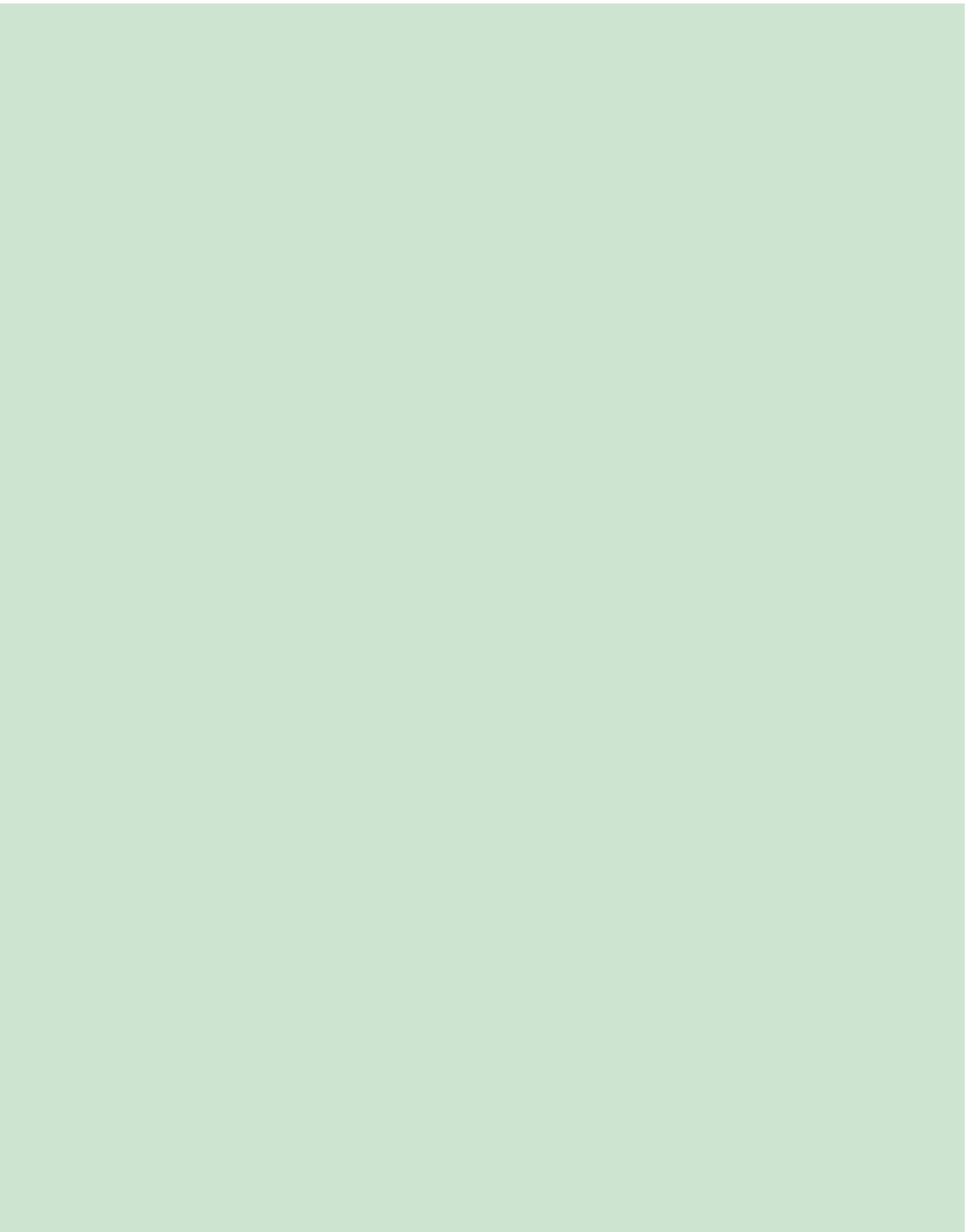


# Advance to GO-Week



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# Important Information

## Your McMurtry Mailing Address

(Your Name)  
McMurtry College  
1605 Rice Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77005

\*\*Please only mail or ship things to arrive after August 18th. Our space is limited and not secure, so bring important items with you. There will be time to shop for other things during and after O-Week.\*\*

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## Tentative Schedule for O-Week 2019

Sunday, August 18  
Student Move-In  
New Families Orientation  
Matriculation  
Monday, August 19  
Intro to Academics  
Faculty Address  
President's BBQ  
Tuesday, August 20  
Academic Planning Sessions  
Diversity at Rice  
Academic Fair  
Rice Rally

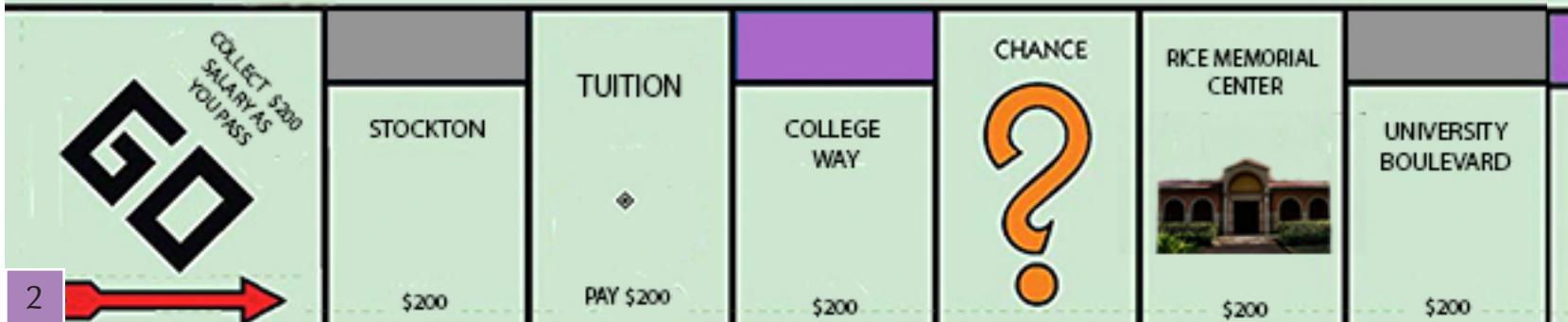
Wednesday, August 20  
Academic Planning Sessions  
Associates Dinner  
Thursday, August 21  
College Specific Programming  
Friday, August 22  
Course Registration  
Campus Tour  
College Closing Ceremonies  
Saturday, August 23  
Campus-Wide Closing  
Welcome Back Day Celebration

# Welcome to...



Hello Players! On behalf of the entire team, we would like to welcome you to McMurtry College! We are Edesiri, Olivia, and Emily, your 2019 Advance To GO-Week Coordinators, and we could not be more excited to introduce you to the game room that we call Rice University! The college application process is one of the most challenging and rigorous processes that you will have to go through, and Rice admission was especially tough this year with the increased number of applications to our university. It is a major accomplishment to get in and you should be extremely proud of yourselves. We want to say congratulations, as this is a sign of all of your hard work paying off. We know that this is the start of your academic and social career, as you continue to chase your goals and ambitions. Also, we would like to congratulate you on being the 11th matriculating class at McMurtry college! We are thrilled to welcome a new round of Murts into our community and can't wait to see you represent McMurtry and Rice all over campus.

In these next few years of your life, you'll be working hard, studying, meeting new friends, and enjoying yourself. The time will be filled with plenty of opportunities as well as challenges for you to face and overcome. It's going to require you to dig deep, ask questions, study an extra hour (or 2!), and maybe stay up late a couple of nights. But do not be dismayed! You are not in this journey alone. You are going to be surrounded by other students, professors, and advisors who have been in your shoes before and can help you get the resources that you need for you to succeed. We have been preparing these last 9 months in order for you to be integrated to Rice and McMurtry smoothly, so we hope that Advance To GO-Week creates an environment where you can open up and really get to know each other well.



# McMurtry!



One of the most wonderful and unique aspects of Rice is the residential college system. You have the great honor of being the eleventh matriculating class of McMurtry College. During your time at Rice, we hope that this will be your support system and your home. We are one of the newest colleges on campus, which means that each Murt gets the incredibly unique opportunity to contribute to the future of McMurtry through their ideas, involvement, and initiative (and we definitely have the nicest dorms on campus). New Students, remember this: We. Are. Murt. It's not just a rallying call, it's an identity. We know there's no possible way to convey everything we'd like to impart on you through writing, but we made this book to give you an introduction to Rice and to McMurtry, as well as to answer a few of the questions you may have. Inside this book, you'll find the biographies of our core staff, affectionately called our McTeam (Magisters, Resident Associates, Head Resident Fellows, and College Coordinator), biographies of the Advising Team, information about your new home, and much, much more! Use it as a resource, but feel free to contact us at any point during the summer (mcmurtryweek@gmail.com) - we're on campus as we speak, eagerly preparing for your arrival!

For campus-wide information on O-Week, please visit [success.rice.edu](http://success.rice.edu), "like" Student Success Initiatives at Rice University on Facebook, and check out the super cool 2019 Owlmanac. Before we leave you to your preparation, we ask that you make sure to bring the one thing most essential for this level of production - your open minds. Rice is an open space to explore and we want to help you make the most of it.

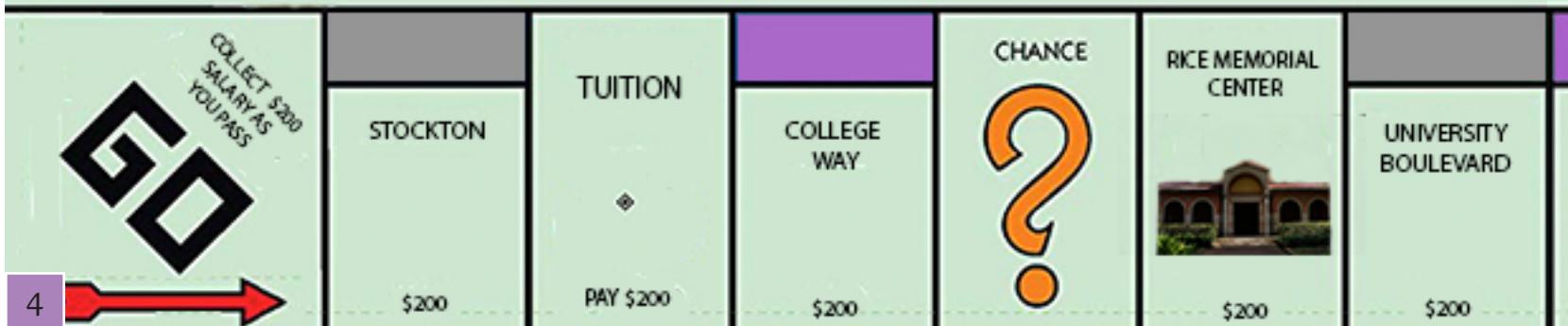
Game On!  
Edesiri, Emily, and Olivia  
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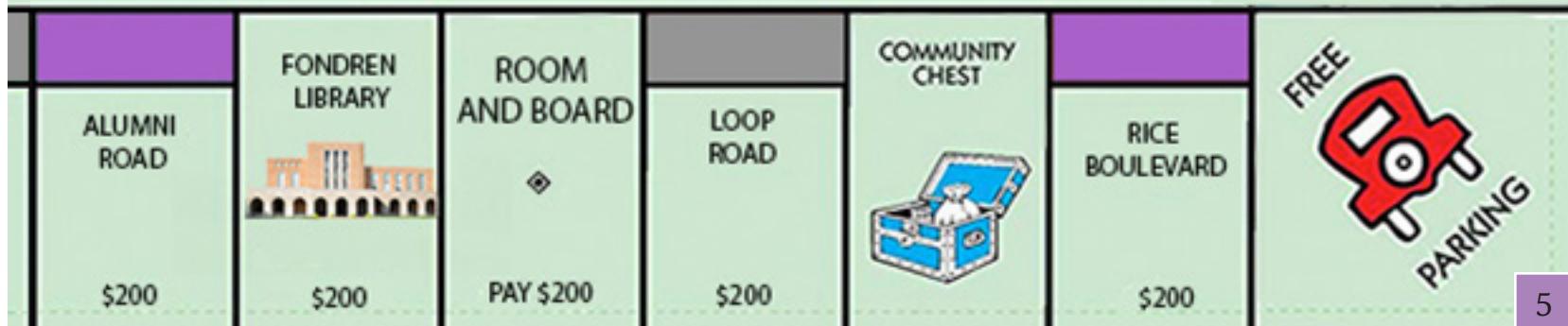
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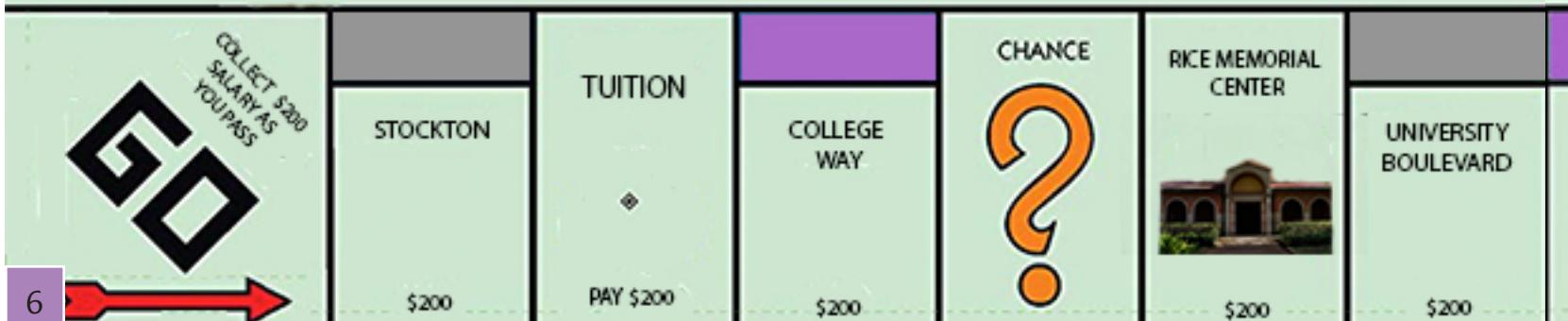


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# McMurtry:



# Your New Home



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# What is O-Week?

## An orientation that you'll never forget!

This is an entire week dedicated to getting to know your peers, picking classes during holistic and intensive academic planning sessions, exploring Houston and its surroundings, and much, much more. Orientation Week, or O-Week, is Rice's special way of welcoming New Students! When you come to Rice, you are randomly assigned into one of the eleven residential colleges. Each college has its own student O-Week Coordinators who spend the summer planning O-Week in order to create a welcoming and supportive orientation program. You will be placed in a group with eight to nine fellow New Students and will be guided by three Advisors and an Affiliate, all of whom are current Rice students here to offer you advice and experience from both an academic and social standpoint. These groups are meant to be a source of initial support, and you will be interacting and spending time with them during the many activities planned throughout the week. Don't worry, there will also be opportunities to meet everyone outside of your O-Week group! No matter how ridiculously excited, cautiously optimistic, secretly apprehensive, or just downright ecstatic you are about coming to Rice, the transition to a college lifestyle will probably seem a little overwhelming. The purpose of O-Week is to serve as an introduction to a new world of academics, residential colleges, Rice culture, and McMurtry culture. The social ties you build both within McMurtry and at Rice will shape your college experience just as much as your classes will, and O-Week jumpstarts those formations in a fun yet meaningful, memorable way. Essentially, this week is for you to learn about and explore the place you'll call home for the next few years, so kick back and relax! At the same time, there will be new opportunities, connections, and as much exploration as you want, so don't stress if you feel overwhelmed now, because you will have plenty of time during the year to get connected as well. While everyone's transition looks a little bit different, there are always shared experiences, so have an open mind and get ready to have a ton of fun!!!



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# About the Theme



Board games are a form of entertainment unique in their ability to rally people of all backgrounds and creeds behind the pursuit of a common goal. Board games are able to create meaningful experiences for everyone involved. In any board game, players are able to contribute their own style or variations. We believe that similarly, you as New Students will be able to influence and alter the many spheres of our college, university, and community with your expansive set of beliefs, morals, values, and experiences. Importantly, we believe that O-Week prepares you for your life at Rice, but it isn't the end. We want you to understand that after O-Week, those connections that you made will be lasting and impactful to your experience here at Rice. O-Week is just the beginning of the story that you will write or the game that you will play that will turn you into the person that you aspire to be. A successful board game leaves the players walking away feeling as if they have meaningfully spent their time developing new skills and bonding with those around them. In the same way, our O-Week will equip you with the tools that will allow you to face your academic and social experiences here at Rice and beyond. We can't wait to see you here on campus, as you get ready to embark on one of the most impactful and memorable adventures of your life!



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# Arrival & Move-In



## Move-In Day | Sunday, August 18

Plan to arrive in the morning on Sunday, August 18th. The Coordinators will email you soon about exactly what time your floor will move in. Enter Rice through Entrance #1 (the main entrance), take your first right (after driving a little while), and follow the signs for McMurtry. After unloading, we'll give you directions for where to park for the rest of the morning. As you drive towards McMurtry, Advisors will be outside holding signs and probably yelling your name. Don't worry, they are simply excited to finally meet you!

As the Advisors, and maybe some helpful football players, empty your car and start moving your stuff into the building (that's right - you don't have to do ANY work), you and your family will be introduced to our wonderful College Coordinator, Jackie, who will give you your keys and other important information. After you check that all your belongings are in your room, you will meet the Magisters of McMurtry College, Margaret and Chris, who will welcome you to McMurtry and Rice. This will be their fifth year serving as Magisters, and they are soooo excited to meet you! You may have time before noon to sit in our beloved Yurt (what we call the McMurtry Commons) and mingle with your future classmates. Get to know these faces, because they are likely to become very good friends of yours in just a few weeks!

Around noon, there will be a buffet lunch for you, your family, and your Advisors. At 12:45 pm, it will be time to say a final goodbye to your parents, and head off to join your O-Week group for the first time. While your family and loved ones stay behind for a New Families Orientation, you will be starting one of the most jampacked and fun-filled weeks of your college career!!!

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# Directions to McMurtry

## Arriving By Car

### From the west on I-10E:

Take 610 South to 59 North and exit at Greenbriar. Follow Greenbriar to the light at Rice Boulevard. Turn left onto Rice Boulevard. Stay on Rice Boulevard until it becomes Sunset. Turn right on Main Street and take an immediate right into Rice campus using entrance #1.

### From the east on I-10W:

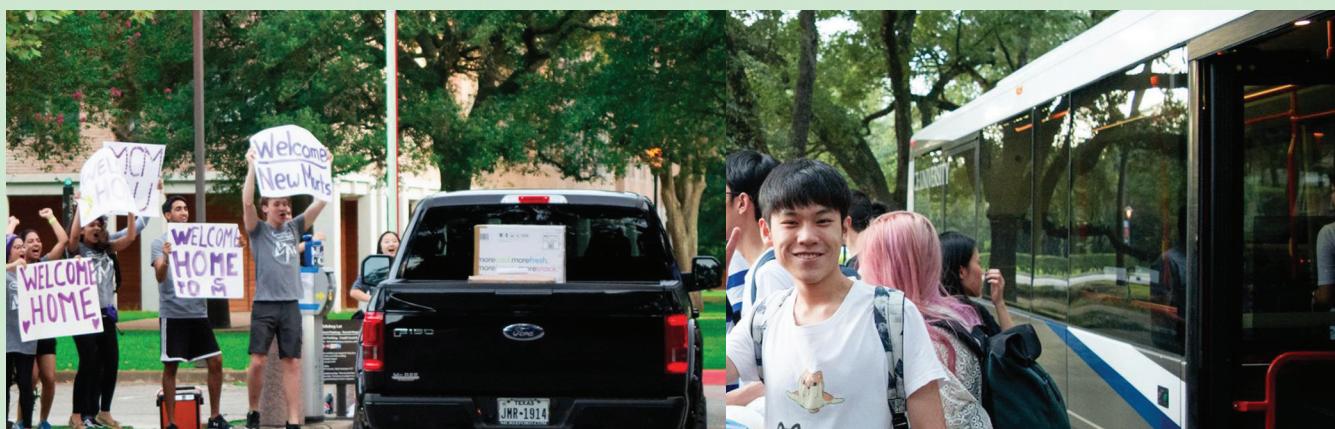
Take the US 59 South exit. From US 59 South, take the Fannin Street exit and travel south on Fannin until you reach Sunset Boulevard. Take a right on Sunset and an immediate left onto Main Street. Turn right into Rice campus using entrance #1.

### From the south on US-59S:

Exit at Greenbriar, stay on the frontage road, and turn right (south) on Greenbriar. Follow Greenbriar to the light at Rice Boulevard. Turn left onto Rice Boulevard. Stay on Rice Boulevard until it becomes Sunset. Turn right on Main Street and take an immediate right into Rice campus using entrance #1.

### From the north on US-59S:

Take the Fannin Street exit and travel south on Fannin until you reach Sunset Boulevard. Take a right on Sunset and an immediate left onto Main Street. Turn right into Rice campus using entrance #1.



## Arriving By Plane

### George Bush (IAH) Airport:

Supershuttle (713-523-8888 or supershuttle.com) provides services to and from Intercontinental and fare is \$33 using discount code OWLS1 for being a Rice student! All departures are from the lower level baggage claim (southside area) where they have agents on duty.



### Houston Hobby (HOU) Airport:

The Airport Express also runs to the Medical Center and also leaves every 30 minutes starting at 6:10am. The fare is \$31 and will take 30-45 minutes. Supershuttle is also available at Hobby Airport and costs \$31 (again, use code OWLS1).

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# Campus Map

RICE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MAP

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# The Building

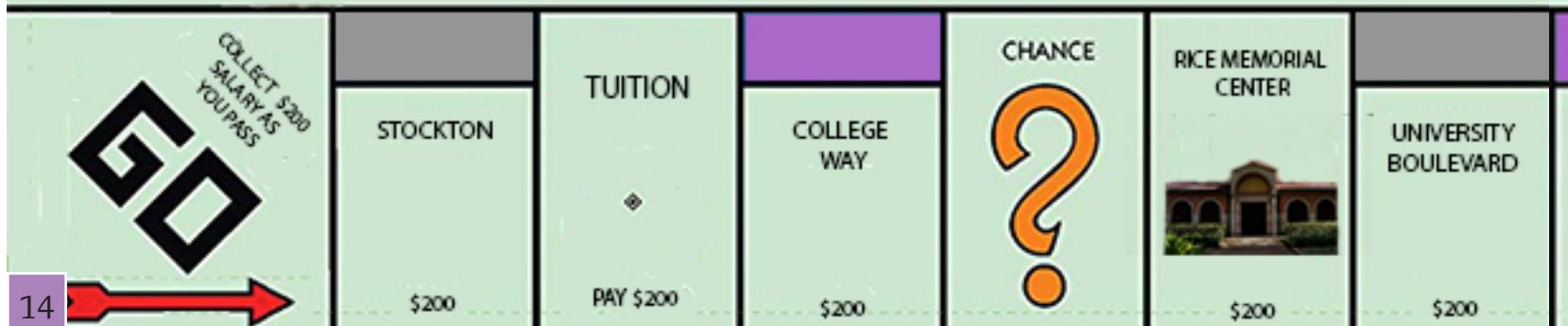
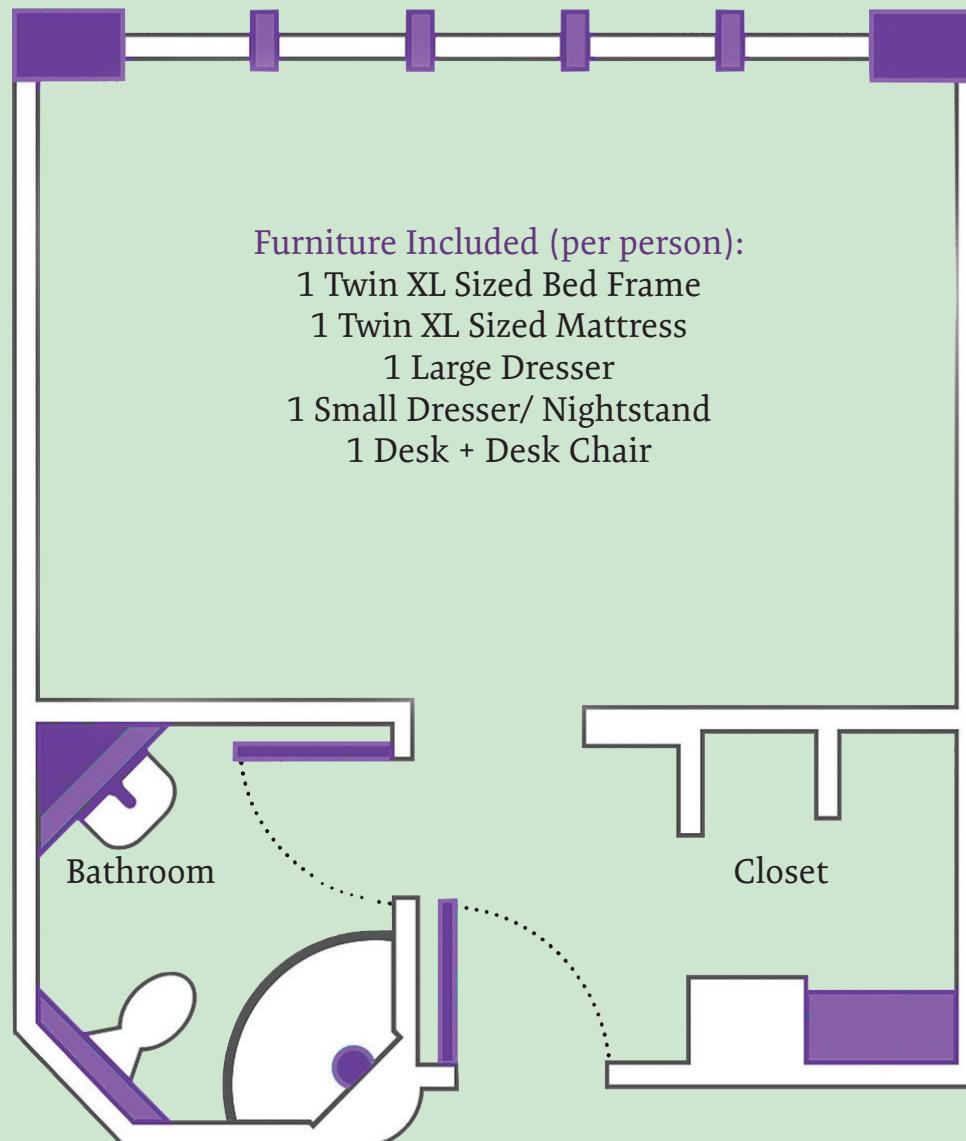
It's very exciting that McMurtry is Gold LEED certified (we have a low environmental impact!), but sometimes strange things will happen in our rooms. If your lights suddenly turn off for no reason, do not be alarmed -- it's because you were sitting so still that the sensor doesn't notice you anymore. Try waving your arms in front of it or opening and closing your door. If this is ineffective, you can also contact our SMR (Student Maintenance Representative). We will give out contact information for the SMR during O-Week and beyond. Pod bathrooms are also very exciting. They're similar to bathrooms in Europe, with the toilet, shower, and sink all within the same room. That's right, no doors! But you'll notice that there is nothing to block the water in the shower from flowing into the bathroom. The best option is to ensure that you have been provided with a long enough shower curtain (if it's too short, call the SMR) and fold it in towards the shower to block water. Some students have also purchased a squeegee to clean up after-shower water messes. Is your bed too low or too high? Would you like it lofted or bunked with your roommate's? Call the SMR! They have the supplies and the know-how to take care of most of your rooming needs. If it is out of their area of expertise, you can put in a work order at [campushousing.rice.edu/home/submit-a-work-order](http://campushousing.rice.edu/home/submit-a-work-order). Just make sure to specify your college, room number, and request. If you are locked out of your room and it is after our College Coordinator's office hours, call RUPD (713-348-6000).



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# Your Room

Coming in as New Students to McMurtry, you will most likely be placed in a double (one room shared between two people) with your roommate. Below, we've attached a floor plan to give you an idea of what your 12'x17' room will look like!



# What Should I Bring?

## Every Room Has:

- |  |  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Dresser         | <input type="checkbox"/> AC/heating unit  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desk & chair              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethernet port   | <input type="checkbox"/> Private bathroom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Built-in closet & shelves | <input type="checkbox"/> Cable TV outlet | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel racks      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trashcan & recycling bin  | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower curtain  |   |

## Supplies to Bring or Buy:

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Supplies                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Desk Lamp           | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower accessories     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calculator (optional)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage/organizers  | <input type="checkbox"/> Power strips/extension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Plate/bowl/utensils | <input type="checkbox"/> cords, chargers        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer (see OIT article in Owlmanac) | <input type="checkbox"/> Twin XL bedding     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillows                |

## Personal Items:

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicines         | <input type="checkbox"/> High efficiency detergent | <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary identification cards (for campus jobs!) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries        | <input type="checkbox"/> Up-to-date insurance card | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes hamper                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels/washcloths |  |  |

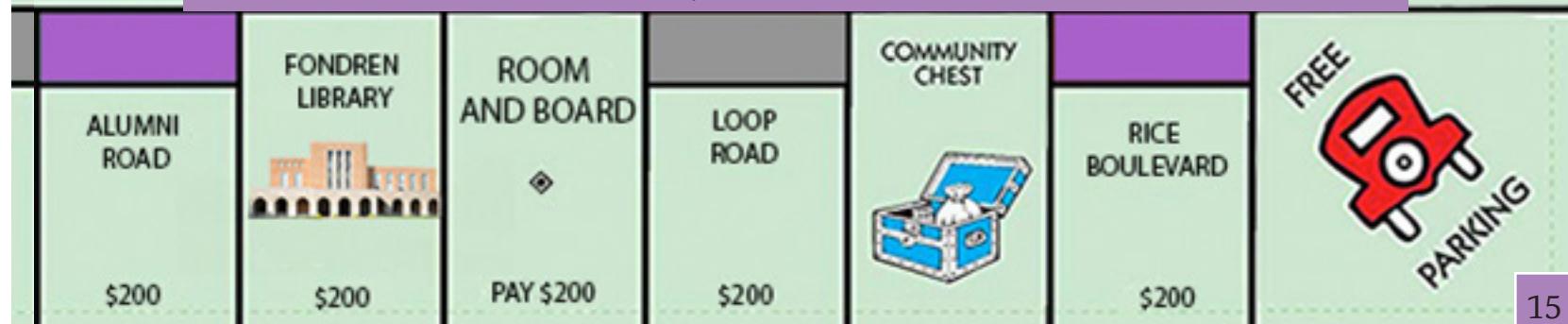
## Optional or Miscellaneous Items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mattress pad         | <input type="checkbox"/> TV               | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iron/ironing board   | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpet/rug       | <input type="checkbox"/> Brita filter         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refrigerator         | <input type="checkbox"/> Wall decorations | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethernet cable       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee maker/blender | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera           | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike and accessories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mounting tape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom or vaccuum     |

## What should I NOT bring?

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too much stuff! There will be plenty of chances to buy stuff you didn't bring. | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles or other flammable materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Microwaves (there are communal ones on each floor) |
|---|---|---|

Questions? Email [mcmurtryoween@gmail.com](mailto:mcmurtryoween@gmail.com)



# Amenities

**A: Commons (The Yurt)** - The best commons on Rice's campus (named by FlavorWire as one of "The Most Beautiful College Dorms in the World!"). This expansive circular room functions as our cafeteria, theatrical venue, party room, and a variety of other things. There are also couch spaces on the sides and back of the commons where Murts can hang out or do homework. You will have many fond memories here over the course of your Rice career.

**B: Music Room** - If you feel the need to jam out and relieve some stress, McMurtry's music room is at the bottom of staircase A and is equipped with a piano and an organ. Feel free to store your own musical instruments there and rock out whenever you want.

**C: Exercise Room/Game Room** - This room includes free weights, a treadmill, a TV, and more for your convenient fitness needs! The other half of room includes ping pong, a billiards table, and vending machines, so essentially, there's something for everyone!

**D: Computer Room** - Need to print a paper? McMurtry's computer lab is conveniently located on the first floor with printers connected to both Macs and PC's for use 24/7.

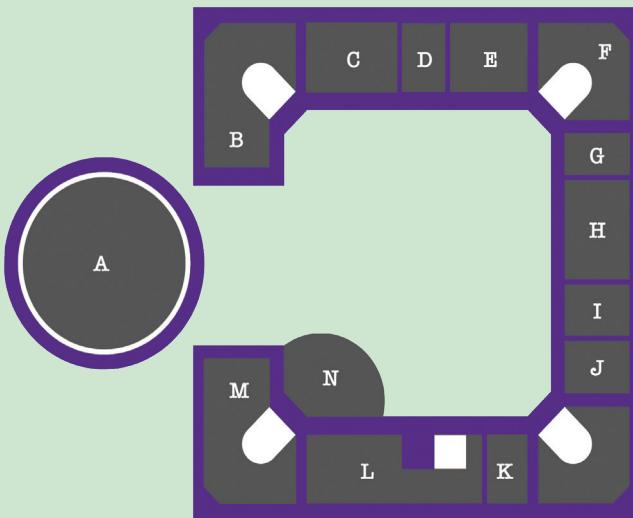
**E: Innovation Space** - A new addition to McMurtry College, this room will provide students with the means to explore ideas through artwork and design. There is a color printer, 3D printer, work tables, easels, and a vinyl cutter. Also computers with software for CAD, photo and video editing, music production, animation, etc.

**F: Bike Closet** - BEEEER BIIIIKE! We have an incredible bike room that houses the speed machines that will be used to dominate the other colleges during Beer Bike 2019. Get to know the place and start riding and preparing now!

**G: Laundry Room** - Put away those quarters! All laundry rooms on campus are FREE. Grab some detergent and feel free to wash your clothes as often as you want. McMurtry's laundry room is located on the first floor next to staircase B (but seriously, wash your clothes please!).

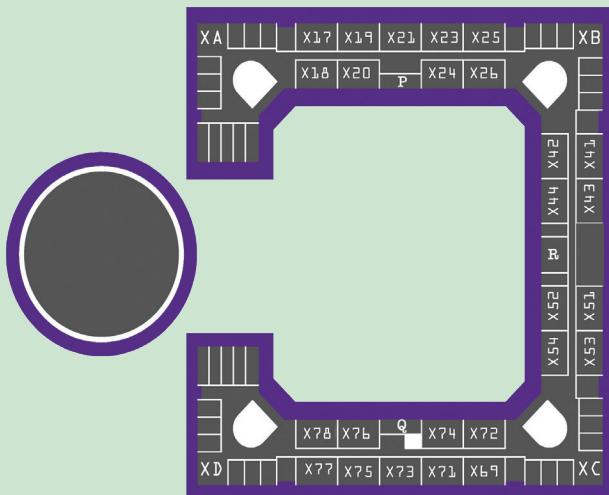
**H: McTeam Apartments (1st-3rd Floor)** - Our truly amazing HRFs and RAs live here with their families and dogs. This is their space, but they are always welcoming to students stopping by (and are frequently looking for babysitters and dog sitters!).

**I: Study Room 114** - This is a classroom-esque area, complete with tables and a whiteboard wall, for some quiet studying time outside of the hallways of the building. It's located on the first floor and is big enough to fit a ton of study buddies, snacks, and caffeine. Use this room; it will help your GPA.



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**J: Study Room 115** - Nicknamed the Harry Potter study room, this is much more than a study room! McMurtry decided to create a classy, cozy little room of mahogany bookshelves, a fireplace, and squishy couches. This is the Hotel Zaza of study rooms and is a wonderful place to meet with a group or get some quiet study time in. Embrace the classiness and studying magic will follow.



ordinating the college. Her office is where you can go to get your mail, pick up packages, buy envelopes/stamps, get a spare key in case you get locked out, and so much more (P.S. There is always candy on her desk!). She is really the best.

**N: The Quad** - Our awesome quad has a bunch of picnic tables, an awesome patio, lovely trees, a swing, and a wondrous barbecue pit. Expect to mill around, grill stuff, and generally have a great time enjoying our beautiful building alongside fellow Murts.

**P: Study Room (2nd-4th Floors)** - An open space with a table and chairs for anyone at McMurtry wanting a quiet place to study alone or with friends. On 5th floor, we have our beloved Burt's Tea House, which serves two purposes. This is the largest kitchen at McMurtry, with a fridge, oven, microwave, stove, sink and water filter. There is a cabinet that houses all of the cooking equipment. It also has couches and a coffee table for the more social aspect of this room. There is always free tea here, and you'll often find people gathering to talk about anything and everything.

**Q: Kitchens (2nd-4th Floors)** - Stocked with a fridge, oven, microwave, stove and sink, this space serves everyone on the floor. If you cook extras, there are always hungry people willing to help you out! On 5th floor, we have DeeDee's Lounge, which houses a large entertainment area with a flat screen TV, Wii, and other gaming consoles. A great place to prove your Super Smash Bros skills.

**R: Lounge (4th Floor)** - This is a new McMurtry amenities addition that includes tons of comfy couches, making it a great space to hang out at any time of the day!

**K: TV Lounge** - There is a MASSIVE flat-screen TV in the lounge as well as a plethora of really comfortable couches, bunches of board games, and tables for snacks and hanging out. Take advantage of this room to play video games, watch movies, or watch Rice dominate baseball.

**L: H&D Facilities** - Housing and Dining cooks for us, takes out our trash, cleans our bathrooms and maintains our building overall. Be sure to thank these workers anytime you see them!

\*Replace "X" with your floor to find your room on the map to the left!\*

**M: Jackie's office** - Jackie is all about co-



# McTeam &



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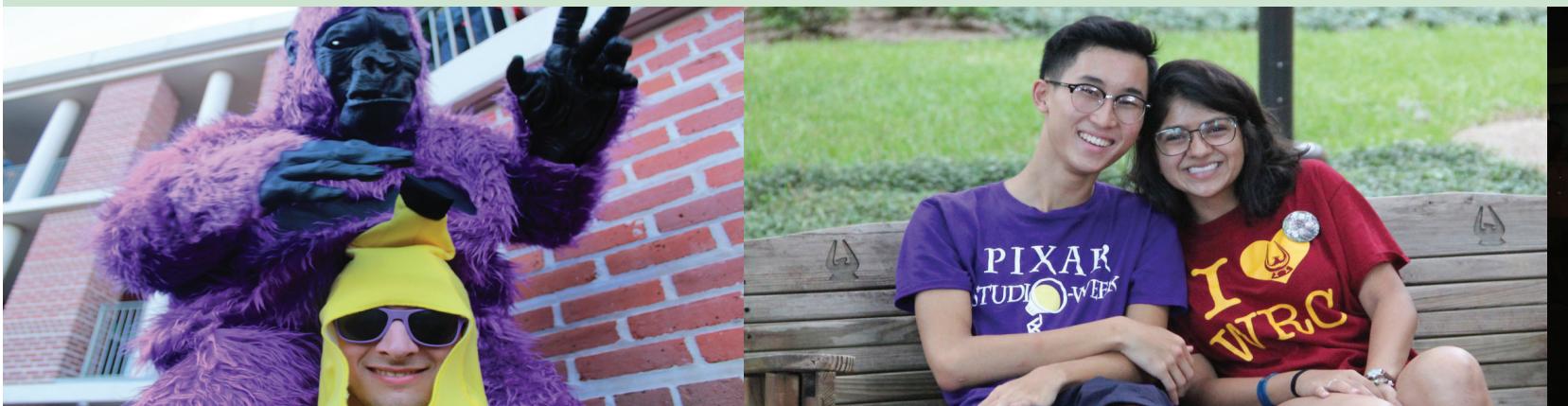
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# History & Traditions

McMurtry's history reaches surprisingly far back to the very beginning of the residential college system. Although the most amazing college wasn't created until ten years ago, our founders, Burt and Deedee McMurtry, served together on the student-faculty committee that created the original residential college system. The McMurtrys graduated with the Class of 1956, got married, and went on to become successful in venture capitalism in California. The founding couple's efforts towards establishing the college system came full circle on August 16, 2009, with the successful opening of Burton and Deedee McMurtry College -- your new home! Ever since then, each and every incoming class has worked to create traditions and culture that we hope will last long after we are gone. Though there are many traditions in place already, you all will become an essential part of creating even more through your contributions to McM.

**McRice:** Even before its inception, McMurtry sent waves across campus with its first jack (Rice's term for a practical joke). The first O-Week Coordinators prefixed every imaginable sign and placard on campus with the letters "Mc" to officially mark Rice with Murt spirit. From McFondren Library to McMcMurtry, the possibilities are endless as we venture across Rice to proclaim Murt pride. Through McRice, McMurtry's first Orientation Week helped establish the college by bringing the freshmen class together and attracting many of the upperclassmen from other colleges who would eventually join its ranks.

**"McMurtry is in-tents!"**: Our simple but proud beginnings were epitomized by the tents that reigned over the first McMurtry O-Week while we waited for the completion of our commons. This gave rise to



the double-entendre cheer, "McMurtry is intense (in tents)!" The tents eventually disappeared as our beautiful circular commons (affectionately known as the "yurt," because of the uncanny resemblance to the Mongol dwelling) replaced them, and McMurtry was well on its way to glory.

**McWill:** For its first year of life, McMurtry shared its building with Will Rice College, whose new wing was under construction. As Will Rice and McMurtry became roommates, the residential college culture was shared and a sisterhood was born. To this day, every new class of Murts and Will Ricers participates in the tradition known as McWill during O-Week, where the bond between the two colleges is rekindled and new friendships begin. The first McMurtry freshmen class coalesced into an especially strong group, and within two months, the university sent out invitations to select upperclassmen to join McMurtry. Many months and agonizing decisions later, McMurtry had accepted three classes of transfers to join the original Murts in a now full McMurtry college. Then, in the fall of 2010, those first Murts and new upperclassman transfers joined together to greet the newest and largest class of McMurtry New Students. Roughly one hundred and fifteen new Rice Owls joined McMurtry that year, marking the beginning of our college's accepting and unstoppable spirit.

**Beer Bike:** Our first Beer Bike exhibition against Duncan College ended with a new tradition being born: winning. In our first full Beer Bike, after only two weeks of practice, our Women's Bike Team finished second and our single McMurtry alumnus valiantly biked all ten segments and chugged all ten canisters allowing us to finish our first full alumni race beating Duncan, Martel and Sid. We also added on to this winning culture by winning the Beer Men's Run last year (don't listen to what Will Rice might say lol).

**Powderpuff:** Combined with Will Rice, our college reigned victorious in our first ever appearance in the Powderpuff championship. Since our first championship, McMurtry hasn't slowed down. We've already made multiple appearances in the championship including championship wins during the Fall 2017 & 2018 seasons! Powderpuff has now become a common gathering for many Murts and a great way to show our Murt pride.

**Bananas:** We cheer on Murts with loud screams of "McMurtry is bananas!" Murts in banana suits have fondly been adopted as our unofficial mascot, and if you ever see people in banana suits at music festivals or events, don't be surprised if you recognize their faces.

**Conch:** The conch shell appears on our crest and is a reference to the fact that the McMurtry name derives from the Scottish "Son of the Sea Navigator." As sons and daughters of Murt, the conch has become the most important symbol of the unity that exists within our community. When this instrument of glory is blown, every member of the college lets out the ear-piercing scream of "MURRRRRRRRRRT!" in response. This call to battle embodies the intensity of McMurtry, and reminds us of our strong community and bond.

**Burts:** Another McMurtry tradition we value falls more on the intellectual side of life. Burt's Teahouse was established in 2011 as a dedication to our founder as well as a super chill outlet for Murts. A collection of teapots, hot chocolate, flavored teas, and stray mugs are stocked in the fifth floor kitchen (adjacent to the gorgeous view of downtown Houston from the sundeck) awaiting any Murt who wants anything from an evening of simple talk and relaxation to a deeply philosophical conversation.

**Cookies:** Our spirit of inclusivity extends farther than our own college, as shown in another Murt tradition



-- Murt love for Baker 13. As part of our Baker 13 defense, we bake cookies for the runners and pass them out as the runners come through the final college on the course. We offer these sweets and get a peaceful truce in return from the exhausted runners.

**McScottish Night:** As members of one of the newest colleges, Murts possess an opportunity not as readily available to other Rice students: the opportunity to innovate and create new traditions for their college. In most recent years, our Head Resident Fellows and the latest generation of Murts spearheaded the inception of McScottish Night, a uniquely McMurtry night dedicated to celebrating our Scottish heritage. The night has historically featured Scottish delicacies, student-led kilt-making, a bagpipe procession, the burning of a homemade Wickerman, and its agenda is only growing!

**Cultivating New Traditions:** While we prize each of these existing traditions as a part of the Spirit of McMurtry, the greatest characteristic of McMurtry is its inclusive nature. We value our differences, and Murts can't be defined by any one type or personality. McMurtry will always be a place where diversity is valued and different opinions are welcomed. McMurtry has already established an open attitude towards people of all backgrounds, and we must channel this spirit towards making a better college. In his charge to the college, Burt McMurtry urged us to maintain a collaborative approach in all things. This means that everyone's contributions are valued and desired. This is a great freedom of our college, as the time is ripe for new traditions to be created, both during O-Week and beyond. As part of the eleventh matriculating class, you have been given the incredible opportunity to help shape our ever-expanding, ever-changing college. Be ready, for you will be an unforgettable part of McMurtry history.

# What is the McTeam?



Each college has their own “adult team”, called A-Team for short, but here at McMurtry, we have our own special name for them-- the McTeam. The McTeam is McMurtry’s version of one of Rice’s most visible and helpful group of advisors and mentors. It consists of 7 people of which 6 live in the college and 4 work for Rice in some fashion. There are 2 Residential Associates (RAs), 2 Head Residential Fellows (HRFs), 2 Magisters, and a College Coordinator. Among the McTeam there are several professors, administrators, advisors, and, our favorite: dogs and children! The McTeam is a great resource to go to for personal or academic advice. They are also a group of great people to become friends with! You can find them down the hall in the college, at the Magisters’ house, in classrooms and offices around campus and even in West Servery for most meals. To become part of the McTeam, each member had to apply to the program and must be reevaluated every few years at the end of each of their terms. You will get to meet them early on during O-Week, and they love when you say hello to them around campus or at other McMurtry events! They have helped many of us in unimaginable ways, and they are truly invested in your wellbeing.

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# Meet Our Magisters

## McMurtry Magisters | Margaret Beier and Chris Stickney

We are Margaret Beier and Chris Stickney, the McMurtry College Magisters, and we are thrilled to welcome you to the community! College magisters are faculty members who live on campus with their families. We live right next to the college, across from the commons. We are here to foster the intellectual, cultural, and social life at the college and to support you during your years at McMurtry. We are excited to meet you and to nurture the kind, open, and stimulating culture that defines the college. You can expect to come over to our house periodically throughout the year for various events, to share meals with us in the commons whenever you want, and to count on us to help you navigate your life at the college. We hope that McMurtry will soon feel like your home away from home. Margaret is a professor of Psychological Sciences. Her specialty is applied psychology, and she studies performance in educational and work settings. She has been at Rice for 15 years, and she loves mentoring the incredibly talented students she has met here. Chris is a high school math teacher. He loves all sports and has been a high school basketball coach for the last 17 years. We are both from Minneapolis, Minnesota and love the color purple (Purple Rain, the Minnesota Vikings, and McMurtry's color!). We met in high school and were married in Minnesota but moved to Atlanta, Georgia shortly afterward for graduate school. We have two girls: Lucy, 17, and Liza, 15, who love watching movies, theater, creating art, and swimming. We also have our German Shepherd named Felix, who you will see walking Margaret around campus. As new students, you are an important part of McMurtry. McMurtry is your college - the BEST residential college at Rice. We encourage you to have fun, ask questions, be safe, be active, and be creative. We will do our best to support your vision for McMurtry. We look forward to meeting every one of you!



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# Welcome from the HRFs

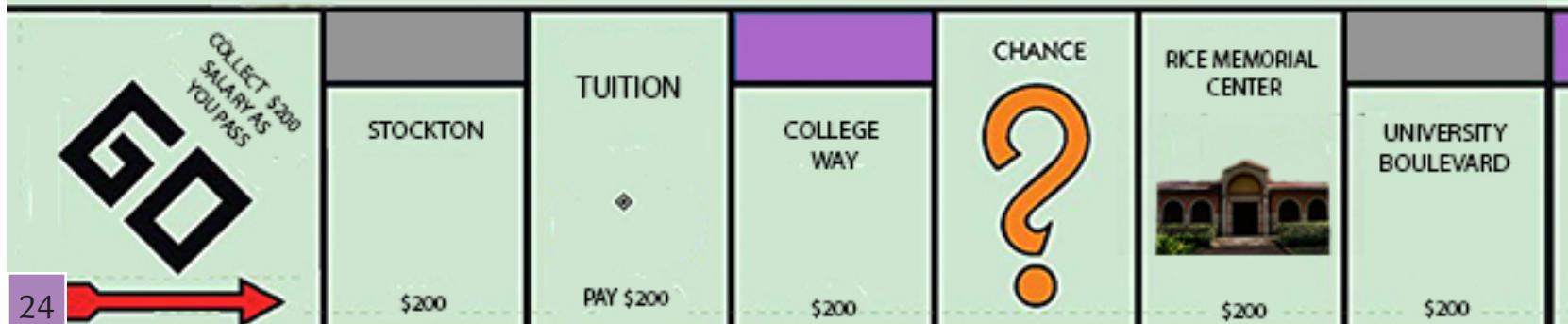
## Head Resident Fellows | Alana Lemay-Gibson and Brian Gibson

Hello new Murts! We would like to welcome you to your new home and tell you a little about ourselves so that you will know who is walking their heavy-breathing bulldog all around the building. Alana is from Providence, RI, and Brian is from the rural town of Rehoboth, MA. Both of us have been in Texas for a long time so our accents have been diluted. Alana received her BA in Anthropology from UT Austin and her Masters in Educational Anthropology from the University of Houston. Brian received his BA in Kinesiology, and his MA and PhD in Exercise Physiology from UT Austin. We were married in Austin, TX in December 1995. Brian accepted a faculty position in the Department of Kinesiology at Rice in 1996, where he still serves as a Clinical Professor, teaching physiology and preventative medicine courses. He also served as the Director of Academic Advising for 8 years, and he currently serves as the Sr. Associate Dean of Undergraduates. In this role, he works as a key partner to the Dean of Undergraduates and has broad responsibilities for the Office of Academic Advising, Center for Career Development, Center for Teaching Excellence, Office of Study Abroad, and the 11 residential colleges. After Alana finished her education, she transitioned to work in software development and technology management. Currently, she works as the Director of Project Management for OpenStax at Rice University. OpenStax is a nonprofit organization committed to improving student access to quality learning materials. For more information, please visit [www.openstax.org](http://www.openstax.org). We both have a lot of personal interests. We absolutely love and dote on our incredibly friendly bulldog "Bogie," and we enjoy travel, exercise, and spending time with family and friends. We also have separate personal interests. Alana is an avid reader and enjoys music,



cooking, and art. Brian enjoys playing and coaching sports, lifting weights, wildlife, and photography. With very little interruption, we have been living with students in the residential colleges since we arrived in Houston in 1996, but we were "promoted" to McMurtry in 2014. As you can tell, we like college life. In fact, we're not sure we can remember what it is like to NOT be in college. We consider ourselves non-judgmental adults who are here as a resource and to share your lives

to whatever extent you wish. Hopefully, you will feel comfortable enough to come to us with anything you like. We look forward to getting to know you!



# Welcome from the 2nd Floor RA

Resident Associate | Tamara Cobb

Hi, new Murts! My name is Tamara, and I am so excited to welcome you into McMurtry and Rice! I am an Assistant Director of Academic Advising, which means you may be seeing a lot of me both inside and outside of McMurtry. I was born and raised here in Houston. I have an MA in Sociology and I love learning about human variation in every form – cultural, familial, personality, life choices, and so on. I can't wait to hear your personal stories and paths to Rice. I bonded very strongly with last year's Freshman class, so please know you will have an ally and support system in me. Other essential information you need to know about me – I am left-handed, I hate chocolate, cinnamon, caramel, and peanut butter, I love travel planning, color consulting, exploring new restaurants, appreciating the outdoors while keeping a vigilant eye out for random deadly spiders, discussing fictional TV characters unnecessarily in-depth, and I'm always up for an adventure around the city.

Helping keep the 2nd floor a "Lituation" at all times are my 3 daughters, Seraphina, Aura, and Lila. Seraphina is a rising 1st grader who is a budding performance theater/dance/art powerhouse, whose reading level is beyond the average mere mortal, and enjoys constructing and engineering forts. You can find her asking me to leave work early to stand in line for West Servery's famous cinnamon rolls on Wednesdays, asking the 2C suite if they can continue her skateboard lessons, and refusing to wear clothes that don't have rainbows or unicorns on them. Aura is a rising pre-kindergartener who enjoys collecting groups of things and arranging them just so, climbing and jumping off of things and people, and asking which insects are our friends versus not-friends. Catch her asking if her friends (that's all of you) can come over and play, yell-singing Hollaback Girl, and enthusiastically saying hello to everyone. Lila is 2 ½ years old and is the family foodie. She enjoys alphabet games, counting random objects at home, and stealing Aura's toys and running. Catch her grabbing my cell phone and saying "Hello?", investigating whatever snack item you have on your person, and cackling through the 2nd floor hallways.



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# Welcome from the 3rd Floor RA

## Resident Associate | Deirdre Hunter

Hello Murts! I am Deirdre Hunter, your new 3rd floor RA. I along with my two pups, Sandy and Nexus, are thrilled to welcome you with open arms and paws. I am a Lecturer of Engineering Design at the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen (OEDK). In addition to teaching design courses for the Engineering Design Minor, I mentor students in the Sustaining Excellence in Research (SER) Scholars program, and teach in two Rice summer programs – Summer Experience in Engineering Design (SEED) and Rice Emerging Scholars Program (RESP). I received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Syracuse University and a PhD in Engineering Education from Virginia Tech (Go Hokies!). My research has focused on developing learner-centered environments in engineering classrooms, and teaching and learning metacognitive skills. I love thinking deeply and philosophizing about higher education systems and learning more broadly. Some of my hobbies include: playing games (from cards and board games, to organized sports and wacky competitions, I am game!), cheering on our Houston sports teams (Go Astros!!), drinking coffee (totally addicted, and no shame!) and finding great conversations.

But most of all, I'm passionate about people. For me, it has always been more about who I am sharing moments with, than what I am doing in that moment. My personal life vision is "to build inclusive community" and I think every person has a deep desire to be known. Knowing someone starts with listening, and when we are truly known we begin to feel like we belong to a shared experience. So, let's sit together over a meal or a cup of coffee; I am eager to hear your story!!

Sandy is a five-year-old dachshund-beagle mix. She was born on the streets in Mexico and one afternoon, she found her way to my front gate, and eventually into my heart and my family. When I moved back to the States, she came with me. She loves naps, sun bathing, belly rubs, and doesn't miss a meal!! Nexus is a five-year-old collie-Australian shepherd mix who started as my foster dog. He had lots of anxiety in the beginning, and through working with a trainer he has turned into a wonderful companion. I eventually realized that the best home for him was the one he already had. So he became my foster-failure and the third member of our little family. Nexus loves people, walks, and rough housing.



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# Meet Our College Coord



## College Coordinator | Jackie Carrizales

My name is Jackie Carrizales and I am the McMurtry College Coordinator. My office is on the ground floor right outside the door to the commons. I love visiting with students and hearing about what is going on with their lives, so please stop by any time to hang out or just to say Hi! There are some very comfortable couches and chairs, and I don't even mind if you take a nap. Plus, I have candy! I have been the coordinator here since the week before O-Week in 2015, but I have been an associate at McMurtry since it opened in the Summer of 2009. I was so excited to be able to be a part of a college from the beginning and see the start of all of the traditions that make each college unique. I can't believe that I'm lucky enough to spend every day here now and get paid for it! I have worked for Rice since 2009. Before coming to McMurtry, I worked for 6 years in the Office of Admission. I am married to Marc and we have three sons, Max (25), Luke (24) and Leo (21). We also have two dogs, Mikey and Azura. I am a huge Astros & Rockets fan and will happily talk sports with you at any time.

### Things you can do in Jackie's office:

- Buy stamps & get envelopes
- Pick up mail and packages
- Use the staplers, packing tape, scissors, shredder, etc.
- Get friendly jabs about liking a sports team other than the Astros
- Borrow an extra room key
- Do homework
- Take a study break
- Get a hug & relax with your pals

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# President & CJ

## McMurtry College President | Joyce Chen

Welcome to McMurtry! I'm Joyce, a senior majoring in English and Asian Studies from Taipei, Taiwan, and I lead the student government here at the college. Rice emphasizes self-governance, and especially as McM is a young college that prides itself on inclusivity, you'll get the opportunity to see your ideas (and ideals) come to life in our community. I hope that you'll find your own community here over the course of four years, because no matter what, McMurtry is here for you, both as your college and as your family.



## McMurtry College Chief Justice | Augi Liebster

Hey new Murts! In case you haven't heard yet, you are now a part of the best residential college by far. McMurtry prides itself on being a close-knit community with a serious culture of care and we are so excited to add you to our community! As Chief Justice, I lead the McMurtry College Court in helping the positive culture of McMurtry College permeate through all events and gatherings. I will go into more specifics about my job and the College Court during O-Week, but for now I wish you an amazing summer, and I cannot wait to meet you in August!



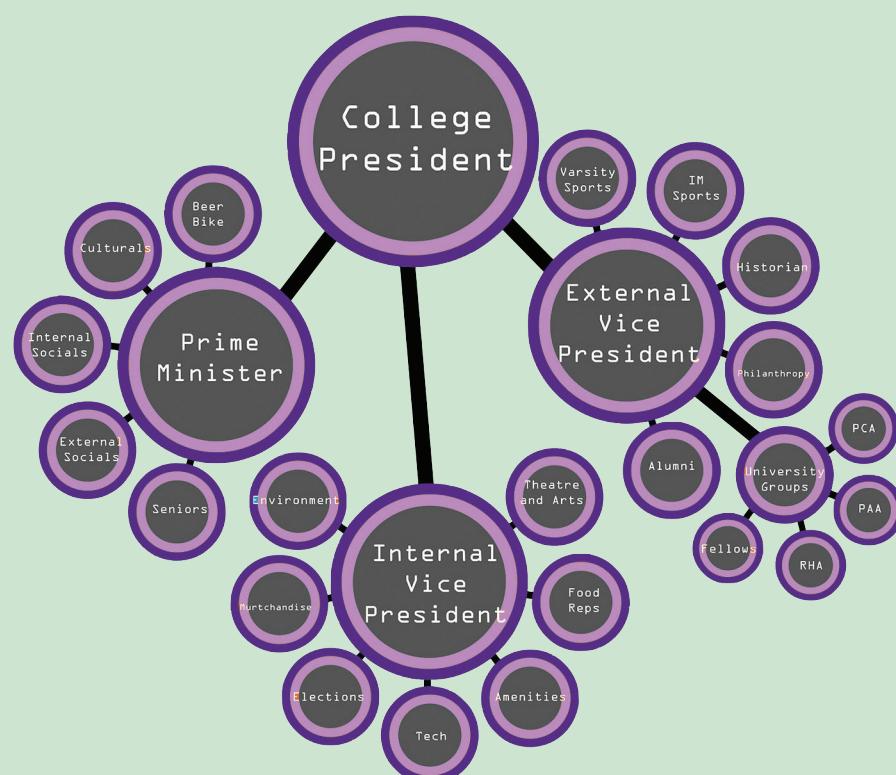
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# The McMinistry

At Rice, all 11 residential colleges have an internal, student-run government designed to deal with various aspects of the college.

At McMurtry, our student government is known as the McMinistry. Within the McMinistry exists the Executive Council (EC), which includes the President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, Prime Minister, Secretary, and Treasurer (all of whom are elected in the spring). The EC conducts various functions, including running the McMurtry Town Hall meetings, overseeing the committee system, sending out announcements, reserving rooms at our college, creating the budget, and much more. In addition to the EC, there are nine Hall Representatives (including one off campus representative) and one At-Large Representative. There are also three First Year Representatives who are elected by first year students in the fall (and you can be one!). Hall Representatives are members elected to represent their respective hall within the McMinistry, while the At-Large Representative, represents the interests of McMurtry College as a whole and organizes meetings between the Hall Representatives, collectively known as the People's Council (PC). With the exception of the President, all of the previously mentioned positions are voting members of the McMinistry.

The rest of the McMinistry is made up of non-voting members, including the Chief Justice, the Parliamentarian, the Historians, the SA Senator, the RPC Representative, and the Honor Council Representative. Many of the events that are planned by and for McMurtry students are organized through the various committees. Getting involved in a committee is a great way to get involved with McMurtry government as a New Student. Additionally, the McMinistry meets bi-weekly for Town Hall meetings that are open to everyone. Town Hall meetings discuss current McMurtry issues, hold voting sessions, and are an open forum for any Murt to voice their concerns (free snacks too!). These meetings are where you will learn what is going on at McMurtry, so make sure to attend and stay involved!



## McMinistry '19-'20

President - Joyce Chen  
Prime Minister - Sam Fowler  
Internal Vice President - Matthew Whaley  
At Large Rep - Carolyn Daly  
External Vice President - Stephanie Ponce  
Secretaries - Catherine Hettler & Aaron Vaughan  
Treasurers - Dylan Nguyen & Vibha Sastri  
Chief Justice - Augi Liebster

# Socio-Economic Initiatives

Starting in Spring 2017, McMurtry College has committed to making financial accessibility an utmost priority and to be a leader in the socioeconomic inclusivity initiative at Rice.

We recognize that every Murt's financial situation and needs are different and that the residential college experience should be accessible to all. We've implemented an initiative to address socioeconomic inequality with regards to social life at our college, namely to make all college events and Murtchandise financially accessible.

The prices of McMurtry events (e.g. McSkate in winter, McFloat in spring) and Murtchandise are capped at \$5/event or \$5/merchandise. Beer Bike shirts, which are required for participation in Beer Bike, are free.

We established the Magister's Fund so students can opt into extra funding. This fund is intended to cover ground we may miss with blanket subsidization, to offer extra support to students in difficult circumstances, and to avoid limiting students to college social events.

Funding can be used for a variety of things, such as: a Saturday dinner out, cleats for an intramural sport, or something else entirely. There is no hard minimum or maximum amount, nor strict criteria for eligibility, and you can email the magisters for more information.

All personal information shared throughout the application process will remain confidential and will not be released to any student. Beyond the college, many Rice organizations offer additional support and resources for financially needy students, from summer study abroad scholarships to assistance purchasing professional clothing.

Many of these resources are provided by specific departments. For example, the Center for Career Development refers students needing professional clothing. The Student Success Initiatives Office has a pantry that is open certain days of the week in order for students to get food/bathroom necessities. Please inquire with the McTeam and/or the related department -- just because you haven't heard about a resource doesn't mean it doesn't exist!



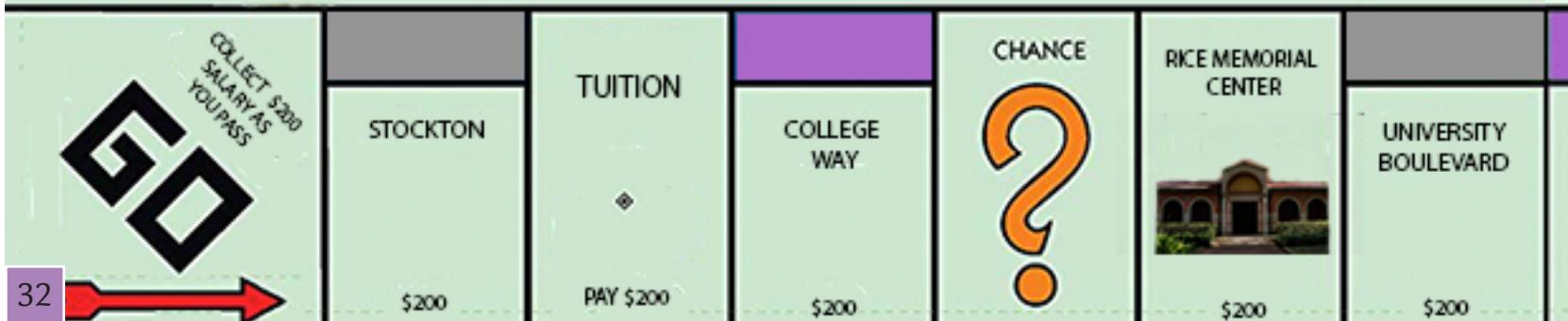
# College Associates



College Associates are faculty, staff, and community members who are a vital part of the residential college and are committed to engaging, mentoring, and serving as a resources for students. Associates get involved in the college in a wide variety of ways ranging from casual meals, sporting events, and social gatherings, to lectures, career panels, and theatrical performances, all with the goal of enriching intellectual, cultural, and social life at McMurtry. There is no prescription for how associates contribute to the college because each associate brings a unique set of experiences and perspectives. During O-Week, you will be introduced to associates on at least two occasions, a lunch in the college and a dinner off campus, but these meetings are just an introduction to the program. During your first year, you'll have many more opportunities to meet associates, seek mentoring, share interests, and ask questions. Associates are around on a regular basis, so if you see any of our wonderful associates in the commons, or somewhere around campus, be sure to stop, introduce yourself, and take advantage of the opportunity. You never know when your connections with these professional and wonderful individuals will help you in the days to come!

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# Meet Your



# O-Week Team!



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# Advance To GO-Week Coords



Emily Duffus

Junior  
Cognitive Sciences  
Biochemistry  
Medical Humanities  
Glen Ridge, NJ



Edesiri Mushale

Junior  
Mechanical Engineering  
Vacaville, CA



Olivia Morris

Junior  
Cognitive Sciences  
Psychology  
Tampa, FL

As O-Week Coordinators, it is our job to pour our heart and soul into creating your Orientation Week. We, your three Advance To GO-Week Coordinators, have been planning for your arrival since well before you were placed in McMurtry. In fact, we have been working since January to select your Advisors and your Co-Advisors. This summer we have prepared this book for you, matched you with a roommate, and carefully placed you into an O-Week group. We also planned the majority of O-Week events you will be participating in at McMurtry. One of the best things about Rice is that the administration places a great deal of trust in students (i.e. us) to run things. In turn, we work extremely hard to make sure that you have a smooth transition into Rice, both academically and socially. Your Advisors will be your guides for most of O-Week, but we'll largely be working to make sure everything runs smoothly. We are elated that you will be joining us at McMurtry and we are beyond excited to meet you. See you August 18!

### Emily Duffus | Coordinator | McMurtry

Duffus. Doofy. Doofenschmirtz. Doofickus. Dufftacion. Goofus. Emily. She is girl by many names, yet none can fully encapsulate the intangible essence of the one-of-a-kind Emily Duffus. Whether she's knocking people down on the powderpuff field, working out approximately once a semester, or poorly playing pool at the rec, this girl is an athlete to say the least. The Queen of Orgo herself, Emily grinds like no other. When she's not in the classroom earning straight As, you can find her eating snacks on her bed, watching trashy movies, or working behind the bar at Willy's Pub (which is in the basement of the Student Center). You can look forward to her frank advice and hangriness. But in actuality, Emily is one of the funniest, smartest, most hardworking, and most considerate people I know. You couldn't be in better hands.

- Julia Robinson, McMurtry '21

### Edesiri Mushale | Coordinator | McMurtry

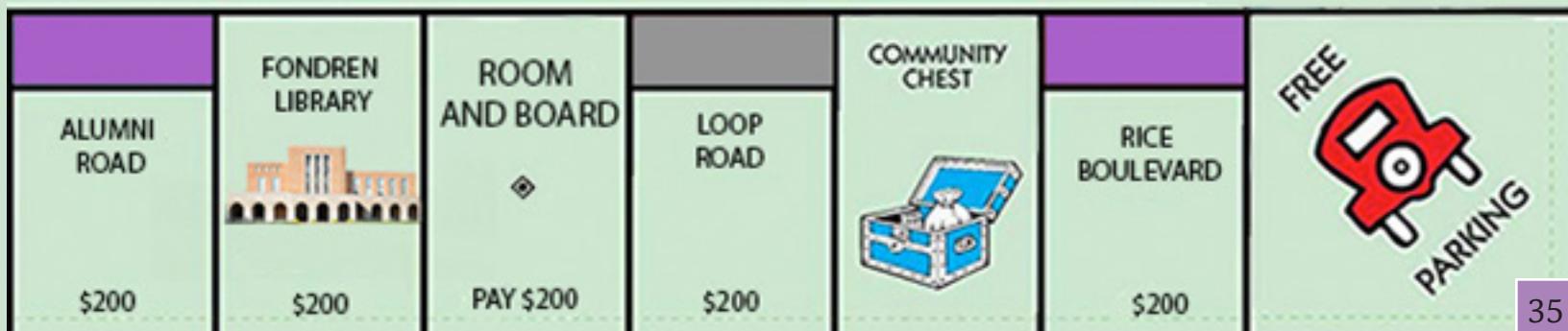
Edesiri "RiRi" Mushale isn't lit, he's DUMMY lit. This 6'0.5 (and yes, the 0.5 matters) mechanical engineering junior is from the Bay Area in California, and let me tell you: being tall isn't the only thing that stands out about Edesiri Mushale. You'll probably hear his voice from a mile away in the servery line (for which he's almost always first in line for), probably quoting something from Twitch or... something from Twitch. He's a big lover of gaming, especially Fortnite, and can quote his favorite streamers at the drop of a hat. Of course, that's not the only thing he loves. When Edesiri is not mentoring high school robotics teams, he's watching the competitions online. But wait, there's more! He's not just a nerd—he's also a star hitter on Rice's very own club volleyball team. But first and foremost, Edesiri Mushale is a friend. Whether you need relationship advice at 3 am or just a packet of Cheez-Its from his 20-box stash, Edesiri Mushale will be there for you. If there's a crowd, Edesiri is probably in the middle of it. But don't you worry, this BNOC always makes time for his new students, so get ready to receive warm hugs and life-altering advice from this amazing, loving, and dummy lit Coordinator.

-Meheret Adera and Megan Liu, McMurtry '22

### Olivia Morris | Coordinator | McMurtry

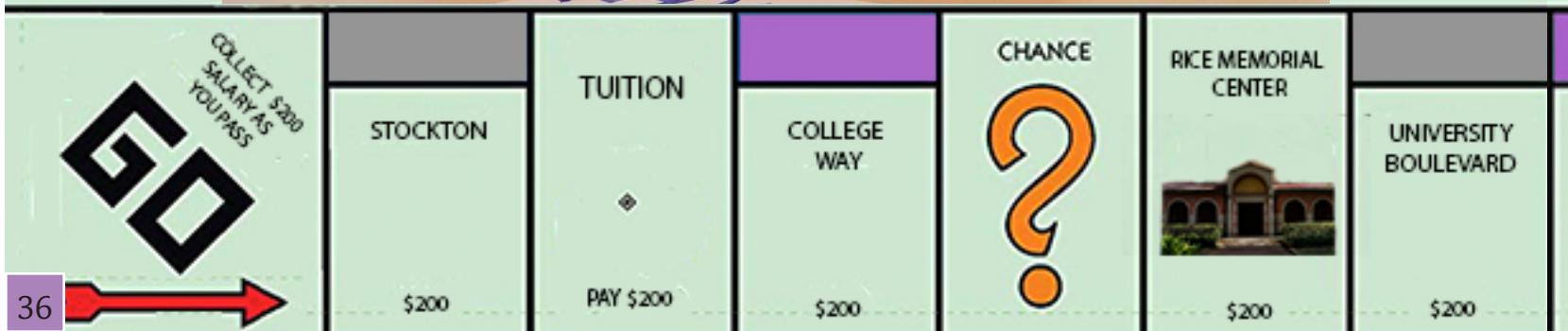
If you don't already know the legendary Olivia, are you even a(liv)e? She's kind of a big deal. Some say she emerged straight from the pulpy orange mush that is the state of Florida. Others say she was born with a Father John Misty vinyl in her hand. We are honestly unsure which she likes more: tea or T. This woke queen will go toe to toe with you on any social issue or current event. Her knowledge is only exceeded by her totally chill-tacular attitude. Never has there ever been a more cool, cognizant, and cordial Cognitive Sciences major in the history of Rice University (#peckem). She's also a (liv)ely writer, always keeping her trusty pen by her side. She's always down for an adventure and is one of the best listeners you will come across. So whether you call her Liv, LivLiv, (Liv)erwurst, Olive, Olio, Oioi, or just straight Olivia she'll always be a loyal friend and a kick ass gal. (Liv)e from McMurtry it's time for O-Week!!!!!!!

-Zach Verne and Sachi Paul, McMurtry '20





# What is...



## an O-Week Group?

Your O-Week group consists of 8-9 other New Students, 4 upperclassmen Advisors (one will be a Co-Advisor and one may be an Affiliate) who are beyond excited to welcome you to the best residential college on campus! All throughout O-Week, you will be preparing for registration and academic life at Rice and interacting with the rest of your incoming class at McMurtry, but your O-Week group is designed primarily to give you more of a personal support system during the week and throughout the year. From playing crazy ice-breakers, learning about each other's interests and passions, sharing possible course schedules, or making late night food runs, you will soon discover that your bond as an O-Week group runs deep. Be prepared for lots of fun & encouragement from the peers in your group. Don't be worried if your Advisors seem very enthusiastic when you drive up for move in day -- it's a sign of affection.

## an Advisor?

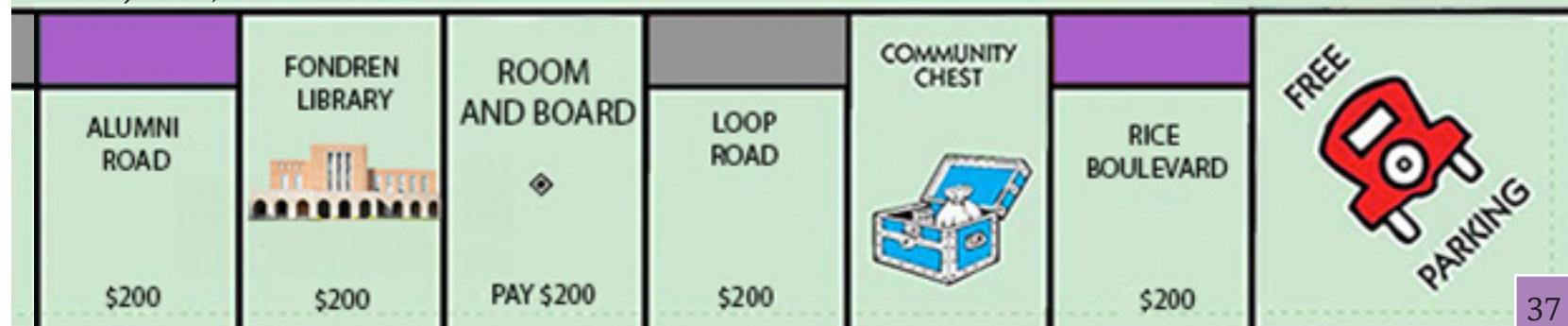
Advisors are a diverse group of students from McMurtry who are so enthusiastic about welcoming you to Rice that they don't mind returning here almost two full weeks before classes start to help you move in and start your time at Rice! These fantastic people have been hand-selected to act as your guides throughout O-Week; they'll make sure you get to all activities and meetings, answer any questions you might have (or direct you to someone who can answer them), expose you to Rice's academics and student life, introduce you to the McMurtry culture, and serve as all-around resources. One thing that all Advisors have in common is their desire to help you have the best experience possible at Rice, so they'll continue to be resources for you long after O-Week is over and may very well become some of your closest friends.

## a Co-Advisor?

Co-Advisors make up about a fourth of our team and are students who are equally friendly and enthusiastic about welcoming you to Rice, but they hail from other residential colleges! Co-Advisors love McMurtry so much that they choose to join McMurtry's O-Week as an ambassador of their home college. In addition to having the qualities of an Advisor, they can help show you Rice beyond the beautiful wood-panels of McMurtry and bring a little bit of their own college's culture and customs along with them. They are wonderful resources in helping you to branch out and explore other colleges!

## an Affiliate?

Affiliates are O-Week personnel who serve specific roles designed to help you with your transition to Rice. Most O-Week groups will have at least one Affiliate. While they are paired with individual groups, they are an important resource for all New Students at the college. The Affiliate assigned to your group may often be floating around to meet other students and providing them with specialized knowledge and advice. Be sure to meet all the Affiliates present, as they are incredibly important campus-wide resources during O-Week and beyond. These Affiliate positions include: Peer Academic Advisors, Diversity Facilitators, Photographer, Videographer, Gopher, Rice Health Advisor, Associates Liaison, Athletic Liaison, Student Maintenance Representative, Chief Justice, and President.



# Backgammon Street Boys



Rolando Marquez

Senior  
Bioengineering  
Pasadena, TX



Sophie Marx

Sophomore  
Cognitive Sciences  
Brooklyn, NY



Krithi Pachipala

Sophomore  
Neuroscience,  
Social Policy Analysis  
The Woodlands, TX



Nathan McCoslin

Sophomore  
Political Science  
Jewett, TX



## Rolando Marquez | Advisor | McMurtry

Rolando is like a box of chocolates. You THINK you know what you're gonna get but he still manages to surprise you. He's majoring in Bioengineering AND he's a pre-med (he's quite the brave soul). He's a meme connoisseur (arguably his greatest attribute). He's one of the funniest guys I have ever met, and he can always make you smile with his terribly good jokes and general way of being. Whether he's whipping so hard he pops his elbow or taking a giant Bevo he found in a dumpster back to McMurtry, he's always sure to make you laugh. But aside from how fun of a guy he is, he's also an incredibly caring dude. Rolando is going to be a fantastic advisor. He has the motivation and commitment to help anyone who needs it, whether it's academic or personal. His fun, upbeat personality is sure to be a warm welcome to Rice.

- Sue Kim, McMurtry '20

## Sophie Marx | Advisor | Videographer | McMurtry

As an Uber driver once said about Sophie, "she talks so loudly for such a small girl." You will probably hear Sophie Marx before you see her—this 5'3 sophomore Cognitive Science major from McMurtry College is energetic, hilarious, and is so excited to be your oweek advisor. As a former urban outfitters employee, Sophie is a walking urban outfitters ad, always sporting a fuzzy jacket and a fashionable belt. Hailing from New York City, sophie loves a good piece of pizza and is a major broadway enthusiast. Speaking of Broadway, she is also a member of the Philharmonics, Rice's oldest acapella group, so even her singing in the shower sounds like a concert. Sophie is thoughtful, passionate, and just a fantastically fun person to be around. If you have Sophie as your advisor, you should feel lucky to have such an amazing person as both a friend and mentor.

- Callie Carnahan and Alyson Resnick, McMurtry '22

## Krithi Pachipala | Co-Advisor | Will Rice

Hailing from H-Town, this soon to be Dr. Pachipalalalalala, a potential quintuple major, is everything you'll ever want in an Advisor. In her free time she likes to tell others about all the pre-med requirements she has left or her vegetarian diet that includes chicken. When she's feeling potato-esque, Krithi can spend all day on Facebook tagging people in memes or dancing to Bollywood remixes on Rice's Riyaaz dance team. She will always be down for adventures and trouble whether it's late night dessert, losing her key at least once a week, leaving her backpack in a restaurant overnight, or running into laptop thieves in her room! In all seriousness, though, Krithi is an amazing friend, mentor, dancer, chocolate lover, and will be an advisor you can go to for anything. She is always ready to drop everything to put others' needs ahead of hers, whether it be for a quick Target run or to just be there as someone to talk to. If you lucked out and got Krithi as your Advisor, her million facial expressions will lighten your mood every time you come across her at Rice, and just know she's always there to help you anyway she can!

- Talha Arif & Ashley Messineo, Will Rice '22

## Nathan McCoslin | Advisor | Associate's Liasion | McMurtry

Having Nathan as your advisor is an experience you'll never forget (whether that's a good thing or a bad thing, I'll let you decide). All jokes aside, Nathan is one of the most wholesome people at Rice you'll ever meet. Originally from the small town, Jewett, (THE sculpture capital of Texas - as he reminds us every 5 minutes), this Political Science major has one of the biggest hearts and can talk to you about literally anything. Just don't ask him to watch a horror movie with you, he might end up being too scared to sleep in his own room that night and beg to sleep on your floor. In the time I've known him, he's never made me fail to smile and is one of the greatest friends you could ever ask for. You're going to make some unforgettable memories and be constantly laughing with him as your advisor and always know that he's got your back.

-Akshaya Venkatesh, McMurtry College '22

# Battleship and Boujee



Hayden Mast

Sophomore  
Mathematical Economic  
Analysis  
Statistics  
Austin, TX



Ellery Parish

Junior  
Social Policy Analysis,  
Sociology  
San Antonio, TX



Dara Okeremi

Sophomore  
Bioengineering  
Houston, TX



Rohini Kumar

Junior  
Neuroscience  
Austin, TX

## Hayden Mast | Advisor | McMurtry

With the loudest car at McMurtry, you might hear him approaching before you meet him. Whether he's revving his Mustang engine or revving hearts with his killer smile, Hayden stirs things up wherever he goes. He cares enough that he will truly listen to and consider anything you want to talk about, but not too much that he can't dish out roasts when he needs to. Hayden's a guy you can both mess around with and trust, so feel comfortable ribbing him and confiding in him. Most of all, if you're in his family, he's always down to ride with you in whatever you do (preferably in his Mustang). This means Hayden will try new things and grow with you. Like your favorite Pokemon, he's always evolving, and that's why he inspires us.

- Jacob Lu, McMurtry '22

## Ellery Parish | Co-Advisor | Duncan

Ellery Parish (pronounced 'celery' but without the 'c') is a gregarious, loving student athlete from the city of San Antonio. If you need her, you should probably check at the Rec - this hard-working member of swim team dedicates hours every day to trying to cross the pool without drowning. When she's not underwater, Ellery is always available to give her opinion on any and every topic you can think of. Her double majors of Social Policy Analysis and Sociology have her well-prepped to analyze and give you advice on any situation that comes up, especially where to get breakfast tacos in Texas (although be aware that the best ones are in San Antonio). All in all, Ellery will always be there for you, whether as a friend or a shoulder to lean on (if you can reach it), and will spend the next four years cheering you on in every endeavor you choose.

- Sara Emami and Shannon Jolley, Brown '22

## Dara Okeremi | Advisor | McMurtry

If you're ever in an 8 am class, and you want to know how to get up at 7:53, shower, grab breakfast and get to class ON TIME, Dara's the person you go to. This high-spirited, loud, and tea-loving girl is going to be your go-to for everything (except driving - don't ask her to drive you around). She'll always have your back and be your hype-person (yes, she's loud - why she lived on the quiet floor of McM her freshman year, the world may never know). She's a part of literally every club on campus and her calendar may stress you out with all the different appointments, but she'll always make time for those who need her. She's a BioE so she can engineer creative solutions to all of your problems. Dara doesn't play games (especially with Physics), but since this is Advance To Go Week, get ready to play games with her as your Advisor.

- Akshaya Venkatesh and Elena Margolin, McMurtry '22

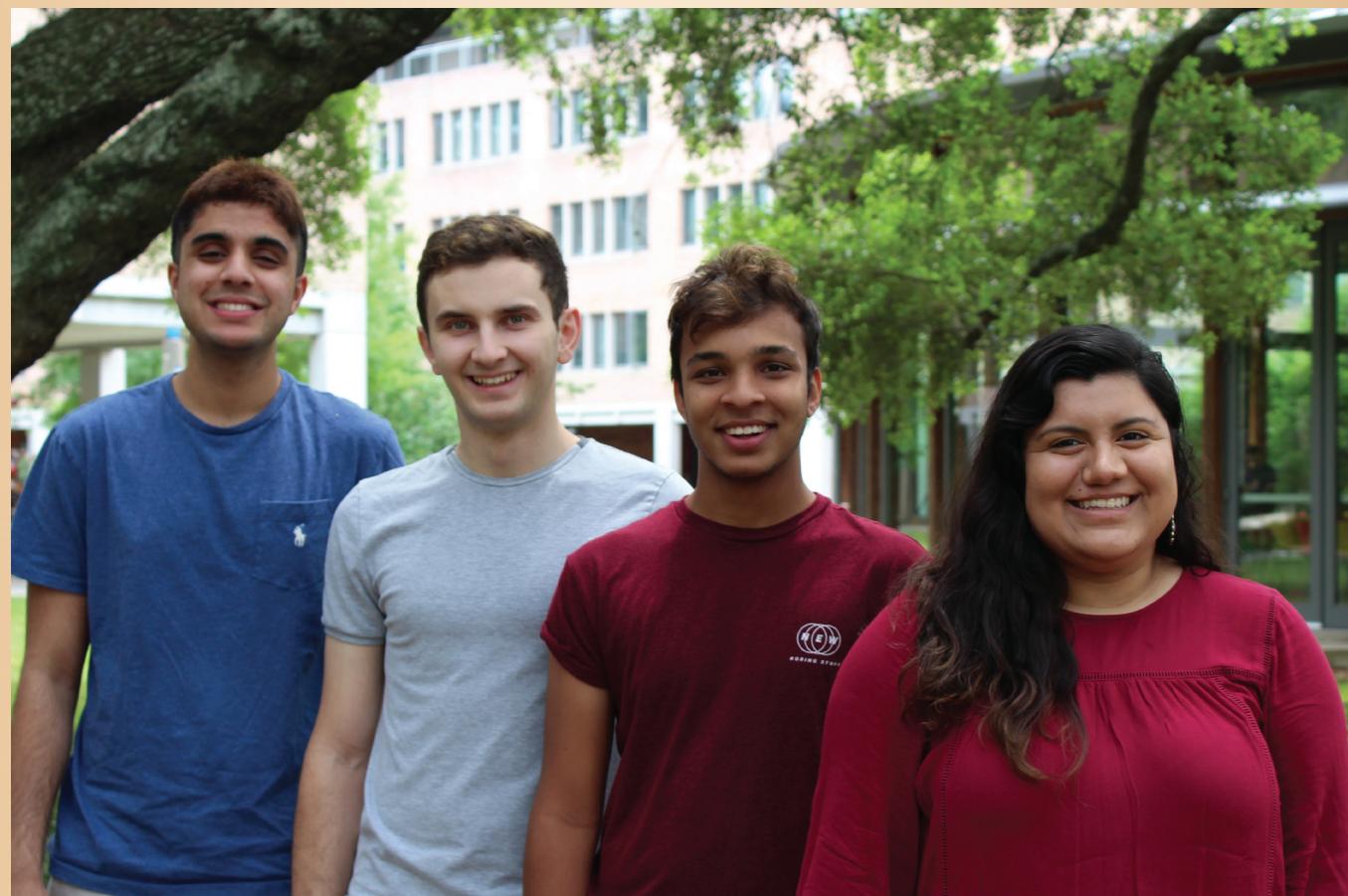
## Rohini Kumar | Advisor | Diversity Facilitator | McMurtry

If you're searching for the wisdom and calming presence of Master Oogway from Kung Fu Panda, but feeling downcast because he is a fictional tortoise, worry no more! Rohini Kumar possesses all of that poise and calm and she will also always go out of her way to support you, listen to you, and calm your soul with her soothing demeanor. Look for her on the dance floor, because she is an incredible dancer and captain of the Rice Rasikas dance team! Rohini is a Neuroscience major, so she has a pretty big brain (that she also knows a lot about)-- but she also has a really big heart, both for her friends and for the world. She is one of the most thoughtful and reliable friends you will ever have, so don't let this one slip away!



- Macklyn Hutchison, McMurtry '20

# Captain Mancala



Kabir Sood

Sophomore  
Economics  
Houston, TX



Stoyan Kimitov

Senior  
Computer Science  
Chicago, IL



Sohil Shah

Sophomore  
Mathematical Economic  
Analysis  
Singapore



Lupita Galvan Tinoco

Senior  
Cognitive Science  
Austin, TX

## Kabir Sood | Co-Advisor | Jones

A native Houstonian Econ major who's also a premed, Kabir Sood is all about following his passions. Kabir absolutely loves music and it won't be long until you catch him singing along to some of his favorite songs, and if you want something a little more formal go see him sing at one of his acapella concerts with the Apollos! You can usually find Kabir practicing his verses for an upcoming song, at the Rec, or out getting some late night food off campus. Did I mention Kabir is a huge Rockets fan? Talk to him about how much he loves the Rockets, or hates the Warriors, and you'll soon realize how much he knows about basketball, and he definitely wouldn't mind if you asked him to go to a game. Kabir is a fun loving, genuine, funny guy who is all about doing the things he likes. Ask him about how he manages to balance his interests and academics, or what it's like to be a premed majoring in Social Sciences. You can also always ask him for music recommendations. Kabir is a great, and I highly recommend getting to know him!

- Keegan O'Connor, Jones '22

## Stoyan Kimitov | Advisor | Gopher | McMurtry

Fun, funky, and fresh, Stoyan Komitov (Sto-yawn Co-me-tov) is the guy that does it all. Formerly known as "Row God" or "Guy with the Strong Jaw," you can now call him your Advisor and new friend. Even though he comes from the far away land of Chicago, Illinois, Stoyan has made Houston his home for the last three years, meaning that he knows all the best places to eat around town! When he isn't at an early morning rowing practice or fixing something at Rice Bikes, you can catch Stoyan grinding away in Fondren or McMurtry commons trying (and succeeding) to finish a last-minute project. Plus he can make bread! This guy can truly do it all. An avid EDM fan, Stoyan has the high energy of a raver with the passion of ... also a raver. Stoyan is a junior Computer Science major whose dedication to his major is high but his love for his friends is higher. Despite being quite the busy body, Stoyan always makes time for his friends, no matter if they live across campus or across the world. Honestly he is one of the best people you will meet, and starting your time here with him will make McMurtry and Rice the best place possible. But seriously, ask him to make you his signature avocado hummus, it's amazing.

- Sarah Silberman Wiess '20 and Raymond Lau McMurtry '20

## Sohil Shah | Advisor | McMurtry

Sohil. Slow-hill. Swole-hill. Mr. Worldwide. Sampath. The man of many monikers reached his peak at the 2019 club tennis banquet when he was awarded "The Walking Meme" award, to no surprise from me and his other teammates; he's laughing half the time, often at himself. If he's not laughing, he probably has his raf (resting aloof face) on. He's constantly confused about America: "What's the point of pounds, there's kilograms!" "Is Colorado a city?" If you speak in Fahrenheit only, don't ask him what the weather is like outside or else he will haughtily reply in Celsius. A Singaporean native, his fashion sense is reminiscent of a model from Crazy Rich Asians (his Air Force 1's omggggg). All this aside, Sohil will be the best Advisor you could ask for. He's an incredible friend that'll go out of his way to make sure you have everything you need. If you ever need someone to make you laugh or you need a hug or someone to listen to you, you know who to go to. You're gonna have the best O-Week ever with Sohil!!!

- Rishi Vas, McMurtry '22

## Lupita Galvan Tinoco | Advisor | McMurtry

Lupita is the definition of a mother. Seriously. Think of that one mom friend you have and multiply just how much of a mom they are by 6. That's Lupita. She's super nice, super caring, and overall a fantastic person. She's from Austin (and it kinda shows), she's a Cognitive Science major (studying dat brain yo), and she has 2 super cute dogs (not at Rice, that's not allowed). When she's not excessively studying, she spends her time watching movies (80s or DCOM), decorating her room (puts other rooms to shame, including mine D: ), crafting, thrifting, and probably doing other neat things that she won't tell me about. She's a heck of a person, and a heck of a friend, and when you meet her you're gonna love her.

- Braulio Garcia, McMurtry '22

# Dice Dice Baby



Dylan Nguyen

Sophomore  
Social Policy Analysis  
Dallas, TX



Alexandra Lim

Sophomore  
Undecided  
Vancouver, WA



Natty Askanase

Sophomore  
Sports Management,  
History  
New York, NY



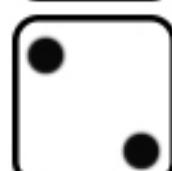
Robert Alexander

Junior  
Cognitive Science  
Oakland, CA

## Dylan Nguyen | Advisor | Peer Academic Advisor | McMurtry

Congrats!!! Dylan is your Advisor, now prepare for an ~E X P E R I E N C E~. Despite being a hardcore STEM student and comp major, he is also a woke kween getting a second degree in Social Policy Analysis and spending his summer working to reform the Texas criminal justice system. But don't let that give you the impression that he is all work and no play ... some of his favorite pastimes include listening to depressing indie music, elevating his broken leg, and balancing the checkbook as college treasurer. But seriously, if you're looking for a good time, Dylan is your guy. He is known around McMurtry as the life of the party and has the paper plate award to prove it. And if you are ever looking for a spontaneous Beyoncé performance, this skinny legend has got you covered. So get ready for a wild ride and the best O-Week experience of your life!

- Andrew Connoy, McMurtry '22 & Alex Lammers, McMurtry '22



## Alexandra Lim | Co-Advisor | Martel

From the Portland metropolitan area, this Vancouver native, who is neither from Oregon nor Canada, can literally convince you to do anything. Like write this bio for her or join 3 college committees when you had no intention of doing so. Nevertheless, Alexandra is always down to hangout in commons, go to a campus event, or hit up Rice village for some fun. Single handedly building Martel's common culture, Alexandra can be found in Martel commons doing anything from contemplating between majoring in Chemistry or Neuroscience to socializing with other Martelians over dinner. A "track star" in the making, she'll run with you at 10 o'clock at night to catch the Rice Village shuttle for a cup of boba or dance until dawn at Y2K (McMurtry's public party) because the music is just too good! Deeply in love with food and cafes, Alexandra is always down to go out and try some of the various cuisines and amenities Houston has to offer. And when you leave your wallet in the Lyft you took back together from Golden Dumpling House, faking a British accent and convincing the driver you go to Cambridge, she'll call him up and get your wallet back! Dang, you sure are lucky to have Alexandra as your advisor!

- Jordyn Williams, Martel, '22



## Natty Askanase | Advisor | McMurtry

Some reviews:

"If you don't know Natty's from New York City (the upper west side SPECIFICALLY!) he will make sure you know during O-Week."

"You will never see Natty without his crocs."

"Natty was in the bottom half of his high school class but still got into Rice."

"Natty is cool. 10/10 recommend as an Advisor."

"Natty is a man of many amazing traits, but mainly he's an amazing friend that's always gonna put a smile on your face!"



## Robert Alexander | Advisor | Gopher | McMurtry

A little known fact is about Robert Alexander is that his initials actually stand for 'Really' and 'Awesome'. However, an enigma such as he can only be understood through his dorm room decor. Above his bed are eight album covers, featuring artists such as The Strokes, Lorde, and Beach House. He also has several posters, revealing his love for the classics: the Office, It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia, and Star Wars, but PLEASE NOTE that Robert has an extreme aversion to movies or shows in which the title is actually said out loud and may, quite literally, cringe out of his skin. And of course, Robert's room is only complete with a bottle of hot sauce (stolen from the servery) on his desk. This Cognitive Science major from the Bay Area loves taking long walks through Hermann Park, playing pool, and watching basketball games when he should be doing homework, and I can guarantee he will be the best Advisor you could ask for.

- Cassia Lewandowski, McMurtry '21

# Hollabackgammon Girl: This Is Bananas



Amy Mu



Raymond Lau



Hannah Boyd



Stephanie Xie

Junior  
Kinesiology (Health Sciences)  
Johns Creek, GA

Senior  
Mechanical Engineering  
Las Vegas, NV

Sophomore  
Biochemistry  
Gaithersburg, MD

Junior  
Computer Science  
Cognitive Science  
Wilton, CT

## Amy Mu | Advisor | McMurtry

Her full initials are AWM, and once you meet her, she'll have you saying "AW M-an, where has Amy been all my life?" (Don't ask what her middle name is, she might bite you.....but I'll give you a hint: it's a fast food chain and rhymes with Pendy.) This Health Sciences junior plans to spend her future in saving lives---starting with yours. Although she is majoring in the Natural Sciences, Amy also has great passion for Humanities and the Arts. If you also happen to be an enthusiast of dancing, appreciate thoughtful conversation, ever need homework guidance from a better-hairstyled version of Einstein, or if you have even the slightest sense of humor, you will get along wonderfully with Amy. This creative genius has enough megabyte storage in her brain to remember every little detail about you----in a slightly creepy, but mostly very thoughtful way. If I haven't emphasized enough how massive her brain is, you'll be shocked to learn that her heart is even more massive. No matter the place, the time of day, circumstance of happiness or sorrow, Amy will always be eager to be right by your side. Amy is one of the best people that are currently breathing on this planet, and anyone that receives the opportunity to become close to her will quickly come to realize this for themselves. Although college will be a time of new challenges, you can relax a little knowing that you will get to have THE Amy Mu as your advisor. It's no coincidence that Amy and Allstate Insurance both start with an "A" --- because you'll be in good hands.

- Jennifer Ho, McMurtry '21

## Raymond Lau | Advisor | McMurtry

Hello my dear New Students, let me introduce you to the living legend Raymond Lau! They call him CRAYZYRAYZY the sun-dried delicious raisin because he is wrinkly and unimpressive on the outside but soft and sweet on the inside! This Las Vegas native knows how to play the following things: poker, Pokemon Showdown, the recorder, the trumpet, my heart. Senior MECH Raymond's reputation precedes him everywhere he goes, and he is known by many names, including but not limited to: Raymond "CAAM" Lau, Mr. McMurtry, Dear Friend to All, "24 Fluid Ounces in 4 Seconds??," Light of my Life. In all my 80 years living in this here anemone I've never met someone more selfless, adventurous, humble, and kind! Get ready for the time of your life, because Raymond is your Advisor!!

- Grant Lu, McMurtry '20

## Hannah Boyd | Advisor | McMurtry

Hannah Boyd's only been at Rice for a year, but she's already solidified her status as a Murt ICON. Scored multiple game-winning touchdowns as McMurtry's powderpuff quarterback? Check. Braved through a hot wings eating competition until there were tears streaming down her face? Check. Conquered a cockroach on the first day of O-Week and earned herself the title, "Roach Girl"? Check. This sophomore Biochem major was born in New Jersey but hails from Maryland. When she's not grinding on homework, you can catch Hannah playing every single IM sport, doing research on cancer treatment targeting mitochondria, reading up on whether we live in a simulation, or listening to Old Town Road on repeat--she may or may not have the lyrics memorized to serenade you. But besides being a rap queen (ask her to freestyle and witness her skills for yourself), Hannah's a gem of a friend. She's an extremely genuine person and someone you can talk to for hours about everything and nothing. If you made it into Hannah's O-Week group, congrats on landing yourself a one-of-a-kind Advisor and a friend for life.

- Vibha Sastri, McMurtry '22

## Stephanie Xie | Co-Advisor | Lovett

Hello to the matriculating class at McMurtry! If you're reading this, congratulations, because it probably means that the lovely and wonderful Stephanie Xie is one of your advisors! Stephanie hails from the 7th residential college in founding order, Edgar Odell LOVETT College and she's really excited to be your bridge between McMurtry and the rest of Rice! This Wilton, CT native is a (CS)^2 major (the colloquial abbreviation for both the Computer Science and Cognitive Science majors) and is spending her summer in Chicago, IL with Design for America. Stephanie is high key a cat person and Low Key an amazing singer (for context she's in the Low Keys a cappella group!), so be prepared for a serenade or two about her cat Momo. Most importantly, Stephanie is a great friend and Caring human-being. Feel free to reach out to her for anything, she's really excited to get to know you!

- Hannah Andersen (Lovett '21) and Chloe Oani (Lovett '21)

# Hungry Hungry Hippo Mode



Nneoma Ome

Sophomore  
Bioengineering  
Sugar Land, TX



Jennifer Ho

Junior  
Kinesiology, Health  
Sciences, Multiple  
Minors  
Tomball, TX



Emma Young

Junior  
Mathematical Economic  
Analysis,  
Social Analysis  
Brentwood, TN



Josh Verne

Sophomore  
Computer Science  
Raleigh, NC

## Nneoma Ome | Advisor | McMurtry

Zoom!!! You see someone zipping past you to get to class, even though they aren't late. Who's that you might ask yourself? None other than Nneoma Ome. A tall girl that has brains to match her elegance. Nneoma is a Houston native from the suburb of Sugar Land. Which boasts some of the best and brightest the world has seen. It's almost as if it was meant to be that she's from Sugar Land and attends Rice University. Nneoma is always open to talking and meeting new people. Some of her hobbies are watching Youtube videos, talking to family and listening to her favorite artist Shawn Mendes. A secret talent Nneoma possesses that she is an amazing volleyball player and an even better leader. She was named the most improved member of her varsity volleyball team in high school. So if you're lucky enough to catch Nneoma on campus, I would say the best way to spark a conversation with her would be by bringing up Shawn Mendes. Doing that might just kick off a great friendship between the two of you.

- Chukwudi Ome, UTSA '21

## Jennifer Ho | Advisor | McMurtry

Jennifer Ho? THE Jennifer Ho? She's known as many different things: J. Ho (which is what inspired Jennifer Lopez to go by J. Lo) to her peers, @jenniferhopez to her Instagram fans, @jennifurho to her loyal Twitter followers, and Jennifer Ho, B.A. Kinesiology to her professors and formal email correspondents. You, however, are lucky enough to also get to know her as your incredible Advisor: someone who will welcome you with all the heart she has in her tiny body, always hype you up, support you through the best and worst of times, and serenade you with the singular ukulele chord she's learned to play. You'll know when she's nearby when you see her extremely well-crafted outfit she threw together in 5 minutes for 5 dollars, hear her energetic, genuine laughter, or spot a blur roller-blading across campus at unrealistically high speeds. Chances are, though, Jennifer will already be at your side, no matter what. She is, objectively and undeniably, one of the kindest, warmest and most selfless people you ever will meet. While she is convinced she will win an Oscar for her homemade movies that Youtube has yet to see, Jennifer's main passion lies in helping people, whether it's through studying Global Health, Health Disparities, or just through her everyday actions. This junior has abundant love for Rice and McMurtry, and being the #giving person she is, she's more than ready to share it with you, too.

- Amy Mu, McMurtry '21

## Emma Young | Co-Advisor | Will Rice

One of the dankest features on Hungry Hungry Hippo Mode is Emma Young (Thug). She's a junior majoring in Mathematical Economic Analysis and Social Policy Analysis, but you don't need any analysis at all to figure out why she's a great advisor. As a tour guide, she can show you the ropes at Rice—and she can do it while walking backwards! At the very least, she will surely show you around her home college Will Rice. She works for Fondren Library, but she'll never leave you on "read." If you're hungry, ask her about her food Instagram. When I'm with Emma, I know Imma be in good hands and so will you.

- Simona Matovic, Will Rice '21

## Josh Verne | Advisor | McMurtry

Joshua Verne is the most woke person you'll ever meet, and you can quote me on that. Although originally living in Taiwan for 6 years, Josh is from North Carolina. Not only are they from North Carolina, but they can also list a bunch of other random celebrities that happen to be from North Carolina as well - a talent they commonly share. This sophomore Computer Science genius doesn't limit their abilities to the computer, but also dabbles in a variety of Sexuality and Gender Classes. If you ever feel the need to have a deep, invoking conversation with someone, Josh is the Advisor for you. Or maybe have you ever just wanted to go on a jog around campus at midnight? Josh does just that. In their free time, you'll find Josh leaving campus to rock climb, reading some random article, entering themselves into a hot wing eating competition, or running a meeting for Healthier Masculinities (a club they created!). You'll often hear them asking, "So what about them Dodgers?", without actually ever knowing what's happening in baseball. Lucky for you, you've landed yourself an incredibly genuine, fun Advisor who's probably just as excited about O-Week as you are!

- Hannah Boyd, McMurtry '22

# The Jenga Book



Asli Yilmaz

Senior  
Chemical &  
Biomolecular  
Engineering  
Houston, TX



Rishi Vas

Junior  
Cognitive Science  
Dallas, TX



Natalie Festa

Sophomore  
Anthropology  
Economics  
Houston, TX



Ben Harris

Junior  
Computer Science  
Charlottesville, VA

## **Asli Yilmaz | Advisor | McMurry**

Asli, Asli, Asli—Let me tell you about this gal. The moment this Houston native's car broke down in Rice Village she was fated to make quite the splash at Rice. When she's not killing it as a Chemical and Bio-molecular Engineering student she spends 98% of her waking hours looking at memes on Twitter. She often speaks literally in just vines or occasionally Turkish. When she's not doing that you might find her prancing around in a white robe and slippers, arguing the cultural significance of Barbie Princess & the Pauper, or furiously popping Lactaid pills before chugging a milky latte. In all seriousness, having Asli as an Advisor is a real treat—she's super caring and kind and if you ask nicely enough her mom will bring you tasty Turkish goodies. She's always willing to step up to any task, and she'll always surpass expectations. She's the chillest of beans, the diggidiest of bombs, and multiple bees' knees.

- Jake Bhoi, McMurry '20

## **Rishi Vas | Advisor | Peer Academic Advisor | McMurry**

MAN OH MAN! IF THE RISHI VAS is your Advisor then you have single handedly gotten the BEST ADVISOR! This rambunctious Dallas native (which does not even come close to justifying his love for the Cowboys & Mavericks) will never cease to make you smile and will always make you laugh till you cry. Although this hunk of a man seems to always be injured, when healthy he becomes an athletic freak of nature dominating in basketball, tennis, and volleyball - I am warning you now, you better watch for your ankles cause they are bound to break when he's on the court. If he's not dancing his way into your heart, this pre-med Cognitive Sciences major is probably listening to Jon Bellion or eating some great vegan food! You will come to realize that taking a walk across campus with Rishi Vas will take 1000X longer than expected because he will stop by and talk to everyone he crosses path with (this man literally knows everybody). Rishi is the literal life of the party and will always make sure that everyone around him is having as much of a blast as he is. In all seriousness - his smile will always light up the room and his windshield sounding laugh will make you realize you really do have a one of a kind Advisor. Rishi has a heart of gold and will not only be an amazing Advisor, but a fantastic friend who can not wait to be a part of your journey here at Rice!

- Aruni Areti, McMurry '22

## **Natalie Festa | Advisor | McMurry**

Big Sean sang "I woke up in Beast Mode," but Natalie's had beast mode turned on for a while, specifically since she had the audacity to walk back from Fondren Library at 2 am wearing Birks with socks and a blanket around her. When she's not impressing the Rice faculty and student body with her high fashion sense, Natalie is pursuing a double major in Anthropology and Econ. A Houston native, she loves the Astros and is a big fan of the second-string Rockets center, Nenê, for some reason. She definitely has her own car, and definitely doesn't have to ask her mom to use hers when she wants to go off campus. Feel free to ask her for a ride anytime (but give her time to text her mom for permission). When she's not volunteering around Houston or playing on the club soccer team, she represents McMurry in intramural sports. How lucky can you get to have her as an advisor? Luckier than Natalie, probably, who regularly says "of course it happens to me" when her computer's "t" button stops working so she has to sign emails as "Naalie Fesa," or when she talks about her beloved cat, Percy, who she sleeps in the same bed with and is unfortunately severely allergic to. When you tell her your favorite band, make sure to catch her reaction, because if it's one of poorly-hidden disgust (which it will be if you don't like the Avett Brothers or Bob Dylan) then they probably feature in her "cursed" playlist, right up there with Michael "Bubble" and Charlie Puth. No matter what you're interested in, you're bound to have a unique connection with Natalie and a great O-Week with her as your Advisor.

- Jacob Nieto, Duncan '22

## **Ben Harris | Co-Advisor | Duncan**

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's just a tall lanky boy!! Ben Harris, or as his friends call him Lord Byron, is a specimen of a man. Get excited because Ben Harris is a BNOC (big name on campus)!! I say that not because he's known or involved but because he is literally huge, you can see him from anywhere within a 2-mile radius. Don't let his height, nice sweaters, and hipster glasses fool you, this man is a goon. Every inch of his 6'6" physique is packed with the most immature sense of humor imaginable. I would pay \$50 to see this man go 10 minutes, nay 5, without laughing at something that's not remotely funny or nothing at all. How is this goof my Advisor you ask? Probably because he's Duncan College's Chief Justice, the role of upholding a college's honor and integrity against all odds. I'll let you spend O-Week trying to figure out how he got that job. Despite his inability to close his mouth when he chews, pick up his chacos when he walks, or take anything seriously, Ben is fiercely loyal and the best friend anyone could ask for. He'll give you great advice and always make you smile. Get pumped for the best, most laugh-filled week of your life with Duncan's Hunciest Hunc!!!

-Jessica Sheldon, Duncan '21

# La La Candyland



Caleb Robinson

Sophomore  
Physics,  
Mathematics  
Hattiesburg, MS



Kelsey Sanders

Senior  
Ecology, Evolutionary  
Biology, Neuroscience  
Boca Raton, FL



Aaron Pathak

Sophomore  
Social Policy Analysis  
Dallas, TX



Akshaya Venkatesh

Sophomore  
Cognitive Science  
Los Angeles, CA

## Caleb Robinson | Advisor | RHA Affiliate | McMurtry

Don't let his scraggly beard fool you, Caleb is Straight Edge™ in every way. He's honest, dedicated, and loyal. He's like an English Bulldog with a Red Sox™ hat. His wit can be savage, but his fierce commitment to his friends destroys doubt and loneliness like the internet destroys public discourse. Just keep his brown loafers and tangle beard in sight and you'll have a tough-but-secret-softie guide through O-Week and beyond. From life advice to dinner suggestions, Caleb will, with deepest consideration, never steer you wrong — even if his dinner suggestion might be Jimmy Johns.

- Alex Monterde, GIT '22

## Kelsey Sanders | Advisor | McMurtry

It's hard to miss Kelsey walking around McMurtry - just look for purple and a trail of glitter. As one of the most spirited members of the college, you can catch Kelsey playing for or cheering on McMurtry IM sports teams. When she isn't decked out in purple head to toe for a powderpuff game, you can find her in "safety" pajama pants working with her babies (corals) in the lab. As an EBIO major, her love of animals extends beyond the little guys in the tanks to all the big fish in the sea...and of course all her favorite friends at the zoo. A woman of many talents, you can also find Kelsey in Hamman Hall, watching her latest play be performed on stage. While she can be found just about anywhere on campus, Kelsey is first and foremost a Murt or as she would say, "MUUUUURRTTTT!" Pack your sunglasses and get ready to meet sunshine in human form.

-Miriam Wolter & Mitra Mirpour, McMurtry '20

## Aaron Pathak | Co-Advisor | Jones

If you are reading this, you may be wondering who this enigmatic, ethnic advisor may be. He is an engineer that gave up on engineering as soon as he stepped foot on Rice campus. He is a pre-med that isn't really pre-med even though he really likes and knows a lot about pre-med. He is a biracial (half Chinese and half Nepali), but he is also a coconut (#ifykyk). He is THE most confusing man on Rice Campus. Coming to you from Jones College, this sophomore Social Policy Analysis major currently hails from Dallas, Texas, but he is originally from rural Louisiana. Known for being the best procrastinator on campus, no one knows how Aaron manages to finish all his work. He regularly takes 3-hour naps, schedules "procrastination time" in the middle of the night, and spends nearly six hours everyday just browsing Reddit. With his Sperrys and 3-quarter zip, Aaron gives off a frat boy vibe, but don't let this fool you. Aaron is one of the nicest and smartest people that you will ever meet. As the go-to organizer of all events, Aaron is sure to plan lots of activities for your O-Week group. He might even take you on another European backpacking trip or impromptu visit to New Orleans. Despite not being from McMurtry, you can count on this Co-Advisor to always be there for you - Aaron is truly one of the most selfless and caring people at Rice, and is always willing to listen to you rant or celebrate your victories. He can't wait to help welcome you to your new home at Rice.

- Ishaan Rischie and Christian Metoyer, Jones '22

## Akshaya Venkatesh | Advisor | McMurtry

Akshaya Venkatesh. A name you can spot on any list simply because its longer than the others and sticks out. She's pre-med and majoring in Cognitive Sciences, with minors in Business/Biochem. She loves misplacing stuff, \*cough\* suitcase \*cough\* (she lost her suitcase during O-Week, found four days later). She is an incredibly determined human being who has an addiction to caffeine and decided to add an extra identification to the front of her credit card: her own face. Don't even get started with her obsession with rose gold. Also, there is no such thing as a sleep schedule for her, as you can find her asleep either at 2 PM or 2 AM, depending on the day. Even though she might be incredibly busy, she genuinely cares about you and will do anything to help you. Originally from Los Angeles, California, she sometimes (always) misses the California sunshine. Find her at Fondy 6th working on chemistry, or generally laughing loud enough to wake everyone up. She's going to be sure to make your first week and first year at Rice as great as it can be!

Jagan Rangarajan, UCLA '22

# Lil' Yahtzee



Alex Lammers

Sophomore  
Bioengineering  
Tecumseh, Michigan



Tatyanna Epps

Sophomore  
Sociology  
Temple, TX



Sachi Khemka

Sophomore  
Biological Sciences  
Katy, TX



Grant Lu

Senior  
Bioengineering  
Houston, TX



## Alex Lammers | Advisor | McMurtry

Does Alex look familiar? That's probably because you recognize this political icon from a CNN town hall when he was chosen to ask a question to then-presidential hopeful, billionaire Howard Schultz. That's right. He may be a hardcore bioengineer who travelled to Malawi this summer for global health thingies (we aren't engineers), but he is also a civically engaged, ~woke~ KING. Although he may seem extremely vanilla on the surface, buried deep within him is a sassy monster. However, his sass is not nearly as suppressed as his real laugh, which he hides because if unleashed, an earthquake erupts on the other side of the world. Regardless, if you need someone to discuss feminism in blockbuster action movies, the brilliance of Brie Larson, literally any HBO show, or how to feed tapirs (we didn't know what they were either) with, and you don't mind the HEAVIEST midwestern accent on the planet, Alex is your guy. In all seriousness, Alex is one of the most selfless and caring people on the planet and he will always be there for you with an endless supply of tupperware filled with snacks.

- Grace Nichols & Dylan Nguyen, McMurtry '22

## Tatyanna Epps | Advisor | Diversity Facilitator | McMurtry

Tatyanna Epps Bust down Tatyanna!! Or as she likes to be called, Tya. Tya Epps, a sophomore Sociology major, is currently from Temple, Texas but has lived in a bunch of other states - which is too long to list. This girl is a procrastination queen but that doesn't stop her from killing it at life. As Treasurer of BSA, your McMurtry Diversity Facilitator, and a star Powderpuff line(wo)man, she's super involved around campus. Not to mention, she's also a rap queen and literally knows the lyrics to every song imaginable. Don't even get me started on her love for Nicki Minaj. While we're on the topic of her various skills, Tya is especially attuned to very faint smells, has a complex palate when it comes to food, and loves very cold climates (keeping her room at meat locker temperatures). Does she have Spidey senses? We think so. You'll often find her awake at 5am, busting out an essay, or just casually listening to music. Tya is the best type of person for deep conversations but can also be somebody you can easily laugh with. She's super excited about O-Week and can't wait to meet you guys!

-Hannah Boyd, McMurtry '22

## Sachi Khemka | Co-Advisor | Wiess

You're walking to class one morning. Out of the corner of your eye you see the llama from The Emperor's New Groove. Oh wait. It's Sachi Khemka. During the 2018-2019 school year, Sachi managed to lose her ID, mail key, and two room keys. Imagine the kind of determination needed to lose so many valuables in such a short period of time! This focus and drive truly defines Sachi's character and makes her the successful student she is (even though she sleeps through her morning classes...at 4 p.m.). As a pre-med Biological Sciences major who is also a trained dancer, a Camp Kesem counselor, and a biomedical lab member, Sachi is the kind of person who seems to do it all, but if you ever want someone to watch a trashy rom-com, she will drop everything, walk over and join you (probably like 20 minutes later because this girl is nothing if not punctual)! Her favorites include The Last Song (mainly because of Liam Hemsworth), The Fosters, and The Vampire Diaries. Never watch horror movies with her, though. This girl is even scared of her own face in the mirror. Also, a piece of advice: Sachi is going to need to borrow both a laptop, phone charger, and blanket from you at some point, so keep them handy. As Sachi would say, "welcome to Riiiiice," and I'm sure you will all ~genuinely~ love your O-Week Advisor :)

- Serena Shedore, Mayu Gupta, Bhavya Gopinath, Lauren Widmann, Amy Kuriakose, Wiess '22

## Grant Lu | Advisor | McMurtry

Have you ever met the human embodiment of charisma? Well look no further as you hit the jackpot with Grant Lu. A sweet senior from Sugarland, Texas, this BIOE has an uncanny amount of botanical knowledge. Well versed in English, Mandarin, Spanish, and the language of friendship, this Advisor will be sure to shower you with advice. If that doesn't let you know enough about his personality, look at the words that almost rhyme with Lu: cool, jewel, fun fuel, nice shoe, too good to be true, lover of voodoo, sleeps no drool, eyes like the moon, blows you away like "atchoo!" and you'll be stuck to him like G.Lu! Despite being an avid collector of things that are soft, Grant is surprisingly sturdy for someone who got hit by a car. Look forward to having this creative and spontaneous advisor with this haiku to get you excited:

Advisor Grant Lu

Kind and caring friend to you

This is the haiku

Raymond Lau

-Raymond Lau, McMurtry '20

# Panic at the Risk-O



Sean McCormick

Junior  
English, Business  
Houston, TX



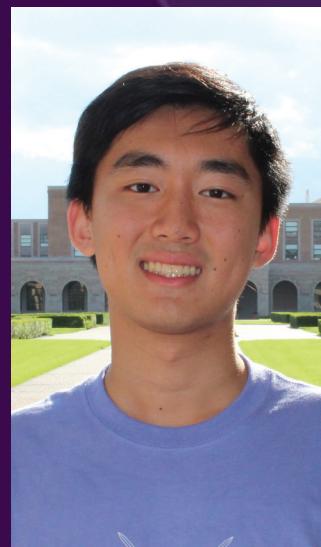
Callie Carnahan

Sophomore  
History  
Washington D.C.



Lily Cao

Junior  
Psychology,  
Managerial Studies  
Friendswood, TX



Steven Feng

Sophomore  
Mathematical Economic  
Analysis  
Parsippany, NJ

Sean McCormick | Co-Advisor | Will Rice

Sean is Will Rice's resident basketball, hip-hop, and reading enthusiast. He's not particularly good at basketball, and he's a slow reader, but the guy tries his best. You can normally find Sean losing pickup games at the rec, showing off some random talent, and losing bets in Super Smash Bros. Sean currently has a standing bet that he'll make the club basketball team next year, while having no organized-sport basketball experience in his life. Confidence, or perhaps hubris, is thus one of Sean's biggest defining features.

- Miles Olson, Will Rice '21

Callie Carnahan | Advisor | McMurtry

Is that a cheetah? Usain Bolt? No it's just Callie running on the treadmill. This Chevy Chase native loves going to the gym - almost as much as she will love you and your o-week group. Do you need someone to help you get healthy? Callie's your girl - she's always carrying greek yogurt, soylent, and cheese in her backpack and consistently goes to bed before 11pm. Callie is a dedicated history major, and you can often find her working on readings or an essay at Coffeehouse. If you ever need to see photos of a cute dog, Callie's family recently got a new puppy, and she WILL show you photos - whether you like it or not! Callie is genuine, an amazing listener, and one of the most enthusiastic people at Rice. While Callie is one of the most hardworking people we know, she always wants to have fun and will make sure everyone else does too. You are so lucky to have her as an advisor, and get ready for an amazing year!

- Alyson Resnick and Sophie Marx, McMurtry '22

Lily Cao | Advisor | McMurtry

## Nobody:

Got jokes? Got corny jokes? Got no jokes? Don't worry if you fit any of the previous descriptions, because Lily will make you feel like the funniest and happiest person alive. Don't let her 5'5" stature fool you; this girl's heart has been scientifically proven to be thrice (possibly quadruple) the size of the average human heart. Honestly one of the most open and warm personalities on campus, and you can talk about anything with this girl from how to pretend that your fallen tooth crown was your lucky pebble (ask her to tell that story, it's so funny you might pee your pants) to the best eateries in Houston. Lily has been through many majors, so she has a well-rounded perspective that makes her easy to connect with. She also has very diverse tastes in music and tv shows, so no matter if you're a country boy, an EDM babe, a crime show fan, or a K-drama lover, you will find a soul sister in her. And don't worry, as excited as you are to meet her after reading this. SHE IS 2398493243298423 MORE EXCITED TO MEET YOU :)

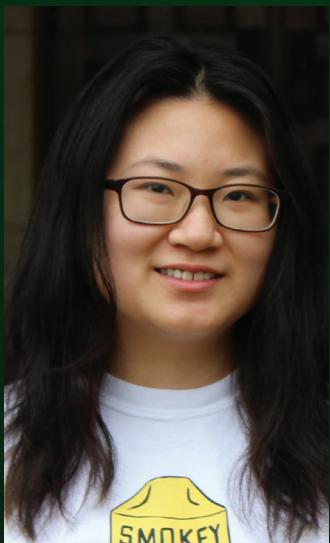
- Joy Wang, McMurtry '21

Steven Feng | Advisor | McMurtry

A DJ. A runner. A Peer Academic Advisor. In short, Steven Feng is a dad. Hailing from Parsippany, New Jersey, he's got master foam rolling skills, and that's the least of his talents. Don't let that startle you, though, because the only thing bigger than his thighs is his heart. When he's not talking about Parsippany, or talking about how much he talks about Parsippany, or grinding in ECON or STAT, he'll help you draw out your most efficient four-year plan for Rice, and make you feel like you truly belong here while doing it. He's always willing to lend a helping hand - or a foam roller, should you need it.

- Cordero Lopez, McMurtry , '22

# Schoolboy Clue: Collard Mr. Green



Sue Kim

Senior  
Computer Science,  
Statistics  
Seattle, WA



AJ Valenty

Sophomore  
Computer Science  
Austin, TX



Meheret Adera

Sophomore  
Kinesiology (Health Sciences),  
Global Health Technologies  
Dallas, TX



Sai Sriram

Junior  
Computer Science  
Neuroscience  
Tampa, FL

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## Sue Kim | Advisor | McMurtry

Straight outta Seattle, Washington, Sue Kim is a gal with a beautiful voice, a big heart, and an even bigger love for Netflix. As a Computer Science and Statistics double major, you can often find her in the commons coding away, but if she's not doing that, she's probably ordering Postmates, watching an emotional TV show, and listening to the latest Spotify hits all at the same time. Sue is always down to eat any type of food with you (especially Korean), learn some new makeup tricks, or just go on a walk around the inner loop to talk about whatever is on your mind. If you catch her awake in the late hours of the night, don't be surprised if you proudly tell her about how you woke up early or went to the gym and are met with one simple question: "Why?" Sue will always be there to hug you, believe in you, give you her most honest advice, get you some tea, and hand you her famous Perry the Platypus stuffed animal for some extra love (and shame you for trying to better yourself through physical activity). You're so lucky to have Sue not only as your Advisor but also your forever friend.

- Sachi Paul, McMurtry '20

## AJ Valenty | Advisor | Atheltic Liasion | McMurtry

Who is AJ Valenty you ask? Stong. Independent. Bold. Caring. Sassy. And a certified cutie! Not only is he a beloved Murt, but he's also on track to being one of the first (maybe the first) Rice Varsity Tennis players to graduate with a Computer Science Major. But when he's not doing lines of code, you can find AJ at the rec DOMINATING the calf raise machine. Take look at AJ and you'll notice the voluptuousness of his calves. Every day is a #calf day for AJ. Forget a pillow? No problem! AJ is always willing to lend a calf, and trust me, you'll get the best night sleep of you life. In his free time he is a crafting king, and will school anyone on PVP servers (I speak from experience). Give me a diamond sword and AJ a wooden pickaxe and he will still win 10/10 times. With all these activities, one might think AJ must be tired? He is, but if you need a friend at 2am, just go to the commons and you'll find AJ working, but never too busy to chat.

- Jackson Savage, McMurtry '22

## Meheret Adera | Advisor | Photographer | McMurtry

Who's got the laugh of Mickey Mouse, the cheeks of Sandy the Squirrel, and the posture of an old lady? Meheret Adera. This Ethiopian turned-cowgirl from Dallas, TX is majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Global Health Technologies. Meheret will steal your heart like the pops at Steel City—literally, she consumes around ten popsicles a day in the summer, and she will spill all the tea on the best flavors. Just make sure not to accidentally spell her name MEHERT ... or do if you're looking to get her a personalized secret santa gift (ask Steven Feng about that one). Meheret is the kind of friend who will stay up talking to you for hours about anything, even when both of you definitely have work to do, but some topics that are especially close to her heart are nail art, Gustavo Rocqué from Rocqué Records, the iridocyclitis vine, and the time a goat injured her leg at camp. A talented Turkish dancer, she will gladly teach you the Cotton-Eyed Joe dance when Old Town Road starts playing (it definitely makes sense, just ask her). She also loves jamming to Ethiopian and Latin music on her frequent walks to Fondy basement. If you need advice at 4 am, Meheret's probably awake. If you need someone to be your fire, Meheret's your one desire -- she's got a black belt in taekwondo and she's not afraid to use it. Meheret will be there for you no matter what, so enjoy having the funniest, quirkiest, kindest advisor you could ask for. As Big Time Rush said, get ready to "live it big time" with Meheret as your O-Week Advisor.

- Natalie Festa, McMurtry '22

## Sai Sriram| Co-Advisor | Baker

Sigh... where does one even start to describe Sai (verbalized as -sigh-). Is he a 5'10" mean green coding machine? Is he smol, but swole? Is he a Bakerite who eloped to McMurtry, the best college? Is he excited to welcome you all? Yes. Yes. Yes. And Yes! This Computer Science and Neuroscience double major hails from Florida, the Sunshine State, but still can't handle the sticky heat of Texas, so he can always be seen with his proudly McMurtry-adorned water bottle. To maintain his active lifestyle, this junior scarfs down pizzas from the Hoot (The late-night food stand serving hungry students) on the daily. If the Hoot isn't opened, Sai's late-night hunger can only be satiated with Rice Village's infamous YoYo's Hotdogs. When Sai isn't on the grind, he can be spotted lifting irons at the rec or on the bike track training for next year's Beer Bike.

- Bill Huynh, Hanszen '21

# UNO Mars: Draw 24k Magic



Eitan Woloski

Junior  
Physics  
McAllen, TX



Valerie Kass

Senior  
Civil and Environmental  
Engineering  
Politics, Law, and Social  
Thought  
Washington D.C.



Catherine Hettler

Sophomore  
Psychology,  
Visual and Dramatic Arts,  
Neuroscience  
South Korea/San Antonio,  
TX



Shaquille Que

Sophomore  
Computer Science  
Quezon City, Philippines

## Eitan Woloski | Advisor | McMurtry

If you see an orange Astros cap amongst a Rice crowd, chances are you've had an Eitan sighting. They're certainly not rare, though: this Physics pre-law from McAllen, TX, is all over campus. Catch him walking from "Cha-board" meetings, watching and performing comedy, or simply having a good time hanging around the college. In his free time, he likes spending time with friends or watching Astros and Rockets games. Eitan lives quite a spicy life: he's often found with Takis, Miguelitos, or Tabasco and boy does this man make a mean Cholent. This junior is going bananas for O-Week, so get excited! You've got an awesome advisor coming your way!

- Alex Curylo and Jonathan Bloom, McMurtry '21

## Valerie Kass | Co-Advisor | Sid Richardson

Although we don't know how, Valerie Kass packs a lot of spunk into a small package. Holding a dual citizenship with the U.S. and Israel, she calls the equally spunky Washington D.C. her home. Whether she's playing powder puff, softball, or re-watching Grey's anatomy for the 12th time, you'll always find a mischievous smile on her face. Val is a rising senior at the (HUGE) Sid Richardson College, taking on the real world whether it's ready or not after her graduation in 2020. She is majoring in Civil and Environmental Engineering with a minor in Politics, Law, and Social Thought. While her love (and worry) for the environment is at the forefront of her academic inclinations, you can also find her fascinated with history and feminist thought. So, go ahead and say hello; she has a lot to say!

- Samm Smith, Sid Richardson '20

## Catherine Hettler | Advisor | McMurtry

If you're reading this, congratulations! You just scored yourself one of the best Advisors at McMurtry! Coming to us from San Antonio (but originally South Korea), Catherine is a Psychology and VADA (Visual and Dramatic Arts) double major bent on taking the least amount of finals possible. Nonetheless, Catherine is one of the kindest and funniest people that you will ever meet. As an artist, she's super creative, and is always finding ways to make something new. She loves animals (maybe too much), but can't be around them too often because she's allergic to them (as well as pretty much everything else). And as for activities that DON'T induce allergic reactions, she loves watching Netflix, scrolling through niche Facebook pages, and just being an all-around lovely person. If you ever need her, she will respond to any text within thirty seconds—but don't call, she gets nervous. So, get ready for an incredible O-Week, because there's no way you could have gotten a better team of advisors!

- Melodi Doganay and Aaron Vaughan, McMurtry '22

## Shaquille Que | Advisor | Peer Academic Advisor | McMurtry

Shaquille Wyan Que: 99 pounds of pure GOLD, Peer Academic Advisor and Computer Science TA. He's truly a jack of all trades - a calligraphy god, loves to sing Taylor Swift (even if he won't admit it) and is an international math genius. You'll find him in the commons doing homework, helping others with math, and falling prey to the endless memes on Facebook. Even if he takes every chance he can to roast you (all in good fun), he's your go-to person for any questions you have about Rice, academic planning, or if you just need someone to vent to. Just don't ask him where Oregon is (or any geographical knowledge), he'll probably tell you that it's on the opposite coast. Get ready to have an amazing O-Week with one of the best, most kind-hearted people at Rice who's so excited to meet all of you :)

- Akshaya Venkatesh and Elena Margolin, McMurtry '22

# Who are the Affiliates?

Affiliates are O-Week personnel who serve specific roles designed to help you with your transition to Rice. Although they are paired with specific groups, they are an important and readily available resource for all New Students at the college. If an Affiliate is assigned to your group, they may not always be present for every group activity, as they will provide specialized resources as needed. Be sure to meet all of the Affiliates present, as they are incredibly important campus-wide resources during O-Week and beyond.

## PAAs (Peer Academic Advisors)

Peer Academic Advisors are students who have been broadly trained in numerous areas of academic life here at Rice and serve as liaisons between students, Faculty Advisors, and the Office of Academic Advising. Generally speaking, college PAA teams coordinate numerous group and individual activities that attempt to strengthen the academic vitality at their respective residential colleges. They offer accurate advice regarding specific classes, research opportunities, studying abroad, academic rules / regulations / procedures, or any topic as it relates to academics.

## DFs (Diversity Facilitators)

You have stepped into one of the most diverse places on the planet -- a college campus! Being in the most diverse city in the country at a campus as lovely as Rice offers so many great opportunities to learn about yourself and many others. At Rice, we take this to heart in every aspect of our education. We maintain an environment that allows us to facilitate healthy, open discussion on any issues pertaining to diversity within the student body. This is done with the help of wonderful diversity facilitators! They are an irreplaceable part of the O-Week Team and we couldn't make our journey without them.

## RHAs (Rice Health Advisors)

It's widely known that RHAs have the psychological utility of a pint of ice cream and the emotive value of a purring kitten. You're pretty lucky to have these ethereal beings around at McMurtry. Rice Health Advisors are students that are trained to give mental and psychological support to their peers, along with aid for minor physical problems. While they may host events to alleviate common college stressors, much of the work RHAs do is behind the scenes. Thus, RHAs have wide campus involvement, from planning study breaks that relieve exam stress with copious amounts of finger-paint to individually discussing debilitating personal issues in a confidential setting. Lastly, RHAs are liaisons between university resources like the Wellbeing Center and the Rice Counseling Center.

## SMR (Student Maintenance Representative)

The SMR, or Student Maintenance Representative, is our direct connection to Housing and Dining. The SMR is in charge of taking care of issues with McMurtry space and working with H&D to find solutions. If you need your bed lofted/unlofted during O-Week or if there are any problems with your room (like damage to the room, lights or A/C that doesn't work), schedule an appointment!

## Photographer & Videographer

These people hiding behind the cameras work all day to capture all the great moments of you and your Advisors throughout the week, from bonding moments to rocking dance parties. They will keep the McMurtry Historian Facebook page updated throughout O-Week and throughout the year, so make sure to follow them to see all the cheesing smiles.

## Associates Liason

Associates are Rice faculty, staff, alumni, or members of the community who are intended to be an additional resource to students throughout their time here. Each O-Week group will be assigned an Associate who they will have a dinner with during O-Week and continued communication with. The Liaison will arrange these meetings and serve to improve general communications and plans.

## Athletics Liason

As with many other universities, some students at Rice are also collegiate athletes. This means that they have other responsibilities in addition to those of a regular student. Because of this, the athletes must attend other information sessions and academic advising appointments. To ensure that our Student Athletes are on top of their additional O-Week schedules, the Athletic Liaison checks in with them periodically and helps them with any questions or problems that may arise.

## Gopher

Just what exactly do the mystical Gophers do? While their Affiliate title may suggest subterranean activity, Gophers actually traverse the city of Houston and bring art supplies, food, sports equipment, and everything in between to McMurtry for all things O-Week. They love their cars almost as much as McMurtry and are go-to people to go-for things (go for = gopher, get it?).

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# Common McM Lingo

**Associate's Night:** A formal dinner held in your college's commons once a semester to honor the Associates. Dress up and come eat good food with interesting people.

**Beer Bike:** A very competitive, inter-college race/event held every spring, in which ten bikers and ten chuggers from each college compete in an epic struggle for personal and college pride.

**Birthday Gong:** A beautiful, golden gong located in the Commons and carved with the McM crest that people ring when it's their birthday.

**Burt's Tea House (Burt's):** A McMurtry communal kitchen located on the Fifth Floor. There's free tea and mugs available to any Murt who wants to relax, enjoy the view, or engage in conversations.

**Chaus:** A nickname for Rice Coffeehouse. Located in the RMC, stop by when you need your daily dose of caffeine or a chill place to study.

**Chug:** One half of the Beer Bike race. Often preceded by one of Rice's most sacred chants: "They're forty yards out, they're thirty yards out, ready, set suck suck suck suck...!"

**College Night:** Not just a night, but actually a full day of themed partying held every semester, where your entire college celebrates its awesomeness together. Every college has its own.

**Conch:** Whenever you hear this beautiful instrument trumpeted, know that it is time to rally and show the other colleges our Murt pride!

**DeeDee's Lounge:** Located on the 5th floor, this room is a common space for people to watch TV or play Super Smash Bros on the Wii.

**Fellow:** Murts who are dedicating to helping other Murts in various subjects who you will get to meet shortly after O-Week.

**FITQ (Fit Q):** Friday in the Quad is a gathering for Murts every other Friday, typically with free food, good music, and good friends.

**Fondy:** Fondren Library is a great place to study, conduct meetings, rent out media equipment, do research, and many other things.

**Housing & Dining:** The administrative office in charge of all food service and residential buildings on campus. Often referred to as H&D for short. Make sure to thank them for all they do!



**IM:** Intramural. Informal, low-stress sports played among students. Not to be confused with college sports which are played between teams representing each of the colleges, with points going towards the President's Cup.

**Ironman/Ironwoman:** Someone who both rides and chugs at Beer Bike (not at the same time). A class act and a real hero.

**Jack:** To pull a prank, usually on another college. The more clever and over-the-top (without being destructive/offensive) the better.

**Matriculation:** Ceremony held during O-Week to officially welcome you to Rice.

**McTriculation:** Ceremony held during O-Week to officially welcome you to McMurtry.

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**McTeam:** McM Adult Team (Magisters, Head Resident Fellows, Resident Associates, Coordinator)  
**Murt:** A resident of McMurtry College (YOU!)

**OC (Off Campus):** People who live off campus are referred to as “being OC.” People who live far away from Rice, or seem to spend a lot of time outside the hedges are referred to as “deep OC.”

**Private:** A party thrown by a group of people in a residential college, rather than the whole college. The rules and regulations are outlined by the Alcohol Policy.

**Public:** Party thrown by a residential college. Most colleges throw one per semester, some throw one per year. Open to any Rice undergrad. All are themed, so dress appropriately! Always feature a poppin’ dance floor.

**Quad:** McMurtry Quad is a gathering place for Murts to eat at the picnic tables, play soccer in the grass, or just hang out. See also, FITQ.

**RMC:** Rice Memorial Center is the home of Chaus, Student Success Initiatives, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Office of Academic Advising, and many other great resources. This building can be found in the middle of campus.

**Room Draw (Jack):** The process we use to assign rooms for the next year.

**Servery:** The kitchen where your everyday food is made. The resident chef resides here. Every college either has its own servery or shares one with nearby colleges (McMurtry’s is West Servery).

**Sallyport:** The huge archway in Lovett Hall. Once you pass through during Matriculation you are not to step foot through here until graduation.

**Suite:** The common rooms that are shared by 6 Murts found near each of the stairwells. Some are closed suites and you will need one of the suite owners to let you in while others are open suites and ready for any Murt to stop by and hang with friends.

**Town Hall:** Biweekly meetings used to discuss various Murt events and policies. All Murts are encouraged to attend and lend their voice.



**The Hoot:** Located in the RMC, this is a great place to stop by for some late-night food or snacks.

**Willy Week:** The week preceding Beer Bike, filled with college activities, alumni, and plenty of jacks!

**Y2K:** The best public party of the year! Get ready for awesome throwback music and lots of fun with friends. Every February in the McM Commons.

**Yurt:** McMurtry Commons named after its resemblance to the Mongol dwelling.

### What to call people from other colleges?

Baker - Bakerite | Brown - Brownie | Duncan - Duncaroo | Hanszen - Hanszenite  
Jones - Jonesian | Lovett - Lovetteer | Martel - Martelian | Sid Rich - Sidizen | Wiess - Wiessman | Will Rice - Will Ricer



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# Outtakes

As you'll quickly see, Rice is filled with amazing people passionate about their courses, friends, and extracurriculars. But sometimes, it can feel like the people around us are handling it all, while we're struggling. We know this can be isolating, but many of us have been through similar things and want to share what we've learned. Whether it's after your first college exam, adjusting to a new routine, or trying to navigate the social scenes, it's ok to feel unsteady. But as Coordinators and Advisors, we can guide you to the best resources, offer advice, or just listen. Still ... while we're resources and have plenty of experience, we're not perfect. We don't always know what we're doing or get it right the first try. So enjoy our outtakes as proof we're not perfect people, we're just your Coords, Advisors, Murts, and friends. We can't wait to meet you!



# See You Soon!

Hello again, Player!

We hope that this book was filled with a lot of useful information that just gave you a taste of the culture at Rice and McMurtry College.

We would like to leave you with a few encouraging words:

College is a roller coaster that can be filled with high highs and low lows. Hopefully, in this environment, you will develop as a person and academic and learn important lessons to carry with you for the rest of your career. We want to reiterate that we, as a community at Rice and McMurtry, are always here for you. Whether you're going through a rough time or you have something that you want to celebrate, reach out to your peers, advisors, us as Coordinators, the McTeam, your professors, and anybody that you want to confide in. Welcome to the McMurtry family, and as you come to join us, we urge you to keep an open mind, challenge yourself, be willing to take risks, be willing to fail, and, most importantly, never be afraid to ask for help. We can't wait to see what you'll accomplish, how you'll develop, and how you will succeed as a part of the Rice community

We will always be here to help you in any way that we can. Buckle up and enjoy the ride!

Game On!

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