



JONES

UFO-WEEK

2025



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**YOU COULD BE HAPPY HERE, I
COULD TAKE CARE OF YOU. I
WOULDN'T LET ANYBODY HURT YOU.**

- E.T. THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL

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WELCOME TO YOUR O-WEEK BOOK!

In these pages you will find a ton of resources to help guide you and your family as you prepare to become a Rice student in August. It includes a packing list, directions, information about some of the friendly faces that will greet you on this new planet, context on the WINNINGEST college of all time, and pretty much anything else you could ever need (trust us, we tried to think of more).

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See you so soon,
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WELCOME

FROM TEAM PPL



RACHEL PARR, GARRETT PIRRETTI, MANAV LUND

WELCOME HOME!

We are Rachel Parr, Garrett Pirretti, and Manav Lund, collectively known as team By the P.P.L, For the P.P.L, and we are your 2025 UFO-Week Coordinators!

As O-Week Coordinators it's our job to make sure that your crash landing into college goes as smoothly as it possibly can and make sure that every new Jonesian has the opportunity to showcase their unique skillsets and experiences from across the galaxy. In just a week, we will introduce you to all of the many resources at Jones and at Rice that have been set up to ensure that each and every one of you has the tools to succeed and leave your mark on our community.

Rice's Orientation-Week, otherwise known as "O-Week", is unique and distinguished from orientation programs at other universities. Broadly, events in O-Week can be divided into three ways: events that help you plan your classes and prepare for them, events that describe the resources you have at Rice and beyond, and events that help you get to know the family of Jones and of Rice!

And if you're worried about bringing anything or being prepared for any of this, don't worry – this book, and the people around you during this exciting week, will help you to know exactly what to bring, and what to expect at any given moment. It's okay if you don't have everything figured out right now – what classes to take, what clubs to join, where you want to end up after graduating – as your Coords, and as part of your O-Week Team, we'll help you find your magic together.

The very first people you'll meet during O-Week will be your Advisors, a hand-picked, diverse, engaged, and trained group of upperclassmen who volunteer part of their summer to learn how to best introduce you to Jones. Every freshman is paired with 4-5 Advisors and 8-10 other freshmen, who all together form an "O-Week Family". This group is not only a major part of your O-Week, but also your whole first year – you'll check in on each other, share meals weekly, and find the answers to any questions you may have. As the saying here at Rice goes, O-Week is forever.

Jones, as a community, is made up of people from every corner of the universe, with their own unique perspectives and contributions to our beautiful college. It was because of this range of experiences and the out-of-this-world love and support of the Jones family that we chose our O-Week theme: UFO-Week! We look forward to making first contact with the newest Jonesians and fostering an absolutely intergalactic introduction to the culture of both Jones and Rice. We understand that coming to college can feel like being stranded on a foreign planet, but we are here to help you feel at home!

You probably have a lot of questions going into O-Week, but never fear. No matter what happens, the three of us and the rest of your new family will always be here to help. Don't be afraid to reach out with any concerns.

We can't wait to welcome you with open arms,

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**LOVE IS THE ONE THING THAT
WE'RE CAPABLE OF PERCIEVING
THAT TRANSCENDS DIMENSIONS
OF TIME AND SPACE.**

-- INTERSTELLAR

OUR MISSION

Jones UFO-Week 2025 is excited to make first contact with a new generation of Jonesians. While transitioning to college can feel like getting dropped off on a foreign planet, UFO-Week aims to beam these New Students up and show them the controls of the saucer. In collaboration with the Advisors, Affiliates, and everyone who supports UFO-Week, we strive to craft an O-week experience that shows the vibrancy, uniqueness, and diversity underlying the Jones Galaxy. Our mission is to prove to New Students that they can fly their saucers anywhere that calls them on their path of discovery and that they should never feel alien in the Jones community.

As fellow Extraterrestrials, we realize there are as many different people as stars in our swirling galaxy. Every new student deserves to find their corner of the Jones Galaxy, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, gender, sexual orientation, and physical ability. Harnessing the magic of this diversity is essential to us because it turbo-boosts our UFO-Week while fostering a sense of community that embraces everyone (quirks and all).

To Our New Students: If you ever feel abandoned on an unfamiliar planet, pick up your phone and phone home. Jones will answer. Our beams are ready, and we CAN'T wait to abduct you into our family.

With love,
TEAM PPL

JONES PRESIDENT 2025-2026

ZACK DONOVAN



B.A in Mathematics & Computational and Applied Mathematics, Minor in English (Creative Writing) and Japanese Language Certificate

Greetings to our newest Jonesians,

You must be REELING. First, you get into the GREATEST university in the country: Rice. Then, as if you weren't blessed enough with that, you now get to join the mythical, storied, legendary, and, most importantly, WINNINGEST college at Rice: Jones.

And what makes it the winningest, you're probably asking. Please do not get ahead of yourself. It's a mix of family, friendship, and Beer Bike that you'll understand by the time you graduate. But our most recent win...well that's obvious: having you, the most incredible students at Rice, join us next year.

Each residential college is unique, a capricious little melting pot of people from all grades, majors, clubs, and sports, as well as countless countries, cultures, and upbringings. I can safely say I've learned more through my classmates than any class itself. Upperclassmen will be there to share wisdom (any many things not even resembling wisdom) with you. Freshman year, it was my upperclassmen friends, especially my O-Week parents, who helped me the most when I struggled. Two of my O-Week parents went on to be college presidents, so I am perhaps the slightest bit biased when I say that, as president, I wish to be there for all of you. Of course, our amazing magisters, RAs, and college coordinator can offer some more seasoned advice. And our other student government leaders—cabinet members, committee heads, AJs, and other various positions—all need your insight on events and programs for Jones.

There are so many ways for you to get involved at Jones from the first week of classes. Join a committee or two or three: like culturals, kitchen, arts and wellness, theater, and traditions. I had so much fun as floor rep of Jones's greatest floor, 4S, during my freshman year. Apply for NSR to make your voice heard across campus. Or even create a brand new position and share your specific passion with Jones. It's also possible that your coolest opportunities lie far away from Jones. Become a barista at Chaus, do research in a random department you are completely unqualified for, write fanfic satire for the thresher, dance in Kesama, build this year's Rice escape room, join the club volleyball team... I couldn't even begin to list all the opportunities you will find at Rice. Maybe your calling even lies beyond the hedges. I've lived in this city my whole life, and, despite my many, many complaints, its diversity and passion is unmatched.

It makes me sad to think I have just a small fraction of the time left at Rice and Jones compared to what you have ahead of you. But with that time, I dare you to make the absolute most of it. Promise me you'll sparkle and dazzle as only you can sparkle and dazzle. You'll explore and play without discretion. You'll love your friends, teammates, classmates, and the random people you inadvertently see as a daily ritual at this oh-so-small school. And love them haphazardly.

Tail wags and feverish panting,

Zack Donovan

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A LETTER TO BLACK STUDENTS

Dear Black Students,

Welcome to Rice University, and more importantly, welcome to Jones! This chapter of your life is incredibly exciting, but it can also feel a bit daunting, so I wanted to share some words of encouragement as you begin your journey.

Some of you may come from small towns or major cities across the U.S., while others may be arriving from around the globe. Either way, adjusting to Rice's cultural demographic may be a big shift. I want to start by reassuring you that Rice values diversity and accessibility, and there are countless spaces where you'll find your own community.

One of the scariest parts of starting college is the pressure we put on ourselves to immediately find "our people." O-Week does an excellent job of helping you form your first connections here, but remember ... there's always more to discover! Personally, I'm a pretty shy and introverted person, but with the support of my O-Week parents and by joining different clubs and activities, I quickly found people who I know will stay dear to my heart for years to come. From pre-K to ninth grade, I only attended predominantly white institutions, and I was often the only Black student in my classes. While I made strong connections and enjoyed my time there, moving to Dallas for high school was definitely a culture shock! I was amazed by the diversity I encountered and finally felt free to embrace every side of myself without fear of judgment. That sense of belonging perfectly describes the community Rice fosters.

There are so many traditions and values across the Black Diaspora, and no matter where you're from, you'll find spaces here that celebrate you. I'm personally involved in the Rice Black Student Association, the Rice Black Women in Medicine club, and I serve as a community service coordinator. There are also clubs specifically for African students and Caribbean students, each hosting fun events (with plenty of delicious food!). It's always encouraged to represent where you're from – and as a Black American student, I've always felt welcome, no matter the event.

Most importantly, I encourage you not to limit yourself to what feels comfortable. You never know what amazing experiences and friendships you might find when you step outside your comfort zone! All this is to say: here at Rice, I have no doubt you'll find a space where you belong.

Yours Truly,

Zoë Coleman (Wiess '26)

A LETTER TO AAPI STUDENTS

Dear AAPI Students,

Welcome to Rice University, to Jones College, and to Orientation Week! I'm so excited for you to begin this new chapter of your life. College is a massive transition. Some of you might be moving to a new city, others to a new state, or even a new country. No matter how far you've traveled, know that you belong here. Our community is here to support you, and you'll have everything you need to thrive at Rice.

One of the things I love most about Rice is how easy it is to connect with others, both within and beyond your background. Some of my closest friendships started on the very first day of O-Week and have only grown since. Whether you're diving deeper into your culture, exploring someone else's, or bonding over late-night snacks and shared classes, there's space for all of it here.

Growing up, I felt ashamed of being Indian. I often distanced myself from my culture to fit in with my peers. I felt insecure about the food we ate at home, the media that represented my culture, and, in general, my heritage. Coming to Rice changed that. Being surrounded by people who were proud of their identities helped me feel comfortable exploring my own. I found myself reconnecting through campus events and conversations with other South Asian students. One moment that stood out was making rangoli during Hanszen's Diwali celebration (although I was definitely slowing my group down), dressed in my kurta pajama. That night, I laughed and shared stories with friends, many of whom weren't Indian but were genuinely curious to learn. Ending the night with gulab jamun reminded me of home in the best way. At Rice, culture isn't something you hide, it's something that is celebrated and shared.

And it hasn't just been my own culture. I've made dumplings with the Chinese Student Association, explored the Taiwanese Night Market, and watched Vietnamese Student Association dance performances. Every time, I felt welcomed. There is something powerful about being invited in, not just to an event, but into someone's story. Rice students do that with warmth and openness.

As you begin this journey, know that you are not alone. I am just one of many people who care deeply about your experience and your sense of belonging. The Jones advising team is full of kind and thoughtful people who are here to support you, celebrate you, and help you grow. I truly can't wait to see all that you bring to our community.

P.S. If it hasn't become obvious already, food means a lot to me, and I think it is one of the best ways to connect across cultures. If you ever want to talk, get a bite to eat, or get recommendations for places that remind you of home, feel free to reach out. (You can even add me on Beli: @jaysrivastava!!!!). I'm always happy to share a meal and a conversation.

See you soon,

Jay Srivastava (Hanszen '26)

A LETTER TO LATINE STUDENTS

Mi gente latino,

¡Qué emoción tenerte aquí!
Hey there, and welcome to Rice!

We're so excited to welcome you into this next chapter of your life and into one of the most spirited and supportive communities on campus. You are now part of Jones, the winningest college (we're biased, but it's true!).

Starting college is a big transition, and while it can be both exciting and overwhelming, with this letter, we want to reassure you: you are not alone. You belong here, and your voice, culture, and presence will enrich our community in meaningful ways. At Rice, and especially at Jones, you'll find a strong network of support. As fellow Latine students, we know how powerful it is to find spaces where you feel seen and celebrated.

We encourage you to explore all the spaces where your identity can be celebrated. Organizations like the Hispanic Association for Cultural Enrichment at Rice (HACER) host events such as ¡RITMO!, Latin Pub, and HACER Quince, which bring students together to connect, dance, celebrate, and build community. There are also many pre-professional organizations on campus dedicated to uplifting Latine students through networking, mentorship, and social events.

Don't be afraid to show up to something new, ask questions, or start something of your own. Jones and Rice will have your back. **YOUR VOICE MATTERS.** Whether in the classroom, in student organizations, or within your residential college, your ideas and experiences help shape this community for the better. You have something special to offer, and we can't wait to see you share it.

So once again, Bienvenidos. We're so happy you're here, and we can't wait to meet you. If you ever need someone to talk to, ask for advice, or just hang out with, we're here for you.

Nilda Izquierdo (Jones '28)

A LETTER TO UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

To our undocumented Owls,

Welcome to Rice! But more importantly, WELCOME TO JONES!

We're so glad you're here!!! Starting university is a big moment, and we recognize that it can come with unique questions, challenges, and uncertainties for undocumented students. We want you to know right away: you are not alone, and you absolutely belong here. At Jones, you'll always have a community that sees, cares for, and stands beside you. Your journey, resilience, and everything you bring will make our college ten times stronger!

At Rice, and especially within Jones' winning and compassionate spirit, countless people and spaces are ready to support you. The Rice Undocumented Student Task Force (USTF) and the Office of Multicultural Affairs offer resources, guidance, and community events designed for undocumented students to connect and find strength together. Beyond that, various student clubs within Rice's cultural coalitions are also here to welcome you through mentorship or friendship.

Remember: you belong here. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Your journey matters, and this community is your community. Someone will be ready to walk alongside you through every challenge and every triumph.

We're so happy you're here and can't wait to meet you soon!

With care and solidarity,
A fellow Jonesian :)

A LETTER TO LGBTQIA+ STUDENTS

Welcome to Rice, and welcome to Jones!

First, know that you are loved and welcome here as your authentic self. I remember the mix of excitement and nerves I felt starting college, especially as someone who felt tentative and uncertain in my developing identity as a queer person. My initial fears proved entirely unfounded, and I have found a wonderful chosen family here who supports me unconditionally. Throughout my two years at Rice so far, my confidence and self-expression have blossomed in ways I didn't know were possible. If you are coming from an unaccepting or unsafe home environment, know that Rice is a place where you can be yourself and explore your identity freely. Whether you already have a loving queer community at home or not, whether you are still discovering your identity or are secure in it today, you will find your people waiting for you with open arms.

Rice has many resources for LGBTQ+ students, including the student organizations Rice PRIDE and oSTEM. I highly recommend visiting the Queer Resource Center in the RMC if you ever need somewhere to relax, study, hang out, or receive support from other queer people. There is also a vibrant queer community in Houston as a whole, and Montrose is home to several LGBTQ+ community hubs, including the Montrose Center. To transgender and non-binary students: Rice also has resources specifically for you to support you through your distinct experiences and challenges. A Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Student Resource Guide can be found on the Rice Pride website. If you ever have questions about these resources, I am always happy to help, as are many others. You are welcome and loved here, no matter what stage of your journey you are on.

The queer community here at Rice is very diverse. No matter your race, religion, socio-economic status, ethnicity, sexuality, gender, or ability, the Rice community welcomes you with open arms. For us queer people, the current political climate can be very stressful and stifling. Now more than ever, it is crucial to rely on each other as a community and uplift each other; I am confident that you will find that community here at Jones and Rice as a whole.

My advice is to actively seek out spaces and people who are ready to accept and love you for who you are. Most importantly, know that you are never alone. You have several built-in support systems full of people ready to help you if things get tough. We're here for you and ready to provide plentiful support, encouragement, and acceptance. Welcome home, we're so happy you're here!

Nat Pujet (Duncan '27)

A LETTER TO STUDENT ATHLETES

Welcome home, and congratulations on becoming part of the winningest college on campus! I am beyond excited to welcome you to Jones as you transition into the collegiate level of athletics! My name is Caden, a rising senior and former member of the Cross Country and Track teams. Although joining a D1 athletics team can seem very intimidating, I want to assure you that Rice and Jones have all the resources you need to succeed as a student-athlete. That being said, I'd like to give you a few pieces of advice for your transition to college.

My first piece of advice is to appreciate your ability to practice, because your health is never 100% guaranteed. Missing the entirety of my first college track season due to injury taught me the importance of treating your body right, both inside athletics and out—prioritizing sleep, hydration, and nutrition. Rice has incredible trainers that are always there for you, so I highly recommend visiting the training room for rehab as often as you can (this is literally so important, please go to the trainer!!). Communicate with your coach to ensure that you are pushing yourself while staying healthy at the same time. Most importantly, listen to your body. O-Week will be a blast, but do not be afraid to sit out of some events if you need to rest; there is no shame in going to bed early for morning practice.

In addition to physical health, your mental health is a top priority. Keeping up with academics at Rice can be demanding enough, so adding on a sport can oftentimes be stressful. The Magisters are always there for you if you need to talk to someone, as well as your Advisors, your teammates, your coach, and the Jones community at large. The Wellbeing & Counseling Centers are also available for mental health concerns, staffed with experienced clinicians to support you through your time at Rice. Do not be afraid to ask for help— Jones is an incredibly warm and kind environment, and we are here for the exact purpose of supporting each other. Everyone at Rice is committed to your success, so please do not think that you have to go through this journey on your own.

Another significant aspect of college athletics is finding a social balance; while your teammates will provide you with an immediate family on campus, I strongly encourage you to explore and participate in everything the Jones and Rice community has to offer. At times when athletics can feel overwhelming, it has been immensely helpful to take a break and surround myself with the amazing people of Jones. There are plenty of ways to involve yourself with the Jones community, whether that's attending cabinet meetings, participating in Floorlympics, or just hanging out in Commons. There is so much to explore at Rice, so I highly recommend involving yourself in activities at Jones to maintain a healthy balance.

Finally, my biggest piece of advice for when it all seems to be too much is to look at your situation as a whole— it's a blessing to have the opportunity to play Division 1 sports (especially at Rice!), so try to consider your struggles as opportunities; it helps to realize that you don't have to lift weights, you GET to. You don't have to sweat with your team for hours, you GET to. If anything, realize that the whole Jones community is behind you. We can't wait to watch what you do during your time at Rice, and know that I will be there for you every step of the way! Congratulations again, and welcome to Jones!

Caden Acosta (Wiess '26)

A LETTER TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

To international Jonesians <3

WELCOME TO JONESSSSSSS!!!!!! My name is Ayra Matondang, and I am a senior advisor from Jakarta, Indonesia, studying Social Policy Analysis and Cognitive Sciences. I am incredibly excited to be part of your transition to a new school and country. Starting college is one thing, but starting a new life in a different country is truly another. We know the messy emotions accompanying this process, but thankfully, Rice's amazing support system will hopefully make you feel right at home.

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) at Rice will be the most comprehensive and helpful resource (available year-round!), and they will give you all the preparation you need during Undergraduate International Orientation. In regard to the rapid and, oftentimes, extreme immigration policies enacted by the US government, OISS is always closely monitoring these developments, and I am here to discuss any anxieties that might arise from it.

Don't underestimate cultural affinity groups and OISS events! It can be difficult to find the time to go to events, but it is absolutely worth building a network of people who come from a similar background to you or are also international! Holidays and long weekends can feel especially alienating, so lean on your fellow international students. No matter where you are from, they would understand how you feel the best. It's hard not to feel uprooted when you are so far away from everything you know, but this is a totally normal feeling. Embrace the change and tackle the challenges you are faced with, knowing that you will grow into a much stronger person for it. Furthermore, I would strongly recommend balancing interactions with your American peers and fellow students from your own region. These next 4 years are an opportunity to grow and expose yourself to new perspectives and cultures, so take advantage of it!

I can't wait to meet you this fall, and I'm always available to help and answer any questions you may have. JIBAAAAA4LIFEEEEEE!!!!!!

Love,
Ayra Matondang (Jones '26)

A LETTER TO

JEWISH STUDENTS

Shalom Chaverim!

We know that it can be scary to be an incoming Jewish student to a university. You should rest assured: As Jewish students here, we have always felt welcomed, supported, and respected; and we have no doubt that you will too! Rice (and the broader community) has a variety of Jewish organizations you can join, such as Chabad and Hillel. These organizations host Shabbat services, holiday events, and community gatherings. Hillel's gatherings are much more casual than Chabad's more conservative vibe, but they are both extremely welcoming to anyone and everyone – whether they are cultural to reform to orthodox. The important thing to know is that all are welcome.

Beyond the hedges, there is also a great Jewish community in Houston. I (Sam) have worked at Congregation Emanu El for the past 2 years as a first-grade Sunday school teacher, and have loved it! (They also pay well 🙄.) I also have served on both the Chabad and Jewish Studies Student Association student boards, and I'm heavily involved with Hillel. There are many ways to get involved in the Jewish community both at Rice and in Houston, and we're happy to help you find your fit!

Feel free to join our assortment of GroupMe's: Rice Jews groupme, the Jones Jews groupme, and the Queer Jews at Rice GroupMe. Feel free to shoot either of us a message if you want the link.

We are here to help you, and we're so excited to meet you!

PS: If you ever need a ride to Shabbat dinner (or any other holiday,) I'll (Sam) be driving and this is an open invite!

Sam Forman (Jones '27) & Sophia Straus (Jones '28)

A LETTER TO TRANSFER STUDENTS

Dear Jonesian Transfers,

Congratulations and Welcome to Rice and to Jones College! My name is Tim Voelker (Duncan '27), and I'll be one of your advisors this year. I know transitioning schools can feel awkward at times- that was definitely true for me during O-Week. It felt strange joining a community where many people had already built their routines and friend groups. But what I quickly learned is that everyone here is so kind and open; I was able to make friends with people from all different grades and backgrounds. Rice is such a diverse school where you get to meet all different kinds of people.

I want to remind you that everyone's transfer experience is unique. You don't need to feel pressured to replicate anyone else's path. For me, joining different clubs throughout Rice and participating in events at my college helped me find my footing. I discovered that Duncan (my home college) and Rice as a whole have superb resources to help you get involved and feel at home, but other organizations like ROTC and Club Rugby were also really beneficial to me.

While I'm not very involved in the transfer student organization myself, I know many people who are. I would be more than happy to help you connect with them if you'd like to get plugged in there.

Welcome again to Rice. I'm so excited to meet you all and support you this year. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about classes, campus life, or just want someone to grab a meal with (I'll need the swipe though!)

Best wishes,
Tim Voelker
Duncan '27

A LETTER TO FGLI STUDENTS

Dear FGLI Jonesians,

First of all, I would like to congratulate you on your admission to Rice. It is an incredible monumental achievement and one that, regardless of your background, you should feel very proud of. Whether you are first-generation, limited-income, or both, this entire experience is likely to be new for you and your family. At times, it will be tumultuous, exciting, scary, fun, and unpredictable. Hopefully, this letter will point you towards the resources that will make your orientation and freshman year a little less unpredictable.

You have likely already gone through the joyful experience of dealing with FAFSA and the CSS Profile (you will be beholden to this for the next few years). During O-Week I suggest finding an advisor that receives a financial aid package similar to your own. The Rice Investment, Questbridge Scholarship, and general merit awards differ, and communicating with both the financial aid office and an older student is the best way to stay informed. Other bits of advice that I wish I would have had my freshman year are to get your free Metrocard as soon as possible, to get added to the FGLI and/or Questbridge GroupMe, use the AOP online form to get the textbooks that you can't download, send proof of health insurance enrollment to the financial aid office to see if you are eligible for the Allen Insurance Scholarship, and discover the process for using the Magister Fund to pay for activities. To take advantage of all that Houston has to offer, look for student discounts in Rice Village and free admission to nearby museums. Finally, the on-campus meal plan is sizable enough to leave you with extra meal swipes at the end of the semester, but if you choose to live off campus in future years (which is oftentimes cheaper), meal swipe donations are an excellent resource.

Unlike some other schools, Rice's extracurriculars and social scene are not stratified by socioeconomic class. Put bluntly, your peers will have their own academic and social concerns to worry about; they won't care in any negative way that you are FGLI. This sets you up to make friends with one less worry on the back of your mind.

One of the most common issues that FGLI students at Rice face is imposter syndrome. If at times throughout the week or semester you feel as if you don't belong, I recommend a more practical view of the situation. Your peers will have accomplished many impressive different things before matriculation, but that does not make your own accomplishments or your background worth any less. You did not get into Rice by luck or happenstance. You (like the 57% of students here who receive aid) did not get into Rice simply because you are FGLI. You earned your spot. You belong here.

I also strongly recommend that you keep your parents updated about your life, logistics, and financial situation throughout the next year. Even if they have not gone through college on their own, they do have practical life experiences upon which to draw, and they care deeply about you, so give them a call.

Be proud of who you are and where you have come from. Do not be afraid to seek help from others. Be safe, focus on your classes, and if you need any advice, you can find me in person (I'm a Lovett junior co-advising at Jones) or email my Rice email at j1116@rice.edu

-Jaemason Long '27

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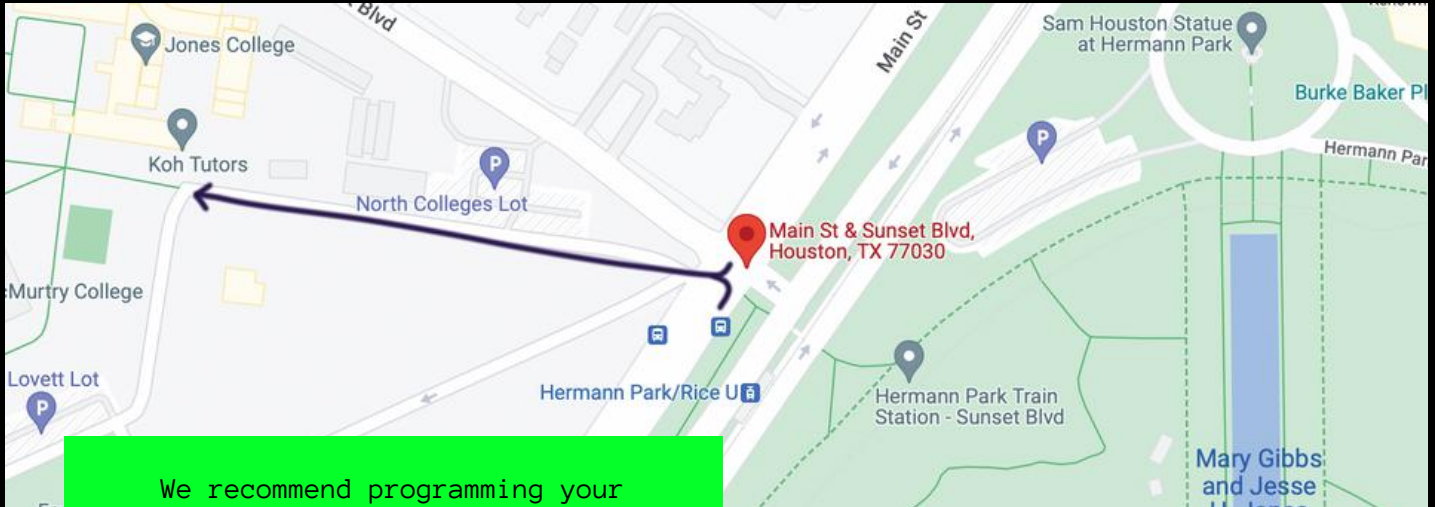


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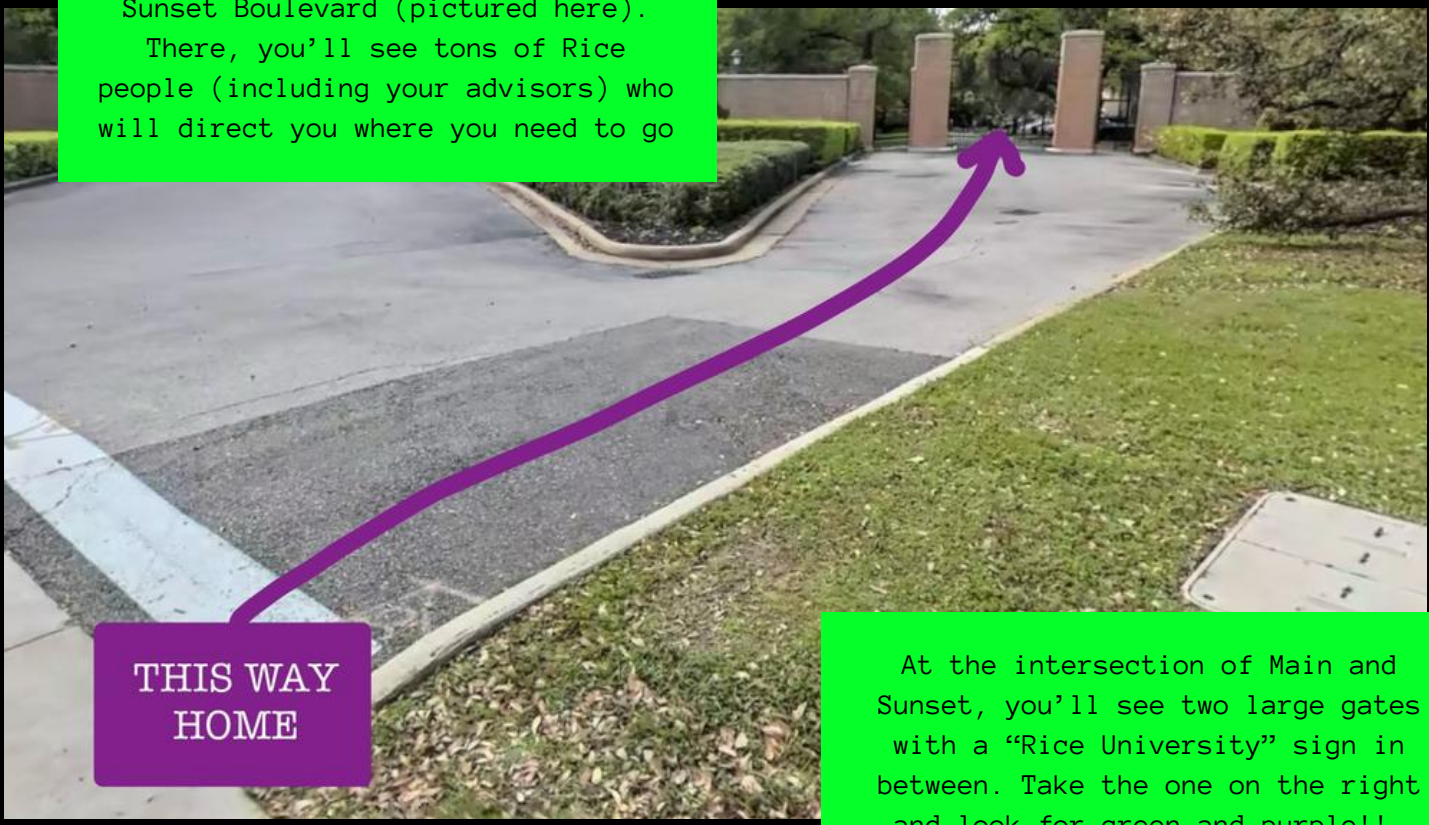
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DIRECTIONS TO JONES COLLEGE



We recommend programming your phone/gps to take you to the intersection of Main Street and Sunset Boulevard (pictured here). There, you'll see tons of Rice people (including your advisors) who will direct you where you need to go



THIS WAY
HOME

At the intersection of Main and Sunset, you'll see two large gates with a "Rice University" sign in between. Take the one on the right and look for green and purple!!

WHAT TO BRING

YOU SHOULD BRING:

PILLOWS, BLANKETS, AND TWIN XL SHEETS
NORMAL TWIN SHEETS WON'T FIT, SO GRAB A SET OF SWANKY TWIN XL SHEETS.

SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR
THE MORE SETS OF THESE YOU BRING, THE MORE YOUR FUTURE SELF WILL THANK YOU. THE JONES LAUNDRY ROOM HAS BEEN KNOWN TO SWALLOW UP SOCKS...

COOL-WEATHER CLOTHING
WHILE HOUSTON HAS MILD WINTERS, IT CAN GET CHILLY (HELLO COLD FRONTS)! WE DEFINITELY RECOMMEND HAVING A FEW SWEATERS/LONG SLEEVES AND A COAT.

NICE CLOTHES
YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO DRESS UP FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS AT RICE AND JONES! SOME EXAMPLES INCLUDE MATRICULATION, JONES ASSOCIATE NIGHT, AND MORE.

RAINGEAR
SERIOUSLY, WE HAVE HURRICANES. CONSIDER BRINGING RAIN BOOTS, A RAINCOAT, AND/OR A STURDY UMBRELLA.

TOILETRIES
TOOTHBRUSHES, TOWELS ... WHATEVER YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. BRING 3-4 TOWELS, THANK US LATER.

ALARM CLOCK
A TRUSTY TOOL TO AVOID MISSING CLASS! A PHONE WORKS GREAT TOO.

CREDIT CARD, PASSPORT, AND OTHER FORMS OF ID
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MIGHT NEED THESE!

SHOWER SHOES
JONES HAS COMMUNAL RESTROOMS, YOU NEED SHOWER SHOES. PEOPLE HAVE USED CROCS, SLIDES, OR SANDALS!

LAUNDRY SUPPLIES
YOUR LAUNDRY PROVISIONS CAN INCLUDE DETERGENT (PODS OR LIQUID), FABRIC SOFTENER, DRYER SHEETS, AND A LAUNDRY BASKET.

LAPTOP
NO EXPLANATION NEEDED.

YOU CAN BRING:

MINI-FRIDGE
USEFUL FOR STORING SNACKS AND COOLING DRINKS ... YOU KNOW, FRIDGE THINGS.

TV, GAMING CONSOLE, AND SPEAKER
MOVIE NIGHTS AND MARIO KART ARE ALWAYS SUPER FUN WAYS TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FELLOW JONESIANS!

MICROWAVE-SAFE BOWLS, PLATES, CUPS, AND CUTLERY
THERE IS A MICROWAVE ON THE FIRST FLOOR IN THE JONES KITCHEN. ENTERPRISING YOUNG EXPLORERS CAN ALSO USE THE SERVERY DISHES AS LONG AS THEY RETURN THEM...

CAMERA
AS YOU CAN SEE BY ALL THE PRETTY PICTURES IN THIS BOOK, YOU WILL HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO USE IT.

SPORTS GEAR
RICE IS FULL OF FIELDS AND FACILITIES WHERE YOU CAN PLAY SPORTS. PRACTICE HARD AND HELP JONES WIN INTRAMURAL SPORTS TO RETURN THE PRESIDENT'S CUP TO ITS RIGHTFUL HOME!

ONE OR TWO FUN COSTUMES
ANYTHING FROM THAT ALIEN INFLATABLE YOU FORGOT TO THROW AWAY TO THAT DARTH VADER MASK YOU WORE AT HALLOWEEN. TRUST US, THERE WILL BE OCCASIONS FOR THEM.

DESK LAMP
FOR ALL OF THE LATE NIGHTS WHEN YOUR ROOMMATE IS SLEEPING AND YOU STILL HAVE WORK TO DO.

MEDS
IT'S ALWAYS HELPFUL TO HAVE YOUR OWN SUPPLY IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES. RHA'S HAVE BASIC MEDICINE LIKE ASPIRIN, BANDAGES, AND TUMS.

DECOR
MAKE YOUR ROOM YOUR OWN. YOU LIVE THERE!

HANGERS
YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF CLOSET SPACE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF!

MAILING ADDRESS:

**JONES COLLEGE
23 SUNSET
BOULEVARD
HOUSTON, TX
77005**

YOU CAN'T BRING:

TOO MUCH STUFF
YOU DON'T NEED A U-HAUL TRUCK FULL OF STUFF! ALSO, REMEMBER THAT YOUR ADVISORS CAN TAKE YOU TO STORES TO GET THINGS YOU NEED. YOU WILL GET MORE STUFF OVER THE YEAR.

NON-RICE FRIENDS
THEY CAN COME WITH YOUR PARENTS TO DROP YOU OFF, BUT THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED AFTER THAT. YOU WILL BE SO BUSY DURING O-WEEK MEETING NEW PEOPLE THAT YOU WILL PROBABLY WANT TO SLEEP RATHER THAN HANG OUT. AFTER O-WEEK, THEY CAN COME TO SEE YOU AND MEET FELLOW JONESIANS!

PETS
ONES THAT SWIM (LIKE FISH) ARE OKAY. OTHERWISE, IT'S A HUUUUUGE FINE. THANKFULLY, JONES HAS MANY PETS THAT YOU CAN HANG OUT WITH!

LIGHT BULBS OR TRASH CANS/BAGS
ALL OF THESE ARE PROVIDED BY RICE.

CANDLES/LIGHTERS
REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE TO SET IT ALIGHT, H&D WILL FIGHT. TRY ELECTRIC WAX MELTS IF YOU NEED TO SATISFY YOUR BATH AND BODY WORKS CRAVING.

YOUR FIRST DAY

CONGRATS! YOU MADE IT! MOVE IN DAY IS AUGUST 18TH! ARRIVAL TIMES ARE ORGANIZED BY FLOOR DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, SO PLEASE COME AT THE CORRECT TIME TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION OR OVERLOADING!

YOU CAN BRING YOUR CAR DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF JONES COMMONS WHERE OUR LOVELY ADVISING TEAM WILL UNLOAD AND BRING ALL YOUR BELONGINGS TO YOUR ROOM. WHILE YOUR DRIVER PARKS THE CAR ELSEWHERE (DETAILS TO COME), A GROUP OF ADVISORS WILL WALK YOU TO THE MAGISTERS HOUSE TO MEET MAGISTERS ZACH AND TRISHA BALL, COLLEGE COORDINATOR KELLIE SAGER, AND RESIDENT ASSOCIATES (RAS) CAITLIN LINDSAY AND KELSEY ULLOM.

WHILE THERE, GRAB YOUR O-WEEK SHIRT, PICK UP YOUR ROOM KEY, AND GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN BY OUR O-WEEK HISTORIANS. ADVISORS WILL THEN TAKE YOU TO YOUR ROOM TO UNPACK AND UNWIND. AT 11:00AM, YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL HAVE LUNCH IN JONES COMMONS BEFORE YOU ALL SAY GOODBYE.

TENTATIVE DAY ONE SCHEDULE

11:00 AM

LUNCH IN THE COMMONS WITH FAMILIES, ADVISORS, AND COLLEGE PERSONNEL. THERE WILL BE GOOD FOOD AND A BRIEF INTRODUCTION FOR THE WEEK!

1:30 PM

FAMILIES GO TO TUDOR FIELDHOUSE FOR THE NEW FAMILIES ORIENTATION WHILE STUDENTS DIVIDE UP INTO THEIR O-WEEK GROUPS FOR ICEBREAKERS.

12:30 PM

THIS IS WHEN YOU SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR FAMILIES SINCE YOU WILL NOT SEE THEM AGAIN DURING THE WEEK. NOTE THAT FAMILIES ARE NOT ALLOWED BACK AT JONES DURING O-WEEK AND MUST LEAVE CAMPUS BY 6 PM AFTER THE NEW FAMILIES ORIENTATION.

5:00 PM

DINNER IN JONES COMMONS WITH O-WEEK GROUPS (STUDENTS ONLY).

7:00 PM

MATRICULATION CEREMONY IN TUDOR FIELDHOUSE. BRING A NICE OUTFIT FOR THIS (A DRESS OR A BUTTON UP WITH KHAKIS SHOULD WORK). KNOW THAT YOU WILL SWEAT #HOUSTONHUMIDITY.

1:00 PM

FAMILIES REMAIN IN THE COMMONS FOR AN INTRODUCTION TO JONES AND A Q&A SESSION WITH THE JONES O-WEEK COORDINATORS AND J-TEAM.

10:00 PM

FUN ACTIVITIES WITH JONES COLLEGE! JIBA TIME!!

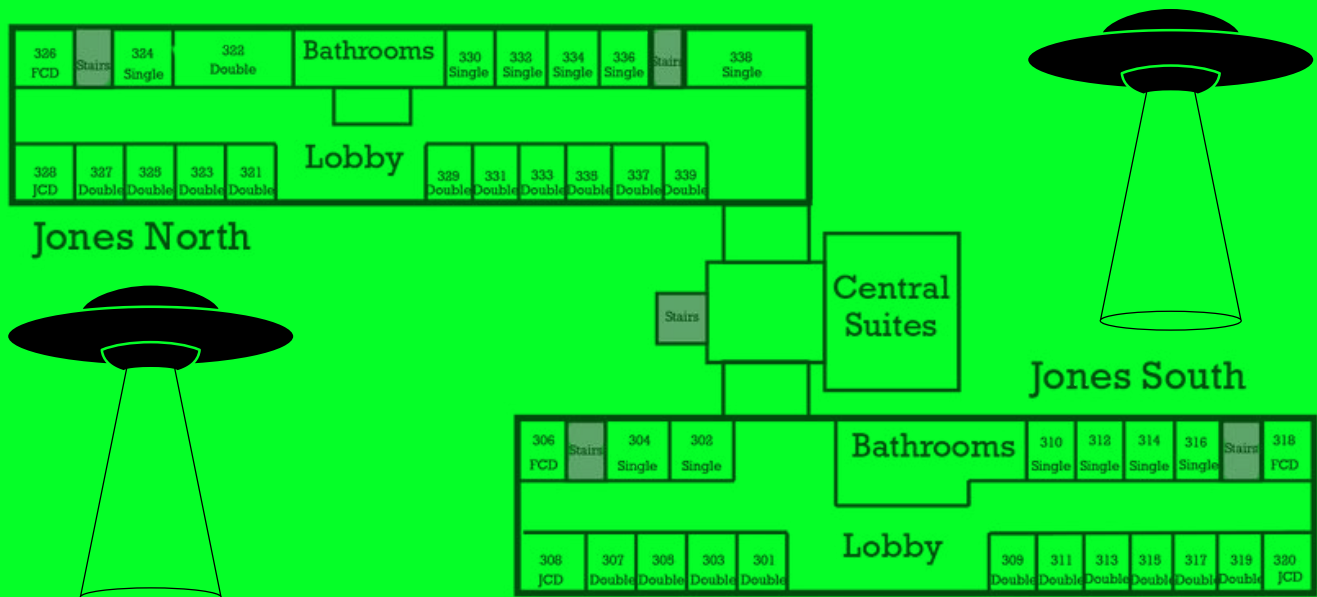
A GUIDE TO JONES FACILITIES

Jones College is comprised of two main buildings, Jones North and Jones South, connected by a Central wing. Each building has four floors. Jones is known for its unique “floor culture”, facilitated by the prevalence of lobbies on each floor. Each school year, every floor develops its own culture and elects a representative who relays the floor’s views and needs to the college government. Once a year, all the floors compete in a Floor Olympics against each other to declare the winningest floor of the winningest college.

Room numbers are indicative of the floor and location within each building. For example, the map below shows that all rooms on the third floor are marked with a 3 at the start of their room number. Rooms ending in numbers 01-20 are all in Jones South, while 21-39 are in Jones North.

The 1st floor of Jones (both North and South) has a “suite style” setup, offering more privacy compared to the other floors. 1 North is comprised of 4 doubles and 2 singles, while 1 South has 3 doubles and 8 singles. Each floor has a large common area and communal restrooms. Just like the other floors, the 1st floor of Jones contains the rooms, hallways, and lobbies in which Jonesians sleep, work, and hang out.

The 2nd through 4th floors of North and South both have two hallways, often called the long and short ends, leading to a central “Vator Lobby”, named for the elevators that lead straight into them. The only structural difference between North and South is that the South floors have study rooms, while the North floors have an additional lobby connecting to Central from the long end. The floor lobbies serve as places for Jonesians to come together—from studying, to hanging out, to throwing birthday parties—and are the key to Jones’ vibrant (and super delightful) floor culture.



MAIL

The mailroom is located on the first floor of Jones Central. All incoming mail is delivered to the office of our lovely College Coordinator, Kellie Sager, who then sorts it into each student's mailbox. Kellie also sells stamps for outgoing mail, which you can leave to be picked up just outside her office. However, packages heavier than 10 lbs have to be sent from the campus post office. Remember to visit regularly to pick up any mail or packages and say hi to Kellie! Keep in mind that Amazon packages may take an additional business day to arrive.

LAUNDRY

Jones has two laundry rooms, one in the basement of Jones North and another in Jones South. Unlike most other universities, laundry services at Rice are free! You'll still need to buy your own laundry supplies, but you won't have to bring a roll of quarters for the machines.

OTHER ROOMS AT JONES

Our computer lab, located on the 1st floor of Jones South, serves as a study room as well. It is equipped with desktop computers, chairs, and a printer.

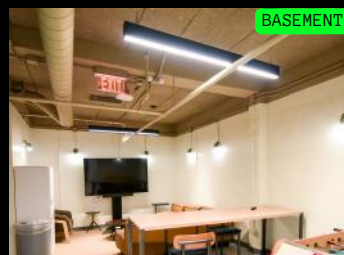
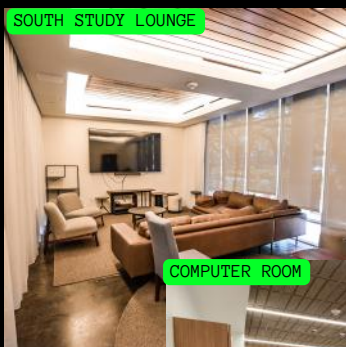
The 1 North lobby offers a pool table and plenty of seating for studying, a meal, or hanging out with your pals. It also has a TV and plenty of couches.

We have a fully-operational kitchen, better known as Jitchen, stocked with supplies (Ingredients not included) and a communal fridge for storing food items.

Located on 1 North, our movie room features a TV for watching or connecting your laptop, along with luxurious reclining chairs.

The music room in the basement of Jones South provides a soundproof space to play instruments. It comes equipped with a piano, drum set, and guitar--or you can bring your own.

We also have a Wellbeing and Meditation Room on 1 South, created in Spring 2023 as a safe space for relaxation, meditation, and alone time. No Homework Allowed.



A GUIDE TO JONES DORMS

JONES HAS VERY COMFORTABLE ROOMS WITH SOME OF THE BEST WINDOWS ON CAMPUS! THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF DOUBLE ROOMS THAT NEW STUDENTS MAY BE PLACED IN, BOTH LARGE ENOUGH TO EASILY ACCOMMODATE TWO STUDENTS. THE WOODEN FURNITURE CAN BE MOVED AROUND TO FIT WHATEVER LIVING ARRANGEMENT YOU AND YOUR ROOMMATE SEE FIT. ROOMS ARE BIG ENOUGH TO FIT MINI-FRIDGES AND MICROWAVES, BUT COMMUNICATION IS KEY – YOU DON'T NEED TWO OF EVERYTHING.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PERSONALIZE YOUR ROOM AS YOU SEE FIT BY STICKING PICTURES OR PLASTIC HOOKS TO THE BRICK WALLS OR BY PINNING ITEMS TO THE WALL'S BULLETIN BOARD STRIPS. REGULAR TAPE DOES NOT STICK TO BRICK SO WE RECOMMEND REMOVABLE MOUNTING PUTTY FOR POSTERS. BE MINDFUL OF PEELING PAINT OR CREATING HOLES FOR POTENTIAL FINES FOR DAMAGE AT THE END OF THE YEAR. REMEMBER, YOU LIVE HERE ALL YEAR SO MAKE IT YOUR OWN.

ROOM FURNISHINGS

2 Dressers

Each measure 29 / x 24, / x 30 (See Figure A)

2 Desks

Composed of the drawers (measuring 17 x 24, / x 30) and the actual desk component (32 x 24, / x 30) (See Figure B)

2 Chairs

(See Figure B)

2 Small Trash Cans

And a recycling bin (See Figure C)

2 Towel Racks, 2 Mirrors, and Shelf Space
(measuring 45 x 18, 12 x /) in the closet

2 Beds

Can be at floor-level, waist-level, or bunked

Telephone + Ethernet Hookups

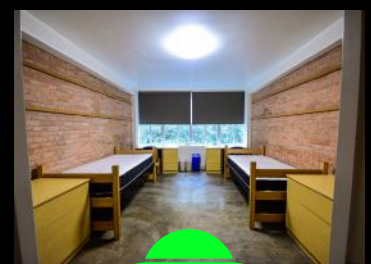
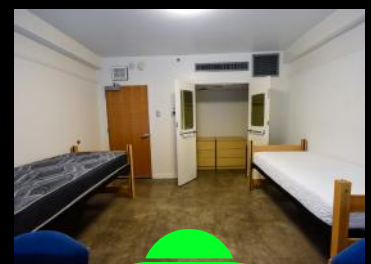
Though the wireless internet works well



Freshman
Corner
Double



Standard
Double





The Standard Double and Freshman Corner Double contain the same furnishings but have a slightly different set up and location. The corner doubles have a larger, shared closet and are located at the (corner) end of each floor.

Beds can be adjusted to a variety of heights by the Student Maintenance Representative (SMR) throughout the year. You can also loft beds to any desired height and put furniture under them if it fits.

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WHAT IS AN O-WEEK ADVISOR?

When you arrive at Jones, get ready to be bombarded by a group of incredibly energetic Jonesians called Advisors. These folks know everything about you: where you live, your siblings' names, your favorite hang out spot, and more. Advisors are students who were carefully selected last spring by the O-Week Coordinators through a rigorous application and interview process. They've taken time out of their summer to help you transition smoothly into college life and find your place at Rice.



You will spend pretty much all of O-Week with your Advisors by your side. Your Advisors will attack your car (with love) while jumping up and down, shouting your name, and yelling "JONES WINS AGAIN!" The advising team will lend a hand in unloading your stuff from your undoubtedly overloaded vehicle into your new home, and they'll also support your parents as they cope with the fact that their little bird is leaving the nest. Don't worry, they're not crazy—they're just beyond excited to meet you and assist you in navigating life at Jones and Rice!

Each Advisor is a Rice student, just like you, only with more experience. They are an invaluable source of information and are always open to any questions you have. In your O-Week group, you'll have three Advisors from Jones, and the fourth one will be a Co-Advisor from a different residential college who chose to join Jones because, well, we're just that awesome! We hope you're as thrilled as we are to meet your Advisors because they are eagerly waiting to finally meet you.



WHAT IS AN AN O-WEEK GROUP?

Get hyped!!! One of the most exciting parts of O-Week is getting to know your O-Week group!

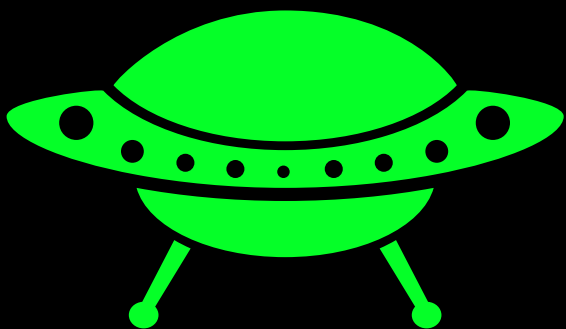
Each student has been assigned to an O-Week group consisting of eight to ten new students, all from different hometowns, backgrounds, academic interests, and identities. Your group will be led by a fantastic team of Advisors, usually consisting of three or four Advisors from Jones, along with a Co-Advisor selected from another residential college. All together, your O-Week group is there to help your transition to Rice University, and they will become an essential part of you introduction to both Jones and Rice.



Your Advisors and fellow group members will be your main companions throughout O-Week. You'll have plenty of opportunities to bond with your group, whether it's sharing meals, participating in group activities, or embarking on late-night adventures. In fact, your O-Week group will likely be some of your first friends at Rice. You can look forward to enjoying O-Week meals together, celebrating birthdays, and going on outings throughout your time at Rice. Some O-Week groups have truly stood the test of time and formed lasting friendships that continue even in their senior years.

In a couple of pages, you'll find a dedicated section for each O-Week group. It includes the group's name, pictures of the Advisors, and brief bios to introduce them. While these bios may not cover everything, you'll get to know them well over the week and throughout your college journey!

Get ready to make lasting connections with your amazing O-Week group. It's going to be an unforgettable experience!



WHO ARE THE O-WEEK AFFILIATES

Hey new Jonesians! Welcome to Rice and to the Jones family! We are your O-Week Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs), and we are here to help you in all things academic. Whether it's choosing majors and minors, planning your courses, or balancing classwork with extracurriculars, we've got you covered!



COLEMAN, '28 (RIGHT) & BEN, '26 (LEFT)

PEER ACADEMIC ADVISORS

JACKSON, '28 (LEFT) & ARRYANA, '26 (RIGHT)



We know how overwhelming it can be making the transition into college life, we've been there! As PAAs, we are a resource to help you navigate this change and connect you to the amazing opportunities that Rice has to offer, during O-Week and beyond. We want to empower you by giving you the tools and support necessary to achieve all your academic goals, so you can feel confident and ready going into the school year.

We are so excited to meet you all!

In addition to Coordinators and Advisors, a whole team of Jonesians is on hand during O-Week to help with everything from academics to health to inclusivity. They can't wait to meet you!

COMMUNITY FACILITATORS

Hello New Jonesians! We are excited to welcome you to the winningest college...

Jones! We are Ava Brazell and Karen Martinez, your Community Facilitators (CFs) for UFO-Week and the 2025-2026 academic year.

For this upcoming year, we feel so lucky to not only serve as advisors but also as a resource for you to navigate your new environment. Our main goal, starting with O-Week, is to make every Jonesian feel welcomed and integrated into our community. Cultivating campus-wide values of belonging, equity, and inclusion, we hope you use us not only as a resource for anything diversity and community-related but, most importantly, as friends and mentors! Throughout the year, we want to continue making Jones a safe space by hosting different workshops and events, sending out info about DEI initiatives, and going together to "Dine 'n Dialogue," which the CF team hosts weekly. Rice also has the Multicultural Center, which serves as a resource aimed at implementing educational, cultural, and social programs that empower student success and belonging. We and the greater Rice community are here to support and uplift you!

Starting college and moving away from what you know is a scary but beautiful thing, and you can count on us for support! Please feel free to reach out to us with any personal issues or concerns, no matter if they relate to DEI.

We cannot wait to meet you all!



Karen Martinez '26



Ava Brazell '27

RICE HEALTH ADVISORS

To infinity, Rice, and beyond - Welcome, Jonesians!!!

I'm Samy Martinez-Claros - a rising senior and one of your Head Rice Health Advisors (RHAs) at Jones this upcoming year. I'm super excited to welcome you to the winningest residential college in the entire Rice Universe: JOOONEEESSS! Once you land for UFO-Week, you'll see why every Jonesian loves our home. In addition to being a new part of the Jones family, O-Week will be that light to guide you through everything you need to know as a Rice student - academics, college rivalries, student resources, and so much more!

RHAs are one of the many resources that you'll learn about, so here's a rundown of who we are! Every residential college has a team trained in all things mental and physical health. Outside our rooms, you'll find FREE supplies like bandaids, pain relief meds, menstrual products, ear plugs, sexual health products, and more! Basically, we're your onboard health crew- here for all your mission highs and lows! And of course, we're also here to support you however you need, whether that's practical stuff, emotional support, advice, or even some quiet company.

Speaking of quiet time, we've got a brand-new Jones Wellbeing Room, reserved just for you to have a safe space to reset, take a breather, or just rest.

Before the semester starts, you'll meet a couple RHAs during UFO-Week, and you'll meet the rest throughout the year. We host weekly events like walks, yoga, floor events, and so much more! We also have our monthly events that are much bigger such as Jitchen baking collabs, cross-college events, and our famously cozy study breaks during midterms or finals weeks! With us around, we'll make sure to get you out of your Fondren Library stress sessions and have a little fun. If you meet us and don't happen to click with any Jones RHA (totally okay), you are always welcome to go to rha.rice.edu to request to meet with an RHA from a different college.

Our mission? Make sure every Jonesian (and Owl across campus) feels understood, supported, and, more importantly, loved. The launch into college is unlike any other, but you're not alone in it! Rice's 'Culture of Care' means we're all on the same ship, being there for one another.

My team and I cannot wait to meet you all! And remember, you are already very loved!

With lots of love (and emergency Ibuprofen),
Samy **°.□□.□°

HEAD RHA



Samy Martinez '26

HEAD RHA



Abigail Li '27

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Daniel Peinado '26

OTHER RHAS INVOLVED IN UFO-WEEK: Manav Lund (Coordinator), Katie Maurano (Advisor), Simon Quintero (Advisor), Ayra Matondang (Advisor)

OTHER AFFILIATES

The President and Chief Justice are two of the main student leaders at Jones.

Our fearless leader, President Zack Donovan, serves as the head of the Jones Cabinet and represents Jones as a member of the Rice University Student Association. You can often find him taking input from Jonesians on what needs to be done better around campus or making the most stunning powerpoints for Cabinet meetings. Whether it be to see his cats or because you've locked yourself out of your room, Zack is never more than a call away.

Chief Justice Sam Forman, or CJam for short, is in charge of making sure that Jonesians are staying safe. He's in charge of making sure that we are complying with the Alcohol Policy and Code of Conduct, appoints our Associate Justices, and presides over our College Court Cases. Whether it be for a noise complaint or homemade hummus, Sam Forman is the guy to call.



In addition to our elected student leaders, Jones is lucky enough to have the best Student Maintenance Representative on campus. Our wonderful SMR, Brad Mahung, is in charge of making sure that things run smoothly with our beloved building. You need your bed lofted? Call Brad. Leaky sink? Call Brad. Can't get into the 4N bathroom? Call Brad. The washer is making a sound you've never heard before? CALL BRAD.

Brad works closely with Housing and Dining to keep Jones and our building a beautiful and functional place to be, so be sure to thank him when you see him...especially if he's hard at work in his hard hat.



MEET THE COORDS





JONES '27 | MATH/ENGL |
RIDGELAND, MS | SHE/HER

MEMBERS

Introducing your UFO-Week Coordinator: Chappell Roa—I mean Rachel Parr! She Parradoxically manages to have time in her day despite running this whole shebang, editing R2, working the RMC info desk, being everyone’s personal tutor, and hosting Friendship Bracelet Friday. She is a math/English (creative writing) double major who will continue her academic Parrade into law school someday. Hailing from Ridgeland, Mississippi (apologize to her 30 siblings next time you see her), she holds an unofficial world record for most V8 energy drinks consumed in a day. You will recognize her easily because she has friends in every part of campus and all of them are unexplainably 6’4”. If that doesn’t give her away, her unrivaled JIBA spirit makes her a practically luminescent green, blue, and purple beacon Partrially visible from the other side of the planet, identifiable even to the extraterrestrial beings looming around our galaxy competing with her over who gets to abduct you (don’t worry, she has abduction rights for the week). And just in case you’re not looking in her direction, you’ll HEAR her presence as she sings her heart out for no particular reason (or at least no reason you get to know) while she approaches. She’s the GOAT of sudokus, and being a supportive friend is simply Parr of course. As your friend, she will acquire more of your secrets than your bedroom walls have over the course of your entire life, but never fear, she is Partricularly good at keeping them. Rumor has it that every bead at Friendship Bracelet Friday is the physical form of someone’s secret, so choose your beads wisely. The walls may become envious. Will she learn your middle name? That’s Parrt of her plan. Will she put your picture on the wall of her dorm room? She already did. Will your entire family also know her name by the end of all this? Absolutely. You’re stuck with this one. Make sure to tell her “Howdy Parrtner” and give her a hug!

Jaemason Long (Lovett '27) & Sammie Mahung (Jones '28)



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Caffeine addict. Model. Snorlax enthusiast. D1-nonchalant king. Garrett Pirretti is a rising sophomore from Chandler, Arizona, studying chemical and biomolecular engineering (CHBE) on the premed track (that explains the caffeine addiction). He is the easiest person to spot around the hedges with his signature strut and long, luscious hair. If you don't see him around campus, he's probably taking care of his 50 lb bag of laundry while blasting music through the 3N halls. But more likely, he'll be at the RMC working at one of his two jobs while snacking on the bookstore sushi.

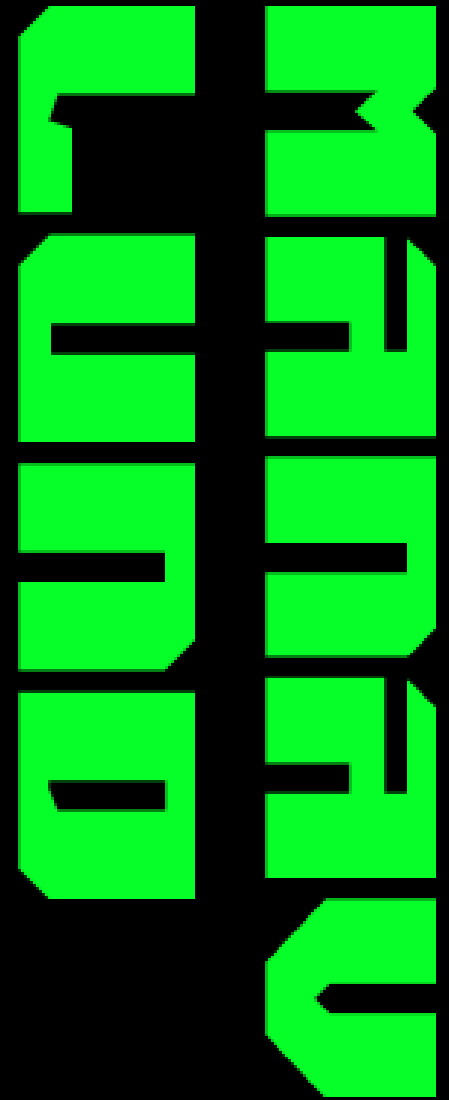
Despite his jam-packed schedule, Garrett always makes time for his people. He's the kind of friend who will yap with you for hours over dinner, embark on spontaneous side quests, or keep you entertained with endless lore drops. Whether you need life advice, a track star to pace you, or someone to get you an ice cream sandwich, Garrett has you covered. He will always match your energy and be the most loyal co-yapper you could ask for. His days are filled with finishing problem sets, somehow squeezing in multiple outfit changes, and carrying a giant water bottle like it's part of his anatomy. Future dermatologist, Charli XCX fanatic, and laundry room monopolizer, Garrett's resume is unmatched and will forever keep growing.

Beyond the coffee runs and chaos, Garrett is the most loving person. He listens with empathy, supports everyone unconditionally, and brings a sense of joy even in the middle of a busy day. He will always show up, whether it's to celebrate your wins or sit through your rants. You're lucky to have this guy as your O-week Coord—it will be one for the books.

- Banesa Valencia (Jones '28), Ava Brazell (Jones '27), Nancy Martinez (Jones '27)



JONES '27 | PSYC |
AUSTIN, TX | SHE/HER



“I do what I want and I’m doing it well”

Is that Ethel Cain live in Jones College? Nope, it’s just YOUR illustrious O-Week coord Manav Lund!

Hailing from Austin, TX, Manav is, put simply, one of the GREATEST people. She can be anything you need, from a late-night lock-in to a fun off-campus outing, she is ready for the adventure! A pre-med psych major and RHA, she is ready to support you however you need. Her advice can truly be life-changing. If you need her and can’t find her, she’s probably locked in at Fondy, on 3N, or at the RWRC.

As a psych pre-med AND an RHA, this icon is always down to psychoanalyze you, your partner, your cat, your parents... anyone you have in mind! Manav can help with any problem. Anything you’ve got. Anything. Don’t have any problems? She is STILL down to yap about any & everything. Whether your conversation begins with 99 or 0 problems, your conversation will surely end with you or her (or most likely, the both of you) rolling on the floor laughing.

Got style? If not, she can help! Need to go thrift shopping? She knows all the places with all the best stuff. Need someone to turn heads with you? She’s your partner in fabulous crime. Need music recs? Her playlists go from Ethel Cain tears to Charli XCX bangers in under 30 seconds. Need dorm decor tips? She’s basically the HGTV of Jones – but with more glitter. Need a full face of drag? Her makeup arsenal is unmatched, and she’s prepared to go to war!

Jones College, Rice University, The Cities of Austin and Houston Texas, The Psychology and Medical Fields, and Sam Forman thank Monster Energy for powering this Orientation Week Coordinator. Unleash the Baddie (or something like that.)

–Sam Forman (Jones ‘27) & Jolina Zhao (Jones ‘27)

AFFILIATES



ZACK DONOVAN

JONES '26 | MATH/CAAM | HOUSTON, TX | HE/HIM

Volleyball. Math. Poetry. Single-handedly carrying Jones on his back. Camping out in Chaus. Zack Donovan does it all. This rising senior Mathematics and Computational and Applied Mathematics double major has never taken a day off in his entire life. Between his two majors, his minor in Creative Writing, his Japanese Language Certificate, and being Jones president, he's always on the move. Legend says that he's never gone to sleep before 2AM and I am inclined to believe them. Though he can seem nonchalant at times, anyone who knows him knows that he's always losing his mind just a little bit. No matter how busy he is, though Zack will always be there for you if you need him. Whether you need to crash out, you're locked out after hours, or you need a late night ride to Whataburger, Zack is your guy. Hailing from Houston, TX, you'll probably meet his mother eventually and if you're lucky enough, he'll even let you see the cats.

-- Rachel Parr (Jones '27)

SAM FORMAN

JONES '27 | EEPS | TAMPA, FL | HE/HIM

Picture this. It's 1am. You're feeling sad and flop face down into the communal floor couch. This wonderful guy walks by, wrapped in his iconic T-Swift blanket, on his way to pick up his DoorDash boba. He plops down next to you, gives you the warmest, most wholehearted hug, and reminds you that life is beautiful. Y'all-this is Sam Forman (class of 2027), the most genuine, supportive, and down-for-a-good-time person. Coming from Tampa, Florida, he's, of course, a fish in the sea and also has an odd adoration for sponges. His tote bag repping a soil horizon makes it clear he's an enviro-baddie, but he's also studying business on the DL. Practical, am I right? Catch him doing physics to figure out water flow, cheffing it up as an instructor for his Jewish cuisine cooking class, and approving parties as Jones Chief Justice. I know, so super involved. And in the summer, he channels his big heart into instructing kids at his sleepaway camp and giving people rides in his FAST car. I can't wait for you to get to know this icon. It'll increase your quality of life, promise.

- Lily Hestjean (Jones '28)



BRAD MAHUNG

JONES '27 | MECH | GLASGOW, KY | HE/HIM

HEY JONES!!!!

Have you ever fixed a washing machine? Have you ever had to figure out what to do when a key breaks in the lock? Have you ever had to discover how an outlet blew up?

Me neither, but Brad has!

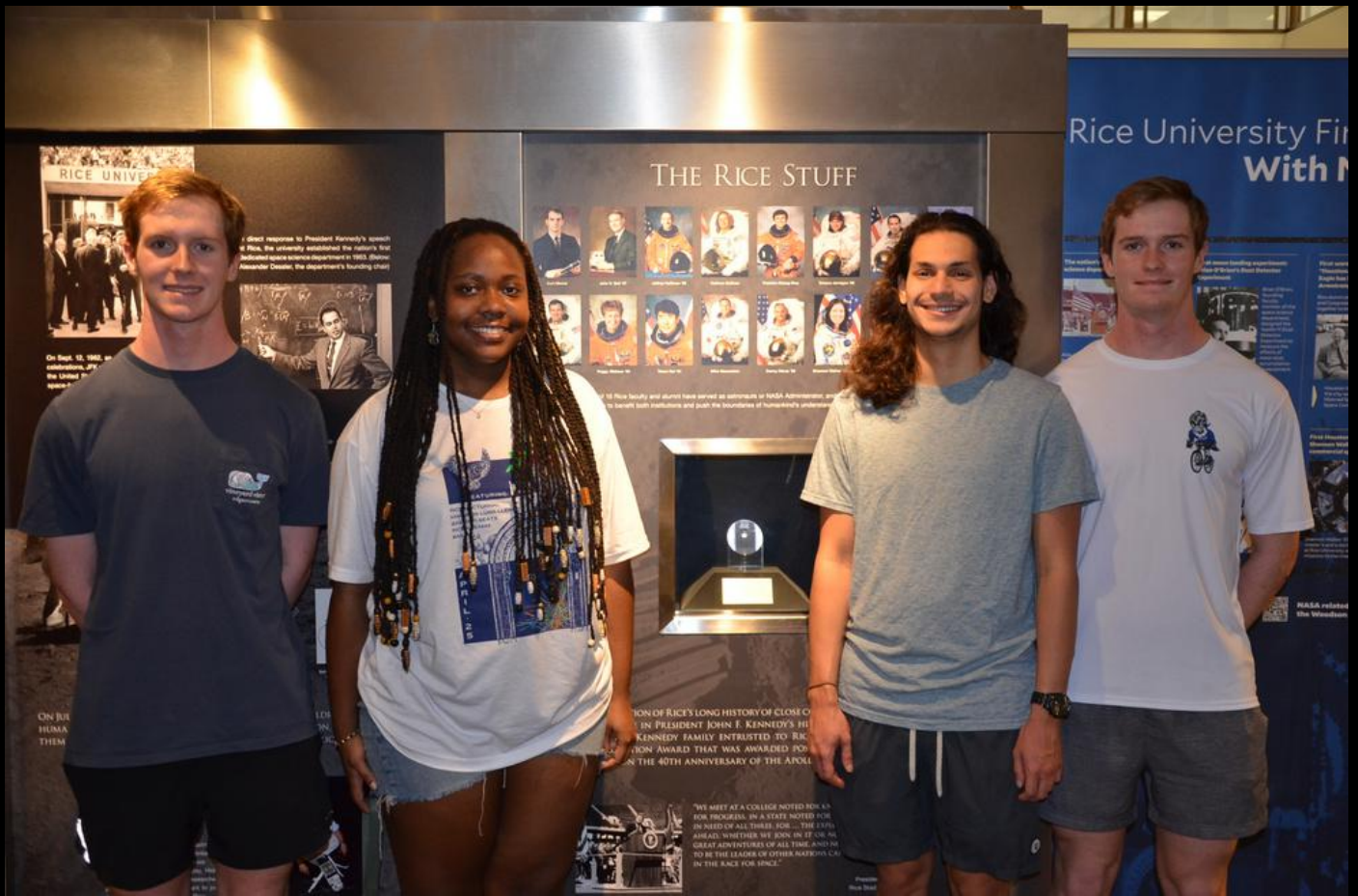
All the way from beautiful Glasgow, Kentucky, Brad is our Student Maintenance Representative (or SMR), and he can help you with all your service needs, so contact him for anything from lockouts to smoking drying machines.

BRAD THE BUILDER
YES HE CAN

- Liz Lee (Jones '27)



P.A. ASTRONAUTS





JACKSON O'BRIAN

JONES '28 | MECH | SOUTHLAKE, TX | HE/HIM

You can usually find him on the grind in the 3S lobby, and if he's not there, you can bet he'll be on the bike track, at the pool, or running on the outer loop. As a pre-med studying mechanical engineering, Jackson O'Brian '28 is cracked. If he's not busy being an academic weapon or working out, you should see this guy on Clash of Clans. Bro is a sneaky archer specialist during raid weekend and pulls 3 stars left and right during Clan War League. Some say he's the bike whisperer, so if your ride ever breaks down, swing on over to Rice Bikes and he'll fix you right up.

Coleman O'Brian (Jones '28)

BENJAMIN SCHUSSLER

JONES '26 | MATH/PHYS/LING | DALLAS, TX | HE/HIM

NEED AN ACADEMIC WEAPON? A TRIPLE MAJOR IN MATH, LINGUISTICS, AND PHYSICS, BENJAMIN SCHUSSLER ('26) IS YOUR GUY. A JONESIAN HAILING FROM DALLAS, TX, BEN HAS CONSIDERED ALMOST EVERY MAJOR AT RICE. YOU CAN TALK TO HIM ABOUT LITERALLY ANYTHING, FROM CLASSES TO CUTE CAT VIDEOS TO MUSIC COMPOSITION. AND HE DOESN'T JUST COOK IN THE CLASSROOM; A SEASONED CHEF AND EXPERIMENTALIST, BEN KEPT US FED OFF-CAMPUS WITH PENNE ALLA VODKA, GARLIC BREAD, AND BROCCOLI. IF YOU'RE TRYING TO FIND HIM, HE'S PROBABLY HANGING OUT IN HERMANN BROWN, VISITING CAMPUS CATS SOCKS AND SHOES, BEATING HIS 1000TH LEVEL OF MODDED CELESTE, OR SPRINTING TO ONE OF HIS PROBABLY TWENTY CLASSES (DON'T WORRY, HE'S NOT TAKING MOST OF THEM FOR CREDIT). BEN IS SERIOUSLY AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD PERSON AND PAA!

Nyla Hartigan (Jones '26) & Kathy Lachman (Jones '26)



COLEMAN O'BRIAN

JONES '28 | MECH | SOUTHLAKE, TX | HE/HIM

IT'S A MECHANICAL ENGINEER, IT'S A PRE-LAW, IT'S A TRIATHLETE, IT'S COLEMAN O'BRIAN OF JONES '28. THIS NATIVE TEXAN CAN DO IT ALL. YOU CAN USUALLY FIND HIM SWIMMING, BIKING, OR RUNNING, AND IF NOT THAT, THEN HE IS CLASHIN. NOT ONLY WILL HE ADVISE YOU ON ACADEMICS, HE WILL ALSO ADVISE YOU ON THE BEST ATTACK STRATEGY FOR A CLAN CAPITAL BASE. WHEN HE'S NOT WORKING OUT OR PLAYING CLASH, YOU CAN USUALLY FIND HIM STUDYING ON 3S, GRINDING OUT THE WEEKLY HOMEWORK SET FOR A MECH CLASS. BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE. HE'S A RICE BIKES MECHANIC TOO. COLE CAN DO JUST ABOUT ANY REPAIR, BUT A FLAT TIRE IS HIS SPECIALTY (HE HOLDS THE SHOP RECORD FOR FASTEST TIRE CHANGE). WHATEVER YOU NEED, THIS IS THE GUY TO CALL.

Jackson O'Brian (Jones '28)



ARRYANA LYON

JONES '26 | CSCI | BEAUMONT, TX | SHE/HER

HAILING FROM BEAUMONT, TEXAS, ARI IS ONE OF THE SWEETEST, MOST CARING PEOPLE YOU'LL EVER MEET AT RICE. SHE KNOWS HOW TO PLAN A FUN TIME AND IS A FRIEND TO ALL. SHE'S FUNNY AND BOLD AND HAS GREAT MUSIC TASTE (TRUST HER WITH AUX SHE CAN MATCH YOUR VIBE OR INTRODUCE YOU TO SOMETHING NEW). ARI'S A GREAT FRIEND WHO WILL ALWAYS ENCOURAGE YOU TO REST AND BE KIND TO YOURSELF. A PATIENT LISTENER AND CERTIFIED YAPPER, ARI IS A SHOULDER YOU CAN ALWAYS LEAN ON AS YOU ACCLIMATE TO RICE. SHE HAS A DEEP LOVE FOR ANIMALS AND CATS, AND HER REELS AND FYP SHOW IT. ARI'S ALSO A MATCHA FAN AND REALITY TV ENTHUSIAST; ASK HER FOR RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN IT COMES TO EITHER! AN ASTROLOGY AFICIONADO, SHE CAN READ YOUR CHART AND GIVE YOU INSIGHT FROM THE STARS. ARI ISN'T AFRAID TO TRY NEW THINGS AND IS SUCH A LIGHT THAT SHE CAN BE THERE FOR ANYTHING YOU NEED IN YOUR FIRST YEAR NAVIGATING RICE. AS A PAA, SHE KNOWS EXACTLY HOW TO HELP YOU EXPLORE ALL YOUR OPTIONS AND HONE IN ON YOUR INTERESTS THROUGH ACADEMIC PLANNING, COURSE SHOPPING, AND EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES AT RICE AND BEYOND. SHE EMBODIES THE JONESIAN SPIRIT OF ALWAYS WINNING AND HAS A WAY OF BRINGING OUT YOUR BEST SIDES. ARI IS A KIND AND WELCOMING SOUL WHO WILL HELP AND SUPPORT YOU HOWEVER SHE CAN. AS YOU ADJUST TO LIFE AT RICE, ARI IS ALWAYS SOMEONE YOU CAN COUNT ON.

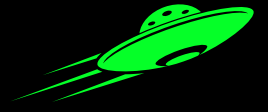
- Caleb Solorzano (Jones '26)





MEET YOUR ADVISORS

STAR WARS: ATTACK OF THE JONES





JAEMASON LONG

LOVETT '27 | BUSI | EATON, CO | HE/HIM

ATTENTION NEW JONESIANS, if by some unlucky draw, Jaemason Long isn't your O-Week Advisor, drop out, reapply to Rice, and hope you're luckier next year because you're missing out. Jaemason's personality and height are as large as his last name implies. His loyalty to the frigid state of Colorado might give you the impression that he's cold-hearted, but he couldn't be more opposite. Jaemason is the epitome of love and affection, always showing up for his friends. Jaemason's friendship knows no bounds as he contributes to many Jewish events, possesses a mountain of stickers from Rice's Queer Resource Center, and shows up to countless events for communities he doesn't identify with to support his fellow Owls. His numerous injuries after Intramural Sports (and really any activity) show just an ounce of his dedication to his friends' success, both on and off the court. While he's an early sleeper, he's always willing to graciously sacrifice his rest for late night talks, bouts of chess, or silly mischief. To the lucky few, Jaemason's your ticket to mastering life as a Jonesian, and to the rest, invent a good reason to switch to his O-Week group by August.

Brandon Lozano (Lovett '27), Calvin Wong (Lovett '27), Eitan Feldman (Lovett '27)

NANCY MARTINEZ

JONES '27 | CEVE | SPRING, TX | SHE/HER

PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR YOUR O-WEEK ADVISOR... NANCY MARTINEZ! \o/ \o/ \o/ Do you need your bike fixed by an expert? Do you need to book a fire mariachi band (@mariachilunallena)? This rising junior from Spring, TX, with violin skills from the gods has got you covered! Nancy doesn't just fix bikes (@RiceBikes), she's also a civil engineer who can build you bridges worthy of the world's praises. A LinkedIn legend herself, connecting with her means gaining not just a professional contact but a loyal friend for life. Nancy is frequently locked in (catch her doing Engineering stuff at the OEDK), but don't be fooled by her studious nature... by night, Nancy is the Life of the Party! As her roommates, we can attest to just how wonderful she is as a friend and person. As an O-Week Advisor, she'll give you laughs and fill you with whimsy - you couldn't be luckier to be in Nancy's family!!

- Poema Sumrow (Jones '27), Ava Brazell (Jones '27), Jordi De Jong (Jones '27)



EVAN RINGWALD

JONES '28 | MECH | HOUSTON, TX | HE/HIM

Whether he's busy being an academic weapon, dominating on the track, or going on the occasional side quest, Evan Ringwald '28 of Houston is a person who does not shy from an opportunity. As a student athlete studying business and engineering, he does it all. If you've got questions about physics, calculus, or want to get into running, he's your man. Anytime you're looking for someone to go to the bike track or maybe a crawfish boil, he's happy to join you, and if you ask him to go trash bagging in Herman Park when it's rainy, you might just make his day.

- Jackson O'Brian (Jones '28), Coleman O'Brian (Jones '28), Ellis Vance (Jones '28), Juan Marais (Jones '28)

MILENE HACHEME

JONES '26 | MECH | PARIS, FRANCE | SHE/HER

Hailing all the way from Paris, France, you have hit the jackpot with the one and only Milène as your O-Week advisor! As an incoming Jonesian, you might be interested in joining the winningest Bike Team on campus. Milène can tell you all about biking for the Jones Fast Women. She will always be there for you, even if it is at 1am and you are looking for an energy drink (she always has at least three Monsters in her backpack, not Redbull, specifically Monsters). But she doesn't limit her caffeine consumption to just energy drinks, she will be down to try the new monthly drinks with you at Rice Coffeehouse too! As a Mechanical Engineering major, you can find Milène BUILDING (haha, get it) her interests in the Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen (or OEDK, for short). From 3-D printers to laser cutters, she knows how to do it all! All in all, you are in great hands for this O-Week with Milène as your advisor! She is so excited to welcome you to Rice!

- Varsha Chandramouli (Jones '26)



THE HUBBLE GAMES MAY THE STARS BE EVER IN YOUR FAVOR





ISMI TAMBAWALA

WILL RICE '27 | MECH | DUBAI, UAE | HE/HIM

A distant engine's hum swells to a roar as it draws near... BrrrrrRRRRrrrrr... BrrrrRRRRRRrrr... CLANG! beep! beep! beep! brrRRRRRR... brrrrr... What is that which rapidly approaches in the haze of the morning fog? Is it? No, my eyes deceive me. That's not speed racer. Speed racer's not real, after all. But this shining knight charging into battle on his crimson Shoprider Sprinter™ mobility scooter (or perhaps walking regularly by fall) brings even more to the table: dazzling bravado, first-class ball knowledge, and stunning beauty. Hailing from Dubai, you can find this mechanical engineer putting in work (watching F1) at O'Connor, tearing up Seibel Servery, and, hopefully before this time next year, back where he belongs, well behind the three point line, making grown men cry at the rec. I mean it when I say you're in really good hands with Ismi as your Advisor. Considerate, wise (unc), and as genuine as they come, he's left a deeply positive impact on my time here, and I'm sure you'll find that he'll do the same for you. Count your lucky stars, Jones freshmen. It's Batman meets Hercules meets Derrick Rose. "What could have been?" No. "What a legacy it will be."

- Jackson Lieb (Will Rice '27)

DANIELLE COLON

JONES '27 | CSCI | SAN ANTONIO, TX | SHE/HER

CONGRATS!! Say hello to your new favorite Advisor DANIELLE! You're about to have the best O-Week with this Cognitive Sciences junior from San Antonio, Texas. When Danielle isn't locking in to become a future entrepreneur, you can find her practicing the guitarrón with Mariachi Luna Llena, planning our next outing as a Jones Goes Committee Coord, or sharing wise words of wisdom as a Jones Peer Career Advisor. These are only some of the many activities that take up her VERY colorfully packed Gcal, so look out for a Gcal invite in your inbox! Danielle is the best person to go to if you ever need advice about choosing majors, navigating friendships, or if you're just in the mood for a uniquely flavored Hershey's kiss. When you finally get to meet her, don't hesitate to ask about the toucans in Colombia or her never-ending supply of cats back at home---trust she will tell you ALL about it!

- Lauren Light (Jones '27) & Eshika Tandon (Jones '27)



RACHEL AYALON

JONES '28 | SOPA/POLI | NASHVILLE, TN | SHE/HER

Hey babygirl :) I'm so excited to introduce you to THE Rachel Ayalon from Nashville, Tennessee! You'll find her whipping up drinks behind bar at Chaus in her signature bright orange hat, frolicking through Hermann Park taking pictures of ducks, or locking in at Fondy. My life was changed after watching her play guitar for The Guy Who Didn't Like Musicals in Lovett Theater's pit orchestra. Rachel is always down for a good yap session (ask her about her classes on corruption, jazz and racial politics, or the Russia/Ukraine war), and never turns down a spontaneous side quest. She has a drive to better this world-it was clear the day she turned vegetarian at age 8 after watching an animal cruelty documentary. She serves as an advocacy coord for the Rice Women's Resource Center, volunteers with refugee students, and helps her fellow Jonesians pick classes as a PAA. As your O-Week mom, she'll be your loudest cheerleader, someone who listens with care, and will make your week, and year, the best!

- Sophia Fan (Jones '28) & Lily Hestjean (Jones '28)



SIMON QUITERO

JONES '26 | ECON | CALI, COLUMBIA | HE/HIM

Volunteering as tribute to slay both mosquitoes and six-strings, a fun fact about Simon Quintero is that he can now play over five songs on the guitar (soon to be six). Coming to you all the way from Cali, Colombia, Priest River, Idaho, NYC, and 13 other cities across the United States, this Mockingjay of Jones is a senior double majoring in Economics and Finance. Since he's an econ major, he LOVES to count. Simon can count all the way to 100 (seriously, ask him!!!). A Letterboxd fiend, when he's not watching movies, you'll find him planning his next road trip to a National Park or heading out on a spontaneous Trader Joe's adventure. With Simon as your advisor, you'll never HUNGER, as he's a Fantastic (Mr. Fox) cook, but I can guarantee there will be GAMES (specifically Catan). The odds were certainly in your favor with this one!

- Katie Maurano (Jones '26) & Izzie Driewer (Baker '26)



BLANK SPACE

🪐 JONES' VERSION 🪐





TIM VOELKER

DUNCAN '27 | POLI | LONG ISLAND, NY | HE/HIM

Tim Voelker is a rising junior (Class of 2027) majoring in Political Science and proudly calls Duncan College home. Originally from Long Island, NY, Tim brings a welcoming energy to everyone around him. If you're up early enough, you might catch him scootering across campus in his Navy ROTC uniform.

Outside of class, you can find this club rugby player watching TikTok brainrot between sets at the Rec Center or scarfing down unseasoned chicken breasts at West Servery. If you're lucky enough to be in his O-Week group, prepare to be welcomed by one of the most caring, funny, and genuine people at Rice. As a transfer student himself, Tim is passionate about helping new students find their place and make the most out of their Rice experience. He is already thinking of ways to make you laugh and he can't wait to meet you!

- Ryan Bloom (Duncan '28)

TORI BARRERA

JONES '27 | BIOE | GILBERT, AZ | SHE/HER

You've lucked out with the BEST O-Week Advisor ever, Tori Barrera! Straight out of Arizona, Tori somehow manages to balance a bioengineering major, all of her pre-med requirements, and being on the board of a million clubs. When she's not locked in or pulling an all nighter, you can find her on the lacrosse field, running out to grab her sushi order, or adding to her ridiculously huge closet (don't ask to borrow her shoes though, they're all kids sized). She's a great friend, gym partner, and pickleball opponent. Tori will be there for you no matter what: whether it's to have a dance party, complain about your problems, or take you to the hospital (she's saved my life twice!!). With Tori as your parent, you're bound to have an unforgettable O-Week, and the best possible start to your freshman year <3

- Anjali Matthew (Jones '27)



SAWYER RUDY

JONES '28 | PHYS | SAN ANTONIO, TX | HE/HIM

Hey guys it's me, Sawyer. Yes - THAT Sawyer - but my friends call me Mothman because I'm from West Virginia. I'm currently studying physics, but my true passion lies in boat. I'm cruising into my sophomore year, climbing rocks whenever I can and listening to a lot of Italian music.

Mamma mia! When I'm not busting a move down in steam tunnels, I'm watching my favorite team FC Barcelona. If you see me around, feel free to say hi! I'm always down for a deep discussion - whether it's about Lamine Yamal or my curious penchant for strawberries. Scrumptious!

Outside of Rice, you can always find me relaxing at one of West Virginia's seven - yes, SEVEN - natural reservoirs! Yeeehawww!!!

- Lucas Leung (Jones '28) & Shuken Nakamura (Jones '28)



SIMMY GHOSH

JONES '26 | MEOS | COLLEGE STATION, TX | SHE/HER

Simmy is a senior majoring in managerial economics and organizational science from cstat (she's not an Aggie though don't worry). You'll probably find her going on walks somewhere off campus with an effortlessly cute outfit or trying to find a hot dog to review. She's always down for a side quest especially if it includes live music (anyone have an extra acl ticket??). Simmy is the most friendly and outgoing person and anyone who gets to know her is so lucky!!

- Ruby Bixby (Duncan '27)



MARIO KART: GALAXY JONES





FAITH ZHANG

WIESS '27 | COMP/OR | POTOMAC, MD | SHE/HER

RICE UNIVERSITY?? JONES?? MARIO KART: GALAXY ROAD?? FAITH ZHANG?? 'Tis the gift that keeps giving. Meet Faith, a rising junior and Co-Advisor from Wiess, or more formally known as faithycatmeow. She has done much in her lifetime, but it is key to note that she achieved sentience in 2013 in her hometown of Potomac, MD. Faith is an Operations Research and Computer Science 2x major, aka an unwilling laborer with perfect attendance at the Lock In Factory. Besides locking in, she's locked in 🐾(LOL). But fear not! The right (creative) side of her brain is equally as developed. She's a wondrous photographer contributing to the Campanile Yearbook and quite a melodious lad (classically trained violinist). She luvz tea, literally and figuratively- a seasoned Chaus (Rice Coffeehouse) barista and a lover of folklore (yap sessions)! Between academic advice and light-hearted conversations, you are in great hands with our bodacious queen, Faith.

- Rosa Sabel (Wiess '27) & Grace Liu (Wiess '27)

JUSTIN LOPATO

JONES '27 | COMP | AUSTIN, TX | HE/HIM

If you ever join the Jones Minecraft server, you'll probably be banned by Justin for building something "off-theme." A proud Austin native (which explains a lot), Justin is majoring in Computer Science ('27), though we're all pretty sure he's just doing a business degree in disguise. He's an Eagle Scout, which makes it even funnier that he can't lift anything heavier than a backpack and maxes out at benching 90 pounds. His go-to outfit is women's jeans ("more comfortable than men's"), and he once scored a 99 on a Calc 3 exam, which he still talks about. He loves nature, niche music, and skateboarding, and if you're ever unsure where he is, he's probably thrifting for more jeans or arguing about song lyrics no one's heard of. We're still unsure of how he became an O-Week Parent, but we're glad he did, just don't ask him for fashion advice.

- Carl Mariano (Jones '27), Evan Ho (Jones '27), Michael Bilous (Jones '27), Phillip Mariano (Jones '27), Ehhan Bui (Sid '27), Jose Noreiga (Martel '27)



IAN RODRIGUEZ

JONES '28 | POLI/BIOS | PLEASANTON, TX | HE/HIM

HEY JONES!! Guess what? Introducing your advisor: IAN "Lightning McQueen" RODRIGUEZ!!! This pleasant guy from Pleasanton, TX is the funniest and friendliest person you'll ever meet. You won't just gain a regular run-of-the-mill O-week advisor, but a ball of chaos, someone to yap to, and most importantly, a dependable friend. Ian is a Political Science + BioScience double major, and somehow still has time to be a Jones Beer Bike Biker, Jones Senator, Mexico Cohort lead with Medic Outpost, a dedicated runner, and a million other things. He's also pre-med, so if you ever faint, he will diagnose you with an acute lack of boba and a milk tea IV drip. You'll usually hear him before you see him - Ian's got an infectious laugh, the biggest heart, and will make you feel welcome, seen, and hyped. You really lucked out with Ian as your Advisor, so get ready for an amazing UFO-Week!!!

- Safa Merani (Jones '27), Ananya Gimmy (Jones '27), Sahil Veeravalli (Jones '28)



KATIE MAURANO

JONES '26 | PYSC/THEA | ROCKVILLE, MD | SHE/HER

WAHOO! Your new advisor is the wickedly talented, KATIE MAURANO! This class of 2026 tour guide is always singing about the best college of them all (JIBA). You can catch her shooting hoops or convincing friends to take personality tests (psych majors- am I right?). Katie always offers a shoulder to cry on, but she might be the one crying if you encounter a possum! Also a theater major, Ms. Maurano is the most Merrily Jonesian, you can count on her to make you roll with laughter, and she is always great to get along with. Katie may be gluten-free, but that doesn't mean she's free from fun! Lets-a-see more Katie things:

K: KATIE!!!

A: A native to Rockville, Maryland (but a prairie girl at heart)

T: Turkey Avo Salsa Verde Sandwich (Gluten free ofc)

I: "it's a girl!" (Mummy pig is pregnant!!!)

E: Every day is coffee day!

- Izzie Driewer (Baker '26) & Simon Quintero (Jones '26)



TOY STARRY

TO INFINITY AND BEYOND





AUDREY ARROYAVE

LOVETT '26 | CEVE | CYPRESS, TX | SHE/HER

It's a bird.. it's a plane.. no, it's AUDREY from the planet of Lovett College! Hailing 45 minutes away in the mysterious land of Cypress, TX, Audrey is a civil engineering major--and possibly the only Houstonian who likes Galveston. When she's not doing floodplain research or talking about random infrastructure (that her business and pre-med friends don't understand), you'll find her at a ktru shift, playing guitar, working on 12 different sustainability projects, or asking ChatGPT existential questions. She's switched majors more times than she's changed coffee orders, so she's your go-to for any academic crisis. And if you ever want to explore Houston, she's always down for a cafe run, a Menil trip, or a house DJ set. You seriously lucked out--Audrey's the sweetest, most chill O-Week Advisor around. She'll always be there for you with a playlist, advice, and a laugh. She can't wait to meet you!

- Isabella Barone (Lovett '26), Nicole Heyer (Lovett '26), Ana Sofia Navarro (Lovett '26)

KENE OKEREKE

JONES '28 | COMP | IMO STATE, NIGERIA | HE/HIM

Congratulations, you've got Kene as your O-Week advisor. Can't lie, he's up there as one of the funniest guys I know. I mean, bro actually thought Golden State would take the chip 🤔. Yea, Kene's 🐶 is Steph and he loves basketball. He's actually pretty good at it too: I hear he be moving like Kyrie sometimes. Asides from basketball, Kene really loves music and fashion. Whether it's music like Frank Ocean, The Weeknd, Billie Eilish, or more like Carti, Drake, Don Toliver, Kene's got you covered. He's got interesting takes and a wide taste of music. Being from Nigeria, we can't not talk about how much he loves afrobeats: whenever Rema or Asake's on, you can find him on the dance floor. On the fashion side, he's rotation is cold. Asides from his daily wears, he's done some fashion shows and he keeps up with trends from the most popular mediums and a few upcoming ones that match his taste. You'll have a good time with Kene. Trust.

- Moyin Orinmoloye (Lovett '27)



ANKHI BANERJEE

JONES '27 | COMP/BIOS | AUSTIN, TX | SHE/HER

Ankhi Banerjee: lover of rom coms, side quest warrior, #1 fan of all-nighters. With the worst sleep schedule and best attitude you'll ever encounter, Ankhi is always down for Trader Joe's snacks and a movie or a late-night study session (she'll be yapping more than studying). Ankhi has a penchant for DoorDash and the most angelic voice known to man; you'll never regret attending one of her acapella concerts with the Rice Nocturnals. As a computer science/biology double major, even though Ankhi is usually rushing to finish an assignment, she always makes time to spend with her friends. Hailing from Austin, this Jones junior is the sweetest person ever, always willing to share her Costco snacks, her Wavytalk straightener, or her favorite song. Yes, she runs into the glass walls at Brochstein at least once a week, but her laugh afterwards is so infectious that we let it slide.

- Nihar Shetty (Jones '27), Caroline Nguyen (Jones '27), Anna Stravato (Jones '27)



DANIEL PEINADO

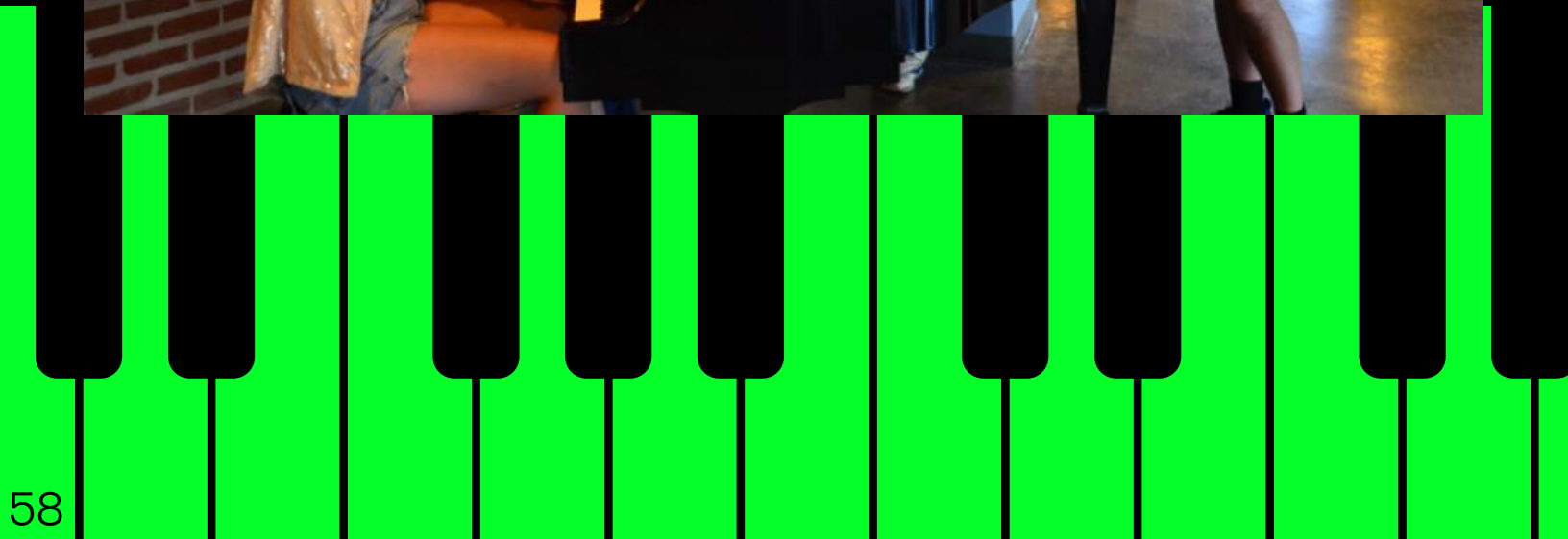
JONES '26 | SPAN/BIOS | LOS ANGELES, CA | HE/HIM

Introducing Daniel Peinado. Will you catch him doing anything other than playing pickleball? Maybe binging a show while "studying" at Fondy or grabbing boba with friends. Daniel loves queuing old school songs and loves Reggaeton music. Think the food here is good? Daniel insists the food back home is better, especially Mexican food, but it has to be authentic, none of that Tex-Mex stuff. Best of all Daniel loves seeing you win! He's the first to notice that new shirt you bought or to congratulate your victories. Aside from everything, Daniel works really hard in everything he does. He is what you would call an academic weapon. While he isn't big on sugars, he always has the sweetest smile and kindest words to brighten up your day! There's so much more to say, but the luckiest students have the pleasure of getting to know Daniel personally as their O-Week Advisor!

- Sneha Johnson (Jones '25)



ELTON JONES ROCKETMAN





CALVIN WONG

LOVETT '27 | COMP | HOUSTON, TX | HE/HIM

Who's that advisor??? It's Calvin Wong!

Straight outta Lovett College, this shark aficionado is a rising junior, comp-sci major, and a man powered entirely by whimsy, little sleep, vast Pokémon knowledge, and the battery on his electric longboard. Whether he's writing code, explaining the true etymology of the word "osprey," or spiking on the volleyball court, Calvin does it all. When he is not launching himself in the air, he is helping launch rockets as a member of Rice Eclipse. He is the only person on campus who can explain what a Boolean is in English, Latin, and Python, then convince you to play Balatro or Fortnite when you should be studying.

But best of all? Calvin is someone who is always there to listen, hype you up, make you laugh, and who will make you feel at home before you even unpack. You've achieved your Victory Royale by getting Calvin as your O-Week Advisor!

- Nancy Martinez (Jones '27), Jaemason Long (Lovett '27), Eitan Feldman (Lovett '27)

AVA BRAZELL

JONES '27 | POLI | SAN ANTONIO, TX | SHE/HER

Introducing the one and only... Ava "Si Se Puede" Brazell! This rising junior hailing from San Antonio and majoring in Poli Sci is your go-to Community Facilitator, Olympic weightlifting queen, and certified bringer of Brazzle Dazzle. Ask her about her killer music taste (Frank Ocean, Kendrick Lamar, Fleetwood Mac, Erykah Badu, etc.) and she'll be your friend forever. By day, she's coding R, writing hypothetical Supreme Court cases, and reading policy briefs. By night, she can clean and jerk your PR as a warm-up. Ava's the type to study abroad at Oxford and still have time to plan the perfect events, dominate on the track during Beer Bike (JIBA!), and somehow make it look effortless. But, she doesn't just lift weights; she lifts spirits. She is a walking motivator, hypewoman, therapist, and gym buddy all in one! You couldn't be luckier to have Ava as your O-Week Advisor- she truly is one of a kind.

- Nancy Martinez (Jones '27) & Poema Sumrow (Jones '27)



NINA YU

JONES '28 | HEAL/SOPA | CHANDLER, AZ | SHE/HER

Nina Yu, '28, straight out of Chandler, Arizona, is a Health Sciences and Social Policy Analysis major with a heart as big as her laugh and a passion that makes even the most complex topics feel real and important. The kind of person who can teach you something meaningful about the world one minute and then belt out a 2010s banger the next. Whether she's curled up with a Warrior Cats book or screaming from the front row of a rollercoaster, Nina brings contagious joy and smart, grounded energy into every space she enters. You can find her always ready to make banana bread late at night in Jitchen, which includes flour everywhere and laughter that makes the whole kitchen feel like home. Or in 1N lobby catching a movie with her friends. She's a little chaotic in the best way, fiercely curious, and just fun to be around.

- Iris Rivera (Jones '28), Leslie Rojo-Flores (Jones '28), Alexa Bu (Jones '28)



ALEX GONZALEZ

JONES '26 | BIOS | HILLSBOROUGH, NJ | HE/HIM

Introducing a suspected time-traveler: meet Alex Gonzalez, the human version of a golden retriever! This c.o. '26 senior somehow manages to be everywhere at once and still gets his sleep in. Alex is a pre-med pursuing a biosciences major and medical humanities minor. One conversation with this walking encyclopedia and you'll swear he's Siri's twin. This certified yapper is ready to share everything he knows, so ask away! Need proof? Just ask him about avian respiration. This versatile advisor can help with basically anything. Medical emergency? He's an EMT! Need a bodyguard? He's learning jiu jitsu! But his biggest red flag? He's from New Jersey (jk!). In his free time, you'll find Alex playing soccer, admiring art, planning tattoos, fangirling about drum corps and Star Wars, painting, and exploring new restaurants. With Alex, you're truly in the best hands - prepare for an incredible O-Week with someone who will welcome you like family!

- Neveah Jammer (McMurtry '26)



GRACE SATTEM

JONES '26 | PSYC | SAN ANTONIO, TX | SHE/HER

Grace Sattem, as her name describes, is the definition of beauty and grace. She's best described as a multitasking, one-of-a-kind woman from the suburbs of San Antonio, Texas. As a psychology major, she will give you free therapy sessions and psychoanalyze you. You will often find Grace in a variety of places around campus with a coffee in hand and a smile on her face. She also enjoys spending copious amounts of her paycheck at happy hours. Grace has danced for almost her entire life, and if you don't believe me, go see for yourself at a Rice Dance Theater show! (or Willie's Pub on a Thursday night). Grace loves to travel, but just make sure she doesn't lose her passport! In short, Grace is an amazing, loyal, understanding, fun, and talented friend who will always be there for you.

- Sergio Rojas (Jones '26)



SPIDERMAN

into the uni-verse





ZÖE COLEMAN

WIESS '26 | PHIL | CARROLLTON, TX | SHE/THEY

If you're reading this, you just won the O-Week Parent Jackpot!!! Introducing Zöe, a Philosophy major on the pre-CAA track and a Co-Advisor from Wiess (tfw 🍷). She's from Carrollton, Texas, and has mastered the art of being mysterious (shy) 🙊 in public, usually at a café, pondering something profound (like her chem homework or the serverly menu). She works at the rec center and workout there too... so if u want a gym buddy she's got ur back 🏋️♀️ She is the proud mother of a little cat named Boots (very adorable, kinda evil, depending on the hour). 🐾 But even with such a chaotic pet, she doesn't throw fits—only OUTFITS. She's also hilarious... like, laugh-until-you-can't-breathe kind of funny and makes every conversation feel like the best one yet. So whether you're spiraling, thriving, or somewhere in between, Zoë's the person you'll want around for late-night talks, out the blue adventures, and the kind of advice that's actually good (she is a philosophy major, after all). SO... if you weren't hyped for O-Week before, Zöe just changed that. ☐ ☐ ☐

- Stephanie Ruan (Wiess '26)

SARAH CHOI

JONES '27 | CHEM | DALLAS, TX | SHE/HER

Somehow, you've lucked into having the BEST advisor at Jones this year. Hailing from Dallas, Sarah is a proud Chemistry major with minors in Cell Biology & Biochemistry and Medical Humanities. She's a force in the classroom and a total lab baddie—but don't let that fool you, as she's always down for a good time. Whether she's hanging out with friends or meeting new people, she's always keeping the vibes high (with or without her signature energy drinks). And when she's not getting picked up by RUPD for staying in the library too late, Sarah loves big backing K-BBQ or sushi, and, if you ask nicely, will be sure to take you out with her. Most importantly, Sarah is a dependable and loving person who will drop everything to help you, any time, any day. Though she may be small in stature, she makes up for it with the love and care she shows for everyone around her.

- Sophia Murphy (Jones '27) & Mina Schepmann (Jones '26)



ERIC CHEN

JONES '28 | BIOE | SAN DIEGO, CA | HE/HIM

Eric Chen: Giving, Outstanding, Optimistic, Nonchalant. This fine gentleman hails from San Diego and he spreads the chill California vibe across campus. Born with the Jonesian mindset, Eric is always winning and always on his grind. He's a night owl, never going to sleep before 2am and always munching on leftovers from the serverly in his bed. He's a man of the people, always willing to give out his leg day tips or share from his mound of snacks in his room. He's also an athletic phenom; some call him the Jeremy Lin of Rice IM basketball.

As a sophomore bioengineering major and business minor, Eric is extremely well rounded. This young man embodies the core principles of a Rice student and is the definition of the "no days off" mindset.

- Sam Toledano (Jones '28)

AYRA MATONDANG

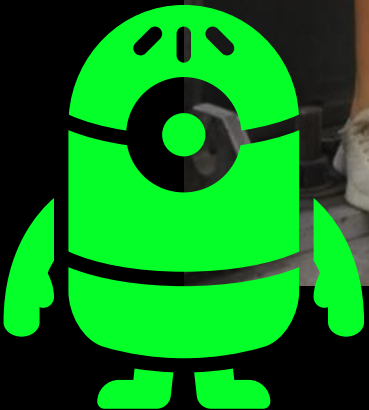
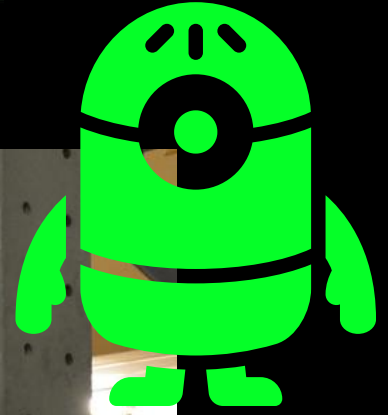
JONES '26 | SOPA/CSCI | JAKARTA, INDONESIA | SHE/HER

From the vibrant and sunny Jakarta, Indonesia hails the queen of fashion and hitting you very hard in a public setting while laughing uncannily loud. If you're lucky enough to have Ayra as your advisor, you will have a warm, hilarious, passionate #mother who is always down for a sweet treat run and thrifting trip (or any adventure you could think of). She will always be there to listen, offer her wise perspective, give you advice on how to take care of your curls, and brighten your day. This future mental health policy innovator is SOPA-hot fire and cognitive(science)ly gifted. Get ready for nonstop laughter, unbounded love, and unceasing support with Ayra!

- Zack Donovan (Jones '26) & Alexandra Xu (Jones '26)



despicable meteor





JAY SRIVASTAVA

HANSZEN '26 | MECH/COMP | GLASTONBURY, CT | HE/HIM

Jay Srivastava is one of Hanszen's finest. With a face known around campus, this mechanical engineering/computer science student of the class of 2026 represents his college's blue and yellow with pride from intramural sports to the biannual Jello-Scoot. One of Jay's greatest points of pride is his self-proclaimed athleticism—and who would blame him? Towering at just over 6'4", this absolute enigma of human anatomy has almost won a game of 1v1 pickup. In fact, Jay is a man of many talents. Sure, he can fly small planes; sure, he builds electric cars and rockets; but perhaps Jay's most impressive skill is telling people how much smarter he is than them despite his fumbling knowledge of long division. When he's not hanging out in Hanszen commons or losing at pool, you'll likely find Jay in his room playing Minecraft until 4 AM or explaining to someone why they're unhealthy for drinking fewer than 8 bottles of milk per day. A native of Glastonbury, the infamous "Jay from Connecticut" has his great home state flowing through his veins and will make sure you know it. However, maybe the one thing he loves more than his mother Nutmeg State is the people around him, and you'll soon find he's one of the most attentive and considerate people you'll ever meet. Overall, a solid 6/10.

- AJ Shin (Hanszen '26)

BANESA VALENCIA

JONES '28 | CHBE | TUCSON, AZ | SHE/HER

It's not Wednesday, but she's still wearing pink! Hailing from Tucson, Arizona, this diva limelights during the day as a rising chemical and biomolecular engineering (CHBE) sophomore. At night, she turns into the Duolingo bird. Banesa and Duo have never been seen in the same room, which might explain her 5-year-long streak! Whether scouring campus for a sweet treat or locking in, trust that Banesa will get it done. Reliable sources say she is the sweetest, kindest O-Week mom you could ever have and your Junior DEI Coordinator! She may be the youngest out of her family, but nobody gives off older child vibes more (she was born to rule the world). Banesa will love her O-Week family as much as she loves cats (ask her about her cat). She is the most caring O-Week mom you could ever have, and she'll give you the 411 on everything Rice. Rest easy, big B is here for her kids!

- Garrett Pirretti (Jones '28) & Ava Brazell (Jones '27)



NIHAR SHETTY

JONES '27 | PHIL | IRVINE, CA | HE/HIM

Hailing from India/Wisconsin/Michigan/Illinois/California, Nihar will make you feel right at home at Jones! When this philosophy pre-med isn't grinding away in his zillions of labs, you'll find him blasting Kendrick on the Bear Bike track, raiding the Jitchen fridge for unlabeled snacks, or pondering life's deepest philosophical questions. Nihar might have a big presence and an outrageous sense of humor, but he's also one of the most down-to-earth people around. You won't find a better listener anywhere at Rice, but do be prepared for many, many comments about your mom. Nihar is your go-to for academic weaponizing, changing your bike tire, or cooking up a delicious meal (especially if that meal is an ungodly amount of yogurt and blueberries). Count yourself lucky to have the best O-Week Advisor Jones has to offer!

- Ankhi Banerjee (Jones '27), Caroline Nguyen (Jones '27), Anna Stravato (Jones '27)



LEELA SYDOW

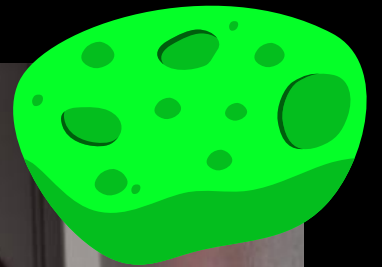
JONES '26 | SOCI | JOHNS CREEK, GA | SHE/HER

Meet your O-Week Advisor Leela Sydow - will also answer to leelers and ploopa! She hails from Johns Creek, Georgia and is a Sociology major with a knack for art! You'll find out soon that Leela can talk to just about anyone and can carry conversations on ANY topic (try her im so fr) so you can trust she'll be there as someone to talk with or an ear to listen :) She loves anything and everything Ice Spice so be ready to meet the Princess Diana of Rice University (if knowledge of Ice Spice is rather limited i'd study up now). Leela is such a caring person and has been so excited to meet you all and feels very privileged to be alongside you during this O-Week experience. Not to mention she's hands down one of the funniest people to walk Rice's campus so be prepared to be laughing this entire week!

- Sam Ogundare (Jones '26)



👽 SCOOBY DOO 👽 AND THE MARTIAN CREW





CLAY GOLDSMITH

MARTEL '27 | ASTROPHYS | AUSTIN, TX | HE/HIM

Martelian Clay Goldsmith of Austin, TX is an outstanding example of one of the distinct astronomia subtypes that Physics majors have gradually evolved into. He has become the prototypical specimen of the morphologically distinct overshirt-wearing kind of Astrophysics major. Not only that, but psychologically he also represents a very specific Astrophysics archetype, as he appears to enjoy coding and partaking in strange ritualistic "video games", collects tea in his den, attempts some sort of communication with squirrels (this behavior has not yet been figured out), and has been noticed to react strongly to Radiohead and "jazz fusion". Placing various wires and metal scraps into his enclosure seems to have a positive effect on his behavior. He is perhaps distantly related to magpies or ravens, since he seems to share their affinity for tinkering with metal objects. Dangerous if left unattended.

- Andrew Rosene (Sid '27) & Evelina Tcherniak (Duncan '27)

JESSICA XU

JONES '27 | CEVE | DALLAS, TX | SHE/HER

We are proud to announce that you have been placed (oh my GOD it's happening) with the best advisor, Jessica Xu! If you like seasoning, have no fear because Jessica comes to you from the Old Bay State (Massachusetts). This seasoned Jonesian is often found wizzing through campus on her scooter or finding the next design for the Thresher's front page. This environmentally-focused CEVE will always be there for you when you need her (TRUST US). She'll be your rock in life or....in lab, where she researches granite. She is truly the crystal in the rock. If you ever have trouble falling asleep, no worries because she can serenade you with years of violin mastery (she plays a banger Vivaldi). Jessica is obsessed with crosswords and isn't scared of anything, except you not having a good time during O-Week.

- Ambereen Haq (Jones '27) & Kathy Lachman (Jones '26)



JUDSON MCGINNES

JONES '28 | MTEC | EL PASO, TX | HE/HIM

Picture Jud sitting in either one of his operations research or math-econ courses. The native El-Pasian sits there diligently taking notes and asking insightful questions; to most, he appears to be the smartest and most focused class member. This is half true: smartest, maybe, most focused, surely not. See, what is running through Jud's head over the drawls of supply chain analysis has nothing to do with the class at hand. Instead, he thinks about one of two things, playing the guitar or fried chicken. The disgusting irony of this is that Jud is easily one of the most intelligent people I have ever known (despite his opinions on Nikola Jokic). You can talk to Jud about almost anything, and he will have some insightful opinion you wish you thought of. Then he will ask if you want to go to Canes.

- Max Hess (Jones '28)

VARSHA CHANDRAMOULI

JONES '26 | SPORTS MED | CARMEL, IN | SHE/HER

Varsha saved our lives. Like literally she is on REMS and she nursed us to health every single time we felt sick. So if you ever get injured or hurt, HAVE NO FEAR! Varsha will come help you. As a rising senior majoring in Sports Medicine, Varsha is originally from Carmel, Indiana, and at this point she doesn't even need to fly over to Rice each semester because she could probably bike, run, or swim that distance. Yeah, she's a triathlete #nbigdeal and is training for a 70.3 coming up this fall! You'll probably see her zooming past campus - she's one of your women's bike team captains here at Jones and also started the Long D run club at Rice (add her on Strava fr)! Somehow, she also has time to be a part of Camp Kesem. When she's not on shift for REMS or working out to Drake (she's still a fan smh), you'll find her fiending for her next sweet treat (preferably anything matcha!). Varsha is truly one of the bubbliest, most welcoming, and kindest people you'll ever meet, and as a now 3-time advisor here at Rice, she has raised so many beautiful children and you should be so lucky to be a part of her last oweek family here at Rice :)

- Emily Yang (Jones '25), Sarah Luan (Jones '25), Erin Ni (Jones '26), Adrian Pomer (Jones '26)



ET: PHONE JONES





LIZZIE CRAIG

DUNCAN '27 | BIOS/HART | DALLAS, TX | SHE/HER

Duncan College's resident cookie monster, Lizzie (class of 2027), spends her days dancing to Laufey and girl bossing her way through life! When she's not watching true crime documentaries, she's out thrifting or playing the Ratatouille soundtrack on repeat. As a biosciences and art history double major, she loves exploring the art around Houston. You'll often see Lizzie munching on Takis while sporting funky earrings. When she's back at her home in Dallas, she loves playing Dungeons and Dragons with her family. You can find her at the Rec doing the yoga or boxing classes, or by the dessert trays in West Servery feeding her cookie addiction. Lizzie's happy personality makes every moment with her as delightful as a freshly baked cookie!

- Rhea Ray (Duncan '27), Aarthi Kukaruban (Duncan '27), Giselle Rodriguez-Chavez (Duncan '27), Radhiya Bharmal (Duncan '27)

ANNA STRAVATO

JONES '27 | ENGL | HOUSTON, TX | SHE/HER

Anna is an English major with a love for words and endless dreams for what comes next - will she be a PA? A lawyer? A cheese connoisseur? The options are as varied as her collection of potted plants. A Montrose native, Anna can show you the best of Houston, like where she thrifts her outfits on occasion, described as channeling the essence of a "stylish orphan." When it comes to trivia, Anna doesn't just play; she destroys the competition. In fact, her competitive spirit shines through in all aspects of her life, from her morning gym sessions to her late-night shenanigans. Anna's thoughtful personality will make you feel right at home, whether you want to play an intense game of limbo or just want to yap. She may not know her exact path yet, but she'll walk it with purpose, wit, and probably a wedge of manchego in her bag.

- Ankhi Banerjee (Jones '27), Caroline Nguyen (Jones '27), Nihar Shetty (Jones '27)



MAX HESS

JONES '28 | PHIL | NEW YORK, NY | HE/HIM

A Portrait of Maxwell Hess '28
Rice is undoubtedly home to a set of unique characters. Among them, however, stands out New Yorker Max Hess, whose love and interest in philosophy is superseded only by his love for Jalen Brunson and the New York Knicks. Within a two-hour Knicks game, Max cycles through every emotion: joy, anguish, despair, confusion, and disgust just to name a few. One would think that given his philosophy background, Max might stop subjecting himself to psychological torture that even Michele Foucault would deem extreme, but Max is deeply dedicated to his passions. If you happen to sit in his spot on the beanbag in his room—which he deems the "King's seat"—Max will explain to you why he deserves that spot according to Rawlsian Social Theory, and it will probably be one of the most interesting and intelligent conversations you've ever had.

- Judson McGinnes (Jones '28)

KAREN MARTINEZ

JONES '26 | PSYC | CUBA | SHE/HER

Picture this: after a long week of studying you need a pick-me-up, you head back to Jones and you are met with this beam of sunshine called Karen Martinez Fernandez. She invites you for coffee, drives you there and plays the best playlist there is, filled with Taylor Swift, Sabrina Carpenter, Chappell Roan and Gracie Abrams. She listens to all your dilemmas and class drama, you feel so happy that you lucked out and Karen is your O-Week mom. Aside from being the kindest, most understanding and funniest girl there is, Karen is a hard-working Psychology pre-med student. Ask her about coffee shops, lab research, make-up, perfume, fashion and the latest TikTok trends. You can trust Karen with anything and I am sure that you will love her!

- Luisa Tolda (Jones '25)



BEN KWAIT-GONCHAR

JONES '27 | PHYS | NEW YORK, NY | HE/HIM

Hailing all the way from the Big Apple, this Jonesian is a man of many talents and a brilliant (depending on who you ask) mind. He takes orgo for fun, despite not needing to for his major in Physics or ___ (don't worry, he'll figure it out at some point). If you ever need any help with calculus, multi, physics, or any politically oriented prompt, he's your guy. Ben isn't just talented in the classroom; he is also a wicked bike expert—he races them, fixes them, and probably dreams about them. And never fret, you'll be able to spot him from a mile away, thanks to his distinct stride and unmistakable manbun. He's always around: posted at Chaus, cracking jokes with the improv crew, or locked into a physics problem set. Whether he's helping you write a thesis or patch a tire, Ben brings brains, chaos, and the kind of energy that makes campus unforgettable. You couldn't ask for a better O-Week parent to help kick off your Rice adventure.

- Ava Brazell (Jones '27), Nancy Martinez (Jones '27), Banesa Valencia (Jones '28)



Wizards OF WAVERLY SPACE





TOBY SLATKEN

DUNCAN '28 | STAT/BUSI | MIDLAND, TX | HE/HIM

Coming straight from the oil fields and wide-open skies of Midland, Texas is Duncan Sophomore Tobias Slatken, whose loyalty to the OKC Thunder runs as deep as his love for a good late night movie. An extrovert through and through, Tobias is the type of person who can make friends with a brick wall—and then invite it to a coffee chat the next day. Speaking of coffee, Tobias runs on caffeine like it's a personality trait; it fuels everything from spontaneous basketball games to his budding career as a full-blown finance bro. His giggly energy is contagious, and it's impossible to be around him without cracking a smile. Just don't ask him to do laundry quickly—Tobias somehow turns it into an all-day event, complete with snack breaks and unintentional naps. In the future, you'll find Tobias thriving in the business world, coffee in hand, making deals happen and laughing his way to the top.

– Prad Chebolu (Duncan '28), Puni Mitta (Duncan '28)

NILDA IZQUIERDO

JONES '28 | BIOE | MONTERREY, MEXICO | SHE/HER

Ayyyyy Hermano! You already know who it is...and if you don't, let's just say you're in for a real treat with Nilda as your O-Week Advisor! Flying in from Monterrey, Mexico, this bioengineering warrior is always on the grind, whether it's locking in for an exam in fondy or working out three times a day. Although she is great at lifting and a beast on the stairmaster, don't ask her to go pick up a racket of any sort (it's a safety hazard). You might also spot her running inner loop at midnight during a peak crashout. She's fluent in English and Spanish and currently learning Italian (ask her about Tralalero Tralala and you'll be her best friend) and German. Although she only has one year under her belt, she can definitely help you find the best classes (she will definitely brag about the FWIS she took). Whether you need someone to work out with, study with, or simply just need to yap, our ray of sunshine, Nilda will always be there for you! Get hyped for an out of this world O-Week experience with Nilda!

– Sofia Fan (Jones '28) & Paloma Kimball (Jones '28)



SERGIO ROJAS

JONES '26 | BUSI | HOUSTON, TX | HE/HIM

Hailing all the way from the greater Houston area is Mr. Sergio Rojas himself. Be wary when taking a picture next to him because his face card never declines (his strategically curated feed proves it). Sergio is a bilingual baddie who loves to have a good time and can chat with anyone he meets. He is an avid Brochstein lurker by day (where you can find him crunching numbers on his iPad) and a devoted Grey's Anatomy watcher by night. As a finance major, Sergio will help you invest in stocks in return for watching his BUSI 396 practice presentations. Sergio is a knowledgeable foodie and a skilled long distance runner—a man of many talents. He will always accompany you on an adventure, whether it's to happy hour or a foreign country. He is such a wonderful friend to know and have, and you are so lucky that he is your advisor!!

– Grace Sattem (Jones '26)



KOMAL TALLOO

JONES '26 | BIOE | CHICAGO, IL | SHE/HER

Lucky you to have Komal as your advisor!! Coming to you all the way from Chicago-ish (and also the Midwest's #1 fan) Komal is the kindest, most hardworking, and supportive friend. When she's not hard at work at the BRC for her bioengineering classes or venturing out on a Thursday night when there's a fun pub theme, you can find Komal cheffing up a new recipe or exploring the various yummy sweet treats Houston has to offer. Just ask her how much she loves Amy's ice cream :) Komal is one of the best listeners you'll meet and her advice will always be there to support you. Her insanely disciplined work and sleep schedule might even inspire you to enjoy life to the fullest the way she does. And like lowkey she can be kind of like cool. You're about to have the most exciting next four years at Rice.

– Ananya Rao (Jones '26) & Ankitha Challa (Duncan '26)



RuPaul's *DRAG SPACE* *all stars*





NAT PUJET

DUNCAN '27 | EEPS | BOULDER, CO | HE/HIM

When you're caught between a rock and a hard place, there is no better advisor you could have than Boulder, CO native and Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Sciences major Nat! Nat is a musical theatre extraordinaire; we would say that makes him a triple threat, but triple is not high enough.

He's the ultimate threat. We see him and we scream (of joy). Other than serenading us, this Duncaroo likes being outside and researching planets and stuff (epic). Ask Nat about his origami projects or the latest sci-fi book he's reading, and if you see Nat drinking coffee instead of a London Fog, ask him if he's okay. Nat will say he likes TTRPGs and escape rooms, but his homies will tell you that the real escape challenge is tearing ourselves

away from the gravitational pull of someone with such a warm disposition and bright mind - he is a star fr.

- Ainsley Ganti (Baker '26) & Charlotte Raymond (Lovett '27)

ANAEL ROIG-GICQUEL

JONES '27 | BIOE | WASHINGTON, DC | SHE/HER

Imagine you had an advisor who could do it all - lock in, yap, and be your confidant in all aspects of your life. Well now, you don't have to imagine. Hailing from Washington, D.C., rising junior Anael Roig-Gicquel is the beautiful BIOE legend of your dreams. She can strike up a conversation with you on just about anything - from medical devices to international politics, from Little Women to Italian brainrot. She'll be your guide and #1 cheerleader through all of your STEM and engineering courses, and after your exams are over, she'll be the first to celebrate with you. Fun fact, she's also a TRILINGUAL baddie (Spanish, English, and French)! Anael is the sweetest, smartest, and most passionate O-Week parent you could possibly have, and I know for a fact that you'll always feel supported, seen, and heard by her!

- Manav Lund (Jones '27)



ANTHONY VALENTE

JONES '26 | NEUR | DODGE CITY, KS | HE/HIM

Hailing from Dodge City, Kansas, we have the sweet Anthony Valente! Anthony is a rising senior studying Neuroscience and is on the pre-med track. When he's not hitting the dance floor, you can find him at the Rec! This manager of wellness will make sure to take you out for the best time of your life, gym or no gym. During the day, you can find and chat with him behind the Rec counter or locking in at aesthetic coffee shops outside campus. If you love video games like Marvel Rivals or Smash Bros, this is your guy. He has the best music taste known to man, the daddest of fits, the best late night car drives, and the biggest heart you'll ever encounter! Anthony will surely make your O-Week and Jones experience so much fun!

- Samy Martinez (Jones '26) & Nilda Jarero (Jones '26)



SOPHIA STRAUS

JONES '27 | ASTROPHYS/PSYC | NEW YORK, NY | SHE/HER

Meet Sophia Straus: Get ready, because your O-Week just got a whole lot brighter! Sophia Straus is your go-to gal for laughter, adventures, and cosmic conversations. A double major in Astrophysics and Psychology (yes, she can read your mind and explain the physics behind it), Sophia is as intellectually curious as she is wildly entertaining. She writes for the Rice Natural Sciences publication and runs their social media—so yes, she's both behind the scenes and stealing the spotlight. With a personality louder and more welcoming than a supernova, Sophia is the ultimate extrovert and the funniest person you'll ever meet. Whether she's leading an impromptu dance party, diving into a deep space documentary, or taking off on whimsical sidequests with her lucky companions, Sophia brings magic and energy wherever she goes. You're in for an unforgettable O-Week with Sophia—get ready to orbit her awesome energy!

- Liora Ginzburg (Brown '28)





LIFE AT

A man with glasses and a plaid shirt is drinking from a water cooler. He is holding the spout with both hands and has his head tilted back. The background shows a room with a window, a table with green decorations, and a chair.

JONES

There's no place like Jones. Jones is not just a residential college. Jones is a family. Jones is a self-run government. Jones is a school. Jones is history. Jones is tradition. Jones is a way of life. Jones is a home you can make for yourself.



Jones College was established in 1957 as the fifth residential college at Rice. Originally a women's boarding house, Jones has come a long way since its founding. The college was named after Mary Gibbs Jones, wife of native Houstonian entrepreneur Jesse H. Jones.

Throughout its history, Jones has gone through many changes. It transitioned from being all-female to co-ed in 1980 when it began integrating with the previously all-male Lovett College. By 1983, both colleges were fully co-ed. While remnants of Jones' past still exist, new traditions continue to emerge! In recent years, we have introduced events like Le Krewe de Jones, a lively Mardi Gras-themed party, and Friday In The Quad (FITQs), held every few Fridays. As a new Jonesian, you have the power to shape new traditions and bring positive change to the college for years to come. Only time will reveal what the future holds for Jones and its otherworldly residents!

WHAT IS THE J-TEAM

Where would Jones be without our fearless J-Team to support us through every obstacle and cheer us on through every golden opportunity? Each member of the J-Team plays a vital role in the well-being of all Jonesians. They are here to answer your questions, help resolve conflicts, and provide unwavering support through all of your endeavors. Don't hesitate to reach out to them! Let's introduce the J-Team



Our lovely Magisters Zach and Trisha are your go-to people for anything and everything Jones-related. They are here to assist with any problem you encounter here at Jones, in class, or even if you just need someone to rant to. They are here to support Jonesians throughout their journey at Rice and advise and assist them in running the college. You should get to know them well because you always know they're in your corner!

Our wonderful Resident Associates (RAs) are Caitlin Lindsay and Kelsey Ullom. Unlike RAs at other universities, our RAs at Jones are Rice faculty or staff, not fellow students. With their wisdom and knowledge of the world beyond Rice, they happily provide mentorship and guidance to many Jonesians. They appreciate our hard work by organizing watch parties and study breaks, complete with delicious food. Caitlin lives on the first floor of Jones North, while you can find Kelsey in Jones South. We are absolutely certain you'll enjoy their company and the tasty treats they provide!



For administrative matters, we have Kellie Sager, our fearless College Coordinator, who runs the Jones College Office. She is your go-to person for any questions, a friendly chat or rant, and a source of sage advice. Feel free to drop by her office and say hi anytime (in fact, we encourage it!)

These helpful people supervise Jones, but the college government makes most of the decisions on college issues. Jones' cabinet of elected student officials and floor representatives receives an annual budget which can be spent on things like theater, sports, parties, and furnishings. Jones even has a New Student Representative position that any student can apply for in the Fall! Every Jonesian gets a say and is encouraged to attend cabinet meetings (every two weeks) and vote on decisions.

In all, embrace the support and guidance of the J-Team and be sure to actively participate in our government. Together, we make Jones an exceptional place to live and thrive!



INTRODUCING OUR J-TEAM



Kellie Sager
College Coordinator

Picture this: you walk into the Jones College Coordinator Office on a quiet Friday afternoon between classes, searching for your waylaid Amazon package and itching for something to do with the awkward 30 minutes you have before your next commitment. You look up and see a warm, smiling face accompanied by a flash of blue, green, and purple hair tied back into a ponytail. Is it your JIBAlicious fairy godmother?

NO! It's Kellie Sager (she/they), your fearless Jones College Coordinator! Hailing from Dallas, TX, Kellie graced Jones with her magical presence in June of 2024. In her short time at Jones, Kellie has made her mark and become a key part of the family. She is your go-to gal for anything finances, events, and facilities at Jones. Beyond that, though, you can always go to Kellie for advice, a hug, or a sticker (or twelve). She's deeply involved in many aspects of Jones life and makes for an excellent source for many things throughout your time in college: mail, packages from home, stamps, envelopes, faxes, photocopies, answers to life's questions, or just a pack of skittles.

When she's not keeping this show on the road, you can find Kellie at home with her husband, four children, dog, and two cats, out on an adventure to a Renaissance fair or gaming adventure, or locked in on an anime marathon with the family. She's been known to dabble in her fair share of creative projects—whether it be crafting, graphic design, or capturing life's most beautiful moments through photography.

Kellie CANNOT WAIT to meet you in the fall and help each and every one of our new Jonesians find their place. Always know that her door is open—whether it be for a comfy couch, a cup of coffee, or just a listening ear. Never be afraid to stop by.

We are Caitlin and Calypso and so excited to be a part of the Jones Community. We moved to Houston from Pennsylvania in 2021, but Caitlin is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin (something you'll quickly recognize when you see how much better she is with the cold, compared to Houston's heat).

I have been an RA since January 2023 and have loved every part of it! My Master's Degree is in Higher Education Administration from St. Cloud State, meaning I went to school specifically to learn strategies for working at a university and advising/supporting students. At Rice, I am the Director of Student Center Operations, so I oversee the Rice Memorial Center, Rice Bikes, and Rice Coffeehouse. When not working, you can usually find me spending time with Calypso, at the theatre, playing games (video, board, or card), reading, or trying out new restaurants and venues in Houston.

Calypso is a Shiba Inu mix Caitlin rescued in 2021. You'll often hear her compared to a cat. She loves to sniff people, and is easily bribed with food, but she's skittish and takes time to warm up to people before she's comfortable being pet.

We're excited to get to know all of you! Please do not hesitate to reach out if there's anything you need, ways I can help you to have a better experience at Jones or Rice, or if you just want to chat!



Caitlin Lindsay
North Resident Associate



Kelsey Ullom
South Resident Associate

Hey Jones! My name is Kelsey (she/they) and I'm one of the RAs at Jones. I am originally from Miami, Florida but I've lived in many different places within the south, mid-west, and eastern United States. I was an International Studies major at Ohio Wesleyan University, where I was fortunate to participate in many study abroad opportunities that convinced me of the power of learning through travel. I have since facilitated service-learning programs in Haiti, administered study abroad programs with the U.S. Department of State, consulted for the United Nations, and earned my master's degree in International Education from the University of Pennsylvania. At Rice, I'm an Associate Director at the Center for Civic Leadership where I oversee international programs, internships, and fellowships. I love helping Rice students dream up a travel itinerary and find a way to make their dream a reality. I also love learning something new about the cultures and traditions that Rice students bring with them from near and far.

I am an avid cyclist and enjoy crafting, reading, writing, trying to play the ukulele, and being outside, preferably near a large body of water.



Zach, Trisha, and Emilia Ball The Jones Magister Family

We are Zach and Trisha Ball, and we are honored and thrilled to serve as Magisters at Jones College, a diverse, vibrant community. We live at Jones and support Jones students throughout their journey at Rice. We also advise and assist students in running the college.

Zach is a professor in the Department of Chemistry. At Rice since 2006, his research group focuses on biological applications of organic and organometallic chemistry, including developing new synthetic methods for the preparation of therapeutics, biosensors, and new molecular tools to study biological pathways. He teaches organic and organometallic chemistry. Trisha has worked in writing, editing, and development capacities for academic and other non-profit organizations, including Development and Alumni Relations at Rice.

Prior to settling in Houston, we lived in the San Francisco Bay Area, where Zach completed graduate and postdoctoral training. We met in Boston as undergraduates at Harvard before jumping coasts to California. Trisha hails from Upstate New York and still aches for crisp fall and winter weather, though curiously didn't learn to knit until moving to Houston. Zach is a native of Columbus, Ohio, and enjoys cooking, film, and cycling.

We live with our two-legged and four-legged family in the Jones House adjacent to the residential halls. Our daughter Emilia is an artist, voracious reader, and friend to all animals, especially our cats Willow, Pidgeon, and Lucy. Emilia is now a sophomore at Carnegie Vanguard High School in Houston, TX, knows all there is to know about turkey vultures, and dreams of visiting New Zealand one day. As a family, we love camping, herb gardening, board games, and cinema. Stop by the house for a cup of coffee or tea and a chat about whatever is on your mind. We are excited to get to know everyone in the Jones community.

WHAT IS AN ASSOCIATE?



Jones Associates are faculty, staff, and community members who are committed to engaging, mentoring, and serving as a resource for students and for the College as a whole. Associates get involved in a variety of ways, ranging from casual meals, sporting events, and social gatherings to lectures, career panels, and theatrical performances—all with the goal of enriching intellectual, cultural, and social life. There is no set definition for how associates contribute to Jones because each associate brings a unique set of experiences and perspectives.

During O-Week, you will be introduced to associates at the O-Week Associates Dinner, which serves as an introduction to the Associates Program and as an excuse for a great meal. During your first year, you'll have many more opportunities to meet associates, seek mentoring, share interests, and ask questions. Associates are often around on a regular basis, so please do say hello and introduce yourself whenever you see any of our wonderful associates at the College. You never know when your connections with these professionals, both in and out of Rice, will help you in the future!

BADASS ADVICE

FROM KERRI BARBER

Of all the Jones Associates, by far the most spirited and full of Jones life is Kerri Barber, the Department Administrator for Sport Management here at Rice. She's served as an RA for 8 amazing years at Jones, is the greatest Jones Beer Bike cheerleader, and has won the Associate of the Year award various times. Her words of wisdom, or bad ass advice, are a new addition to the Jones O-Week book for the freshmen class and will continue to be for years to come.



ON ACADEMICS

One of the biggest changes in college is how much unstructured time you suddenly have. It can be freeing—but also a little overwhelming. Without parents or teachers keeping tabs, it's easy to fall behind. Time management is key. Use a calendar or planner (digital or old-school, whatever works for you), break big tasks into smaller chunks, and stay consistent with your study routine. Don't forget to schedule breaks and sleep. Yes, sleep—you need it!

At Rice, you're surrounded by incredibly smart, driven students. Many of you were the top of your class in high school, and that's amazing—but it's also common to feel pressure to maintain that status. Remember, Rice is rigorous. Grades don't define your worth or future. A former Jones Magister used to reassure families during O-Week, "Even if your child gets a C, they'll still get into medical or law school." Do your best. If you hit a rough patch, know there's a whole squad here to support you: PAAs, Academic Fellows, Divisional Advisors, TAs, and more. You've got this—and you're never in it alone.

ON ROOMATES

Sharing a room is one of the biggest (and sometimes trickiest) adjustments to college life. Even if you and your roommate are instant besties (yay!), you'll still need to navigate how to live well together. Communication is the secret sauce. Set clear expectations early: talk about sleep schedules, cleanliness, guests, noise levels, etc. If something's bothering you, speak up kindly and sooner rather than later. Use "I" statements, and aim for calm, honest conversations. Be open minded and respect differences. And if things get tough? Reach out to an RHA—they're here to help. RHA's are caring, approachable, and trained to handle roommate issues (and so much more). Roommate harmony takes effort, but with mutual respect and open dialogue, you can build a great living environment.

ON SOCIAL LIFE

College isn't just about what happens in the classroom—it's also about the memories you make along the way. Jones (and Rice in general) has a social calendar packed with events that range from loud and lively to chill and cozy. From FITQs and game nights to Sundaes on Sunday and "Jones Goes..." outings, there's something for everyone. You don't have to go to everything—but I challenge you to show up to at least one Jones event each month. It's a great way to meet people, take a break from the grind, and just enjoy yourself. These are the moments that will stick with you long after graduation.

GET INVOLVED

Getting involved—whether in college government, a club, a committee, or community service—is one of the best ways to make the most of your time at Rice. You'll meet people, build skills, grow your resume, and help shape campus life. Before you sign up for everything, though, take stock of your time and energy. Be realistic about your commitments—your teammates are counting on you to show up and contribute. "Ghosting" a club or group not only adds stress to others, but it can also limit future opportunities. Choose what you're truly excited about and give it your full effort.

YOUR SUPPORT SYSTEM

Jones—and Rice more broadly—is built to support you. Whether you're having a hard week academically, emotionally, socially, or something in between, reach out. Your J-Team, RHAs, peer mentors, and fellow Jonesians are all here for you. College can be amazing—and also challenging—but you never have to navigate it alone. You're part of the Jones family now, and we've got your back.

MEET THE JONES CABINET 2025-2026

PRESIDENT

ZACK DONOVAN

Presides over Cabinet, represents Jones at Student Association meetings, oversees operations of college government



CHIEF JUSTICE

SAM FORMAN

Enforce the Alcohol Policy and Code of Conduct, appoint Associate Justices, preside over College Court Cases



INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

DYLLAN LOZANO-LOMELI

Oversee committees and appointed positions, coordinate Awards Night, Birthday Bash, Floor Olympics, and Talent Show



EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

NAVYA DRONAMRAJU

Coordinate Associates' Nights, organize associates and alumni events, appoint and chair Associates Committee



TREASURERS

IAN KIM & GARRETT PIRRETTI

Manage the Jones budget and maintain financial records





DEI COORDINATORS

BANESA VALENCIA & DAIJAH WILSON

Oversee and address all college matters regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI); conduct annual Jones Engagement Survey

SECRETARIES

SAWYER RUDY & RIDHI DONDETI

Manage the email listerv and Google Calendar for Jones College, record and distribute Cabinet meeting minutes



PARLIAMENTARIAN

LAKSHANYAA RAJKUMAR

Maintain the Jones Constitution, count votes, and serve as a non-voting member of the Cabinet



SENATOR

IAN RODRIGUEZ

Represent Jones in the Student Association, serve as a non-voting member of the Cabinet



These wonderful folks comprise your 2025–2026 Executive Cabinet!

They help lead Jones, but they need your voices to make it better. The best way to do that is to come to Cabinet meetings held every other Thursday.

You get to speak your mind on important topics, learn what’s happening at Jones and Rice, and so much more.

ADDITIONAL JONES POSITIONS

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Arts and Wellness Coordinators: Host events to promote the wellbeing of Jonesians through art-related activities

Associate Justices: Appointed by the Chief Justice to assist with maintaining order in Jones

Beer Bike Coordinators: Plan and host Jones Winning Week Events, including activities on the actual day of Beer Bike

Bike and Chug Team Captains: Recruit team members and lead training sessions for Beer Bike each year; elected by the Jones bike and chug teams

College Night Coordinators: Appointed by the Social Coordinators to organize and plan a day full of fun events and aimed at celebrating Jones College each semester

Cultural Coordinators: Plan events that broaden the cultural experiences of Jonesians

Environmental Representative (Eco-Rep): Selected by the Rice Sustainability Office to develop sustainability initiatives at Jones

Historians: Document all official Jones College events, maintain Jones's picture archive and historical records

JIBoArd Representatives: Update the Commons chalkboard with the monthly/weekly events calendar with events that matter to Jonesians

Jitchen Coordinators: Manage the Jones Kitchen (Jitchen), coordinate cooking and baking social events to encourage members of the College to use the kitchen.

Jones Goes Coordinators: Coordinate community service opportunities for Jonesians, conduct memorable non-service events beyond the hedges

Merch Representatives: Design, produce, and sell awesome Jones merch!

Parliamentarian: Oversee college procedures set forth in the Constitution and its Bylaws, run Jones elections (speeches, the voting process, etc.)

Public Space Coordinators: Maintain the Ambiance budget, recommend and implement permanent improvements to Jones

Senior Events Committee: Organizes college-specific and university-wide senior-specific events

Social Media Directors: Publish information on Jones and campus-wide events; spotlight Jonesians around campus

Sports Coordinators: Fosters Jones participation in intramural and college sports

Student Maintenance Representative: Ensures college facilities are well-maintained and can loft beds

Technology Coordinators: Assists with any questions regarding technology at the college

Theater Coordinators: Organizes college theater productions and coordinates with other colleges' theater committees.

Traditions Coordinators: Puts on annual Jones traditions like Hunger Games and Le Krewe.

Trivia Representatives: Hosts college trivia events and coordinates Wednesday pub trivia night.

Webmagister: Maintains the information and aesthetic of the Jones website

PEER RESOURCES

Academic Fellows: Upperclassmen who excelled at specific subjects and hold office hours to offer help in those classes

Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs): Liaisons for the Office of Academic Advising that have been trained in numerous areas of academics

Peer Career Advisors (PCAs): Ambassadors to the Center for Career Development who help with resumes, cover letters, job and internship basics, etc.

Rice Health Advisors (RHAs): Work with the Rice Counseling and Wellness Centers to provide support with wellbeing. Always stocked with medical supplies.

Students Transforming Rice Into a Violence-Free

Environment (STRIVE) Liaisons: Trained students who address sexual and domestic violence on campus by hosting prevention activities and providing information about available resources

GET INVOLVED

How can New Students (NS) get involved?

Although elections and appointments for most positions are held in the spring, New Students can get involved starting in early fall by applying for:

- Floor Representative
- Associate Justice
- Committees
 - Arts and Wellness Committee
 - Committee of Alumni and Associates
 - Culturals Committee
 - Eco Committee
 - Jitchen Committee
 - Jones Goes Committee
 - Socials Committee
 - Traditions Committee
 - Theater Committee
- Diversity Council
- Deputy Parliamentarian
- Historian
- Merch Designers
- New Student Representative (NSR)
- Rice Health Advisor (RHA)
- JIBA Spirit

ELECTED POSITIONS

Floor Representative: Elected in the first few weeks of each semester to represent each floor in Cabinet

Honor Council Representative: Represents Jones in the Honor Council and participates in Honor Council cases

O-Week Coordinators: Spend nine months preparing for the arrival of New Students like you!

Rice Program Council (RPC) Representative: Coordinate events and serve as a liaison between RPC and each residential college.

Social Coordinators: Organize all levels of social events at Jones and ensure they follow campuswide policies

U-Court Representative: Serve as a liaison between the University Court and each residential college

A GUIDE TO "JONES SPEAK"

Achard Courtyard: A fancy, well-furnished, and well-lit concrete patio outside of Jones Central named after previous Jones Magisters (also known as "the quad").

Brick Quad: The area between Jones and Brown College.

BTJ: Stands for "Back to Jones." What Jonesians shout to other Jonesians when a party/event starts to get boring.

Cabinet: The governing body of Jones College. Meetings are held every other week. If you want some good food and a study break, come on down!

Commons: First floor of Jones Central, where we Jonesians eat our meals. Adorned with banners depicting our Beer Bike prowess. Cabinet meetings are held here.

Fairy Fountain: The fountain between Jones and Brown. If you've got a birthday (even a half-birthday), you're going in.

FITQ: Friday In The Quad! Usually on Friday afternoons, you can come out to the quad to enjoy food, games, and the company of your friends after a week of classes.

Floor Olympics: A fierce competition between the floors of Jones. Competitions run all throughout the year. Only one can reign supreme!

Goat: Jones' unofficial mascot, mainly because they're adorable (and because Jones is the Greatest Of All Time).

Ironman/Ironwoman: One who both chugs and bikes at Beer Bike. At Jones, certified badassess.

Jabberwocky: Jones' official mascot. A fierce monster that strikes fear into our enemies. A perfect fit for Jones!

JIBA: Traditional Jones cheer, meaning "Jones Is Bad Ass!"
Pronunciation: JEEE-BUH.

Jones Goes... A series of Jones-sponsored trips to cool things going on! Examples include cultural events, sports games, etc.

Jones Quad: The large grassy area that lies between Jones North and South. Most Fridays, it comes to life with games, music, and tons of fun!

Jones Public: Jones' annual public party that is held in the commons, commonly titled "Jones Inferno."

Knuckle: The outdoor porches that connect Jones Central to Jones North and South.

Martel: Our neighbor on the north side of campus. Still not a college, is technically a parking lot.

Satellite Servery: Also known as "Sat Serve." The area on the first floor of Jones between the commons and Jones North, contains smaller tables and bathrooms.

PDR: Private Dining Room. It's off to the side of the Jones Commons, go to the Jones College website to reserve the space!

Vator Lobby: The largest floor lobby on each floor. Named because of their proximity to the elevators.

A GUIDE TO "RICE SPEAK"

Academic Quad – The area encompassed by the central academic buildings; Fondren Library, Herzstein Hall, Anderson Hall, Rayzor Hall, Sewall Hall, and Lovett Hall

Archi – Architecture student

AD – Analyzing Diversity; refers to a group of courses that focus on diversity within human society. All Rice undergraduate students are required to take one course.

ASB – Alternative Spring Break

Beer Bike – A campus-wide event in which each college picks 8 chuggers and 8 bikers to compete in a bike race. Also includes a huge water balloon fight, 4 AM dance parties, and a campus float parade.

Beyond the Hedges – The Houston beyond Rice campus.

BRC – Bioscience Research Collaborative; where students and professors engage in research with the Texas Medical Center.

Brochstein – Glass building next to Fondren Library and RMC. Contains Local Foods, a Texas-based chain serving fresh sandwiches and salads

Brockman – Brockman Music and Performing Arts Center; opera building behind Shepherd.

Cambridge – Modern-looking building next to Lovett College that has campus offices and a parking garage.

Campanile – Rice yearbook; also refers to Rice's undergraduate orchestra for non-music majors

Chaüs – Rice Coffeehouse; a student-run hub for good conversation, chill vibes, and delicious coffee and snacks.

Chugging – Part of the Beer Bike Race; 8 participants chug either 12 oz (women/alumni) or 24 oz (men) of water before bikers begin racing.

Club Sports – Informal sports in which teams compete against other universities; rugby, volleyball, basketball, and tennis are a few of the club sports on campus.

CTIS – Critical Thinking In Sexuality; required 5-week class for all new undergraduate students that covers topics such as sexual violence, relationships, bystander training, etc

Culture of Care – The heart of Rice; defines the spirit of community and compassion embraced on Rice's campus

D1, D2, D3 – Academic distributions; D1 = Arts and Humanities; D2 = Social Sciences; D3 = Engineering and Natural Sciences

Dandelion Café – a restaurant at the O'Connor Building of Engineering & Science opened in fall 2023 that serves coffee and brunch

DCR – Dialogues on Community at Rice; a required 5-week workshop for all new undergraduate students that covers topics such as critical approaches to culture, identity, and fundamental dialogues

Esperanza – Rice's homecoming dance hosted by Rice Program Council

Fizz – A Reddit-like app where Rice students can anonymously post questions, memes, and just about anything else. We recommend you stay off until after O-Week!

Fondy – Fondren library; peak study spot with conference rooms, private study rooms, and comfy chairs

Founder's Court – Quad in front of Lovett Hall at the very front of campus; venue of the iconic Beer Bike water balloon fight

FWIS – First-Year Writing Intensive Seminar; required writing class for all first-year students

Greenbriar – Parking lot behind the stadium

GSA – Graduate Student Association

H&D – Housing and Dining; administrative office in charge of food service and residential buildings on campus.

Honor Council – Student organization that enforces honor code policy and deals with honor code violations

IM's – Intramural sports; informal sports played against other colleges to compete for the Presidents' Cup.

Inner Loop – One-way road that loops around the center of campus

Jack – A prank played by a residential college; also refers to the dorm lottery that happens in the spring semester

Jones School of Business – Graduate Business School

KTRU – Rice's student-run radio station that plays many different genres of music and hosts live concerts throughout the school year

Lilie Lab – Liu Idea Lab for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Lovett Hall – The iconic building in the Academic Quad that contains administration such as the Admissions Office. Also contains the Sallyport.

LPAP – Lifetime Physical Activity Program; required physical education class that all students must take to graduate.

Matriculation – Ceremony held during O-Week marking your entrance into Rice

Metro/Metro Card – Public transportation system in Houston; very efficient and free for Rice students using a provided Metro card

MOB – Rice Marching Owl Band– this scatter band plays at both athletic and non-athletic Rice events, and accepts anyone who wants to participate (no experience needed)!

Moody Center – Art center on campus with classrooms and spaces to present art exhibits.

MUDD Lab – University computer center where you can get computer help and print posters.

Musi – Music majors

North Colleges – Residential colleges on the northern side of campus; Brown, Duncan, JOOOOONES, McMurtry, Martel

Night Bites – Late-night food event hosted by RPC.

OAA – Office of Academic Advising

OC – “Off-campus”; typically, Jonesians will move off-campus for their third year at Rice. Some move off earlier and others never do!

O'Connor: The Ralph O'Connor Building for Engineering and Science, the building where Dandelion Café is located, opened on September 14, 2023. Some STEM classes are held here and it is a great place to study!

OEDK – Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen; provides a space for students to design, prototype, and deploy solutions to real-world engineering challenges.

Outer Loop – Three-mile path that encircles the campus

Powderpuff – Women's college flag football played between colleges.

Pre-Reqs – Required courses needed to take another course.

President's Cup – Trophy given to the college that gains the most points from IM sports in a year

Pub – Student-managed bar located in the basement of the RMC. Heavily populated on Thursday nights.

Public – Larger parties hosted by each residential college throughout the school year; open to all students who wish to attend

Pumpkin Grades – Mid-semester grades given to new students in the fall to indicate how they are doing in their classes. They come out around Halloween.

R2 Rice Review – AWARD WINNING Independent literary magazine edited and published by students. Submissions open every fall. Hosts literary events on campus throughout the year.

REMS – Rice University Emergency Medical Services. Rice students that are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Respond to emergencies on campus. Same number as RUPD (see below)

Rice Bikes – Student-run business that provides bikes and bike repairs.

Rice Village – The shopping center west of campus with plenty of shops and restaurants.

RMC – Rice Memorial Center (also known as the Student Center!), where you can find the Bookstore, Coffeehouse, Pub, and important offices like Academic Advising (OAA)

Rondelet – Spring formal hosted by Rice Program Council

RPC – Rice Program Council; organization in charge of university-wide events like Beer Bike, Esperanza, etc.

RUPD – Rice University Police Department. Save their number for emergencies: 713-348-6000.

Rustication – A harsh penalty that bans a student from campus except for class attendance and exams.

SA – Student Association; a campus-wide body that represents students and deals with campus-wide issues/administrative situations

SAFE – Office supporting students in interpersonal violence and sexual violence situations.

Sallyport – Big archway in Lovett Hall; you'll walk through it for matriculation. Rumor says that if you walk out of it before graduation, you will not graduate on time.

Sammy the Owl – The Rice Mascot!

Screw-Yer-Roommate – Rice tradition held in the fall in which roommates set up blind dates for each other, also known as Screw.

Servery – Dining centers for each residential college. Try to explore each one!

Shepherd School of Music – school for Musis to practice and learn. Host to music rooms for practice and auditoriums for concerts, recitals, and public speakers. President Biden's Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, visited Shepherd on October 3, 2023.

Skyspace – Art installation next to Shepherd School of Music, as well as a great place to watch the sunrise and sunset

South Colleges – Residential colleges on the South side of campus; Baker, Hanszen, Lovett, Sid Richardson, Wiess, Will Rice

STRIVE – Students Transforming Rice Into a Violence-Free Environment; an organization that works with the Title IX office

Sylly Week – The first week of each semester during which most professors focus on presenting the syllabus for their classes

Student Center – The RMC (see above)

Tea Nook – Student-managed boba store in the student center that serves tea in the evening.

Tetra – Digital money on your Rice ID card that can be used for food or drink at on-campus venues like Brochstein, Coffeehouse, East-West, the Bookstore, etc

The Bookstore – Convenience store in the Rice Student Center

The Rec – Barbara and David Gibbs Recreation and Wellness Center. Fully equipped for all of your workout needs; also houses the Wellbeing and Counseling Center.

Thresher – Rice’s student-led newspaper

U-Court – University Court that deals with cases between students, between students and administration, and between students and faculty.

Valhalla – Graduate student bar located below Keck Hall.

West Lot – Parking lots between Brockman and the Stadium where many students park their cars.



WHAT TO CALL PEOPLE AT OTHER COLLEGES

Baker – Bakerites

Will Rice – Will Ricer

Hanszen – Hanszenites

Wiess – Wiessmen

Brown – Brownies

Lovett – Lovetteers

Sid Richardson – Sidizens

Martel – Martelians

McMurtry – Murts

Duncan – Duncaroos



JONES TRADITIONS



Now that you know a bit about Jones history and lingo, here's a little more about the traditions and culture that make Jones the winningest college! As you might have heard, Rice has a Culture of Care, but Jones has its own unique Culture of Care that makes up the core of the college community. Jones is a family with an unbreakable foundation of compassion, trust, and victory. No matter what your background and ideas, you can find a home here. And if it's not your vibe, that's alright! Part of our Culture of Care is one of acceptance and camaraderie. Wherever you are and choose to be, Jones will always have your back and celebrate with you – whatever the occasion calls for! Speaking of celebrating and winning, here are a few traditions we have kept going throughout the years, some of them being recent additions!

Associates' Night: Held once a semester; a fancy dinner to celebrate our associates. Each one has a theme and commons will be decorated accordingly. As much as Jones likes to win, we also know how to keep it classy.

BEEEEER BIIIIIIKE: Jones Wins Again. And again. Without a doubt. There's nothing else to say (there is multiple pages left to say).

Floor Olympics: Staying true to our competitiveness, Floor Olympics features a series of events that all floors compete in to win the most points. Events include Freshman Hunger Games, dodgeball, volleyball, e-sports, and cooking!

Holiday Party: Jones ends the last day of fall semester classes with a party to celebrate all the hard work everyone has put in throughout the semester. And what good is Jones party without winning? The Holiday Party includes a show in which each floor (and even the J-Team) does a skit--anything from singing to dancing to acting--and the winning floor gets a prize.

Jones Goes...: Events where Jonesians get together to "go" somewhere as a family. Examples include: the Zoo, Dhamaka, Soul Night, Chinatown, etc. Typically these events are hosted by the J-Team or our lovely Jones Goes committee. However, any Jonesian is encouraged to host a "Jones Goes...!"

Jones Inferno: Our annual public party. There have been many past themes for our public, but the theme "Inferno" was created years ago and revamped the public's reputation, reaching record-high attendance rates. Inferno is a public you can't miss.

Jones Victory Party: Regardless of Jones' place in the races, we always win. On the night of Beer Bike day, after the races, we hold our annual Victory Party to celebrate Jones and Beer Bike. What a way to end the day.

Le Krewe de Jones: Another newly-created tradition! A full-blown Mardi Gras party in the quad featuring –you guessed it– a Mardi Gras themed relay race and delicious food! Did we mention crawfish?

Study Breaks: College classes are tough. Sometimes you need a little time to relax and have fun. Many people host study breaks throughout the year! Some include: watch parties in the movie room, Game Nights in the PDR, food, facemasks, etc.

JONES FLOOR CULTURE

One of the greatest things about Jones happens to stem from its unique architecture... FLOOR CULTURE!

The floors are set up in a way that encourages individual floor culture through centralized floor lobbies. So, in addition to our Jones-wide culture, each floor has its own vibe that students there create.



Although students from all years live on each floor, the freshmen play a large role in building floor culture.

HOW WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR FLOOR?

BEER





BIKE

THE HISTORY

The year 1957 saw the creation of two of the most venerable and lasting institutions at Rice. The first is the college system, a cornerstone of life at Rice that has grown from just four colleges to eleven. The second is the stuff of legends. In the waning weeks of the 1957 school year, a grueling test of speed, endurance, and gag reflex took place on the campus of Rice University. Nothing like it had ever been seen before or since.

More than 65 years later, this event lives on as the richest tradition at Rice and its seminal contest of college rivalry and spirit. It is called Beer Bike. BEER BIKE!!! Perhaps you're familiar with these words, but are not completely familiar with what they connote. At its core, Beer Bike is a relay of eight bikers on each of three teams: men, women, and alumni. These bikers are joined by a team of ten chuggers, who stand on a platform near the bike pit. As each bike comes in, these brave students must chug up to 24 ounces of water before the next biker can leave the pit.

This book doesn't have enough room to explain the full experience of Beer Bike (even the pit manual is several pages long), but here are a few details of what makes the event legendary.



THE RACE

(AND VICTORY)



The starting chugger makes the climb to the top of the Jones chug stand.

As they stand perched above the track, awaiting the starting flag, they stare down the length of the chug can... the most sacred ounces of water in all creation. They loosen their throat and bring the can to their lips, thirsty for victory. You are about to witness one of the greatest moments in sport. As the flag goes up, the chugger raises the can and gulps down the liquid in a flash (the record is 1.7 seconds, for anyone who wants to start practicing now), and the race begins.

As the chugger finishes, the pit crew launches the bike out of the pit, and the biker is off, probably coming out of the first turn at around 30 mph! As each biker crosses the final turn back into the pit, another courageous chugger steps up to complete their chug. When the eighth biker winds around the final stretch, the crowd goes wild. They chant the Jonesian's name as they hurtle toward the finish line. Victory is ours!

The race is over, and everyone breathes a sigh of relief. When the results are announced, the winning team (that's us!) takes a triumphant victory lap around the track and then heads back to Jones. Some Jonesians choose to barrel down the bike track, loudly celebrating another well-earned victory, while some hold their head high and stroll along the path, basking in the JIBA glory. The race may be over, but the celebrations will last long into the night and for years to come.

OUR LEGACY

JONES HAS BEEN WINNING BEER BIKE SINCE 1975— AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

2001 and 2002 brought Jones a victory in both the men's and women's races. In 2005, we finished a close second in the women's race and won the men's race, crushing every opponent by over half a lap (a feat we repeated in 2006). 2011 brought yet another men's race victory. 2014 was a glorious year, as the women dominated the race and emerged triumphantly. 2015 was even better, as both the men's and women's teams tasted victory. 2016, Beer Bike was a Beer Run due to rain—we won all three races without coming in first for any of them.



In 2017, our men's team was easily victorious. 2018 saw Jones women and alumni sweep their respective races while the men came ever so close. In 2019, our women's team won by a WHOLE lap, bringing a victory home as our men's team competed in a victorious Beer Run. In 2021, after a year of no races due to the pandemic, the men's team casually grabbed 1st place and our women's team placed 2nd. In 2022, our men's team lapped every other college while our women had their win viciously stolen from them after clearly winning the race (SWEEP! SWEEP! SWEEP!). And in 2023, after clearly winning both races, Jones emerged victorious yet again—even if other colleges would claim otherwise (No victory lap, no opinion). In 2024 we CRUSHED our competition in both races, crossing the finish line far ahead of everyone else. Despite weather related chaos in 2025, Jones will win again.



So when you get here, keep Beer Bike Week in mind. Think Victory. Think Winning. The big day comes sooner than you realize.

TRAINING

FOR THE LOVE OF JONES

While Beer Bike takes place on a Saturday in early April, training begins the moment you take your first step into Jones. During OWeek, fellow Jonesians will demonstrate a chug. You may ask yourself, why is that person consuming obscene amounts of liquid at lightning speed? You will only hear one answer: For the Love of Jones!

Later, things will start to get serious as you hear the call of "CHUG PRACTICE" echo from the commons. Everyone is invited to try it! On sunny afternoons, people will begin assembling outside for the ever-important BIKE PRACTICE. The same applies here: even if you've never ridden a bike before, come out and try. There's no need to even own a bike—Jones will provide you with a high-quality one.

Riders of all speeds and skill levels come out regularly to bike with each other for fun and the love of Jones. A couple of weeks before the race, things really begin to warm up as all of Jones College gears up for their shot at eternal glory. A Beer Bike theme is chosen, shirts are printed, and the gears begin turning in the dark corners of people's minds for jack (prank) ideas. Oh, and they start collecting trash cans. LOTS of trash cans. These trash cans will soon store thousands of water balloons for the water balloon fight on Beer Bike Day. At all hours of the night, random Jonesians may be found filling balloons in incredible numbers. These balloons are then stowed away in safe areas to keep them from the devious, destructive clutches of the other extremely competitive (but inferior) colleges.



THE JONES BIKE AND CHUG TEAMS ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF FRESH TALENT AND ENTHUSIASM! EVERYONE SHOULD COME OUT AND TRY BOTH BIKING AND CHUGGING; MANY JONESIANS WHO WERE SURE THEY WOULD BE HORRIBLE END UP BEING THE FASTEST MEMBERS OF THE TEAM. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PRACTICE TIMES FROM YOUR BIKE AND CHUG TEAM CAPTAINS AS SOON AS THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS. IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PREPARING FOR VICTORY. IT'S TIME TO BRING OUT THE BROOMS AND SWEEP (WIN ALL THREE RACES) FOR BEER BIKE 2024!

WINNING WEEK



The week leading up to Beer Bike, officially called Winning Week at Jones, is the main phase of intercollegiate jack (prank) season. Armies of Jonesians can be found keeping vigil through the night to protect Jones and its precious water balloons. Other Jonesians will be roaming campus during the wee hours of the night creating mischief and spreading JIBA pride— it just might be you!



The night before the race, Jonesians of past and present gather from all over to dye their hair and paint their nails and bodies green and purple. The bike teams can probably be found shaving their legs (aerodynamics!), meditating, and resting up for the big event. Everyone in the college heads to bed earlier than usual. The next day, we come face to face with our collective destiny.



THE BIG DAY

It is Saturday. The time is now. At 5:00 AM, wake-up calls reverberate through Jones College as doors are pounded on and music blasts, setting the tone for the day that has come. Some Jonesians choose to sleep in, hibernating and charging up for the epic journey ahead. DJ Khaled's "All I Do is Win" becomes a mantra throughout the day. All morning, Jonesians roll out of their beds and into their iconic Beer Bike shirts. A festive breakfast fuels our bodies for the challenges to come.

From the knuckles (Jones balconies), grand pictures are taken, capturing the spirit of the entire college— speeches and battle cries ring out into the air, stirring our hearts with determination. Some of us join the Color War in the Central Quad, immersing ourselves in the energy of the campus-wide festivities. We then return to the Archard Courtyard to adorn ourselves in green and purple paint, proudly embodying Jones as one. With our colors emblazoned, we gather for the legendary water balloon fight. Stepping onto Founder's Court, the other colleges foolishly charge at us, only to be met with a relentless volley of water balloons. Jones always dominates this playful battle, as the other colleges' supplies run dry long before we're finished. The cheers begin to rise.

Now, the time has come. Slowly, we make our way to the hallowed grounds of the Beer Bike track. Each college assembles on the bleachers, anticipation filling the air. We stand united, ready to compete for eternal glory, knowing that this moment will be etched in our memories forever.



One of our favorite Jones Beer Bike traditions is the Beer Bike Auction, in which Jonesians auction off services and favors to their compatriots in order to raise money for our fearless bike and chug teams. Each year, the O-Week Coordinators put one page in the O-Week book up for auction.



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