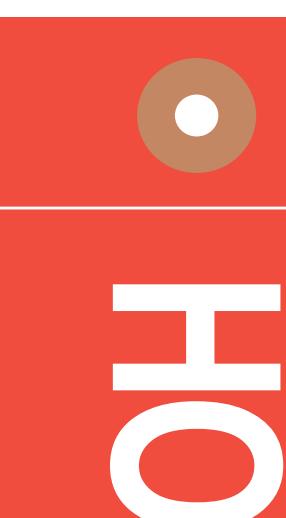
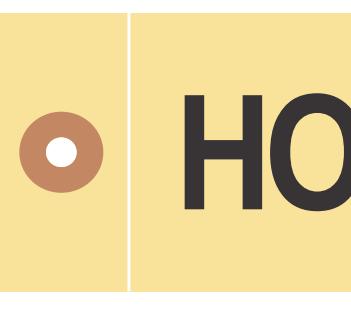
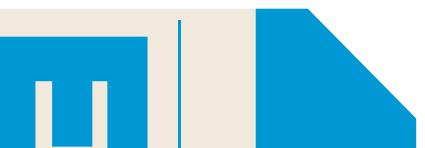
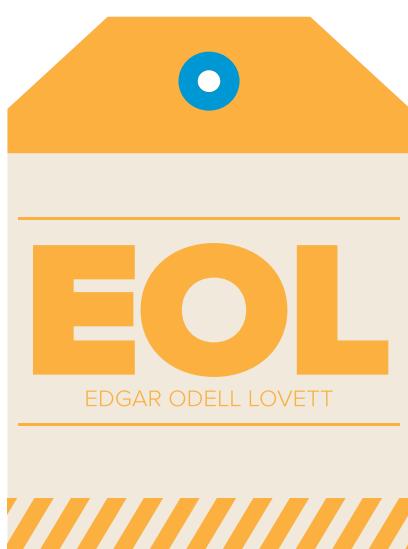
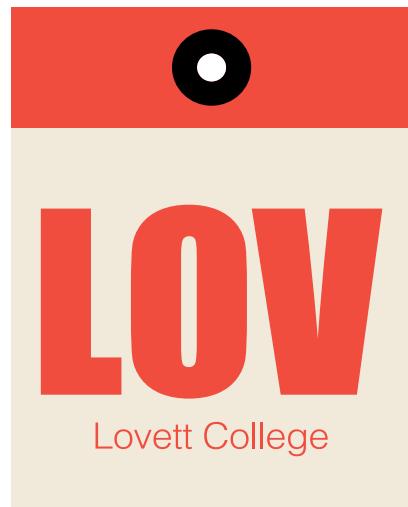


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WORLD EXPO-WEEK

LOVETT COLLEGE 2018



BUILDING THE LOVETT OF TOMORROW



LETTER FROM THE COORDS

To the newest members of the Lovett family,

It is with great excitement and joy that we, your O-Week Coordinators, welcome you to the place we hope will become your second home, like it has for us and for countless others.

Welcome to Lovett College! You are now and forevermore a Lovetteer! For many of you, the choice of where to go to college may have been a difficult one; for others, Rice may be where you've seen yourself all along. Regardless, the random assignment of what is essentially a dorm may not seem consequential in comparison, but we promise that it will have a greater impact on your life and your college years than you could realize. Like you, we came to Lovett as New Students, skeptical of the difference it would make in our lives, and all three of us quickly came to see just how special this place is. From the mid-day Coffeehouse runs, the late night conversations about anything and everything in the Commons, and the amazing people that make up Lovett and Rice, we hope that you too may call this place home.

Joining you in the Lovett Matriculating Class of 2018 will be around ninety other New Students from the far reaches of the globe, all of whom will come together to share this experience with each other. Soon all of you will embark together on a transformative journey as, yes, Rice students, but Lovetteers as well. We have been working since this past January to put together a week for you that will serve as a sort of "preview" of your Rice experience. The word "orientation" describes this week well, as we aim to set you up with resources and landmarks to take this education wherever you want and get what you want out of your time here.

To that end, this book will introduce you to Lovett and the people who will be crucial resources and support throughout your years here at Rice. We hope it will help answer some of your questions. It consists of articles written by students at Rice, mostly from Lovett, which we compiled and made into a book.

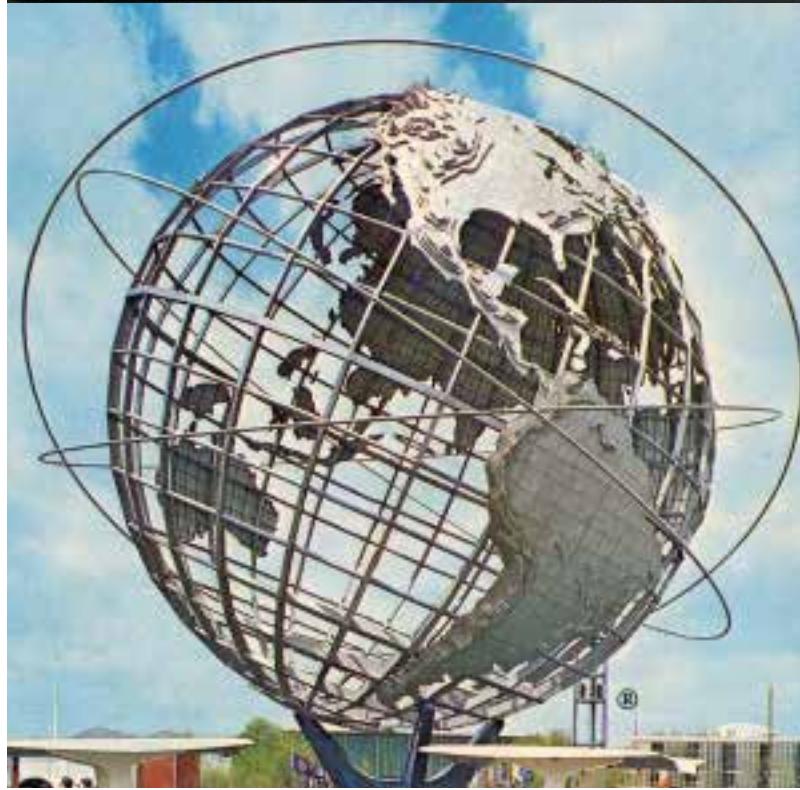
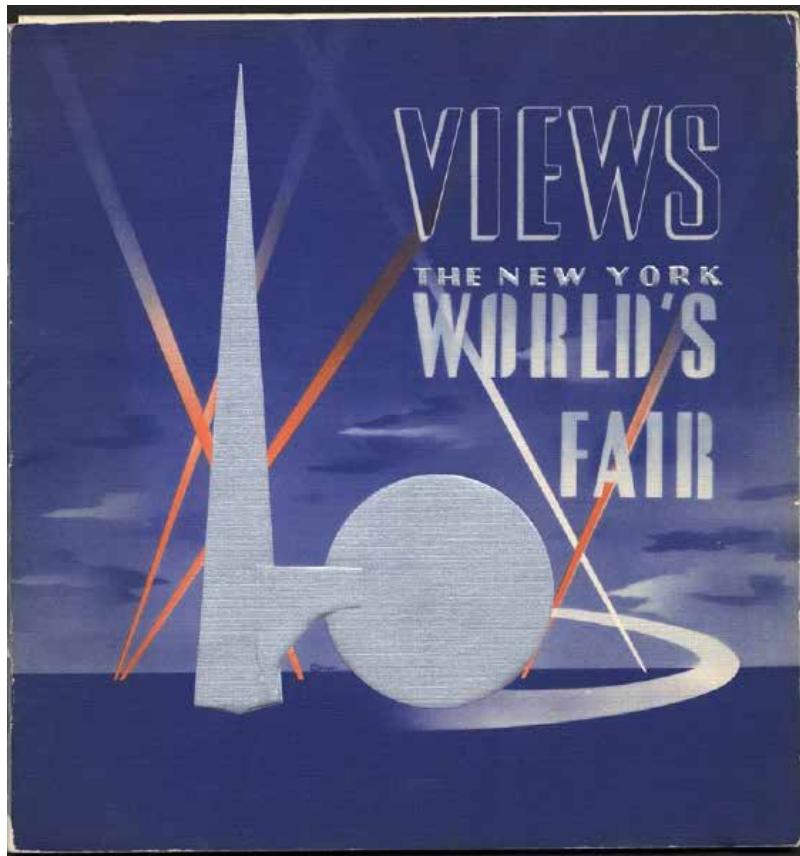
Most importantly, the people you'll get a glimpse of in the following pages care about you and want to help you succeed. The Adult Team, Advisors, and we Coordinators are all in this because we love and care about our home and want to help the newest members of our family make the transition to college life. And we're not alone, there are countless more Lovetteers waiting to meet you once O-Week is over, and all of us will have your back from now until well... pretty much the rest of your life.

Welcome to Lovett!!

EOL RRF,
Blessing, Patrick, and Max



WHAT IS WORLD EXPO-WEEK?



What is World ExpO-Week? What are all these puns? Why? We are glad you asked! Across Rice, it is tradition to theme each college's Orientation Week differently, making for unique experiences across the board. These usually incorporate college traditions and cheers into the broader themes, which is why not everything appears to be spelled right or make sense at first.

This year, Lovett College has chosen to put on World ExpO-Week: Building the Lovett of Tomorrow, as an homage to the 1939 World Expo in New York. World Expos and the World's Fair are meant to bring together the best and brightest from across the globe to showcase what they have to contribute to the world of tomorrow, and we hope to combine this forward thinking element with a celebration of the diversity in thought, character, and background that makes Rice and Lovett such a special place. Celebrating the differences that make everyone unique forms a core part of this ethos, as does the power of collaboration and unity, the strength we demonstrate when we come together for a common cause. This theme emphasizes our wish for Lovett to be a home for anyone and everyone and a place where they can make strides towards the future they want to see.

To this end, you will find many references (especially when we get to the group names) to people, places, and things that have a global significance, and of course to Lovett itself, with our mascot (the Stag), our namesake (Edgar Odell Lovett), and our motto (EOL, RRF), among other references as well. It may seem confusing now, but just wait till August rolls around. We promise it will all make sense then!

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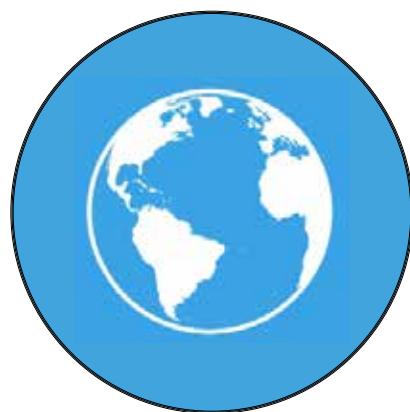
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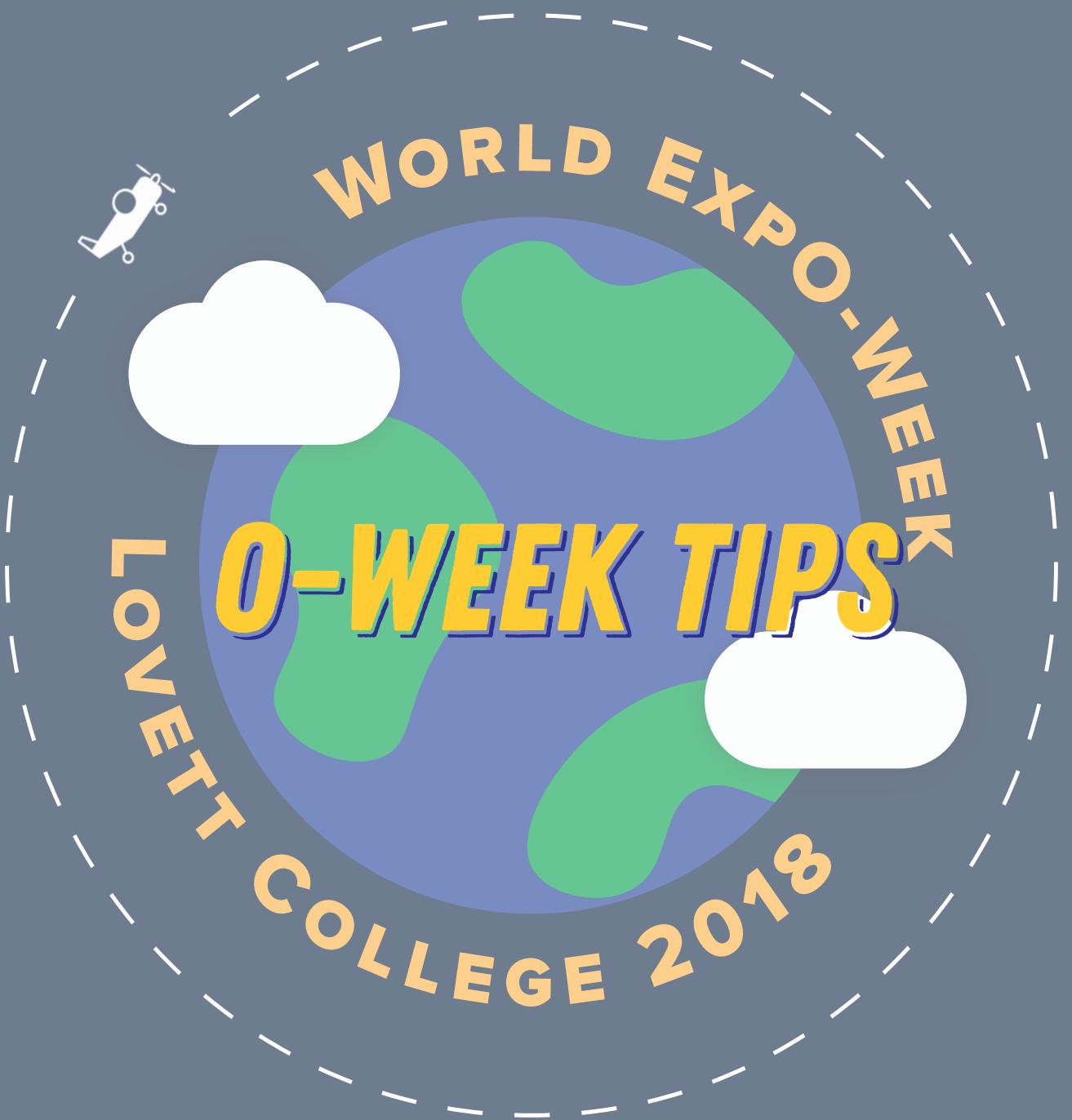
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Your Lovett Mailing Address



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

*Please note that you can only mail or ship things to arrive on or after August 14th. We have limited space and it is not always secure, so please bring important items with you. There will be time to purchase other personal items during O-Week.

Some Useful Contacts

Lovett O-Week Coordinators

(Contact with any questions related to O-Week)

General Email:

owekwelowett@gmail.com

Website: lovett.rice.edu/worldexpowek

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pmy2@rice.edu

Maximilian Murdoch

(512) 757-6955

texanmax@rice.edu

College Website:

lovett.rice.edu

Lovett College Magisters:

(Contact if special accommodations need to be made)

José and Mayra Onuchic

lovettmagisters@rice.edu

Lovett College Coordinator:

(Contact for anything administrative)

Sharon O'Leary

Phone: (713)-348-4964

Fax: (713)-348-5972

sko1@rice.edu

Lovett College President:

(Contact for questions about College Government)

Akin Bruce

orange@rice.edu

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

GETTING TO LOVETT

FLYING TO HOUSTON

Houston is served by two major airports:

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

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

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



HOTELS

If your family would like to stay around Houston for a bit before or after they drop you off at Lovett, the Texas Medical Center is conveniently across the street from Rice and boasts a variety of lodgings within walking distance from campus. Here are just a few:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DRIVING TO HOUSTON

From the north or south:

Take I-45 to US-59 South

From the east: Take I-10 West to US-59 South

From the west: Take I-10 East to I-610 South to US-59 North FROM US-59... take the Greenbriar Dr/Shepherd Dr exit off of US-59 and head south onto Greenbriar. Make a left onto University Blvd, and you will see Rice on your left. Turn left onto Main Street. Then take a left on Cambridge St. This will be Entrance 3 at Rice, and you will see Lovett College on your left! (From the west you can also take I-10 East, exit on Studemont, and turn right at the light. Studemont will become Montrose, which intersects with Main St. Turn right on Main, drive past the Rice main entrance and turn right at Cambridge St. This is Entrance 3!)



DIRECTIONS TO LOVETT

Rice has a number of entrances; Lovett is located at:

**6310 MAIN ST.
HOUSTON, TX 77005**

You'll want to enter Rice at:
ENTRANCE 3

WHAT TO BRING

LIGHT SUMMER CLOTHING - Houston is HOT, and you will want comfortable clothes for walking around campus outside. You may also want to bring at least a few items that you don't mind getting messy for O-Week. Contrary to popular belief, it does get cold eventually in Houston (sometimes) so you may need a coat and warmer clothing later on in the semester!

RAINY WEATHER ACCESSORIES (UMBRELLA, RAIN BOOTS, RAIN JACKET) - Houston has notoriously unpredictable weather, so you'll want to keep an umbrella on hand for random showers in between classes! Rice is very flat, so when it rains, the water sticks around and huge, unavoidable puddles form: bring shoes you can get wet, even if rain boots aren't your thing.

SOME NICER OUTFITS - You'll need to wear dressy casual clothes at least twice during O-Week!

BEDDING - Bring Twin Extra-Long sheets and a pillow! Other sheet sizes will not fit your mattress. You can find good deals on entire bedding sets at Target or Wal-Mart.

LAUNDRY BASKET/ HAMPER/ DETERGENT - Laundry at Lovett is free but make sure to bring your own High Efficiency Detergent (labeled HE). Our laundry room is also located in the basement, so make sure you can carry your hamper easily so bringing it down stairs isn't too difficult.

HANGER/CLOSET ORGANIZERS - Each Lovett room has two closets (see pg. 17 to get an idea of what they look like), in addition to a dresser for each student.

SHOWER CADDY/SHELF & TOILETRIES - Talk to the rest of your suite to see how they want to organize the bathroom.

INSURANCE INFORMATION AND SOME FORM OF ID (I.E., DRIVER'S LICENCE, PASSPORT ETC.)

EXTENSION CORDS/POWER STRIPS/CHARGERS - There are power strips for use while in the Commons, but you may want to bring one for your room!

LAPTOP - The most common are PCs or Macbooks, which is a matter of personal preference. There are also both PCs and iMacs available in the Lovett basement and in Fondren library if you'd rather not bring a laptop.

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

OTHER ELECTRONICS - Non-wireless printers, TVs, DVD players, mini-fridges, microwaves, irons, coffeemakers, and water boilers are all allowed, but be sure to coordinate with your roommate/suitemates! Be aware that the basement and library have printers also, and the Lovett Commons has a big-screen TV. There is also a kitchen with a refrigerator, stove top, oven, microwave, and kitchen supplies if you're feeling culinary!

ROOM DECORATIONS/ PHOTOS - Make your new room feel like home!

MOVE-IN DAY EXPECTATIONS



Things will start to move fast when you get here. As you come in through Entrance 3 and enter the world of Rice University, you'll be greeted by strangers running up to your car and screaming your name with excitement. While some of you will feel overwhelmed with nerves and others will see this day as just another step in the long journey that is life, we hope to make O-Week and Move-in Day as exciting and comfortable as possible. There's nothing quite like groups of students (who you don't even know yet) welcoming you with cheers and bringing all of your luggage to your room while you sit back in your car and enjoy the show. These students will be your Lovett Advisors and your Co-Advisor, who is from another residential college at Rice. After you have parked, an Advisor will show you where to check in and get your room key.

The next few hours will feel like a whirlwind! You will have until around noon to move everything into your room and to get settled. Then, there will be a lunch with the rest of the New Students, their families, and the Advisors. After that, it's time to say goodbye to your family as you will go your separate ways (there's a little orientation for your family too). You will join your Advisors and the rest of your O-Week group (6-7 other New Students), who will become your first "family" at Rice. You will do introductions with your group, icebreakers to get to know all your new fellow Lovetteers, have dinner, and then take part in the time-honored tradition of Rice Matriculation!

Finally, you will have a chance to get some sleep after this long, exciting, but exhausting day. And trust us, you will need the rest. O-Week is going to be a fun but fast-paced introduction to your new life at Rice. See you soon!







HISTORY OF LOVETT

The Shiny Toaster in the Night, greatest of all the colleges ever to be raised on the grounds of this fair institution, traces its origins like all others to 1957 when the Residential College System began, a system intended to bond all students of all academic disciplines under one roof, and give them homes that would encompass all campus life. At first, their numbers were few: Baker, Will Rice, Hanszen, and Wiess were founded as all male colleges, with Jones meant for all female students, and Brown, also all female, following hot on their heels. Though the college system was perfectly good, then-president Kenneth S. Pitzer knew that something was lacking from this glorious institution. In a momentous meeting that will remain forever etched in the minds of all who then lived, President Pitzer uttered these fateful words to the Board of Trustees: "I want you to build a new college, six stories high, surrounded in indestructible grating, and with walls that will never fall. I want you to populate it with the finest male students on this campus, only those worthy few who are deserving of the honor. And you shall call this mighty edifice Edgar Odell Lovett College, after the first president, who with a steady hand guided this Institute fair and true, in that twilight dawn when it was young." And so it was. Work on the crown jewel of the University began, and in 1968 the riot-proof doors of

Edgar Odell Lovett College swung wide open, then as now the greatest lasting achievement of this school. Lovett's legacy quickly rose to legendary status, for at their first Central Committee meeting, the body voted to disband and spend the entire budget on beer, portable swimming pools, and blinking Christmas lights. It soon became clear that the grating served more to protect the outside world from Lovetteers, instead of the other way around. But in 1980, Rice realized that the title of "Lovetteer" was too great to be confined to a single gender. President Norman Hackerman decreed that women from Jones College were to be exchanged with Lovett males, and Lovett became co-ed. Successive colleges expectedly failed to meet the standards set by the Glorious 7th. Sid Richardson College, built on Lovett's parking lot, is technically a colony, and operates as a rogue province in defiance of its appointed Governor, as well as collegiate and international law. The legislative debate surrounding the status of Martel as either college or dormitory continues to swirl to this day. Eco-friendly identical twins McMurry and Duncan are the last additions to the system, coming in 2009. Among these and its other lesser peers, Lovett stands out as a beacon of excellence and has been rewarded with Beer Bike victories, President's Cup dynasties, an alumnus who founded Texas's oldest craft

brewery, and a Nobel laureate Master, to name but a little of the recognition it has reaped. Today, Lovett is known for its consistently awesome incoming class, its strong IM and college sports teams, parties, an epic mud-fight at Beer Bike, and an incredibly inclusive, caring, and laid back community that, in the spirit of its founders, strives to meet the needs of each and every Lovetteer. Though people far and wide have come to leave their mark on what is affectionately known as "the best college," the story is not over. History is in the past, and tradition informs the present, but the future of this place is up to you.



LOVETT TRADITIONS



CASINO'S PARTY

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

(THE) COMMONS

One of the most unique aspects of Lovett College is our amazing community of "the Commons", which are always a hub of activity. During every meal, the "Upper Commons" is full of Lovetteers hungry for food and socialization, and even during the wee hours of the night, at least one Lovetteer is bound to be awake and "studying". The "Lower Commons" includes game tables, couches with a TV area, and lockers for off-campus Lovetteers. Lovetteers who spend a lot of time in the Commons (and we mean A LOT - it's not uncommon to see a few people sleeping there) are sometimes affectionately referred to as "Commoners". Twice a year, Lovett celebrates our Commons with the Middle Commons Ball, in which we hold an awesome dance party on the middle step connecting the Lower and Upper Commons. These days, there is a heated debate (dubbed the Lovett Civil War) among Lovettters on whether the proper name is "Commons" or "the Commons".

GETCHEROXXOFF

Lovett proudly hosts the first (college) public party of the fall semester! It is a privilege we've earned and held for DECADES. The main focus of the party is to introduce the New Students to the high level at which we throw themed parties on Rice campus. The party's theme is announced weeks before the party is held in the Lovett Commons or Quad. So get with your friends, come up with cool costumes, and show Rice that Lovett knows how to party! And look for big changes to the party coming this fall!

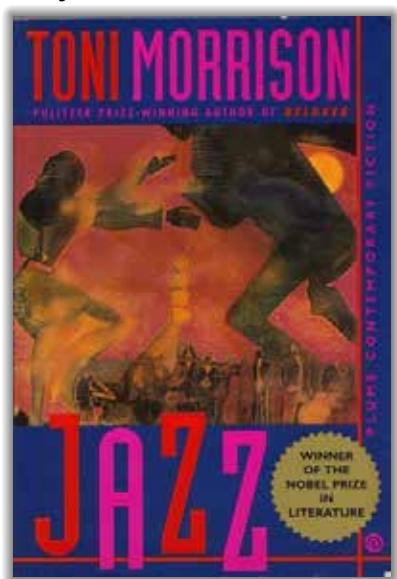
EOL DAY

Late in April, Lovett College celebrates the birthday of Edgar Odell Lovett, its namesake and Rice's first president, with an all-day outdoor festival. Join your fellow Lovetteers in celebrating another year well spent at Lovett with tie-dye and spray-paint, giant inflatable slip and slides, and music and dancing in the lovely Houston sun, while preparing a delicious feast of crawfish for the entire college.

LOVETT READS

The "Lovett Reads!" initiative is sponsored by the Lovett Adult Team. It is an opportunity to build community and broaden our understanding of ourselves and the world through a shared reading practice. This year, Lovett College voted for Toni Morrison's novel, *Jazz*, as the 2018 selection for Lovett Reads!

Members of the Lovett Adult Team will host several lunch and/or dinner discussions of *Jazz* throughout the 2018 Fall semester! Read *Jazz* this summer, and join your fellow Lovetteers for thoughtful, generative, and exciting discussions of this great novel!



LOVETT TRADITIONS

COBB WALL

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

THE AUCTION, WILLY WEEK, AND BEER BIKE

Beer Bike is one of the biggest annual events Rice holds. Every year, Lovett holds an auction in Lyle's to raise money for events during the week leading up to Beer Bike (known as Willy Week) in which students auction off things they have made or services they can provide - Shoutout to Alex Gardner, Class of 2018, who bought a mention in this book at the Auction (and also was the best roommate anyone could ask for). The events during Willy Week range from filling up water balloons to the famous Lovett Dodgeball Tournament. It all leads up to Beer Bike, which you'll learn much more about when you get here.



RIVARLY WITH SID RICHARDSON COLLEGE

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

RIVALRY WITH WILL RICE COLLEGE

You learn during Tea Trike that Lovett has a rivalry of a very different kind with Will Rice. The main difference between our two colleges is how we carry ourselves. Will Rice takes itself way too seriously and has a very singular focus on Beer Bike. At Lovett, we are a bit more relaxed. Although we also do VERY well on and off the field (We are the only college to have won the President's Cup FIVE TIMES IN A ROW - though we got 2nd last year thanks to Will Rice), we value having fun above all else and realize wining isn't everything, something that Will Ricers seem to lose sight of. So get ready for Tea Trike, paint your chest, and mark your territory.

THE 2ND FLOOR SUNDECK

Located on Lovett's second floor next to the staircase is a fabulous sundeck. Outfitted with reclining chairs and a table, the sundeck is a great place to relax, tan, or socialize. Lovett events like the graduation party and College Nights happen on the sundeck! Lovett's second floor is home to our lovely RAs, Zora and Janis, as well as some of the friendliest students at the college. They often prop their doors open and welcome impromptu company!



CENTRAL COMMITTEE

According to Lovett legend, the Lovetteers formed a government known as the Central Committee (CC) as a tongue-in-cheek reference to the Soviet Union. To form a more perfect union, our forefathers voted to disband the first CC meeting and to spend the entire first year's budget on beer. For better or for worse, this model of governance has fallen by the wayside, and CC, run by the Executive Committee (President, CJ, EVP, IVP, Secretaries, and Treasurers), now manages a sizeable body of personnel made up of permanent standing committees and temporary action committees, as well as a hefty annual budget of almost \$50,000. Meetings are held in the Lower Commons on Tuesdays at 10pm to distribute announcements, discuss campus-wide and College-specific issues, and chow down on snacks. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, and anyone can make comments and participate in the discussion. Below is information on the people who currently hold positions on CC and a brief explanation of their function.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: Akin Bruce (orange@rice.edu)

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

CHIEF JUSTICE (CJ): Zach Anderson (zra1@rice.edu)

Keeps Lovett safe and in order at all times, and perpetuates our culture of care. Point person for opossum problems.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT (EVP): Carolina Hatanpää (carolina.hatanpaa@rice.edu)

Works with H&D and in charge of ambiance funds, space requests, and bigger space projects.

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT (IVP): Rose Kantorczyk (rmk5@rice.edu)

Runs Room Jack, Parking Jack, and elections; oversees appointed positions, is a paragon of serenity.

SECRETARIES: Alessi Armengol (ava3@rice.edu) and Julia Greenberg (jrg9@rice.edu)

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

TREASURERS: Maximilian Murdoch (texanmax@rice.edu) and Michael Young (mbv1@rice.edu)

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

OTHER COMMITTEES

ACTIVITIES: Sydney Stocks, Stephanie Yang, and Tanvi Jadhav

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

ASSOCIATES: Chloe Oani, Mira Dani, and Divya Choudhury

Organize the Associates program, which is a group of adults in the area that are affiliated with Lovett.

CULTURALS: Claire Boschert and Minh Le

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

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

MEMBER(S)-AT-LARGE (M@Ls): Jason Taylor and Victor Nguyen

Sends out polls and surveys, presents them at CC (many Lovetteers' favorite part of CC).

PROPERTIES: Mak Jankovsky, Stephanie Xie, and Leslie An

Buy things to make Lovett more awesome, maintain the awesome things we have, in charge of summer storage.

SOCIALS: Bailey Douglas

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

OUTREACH: Nimisha Krishnaswamy and Matthew Barclay

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

OFF-CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE: To Be Elected

Represents off-campus Lovetteers at CC

NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Could be You!

Keep track of service hours, represent your class of Lovetteers at CC, put on events for New Students

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

Honor Council Rep - Sree Yeluri

Represents Lovett students at Honor Council proceedings.

University Court Rep - Laura Yordan

Represents Lovett students at U-Court proceedings.

Rice Program Council (RPC) Rep - Christina Lee

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

Student Association (SA) Senator - Elan Friedland

Represents Lovett during the Student Association Senate.

STRIVE Liason- Moushumi Sahu (ms132@rice.edu)

STRIVE, which stands for Students Transforming Rice Into a Violence Free Environment, has the purpose of addressing sexual and domestic violence on campus. If you have any questions about Title IX support, resources available on campus and off campus, or anything in general, feel free to text Moushumi at (952) 393-3212 or email her at ms130@rice.edu. The Rice Counseling Center also provides a 24 hour hotline, whose phone number is (713) 348-3311.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear New Lovetteers,

My name is Akin Bruce, and I am the President of Lovett College for this upcoming year. On behalf of all of Lovett, welcome to Rice University!!! Hopefully, you got the letter that I sent to you all, welcoming you as well. But something more I wanted to extend to you in this message is myself as a resource.

People always talk about college being so hard when you become an upperclassman, but in my opinion, the transition from high school to college can be just as hard, if not harder. You will be transitioning academically, socially, emotionally, and in many other ways. You will have times where you question whether you chose the right school. You will have times when you question whether you're doing everything wrong. And you will most definitely have times where you have to depend on those around you to help you get through what you're going through. That's why I want to make myself a resource. I can't express how much it helps to have someone willing to help on your side.

You also, of course, have your Advisors and Coords, who have already volunteered their time (SO MUCH time) to set you off on the right foot. But if you ever find yourself backed into a corner, as an ex-O-Week Advisor, an ex-O-Week Coordinator, and, believe it or not, an ex-New Student, I like to think I could help as well... hopefully. We'll see.

And honestly, that offer doesn't stop here with me. One of the things that drew me to Rice was its reputation of having such a collaborative, warm, and friendly environment. Everyone here genuinely wants to push you forward and see you succeed to the best of your ability, so frankly, you can also count on any one of your fellow Lovetteers.

Hard times may be approaching, but there are so many more exciting memories, new relationships, and impactful experiences approaching as well. You're gonna have an amazing time, especially since you are at THE best residential college: LOVETT!

I can't wait to meet you all in person and see you move on throughout your Rice careers! Your Advisors, your Coordinators, and I will be right alongside you every step of the way.

Hope you're having a great summer,
Akin Bruce, Lovett President 2018-2019

Meet Akin Bruce

In Memphis, Tennessee, born and raised, on the playground is where he spent most of his days. Meet Akin Bruce. The man. The myth. The lover of the color orange. Akin has just finished being a Lovett O-Week Coordinator and Associates Program Coordinator and is currently a tour guide. Be sure to (try to) embarrass him as much as possible if you see him giving a tour! This Statistics/Economics double major not only loves the color orange with a burning passion, but he also loves playing Super Smash Bros in the Lovett Commons, hanging out with friends/glaring at them regularly, and petting the Rice squirrels (Only the fluffy ones though). He has an amazing knack for bringing everyone together and is a giant ball of extremely LOUD energy. You'll probably hear him before you see him. Honestly, this man can do no wrong, because his heart is made of pure gold. Catch him running the outer loop if you need some motivation for health. Catch him in Lovett if you need motivation on why to love Lovett. Best of all, catch Akin supporting you while you succeed in life.

- Blessing Felix-Okoroji (Lovett '19),
Marcos De La Garza (Wiess College '19), Thuc Truong (Will
Rice '19)



YOUR ROOM

Though Lovett rooms are by no means small, chances are you will be faced with the challenge of downsizing your life into it. This is especially true when you consider that it serves not only as your bedroom but your study, your living room, and sometimes your kitchen. Lovett rooms are 13' by 15', and contain many amenities that can all be rearranged to your liking (see below). Each of these rooms is connected to another, mirror-image room by a bathroom to create a suite of four people, or a quad. Rejoice in the private bathrooms, because not all residential colleges are lucky enough to have them.



Things Found in Your Room:

- Two beds that can be lofted at nearly any height or bunked
- Two large dressers
- Two bookcases
- Two desks and desk chairs
- Two smaller desk cabinets
- A fire alarm and emergency sprinkler
- A self-controlled air conditioning unit
- Two closets: one full length and one divided into two horizontal sections
- Two trash cans and a recycling bin

Things Found in Your Bathroom:

- Two sinks
- Plenty of counter space and a large mirror
- One toilet
- One shower
- A never-ending supply of toilet paper (courtesy of our wonderful Housing and Dining service once a week)
- Four wire drawers below the sink



Need Something Done to Your Room?

Matthew Brewer is Lovett's Student Maintenance Representative (SMR) and will be available to help you fix any problems in your room. He can help you raise or lower your bed or be a liaison between you and H&D. Unfortunately, he will not be at Lovett for O-Week, but he will be back on August 18th. His email is mbrewer@rice.edu. (See page 35 for more info about what an SMR does).

LOVETT FACILITIES



Lovett Kitchen



Seibel Servery

THE COMMONS, SERVERY, AND LOVETT KITCHEN

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

The Commons



LOVETT FACILITIES



Lyle's: Good for any large group needs (and sometimes, a quiet place to study!)



The Weight Room: when you want to work out, but the Rec is just so far away.

THE BASEMENT

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

The Blue Room: It's actually lavender.

The Computer Room: A room with iMacs, PCs, and a printer.



The Wiener Hole: A quiet place to study!



LOVETT FACILITIES



THE LAUNDRY ROOM

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

THE ELEVATOR

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

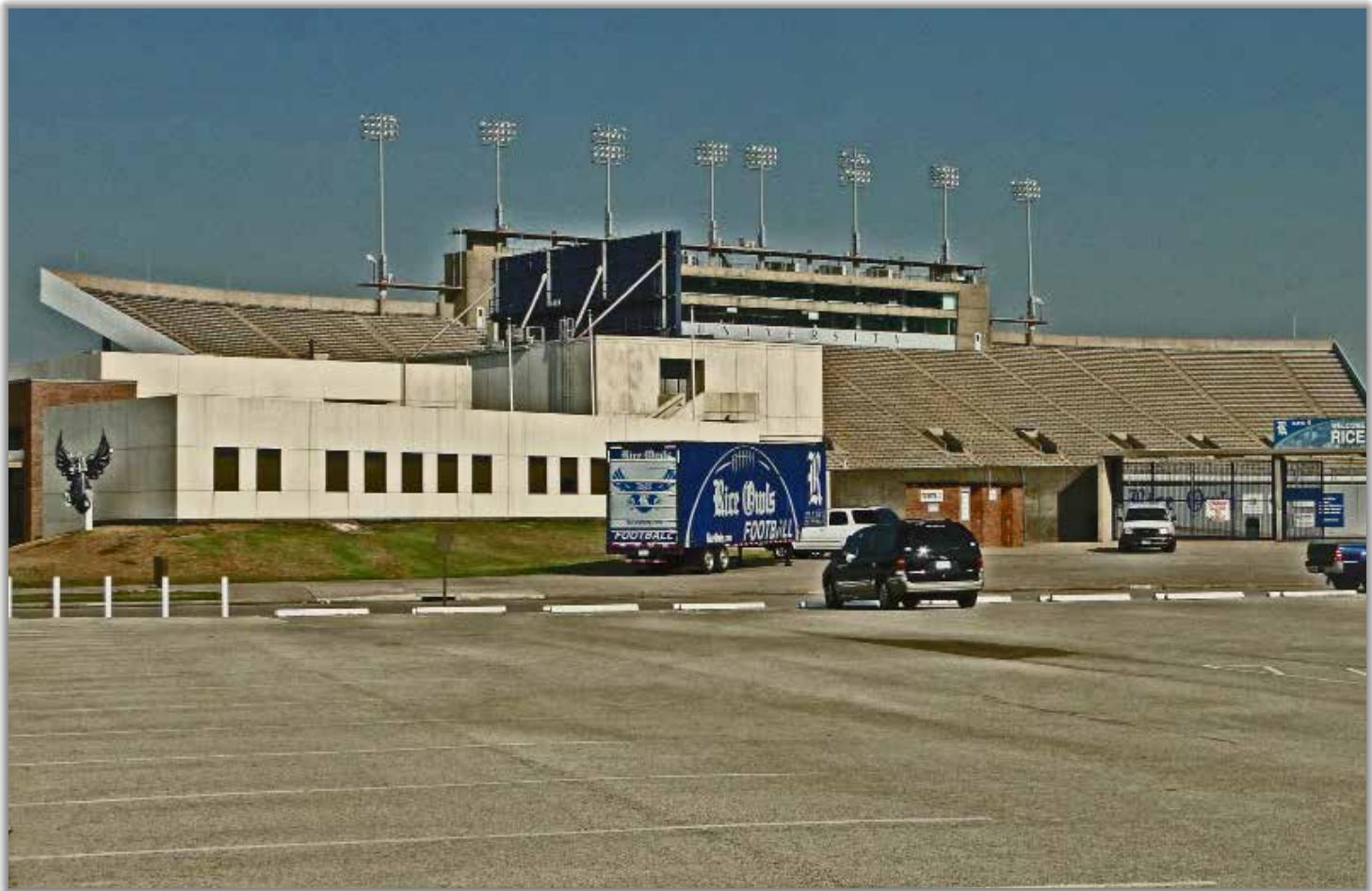
RECYCLING

Every room at Lovett is equipped with a blue recycling bin so that you can recycle paper (that's not waxed or food-stained), glass, plastic, cardboard, etc. Recycling at Rice is single-stream; all general recyclables go into this one container. The cleaning staff at Lovett empties trash as needed, usually every other day. Additionally, you can bring aluminum cans or plastic and glass bottles from your rooms to the gigantic bins in the



elevator lobbies on every floor or near the stairs on 2nd and 6th floors. There is also a set of bins in the Lower Commons, where you can recycle batteries and ink cartridges.

LOVETT FACILITIES



PARKING

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





THE MAGISTERS

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

JOSÉ AND MAYRA ONUCHIC

Our family looks forward to welcoming you to Lovett, which many people consider to be the best residential college at Rice! Lovett College is a safe and inclusive community, where each student will thrive, interact and support each other in many facets of college life. We, as the Magisters of Lovett College, are here to be your advocates, mentors, advisors, and friends. We will have the privilege of being beside you, as you grow personally and academically during your years at Rice.

About Our Family

My family truly understands how exciting and challenging it can be to move to a new city and a new college community. Mayra and I were born in Brazil. We first came to the United States in 1982, and settled in California. I worked on my Ph.D. in Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) while Mayra earned her Bachelor's degree in Human Development at Pacific Oaks College. In 1986, our eldest son, Lucas, was born while we were in Pasadena, CA. After I completed my doctorate and Mayra earned her degree, the three of us went back to Brazil

where I became a professor at the University of São Paulo (also known as USP). But we also brought something very important with us – our second son Diego was born six months after our return to Brazil!

Our Professional Backgrounds

I taught at USP for several years, and in 1990 we moved permanently to the United States when I was invited to join the faculty of the University of California at San Diego (or UCSD). We immersed ourselves in the Southern California lifestyle and education community. Mayra also joined the education field after becoming certified as an Elementary Teacher in California. She was hired by the San Diego Unified School District where she taught bilingual kindergarten (English and Spanish) for 19 years.



Our third son, Paulo, was born just after we moved to San Diego. After 22 years at UCSD, Rice recruited me to join the faculty here in Houston. I am now starting my sixth year at Rice University. I am the codirector for the Center for Theoretical Biological Physics and professor of Physics and Astronomy, Chemistry, and Biosciences. With my busy teaching schedule in such diverse fields, I have my Center's offices in the BRC (BioScience Research Collaborative) building, or you might also see me in Brockman Hall. Mayra joined me here in

Houston, shortly after I arrived. She also works at Rice, where she is the manager of the Brasil@Rice Program, right there in Lovett Hall, with the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS). She enjoys working to further Rice's goal of increased academic exchange with Brazil; and is passionate about helping new Rice students create strong academic and social experiences while they're on campus. Our three sons are also settled here in town and are part of Houston's diverse academic community. Lucas studies at the University of St. Thomas, Diego is a teacher at Kincaid School, and Paulo is back in San Diego pursuing his doctoral degree in Biological Sciences at The Scripps Research Institute. Of course, as they are all a bit closer to the age of most Rice students, they will also be happy to share their experiences and opinions, if you like.

Our Culture and Hobbies

As you can see, we are a truly international family who loves education and learning. We are avid travelers who love learning about different cultures and languages. Although we learned and excelled in English, our native language is Brazilian Portuguese, and we all speak Spanish as well. I also can get by with the French I picked up in graduate school. Mayra particularly enjoys the outdoors; especially after spending 22 years in San Diego. Our favorite hiking spot in Southern California is Torrey Pines State Reserve, and we are starting to explore the outdoors around Houston and the surrounding natural areas. I am often looking for a good debate about science, politics, sports, and current events. We love lively conversation, and sometimes I get loud and animated, but it is just all in fun. We enjoy sports, movies, music and good food. Mayra enjoys cooking, and she often finds herself cooking for students, visitors, friends, family, and for school events. Her famous home baked pão de queijo (Brazilian cheese bread) has already become a Lovett tradition! We truly feel that as Lovett College Magisters, we can share our love for learning, and passion for life. We can't wait for you to join us. As in the Brazilian tradition, our house is truly your house, too.

RESIDENT ASSOCIATES (RAs)

Unlike at most universities, your RAs are faculty or staff members instead of students. RAs live with you in the Toaster (Lovett) and serve as adult mentors. They are eager to learn about you and to make you feel at home, so don't hesitate to introduce yourself and use them as a resource! Lovett has two sets of RAs, a set on first floor and another on second. They are very eager to meet you guys!

LAURA AND GEOFF

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

We're also music buffs—Geoff loves listening to classical music and likes to take Lovetteers on outings to the Houston Symphony (they have great student discounts). Laura is a harpist, plays the keys on and off in a rock band, and regularly brings the house down at karaoke. She's excited to meet some fellow karaoke-loving Lovetteers and is already planning the third annual Lovett-Sid-Hanszen Karaoke Showdown (February 2019).

Our rescue dog, Cami, is a bundle of squirrel-hunting energy (Check out her pic on the next page). Cami is somewhere between 3-5 years old and probably a border collie + spaniel mix. She loves going on walks, catching the frisbee, scrambling after lizards, and chasing the campus bunnies. When you meet her, she'll probably bark at you (vestiges from the shelter life), but once you give her a treat, she'll love you forever.

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



ZORA AND JANIS HAMSA

Welcome to Lovett College!

Zora is a doctoral student in the Department of English at Rice. She studies 19th and 20th Century American Literature and African-American Literature. Zora loves fountain pens, and she is a member of a Houston pen club! She loves the musicals *Hamilton* and *The Color Purple*! She is always ready for a sing-along! Zora also loves to play chess.

Janis works as an optometrist for an eye and vision group in Houston. Janis worked as an independent optometrist in Maryland before joining the vision group here. Janis enjoys bike riding. Her favorite places for riding are Rice and Hermann Park. She enjoys gardening, and she maintained a massive vegetable garden plot at a community garden in Maryland before moving to Houston. Janis also loves sports—especially during Playoffs Season! Her favorite sport is



basketball. She hopes you will join her at the Rice Athletic Center for a few games of pickup basketball during the year.

Zora and Janis both enjoy playing board games and card games (Uno, Spades Phase 10, Taboo, Scrabble, etc.). They love exploring the Houston food scene and cooking together at home! They are both fans of the television adventure shows *Survivor* and *The Amazing Race*, and they hope that they have a chance to play one—or both—of them someday (after Graduate School).

Zora and Janis also love to travel! Zora once lived in Stockholm, Sweden, where she studied at the Stockholm School of Theology. Janis has worked at three international optometric clinics in Thailand, China, and Peru. They have traveled (together and/or separately) to London, France, Italy, Sweden, Spain, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Poland, India, and South Africa.

Roni is the newest member of the Hamsa family! Roni loves running around in the Lovett quad, and she loves snuggles from Lovetteers. If you love puppy hugs, just find Roni!

You are always welcome to join Zora and Janis (and Roni) for games and movies—and tea and popcorn—at their apartment on the second floor! They will post the movie night/game night invites on the Lovett Facebook page.



RESIDENT FACULTY ASSOCIATES (RFAS)

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

CHRIS AND KATIE FAGUNDES

Hey Lovett! We are very excited to start our second year as your RFAs. We are originally from California, where we met in college. As Chris completed his education, we lived in Utah and Ohio before coming down to Houston. Chris is an Assistant Professor of Psychology and works at the interface of psychoneuroimmunology, affective neuroscience, and health psychology. He teaches an undergraduate course he created called Stress and Health across the Lifespan. He also teaches graduate courses in Psychoneuroimmunology and Health Psychology. His lab and office are located at the Bioscience Research Collaborative. He especially enjoys mentoring students and postdocs. Katie has a MA in Education and has worked in a nonprofit as an exhibit and program developer and as a classroom teacher. She currently teaches middle school in Houston ISD.

We have two daughters who can't wait to meet you- it's been a lonely summer on an empty campus! Maddie is an outgoing 7 year old who loves Star Wars, science, art, animals, and being a big sister. She is working on starting her own Lovett Save the Earth Club in part to address her new composting obsession. Juliette is a determined 2 year old who likes finger paint, bubbles, animals and her best friend Rainbow Bear. Our little dog Buddy, is always excited to make new friends even if he is a grumpy old man. He can definitely help you chase away unwelcome squirrels until they realize they are bigger than him!

As a family we enjoy spending time at museums, parks, Rice sporting events (go Owls!), and the zoo. We also have family dance parties from time to time but have yet to have any noise complaints as we blast our eclectic music tastes ranging from Trolls to Hamilton Soundtracks. We also are interested in theater, dance, sports, and good food.



COLLEGE COORDINATOR

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

SHARON O'LEARY

Hey new Lovetteers, My name is Sharon O'Leary and I am the Lovett College Coordinator (aka: Fairy Godmother of Lovett College, I even have a magic wand). My office looks out over the Lovett Quad where I get to see students coming and going, playing volleyball, hanging out and doing tricks on the trampoline, listening to and playing music, practicing dance routines, and blowing up water balloons (just wait for spring). You will pass by my office on the way to anything important or fun, so stop in and get to know me. My office is a great place to start a conversation, ask a question, pick up mail and packages, mail a letter, buy a stamp, borrow office supplies, staple papers, copy something, get something notarized, make a cup of tea, and eat candy.



You will be my 12th class of New Students and I am looking forward to meeting each one of you, getting to know you, and getting to see who you will turn out to be. New Students always surprise me. Even though I'll see your pictures and read your roommate forms before I meet you I won't know who you are, who you will become, and what you will do here until you show me. Please pay attention to my emails, as I often have very important information that you won't get anywhere else. I might not always know everything, but I am a good resource for information and can guide you where you need to go for anything you might need at Lovett, Rice, Houston, and I can't wait to welcome you "home" on August 12th.





COORDINATORS

WHAT IS A COORDINATOR?

So who exactly are these people whose pictures are everywhere in this book, who keep playing up this so-called “World ExpO-Week” and apparently made this book? We are your World ExpO-Week Coordinators! We are three Lovetteers that were chosen by Lovett’s Adult Team and 2017 O-Week Coordinators to plan and put together your first week at Rice.

We started our jobs in January, doing things like selecting Advisors and Affiliates, putting them together into power-teams, picking a theme, making this book, placing you with roommates and suitemates, making O-Week groups, and basically planning all of World ExpO-Week. We stayed on campus all summer to do this along with the 10 other colleges’ Coordinators, and we worked with them to plan the campus-wide activities that you will participate in during the week.

Whether you can’t wait to finally step foot on campus or you’re dying of nerves from the very thought of it, we’ll welcome you to Lovett with open arms on move-in day and hope you will grow to love the Toaster that we call home. Whatever you encounter during your first year at Rice, we want to be there to help make it the best it can be, so never hesitate to contact us before, during, or after O-Week. We can’t wait to meet you!

-Your Coords,
BPM <3



COORDINATORS

Blessing Felix-Okoroji / Lovett '19 / Corpus Christi, TX



The best way you theoretically could have started off college is with a Blessing Felix-Okoroji as your O-Week Coordinator, so CONGRATULATIONS (*cue Post Malone*), you're already destined to have the best 4 years of your life, no matter what your astrology sign. Blessing is one of the coolest, realest, most genuine people you'll ever meet: she'll tell you just how it is, no tea no shade, and somehow it's always just what you needed to hear. This Corpus Christi native, Nigerian princess has also rightfully earned the title of Lovett's SassMaster for a reason. So who needs a dumb sword when her wit can cut your enemies into tiny, bite-size pieces? Now we know what you're thinking: this African-dancing, angel-singing, fun-loving Biological Sciences major, pre-med fry-muncher is just too flawless and...unrelatable. Nope. The fact that she binge-watches the same amount of TV in a week that a normal person gets through in a year and goes through huge existential crises when not getting perfect Buzzfeed quiz scores on anything Beyoncé makes her human just like us.

She's always been there for us, fiercely loyal and irreplaceable, through the bad times as well as the good. But don't worry, she has such a huge heart that she has room for you too.

Also, please bug her about anything to do with essays. Blessing LOVES writing essays! Additionally, if you somehow don't see her in the Lovett Commons, go to whatever place has free food and she'll be there 100% guaranteed.

-Akin Bruce (Lovett '19) and Stephanie Yang (Lovett '19)



COORDINATORS

Patrick Young / Lovett '19 / Mamaroneck, NY

Ever wanted to get to know the cutest O-Week Coordinator on campus? Well now you get the chance. Meet Patrick, the most intelligent and athletic Cognitive Sciences major and Business minor. Hailing from Mamaroneck, NY, this die-hard Steelers fan channels his passion for football on the field as Lovett's premier IM quarterback. When he isn't making game-winning plays on the field or coaching/ coordinating Powderpuff, he can also be found selflessly serving the Lovett community, having previously served as both a Beer Bike and Associates Coordinator. Even though he appears to have a rough and rugged exterior, this fluffy boy loves classic Nintendo videogames and his adorable dogs, Jax and Thad. Despite his constant goofiness (e.g., "accidentally" breaking sinks, intentionally sliding head-first into cabinets), Patrick is undoubtedly one of the most caring and sincere individuals you'll find on campus. He'll always be there when you need someone to confide in, laugh with, or seek advice from, so y'all are truly lucky to have him as your O-Week Coordinator.

-Nicky Joseph (Lovett '18) and Aaron Wong (Lovett '18)



COORDINATORS

Maximilian Murdoch / Lovett '20 / Martindale, TX

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



-Rose Kantorczyk (Lovett '20), Mira Dani (Lovett '20), and Taylor Dewoody (Lovett '20)



THE O-WEEK TEAM

WHAT ARE ADVISORS AND Co-ADVISORS?

Every O-Week group is assigned three Advisors, students from Lovett, who lead the group in activities and bonding. Advisors are upperclassmen (sophomores, juniors, or seniors), who either enjoyed O-Week at Lovett (or their home college) so much that they've decided to try it again or just want to be there for you, their New Student! On Move-In Day, they will be poised and ready to greet you happily and loudly at your car, and will even help you get situated into your room. A word of warning: your Advisors know more about you than you may expect! They have been thoroughly briefed on your name, hobbies, favorite foods, and other details, so don't get too freaked out by the extent of their knowledge; they just are very excited to meet you. Most importantly, you should remember that your Advisors are truly doing this for you. No matter who you are or where you've come from, your Advisors will support you at Lovett and at Rice. Co-Advisors, like Advisors, are some of the most amazing upperclassmen on campus. Each O-Week group will have one Co-Advisor too. But there's a twist! Co-Advisors are not, in fact, from Lovett, but come from any of the other ten colleges. Our 12 Co-Advisors represent seven different residential colleges on campus! Feel free to approach any of them and ask about their college's culture, traditions, quirks, and parties. While it's easy to fall in love with Lovett, there's also a whole campus for you to explore outside our Toaster! Together, Advisors and Co-Advisors lead the O-Week groups, often with an Advisor also holding the job of being an Affiliate.

Remember: they are not only here for you during the week, but also throughout your first year and the rest of your time at Rice! In the next few pages you'll find information about Affiliates and each Lovett O-Week group!



WHAT IS AN O-WEEK GROUP?

An O-Week group is composed of three Advisors, one Co-Advisor, one or two Affiliates and 7-8 New Students. This group will be your first friend group at Rice. The people in this group will be there for you for whatever you need, whether you are looking for academic advice, need a support system, or just want to have a social outing! Your O-Week group is your first Rice "family", and your Advisors will always be there for you through this week, this year, and beyond.

THE O-WEEK TEAM

WHAT IS AN AFFILIATE?

Affiliates are Advisors that have an additional responsibility within Lovett O-Week (They are kind of like an Advisor +). They have been chosen either by a campus-wide organization or by us, the Lovett Coordinators. Affiliates are an invaluable part not only of their own O-Week group, but of O-Week in general. Here's a list of all our affiliates so you can get to know their jobs a little better.



O-WEEK ASSISTANT (OR "GOPHERS")

O-Week Gophers are here to help the Coordinators by running errands for them throughout O-Week. Andrew and Alex will make sure we have everything we need for the week. Plus, they wash your Lovett O-Week t-shirt every night (which is a necessity, because the Houston heat will definitely get you sweaty). Be sure to thank them when you see them!



O-WEEK PEER ACADEMIC ADVISORS (PAAs)

PAAs are your go-to resources for any question you may have when making your schedule, choosing classes, or thinking about your academic development at Rice. Chris, Claire, Matthew, and Coleman have spent hours and hours becoming well-versed in all the academic rules and requirements here at Rice. Even though you may not have an O-Week PAA in your O-Week group, they will be available to all New Students. Additionally, we have several other year long PAAs on the Advising team that will be here for you as academic resources.



DIVERSITY FACILLITATORS (DFs)

DFs are here to ensure that New Students appreciate and have positive and respectful interactions with their diverse group of peers at Rice. Lindsay, Diana and Gabby will put on several workshops during O-Week which promote an appreciation for the phenomenal diversity we have on campus, and we definitely encourage you to engage and participate during these workshops. Also, they're trained to mediate discussions related to diversity that may come up during the year, so feel free to use Gabby, Diana, and Lindsay as a resource during O-Week and beyond!

THE O-WEEK TEAM

RICE HEALTH ADVISOR (RHA)

The RHA, Lauren, is a resource for wellbeing topics during O-Week. She will be available for any New Student who needs someone to talk to during O-Week in a more informal setting. RHAs are trained to listen in one-on-one settings, facilitate conversations between roommates or others who have a conflict to work out, and connect students to wellbeing resources around campus. They also have a stockpile of Tylenol, bandaids, etc. for all of your health needs!



ATHLETIC AFFILIATE

The Athletic Affiliate, Austin, provides support to Lovett's New Student athletes and helps ease the transition into Lovett given the added responsibilities as a student athlete. Additionally, the Athletic Affiliate helps Advisors understand the athlete perspective and ensure they are as supportive as possible! If you're an athlete or you just want to know more about athletics at Rice, talk to Austin!



PHOTOGRAPHER AND VIDEOGRAPHER

Our Photographer and Videographer, Christina and Antonia, will be preserving O-Week memories for posterity. They archive O-Week events and put together a slideshow at the end of the week to celebrate your first week at Rice! Pro tip: Christina is going to take your picture on the first day right after you move in and it'll go on a poster in Sharon's office. Prepare accordingly!



STUDENT MAINTENANCE REPRESENTATIVE (SMR)

The Student Maintenance Representative (SMR) is the Lovett liaison to the Housing and Dining department (H&D). Matthew can loft or unloft your bed, help you move your furniture around, and get you ladders for bunked beds. Be sure to get his number when you get here because he can be an enormous help. (Note: He won't be here during O-Week).





ATLANTOAST



Michael Young/ Lovett '20/ Chapel Hill, NC

While newcomers at Lovett College unfortunately missed the Initial Public Offering of mby1, also known as Michael Young, his stellar performance in the past year made this analyst confident that now is as good a time to enter the market as ever. This Mathematical Economic Analysis major with a Business minor is one of the most hotly demanded stocks in the Class of 2020, with his 6'3" height, athleticism on the Ultimate Frisbee field, as well as quirky humor that entertained the entire college with his weekly surveys. His S/P (sentence to pun) ratio was a staggering 3.45 miles ahead of the industry average. After the initial success that was O-Week 2017, this Chapel Hill, NC native, Michael, has only outperformed himself. He is now the president of Rice's Men's Ultimate team, and when he is not balancing Lovett's assets with its liabilities and equity, Michael impresses with his ever-growing board game skills, introducing many to the art. Michael's empathetic nature allows him to quickly befriend anyone, and his combination of intelligence and kindness allow him to help you with any Rice related questions. Many analysts, myself included, foresee a bright future for him in O-Week 2018. Investment is highly recommended.

-Leslie An (Lovett '20)

Lillie Plaza/ Lovett '21/ Simi Valley, CA

What's that noise you're waking up to? That's sophomore Lillie Plaza, belting out to Camila Cabello and Dear Evan Hansen. She has the voice of an angel and is the music director for Nocturnal, an acapella group better than Pentatonix. Not only can she sing, Lillie is a hard hitter -- on the soccer field and in the Smash arena. Hailing from Simi Valley, she is a -non premed- Biochemistry nerd with a passion for the stars, wanting to study Astrobiology. Lillie is the flower in your life -- literally, she is always wearing floral patterns, dressed to impress no matter what the occasion! From the first moment you meet her, you will be enveloped in this native Californian's sunny persona and beaming smile. This girl objectively gives the best and warmest hugs. Don't worry if you haven't seen Lillie in a couple of hours.. she's probably watching anime in her room or playing games on her DS.

P.S. Ask her about the toilet stall and Nancy Reagan.

-Amy Doan (Lovett '21) and Tanvi Jadhav (Lovett '21)

Matthew Mutammara / Lovett '19 / Sugar Land, TX/ PAA

Matthew Mutammara rarely gets angry, but here are some of his favorite topics to rant about: O'Reilly Auto Parts Spotify ads, the dairy industry, peach flavored drinks, and sea creatures. This Lovett College senior is a native of Sugar Land, Texas, where most of his Arabic family lives as well. Other than ranting, one of Matthew's greatest loves is tea. When studying for all his ELEC (Electrical and Computer Engineering) classes in the Lovett Commons or being the best Peer Academic Advisor (PAA) anyone could ask for, he likes to have his teapot at the ready and is always willing to share a cup or two to cheer you up (or some leftovers from Les G's, a restaurant he goes to at least three times a week). You should be aware that Matty will sprinkle any conversation with obscure anime references, particularly from his favorite one: One Piece. Matthew's hidden aspirations include becoming a parkour artist, (which is probably why he climbs random buildings and trees at night) and being a trendsetter (mildly successful as he made joggers a thing at Lovett). Matty will be an amazing Advisor and hopefully friend for you because he is caring, honest, and the best listener we know. Enjoy :)

-Marcela Interiano (Lovett '17) and Misha Silva (Lovett '17)

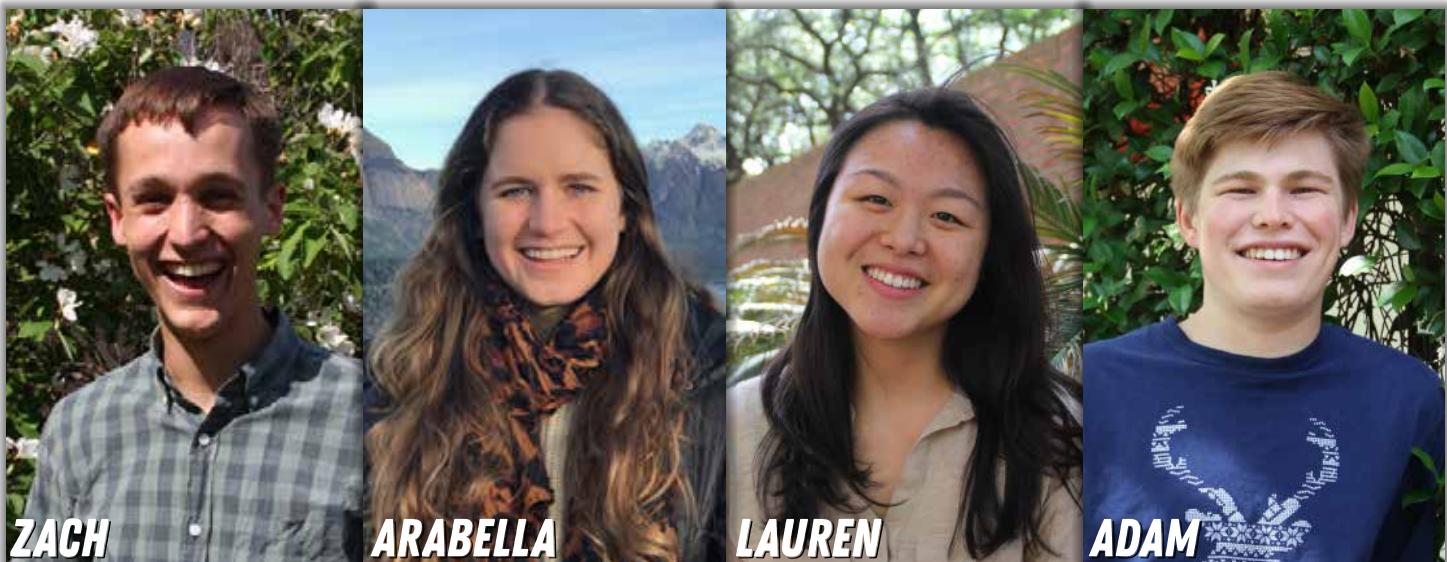
Anna Ta / Will Rice '20 / Spring, TX / Co-Advisor

She goes by many names, but no term can fully encapsulate Spring, Texas' one and only Anna Ta, a junior from Will Rice College. She'll be there for your big moments— like when O-Week is O-verwhelming, or when she sways you to the Humanities with the dulcet tones of Virginia Woolf. At her best when at a party telling her friends how much she appreciates them or curled up in Coffeehouse (her third favorite college) with a latte, Anna is a bundle of fun that cannot be overlooked. Don't ask her about the Thresher, because you'll hear an English major's iteration of the greatest love-hate story of all-time. Lovetteers, you'll love it here, and most of that appreciation will stem from the presence of Anna Ta.

-Isaac Schultz (Duncan '18)



AMAZON RARARAINFOREST



Zachary Anderson / Lovett '19 / Flower Mound, TX / Chief Justice

Meet Zach - the senior Mechanical Engineering student from Flower Mound, Texas. The forever supplier of Lovett snacks, he is heavily involved in our college culture (he is the current Chief Justice (CJ)) and can be frequently seen working in the Commons, playing intramural sports, improving his pool game, or kicking back with friends. If you are lucky enough to have him as your Advisor, you will soon discover that he not only loves to longboard but also loves to joke around and have a good time. And if you ever have the (mis)fortune of riding in his car, you will instantly realize that his hobby of tinkering with cars has made it a very wild ride. But in all seriousness, Zach is an amazing guy who will truly make your time here at Lovett better. Never be afraid to reach out to him! You already have a good friend :)

-Midori Rinkliff (Lovett '17)

Arabella Jenkins / Lovett '19 / Dallas, TX

Arabella Cinderella from the hard knock streets of the dirty dirty Dallas, Texas. This southern belle will steal your heart on any given weekend with her poppy lockies or one two steps with the Rice Owls Dance Team. This senior Spanish major & Sociology minor has a heart of gold and a very distinguishable laugh that makes her the best person to make anyone's day a little better. Don't be fooled by her mask of quietness, she's got a lot of great advice as a Chi Alpha small group leader and through her faith in God. But wait, there's always more with Arabella Cinderella. She has a strong urge to help others as she focuses on social justice. As a past coordinator of Young Owls Leadership Program, she gave disadvantaged high schoolers the ability to reach their full potential when applying to college. In all seriousness, when you need someone to talk to or do homework with or complain to, find her. This night owl can always be found in the Commons around midnight when she usually is getting started on her essays. You got lucky with this one. Arabella will teach you the true meaning of feeling #blessed. Bless up my friends.

-Alberto Maldonado (Lovett '18)

Lauren Kang / Lovett '21 / Singapore / RHA

If you looked up the definition for the words "loving" and "caring" in the dictionary, you'd find two words there for both: Lauren Kang. From all of her positions at Lovett as a Rice Health Advisor, Peer Academic Advisor, and Peer Career Advisor, this bubbly, rising sophomore has such a huge dedication to helping others, and it can be further shown through her commitment to service organizations like Camp Kesem. This Lovetteer hails from places all around the world (Singapore, Seoul, Los Angeles, SF Bay Area, Connecticut), and the number of miles she's travelled is only paralleled by the distance she goes for all her friends. If you ever want to have a DMC (deep, meaningful convo), go to someone for a tight hug, watch some BuzzFeed videos, or bake some bomb vegan banana bread, this 5' 2" bundle of optimism is just your gal, and though Lauren is currently undecided in her major, something that I can decidedly and wholeheartedly say about her is that she is a light and blessing in my life and she will definitely be one in yours!

-Erin Kim (Sid Rich '20)

Adam Oshan / Martel '20 / Torrance, CA / Co-Advisor

Cheerful and caring, Adam is a California native known for his love of lattes (catch him at Fondren Library drinking triple shots of espresso). This junior Cognitive Sciences major can often be found speaking Spanish. In his free time, he volunteers as an ESL conversation partner, tutors refugees, and watches telenovelas. Adam is super easy to spot around campus: he wears floral shirts and flip flops pretty much every day because the cold doesn't faze him. When you get to Rice, be sure to hit him up for bougie brunch recommendations. This Martelian reads and writes Yelp reviews religiously and adds avocado to everything. Even though he is kind of extra, Adam will always be there to help you with whatever you need, and he can't wait to meet you.

-Ellie Mix (Martel '20)



AGE OF TECHNEOLOGY: INNOVATION FOR THE COMMONS GOOD



Edward Feng / Lovett '20 / Tianjin, China

Meet Edward, a true legend. Originating from Tianjin, China, this sophomore Computer Science major has it all. He is a master at coding, who really knows how to power through all of his COMP projects without pulling all nighters. Not only is Edward a genius, but he is also a star athlete. When he is not busy writing lines of Python, he can be found balling at the Recreation Center. In the Fall of 2016, this man brought Lovett's freshman basketball team to victory with his deadly accurate three-point shots. If you ever need something to do, just ask Edward to teach you how to ball like a pro. As an Advisor, Edward will always be there for you to talk about anything at all. You will frequently find him in the Lovett Commons eating meals or doing COMP assignments. Most importantly, Edward is one of the nicest, chilliest people I know and will not only be your Advisor, but a good friend who you can always count on. You are about to have one of the best weeks/years of your life so get hype!

-Kenneth Wang (Lovett '20)

Divya Choudhury / Lovett '21 / Austin, TX

Meet Divya Choudhury, a rising sophomore Neuroscience major with a love for history. She claims that she doesn't have any fun facts, but don't let this fool you. She might say she doesn't have any fun facts of the normal sort like having been to an exotic location or being able to do some weird bodily contortion (Lies, she's actually spending her summer in Peru and she can touch her nose with her tongue), but she has other types of fun facts. Her fun facts aren't as succinct as those usually told in ice breaker sessions - they come out as you get to know her. When you can't find her belting out the lyrics to "Mr. Brightside" at Rice's latest public party, she's either on the powderpuff field pulling flags or watching her favorite show, *The Newsroom*. Feel free to ask Divya to play a round of pool or table tennis, and she might even make a personalized playlist for you too. Divya is refreshingly honest, intensely thoughtful, and just an incredibly caring human-being. Although Divya is an Austin, Texas native, she is more than excited to make Houston, Rice, and Lovett College your new home.

-Kendall Brice (Lovett '21)

Andrew Hadad / Lovett '19 / Cypress, TX / O-Week Assistant

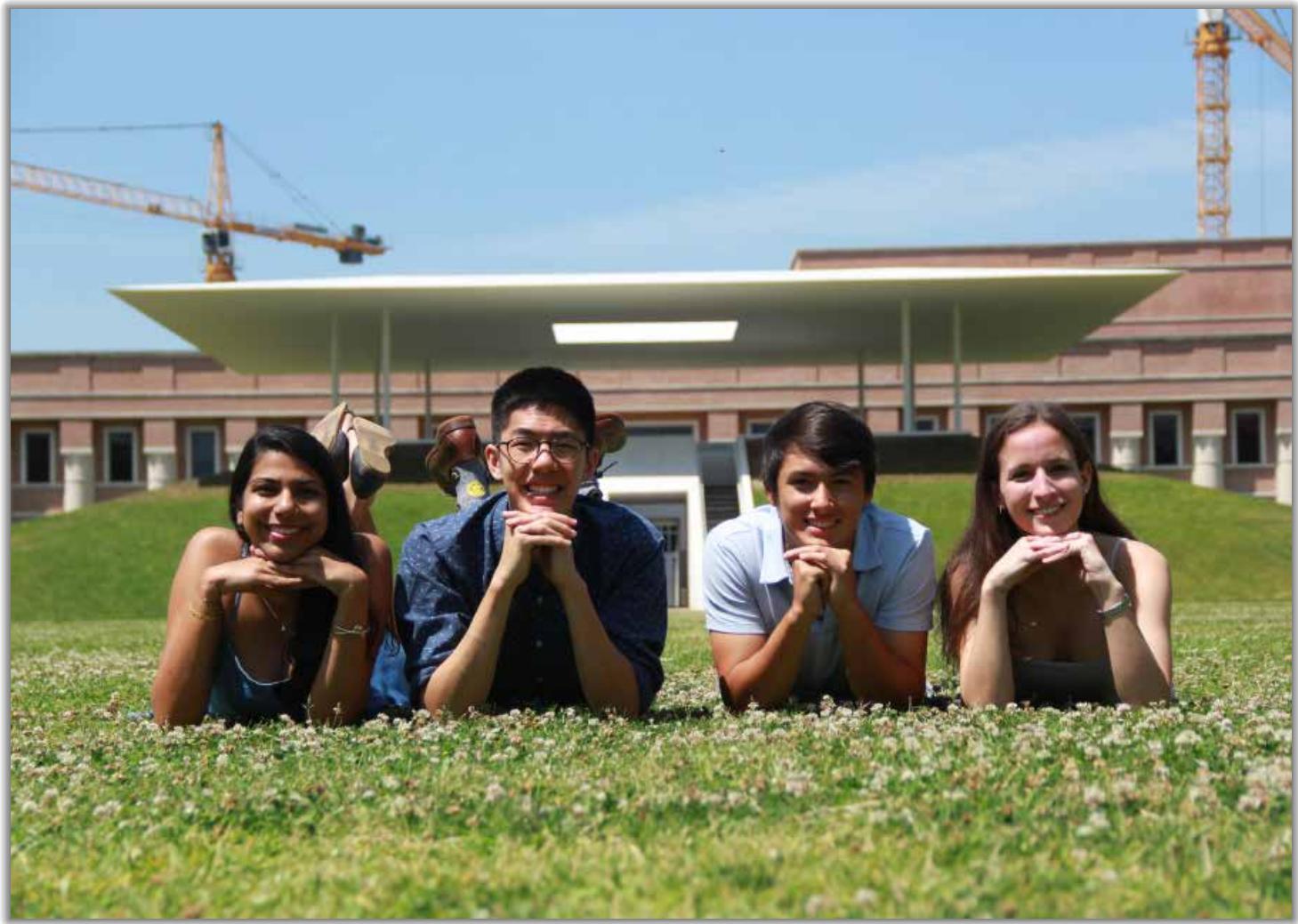
Andrew represents the iconic Rice student. This Class of 2019 Lovetteer is good looking, majoring in Computer Science and Economics, and he hails from Rice's own hometown, Houston (he's actually from Cypress, but close enough). By coaching Lovett's Powderpuff team and playing college ping-pong, Andrew has helped represent Lovett in college sports across campus. Off the field though, Andrew has previously served as Secretary and External Vice President of Lovett, but his true goal is to one day become king of the pirates! To do this, he follows a strict training regimen. In order to maintain his terrific tush, his diet consists of the only two important food groups: meat and sriracha. But he's not just eye candy. Andrew recently sold his soul to coding and now works at Microsoft as their most (under) qualified intern. Despite his loud and spontaneous attitude, Andrew is one of the most reliable people you'll ever meet. He has a natural ability to turn strangers into friends and make everyone around him feel comfortable. Despite his silly attitude, we have nothing but love for our obnoxious little brother, and we know you'll come to love him too.

-Matthew Mutamarra (Lovett '19) and Arpam Dutta (Lovett '19)

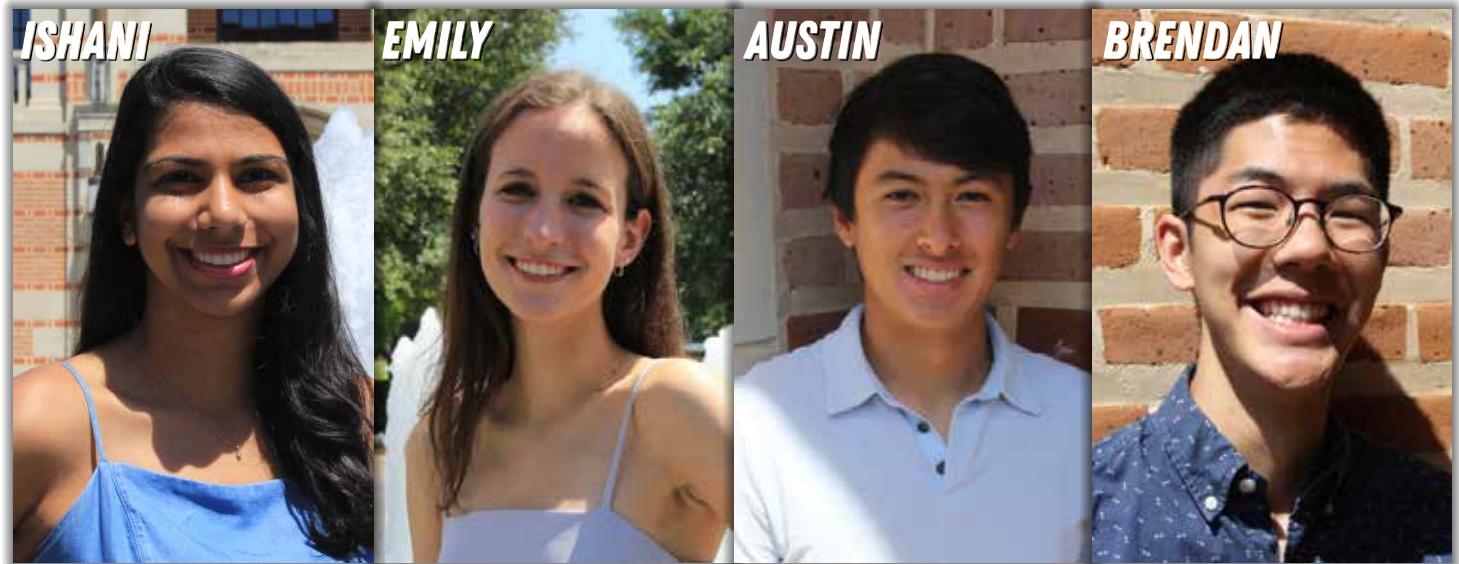
Lia Pikus / Baker '21 / Hanover, NH / Co-Advisor

Coming all the way from the snowy mountain tops of New Hampshire, Lia Pikus is a sophomore at Baker College double majoring in Cello Performance and Political Science because she is passionate about both. You might think this keeps her extremely busy, but she actually spends most of the day knitting and making obscure references to *The Office*. In an effort to redeem herself after she threw up in a recycling bin one of the first weeks of freshman year, Lia joined the Environmental Club. She also does political outreach for Rice for Reproductive Justice and is the Baker College representative for Rice Democrats. On the weekends, Lia enjoys training for half marathons she will never actually run, adding cover photos to her Spotify playlists, and making a variety of delicious hot beverages in her dorm. You won't beLIAve how ePIK she US (is).

-Ella Feldman (Baker '21)



MOUNT RARARUSHMORE



Ishani Desai / Lovett '19 / Katy, TX

If you are lucky enough to have “Dat Gud Ish” as your Advisor, you’ve hit the jackpot (she’s basically the crown jewel of Lovett AND Katy, Texas). An avid senior Civil Engineering major, Ishani will dazzle you with her ability to handle a million things at once, put professional artists to shame, and still be the most loyal and supportive friend ever. Ishani is always down to have a good time and share her obscure, but totally awesome music with you (10/10 would recommend following her on Spotify). Also, if you are ever looking for her, there is a huge chance you’ll find her at Coffeehouse doing crossword puzzles. Ishes’ spirit animal is the quokka, and yes, she is as friendly as they look. Her bright smile will always light up your life, the same way her passion for social justice does. There is no one in the world you’d have more fun going to MFAH, Taco Bell or Einstein Bagels with :).

-Meghana Gaur (Lovett '19), Tess Gabert (Lovett '19), and Navya Kumar (Hanszen '19)

Emily Klineberg / Lovett '20 / Washington D.C.

Emily Klineberg is one of the most unique and amazing people you will ever have the privilege of meeting. This junior Political Science and Policy Studies double major hails from D.C. and will jump at the opportunity to tell you why it's the best city in the US (don't fight her on it). Not only does she currently serve as an academic fellow for Lovett, but she's also a killer on the field, playing for both the Women's Club Soccer team and the Lovett powderpuff team. Get ready for late nights filled with her favorite snacks (oatmeal squares, ice cream, and popcorn), her incredible personality, and her hilarious puns. Emily is always the life of the party and is one of the most naturally funny people I have ever met. In all seriousness, Emily devotes herself fully to everything she sets her mind to, which includes being the best Advisor possible for you. No matter what, she will stick by you and help you sort your way through all the highs and lows that life can throw at you. I couldn't think of a better person to be a guide for your first year at Rice.

-Grace Coleman (Lovett '20)

Austin Moninger / Lovett '20 / New Braunfels, TX / Athlete Affiliate

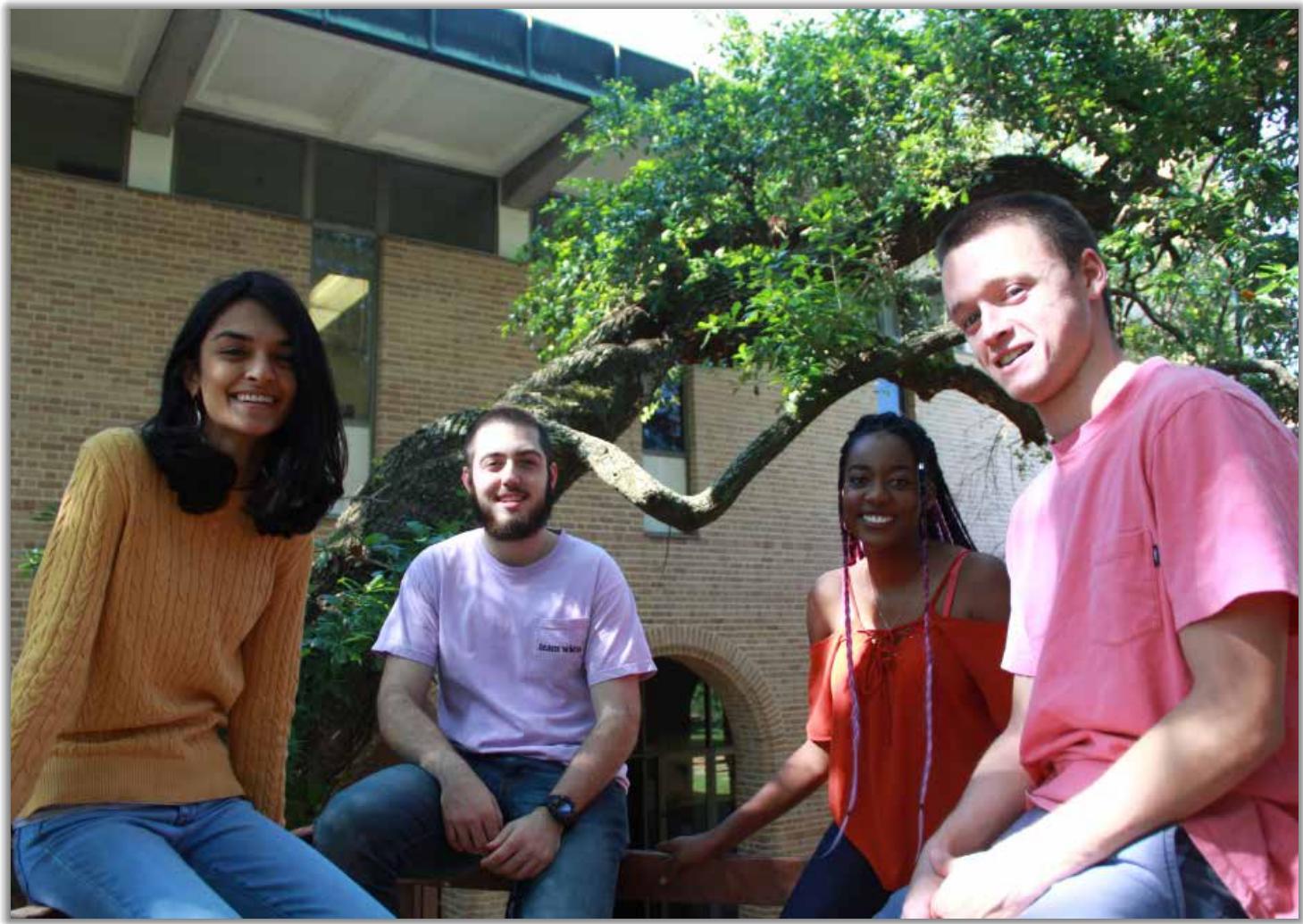
Knowing Austin Moninger is like receiving a long hug. Distinctively tan, buff, and swoopy-haired, you'll be able to spot this New Braunfels, Texas native from across campus by the literal aura of good vibes and warmth that surrounds him at all times. As a transfer student from Southwestern and a former member of Rice's Division 1 Athletics Tennis team, Austin's college trajectory can be aptly summed up by the iconic line “started as a D3 athlete, now we here.” When he's not killing it on the court, you can find this junior Computer Science major in the Lovett Commons, using his unfair athletic ability to dominate at ping pong or raising the self-esteem levels of everyone around him by laughing at every sentence that exits anyone's mouth. His standards for humor are very low, and for that we love him. With Austin as your Advisor, you can look forward to many late-night food adventures, deep candlelight talks, and late 2000s rap song jam session.

-Rose Kantorczyk (Lovett '20) and Grace Earick (Lovett '20)

Brendan Wong / Jones '21 / Taipei, Taiwan / Co-Advisor

Brendan Wong is the type of one-in-a-million person you've been wanting to meet your entire life. The Jones College sophomore is known for his enthusiastic smile, can do attitude, and jazzy collection of socks which is continuously growing. Hailing from Taipei, Taiwan, Brendan is majoring in Biochemistry, but his interests range much farther than science. This man is into everything that he can get his hands on (and sometimes doesn't have time for) like being a barista at Coffeehouse, a member of the acapella group Nocturnal, and a Jones secretary. But Brendan's busy schedule is no match for his love of his friends, and he is always willing to talk about anything. In his free time, Brendan fosters his creative spirit by listening to music like Beyoncé and James Vincent McMorrow on his record player, creating gifs of his friends for the fun of it, and fantasizing about being the next Bill Nye the Science Guy. As someone who had the extreme privilege of being in his O-Week group already, I am so excited for his next O-Week family to get to know him.

-Hunter Atherton (Jones '21)



EDGAR GRAHAM BELL AND THE TEOLEPHONE: RING RING FUN



Mira Dani / Lovett '20 / Las Vegas, NV

Mira. Dani. MIRRRAAAAA. DAAAAAANNNIIIIII. Smol but feisty, this 4 feet tall, 1 foot wide magic dancing bean is a bean. Queen of the Undecided Majors (she's currently Psychology and Policy Studies pre-med), this junior's career backup plans are either to become a Dance Mom a la TLC's Dance Moms or to move back to her hometown of Las Vegas, Nevada, the most wholesome city in America. Though she maybe little, she is fierce - she never shies away from a challenge, whether it's captaining the award-winning Rice Rasikas to reach classical Indian dance greatness or attempting to mud-wrestle people much, much larger than her during Beer Bike. A marshmallow at heart, Mira WILL make you send her your baby pictures, and probably cry at how cute you were and at how much you've grown. You're already lodged in Mira's disproportionately big heart, New Students, and you'll be all the better for it.

-Rose Kantorcyck (Lovett '20) and Maximilian Murdock (Lovett '20)

Bria Murray / Lovett '21 / Lafayette, LA

If you have ever laughed, cried, and promptly fallen to the floor, it was probably Bria Murray's fault. Hailing from Lafayette, Louisiana, Bria is a self-proclaimed seafood queen and all-around goddess. As a sophomore pre-med majoring in Biochemistry and Cellular Biology, she's full of all sorts of fun facts—including knowing the price and count of chicken nuggets from ~any~ fast food restaurant... TRY HER. If needed, you can find Bria in her natural habitat: curled up in the squad hole for the Rice Speech and Debate Team in the basement of Sewall hall. Even when she's flying across the country being a wackadoo with said speech team, this girl literally has no baseline circadian rhythm. Seriously, when does she sleep? So call her whenever, text her, she's probably awake and watching Netflix. I think being an Advisor is the only time that's gonna come in handy.

-Lauren Palladino (Duncan '21)

Alexander Hawley / Lovett '19 / Stonington, CT / O-Week Assistant

Lights, Camera, Action, Hawleywood! Meet Alexander Hawley, Lovett College's brightest star. When this senior Lovetteer isn't working on his Chemistry major, stressing about his minor, Computational and Applied Mathematics, or conducting groundbreaking research for Rice's Chemistry Department, you can find him in his classic khakis and a polo outfit hanging out in the Commons, arguing about sports, or exploring some of the "lesser" known parts of campus. Born in Michigan and hailing from the world-renowned town of Stonington, Connecticut, Alex is one of Rice's finest athletes. This winner of the Lovett Junior Sports Award specializes in hockey (he grew up playing it and is always down to skate), but also excels in flag football, soccer, and literally anything that requires speed and agility. Alex embodies what a fan of Rice athletics should be, and his persistent optimism about our sports teams is admirable. There's a lot more to Alex than just sports though. Talk to him about anything and you'll find he's got a great heart and is one of the funniest people you'll ever meet. I cannot express how great of an Advisor and a friend Hawleywood will be to you.

-Patrick Young (Lovett '19)

Eric Torres / Wiess '21 / Corpus Christi, TX / Co-Advisor

Ladies and gentlemen, THE Eric Torres. Need we say more? No, but we will anyways. Hailing from Corpus Christi, Texas, this legendary Wiess sophomore has dank memes for days. When this bearded beauty isn't studying for his Bioengineering & Pre-Med degree, you can find him chowing down at Shake Shack or Taco Bell, and he'll be more than glad to take his New Students with him. While he's on campus, you'll likely find him grinding at Club Fondy, or in the Wiess Commons, saving everyone else's grades at the expense of his own. Whether you're looking for a night of fun, or looking to just chill and watch a movie, Eric Torres is your man. Eric's snapchat story is always a sight to behold, but don't worry; he won't plague you with his (many, many) Fortnite victories. And while he may always be winning at Fortnite, you'll definitely be a winner if you get Eric as your Advisor!!

-Wyatt Cider (Wiess '21) and Shamanth Kuramkote (Wiess '20)

ARC DE TOASTER



Arlen Suárez / Lovett '19 / Houston, TX

Get ready to meet your nature-loving, yoga-doing, concert-going, Advisor! Arlen Suárez, a senior from Lovett College, might possibly be one of the most eclectic individuals you will ever meet. When she is not musing about the philosophical premise of the universe or the discrepancies in the current legal system, she is probably focusing on being pre-med, stressing over her next Biochemistry and Cell Biology exam, or listening to music at a concert. A native Houstonian, she actively seeks new places or things to do in Houston. Though her efforts are curtailed due to her ridiculously busy schedule in school, Arlen somehow manages to do the impossible task of being in some leadership position in almost every club you could imagine. Just this year she was an officer in 3 clubs. Her love of learning about new people and creating spaces of inclusion and diversity have led her to be co-president in both the Hispanic association (HACER) and an interfaith organization on campus (The Boniuk Council). In spite of the seemly heroic endeavor of trying to be both a real person and a pre-med, Arlen makes times for her friends and for cultivating great people relationships. All-in-all, you are in for a great year with your Advisor!

-Arlen Suárez (Lovett '19)

Hamza Rahim / Lovett '20 / Houston, TX

Hamza is a man of many unique attributes. This junior Electrical Engineering (ELEC) major from Houston is the only person I know who has mastered the art of going to bed before midnight. Even though he is often busy studying to ace his ELEC classes or being late to meetings, he is always down to spend time with you, whether that is balling at the gym at 10pm, playing ping pong, or just simply having a nice chat. You can always find him hanging in the Commons eating a bowl of Cheerios for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Also, if you are a morning person, you can go to his unofficial office hours in the Commons at 7am to vent your frustrations about school, careers, Naruto, or just life in general. But most importantly, he is super excited to be your O-Week Advisor! Hamza will always be there for you to make things okay, and also be your personal hype man when you need him to be. Get pumped for an exciting and thrilling week and year with Hamza, who will not only be your beloved Advisor, but also an amazing friend who will always have your back.

-Jayson Taylor (Lovett '20) and Kennth Wang (Lovett '20)



Matthew Burns / Lovett '21 / San Antonio, TX

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

-Alex Pollatos (Lovett '21), Henry Creamer (Lovett '21), and Matthew Schulze (Lovett '21)

Christina Lee / Lovett '21 / Katy, TX / Photographer

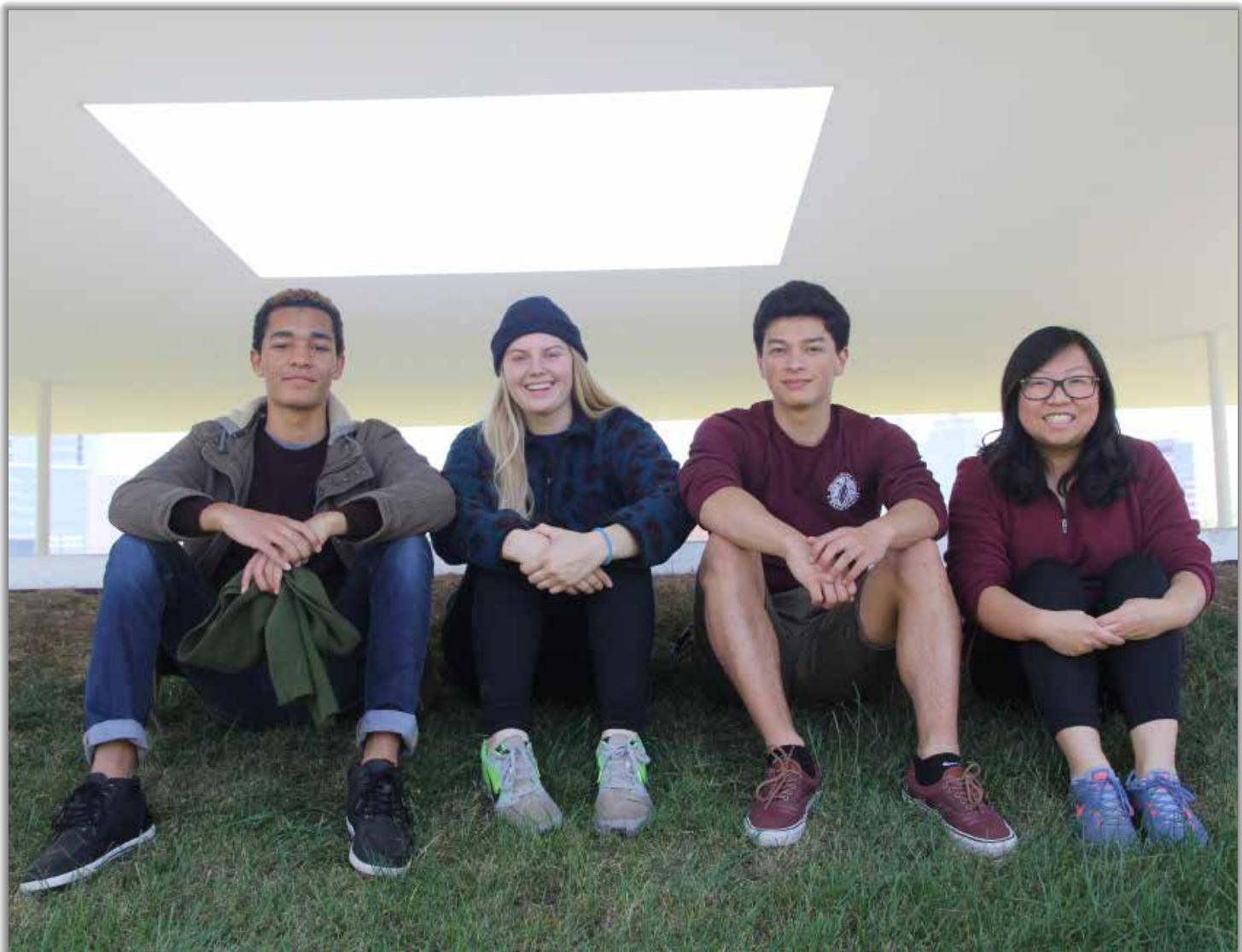
Consider yourselves lucky to have Christina bless your lives with her amazingLEE talented photography. Hailing from Katy, TX (though she'll tell you she's from Houston, but really still a New Jersey girl at heart) she's Lovett's local boba queen and knows how to put her wardrobe together- which she insists is just a skill she inherited from her mom. Double majoring in Political Science and Sociology, this sophomore pre-law will dance straight into your hearts and will treasure your souls dearly, like she does with the SA's budget as its Deputy Treasurer. Despite being a BNOC (Big Name on Campus), she will make time out of her busy schedule to have a deep and meaningful 1:1 conversation with you. You can find this cheerful bundle of joy sipping on bubble tea, out on an impromptu photoshoot, or lobbying for equal rights for everyone. She is also a part-time Vine reciter and a full-time cat lover, but most importantly, a full-time friend.

-Erica Lee (Wiess '21)

Rabea Tzenetos / Jones '19 / Essen, Germany / Co-Advisor

What do Michael Phelps, Lance Armstrong, and Usain Bolt have in common? None of them are as athletic as Jones Fast Woman Rabea Tzenetos. What's her secret? She never fails to eat her fruits and veggies, she has a strict(ish) 9pm bedtime, and she ingests a minimum of 495 mg of caffeine a day (that's five cups of coffee!!). She may be a senior, but she's got more youth and energy than the [Jones] fountain of youth. To her teachers she's an Economics, Managerial Studies, and Business minor student, to her coaches she's a varsity swimmer, and to everyone else she's a close friend. Hailing from Essen, Rabea is more loyal and watchful than a German Shepard, sweeter and more comforting than German chocolate cake, and the hills are truly alive with the sound of [her jammin'] music [playlist]. (Yes, I know that last reference is set in Austria but she did spend a year of secondary school in Austr[al]ia). In addition to all of these first-class qualities, Rabea has a fantastic sense of humor and her jokes will never fail to rub you the right way. I promise that you won't just like having her as your Co-Advisor, you'll Lovett!

-Amy Griffiths (Jones '19)



MOUNT KILIMANJARARA



SYDNEY

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Sydney Stocks / Lovett '19 / Arlington, VA

If you are lucky enough to get Sydney as your Advisor, you know that you'll have a great friend forever. Sydney is a Kinesiology major with a Health Sciences concentration from Arlington, VA who has plenty of -unconventional wisdom- to share about not actually being a pre-med (she's actually pre-pharm). Once nicknamed "Kisses," Sydney has plenty of affection to share with, well, everyone, which definitely includes you, her lucky New Students. Having been Fun Friday Coordinator, Chug Captain, Beer Bike Coordinator, and Activities Coordinator, she's super social but also super busy so you know that if she makes time for you, you're special. Sydney is currently a senior at Lovett College, so be sure to make the most of the time you have left with her before she goes off into the real world.

-Alexis Williams (Jones '19)

Jonathan Ubalijoro / Lovett '21 / New York, NY

After living all over the world, feel free to ask Jonathan, "Mr. Geography Whiz" any geography question you may have, and he'll be especially informed about questions regarding Amsterdam, Reunion Island, New York, and Miami (all of his past hometowns). Though Jonathan is #cultured and plays a big role in the Rice African Student Association and Black Student Association, feel free to bring any of your IT problems to this struggling sophomore Computer Science major. This potential Anthropology minor loves everyone, especially his O-Week New Students. Johnny keeps himself busy listening and singing along with every Frank Ocean and Daniel Caesar song that ever existed, playing the guitar with his sad boy vibes, and serenading girls all over campus with his beautiful voice. This young boy loves to nap at any given time of the day, and downs a ton of milk after his heavy workouts. If you love any of these things, you'll be in love with Jonathan. Even if you don't, Jonathan is a wonderful personality, and you'll be supported by one of the most compassionate, caring, and understanding people you'll ever find, who is ready to add some fun to your life, convince you to try new things, and help you in whatever you might need!

-Varun Kataria (Lovett '21)

Coleman Lambo / Lovett '21 / Portland, OR / PAA

Coleman Lambo may be a stiff dancer, but he's quite the smooth talker. Hailing from Portland, Oregon but fresh off the steps of Washington D.C., Cole is the kind of busybody that you can ask about anything. Internships? He's done them. Interviews? Had a million. Schedule planning? He's a pro. At least he's supposed to be because he's your Peer Academic Advisor. But he's also just a sophomore so what does he know? Besides spending his time flying across the country with the Rice Speech and Debate Team, you can probably find him in Lovett's basement working on his Mathematical Economic Analysis (MTEC) and Political Science (POLI) majors and Politics, Law, and Social Thought (PLST) minor. Darn try-hard. But don't think you can try him, because he took fencing lessons for four years in high school. Actually, now that I think about it, he's pretty emotionally stable, so you could probably mess with him a bunch and never make him angry. Unless, of course, you insult *Friends*, his favorite TV show.

-Bria Murray (Lovett '21)

Erin Kim / Sid Rich '20 / San Jose, CA / Co-Advisor

W-O-W. Count yourself beyond lucky if you have Erin Kim as your Advisor! This Nor-Cal bae is sure to bring you more light in your life than the Californian sun. If her store of all the best worst punny jokes don't already make you smile, the warmth and love she pours out definitely will. Her vibrancy and energy is well known throughout the entire campus. Whether it's through being the most enthusiastic Kesem counselor and coordinator (call her Redwood, her camp name), or the most reliable Sid Head PAA (Peer Academic Advisor), Erin's passion to help others goes beyond any label or adjective that can describe her. If you ever need to rant about Organic Chemistry or just want to explore Houston with the best conversationalist, this Sociology pre-med will always be down. If you're in need of support, this rising junior will literally come find you to encourage you and give you one of her endearing and just plain awesome hugs. So, be excited! You have just crossed paths with one of the most amazing people on campus and will embark on this journey called college together.

-Debora Kim (Sid Rich '20) and Jeanie Kim (Sid Rich '20)



EMPIRE STAG BUILDING



NATHANIEL

ANDRE

CLAIRE

MIAO

Nathaniel Forrester / Lovett '19 / Lawrenceville, GA

Watch out everyone! If you're reading this that likely means you got Nate as your O-Week Advisor and you're so lucky that you did (trust me, he was my Advisor too!). This senior pre-med is a Kinesiology major with a concentration in Sports Medicine, and now that he's done studying for the MCAT, you'll be able to hang out with him in the Commons while he isn't worried about needing to go study! He's from Lawrenceville, Georgia, but his occasional British accent will leave you wondering where he's REALLY from (???). ALSO, if you come down with the freshman plague (no one's safe) you'll have this EMS leader to reach out to at your lowest moment, and his kind and relaxing demeanor will instantly put you at ease. Look forward to having Nate as a Advisor, y'all are truly blessed to have him.

-Julia Fisher (Lovett '21)

Andre Sushchenko / Lovett '20 / Princeton, NJ

Meet Andre Sushchenko: a junior hailing from Princeton, New Jersey! Fun Fact: when Andre was little, his parents would make him build IKEA furniture as punishment but Andre -- a true Mechanical Engineer -- secretly enjoyed it. Although Andre says he lives at Lovett, he actually lives at the OEDK (Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen), where he oversees the rockets built by Rice Eclipse as Head Design Lead and helps out other students as a Lab Tech. In the fleeting moments Andre's not at the OEDK, you can catch him playing soccer, longboarding the inner loop, re-styling his hair every 5 minutes, and giving piggyback rides to his closest (smol) friends. Don't be fooled by his quasi-edgy exterior: under the spiky hair and pierced ears, he's just a dorky nerd at heart. Get hyped: this sushi-loving, kite-flying, origami-making, dimpled Ukrainian gem is about to jumpstart your college career, and there is no one more patient, practical, or passionate to accompany you throughout your next four years here at Rice.

-Grace Earick (Lovett '20)

Claire Boschert / Lovett '21 / Dallas, TX / PAA

Hey Lovett New Student! Imagine if Google was a Rubik's cube-solving, guitar-playing, theater-teaching Ecology and Evolutionary Biology major; you'd have your Advisor Claire Boschert (pronounced BAAA-shirt, it's on the back of her powderpuff jersey)! This sophomore Peer Academic Advisor from Dallas, Texas is one of the most kind-hearted, caring and hard-working people you will meet here at Lovett. Claire will take care of you like she cares for her bugs. (SERIOUSLY, she personally raised over 400 baby bug children at her lab.) Feel free to talk to her about anything and everything! Her variety of interesting facts and trivia is only surpassed by her collection of novelty fun socks! Look forward to O-Week 2018 with Claire, we can guarantee she's so excited to meet you too!

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

Miao Zhang / Martel '20 / Beijing, China / Co-Advisor

"Miao! You know, like a cat". Those were the first words I heard from Miao Zhang, but let me tell you, she's 9000 times better than any feline (Bengal tigers come close though :D). She's steadfast and kind, never one to let a bad day estrange her from friends. She's fun-loving and enthusiastic and so full of knowledge about movies, books, and TV shows from around the world. This boba-loving, food-loving, video-editing guru from Beijing, China can be found in odd spots around campus, whether it is organizing RPC events, taking photographs, or dragging you to the numerous campus plays. Coming into Rice, she had no idea what she wanted to do except photography through the VADA (Visual and Dramatic Arts) major. She added on MTEC (Mathematical Economic Analysis) during her sophomore year. Personally, I enjoy her VADA skills the most; after all, how often does one (me, her amazing roommate) get the chance to be a model for photography assignments? Miao Zhang, rising junior of 2020, may be your Co-Advisor from Martel College (yes, it is a college), but the distance won't keep her from visiting you. Never be afraid to ask for her help or her support. Speaking from experience, I guarantee she'll make your day far better than it was before.

-Ria Sur (Martel '20)

STAGTUE OF LIBERTY



Arpam Dutta / Lovett '19 / Houston, TX

Who's that flamin hot cheeto you saw when you peeked through the window of the gym? Arpam, often mistakenly referred to as "Armpam" because of his tiny arms, is a senior studying Kinesiology on his way to med school. This handsome young Advisor of yours is a living tribute to World ExpO-Week, as he was born in India and has lived in New York, Texas, Tennessee, and Louisiana. His diet consists of: Orange Beef from Pepper Twins, sushi from all around town, red velvet cake, farts, barbecue chips, and more protein than he'd be willing to admit. You can catch him keeping up with the latest La Liga matches since he's a huge FC Barcelona fan, often streaming the matches while simultaneously watching his favorite TV show: *One Piece*. All lifting jokes aside, this lovable meathead is going to be a fantastic Advisor for you and your O-Week siblings. He'll always be around to put a smile on your face and make your first year an absolute blast (plus ultra).

-Matthew Mutammara (Lovett '19) and Andrew Hadad (Lovett '19)

Julia Fisher / Lovett '21 / Poolesville, MD

Julia Fisher was my first friend at Rice. She is not only a phenomenal roommate, but is also one of my best friends. Anyone who gets the chance to know this Poolesville, Maryland native is honestly blessed. She is not only fiercely loyal, but is also a dedicated Art History/English student, and an all around incredible person (ask her about her famous painting socks!). Even though she is only a sophomore, she has already made her mark here at Lovett. Julia can often be found brunching throughout Houston or visiting local museums. This cool chick is also a major One Direction and Sam Smith fan, who is not afraid to jam out to some classics. I am genuinely jealous of anyone who gets her as an Advisor because her compassion and dedication are truly unmatched.

-Natalie Siejczuk (Lovett '21)



Antonia Brown / Lovett '19 / Minneapolis, MN / Videographer

Antonia is a senior at Lovett majoring in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology with an additional emphasis in Visual and Dramatic Arts. When you first see Antonia you will instantly notice her full head of curly black hair that may in fact be half the size of her body. She is from the friendly state of Minnesota but you will think she's a true Southerner due to her impeccable Southern slang. You can usually find Antonia practicing her Spanish skills, studying some coral reefs, or swimming in the pool. Her favorite artist is, of course, Queen Bey so you will likely hear Antonia belting out some "Formation" or some classic "If I Were A Boy." Antonia's one and only true love is her cat, Inky, but she is a lover of all creatures. Antonia's dream is to travel the world. She just got back from a semester in Panama where she created a film documenting indigenous fishing practices. She is really excited to meet all of y'all and to help introduce you to Lovett and Rice!!

-Brianna Garcia (Lovett '19)

Gabriela Acosta / Will Rice '19 / Houston, TX / DF

Everyone's favorite Diversity Facilitator, Gabby Acosta is outspoken, passionate, and endlessly entertaining. Coming from a long line of defense attorneys, this Houston native, senior Cognitive Sciences major is someone who will always back you up, fighting to represent you. Always down for late night, especially if it is Halal Guys or Whataburger, she is someone you can have deep conversations with, ranging from serious topics, like problems with the American legal system, to gushing over BTS (Bangtan Boys). On that note, did I mention that Gabby loves K-pop? She also dislikes fruit, but don't hold that against her. You can find her around campus, dispersing an endless stream of random facts about buildings as a Rice tour guide, or working in the Women's Resource Center fostering discussion on gender equality. Fiercely independent and honest to a fault, Gabby is truly a great friend, which more than makes up for the fact that she is from Will Rice. Gabby is truly one of a kind and I can think of no one better to serve as an Advisor during O-Week!.

-Eric Wu (Martel '19)

Edgar Cedeno / Jones '20 / Oceanside, CA / Co-Advisor

As an unmatched soccer fanatic, you'll find Edgar Cedeno finding the back of the net on any occasion – his fancy footwork is only matched by his magical fingers on the PS4 when he dances around his opponents in FIFA. This Biochemistry and Kinesiology double major junior from Oceanside, California is not only knowledgeable in the plant biology that he researches but also is a walking soccer encyclopedia. For O-Week and beyond, he'll be omnipresent at Lovett, but for Beer Bike, he'll be tearing up the bike track for the love of Jones College. Edgar can't wait to go to the gym at any time in the day as well, whether it is 6 in the morning or at midnight. This busy pre-med lives a fast lifestyle, but will never hesitate to slow down if you require assistance in Organic Chemistry or Anatomy. Edgar's life motto is simple: Keep calm and watch Netflix. This dedicated pre-med procrastinator can be found binging Grey's Anatomy or Chicago Med at ungodly hours of the night. This man of many talents is always a soccer for a good pun and laughs, and will never fail to give his utmost best to be an invaluable friend and Advisor at Rice.

-Richard Bui (Jones '20)

NISTAGRA FALLS



Anitha Aadiredy / Lovett '20 / Cypress, TX

Meet Anitha-don't-bother-trying-to-pronounce-her-last-name-Aadiredy—an amazing gal from the far away land of Cypress, Texas. Anitha is a junior Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major who can often be found in the Lovett Commons at 2 AM playing Super Smash Bros (her favorite study break). She also is very involved all over campus whether it is through Rice EMPOWER, South Asian Society, or working at the Hoot. One of the fiercest people you'll ever meet, this defensive lineman puts the *POW* in powderpuff football. But don't let Anitha fool you. She's a tough one, but she's also one of the kindest, most loving faces at Lovett college. Anitha will always have your back and give you the best advice. As a Peer Academic Advisor, she is ready to listen to all of your academic queries, questions, and concerns. Get ready for this sassy, bubbly, wonderful Advisor to give you a phenomenal O-Week!

-Mira Dani (Lovett '20)

Kendall Brice / Lovett '21 / Austin, TX

A talented and invested Kinesiology major from Austin, TX, Kendall will make sure you never don't know the nutritional contents of your food or the exact bone/muscle/tendon you injured. This sophomore ACL-tearing athlete builds prosthetic equipment for kids, can probably squat twice her weight, loves biking, and has seemingly unending amounts of energy. Her laugh is infectious and she'll support you always but don't be surprised when she's constantly shocked at what day of the week it is ("can you believe tomorrow is THURSDAY?!?"). Kendall is the kind of person who'll make you feel instantly at home, no matter how nervous you are; when you're around her you can't help but to smile. She's fun-loving, down-to-earth, smart, and passionate. Most importantly, she's always in your corner whether you need a shoulder to cry on, someone to talk to, or a hug. Just be warned: if you go to her crying you'll just end up laughing.

-Divya Choudhury (Lovett '21) and Matthew Burns (Lovett '21)

Christopher Zupan / Lovett '19 / Houston, TX / PAA

Christopher 'Zuperman' Zupan, hailing from H-Town (Houston), uses his heroic persona to build houses with Habitat for Humanity and to save lives donating blood during his free time. Although this senior Peer Academic Advisor is an Economics and Sport Management major, he took Organic Chemistry just for entertainment. When he's not serving those around him or hitting the books, Chris somehow finds time to stir up (like his bestie, James Harden) heated conversations about the Rockets, the World Series Champion Astros, and the Super Bowl winning Philadelphia Eagles. Also, this sports enthusiast and Rice Men's Basketball Manager had some glory moments of his own as he led Lovett to victory with his athleticism in intramural basketball, flag football, ultimate frisbee, and softball. Now you may be thinking Chris is the whole package because of his intelligence and athleticism, yet there is more. He has recently become a two-time Fortnite champion, and will happily challenge anyone in a game of Smash. Anyways, Chris' friendships are known for light-hearted pranking, consistent roasting, and free rides to Whataburger, so you are lucky to have this kind, hilarious, pale (he's trying to work on this) guy as an Advisor to put a smile on your face for the years to come.

-Wendy Knight (Lovett '18)

Eitan Woloski / McMurtry '21 / Houston, TX / Co-Advisor

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 major from McAllen, TX, is all over campus. Catch him walking from "Cha-board" meetings, heading to research lab, 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 McMurtry sophomore is going bananas for Lovett, so get excited! You've got an awesome Advisor coming your way!

-Alex Curylo (McMurtry '21) and Jonathan Bloom (McMurtry '21)

AROUND THE WORLD IN 6310 DAYS



Lindsay Josephs / Duncan '21 / Norwalk, CT / DF

Honestly, there's so much to say about this Diversity Facilitator from Duncan ('21). Coming all the way from Norwalk, Connecticut, Lindsay lives and breathes Vine references (if you ever go driving with her, there's a 100% chance she'll say "Road work ahead. Uh, yeah, I sure hope it does.") This Psychology major has a slightly unreasonable hatred towards bananas and is averse to all vegetables and fruits in general, but you'll get used to her interesting food choices over time. If you ever want to go cloud watching in the Engineering Quad, have a spontaneous dance party, see someone flawlessly rap the entirety of Childish Gambino's "IV. Sweatpants", or bike to Rice Village late at night to grab froyo, then Lindsay's your girl! Seriously though, get pumped to meet this ultimate mom friend in August - she is guaranteed to make your day 10x better even when she's feeling stressed herself. You truly have one of the funniest, kindest people on Rice's campus to help you through your first year of college, and to remain as a source of hilarious stories and entertainment for the rest of your time here at Rice.

-Varsha Veer (Duncan '21) and Jiatian Qu (Duncan '21)

Marcos De La Garza / Wiess '19 / Weslaco, TX / Co-Advisor

Hailing from the Valley or what he affectionately calls "North Mexico", Marcos De La Garza is full of quirks that make him a truly unique and wonderful person. From being fashionably late 100% of the time (otherwise known as Marcos Standard Time) to saying "ahh" after his own jokes (it's a Valley thing), this senior from Wiess College is someone you will instantly take a liking to because of just how friendly (read: flirty) he is to everyone he meets. Majoring in Computer Science and minoring in Business, Marcos has a variety of different interests, including but not limited to: philosophical discussions, computer sciency nerd stuff, and random deep talks at 3am. Despite snoozing through all of his alarms in the morning, Marcos is an incredibly hard working, genuine, and dedicated person, who gives his best to everything he does (especially to his O-Week groups!). The combination of all these amazing traits makes Marcos so special and you could not have asked for a better Co-Advisor, friend, and mentor at Rice!

-Mike Dai (Wiess '19) and Megha Sheth (Wiess '19)

Makoto Jankovsky / Lovett '20 / Portland, OR

import Makobo

#a fun, caring, Junior Computer Science major from Portland, Oregon.

if board_games = 'your_thing':

 then Mak = 'your_guy'

for every_advisor in Lovett:

 #they'll have at least one story of how Mak did something that was just so...Mak...

 #Like the time Mak wrote "Floor 1.5" with a sharpie on the stairs in between floors 1 and 2.

 #That said, Mak is a Menger Sponge of curiosity and knowledge, and his quirkiness will

 #surely leave an im

 print 'on you.'

#a crispy flame of energy that's always on the Pokémon Go, Mak is always down to run, play

#soccer, or hang out with his friends. Mak will travel anywhere Near and Far for the people he

#cares about, which turns out to be pretty much everyone.

while others_may_take_time_to = 'idk...sleep':

 Mak = 'always looking for the next puzzle to solve, the next student to help with HW.'

 #and the next friend to hang out with. You will never get board of his games.'

 #Trust me, Makobo (aka Ma'Robo) will Sm4sh any expectations that you have for him. He's

 #a humble guy that never beats his half-Japanese chess (or Shogi). You will not be Sorry!

 #as you take a Ticket to Ride Around the World in 6310 Days. When you

 return 'you'll definitely be glad you came.'

-Alex Young (Lovett '17)

Claire Telfer / Lovett '20 / Lincoln, MA

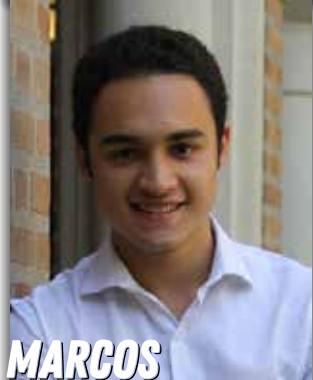
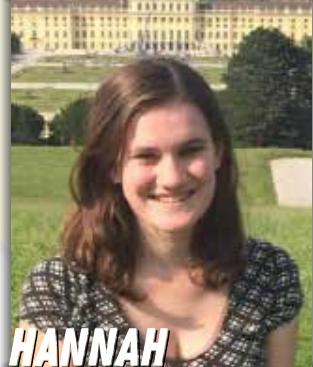
If you're reading this, then you are soon to be graced by the presence of the wonderful Claire Telfer! Claire, a junior originally from Lincoln, Massachusetts (near Boston), is an extraordinarily kind and attentive human being, a great listener, and she is quick to provide love and support. Musically inclined, Claire will serenade you with a variety of songs on her trumpet and then teach you inspirational quotes in German (fluency courtesy of her several summers spent in Germany and Austria!). When she's not busy studying Chemical Engineering, Claire can be found relaxing in her luscious bean bag, painting with watercolors, cross country skiing, or rock climbing! She is adventurous and brave (shoutout to her time as a walk-on on the men's lacrosse team) and is one of the warmest, sweetest people out there. You couldn't have landed a better Advisor than Claire.

-Sarah Lasater (Lovett '20)

Hannah Tyler / Lovett '19 / Houston, TX

Hannah Tyler is a marvelous, intelligent, and incredibly kind human being. Hannah is a great listener and is very approachable. A native Houstonian, she knows all the best places to eat and how to give a warm Texas welcome. The moment we met as roommates, I felt a sense of comfort and ease. You can catch her on the stage in her signature comic roles with the Rice Theatre Department. And here at Lovett, she lends her talents and resources as the Theatre Coordinator. You can also strike up a riveting conversation about her senior history thesis on Berlin. Or heck, switch to German completely as Hannah spends her summers back home in Austria and is fluent in the language. She also studied abroad in Vienna this past Spring and has lots of great stories to tell. Right when you think two humanities majors (Visual and Dramatic Arts plus History) is enough, you'll find out Hannah is also pursuing the Politics, Law, and Social Thought (PLST) minor. Outside class, Hannah is an active Lovetteer. Even as a rising senior, she is always meeting people from different years and is very excited to meet the New Students. No matter if she's your Advisor or not, I highly recommend you get to know this lovely person!

-Molly Turner (Lovett '19)



EOLON MUSK: TOASTLA AND STAGX



Bailey Douglas / Lovett '19 / Burleson, TX

Sugar, spice, and everything Rice! These were the ingredients chosen to make the perfect Advisor, Bailey Douglas. This fine femenina hails from Burleson, TX, the hometown of Kelly Clarkson and the Douglas Family Menagerie™, which includes a pony, a bull terrier, and countless (decorative) owls. Just this year she's leveled up from being a member of Super Mega Weenie Hut Junior to a college senior. This Psychology and Sport Management double major will always be there for you and never fail to make you smile. She's one of the goofiest people you'll ever meet, and will probably still be dabbing long into old age. Also, call her B-Duggs if you #real. Bailey loves sharing Rice through the Student Admission Council and supporting Lovett as a social (she plans the parties). She stays catho-lit as a member of the Rice Catholic Student Association, keeps it bumpin' as an IM volleyball player, and is an OG baller in the Rice Sport Business Society. In fact, she spent this past summer interning with a record label in New York! While she might sound busy, she always has time for what counts: her friends. If Bailey's your Advisor, you're already the luckiest New Student out there!

-Arabella Jenkins (Lovett '19)

Luke Howe-Kerr / Lovett '20 / Louisville, KY

According to Lovett lore, Luke Eugene Howe-Kerr was born from the frigid water of a Colorado mountain stream which promptly swept him downriver--after a brief hiatus in Pueblo, "the armpit of Colorado"--to his parents doorstep in Louisville, Kentucky. His first words laying there wet on his parents' welcome mat were "Teslas are the safest cars ever designed" followed quickly by "Beer Bike needs reform." This junior Mechanical Engineering major can talk your ear off about Tesla and SpaceX (wow, it's almost like that's his O-Week group's name or something). He is as enthusiastic about obsessing over rockets and biking, being on the Rice rocketry team, and being a manager at Rice Bikes, as he is about goofing around with his friends and knowing all the words to Fergalicious. This mountain goat of a man really is one of the sweetest guys you will ever meet. With his dad shirts and dad jokes, Luke is the ultimate dad: like a good father, he is extraordinarily sincere in his kindness, enthusiastic about life and having fun, always there for you when you need him, and always ready to embarrass you in public!

-Collin Allen (Lovett '20) and Bailey Covell (Lovett '20)



Judy Liu / Lovett '21 / Lilburn, GA

Wow, you're one lucky New Student if you've landed Judy Liu as your Advisor. From Lilburn, Georgia, this hard working sophomore is a Kinesiology and Managerial Studies double major from Lovett College who can seriously throw some shade if she's feeling a little salty. You don't really find her in Lovett since she is too busy selling boba in Sammy's at our very own East West Tea, translating for companies with her knowledge of 17959238 languages, fighting for student legislations in Senate, studying accounting in Fondren, or serving looks to all the boys. I mean she's appeared on Rice Missed Encounters 5+ times within 1 year...so if you want to win her heart, good luck with all that competition. If you need a shoulder or open ear, she's the person to go to. If you are looking for tips to try to convince your parents to accept the fact that you're no longer pre-med, she's your gal. If you want to get those gains in the gym, she's the one. If you long for an all-nighter buddy, you've found that in Judy! Treasure this beauty because she's the best, best friend that anyone could ever have. Call her nemo.

-Annie Shen (Jones '19)

Diana De La Torre / Baker '21 / San Antonio, TX / DF

Diana De La Torre Pinedo is: kindness, laughter, binge-watching Netflix, finding free food, jamming to Hamilton, speaking two languages and learning another, civic engagement, and friendship! Diana is originally from Mexico City, Mexico but now lives in San Antonio (and at Baker College). Diana is one of the most caring, selfless, and generous people you'll ever meet, always putting others first. She's a sophomore studying Social Policy Analysis with a minor in Politics, Law, and Social Thought who's also pursuing the Certificate for Language and Intercultural Communication. She's a counselor at Camp Kesem, a volunteer for Rice All Stars, a member of Civic Duty, Rice American Association for University Women, and HACER. Basically, she's your own personal Leslie Knope, but somehow even better. As her roommate, I can tell you two things. First, she talks in her sleep, and second, you're so, so lucky to have her as your Co-Advisor.

-Allison Yelvington (Baker '20)

Riley Gardell / Wiess '19 / Waco, TX / Co-Advisor

The mystery of Waco... 23 original flavors combine to form one of Texas' finest productions. While also invented in Waco, we are not talking about Dr. Pepper, but instead one of its finest gentlemen, Riley Gardell (aka RiMan9). This Wiess rising senior majoring in Chemical Engineering can often be seen playing intramural sports, showing off his unorthodox yet impressive dance moves, and getting famous in the papers. Ask anyone in Chi Alpha (the Christian ministry he is involved with) and they'll tell you about how fun it is to be around Riley - he's the ultimate goofball who also has the ability to get really deep, reflective and thoughtful at a moment's notice. When you look beyond his luscious red hair and tall stature, you find a friend full of love for Jesus and the people around him. Knowing him for the past few years, he brings joy to the hearts of all like no other, and can turn any frown upside-down in no time at all. Riley is one of the most friendly and genuine people you will ever meet, and he is truly one of a kind.

-Alejandro Estrada (Wiess '19) and Jacob Song (Wiess '19)



The Lovett Matriculating Class of 2015 at their own O-Week, four long years ago...



Dearest New Student,

We hope this book has given you a little glimpse at life here at Lovett, some of the things you'll get to do, and the people you'll get to meet. August 12th is when it all starts. You'll get to Lovett, unpack your stuff, and begin your college experience at Rice. We want to give some parting advice from Rice student to Rice student, compiled from our experiences during our time here so far.

A lot of different things are going to be thrown at you during O-Week and throughout your time here at Rice, and it is important to remember to embrace these new opportunities, diverse people, and unique experiences. College is the time to experiment with a few different things and find your passions. All this can be overwhelming, so we urge you to seek out different people to be friends with and to build that support system that you can always feel comfortable going to for whatever it is you need. Do not forget to look after your own physical and mental health, because it can be truly difficult to remember to take care of yourself at times. Embrace the diversity of your fellow students and their backgrounds, because for us, some of our best memories have come from just talking to someone and learning their perspective on life or on whatever it is that was on our minds at that time.

Most importantly, remember that you are a Rice student and a Lovetteer, just like all your fellow New Students, your Advisors, and us. College is a time to make your own choices and be an independent adult. People will always have advice and will always be accomplishing incredible things, but remember that your college experience is yours to mold and that you are just as much a Rice student as anyone else here.

In closing, we want to say that we know that transition to college can be a frightening experience, so we want you to know that we are here for you however you need. Feel free to contact us with ANY questions, comments, or concerns at any point, and we look forward to seeing you very soon!

With love(tt),
Blessing, Patrick, and Max

Special thanks to the Lovett Adult Team for their unwavering support, the 2017 O-Week Coordinators for not only giving great advice, but also lending a listening ear when we needed one, Rahul Kothari (Lovett '17) for the beautiful cover design, Christina Lee (Lovett '21) for taking so many great pictures of the O-Week team, Ishani Desai (Lovett '19) for the incredible T-Shirt design (which you will see when you get here), and Miao Zhang (Martel '20) for stepping in to create the Advisor videos.

