e., Driver's license, Passport, etc.). If you plan to work on or off campus then your passport and social security card maybe helpful.

Extension Cords/Power Strips/Chargers - There are power strips for use while in the Commons, but you may want to bring one for your room!

Laptop - The most common are PCs or Macbooks- it comes down to personal preference. There are also PCs and Macs available in the Lovett basement and in Fondren library.

Snacks - For those moments when the servery is closed and you've got the munchies!

Other Electronics - Non-wireless printers, TVs, mini-fridges, microwaves, irons, coffeemakers, and water boilers are all allowed. As a note the basement and library have printers already, and the Lovett Commons has a TV. There's also a kitchen with a fridge, stove top, oven, microwave, and some kitchen supplies if you're feeling culinary!

What is O-Week?

Rice's Orientation Week (fondly referred to as O-Week) is an experience unlike any other. O-Week is a fun-filled introduction to all things Rice and Lovett. It's a week-long, student-run exploration of every facet of Rice. O-Week is meant to be a time where you settle into Lovett and become familiar with campus, your room, new friends, and new classes.

Half of the week will prepare you academically for the upcoming year, including getting your fall schedule set up and coming up with a (tentative) outline for your degree. Every academic question you have will be answered by one of our qualified academic personnel, including Faculty Advisors in your area of interest and Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs). Another awesome resource is your very own Lovett advising team! Make sure to seek out Advisors who share your area of interest and ask them for tips about classes/professors; they'll be more than happy to help. You will also have the chance to sign up for a huge variety of clubs/student-run organizations around campus and be introduced to a slew of important folks on campus.



The other half of O-Week is devoted to getting you accustomed to both Rice's and Lovett's specific college culture and social life. Your O-Week group will be made up of seven to eight other new students, coming from diverse backgrounds and varied academic interests. The leaders of your group will be your 4 student Advisors (3 from Lovett and 1 Co-Advisor from another college). Your Advisors will be your enthusiastic guides through O-Week, introducing you to all of our unique traditions. Your O-Week group is a support structure that stays in place long after O-Week and is there for you throughout your time at Rice. You will get to know your roommates and suite-mates as well, and you'll get the chance to make friends with your fellow Lovetteers and new students across campus. You'll also get to know our awesome Lovett adult leadership.

By the time class starts on August 26th, you'll be fully integrated as a proud member of Lovett College. O-Week is a unique Rice phenomenon, and we pride ourselves on having an orientation unlike any other. It's an experience that sticks with Rice students for years, and many people look back on their O-Week as a highlight of their time at Rice. At its core O-Week is the common bond that all Rice students share, and it sets a great foundation for your years to come at this wonderful institution.

What to Expect



Nothing quite says welcome to college like a bunch of strangers running up to your car and screaming your name! While some of you might be just about peeing your pants with nerves and some of you see starting college as just another day in the scheme of life, we hope to make your first day as exciting and comfortable as possible. After you drive in through Entrance 3 on Sunday morning, you will be directed to the road alongside Lovett. As you park, your three Advisors from Lovett and a Co-Advisor from another college will head over to your car to help you with your luggage to show you where to check in and get your room keys. The next couple of hours will seem like a whirlwind! You will have until noon to move your things into your room and get situated.

At noon, you will have lunch in the upper commons with the rest of the new students and their families. After that, it's time to say goodbye to your family members who will have their own orientation to attend. You will be whisked away by your Advisors and the rest of your O-Week group, seven to eight new students who will become your Rice "family." You will be introduced to your O-Week group, participate in icebreakers to get to know your new fellow Lovetteers, have dinner, and take part in the time-honored tradition of Rice Matriculation. At the end of the night, you will shut your eyes after an exhausting but exciting day! Trust us, you will need the sleep. O-Week is going to be a fast paced, entertaining introduction to your new life at Rice.

Lovett

"Failure is so important. We speak about success all the time. It is the ability to resist failure or use failure that often leads to greater success."

- J.K. Rowling

Lovett History

In 1957, the residential college system began—a decision made to unite students of all academic paths and give them a space that would encompass all campus life. Rice's college system began with the founding of Baker, Will Rice, Hanszen, and Wiess as all-male colleges and Jones to house women. Brown was built shortly after as another all-female college.

Although the college system was perfectly good, then-president Kenneth S. Pitzer knew that something was lacking from this glorious institution. In a momentous meeting with the Board of Trustees, he uttered these fateful words: "I want you to build a new college, six stories high. It shall be surrounded with grating, to protect those who dwell within. And I want you to populate it with the finest male students on this campus. And you shall call the college Edgar Odell Lovett College, after the first president, who guided this Institute fair and true, when it was young."

Immediately, construction on Rice's crown jewel began, and in 1969, Edgar Odell Lovett College opened its indestructible, riot-proof doors. Lovett's legacy quickly rose to legendary status, for at their first Central Committee meeting, the body voted to disband and spend the entire budget on beer, portable swimming pools, and blinking Christmas lights. It soon became clear that the grating served more to protect the outside world from Lovetteers, rather than the other way around.

But in 1980, Rice realized that the title of "Lovetteer" was too great to be confined to a single gender. President Norman Hackerman decreed that women from Jones College were to be exchanged with Lovett males, and Lovett became co-ed. Later

colleges expectedly failed to live up to Lovett's impossibly high standards. Sid Richardson College was built two years after the founding of Lovett. Built on Lovett's parking lot, Sid Rich college became our colony and operates as a rogue province. Martel was built as Rice's first dormitory (there is a long standing debate about its status as a residential college), and the eco-friendly twins McMurtry and Duncan were the last addition to the college system in 2009.

Amidst these edifices, Lovett stood out as a beacon of awesomeness and has been rewarded with Beer Bike victories, President's Cup dynasties, an alumnus who founded Texas's oldest craft brewery, a Nobel laureate former magister, and much, much more. Today, Lovett is known for its consistently amazing incoming class, its strong IM and college sports teams, the great parties, an incredibly strong commons culture, an epic mud-fight at Beer Bike, an extraordinarily inclusive, caring community, and much, much more.

Though people far and wide have come to leave their mark on what is affectionately known as "the best college," the story is not over. History is in the past, and tradition informs the present, but the future of this place is up to you.



Lovett Traditions

Fall Public (Lovett City Limits)

Lovett proudly hosts one of the first public parties of the fall semester! It is a privilege we've earned and held for DECADES. The main focus of the party is to introduce the New Students to the high level at which we throw themed parties on Rice campus. This party used to be called Getcheroxxoff but has recently been revamped into Lovett City Limits! So get with your friends, come up with cool music festival themed costumes, and show Rice that Lovett knows how to party!



Casino Party

Lovett's Casino Party is a classy soirée, and one of the most anticipated events of the Spring Semester. Lovetteers dress to the nines in their fanciest clothes to enjoy a night of dancing, gambling, and living the high life. Casino Party has been both a campus wide public party and Lovett-exclusive private party in years past, and has included such decorative elements as a James Bond city, light designs using Lovett's grating, and professionally managed tables for your favorite games.



(The) Commons

One of the most unique aspects of Lovett College is our amazing "Commons" areas, which are always a hub of activity. During every meal, the "Upper Commons" is full of Lovetteers hungry for food and socialization, and even during the wee hours of the night, at least one Lovetteer

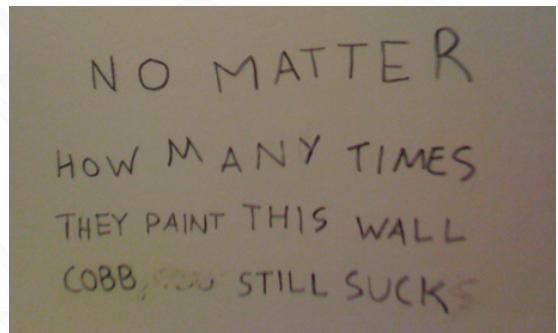
is bound to be awake and "studying". "Lower Commons" includes game tables, couches with a TV area, and lockers for off-campus Lovetteers. These days, there is a heated debate (dubbed the Lovett Civil War) among Lovetteers on whether the proper name is "Commons" or "the Commons".



Lovett Traditions

Cobb Wall

Back in the day, food was shipped in from a central campus kitchen and freshmen were made to serve upperclassmen dinner before eating their own food. The infamous "Cobb" was the Lovett maître de and not well liked at all. A particularly rebellious Lovett freshman whose name has been forever lost to memory immortalized Cobb by writing "Cobb Sucks" on the Commons' bathroom wall. Housing and Dining (H&D) painted over the wall, and it was rewritten. Over the years H&D has attempted to cover the message, and Lovetteers have responded by reaffirming how much Cobb still sucks.



The 2nd Floor Sundeck

Located on Lovett's second floor next to the staircase is a fabulous sundeck. Outfitted with cozy chairs, a hammock, and a table, the sundeck is a great place to relax, tan, or socialize. Lovett events like the graduation party and College Nights happen on the sundeck!

The Auction, Willy Week, and Beer Bike

Beer Bike is one of the biggest annual events Rice holds. Every year, Lovett holds an auction in Lyle's to raise money for events during the week leading up to Beer Bike (known as Willy Week) in which students auction off things they have made or services they can provide - Shoutout to Patrick Young, Class of 2019, who bought a mention in this book at the Auction. The events during Willy Week range from filling up water balloons to the famous Lovett Dodgeball Tournament. It all leads up to Beer Bike, which you'll learn much more about when you get here.



Lovett Traditions

EOL Day

Late in April, Lovett College celebrates the birthday of Edgar Odell Lovett, its namesake and Rice's first president, with an all-day outdoor festival. Join your fellow Lovetteers in celebrating another year well spent at Lovett with giant inflatable slip and slides, great food, and music and dancing in the lovely Houston sun.

College Rivalries

Sid Richardson College

The Sid Colony casts an ominous specter over the shining visage of Lovett College. Sid Richardson Colony was built two years after Lovett, in OUR PARKING LOT. So, logically, Lovett claimed the new building as its rightful colony. During certain times of the year (O-Week, Beer Bike, Finals) the Sid Colonists become quite rebellious and must be put in their rightful place! Lovett crusades valiantly to restore order to the land that was once rightfully ours - such is our rivalry with Sid.



Will Rice College

You learn during Tea Trike that Lovett has a rivalry of a very different kind with Will Rice. The main difference between our two colleges is how we carry ourselves. Will Rice takes itself way too seriously and has a very singular focus on Beer Bike. At Lovett, we are a bit more relaxed. While we perform exceptionally well on and off the field (We are the only college to have won the President's Cup FIVE TIMES IN A ROW), we value having a good time above all else. So, get ready for Tea Trike, paint your chest, and mark your territory.



Lovett Government

Central Committee (CC)

According to Lovett legend, the first Lovetteers formed a government known as the Central Committee (CC) as a tongue-in-cheek reference to the Soviet Union. To form a more perfect union, our forefathers voted to disband the first CC meeting and to spend the entire first year's budget on beer. Fortunately or unfortunately, we do not currently follow the example of our forefathers. Now, the Central Committee is headed by the Executive Committee (President, CJ, IVP, EVP, Secretaries, and Treasurers) and manages a sizable budget and large group of representatives and committees. Most of what is done at the college is student run. Tuesdays at 10 pm, CC meets in the lower commons to discuss both Lovett and campus-wide issues, to make announcements, and most importantly, to chow down on snacks. Anyone is welcome at these meetings to make comments or announcements, so please come join us and catch a glimpse of how our college keeps functioning (especially because some of you will hold positions on CC some day!)



Executive Committee

President Chloe Oani (cpo2@rice.edu)

Runs CC, represents Lovett to the SA and administration, generally oversees goings-on, carries Lovett crest into battle.

Chief Justice (CJ) Laura Yordan (ly30@rice.edu)

Keeps Lovett safe and in order at all times, and perpetuates our culture of care.

External Vice President (EVP) Jayson Taylor (jvt1@rice.edu)

In charge of ambiance funds, space requests, and overseeing committees. Works with H&D.

Internal Vice President (IVP) Mak Jankovsky (mkj7@rice.edu)

Runs Room Jack, Parking Jack, and elections; oversees appointed positions.

Secretaries Camsy Huang (cyh3@rice.edu) and Krystal Cheung (kcc4@rice.edu)

Let you know what happened at CC meetings and last weekend; send out announcements and manage listserv.

Treasurers Michael Young (mbv1@rice.edu) and Claire Boschert (ckb3@rice.edu)

Manage the use of our nearly \$50,000 budget, collect bounty on those who don't turn in receipts

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Other Committees

Activities Jake Joseph, Sarah Lasater, and Selin Sayiner

Bring you movie nights, guacamole-making competitions, Super Bowl parties, and more.



Associates Elliot Butterworth, Julia Fisher, and Emmett McComiskey

Organize the Associates program, which is a group of adults in the Houston area who are affiliated with Lovett. and serve as mentors and resources.

Culturals Ranferi Alvilez, Katimah Harper, and Nilka Montero

Keep you in the know about everything Houston culture, subsidize events to free or reduced price. In charge of the Diversity Committee.

Members-at-Large Josiah Jones and Randy Liu

Send out polls and surveys and presents them at CC (many Lovetteer's favorite part of CC).

Pictures from our Fall 2018 Associates Night!

Properties Mike Riccardi, Robert Walsh, and Ben Zaltsman

Buy things to make Lovett more awesome, maintain the awesome things we have and help you store them for the summer.

Socials Emma Duval, Ben Firullo, and Melissa Rusagara

Throw Lovett's public parties with lots of help from New Students like you!

Off-Campus Representatives To Be Elected

Represents off-campus Lovetteers at CC.

Outreach Hannah Anderson and Natalie Pippolo

Organize Lovett service opportunities, connect you to whatever service organizations fit you best.

New Student Representatives This could be you!

Represents your class of Lovetteers at CC, puts on events for new students



Lovett Government

Campus Representatives

Honor Council Rep Sree Yeluri

Represents Lovett students at Honor Council proceedings.

University Court Rep Jake Joseph

Represents Lovett students at U-Court proceedings.

Rice Program Council (RPC) Rep Johnny Wang

Represents Lovett during RPC meetings. Tells us about all the cool events.

Student Association (SA) Senator Ajah Hale

Represents Lovett during the Student Association Senate.

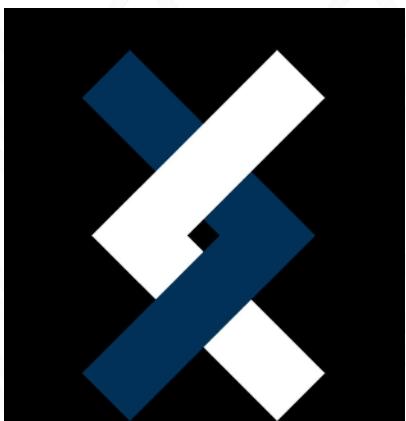


One of the events RPC holds is Beer Bike-- a really fun Rice tradition!

STRIVE Liason- Moushumi Sahu (ms132@rice.edu) and Kusha Gupta (kg28@rice.edu)

STRIVE, which stands for Students Transforming Rice Into a Violence Free

Environment, has the purpose of addressing sexual and domestic violence on campus. If you have any questions about Title IX support, resources available on campus and off campus, or anything in general, feel free to contact the STRIVE Liasons (Moushumi through email or text at (952) 393-3212 and Kusha through email or text at (650) 279-9374). The Rice Counseling Center also provides a 24 hour hotline, whose phone number is (713) 348-3311.



President's Welcome

Dear Lovett Matriculating Class of 2019,

Welcome to the BEST residential college here at Rice University – Edgar Odell Lovett College! Obviously, I'm *slightly* biased when it comes to determining the best college, but if we're looking at an objective statistic (6 President's Cup wins in the past 7 years), Lovett easily stands out from the rest.

As President, I serve a lot of different roles for the college, including "Official Flag Bearer" for special campus-wide occasions. However, I am most excited to join the welcoming party of O-Week Coordinators, Advisors, and Affiliates in introducing you, the next generation of Lovetteers, to the limitless opportunities Lovett and Rice have to offer.

Be prepared for a plethora of different experiences including late night food runs, acapella performances, Ultimate Frisbee in the quad, and every other college cliché. Most importantly, be prepared for a challenge – college is tough. The next few years here at Rice will challenge you in many ways. However, I promise that you are fully capable of overcoming every obstacle that you face.

Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone, don't be afraid to challenge your previous notions, and ultimately, don't be afraid to fail. Everyone you will meet at O-Week has been in your shoes before and is more than willing to help you along the way, but your Rice experience is entirely your own. You will not be defined by the mistakes you make over the next few years, but rather by what you learn from each new experience moving forward.

I can't wait to see how you grow throughout your Rice journey and shape the culture and community here. Along with everyone at this university, I am rooting for your success: not just in conventional terms, but in the new relationships you build, the exciting adventures you explore, and the countless memories you make. Please do not hesitate to yell at me from across the commons or knock on my door. I am here to be a resource for you! (I also stock a ton of snacks in my room so please swing by to satisfy your food cravings!)

Anyways, enjoy the rest of your summer, purchase an umbrella, and get hyped to join the BEST residential college here at Rice: Lovett!

EOL RRF,

Chloe Oani, Lovett President 2019-2020



Meet Chloe

Chloe Oani President / Lovett '21 / SMGT & ECON / Plano, TX

Chloe Oani is most recently from the great town of Plano, TX, but she's a true world traveler. Growing up, she lived in Taipei, Athens, Jakarta, Pearl City, HI and in Carson, CA. While Chloe is your College President, that's not the only uniform she wears—you can often catch her in her tour guide polo, Rice Women's Soccer student manager gear, or in one of her brightly colored Aloha shirts sporting her "Dad on vacation" look. Chloe's enthusiasm is contagious; whether presenting at CC, playing Lovett IM sports in pursuit of the President's Cup, or just dancing like a fish in Commons, she always has a smile on her face and is ready to prove that Lovett really is the best college. Just don't give her any peanuts, shellfish, green peas, and more. Chloe is allergic to a million foods. She doesn't always carry her epipen, and we'd like to keep her around.



--Divya Choudhury (Lovett '21) & Mira Dani (Lovett '20) & Carolina Hatanpaa (Lovett '19)

Meet Laura

Laura Yordan Chief Justice / Lovett '21 / POLI / Franklin Lakes, NJ

Hey Lovett New Students! Meet your Chief Justice Laura Yordan! Laura is a junior studying Political Science with a minor in Business and she's always prepared to tell you why her home state New Jersey is the absolute best. In her (not so) spare time, Laura is a founding editor for the student magazine ASTR*, a Girls Lacrosse Coach at a nearby high school, and Lovett's go-to photographer for professional LinkedIn headshots and spontaneous cute photoshoots. How does she do it? PLENTY of coffee from Rice Coffeehouse and her amazing Spotify



playlists on repeat. Do not hesitate to reach out to Laura for anything; she gives great advice on topics ranging from Rice's Culture of Care to curating your Instagram feed. As a constant presence at Lovett, Laura is really excited to introduce you to your new home.

--Chloe Oani (Lovett '21) & Selin Sayiner (Lovett '22)

Lovett Rooms

Though Lovett rooms are by no means small, chances are you will be faced with the challenge of downsizing your life to fit into it. Lovett rooms are 13' by 15', and contain amenities that can all be rearranged to your liking. Each of these rooms is connected to another mirror-image room by a bathroom to create a suite of 4 people. Rejoice in the private bathrooms because not all residential colleges are lucky enough to have them.

Things Found in Your Future Room:

- 2 **TWIN XL** beds (can be lofted at nearly any height or bunked)
- 2 large dressers
- 2 bookcases
- 2 desks + chairs
- 2 desk cabinets
- 2 trash cans (+ 1 recycling bin!)
- 2 closets - 1 full length - 1 divided into two horizontal sections
- Fire alarm + emergency sprinkler
- Self-controlled AC unit

Bathroom:

- 2 sinks
- Plenty of counter space
- 1 large mirror
- 1 toilet
- 1 shower (with curtain)
- Never-ending supply of toilet paper (courtesy of our wonderful custodial service once a week)
- 4 wire drawers below sink

Things To Consider Bringing:

- Floor/ bathroom rugs (floor is tiled)
- Couch/ futon (requires bunked beds)
- Mini-fridge
- Microwave
- Coffeemaker/ Teapot/ Kettle
- Additional storage space
- Additional lighting
- Pictures, posters, or tapestries
- Laundry basket and/ or hamper (one that is easy to move up and down the stairs)
- Laundry detergent (washing/drying is free, but you need to bring your own high efficiency (H.E.) detergent)
- Dry-erase boards
- Bowls, plates, or silverware
- Snacks for late-night munching
- Another mirror
- Shower caddy or shelf

Make sure to get in touch with your roommate AND suitemates before you arrive so that you don't end up with two TVs and no fridge. At the very least, it gives you an excuse to get to know them better. Finally, rest assured that you will be comfortable in your room-- sometimes, it just requires a little creativity.

Lovett Rooms

Room



Bathroom



Lovett Facilities

The Commons, Lovett Kitchen, and Servery

When entering the Commons, you will find yourself in the Lower Commons, complete with couches, ping-pong, a pool table, and a big TV. Traverse the two steps known as the "Middle Commons" and you will find yourself in the Upper Commons, filled with tables and chairs constantly occupied by Lovetteers who are eating, studying, or hanging out. Through the Upper Commons is the Seibel Servery. "Servery" is Rice's term for a cafeteria, and Lovett shares its Servery with Will Rice. Also located off of the Commons is the Private Dining Room, or PDR, which can be reserved for events. On the other side of the Commons towards the Servery is the Lovett Kitchen. It has a fridge, stove, and microwave so you can create your own culinary masterpieces (or warm up leftovers).



Upper Commons



The Lovett Kitchen



Seibel Servery

Parking

Unfortunately, Lovett does not have enough parking for all of its residents with cars to park in the small lot behind the college. In fact, only about 25 people (usually seniors) get parking spots located right next to Lovett. However, there is plenty of parking in West Lot or Greenbriar Lot, which any student can purchase (more info at: parking.rice.edu). Additionally, students with parking permits are allowed to park in South Lot (parking lot next to Lovett) on weekends, starting at Friday after 5:30 PM and continuing until Monday at 7:30 AM (be sure to move your car, or you will be ticketed and could even be towed).

Lovett Facilities

The Basement

The Lovett basement has two entrances, located below the staircases on either side of the building. To ensure your safety, the basement can only be accessed with a Lovett key. In the basement, there's lots of fun to be had. You can watch a movie, work out in the weight room, practice in the music room, play on one of two pianos in Lyle's or in the Blue Room, browse the web or print in the computer lab, study in the Wiener Hole (a study room across from the computer lab filled with decades of leftover books from graduated Lovetteers), or go to a get-together in Lyle's. Our laundry room is also located in the basement. Take pride in the fact that Lovett has one of the biggest basements on campus!



The Weight Room



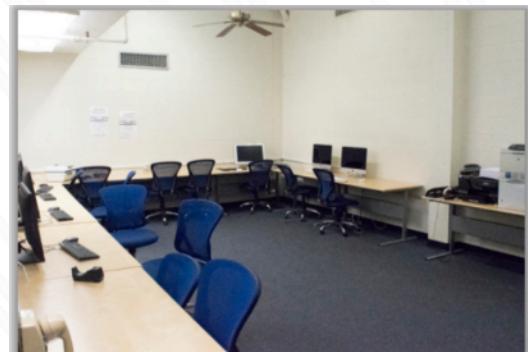
Lyle's



The Wiener Hole



The Blue Room



The Computer Room

Lovett Facilities

The Laundry Room

Thankfully, the laundry room is free! None of that quarters nonsense that they have at other universities. The laundry room is located in the basement of Lovett, on the side farthest from the Commons. Inside you will find 6 washers and 12 dryers available for your use, along with laundry bins. Make sure that you get some high-efficiency (HE) detergent, as all of our washers are HE only. It takes about 30 minutes for a load in the washer, and about 45 in the dryer.

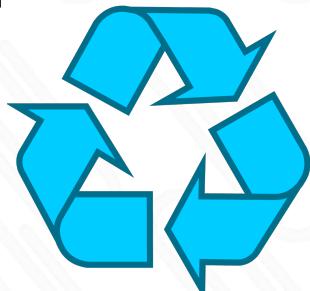


The Elevator

Lovett has one elevator that provides service from the basement to the fifth floor. Note that our college has six floors, not five, which makes moving a little more difficult for sixth floor dwellers. However, people have moved anything from couches to flat screen TVs up the Lovett stairwell, and your advisors will be there to help you move in. Many people are going to try to use this elevator on move-in day, so please be patient as you move into your new room.

Recycling

Every room at Lovett is equipped with a blue recycling bin so that you can recycle paper (that's not waxed or food-stained), glass, plastic, cardboard, etc. Recycling at Rice is single-stream; all general recyclables go into this one container. The cleaning staff at Lovett empties trash as needed, usually every other day. Additionally, you can bring aluminum cans or plastic and glass bottles from your rooms to the gigantic bins in the elevator lobbies on every floor or near the stairs on 2nd and 6th floors. There is also a set of bins in the Lower Commons, where you can recycle batteries and ink cartridges.



People

"Even the knowledge of my own fallibility cannot keep me from making mistakes. Only when I fall do I get up again."

- Vincent Van Gogh

The OWL Team

The OWL (Older Wiser Lovetteers) Team at Lovett is here to provide support, guidance, mentorship, and friendship at your home away from home. The OWL Team gives us the reassurance that adults have our backs during our college years and beyond. Below is a description of each member of the OWL Team. Over your four years at Lovett, they will become familiar faces and hopefully long-lasting friends.

College Magisters

Magisters are the head of any residential college. The Lovett Magisters, Mike Gustin and Denise Klein, live in a house attached to the commons. The Magisters have the final say in most things that go on around Lovett, although most decisions are reached by consensus between them and the student governance. They are there for you if you encounter any academic, disciplinary, family, or other personal issues during your time at Lovett.

Resident Faculty Associate

RFAs are members of the faculty who oversee the academic side of the college. They are involved in college courses taught by Lovetteers, and are resources to Lovett students as mentors with a faculty perspective.



Resident Associates

Unlike at most universities, your RAs are faculty or staff members instead of students. RAs live with you in the Toaster (Lovett) and serve as adult mentors. The Lovett RAs are eager to learn about you and to make you feel at home, so don't hesitate to introduce yourself and use them as a resource!



College Coordinator

The College Coordinator is the secret mastermind behind all things that go on at Lovett. If you don't know where to go or who to ask about something, chances are you should be asking our College Coordinator, Sharon. She has a wealth of knowledge on Lovett past, present, and future: she's pretty much seen it all. She'll know all about you before you set foot at 6310 Main Street, but make sure you stop by her office on first floor to say hi. Things that can be found in Sharon's office: copy machine, mail and packages, stamps, hugs and CANDY.

Magisters: Mike & Denise

We look forward to welcoming you to Lovett, which many people consider to be the best residential college at Rice! As the Magisters of Lovett College, we are here to be your advocates, mentors, advisors and friends. We will have the privilege of being beside you, as you grow personally and academically during your years at Rice. We will be living in a house next to the college, eating most of our meals together with students at the college, and hosting study breaks and other events for students at the house. As Magisters, we will also advocate on behalf of Lovett to the rest of the university community.



Our Professional Backgrounds

Mike is a professor of Biochemistry and Cell Biology and teaches the Introductory Biology course in the fall and the Monster course in the spring. The latter course is a collaborative effort with two humanities professors, one in comparative literature, one in creative visual arts. Mike loves doing cell biology and genetics research, studying how cells respond to stress. Denise is a senior manager of clinical operations and phase I trials for a large global pharmaceutical company. Mike is continually amazed by Denise's frequent conference calls that include people from a truly eclectic mix of countries (e.g., South Africa, Poland, South Korea, Russia, Spain, etc, etc).

Magisters: Mike & Denise

About Our Family

We both have playful personalities, laugh a lot, but are different people. Denise tends to be more of a planner and Mike is a bit more spontaneous. We totally enjoy our time with students, friends, and family. Our immediate family includes Walter, a loving but shy Labrador Retriever. It's the three of us who you will see most. Other members of our family include our two daughters Kelsey and Delancey, Delancey's husband Filip, and our granddaughter Vera. They will only be around occasionally as they live out of state. We met while spending a gap year working in Philadelphia after Denise had graduated from Penn and Mike from Johns Hopkins. We then went to grad school (Denise MPH at Univ of Michigan, Mike PhD at Yale), got married, and moved to Madison, Wisconsin where our children were born. Now here we are at Lovett College, Rice University in Houston, Texas and couldn't be happier.



Our Culture and Hobbies

Mike is originally from the Boston area and Denise from Philadelphia, but Houston has been our favorite city for many years. We look forward to hosting Lovett students and Associates in the Magisters house. Be on the lookout for notices for our Dinner-and-Discussion events with fascinating guests from Rice or the Houston area. Lovett has been dominant in inter-college sports and we love going out to support Lovett students in these events (e.g., both the Lovett women's and men's basketball teams won thrilling championships this past spring!!!). Equally exciting is cheering on the different Rice teams. Rice plays Texas this fall in football – see John F. Kennedy's speech about why that is especially important! We enjoy attending Shepherd School events such as recitals and orchestral performances – especially when we know the student musicians or composers. We have slightly different hobbies although we both were Game of Thrones fans. Mike is on his bicycle a lot and enjoys having students join him in rides with Critical Mass Houston. He seeks out novel restaurants and is a fan of Project Runway, Preacher, and all superhero or Pixar movies. Denise loves dogs, teas, and watching costume dramas such as the Queen, etc. At the Magisters' house, there will be opportunities to join us in watching favorite TV shows or movies. We will also have a few off-beat recommendations for those seeking entertainment outside the hedges of Rice – ask about the unusual free boat ride, the best museum gift shop ever, and where to (safely) see lots of alligators in their natural environment. Remember the Magisters are here to help. If you have questions or problems with academics, adjusting to college, or just need some comfort food, we will be there for you.

RFA: Chris & Katie

Hey Lovett!

We are very excited to start our third year as your RFAs. We are originally from California, where we met in college. As Chris completed his education, we lived in Utah and Ohio before coming down to Houston. Chris is an Associate Professor of Psychology and works at the interface of psychoneuroimmunology, affective neuroscience, and health psychology. He teaches an undergraduate course he created called Stress and Health across the Lifespan. He also teaches graduate courses in Psychoneuroimmunology and Health Psychology. His lab and office are located at the Bioscience Research Collaborative. He especially enjoys mentoring students and postdocs. Katie has a MA in Education and has worked in a nonprofit as an exhibit and program developer and as a classroom teacher. She currently teaches middle school in Houston ISD. We have two daughters who can't wait to meet you- it's been a lonely summer on an empty campus! Maddie is an outgoing 8 year old who loves Star Wars, science, art, animals, and being a big sister. She will be starting 3rd grade this fall. Juliette is a determined 3 year old who likes to play with friends, to sing Baaa Baaa Black Sheep, and "birthday parties that are for me." Our little dog Buddy, is always excited to make new friends even if he is a grumpy old man. He can definitely help you chase away unwelcome squirrels until they realize they are bigger than him! As a family we enjoy spending time at museums, parks, Rice sporting events (go Owls!), and the zoo. We also have family dance parties from time to time but have yet to have any noise complaints as we blast our eclectic music tastes ranging from Trolls to Hamilton Soundtracks. We also are interested in theater, dance, sports, and good food.

-- Chris & Katie



RA: Laura & Geoff

We can't wait to start our fourth year as your first-floor RAs! Laura teaches FWIS with the Program in Writing and Communication. She earned her PhD from Rice's English department in 2015. Geoff is a lawyer with a small litigation practice, The Singhal Law Firm, downtown. He went to UT Austin and UH Law and is a Houston native. We both love playing and watching soccer (go Liverpool!) and are looking forward to organizing outings to see the Dash and Dynamo play, as well as the Rice women's soccer team. We're also big fans of board games—you may find us in the commons playing Killer Bunnies or Settlers of Catan. Join us! And Geoff is always down for a game of pool.



We're also music buffs—Geoff loves listening to classical music and likes to take Lovetteers on outings to the Houston Symphony (they have great student discounts). Laura is a harpist, plays the keys on and off in a rock band, and regularly brings the house down at karaoke. She's excited to meet some fellow karaoke-loving Lovetteers.

Our rescue dog, Cami, is a bundle of squirrel-hunting energy. Cami is somewhere between 4-6 years old and probably a border collie + spaniel mix. She loves going on walks, catching the frisbee, scrambling after lizards, and

chasing the campus bunnies. When you meet her, she'll probably bark at you (vestiges from the shelter life), but once you give her a treat, she'll love you forever.

We're really looking forward to getting to know all of the new Lovetteers! Stop by our apartment on the first floor for tea/coffee, to see Cami's tricks, to nab some stickers from Laura's ridiculous collection, or just for a chat. RRF!



College Coordinator: Sharon

Hey New Lovetteers,

My name is Sharon O'Leary and I am the Lovett College Coordinator (aka: Fairy Godmother of Lovett College, I even have a magic wand). My office looks out over the Lovett Quad where I get to see students coming and going, hanging out, doing tricks on the trampoline, listening to and playing music, practicing dance routines, blowing up water balloons (just wait for spring) oh and even studying. You will pass by my office on the way to anything important or fun, so stop in and get to know me. My office is a great place to start a conversation, ask a question, pick up mail and packages, mail a letter, buy a stamp, borrow office supplies, staple papers, send a fax, copy something, get something notarized, make a cup of tea, and eat candy. My 8 year old "grand puppy" Loki, is a frequent visitor. He is an emotional support dog and a great buddy for stress relief. You will be my 13th class of new students and I am looking forward to meeting each one of you! New students always surprise me. Even though I'll see your pictures and read your roommate forms before I meet you I won't know who you are, who you will become and what you will do here until you show me. Please pay attention to my emails!! I often have very important information that you won't get anywhere else. I might not always know everything, but I am a good resource for information and can guide you where you need to go for anything you might need at Lovett, Rice, Houston, and I can't wait to welcome you "home" on August 18th.



O-Week Coordinators

Who are the Coordinators?

We bet by now you're wondering who these people are who keep mentioning "TypO-Week" and apparently made this book. We're your TypO-Week Coordinators! We are three Lovetteers chosen by Lovett's OWL Team and 2018 Coordinators to plan out your Orientation week at Rice.

We've been working since January to make sure TypO-Week is the best possible first week at Rice for you! Things we've done since then include picking Advisors, Advising Affiliates, putting them into awesome teams, creating this book, finding your roommate and suitemates, and planning all things TypO-Week. We've been on campus all summer planning this week alongside the O-Week Coordinators at the other 10 residential colleges, and we've worked with them to create the campus-wide activities that you'll participate in during the week.

We understand that some of you are pumped for TypO-Week, some are nervous, and some of you may not know how you feel about the transition to college yet. Regardless of where you stand we are here to set you up for success however you define it, and support you as you begin to write your own story. Please never hesitate to contact us anytime before,



during, or after O-Week if you've got any questions, concerns, or just want to talk. We can't wait to meet you!

-- Your Coords,

BAM



Click on our individual coord pictures for some fun surprises

O-Week Coordinators

Armando Amigon (Lovett '21) ELEC Chicago, IL

Hailing from the windy city of Chicago, Armando Amigon is more than ready to be your O-Week Coordinator. Word on the street is, he's been preparing since birth! From your first conversation with him, you'll feel that you have an instant friend; someone who cares about you and who will always be there for you. He's one of the most genuine guys you'll meet, and gives the best hugs. Some think he's a wizard (his favorite movie is *The Prestige*), but that would explain why he was crazy enough to walk outside in torrential downpour during Hurricane Harvey. When he's not too busy signing autographs or posing for pictures, Armando can be found doing ELEC 942 until 5am in the Lovett Commons or making funny faces at you (don't worry, that just means he loves you!). We've known Armando since his first day at Rice, so we can tell you without a shadow of a doubt that he's putting his heart and soul into planning your orientation and can't wait to meet you!

--Akin Bruce (Lovett '19) & Bailey Douglas (Lovett '19) & Carolina Hatanpaa (Lovett '19)



O-Week Coordinators

Mira Dani (Lovett '20) PSYC Las Vegas, NV



Mira Dani is the epitome of the phrase “smol but fierce”. This pre-med psychology major from Las Vegas, Nevada is always up for a challenge, whether it's spending her spring break educating students about children's health inequity, leading the award-winning Rice Rasikas to reach classical Indian dance greatness, or attempting to mud-wrestle people much, much larger than her during Beer Bike. It doesn't take long to become Mira's friend - she will ask you strange hypothetical questions, demand to see your baby photos, and take you on late-night trips to Sonic and Taco Bell in her tiny red car until you feel you have bonded for life. Mira is a bean, a marshmallow, and, most importantly, your O-Week

Coord. She has been working so hard to welcome you to Lovett and to Rice in the most goofy, wholesome, and meaningful way possible, and with her as your guide, you'll feel at home faster than she can finish a bag of Lays Flamin' Hot Potato Chips.

--Rose Kantorczyk (Lovett '20)



O-Week Coordinators

Matthew Burns (Lovett '21)  PHYS  San Antonio, TX

This is Matthew Burns. Enter the world of exercising, rock climbing, and tight red pants. If you can't tell from his pictures, Burns is quite a 'rowdy' guy. Hailing from San Antonio, Texas, and a member of the Class of 2021, Burns is one of the most sociable, friendly, quick-witted Physics majors you will ever meet. He keeps himself busy trimming his beard, doing research on high energy, and working various jobs on campus which means he will add a very mature presence to your O-Week. When he's not grinding out a nasty integral or tinkering over a particle accelerator, you can find him in the Commons joking around, or checking in with fellow Lovetteers. Burns is heavily involved in Lovett culture and always seems to be around. On the surface, Burns looks like he could be a J. Crew model, but deep down he's as much of a teddy bear as his thick beard would suggest. Burns is always willing to lend a helping hand or listen to you—not to mention he's always down for a game of pool.



--Alex Pollatos (Lovett '21) & Matthew Schulze (Lovett '21)



The O-Week Team

Advisors Coadvisors

Every year, Lovetteers and students from other colleges go through a competitive application process to have the privilege of calling you their new student. Advisors are really just like you, except they've been at Rice a bit longer than you have, and move back to Rice a week earlier than O-Week to train and prepare for your arrival. They come from all over the world, from all types of backgrounds, and with all types of interests. Advisors are there to answer absolutely any question that comes to your mind, at any time and, most importantly, to introduce you to the culture of Rice and Lovett so that you can begin to feel comfortable at your new home. When you arrive at Lovett, you will be excitedly greeted by your three Advisors from Lovett and your one Co-Advisor from one of the other ten colleges. This Co-Advisor will be able to provide valuable insight into their own college and Rice. Take advantage of this connection! It's always good to meet people outside of Lovett. Your Advisors know a lot of things through experience, don't forget that they were once in your shoes, too! So ask them about classes, professors, fun things to do in your free time, cool places to go on the weekends, great places to shop and eat around Houston, and pretty much any other thing you can think of. Everyone involved in O-Week wants to help you, and if your Advisors can't help you with a particular questions, there's bound to be someone else who can. And even though they are called O-Week Advisors, we promise they aren't going to ditch you come the first day of classes. They will be there for you throughout the year, and even for the rest of your time at Rice, to serve as both a support system and a social connection.

When O-Week ends and all the upperclassmen start rolling back in, your advisors can introduce you to all of their friends and your fellow Lovetteers, who will also be incredibly eager to meet you. Your first year at Rice is going to be crazy and exciting, and trust us, it will fly by. But it will also be filled with unexpected quandaries like: "Where should I take that cutie who sits next to me in chemistry out to dinner?" and "Is it a good idea to throw this couch off of sixth floor?" Your Advisors will be there to provide the wisdom of experience in both good and bad times.



The O-Week Team

Affiliates

Each O-Week group will also have an Affiliate. Affiliates are Advisors that also have additional responsibility within Lovett O-Week. Affiliates are chosen by some campus-wide organization or else they're chosen by us, your O-Week coordinators. Affiliates are a crucial aspect of their specific O-Week group but also of Lovett O-Week as a whole. Without them O-Week could not run the way we've planned it! Just because an Advisor is an affiliate doesn't mean they won't be there to support you like any other Advisor.

O-Week Assistants (Gophers): Gophers are here to help the Coordinators by running errands for them throughout O-Week. [Luke](#) and [Matthew](#) will make sure we have everything we need in order to make sure this week runs smoothly.

Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs): PAAs will be your go-to resource for all things academic during O-Week. [Sarah](#), [Alex](#), [Claire](#), and [Ben Z.](#) will make sure you have all the knowledge and guidance you need to choose your classes and academic path. The PAAs have spent countless hours training so that when you all arrive they know all the ins and outs of academic rules and requirements at Rice.

Diversity Facilitators (DFs): DFs are here to make sure New Students appreciate and have respectful interactions with their diverse group of peers at Rice. [Nia](#) will put on several workshops during O-Week which are designed to promote diversity at Rice. The DFs are also trained to handle any diversity-related conflicts that may come up during the entire year, so feel free to use Nia during O-Week and beyond.

Resident Health Affiliate (RHA): The RHA is a resource for well-being topics during O-Week. [Johnny](#) will be available to any new student who needs someone to talk to during O-Week. RHAs are trained to listen in one-on-one settings, mediate conflicts between peers, and connect students to well-being resources around campus.

Athletic Affiliate: Our athletic affiliate, [Jake](#), provides support to Lovett's incoming student athletes. We recognize that as student athletes some of our New Students are coming in with extra obligations- Jake's goal is to make this transition as smooth as possible for our student athletes and also help our advisors support them as well.

Student Maintenance Rep (SMR): The SMR is the Lovett liaison to the Housing & Dining (H&D) department. They can loft or unloft your bed for you, help you move furniture around, or help you sort out any issues like broken lights, sinks, or showers.

Photographer: Henry Baring

Our TypO-Week photographer, Henry Baring, is also an affiliate. Henry is bringing his talents to O-Week to help us capture all the beautiful moments that make up this magical transition. Rather than being attached to any one group Henry will be floating between groups during the week so he can take pictures of everyone! Feel free to ask him any questions you may have and talk to him about anything- he's an advisor and has been to all the trainings that anyone else has so he's just as ready and willing to support you as all of us!

Henry Baring (Lovett '20) MSNE Silver Spring, MD

Once upon a time in a land far away, a young infant was born. They named him Henry. He's constantly dreaming of the great land down under, he's actually not from Australia (his dad is though), but if you get him started, he won't stop.

With a camera as his weapon of choice, he works tirelessly to fulfill his destiny in science communication. On his sleeve, he wears a heart of gold, stopping at nothing to slay dragons, take fire videos, or just help your entire suite move out. Talking to Henry is a guaranteed judgment free experience, so go ahead and strike up a conversation with him. Also, give him some spaghetti bolognese, and you'll be thanked endlessly. Always up for a good adventure, invite him along with you. You're bound to get a ton of AMAZING pics and vids that you'll be so thankful to have for your memories.

-- Krystal Cheung (Lovett '21)



Many thanks to Henry who took most of the pictures we used for the book!



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Wangden Sherpa (Lovett '20) COMP Kathmandu, Nepal

Ladies, gentlemen, and future fans, meet Wangden Sherpa a.k.a. Subtle Sherpa a.k.a. Humble Sherpa a.k.a. Wingdings a.k.a. Chef Wang – a man with a big heart and an even bigger head. (Seriously, hats are very hard for him. Number of birthday hats he has tried to put on: 2; number of birthday hats he has broken while trying to put on: also 2.) This senior from Kathmandu, Nepal is a Computer Science major with a minor in having strong opinions about food. Foods Wangden likes include 1AM Whataburger, tea, Instant Beef Teriyaki Flavored Yakisoba, not rice pilaf, and spicy food. Foods Wangden doesn't like include rice pilaf, seafood and arugula. Knowing these foods is key to getting to know Wangden because, much like a zoo animal raised in captivity, the only humans he truly trusts are those who feed him. Unlike a zoo animal raised in captivity, you can usually find Wangden in his natural habitats, which include Lovett commons, the gym, his room at Lovett, the gym, rehearsal for his acapella group, Basmati Beats (which happens to be at Lovett), and the gym. New Students, get ready to enjoy many savage roasts, Liverpool FC games, and guitar jam sessions with this gem of an Advisor.

--Rose Kantorczyk (Lovett '20) & Jia Kim (Baker '20)

Johnny Wang (Lovett BIOC, ENGL San Jose, CA

If you're lucky enough to have Johnny as your Advisor, you're basically the luckiest person alive. A sophomore Biochemistry & Cell Biology and English major, Johnny will not only cross you up on the basketball court but also give you the best Spotify playlists around (would recommend following). Hailing from the Bay Area, catch him in many positions such as Lovett's Rice Health Advisor or RPC Representative. If you ever need somebody to watch Black Panther with, he's your go-to guy, and you can always count on seeing him wearing one of the many hoodies in his collection. Besides all of the things listed above, Johnny is an incredibly hard working, genuine, and easy-going person, who gives his all to everything he does, including being the best Advisor you could ask for.

--Nikhil Gattu (Lovett '22)



Nimisha Krishnaswamy (Lovett '21) BIOE Bangalore, India

Although she may be mini, Nimisha "Nimi" Krishnaswamy has so much love to give. This junior Biomedical Engineer volunteers in most of her spare time, whether she's helping kids at Camp Kesem and PAIR, or working on Global Health technologies in Malawi. She hails from Bangalore, India, which explains why she can't handle the cold. Her talents include getting lost extremely easily (don't ask her for directions), reciting any song lyric you ask, and eating her weight in cotton candy or Taco Bell. You'll never be bored with Nimisha: her infectious spontaneous streak leads to all sorts of adventures, from exploring Houston to late night talks (her secret-keeping skills are unparalleled). Get hyped because y'all have the BEST, most chill Advisor!!

--Stephanie Xie (Lovett '21)



Magdah Omer (Baker '22) BIOE Cary, NC

Though hailing from a quiet town in North Carolina, Magdah has the ability to make herself known everywhere she goes with her shining personality. She is literally THE nicest person you will ever meet and you are incredibly lucky to have her as your O-Week Advisor! Magdah never fails to brighten up anyone's day. She's someone who you can count on to always be around in case you need anything. She is strong minded, ambitious, and beyond dedicated to her studies, work, and her friends. Without a doubt, you'll always catch her in Chaüs, the Multicultural Center, or out and about on the weekends. She loves to thrift, explore Houston, paint, hang out with friends, or go to concerts among many things. She's also heavily involved at Rice as the Rice African Student Association Secretary, Black Student Association Historian, and a Keeper of Coffee. Magdah is truly the light of my life and I hope you feel the same about her!

--Alexus Arizola (WRC '22) & Salome Birhanu (Wiess '22)



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Edward Feng (Lovett '20) COMP Tianjin, China

Meet Edward, a truly wholesome man. Originating from Tianjin, China, this Computer Science major has it all. He is a beast at coding, who mastered the art of acing all of his COMP assignments without pulling all nighters. In fact, he'll be bringing his mad coding skills to Facebook this summer! Not only is Edward a scholar, he is also a star athlete. When he is not busy typing lines of Python, he can be found balling at the Rec. During his freshman year, Edward brought Lovett's freshman basketball team to victory with his 100% accurate three-point shots. If you ever need something to do, just ask Edward to teach you how to ball like a pro. As an Advisor, Edward will always be there for you to talk about anything at all. You will frequently find him in the Lovett Commons eating meals or doing COMP assignments. Most importantly, Edward is one of the nicest, chilliest people I know and will not only be an amazing Advisor, but also a great friend who will always have your back. You are about to have one of the best weeks/years of your life so get hype!

--Kenneth Wang (Lovett '20)



Ben Zaltsman (Lovett '22) ELEC Long Island, NY

WOO! You're easily one of the luckiest new Rice students because your Advisor is the Israeli born prince Ben-Li Zaltsman. Raised in Long Island, New York, Ben is anything other than your typical New York boy. While he's not busy being the man of your dreams with his jaw-dropping 5'4" frame, Ben can be found playing flag football for Lovett, talking about IDF boot camp, or working at the Hoot (Rice's late-night snack spot). As former CEO of the Lovett Banana Pile Committee (ask him about this), runner up for the 2018 Mr. Lovett pageant, and current Lovett properties manager, Ben keeps himself super engaged at Lovett. Ben is an electrical engineering major and can often be found "doing work" (aka procrastinating by playing Tetris on his phone or playing an intense game of pool) in the Lovett commons. While not really a hobby, Ben has been pretty into craisins recently, y'know, cranberry raisins. Nonetheless, Ben is never too busy to listen to all you have to say and is always ready to be your friend. You hit the lottery getting this amazing Lovetteer with a heart as big as the toaster as your Advisor!

--Jake Joseph (Lovett '22)

Emma Brown (Lovett '21) Dallas, TX

Emma Brown, the Archi. Emma is always ready to jam out and dance to some Panic! at the Disco! or any emo music. This Canadian Junior from Dallas, Texas is packed full of kindness. From her southern hospitality to her Canadian politeness, Emma is a real treat! Even though she spends long nights building models in studio, she might spend just as many nights grabbing food with friends or watching John Mulaney comedy specials. Emma is very involved around campus (maybe even too much). She leads a small group in Chi Alpha Christian Ministries, is captain of the cheer team at Rice, and is on the Lovett merch committee, so she's the perfect person to help you find activities that you'll love. Emma C!-A!-N!-T! wait to meet you!

--Max Boekelmann (Jones '21)

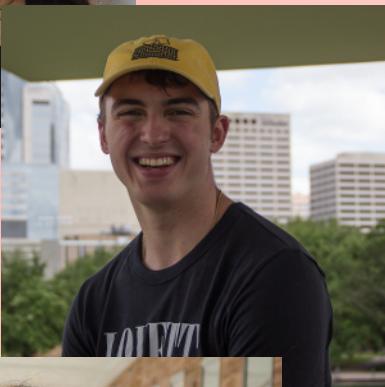
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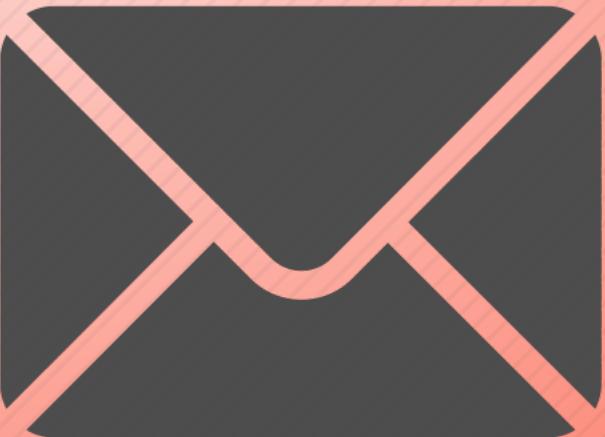
Varsha Varghese (Baker '21) Houston, TX

Have you ever wanted to meet a supermodel in real life? You're in luck because Varsha is the one and only Kaplan cover model on campus! Varsha might have impeccable hair and a killer style, but she's also a beauty with brains. Varsha is a junior pre-med studying Social Policy Analysis and Biochemistry, and you can find her doing everything from organizing academic events as a Head Peer Academic Advisor to running to lab. A native Houstonian, Varsha will hook you up with the best food around town (she knows THE Mr. Yoyo of the classic Yoyo's Hot Dogs) while helping you navigate around campus with her tour guide skills. As Baker's Chief Justice, you can find Varsha running around from party to party with pink handcuffs and a baseball bat, but don't let her title scare you off; she's one of the kindest and most friendly people you'll meet. Varsha has only been on this earth for twenty years, but she is far wise than her age; she knows the best life hacks and gives incredible advice, whether it's about your four-year plan or your life. Most importantly, Varsha is an incredible friend. She'll be there when you need her, both in good times and bad. Congratulations on winning the Advisor lottery - Varsha is beyond excited to welcome you to Rice!

--Spoorthi Kamepalli (Baker '21) & Saniya Gayake (Baker '21)



Sharon's EOLmails:
we'll cc you at 0-Week



Michael Young (Lovett '20) ECON Chapel Hill, NC

Have you ever played Catan? Ultimate Frisbee? Gotten to hear countless corny economic jokes about supply and demand? Well if not, congratulations, because with Michael as your Advisor, at least two of these things are bound to happen. And also congratulations, because you have one of the most kind and empathetic people at Lovett looking out for you. In his free time, this Math Econ major with a Business minor likes to: plan elaborate secret santa gifts, tower over those who try to oppose him in board games, and manage Lovett's budget as the Senior Treasurer. He particularly likes



cashing receipts, so if you ever get a chance to use a p-card: don't! He'd much rather if you spend your own money and later ask him to reimburse you. XD. Despite his humble origins from the tame meadows of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Michael has proven himself to thrive in the harshest of environments, both through his endeavors scrounging food off-campus and from hours of playing the video game Don't Starve Together; definitely a reliable person to help guide you through the wilderness of freshmen year. All in all, he is a grate persimmon.

--Mak Jankovsky (Lovett '20)

Kusha Gupta (Lovett '20) POLI Los Altos, CA

Within my first months of knowing Kusha, she let me borrow her dinosaur onesie and we danced on the Lovett kitchen counter while making pancakes and blasting DJ Khaled. And it doesn't get any less fun with her. Kusha will share (sometimes overshare) with you, she will cry with you, she will laugh with you. She is a responsible party grandma and cares about the wellbeing of her New Students. Hailing from Silicon Valley, Kusha has somehow managed to escape the tech world and will soon become a famous politician. She has been known to leverage Google Forms and Google Sheets to organize large dumpling gatherings. Kusha also loves a good comeback story—she tore her ACL playing soccer a year ago, only to storm Will Rice's team from goalie position and score a goal this past spring. Among Kusha's daily vocabulary are "yoikes," "donkey (Shrek accent only)," and "beebo." You will see what I mean soon enough. Honestly, this bio is too far gone for me to convince you that she is normal. But do not fear—Kusha is one of the most loving, smart, thoughtful humans you will ever meet!

--Kayla Cherry (Lovett '20)

Mike Riccardi (Lovett '22) Mountain Lakes, NJ

Have you ever met a real firefighter?? Well, if not, you're in luck! Mike here can tell you about anything from how tight the bolt on a fire hydrant is, to basically anything about rocket science. This studious firefighter will be there for you no matter what time of day or what the reason is, and you can always be sure that 'we chillin' whenever he's around. His dad jokes and all around active-father-of-at-least-eight-kids energy will either always have you wildly giggling with him, or just laughing at him. Witty comments, odd conversation starters, and telling the same three stories are among his many specialties, and he seems to have a super power for putting people at ease. You're so lucky to have gotten this huge nerd as your Advisor!

P.S. Never mention Kidz Bop around him. Please.

--Kasia Kielo (Lovett '22)

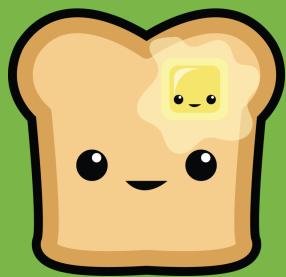
Serene Lee (McMurtry '22) Long Island, NY

Consider yourself lucky, because Serene Lee is your o-week advisor! This little edamame bean has the energy of a firecracker and is actually the definition of small yet mighty. Born and raised in Long Island, this New Yorker spends her weekends thrifting, playing Pokemon Go, and consuming an unhealthy amount of Korean barbecue and Kung Fu tea (yes, she is aggressively Asian, I know). This Cognitive Science major is also one of your 2019-2020 McMurtry AJs, meaning this girl is super supportive and helpful for whatever you need. Whether it's dealing with friend drama or listening to a long rant about a difficult class, this girl will be there for you no matter what and gives the best advice (even the advice you don't want to hear). However, beware of getting TOO close with her - she will tag you in so many Facebook and Instagram memes and you will never be able to escape. Seriously. Also, if you get the chance, make sure you catch one of her shows with Campanile Orchestra! Her violin playing skills are out of this world; what a musically talented qween. However, I sadly can't say the same about her dancing skills... there are a lot of finger guns. I am sorry. But in all seriousness, I am incredibly grateful that Serene is one of my best friends at Rice. She has a hilarious, sarcastic sense of humor and will always act stupid with you, especially when you're walking back from Fondren together at 2 am. Her heart is naturally compassionate and kind, with a fierce loyalty to those she's closest with. Even though I constantly make fun of Serene, calling her a "hamster" (Look at those cheeks! So cute and chubby!), it's purely out of love because this girl is one of the most amazing people at Rice, guaranteed.

--Victoria Lee, Jones '22



MicroToast Office



Kaarthika Thakker (Lovett '20) COMP Centerville, OH

Imagine you're taking a walk around campus with your beautiful, amazing advisor Kaarthika Thakker. (This could very well happen in real life. Kaarthika likes walks. She took a whole class about walking). First, you'd probably notice that she walks very slowly – her pace is almost glacial. It doesn't help that she keeps stopping to look at plants or sit in the grass. It's okay though – this snail-like speed gives you time to talk. Kaarthika likes talking. She'll want to know about the best thing that happened to you that day. She might try to guess your Meyers-Briggs (and probably be right). She'll also tell you about herself. She'll tell you all about the hidden gems of her home state of Ohio or show you a video of her teaching general relativity to her baby nephew (seriously, check it out). Your first stop on this walk is KTRU, the student radio station of which Kaarthika is the manager. Next, you'll go to Coffeehouse, Kaarthika's favorite study spot/second home. She'll inevitably run into someone from one of her classes, and you'll end up talking about computer science or sociology, her two areas of study. Then you'll pop over to the Women's Resource Center to chat with whoever's there. On the way out of the RMC, Kaarthika will point out the tree she identifies with the most. Why don't I have a tree, you might ask. It's okay, Kaarthika will help you find it as you walk back to her house for a cup of tea – she has tea out the wazoo and can make mean cup of Chai.

--Rose Kantorczyk (Lovett '20), Latané Bullock (Lovett '20), & Alec Tobin (Martel '20)

Ben Firullo (Lovett '22) COMP London, England

Ben may be from London but his love for all things American far outweighs anyone else at Lovett. As a Computer Science major, with a minor in Politics, Law, and Social Thought, Ben brings an excessive amount of energy (read: chaos) to everything he does- whether it's working on his comp projects, working his five jobs around campus, or



playing pranks on his friends. It's possible Ben gets this energy from his second, third, or even fourth dinner, as he has the metabolism of approximately four 12 year old boys. Ben is always looking to include everyone as he enjoys his free time out and about, but don't bring up public transportation unless you're ready for a rant about Houston's subpar Metro system (as compared to London's). But underneath all the chaos is an incredibly loyal friend who wouldn't hesitate to drop everything at 2am to chat about life over chips and sour patch kids.

--Kia Witt (Lovett '22) & Shreya Menon ('22)

Marcus Tierrablanca (Lovett '21) ANTH, LING Houston, TX

Good luck trying to find someone more compassionate or more ~indie~ than Marcus Tierrablanca. When he's not working at Coffeehouse, DJing for Rice's radio station, or maintaining his beard, you can find him exploring Houston (probably at another coffee shop). As his facial hair suggests, he also loves the outdoors. If you're in need of a guide (through your transition to Rice or on a hike in the middle of nowhere), he's your man. He combines his interest in people and love of the environment by studying Anthropology and Linguistics with a minor in Ecology. Despite being a Houston native, he's spending his summer studying abroad in Italy, immersing himself in language and in really good food. When you're around Marcus, you can't help but smile and laugh. His lovable, approachable attitude and warm hugs always keep people coming back for more. Also, rumor has it that if you ask really, really nicely he'll give you a drink from Chaus.

--Ethan Schweissing (Martel '21)



Alissa Kono (Wiess '22) SOPA, ECON Houston, TX

Alissa "Needs-a-Stepping-Stool-to-Get-in-Bed" Kono is currently mourning the loss of a dear loved one - <https://www.tetrisfriends.com/>. Hailing from Houston, you can find her and her four cats lazing around somewhere together. As a sophomore SOPA major, she loves to find solutions to societal problems and her friends' boy troubles. When she isn't, she's either sipping boba or serving her tea hot as a collegiate debater. Some of her hobbies includes competitive napping, ice consumption, and photography. Her love language is being rolled into a ball and being nurtured. Alissa is also very active in her community. She's currently combating the spread of false information such as the historical origins of her favorite drink, yakult. Also, she is a volunteer deputy voter registrar and tries to increase civic involvement among her peers. You can trust her to dispense endless wisdom, supply quality memes, and deliver chiropractic treatments free of cost. Be careful with your sweaters though, because you'll never see them again if she "borrows" one. Sometimes, when Alissa is in the vicinity, you might hear strange slurping noises. Don't be alarmed, these aren't her sounds, they're just from the hours of food ASMR videos she watches out loud. Despite her quirky habits, Alissa is one of the sweetest people we know. She's an amazing friend and will surely be an amazing O-week mom.

--Minhh Truong (Wiess '22) & Cynthia Garcia (Wiess '22)



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Luke Howe-Kerr (Lovett '20) Louisville, KY

According to Lovett lore, Luke Eugene Howe-Kerr was born from the frigid water of a Colorado mountain stream which promptly swept him downriver--after a brief, 14 year hiatus in Pueblo--to his parents' doorstep in Louisville, Kentucky. His first words laying there wet on his parents' welcome mat were "Teslas are the safest cars ever designed," followed quickly by "Psych is the best show in existence." This senior mechanical engineering major and General Manager of Rice Bikes can always be found hanging out in the Bone Lab, lip syncing George Ezra across campus, or yelling "Whoo!" at anything vaguely exciting. He is as enthusiastic about pranking his friends and making sure his four (!) bikes are color-coordinated as he is about goofing around with his friends and knowing all the words to Fergalicious.

This mountain goat of a man really is one of the sweetest guys you will ever meet. With his dad shirts and dad jokes, Luke is the ultimate dad: like a good father, he is extraordinarily sincere in his kindness, enthusiastic about life and having fun, there for you when you need him, and always ready to embarrass you in public!



--Biz Rasich (Lovett '20) & Collin Allen (Lovett '20)

Claire Boschert (Lovett '21) VODA Dallas, TX

Here's your newest Advisor and friend who puts the "interdisciplinary" into "interdisciplinary art". Claire Boschert is a Junior from Dallas, TX double majoring in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Visual and Dramatic Arts (Theatre). When she's not working in the lab painting her insects with blacklight nail polish, she's spending her evenings stage managing plays on campus and being the Lovett college treasurer. Does she do too many things? The answer is yes, but she wears a smile while doing them anyways. Claire is the kindest person ever and is also an A+ listener. She's our favorite person at Lovett, and she can be yours too. She can't wait to meet you during 2019 O-Week!!

And finally a haiku:

Claire is a big nerd

For bugs, theatre, spreadsheets,

DnD and YOU!

--Sierra Beckstrom (McMurtry '20) & Abigail Grayson (Hanszen '20)

Aayushi Shah (Lovett '22) BIOC, POLI Memphis, TN

Get ready to meet AAYUSHI SHAH!!! This incredibly bubbly overachieving extrovert is a Pre-Med who wants to become a pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon. You're about to be introduced to the co-chair, leader, researcher, etc. of absolutely every extracurricular offered at Rice. As of right now, this sophomore is majoring in BioChemistry and Political Science, and minoring in Global Health Technologies, or Political Science, or Social Policy, or Medical Humanities, or... some combination of all of these. Anywhere you go with Aayushi be prepared to take a million and a half pictures resulting in the most intense photoshoot of your life! Energetic, loyal, courageous, and the absolute QUEEN of finessing, this girl from Memphis, Tennessee is the only ten you'll see. Make sure to ask her about Memphis water, research at Texas Children's Hospital, eating the last bite of food at House of Pies, and her love/allergic relationship with Nutella.

--Victoria Zabarte (Lovett '22) & Anna Kucera (Lovett '22)

Fredy Martinez (Brown '21) ELEC Los Angeles, CA

Who's that beautifully-tanned hunk over there heading your way? You hesitate a bit because of the rippling muscles filling his shirt, but you realize he isn't intimidating by any means... In fact, he's got the biggest smile on his face with a kind of enthusiasm that's hard to come by. While he hails from Brown College (located miles off-campus), he'll be more than happy to make the trek to Lovett if you're placed into his O-week group. He originates from the sun-kissed valleys of California but has recently made Houston his home for the time being. As a food enthusiast, he has made the most of his time here by spending much of his free time exploring the diverse food around the city. As you've probably already read above, Fredy is a full-fledged ELEC major (THE HARDEST MAJOR AT RICE), so he knows a thing or two about facing challenges head-on with securing the dub (most of the time). But despite his heavy workload, he manages to find time to work on his GAINS (which can be hard to miss); in addition, as an avid baller (WARRIORS "fan"), he's got the talent to back up the trash talk (he's always talking about breaking my ankles at the rec ☺). This past summer, he even spent a week in the Santa Monica mountains to further enlarge his already-massive quads; as a co-captain of the furiously fast Brown bike team, they'll come in handy during the next Beeeeeer Biiiike. Extremely fun to hang around, he knows how to get hype when the opportunity arises and to chill whenever you want to talk to him in a more relaxed setting. At least from what he tells me, he's ready to give his all to his freshmen as a Co-Advisor at the BEST college on campus.

--Josh Bae (Lovett '21)

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Kayla Cherry (Lovett '20) ENGL, ECON Athens, GA

Kayla "Kale-a" Cherry is from a land not of cherries, but of peaches. When she's home in Athens, Georgia she whips around Kendrick LaCar, her beloved Nissan Altima, on her Old Town Road. During drives with Kayla, you will regularly hear her speak in her second language of Vines, saying things like "Road Work Ahead? I sure hope it does."

When she's at Rice, you can find Kayla swerving between other (read: subpar) colleges' soccer and Powderpuff teams like a Lebron Jammesss. Smol but fiesty, both on and off the field, Kayla might angrily swear in Shakespearean, saying things like , "Get Thee to a Nunnery" and "I bite my thumb at thee!" because she's a hard-core senior English major.

But if there is one thing that defines Kayla, it is none of these quirky sayings or wonderfully fun parts of her-- it's how caring she is. She will always be there to listen to you (read: not just sympathetically pat you on the back but actually listen). Kayla is a voracious baker, so if you ever need a pick me up, she will make you pancakes or give you some of her magical cookies. (Beware, they are addicting. I consumed 22 in 24 hours.) At the end of day, anyone is lucky to call Kayla a friend -- I know I am. So if it's playing with her on the Powderpuff field or going for a drive on an Old Town Road, you really should Cherrysh it.

--Kusha Gupta (Lovett '21)

Alex Pollatos (Lovett '21) CHEM Sarasota, FL

Meet Alex – the junior Chemistry major who commonly goes by Potatoes. Hailing from Sarasota, Florida (located on the best coast of Florida), Alex is one of the funniest, loudest, and most sociable chemists at Rice. Whenever you walk into Lovett Commons, you will be greeted by his loud voice even if he is sitting on the opposite side of the Commons working on a problem set. Alex keeps himself busy doing research in a chemistry lab, listening to jazz, playing tennis, or trimming his beard into a mustache. Even though Alex may seem busy, he is always around Lovett Commons and remains heavily involved in Lovett culture as he serves on our esteemed Lovett court as an Associate Justice and he is one of Lovett's Peer Academic Advisors. Most importantly, Alex does not live his life in fear as he is one of the most adventurous people I have met. Just ask him about the time he backpacked through a national forest in snow and thunderstorms or ask him about the time he explored the underground Rice campus. While Alex loves to joke around and have fun with everyone, he is always willing to help out or listen to you – not to mention he's always down to debate with you as to why Greece is the best country. In all seriousness, Alex is an amazing guy who will help you love your time here at Lovett which means you can truly consider yourself lucky that you have Potatoes as one of your Advisors.

--Henry Creamer (Lovett '21)

Teddy Hoisington (Lovett '22) ELEC West Harrison, NY

HE'S WALKIN' OVA HERE EEEEEE. Mr. Theodore (Teddy) Hoisington is a thru and thru New Yorker (hailing from the wonderful White Plains), electrical engineer and rocketry God. After living with Teddy for a year he could tell you basically anything about me (except for how to spell my last name) and he'll be able to do the same for you in just a day. An instant lifelong friend, Teddy will not hesitate to go well out of his way to help any of his friends at any hour of the day (or night), including you. While you may not realize it now, you'll soon see how lucky you are to have gotten Teddy.

--Ben Zaltsman (Lovett '22)



Rebecca Topper (McMurtry '20) ENGL, RELI Sarasota, FL

Congratulations! You are now the proud O-Week child of a Rebecca Topper. A senior from McMurtry college, your Rebecca possesses many qualities you should know about before you begin your journey with her.

1. Your Rebecca is a social creature that requires love and affection. She is prone to caring about you deeply and will hope for the same in return (but will understand if that takes time).
2. She is committed to and knowledgeable about all things Jewish, within and beyond Rice. Please do not hesitate to ask Rebecca questions about finding a campus organization that suits your needs or how to keep Kosher without being hungry (which she nonetheless often will be!).
3. This particular Rebecca will laugh hardest at herself and her own jokes. This is not a defect—learn to appreciate this quirk and find the joy in adopting it yourself.
4. She and her not-O-week family are from Peachtree Corners, GA (a suburb of Atlanta). As such, she enjoys country music voice breaks, outdoors activities, and Waffle House.
5. Fortunately for you, your Rebecca has also served as a Peer Academic Advisor and is part of dwindling subspecies of Rice students known as estudes humaniteas. While she is well-versed in English language and literature, she is capable of advising you through any academic turbulence.

Please direct any further questions about your new Rebecca to 1-888-REB-ECCA. Enjoy!

--Mahdi Fariss (McMurtry '19)



Grace Earick (Lovett '20) HART Albuquerque, NM

Hold onto your canvas tote bags, because with Grace as your Advisor, you're in for an amazing year! This Art History major hails from Albuquerque, New Mexico, home of hot air balloons, turquoise jewelry, and most importantly, her cats. At Rice, you can usually find her behind the info desk of the student center, where she's always down for a catch-up chat or some fruitful people-watching. But Grace is by no means immobile -



you can also catch her dancing and choreographing with Rice Dance Theatre, or stick-shift-driving her way around Houston in search of the best vegetarian/vegan foods. When you're reading this, New Students, she'll have just come back from a semester in Granada, Spain, so be sure to ask her about talking to strangers in Spanish and Islamic

architecture! Grace is a lovely warm human who is great for a dance party, cooking dinner, a vent sesh, or all of the above, and you are so so lucky to have her as your Advisor.

--Rose Kantorczyk (Lovett '20)

Patrick Chickey (Lovett '21) ELEC, CSCI Nashville, TN

If you've found out Patrick Joseph Chickey is your Advisor, you may be a bit confused about which version of him you'll get to see first. Will you meet the athletic, frisbee extraordinaire, 'Frisbro' Patrick? Will you meet the musical theater geek who can not only recite every lyric to the Book of Mormon soundtrack but also sing just as amazingly? Or will you get the nerdy video game loving Patrick who stays up until 4am playing Skyrim? Whichever part of him you meet first, this honest, loving, sometimes stubborn, and panini-pressed (that means tall) junior Electrical Engineering major will definitely be there for you through all of the ups and downs that come with freshman year. Still, I can guarantee that you won't make it through the year without being challenged at least once to a game of Super Smash Bros in the commons. Don't let this french-speaking Tennessean fool you though, he's really a big softie who's not only willing to spend hours online trying to help find you the best quality headphones for the best deal, but is the best listener and most patient person you'll meet. He'll always be there to cheer you up with some silly puns, a welcoming smile, and maybe even a tickle or two. Trust me, I would know.

--Lillie Plaza (Lovett '21)

Jake Joseph (Lovett '22) ECON, SMGT Houston, TX

Jake, Jakey, Gake, Broseph, Flake, Poothullil... a boy — nay, a man — of many names, you have had the distinct pleasure of being placed into this absolute monster of an athlete's group. He may be Econ and no longer be premed but he still knows the fastest way into your heart. Once he's settled in there, there's no getting him out. A Houston native, Jake can take (and give) the heat.

Despite being a mere sophomore, the Joseph name is already the BIGGEST name at Lovett, and at Rice. Jake won't hesitate to talk and cry with you into the wee hours of the morning or to school you in some basketball (he can dunk from the free throw line). Y'all have lucked out getting such a great Advisor and friend.

--Ben Zaltsman (Lovett '22)



Romanda Dobson (Wiess '21) ECON, FREN Coral Springs, FL

Well . . . well . . . well. Looks like you've stumbled upon one of Rice's hidden gems: the one and only Romanda Dobson. How did you even get so lucky? A Jamaican transplant living in Coral Springs, Florida, Romanda is both a genius and a goddess. Though you can find her at her home college, Wiess, Romanda is always around campus. Find her with her fellow Caribbeans, lounging around on campus, or working hard getting those A's. Not only is she an Economics major, but she's ALSO a French major. Girl's got skills. She's a total Anglophile and absolutely loves the Royal Family: you can make her day just by sending her a picture of baby Prince Louis. A devoted vegetarian, Romanda loves all animals, especially otters. Just like otters are friendly, warm, and incredibly adorable, so is Romanda. She is both a friend to the earth and soon to be a friend to you. Honestly, no one can compete with Romanda. She'll be one of, if not *the* best person you'll meet at Rice. She will go out of her way to make you feel welcome, likely being the highlight of O-Week, if not your entire Rice experience. Welcome to your new home at Lovett and prepare to be in amazed by the wonderful Romanda Dobson.

--Leah Olivo (Will Rice '21)



Max Murdoch (Lovett '20) HIST, GERM Martindale, TX

In the words of the great Maximilian Fielding Murdoch the Third, "Howdy howdy howdy, y'all." This man bun-sportin', pie-makin', longboardin' hipster/hick hails from Martindale, Texas and is instantly recognizable by his penchant for suspenders and his distinctive hip-swinging dance moves. This History and German Studies major and all-around encyclopedia of knowledge can recite the entire Alamo letter from memory and always has an interesting historical factoid to share. When he's not fixing everything around Lovett with his handyman skills or singing strange folk songs that no one has ever heard of, you can catch Max geeking out over German grammar as a tutor with Rice's language department or teaching Middle Earth history in his Lord of the Rings class. Max is always happy to share his opinions on everything from men's pants to the pronunciation of the word "pecan". He may have risen to stardom in the critically acclaimed Texan Max trilogy (look this up on YouTube), but his true peak will be serving as your Advisor this year. With Max in your life, you can look forward to car rides whenever you need them, many cozy cups of tea, and high-quality hugs.

--Rose Kantorczyk (Lovett '20) & Mira Dani (Lovett '20) & Taylor DeWoody (Lovett '20)



Divya Choudhury (Lovett '21) HIST, NEUR Austin, TX

If you ever feel like you're a mess, then you have to meet THE mess, Diva ("i hate yall!!! It's Divya") Choudhury - a pre-med History and Neuroscience double major who is an MVP in intramural powderpuff flag football, soccer, and cross-country. You can usually find Diva with a coffee by her side working on her history readings or firing away on her Organic Chemistry homework. When you first meet her, don't be intimidated...she's probably more intimidated by you. Although she kicks butt in everything that she does, she has a lovable personality that will make you adore her. Hailing from the great city of Austin, Texas, she'll be the first person to remind you how many of the restaurants in Houston originated there. With her long, curly hair and her minimalistic style, you might think she has hipster vibes oozing out of her. That is until she opens her mouth and you realize how much of a nerd she truly is. Diva might be good at a lot of things, but she is best at being a friend. Whether you need a shoulder to cry on or you need advice on anything, she is the gal for you. She has a genuine heart that makes her someone you'll be extremely grateful to have in your life. Congratulations on hitting the jackpot and having Diva as your Advisor! Also, she a kool kat.

--Tanvi Jadhav (Lovett '21)

Mary Liebig (Lovett '22) UNDECIDED Iowa City, IO

Hailing from Iowa City City High, Iowa City, Iowa (not a Typ-O ;P), Mary will laugh at literally everything, which is a wonderful ego booster, and wherever Mary goes, the most random stories seem to follow. Her stories from Iowa City are unmatched, but despite the mess that Iowa sometimes is, she will defend it with her last breath. Mary fosters a love-hate relationship with her lifelong sport, tennis, but despite her tenuous relationship with the sport, she's always up for a game. She either wants to work in an airport control tower or as an astronaut, and she approaches her ambitions with so much infectious enthusiasm that it's hard not to get swept up with her ideas. Mary shares a birthday with the infamous restaurant Chile's, and her passion for the chain is unmatched. Seriously, ask her about her Chile's vlog. But don't let her goofy attitude and humble words fool you; she's very intelligent and is learning two new languages on top of the five she already knows.

--Shreya Menon (Lovett '22) & Kia Witt (Lovett '22)



Andrew Low (Sid Rich '20) MECH Sunnyvale, CA

Andrew Low? More like Andrew High! This Singapore-born Californian (Sunnyvale, to be exact) is a one of a kind guy who loves to tell you low-quality puns and be your high-quality friend. Andrew is a senior mechanical engineer who loves tinkering with robots and haptic feedback devices. In fact, Andrew's goal in life is to build a robot that can give him a hug. If you ever wanted to know how to 3D print or laser cut, Andrew's got you covered. As a lab assistant at the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen, Andrew knows all the ins and outs of prototyping and engineering design. During the week, you may catch him at a service studying the bible with fellow classmates in his Christian fellowship, and in his free time (or when he is procrastinating), he loves watching anime and YouTube cooking videos. Don't hesitate to say hi to him around campus—you'll always know if he's around by the sound of his flip flops.

--Alex Acosta (Sid Rich '20)



HashStag We Love-It



Sarah Rosenthal (Lovett '20) ● POLI ● Birmingham, AL

Known for being amazing at everything from powderpuff to organic chemistry, Sarah Rosenthal is the whole package. This political science senior loves to be involved and give back to her community - whether that means serving on University Court, working at Coffeehouse, or just being there for her friends, she's up for it. She's down to hang at the rec, but she'll make sure to introduce you to the joys of a late night Whataburger honey butter chicken biscuit. Sarah is adventurous and positive and takes every opportunity to use these qualities to improve the lives of her friends. Even though she lives off campus, she's always there for advice and support... and to bring you cookies. She'll hold your hand while teaching you how to roller skate, and be your biggest cheerleader. Sarah Rosenthal is the ultimate package - warm, caring, and loyal, but always down for an adventure. You better get excited, because Sarah is the literal best Advisor and O-Week mom that anybody could ask for.



--Mahima Masih (Brown '22) & Alisha Zamore (Brown '22)

Zack Murphy (Lovett '21) ● NEUR, BIOC ● Chicago, IL

If you ever wished that your pet dog could talk, wish no more because this golden retriever of a person will fulfill this childhood wish of yours. Hailing from the windy streets of "Chicago", is the Neuroscience/Biochemistry double major, Zack "with a k" Murphy. When Zack isn't busy being the co-president for Rally Club, doing 500 hours of research, or living the pre-med/pre-grad life, you can find him in Lovett Commons "doing work" until four in the morning. Whether it be by inviting you to any Rice game, talking to you until the ripe hours of 4am, or just always being there for you with a smile on his face, Zack is the friend we all wish we had and are happy to have. Zack is as golden as the color of his hair and you are beyond lucky to have him as your Advisor. Get ready for a great year with this "Chicago native".

--Armando Amigon (Lovett '21)

Kimberly Rodriguez (Lovett '22)  MECH 
Maracaibo, Venezuela

Follow the sound of laughter from anywhere on campus and you'll probably come across the most cheerful friend you'll ever meet. Once compared to a chihuahua for her small stature, but fierce loyalty to the people she loves, Kimberly will be there for you through everything, armed with the world's best hugs and a listening ear. As a devoted MechE, she's leading the Structures subteam in Rice Eclipse, Rice's rocketry club, so her awesome friendship with you won't be the only thing she's building. Whenever you're with her, you're guaranteed to be shown some of her endless supply of cheesy memes and hear her long, detailed, entertaining stories. Play any song when she's in the room and be prepared for her loud, off-key singing that will surely brighten your day. No matter who you are, Kimberly will find her way to your heart, and that includes being open to trying anything you like to do. We hope you're excited to be BFFs with this Venezuelan gem!!

--Camsy Huang (Lovett '22) & Spencer Wong (Lovett '22)

Elena Margolin (McMurtry '22)  ECON  Houston, TX

If you have Elena as your Co-Advisor, buckle up, because you're in for a wild ride. This 5'1' (fun-sized) bubbly person can show you her favorite spots at both Rice and in Houston. Wait - did I mention she's from Houston AND she went to an all-arts high school - but don't ask her to act, she probably will end up laughing. Elena is a Math-Econ major (AND a business minor) from McMurtry College. She will be there for you through thick and thin, during your freshman year and beyond. She also loves graphic design and is an amazing photographer, and she has a car, which she loves to drive people around in (just make sure she has her keys, you don't want to walk all the way to the parking lot, only to realize she doesn't have her keys). Get HYPE to have Elena as your Advisor and get ready for the best week of your life! <3

--Akshaya Venkatesh (McMurtry '22)





Collin Allen (Lovett '20) ELEC Austin, TX

Collin "Biceps" "Q" "Tex" "Collie" Allen is a beach bum-slash-bartender-slash-angel who decided to grace us with his presence for four wonderful years. This senior is a teddy bear disguised as a human: good for deep talks, laughs, and comfort. Despite almost electrocuting himself freshman year, he is still an Electrical Engineering major and conducts research using a remote control motorcycle he insists is "not a toy."

(Suuuure.) He is constantly chowin' down on prodigious amounts of goldfish and peanut butter, like a true lean jacked mean super nice protein machine. Probably the only one we know who can wax poetic about kolaches, he also loves dogs, movie nights, and whistling the same songs over and over again. He's good at being late: sleeping in late, going to bed late, going out to eat late, staying up talking late, you get the gist. He likes swimming, volleyball, and singing sappy songs almost as much as he likes pranking friends and going on adventures. Ask him to draw you an armadillo.

-- Biz Rasich (Lovett '20) & Bailey Covell (Lovett '20)



Matt Schulze (Lovett '21) ECON Sherman, TX

Sherman, Texas' finest product is without a doubt the charming Matt Schulze. While Matt might seem like just another Texas boy, I can assure you he is so much more than that. Matt is an economics major and can often be found in the Lovett commons chugging out grueling problem sets. But while he's not grinding away, Matt can be found competing (and beating) other Lovetteers at pool, ping-pong, and Super Smash Bros, Brawl. If you're ever upset or in need of a good laugh, just ask Matt about his (quite literally) endless meme collection and he's sure to have one just for you. Matt is great at every IM sport Rice has to offer and helped greatly in Lovett's reclamation of the President's Cup this past year. He was the head coach of the greatest freshman flag team Lovett has ever seen and don't even try Matt when it comes to playing soccer. When he's not busy satisfying his coffee addiction by downing a cold brew from Rice Coffeehouse, Matt can be found wasting time with his friends hanging out around campus. Nevertheless, Matt is a great friend, always here for you (and will give you great advice when you need it), and you should be so excited to have him as your Advisor!

--Jake Joseph (Lovett '22)

Nia Teague (Lovett '22) PSYC Montgomery, TX

Originally from Montgomery, Texas, Nia is well-versed in all things yeehaw. But although this horsegirl may have been raised in cowboy country, she knows her way around the city, especially all the cheap (but not sketchy) sushi joints. As a Psychology major, she can really get in your head, but underneath her sometimes intimidating exterior (read: RBF) is a bubbly, lovable fool, who just likes to sleep and play with babies. However, while she does love her naps, Nia is also one of the most hardworking people you'll meet. In addition to her course load, she works for Housing and Dining and is the Lovett H&D representative, so if you have any complaints about the servery food, she's your girl. Despite her busy schedule, Nia loves her friends (and future New Students!!!), and she'll always make room in her schedule to dish about life over boba tea.

--Kia Witt (Lovett '22)



Sophie Schellhammer (Baker '21) PHIL, ASIA Dayton, OH

New Lovetteers, get ready for Sophie Schellhammer to speed walk into your life! Seriously, she speed walks everywhere. This Philosophy and Asian Studies double major is a native Ohioan who has a heart as sunny as her hair and a personality as flawless as her German. She is warm, energetic, easy to talk to, and most importantly, gives 100% of her energy to people she cares about (you!). Though adventurous and always down for outings, Sophie can often be found around campus saving lives as an EMT or grinding out her coursework in the 4th floor Fondren Library snack lounge. Whether you need someone to fill a friend, a mom, a mentor (or a paramedic—but stay safe, kids) role at Rice, Sophie is your lady. If your culinary tastes lie along the lines of plain grilled white chicken or dry cereal and plastic-wrapped fruit from the serveries, she can also show you a whole new world of dining here at Rice. You truly lucked out with getting Sophie as your Advisor!

--Amy Qin (Baker '21)

MISSPEOLLINGS



Rose Kantorczyk (Lovett '20) SOCI, POLI Wayne, PA

Shalom, future Lovetteers! Say hello to America's most beloved curly girl, Rose Kantorczyk. She's a Lovett senior double-majoring in Sociology and Policy Studies and minoring in Jewish studies. When she's not studying, you can find this Philly native working at Rice's Religion and Public Life Program, playing on Lovett's powderpuff team, or volunteering at the Rice Women's Resource Center. Rose is the type of friend who's always down for anything, whether that be a late-night Whataburger run or spontaneous sky diving. Her many talents include eating absurd amounts of hot cheetos, knowing all the words to every song ever made, and being one of the most loyal and supportive people you'll ever meet. She'll be there for you no matter what, whether you need a laugh (she does stand-up comedy!), have hurt yourself (she probably has more medicine than my mom!), or just need a friend (she's truly a great friend!). We're so excited for you all to meet the joy that is Rose Kantorczyk!

--Mira Dani (Lovett '20)



Matthew Brewer (Lovett '21) KINE Dallas, TX

Standing 6-foot-3 with a head of hair thicker than a wheat field, this jolly junior is ready to help you reach the top! Straight from Dallas, Texas, this cowboy has his heart set on medical school. As a Kinesiology major with a concentration in sports medicine, he knows a thing or two about motor learning, which he applies bravely coaching the powerful Lovett powderpuff team. When he's not cracking jokes with the boys or lofting beds as your Lovett SMR, you can find this beast rucking it up on the rugby pitch. His masculinity is anything but toxic, as this fratty teddy bear has a heart of gold and lives for his friends. A man of morals, he follows all twelve points of the Boy Scout Law, trustworthy to all, loyal to Lovett, and a thrifty Rugby treasurer. In his spare time, Matthew pilots the Lovett EOL Day crawfish boil, making batch after batch of hungry students happy. With a bounce in his step and a lightness in his eyes, he's a fun and boisterous addition to this fantastic advising team, and brings with him exciting contacts from all over campus, ranging from the far lands of Brown to the head of H&D. His loving nature makes him a kind and helpful friend, and an easy person to talk to. Always sporting a winning smile, he has a temper as calm as a summer sea, but while he may be slow to anger, he's got the fastest chug time at Lovett!

--Elisa Moralez (Brown '20)

Christina Zhou (Lovett '22) ARCH Houston, TX

Enter everyone's favorite architecture major, Christina! This bubbly girl from the suburbs of Houston (aka Katy, TX) will be your best and most attentive friend. She's basically everyone's mom as well as an avid lover of grass jelly (she could probably live off grass jelly despite only having had it twice). Be prepared for big bear hugs (usually sneak attacks from behind) every time she sees you! When she isn't napping in her free time, you'll be sure to find her chilling in the commons ready to chat at the oddest of hours. She'll also constantly try to feed you to make sure that you're never hungry. Christina is probably the best artist you'll ever meet, so count on receiving one of her beautifully hand drawn cards for your birthday or a cute note with encouraging doodles during finals. You're sure to fall in love with Christina's sweet disposition, iconic sense of humor, and fantastic style.

--Keziah Chow (Lovett '22) & Camsy Huang (Lovett '22)

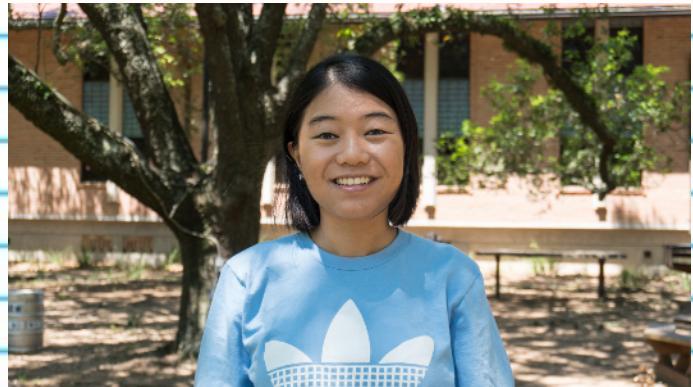


Lindsey Douglas (Will Rice '21) SMGT, VODA Burleson, TX

When you finally get to meet Lindsey Douglas for the first time, don't be fooled by her perfect hair, billowing sleeves and whichever one of her a million pairs of sandals she happens to be wearing that day: she really is as nice as she looks. She is a Junior from Will Rice College, which is just a stone's throw away from Lovett! When she's not promoting events, going to concerts, or making sculptures for her double major in Visual and Dramatic Arts and Sports Management, Lindsey will be cracking you up with her self-professed 10-year-old humor. In case she didn't mention it, she loves indie music, so please don't hesitate to ask her about it! Lindsey was a mascot in high school so she definitely will know how to cheer you on. She is one of the sweetest people at Rice and if you need more proof of how fairy-tale perfect she will be as your advisor, keep in mind that she owns a pony named Patches that lives in her hometown of Burleson, Texas.

--Hope Fa-Kaji (WRC '21) & Emily Hwang (WRC '21) & Katherine Hu (WRC '21) & Kristin Ferrara (WRC '21) & Chloe Marcheli (WRC '21) & Sofia Opel (WRC '21)

No Edgar's Perfect: Everybody Makes Mistakes



Sarah Lasater (Lovett '20) SOPA Houston, TX

I dare you to fit Sarah Lasater into a single box. She is a senior majoring in Social Policy Analysis, minoring in Biochemistry, and planning to become a doctor. Sarah refuses to follow any "standard" path into medical school, defining her own version of what it means to be pre-med at Rice. What you'll notice first is her empathy and how comfortable she makes everyone around her feel. You'll learn soon that timeliness is not one of her strengths, but only because she often loses herself deep in her many thoughts which she expresses through her writing, painting, and wonderful late night talks with her friends. She is an active feminist and seeks to empower other women as a leader of Rice's chapter of the American Association of University Women. As a talented athlete, one of the Lovett sports reps, and the star wide-receiver on the powderpuff team, Sarah has a deep appreciation for athletics as a way of celebrating the capabilities of the human body. Sarah will inspire you to carve your own place at Lovett and will be by your side during your victories, defeats, and every moment in between.

--Claire Telfer (Lovett '20)



Nikhil Gattu (Lovett '22) CHEM Sugarland, TX

Having Nikhil Gattu as your Advisor is like having Chris Paul as your point guard. This 5'11" rim-rocking, lane-slashing hooper from Sugar Land, TX has assists for days. Need help with schoolwork? He's a dedicated sophomore Chemistry major and a true pre-med, with all the brains and the know-how to navigate academics at Rice. Trying to get in the weight room? Nikhil will come through for you, strapped with his favorite chocolate protein powder and biceps the size of your thighs. Need a movie recommendation? He has you covered, with the greatest movie of all time, The Dark Knight Rises. All in all, underneath the clout and the cool-boy exterior, Nikhil is incredibly kind, humble, and easy to talk to. He'll always be there for you, in the darkest of times and the brightest, not only as your Advisor, but also as your friend.

--Johnny Wang (Lovett '22)

Annie Zhang (Lovett '21) HIST The Woodlands, TX

Hear the sound of pots clattering from Lovett Kitchen at two o'clock in the morning? Don't worry, it's probably your friendly Advisor, Annie Zhang, making instant ramen for the third night in a row. Don't be surprised if she asks you to join her -- not just for the company, but because her fear of stove top fires makes it hard to cook for herself. She might have been a latecomer to our Lovett community, but it quickly became as much of a home to her as her house in The Woodlands. This rising junior is part of Rice's one million pre-meds, but science isn't the only thing she's passionate about. As a History major and Biochem minor, Annie hopes to show the world that the humanities and science can co-exist as peacefully as her and the fearless 6th floor squirrel (well...that last part might be a lie). Annie may have gotten quite a few things "stolen" this year (the jury is still out on whether or not she just misplaced them), but this time around the only thievery that'll happen is when she steals your heart! Mistakes happen, but having Annie as your Advisor is certainly not one of them. She is incredibly kind, empathetic, and always ready to be your biggest supporter. Oh, and despite her astonishing small height, rumor has it she gives some of the best hugs, too :)

--Katimah Harper (Lovett '22)

George Dyre (Wiess '21) COMP Billings, MT

Before O-Week, you likely have formed expectations of what Rice will be like. What are classes going to be like? How will the weather be? Food? Your advisor? Let me stop you. When it comes to people, George will exceed your expectations. A Junior from Wiess College with a heart as large as his state (Montana), he serves many roles both at Wiess and around campus. HackRice Co-chair, amateur comedian, Socials Committee member, and now Lovett Co-Advisor, George does each with pride and joy, cracking jokes along the way. In his free time, he... he doesn't have free time. He's a COMP major! Jokes aside, George reps Patagonia like it's his job, is an avid music lover and concert-goer (The Avett Brothers, Mandolin Orange, etc.,) and plays Smash (almost) religiously. With anyone else as your Advisor, "I'd wish [you] luck. [You] know [I] think [you'll] need it," but not with George. You're in good hands. Finally, although George is many things to many people here at Rice, it is a great honor (I hardly know her) for me to call him one of my best friends. One day, I hope you can too.

--Daniel Davis (Wiess '21)

Dear New Student,

Thanks for reading and allowing us to share a bit of our love for Lovett with y'all. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We hope this book helped ease some of your fears about coming to Rice and that you are excited as we are for you to start this new journey!!! See you in August!

With lots of love,

Armando, Matthew, and Mira

