RETRO Week

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Welcome to Rice University and to Hanszen College! As the Hanszen O-Week Coordinators, we are pleased to be some of the first people to welcome you into the Hanszen Family and to congratulate you on both your past accomplishments and future achievements during your time at Rice. We are so excited for this year’s orientation and can’t wait to meet you and your classmates in person on August 13th.

Before we get started, let us introduce ourselves. Our names are Priya, Ethan, and Arun (otherwise known as Team PEAce!). We are current undergraduates (we will be juniors this fall) who were selected by Hanszen College leadership to plan, organize, and execute your upcoming week-long welcome to the university and our college. However, your orientation does not begin and end in a week. Our job is to help ease everyone’s transition to Rice, both academically and socially. Rice will be a new environment for you, and we have worked to find the best people, programs, and events to make this transition as smooth and successful as possible.

Through Orientation Week (or “O-Week” as you’ll hear Rice students call it), you will meet hundreds of other New Students, as well as returning undergraduate students, faculty, and staff who will become friends and resources for you throughout your time at Rice. The amount of information you receive during O-Week can be overwhelming, so we have made this book to provide you some vital information that you can use to start learning what it really means to be a Hanszenite while getting you excited about your new home! We have tried to make this book a reliable source of information (at least more reliable than Facebook or other Internet forums) on everything Hanszen-related that we think could be useful to know. To that end, we have divided this book into relevant sections that you can refer to in the Table of Contents. Whether you read this book cover to cover, or flip through it to check out the pictures, we hope it gives you some insight into life at Hanszen and Rice.

While every New Student receives a campus-wide Rice book, only new Hanszenites receive this book (you are one of the lucky ones!) as each residential college provides a different book. In addition, each College not only has its own book, but its own O-Week theme. For Hanszen O-Week 2017, the theme is RetrO-Week! This theme was chosen because it instills a sense of nostalgia in O-Week that each New Student can relate back to as they progress through and reflect on their time at Hanszen and Rice.

The “Family College” is more than an idea — it is an identity that we have cultivated for ourselves. At Hanszen, you will find a support system of fellow students, our adult team ("H-Team") of faculty and staff that live and work at Hanszen, and other community members that are all around to help you. As a family, we work to lift our fellow Hanszenites up when they are down (especially with fantastic study breaks) and praise them when they are successful. The most important part of being in this family is acknowledging that every student is unique. No two people have the same Rice experience, and we want to provide you with the knowledge and capabilities to exceed your exact needs and wants. Our job as Coordinators is not to tell you what to do at Rice, but to help you discover what you want to do with your time and the resources offered at Rice.

We’re sure you have tons of questions, so please send us an email! Our contact information can be located on the Hanszen College Contact Information page at the end of this book. Now relax and enjoy your last summer before college. While your friends may be going to orientations and registering for classes throughout the summer, trust us when we say that everything will be taken care of during O-Week this August. We could not be more excited to finally meet you!

Peace out!
Team PEAce
Priya, Ethan, Arun
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O-Week Mission Statement

Our mission for O-Week 2017 is to create a cohesive, inclusive week that tailors activities and attention towards the unique perspectives, experiences, and personalities of each New Student. We will do so by immersing each New Student within the identity, traditions, and multifaceted aspects of Hanszen and Rice via genuine conversations and passionate, meaningful connections that extend past O-Week. We hope that New Students will look back on RetrO-Week as people look back on the familiar and supportive aspects of their past -- with nostalgia, fondness, and appreciation.
Before, during, and after O-Week, you will get to know and interact with a number of students and adults who will assist you throughout your transition to Rice. Many such individuals have put in a great deal of extra time to ensure that your experience at Rice is both memorable and successful. Among these individuals, three act as the foundation upon which your O-Week is built. Each college has three O-Week Coordinators: students who were chosen to oversee the preparation and execution of O-Week for their college as well as to collaborate with other colleges on larger, campus-wide events. These three Coordinators, selected in November, have spent the last eight months, including their summer in Houston, planning your first week at Rice. From choosing the theme and the mission, to interviewing and selecting the Advising team, to rooming New Students, creating a schedule and writing these O-Week books, all 33 Coordinators on campus have dedicated unquantifiable effort for you, the newest matriculating class at Rice. In addition to your Advisors, the O-Week Coordinators are available to answer any questions you may have about O-Week and transitioning to Rice. After O-Week they will continue to be a resource you can reach out to for anything big or small and will continue to support you in anyway they can.

What is a Coordinator?
WHAT IS AN O-WEEK GROUP?

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

WHAT IS AN ADVISOR/CO-ADVISOR?

An O-Week Advisor at Rice is a current student who will be there for you throughout your experience during O-Week and beyond. The goal of an Advisor is to integrate you into the Rice community and residential college system as smoothly as possible. The transition to life as a college student is not always easy, but your Advisors are here to help you with whatever you may need. Whether you’re looking for academic advice, a devoted and kind listener, or just have general questions about what resources to take advantage of while at Rice, you’re sure to find what you need with the help of an Advisor. Your O-Week group advising team will consist of two current student Advisors from Hanszen, one Affiliate, and one Co-Advisor. An Affiliate is a Hanszenite who is an Advisor but also has a unique role, and a Co-Advisor is an Advisor who comes from one of the other residential colleges. Co-Advisors play important roles because they help you learn more about the culture of colleges outside of Hanszen, and they also give you a chance to expand your social network. This great group of people will support you throughout your first year and, in many cases, through your entire time at Rice. Advisors come from different backgrounds and have a great deal of experience they’d love to share, so make sure to ask about what they’ve learned during their time as a proud Rice Owl. Advisors are truly great mentors, confidants, and friends who will be huge sources of encouragement and support as you transition to college life at Rice.
We couldn't be more excited for your arrival on the first day of a new, exhilarating, Hanszen-filled part of your life. You've got a great week ahead of you, and here are some helpful bits of information to know before you come on move-in day:

Arrival day is August 13th. If you have any trouble finding Hanszen, don't hesitate to ask for help! You'll know once you make it to Hanszen. You'll hear a bunch of people shouting your name and running towards your car. These are your Advisors, Co-Advisors, and Affiliates who will be with you for the entire week! Your Advisors, along with members of Rice's football team, will take care of getting all of your stuff, your bags, and your clothes to your room. We'll take you inside our Commons, and there you'll get to meet our O-Week Coordinators, Magisters, RAs, College Coordinator, and the Hanszen President and Chief Justice. Once hands have been shaken, names exchanged, and room keys given, you'll want to strike a pose for your first picture as a Hanszenite!

Once all that's done, we'll take you up to your room where you can unpack your things and get to know your roommate. Take some time to settle in and check to see if you have everything you need. Even if you don't, the Gophers or your Advisors will be able to help you out in getting anything you're missing. Next, we'll have lunch! South Servery will prepare a great meal for you and your family. Enjoy it and spend some time with your parents. Don't be afraid to sit with strangers because you'll be meeting new people all week! After lunch, you'll say goodbye to your parents. Say your real goodbyes before you get to campus – it might be overwhelming once you get here. However, take all the time you need. Remember that your parents are only a phone call away, so don't forget to call them now and again. You're about to have a busy, fun-filled week, and we promise that it'll be well worth it! Welcome to Rice. Welcome to Hanszen. Welcome to O-Week!
PLANNING:
You should plan to arrive at the time indicated in your O-Week information packet (and not any earlier) on Sunday, August 13th.

From the East:
Take I-10 West, exit onto Highway 59 South.

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

From Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH):
Once you exit the airport, follow signs for Highway 59 South. Take the 59 for ~25 miles.

From Hobby Airport (HOU):
Take Airport Blvd and follow sign for I-45 North. Take I-45 north until you reach Highway 59.

Then, from Highway 59, exit toward Shepherd and Greenbriar and turn (left from 59 South, and right from 19 North) onto Greenbriar Drive. Continue down Greenbriar and turn left onto University Boulevard.

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

How To Get Here
Entrance to Rice
Hanszen College
Drop-off point

Find this map at:
http://www.rice.edu/maps/Rice-University-Color-Campus-Map.pdf
# What to Bring

## Room Items
- Extra long twin bed sheets
- Pillow(s) and comforter
- Cell phone charger
- Alarm clock
- Desk lamp
- Extension cords/power strips
- Storage boxes
- Clothes hangers
- Bath towel(s)

## Class Items
- Laptop (not required, but very useful)
- Notebooks
- Paper
- Calculator
- Stapler
- Flash drive
- Pens and pencils
- Other organizers (folders, etc.)

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

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

## Laundry Items
- Laundry hamper
- High-efficiency detergent
- Dryer sheets

## Other Considerations
- Posters
- Room decorations
- Photos
- Stereo/speakers
- Iron/ironing board
- Febreze or other deodorizers
- Command hooks
- Pool towel
- Swimsuit
- Ethernet cable
- Plates, bowls, cups, silverware, etc.
- Dry erase board and markers
- Gaming systems/video games
- Bicycle with U-bolt bike lock

## Talk with Roomie
- Extra furniture (couches, chairs, etc.)
- Mini-fridge
- Microwave
- TV
- DVD player
- Printer (also available for use in the Computer Lab for a fee)

*This is a suggested list to help you get an idea of what you may need, but it’s not comprehensive. We hope it helps with packing!*
O-WEK PERSONNEL
If you’re looking around and you can’t find Arun, look down. Yes, Arun is short. But that doesn’t stop him from being a big person! This Biochemistry/Pre-Med rising junior is from the big suburb of Sugar Land, TX. He fills his time at Rice going to lab in the TMC, volunteering for medical organizations, and playfully annoying people. If you get a tap on your shoulder and don’t see anyone on that side, Arun is probably on the other side. Even though he can’t dance at parties, Arun is a member of the Rice Bhangra team and loves showcasing his energetic abilities. He fuels up by literally eating everything that can fit in his 5’4 frame. No matter the task, whether it’s a plate full of food or a long assignment, Arun will finish the job. Ever since he was a kid, Arun has always loved watching sports, doing math, and helping people fix their problems. No matter what situation you are in, Arun will be there as a helping hand or a shoulder to lean on. Even though he’s a bit strange and small, you know he’ll always be there in a huge, important way!

Meet Ethan, a self-proclaimed outgoing introvert from Sugar Land, TX with a completely healthy obsession with Taylor Swift. This rising junior Psychology pre-med loves everything related to music, from listening to music, discovering new songs, and playing instruments like the guitar and piano (and he’ll probably be playing Taylor Swift songs). Besides music, Ethan has a passion for laughing, food, and video games (especially Smash). He loves playing ping pong even though he’s pretty bad at it and will shriek every time he misses (which is often). For Ethan, being fashionably late is the only way to arrive to an event, which is likely due to his tendency to oversleep. However, don’t mistake Ethan’s tardiness for indifference; he is a great listener and loyal friend who gives great advice. Weird squeals, a little craziness, and a big sense of humor are the things you can expect when you meet Ethan – who is super excited to meet all of you!

Coming from the sweet land of Sugar Land, TX, Priya is a native Houstonian who loves to travel and explore new activities. As a rising junior majoring in Psychology with a Business minor, she juggles her time between academics and extracurricular activities on campus. Priya enjoys playing intramural sports, including powderpuff and tennis, dancing with Rice Riyaaz (the Bollywood dance team), and attending business or policy-oriented events (especially those with free food). As a foodie, her adventurous spirit comes out when trying all kinds of food, most importantly dessert! Priya also has an obsession with all cute animals, especially dogs and cats. She loves to relax and have fun, and her favorite moments are laughing with friends to the point that her stomach hurts! Although Priya spends a lot of time around campus going from one activity to another, she is always willing to talk to you about practically anything. As someone who enjoys meeting new people, Priya is super excited to meet you all, and she welcomes you to Hanszen College!
If you’ve ever seen Clay, it was likely in a blur, shooting across the edge of your vision. A long distance runner on Rice’s Track team, he makes his most notable public appearances either running shirtless around campus, or passing and weaving through fellow students at Olympic speed-walking pace on his way to class (to which his classmates can attest). If he needs to take a break from physical exertion, he savors leisurely reading (or watching) fantasy epics of all varieties, most notably A Song of Ice and Fire, Star Wars, The Wheel of Time, Westworld, Rick and Morty, and The Lord of the Rings. When he’s not at Rice, or dreaming of far-away lands, Clay can be found in his rural hometown of Burlington, Illinois, gazing at the endless stretch of cornfields, or more likely in nearby Chicago satisfying his diehard Cubs Baseball fandom at Wrigley Field (#champs2K17eamuscatuligocubsgo). Where academics are concerned, Clay is often called “EBIO” by his comrades, even though his major is Environmental Science; he admires nature and animals almost as much as he does New Students, whom he can’t wait to meet at RetrO-Week 2017!
If you’ve ever watched the TV show ‘ATLANTA’ then you might be familiar with Jeremiah’s stomping grounds in his hometown of Atlanta, GA. As a rising sophomore majoring in Computer Science and Sociology, Jeremiah balances his academic workload with many different activities around campus. When he’s not hard at work, Jeremiah enjoys competing in intramural sports, primarily basketball and flag football, volunteering through Rice’s Center for Civic Leadership, and attending panel discussions around campus regarding current events in the world. As a lover of comics, you will often find him in the Movie Room watching the latest episode of The Flash or dashing off to the theaters to catch the latest Marvel film. No matter where you run into Jeremiah, he will always have a pair of headphones nearby and you can often catch him bobbing his head to the latest album from popular artists like J. Cole, Childish Gambino, and Kendrick Lamar. Jeremiah loves to relax and laugh with his friends as well as meet new people and he is super excited to meet you and welcome you to Hanszen College!

You’ll hear Amber long before you see her coming. A firm believer in the saying “laughter is the best medicine,” Amber is always all grins. She’s shamelessly silly and will oftentimes make you question her maturity, but she also has the biggest heart. Amber loves to explore national parks, and she is currently working her way through a bucket list of Houston restaurants—feel free to hit her up for some suggestions! Surprisingly, despite wanting to be a doctor, Amber consumes an unhealthy amount of boba. (They call her the boba fairy.) Perhaps less surprisingly, in kindergarten, she wanted to be a puppy when she grew up. In all seriousness, Amber is passionate about helping others, whether it’s by leading medical outreach trips abroad, participating in the Alternative Spring Break program, or conducting research to develop a universal therapeutic for the flu. With all these things going on, Amber likes to take a step back and appreciate the simple things in life, watching an episode (or ten) of Grey’s Anatomy or Suits, listening to a variety of music (from EDM to country to classical), and enjoying a refreshing nap from time to time.

If you are lucky enough to have Ishani as your Advisor, you’ve hit the jackpot (she’s basically the crown jewel of Lovett College AND Katy, Texas). A newly-declared Civil Engineering major, Ishani will dazzle you with her ability to handle a million things at once (on top of being Lovett’s Internal Vice President), put professional artists to shame, and still be the most loyal and supportive friend. Ishani is always down to have a good time and share her obscure, but totally awesome music with you (10/10 would recommend following her on Spotify). Ishes’ spirit animal is the quokka, and yes, she is as friendly as they look. Her bright smile will always light up your life, the same way her passion for social justice does. There is no one in the world you’d have more fun going to MFAH (Museum of Fine Arts Houston), Taco Bell, or Einstein Bagels with. :)
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This here is Akash Dhawan, your friendly neighborhood dreamer hailing from Fremont in the Bay Area, People's Republic of California, and he is super excited to meet you! This rising Bioengineering, Pre-Med junior can be found zooming around the inner loop on his longboard and spending his free time (HAI!) listening to music, playing video games, watching TV, and suffering from existential crises. Favorite artists? Kendrick Lamar, J. Cole, Jean Baudrillard, and Friedrich Nietzsche (what defines art to exclude the works of philosophy?). Favorite games? AC II, Smash, Pokémon. Favorite TV show? Scrubs, but he has seen almost everything on Netflix. A secret comedian himself, he loves watching, talking, and thinking everything comedy. Once you get past his punny and sarcastic exterior, you are bound to find…well, a punny and sarcastic interior, but also someone who cares deeply about his fellow Hanszenites. He is also a Peer Academic Advisor who can help when the (inevitable) bout of academic indecision hits. So, don't feel shy when you see him around; he is always down for a conversation about TV, music, academics, philosophy, or general struggles – after all, he is very familiar with those existential crises!
Get ready for the ride of your life, because you’re about to meet Priyanka Narvekar! This senior, pre-med Kinesiology major hails from Dallas or more locally Jones College, but can usually be spotted toppling over anywhere on campus due to her enormous, oversized backpack. Why? Priyanka stands at a towering 4’11, though that doesn’t stop this pint-sized girl from always ordering her boba extra-large. Weighing in at a hefty 14, this Starbucks patron is a true coffee-addict and never fails to put the chrome filter on every photogenic picture she takes. After acing her classes, Priyanka can be found dancing her way to Rice Bhangra practice, helping run Camp Kesem, or doing research in the med center. One of the sweetest, most lovable people I know, she always puts her friends first and will drop everything in a heartbeat to grab late-night, have a warm conversation, or binge-watch Bollywood movies. Brace yourselves! She’s one of a kind, and she’s coming in HOT and there’s nothing you can do about it!

Words will probably not do her justice, but in any case, here’s the rundown of what you need to know. First and foremost, she prefers to be called ‘goddess divine’ but will begrudgingly respond to ‘Alicia’ as well. She is a senior at Hanszen studying Psychology and Cognitive Sciences, and desperate to meet other people from Vermont at Rice so someone will finally be on her side when she has to argue about the inferiority of Aunt Jemima’s syrup. She is involved with the Rice Women’s Resource Center, plays football, soccer, and basketball at Hanszen, loves a good cup of tea, and prefers listening to talking. She is an exceptionally skilled hype woman, and can always be counted on to support you or your ideas no matter how ridiculous. Alicia’s ambitions are becoming an old English woman, and learning how to properly spell ‘embarrassing’ without using spell check. She is incredibly pleased to be involved in O-Week this year.

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Priya, a rising sophomore from Austin, Texas, can be found hanging around the commons at odd hours or working on her tan lines on the tennis court. You can spot her late at night pretending to study or delivering the most crushing comebacks with an innocent smile resting on her face. You will rarely see her in anything other than a Rice tennis t-shirt and as a part of the Rice women's tennis team, a lot of her time is spent training and competing. However, she makes sure to spend time with friends, attend Rice events, and even sneak in some sleep while she's at it. Priya is an Economics and Policy Studies major with an Environmental Studies minor and is always open to talk about a wide range of subjects as well as provide a listening ear. She is excited to meet all the New Students and welcome them to Hanszen College!
Wait, what's that noise? Is someone yelling? Nope, that's just Dwight – an extroverted and friendly rising junior from Austin who loves to chat, be loud, and laugh. As a Biochemistry/English major and Pre-Med (and self-identifying insomniac), he spends inordinate amounts of time writing, in lab, or doing homework, and somehow still makes time to hang out with friends and volunteer frequently. He even goes to the gym on rare occasion and pretends to lift weights (mostly comprised of flexing in the mirror), when he's not getting crossed up on the basketball courts! Meeting people and making new friends is a passion for Dwight, so you won't ever see him alone or around the exact same group of people. However, he is committed to his friends, always ready to “real talk”, and won't let anyone feel alone in whatever they're going through. Dwight loves talking about anything, ranging from ranting about professors to discussing Spanish literature (this is real), and, more than anything, loves to listen. He's extremely industrious, warm, and always compassionate. You can always count on Dwight as a gym buddy, tutor, and attentive friend!

Elizabeth. Liz. Eliza. The Bethster. She goes by many names but you would never mistake her as anyone except the most devoted Hanszenite ever. Look no further if you want to know a kind soul who can make you feel like she doesn't want to be anywhere else but listening to you. This adorably awkward Linguistics and Cognitive Science double major can devour a whole show (and pizza) in one sitting, and is content just to spend time with you. Feel free to drop in as she watches and re-watches any of her favorite shows, including, but not limited to Parks and Rec, The Mindy Project, Scrubs, and Stranger Things. By the end of the semester, she'll probably know you better than you know yourself and strangely enough, you'll be okay with that. Before you know it you'll find yourself next to her trying to reclaim the Powderpuff championship title or water-chugging your way to Beer Bike victory. Even though Liz can make a leopard change its spots and teach old dogs new tricks, she'll always accept you for who you are and can't wait to meet you!

With her smile as bright as burning magnesium and hair as long as pi, Briana is well-known for her love of science and interest in math. This rising sophomore Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major is a native Houstonian with an appreciation for all things macaroni and cheese and baking. Briana has a huge sweet tooth and a special passion for ice cream. She will travel far and wide to get her hands on a cotton candy cone! Briana also enjoys a night in doing DIY crafts; her elaborate Pinterest boards will impress just about anyone. When she is not doing homework with her dogs, Briana enjoys binge watching The Office and horror movies on Netflix. Briana also loves to listen and dance to all types of music. She literally jumps at the opportunity to hang out and dance with friends. Although she is very clumsy and accident prone, Briana is a self-described adrenaline junkie. From indoor rock climbing to riding roller coasters, Briana loves a thrill! She is the life of every party and brings a smile to everyone's faces with her quirky mannerisms. Briana especially loves meeting new people and can't wait to see all of the new Hanszenites!
A long way from her home in St. Louis, MO, Juliann is glad to have access to a greater variety of her first love here in Houston—food. A rising junior majoring in Economics, History, and Asian Studies, Juliann is also interested in urban planning, energy/education policy, and artificial intelligence. When she is not tending to coursework or binge-watching The Office, Juliann enjoys singing in her a cappella group, sketching, and exploring new restaurants or going on late night food runs with friends, which she’ll work off (hopefully) at some point by playing intense one-on-one badminton. Like many other Rice students, Juliann also has an unhealthy dependency on coffee, and her favorite part of the day is early morning (which she is never up for). Although Juliann may seem introverted at first, she loves meeting new people and listening to their stories—she will always be willing to help you sort out any dilemmas you may have and she is stoked to meet the next generation of Hanszenites!
Chemistry?! Bowling?! Badminton?! What kinds of sports are these?! Sports of a champion. Sports of Russell Champion Kielawa. Now, some people don’t consider chemistry a sport, but those haters clearly have never seen Russell Kielawa do chemistry. Don’t worry if you accidentally spill chloroform or sulfuric acid on yourself, because this Organic Chemistry legend is here to save the day. Russell can answer “alkynes” of questions. This charming Long Islander is always ready for late night food adventures while jamming to Pitch Perfect. If you’re ever in NYC, he can show you all the ‘Tasty’-worthy restaurants. When he’s not doing research he loves playing beach volleyball, frisbee, and curling up with a soft blanket and watching The Bachelor (ask him about his bracket). Although from Martel College, Russell still loves Hanszen-- his favorite South College-- and can be found studying in the commons or sitting in on Cabinet meetings. If you ever need a laugh, he’ll crack a funny joke; if you’re ever sad, he’ll give you a big bear hug. You will always know that Russell is “triene” to be your best friend and is so excited to welcome you to Hanszen!

Don’t be shocked when you meet Bharathi! She may be small, or “fun-sized” as she likes to see it, but she has a loud voice with which she sings and is outspoken about her passions. Bharathi was born in India, but has lived most her life in Houston and so will most likely greet you with a friendly “y’all”. This Biochemistry/Sociology pre-med spends her time at a breast cancer research lab, fundraising for Period., and singing for Basmati Beats. Her skills include being sassy in all situations, sleeping a mere 20 minutes after chugging coffee, and convincing herself she’s hungry when she wants to justify buying food. While she enjoys engaging in conversations, she equally prioritizes listening to the people in her life and being there for them. Regardless of if you want to talk about how good of a rapper Logic is or about any problem you may have, she will always lend you an ear! Bharathi is looking forward to meeting y’all and getting to know your quirks and passions!

When not driving people around Houston in his car or discovering some new board game, you can find Matthew helping his friends with problem sets or talking in a dead language. A Mechanical Engineering and Classics double major from Nashville, TN, his life goal is basically to build aqueducts when he graduates. Despite copious late-night trips to Whataburger, he’s always sure to have time for anyone and anything, from advice on classes to which Taylor Swift album is actually the best (spoiler alert, it’s Speak Now). Make sure to ask him about his cross-country road trip during spring break or the time he and his suitemates went camping and forgot all their food. Do you know how hard it is to catch a Texas cheeseburger in the wild? So whether you have no idea what to expect from O-Week, want to talk about the latest Game of Thrones episodes, or want to learn the best napping spots around Hanszen (the upper common's couches are a strong contender), Matthew can't wait to meet all of you and introduce you to everything at Rice with a smile on his face!
The saying goes, “A loud mind is greater than a loud mouth.” Sonal Pai’s response is, “Why not both?” Hailing from the sunbathed suburbia of Saratoga, California, she is a Bollywood-dancing, barbell-lifting Bioengineer (and Neuro minor). One day, she might be singing her heart out with the Basmati Beats, Rice’s premier South Asian a cappella group; the next, revolutionizing the world of bioinformatics with a singular genius that would bewilder Darwin himself; and the next, guiding the Student Association with her political acumen and, if she may say so herself, dangerously well-groomed eyebrows. Sonal also keeps a collection of small, freshwater creatures called hydra in the lab, and if you’re lucky enough, she might even name one after you. Yes, she wears many hats — but most importantly, if you’re seeking a good conversation, some sage advice, or simply a warm hug - Sonal’s always got your back (especially if you have food to offer).
Keep Calm and Remember You’re Friends with Claire Peng, is a motto regularly exercised by Rice students still stuck in the lingo of 2014. When I’m sad about the lemons handed out by life, I remind myself that Claire once turned the experience of a 36+ hour delayed flight into a moving, bittersweet video that gained a whopping 17 views on Youtube. If the world is your oyster, then Claire is your pearl: She’s laid down roots in New York, Connecticut, Shanghai, and Taipei, and can list off the best boba places in all four locations. As the cool mom (when the situation asks for it), Claire puts the “momager” into her “Managerial Studies” major. Also a Cognitive Science major, it’s no wonder this girl is a brain-iac. When she isn’t busy being creative with Design for America or organizing builds for Habitat for Humanity, Claire is working hard to care for the mental and physical health of Rice students as a Rice Health Advisor. One characteristic that makes her a friend for life and the BEST Advisor you could ever have - Claire will always, without doubt, make you feel better than you did before you interacted with her.

Hear the sound of a flute wafting through the air? It’s probably Megan. With her distinct curly hair, quirky humor and flute-playing, she is easily identified in a crowd. With her bubbly and energetic personality, Megan will seem like a friend you’ve known forever. This rising sophomore from Chicago, IL is a flute performance major who has an obsession for music of all kinds. If you ever need music recommendations, or want to hit up the classical concert scene, ask Megan because that is her forte (get it?). When she isn’t practicing or geeking out about music, she is usually telling bad puns, obsessing over cats, or out for a run. She loves to have adventures around the world (ask her about her favorite country, Estonia), and so she’s very excited to be a part of your newest one: college! She can’t wait to meet all the new Hanszenites!

From Boston, MA, Andrew is a long way from the cold grasps of brisk New England weather, so you can usually find him throwing a Frisbee outside on a beautiful Houston day. When it rains outside and the fields are closed, Andrew loves to join the fencing club for a couple bouts, or play some pickup basketball at the gym. However, as a senior Computer Science major, you may find him coding away at his computer a couple of hours before a deadline. When not playing sports, or focusing on academics, Andrew loves to cook and snuggle up with his cute, fluffy poodle mix named Zoey at the end of a long day. She loves attention so if you see her running around campus, feel free to come by and say hello. Puppy therapy is the best kind of therapy. Although she is not the best listener (Andrew is still trying to figure out if she understands English), her cuteness is bound to make any stress go away as soon as you see her cute puppy eyes.
This 6 foot tall, curly-haired, ball of happiness can light up anyone’s day with her charm and crazy quick wit. Monica has the kind of passion for other people that makes everyone feel genuinely welcomed by her presence. She makes giving out bandaids and life advice seem fun, and you won't feel weird asking her for anything from the RHA kit. In her free time, Monica enjoys playing pranks on people, avoiding the gym, and sharing her immense knowledge of chocolate desserts. You can share Monica’s love for baking and hang out with her at Hungry Hungry Hanszenites study breaks, which she is a committee head of. She is weirdly passionate about her major, civil engineering, but despite her super busy schedule, she always makes time for the people she cares about. You can always expect a hug from this social butterfly, and there’s not a cute bunny or puppy video out there that she has not seen. Always ready with a smile and a corny joke, Monica is excited to be your RHA affiliate!
Hailing from the nearly non-existent town of Cumby, Texas, Landon Mabe is a pre-med Sociology major, rising sophomore, and the biggest Foo Fighters fan that you will ever meet. Nearly the only time Landon can be seen wearing something other than one of his many Foo Fighters band shirts is when he is performing with Spontaneous Combustion, Rice’s premier improvisational comedy troupe. Along with his improv, Landon is involved in a couple different Christian ministries on campus and has the honor of being one of Hanszen’s two secretaries. Around Hanszen, Landon can often be found playing a mean game of ping pong or schooling some fools in pool. Don’t let his athletic prowess (or his stunning sideburns) intimidate you, however. Landon is incredibly approachable and is always excited to have a conversation with you. Landon looks forward to getting to know all of you and is elated to be one of the first to welcome you to Hanszen!

Everyone needs a little bit of saucy Puerto Rican in their lives. Here at Hanszen, you need look no further for that bit of spice, because Sonia Torres Rodríguez is all the Latina you will ever need. Aside from her sprightly curls, occasionally adorned by ever-blooming fabric flowers, Sonia can be identified by her uber quirky personality. Also her love of strawberry oreo cookies. And bachata music (ROMEO SANTOS *swoon). And Star Wars. And sleep. And FOOD…But these conflicting interests never get in the way of her main defining characteristic – how honored she feels to be a part of an incredibly inclusive community. She sees her involvement in Rice and in the Hanszen Culture of Care as a personal challenge for her to do her part in continuing a tradition of awesomeness. Therefore, she is a very active Math-Econ/CAAM junior, who participates in a variety of activities on campus, such as the Rice Debate Team, Center for Civic Leadership, the Rice Mariachi Band (as former La Presidenta), and the Civic Duty Rice Chapter. She is ecstatic for O-Week, and can’t wait to be a listening and comforting ear for all the New Students, just as her own O-Week parents were for her. :)

The skill of Klay, the spirit of Draymond, and the swagger of Steph - California’s dream team and California’s dream boy have a lot in common. Hailing from Fremont, CA, Abhijit Brahme is the advisor we all wish we had. This CAAM major’s love for MATLAB is rivaled by none, and you’ll catch him in the Wiess commons on most afternoons coding his heart out. When he’s not doing basketball analytics, Abhi spends his time on the basketball courts, or out on the frisbee fields leading his squad to victory. But Abhi’s best features aren’t his incredible intelligence or athletic prowess; his kindness to everyone he encounters and genuine concern for those around him make him one of the warmest and most sincere people you will meet at Rice. Abhi is always ready to lend a helping hand, and is a constant source of support and encouragement. His quiet one-liners and hilarious puns will have you cracking up, and his contagious smile is irresistible. Whether you need a pal to help you study for your tests or just someone to listen to you, Abhi will be by your side through it all. You are so lucky to have Abhi as an Advisor during the best week of your life!
A rising senior from Katy, TX, Meera views life as an episode of Suits—suave, entertainingly witty, and full of cheesy movie references (gouda’s her favorite). When not pondering how the mind works as a thrilling Cognitive Sciences major, she spends her free time trying out new cuisine, visiting new places in her native city of Houston, but mostly, curling up in bed with her best friend, Netflix. Meera especially takes pleasure in enjoying special movie edition popcorn, in and out of the theater. Despite her busy schedule, Meera always finds time to get her groove on, whether choreographing classical routines with Rice Rasikas, breaking out some moves on the dance floor with Rice Bhangra, or trying her feet at salsa. She hopes you come to find that Rice University is, indeed, “the happiest place on Earth!” Get ready to meet the chillest gal of the group because she cannot wait to get to know y’all.

Meera Devarajan, 2018
Affiliate
Peer Academic Advisor
If you visit Rice's campus for any extended period of time, you're destined to meet Rice-famous Tyler de Salazar. Tyler is a man of many names hailing from the swamps of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Affectionately known as “Tyler da Salad Bar,” this senior has some lesser known nicknames that will help you get to know him better. “Tyler da Studier” - As a Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major, Tyler is often found in the Wiess Commons bothering math majors and head bobbing to music while studying. “Filer de Salazar” - With a job in the Wiess mail room, Tyler is often found filing Wiessmen's mail while chatting with the College Coordinator. “Smiler de Salazar” - Always smiling, Tyler is always there to be a bright spot in your day. He is from sunny Florida after all! You're lucky to have such a great guy as your Advisor. “Tyler de SalaTsar” - Although he isn't a 19th century Russian emperor, he will surely lead your O-Week group through the best week of your life!

If you see someone walking around campus with giant white headphones who won't hear you even if you're screaming her name, that's definitely Taylor. Once she stops listening to that classic rock song or that indie band whose name you've never heard of, she'll tell you that she's a native of Los Angeles, California. A rising junior, Taylor is double majoring in Cognitive Science and Linguistics with a Business minor. She spends her time dancing with her friends on the Rice Owls Dance Team, chatting up prospective students as a lunch host, and watching cheesy rom-coms in the Hanszen movie room. In her free time, Taylor is usually napping or watching Netflix. But because of all that sleep, and a semi-healthy addiction to coffee, when she's out and about she's full of energy! Taylor is always ready to geek out about school, TV and movies, or how to best color-code your planner. Plus, she loves hearing other people geek out to her about their interests. Taylor is so excited to meet all of y'all and welcome you to Hanszen and Rice!

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Calling all Buckeyes! What is that, you say? That’s exactly why you need to know this Midwestern gal. This corn loving Chemistry major and Neuroscience minor Ohioan will defend her state to the death. (CAUTION: don’t ever, ever question the quality of Ohio farmer’s markets.) But, Valerie’s enthusiasm extends far beyond the borders of her home state. Whether it’s her obsession with Creamistry’s liquid nitrogen ice cream (she’s been there at least 20x) or her hardcore triathlon training, Val proudly does what she loves. Legends say that she swam so hard that she turned into a fish for 14 weeks and swam effortlessly right through orgo. Basically, you will be “diene” for her help. Besides her infinite list of talents, Val is a great friend. Whether she’s screaming on the sidelines of your game or just trying to find out how you’re Du-ing, she’ll always be there for you. This foodie is constantly making late night excursions to bring the best things to her fellow Hanszenites so if you’re blessed with the opportunity to tag along “Just Du It.” If this bundle of fun isn’t the embodiment of the Family College, then no one is.
Henry Lanear, Hanszen's very own playmaker. Coming from Kansas City, MO, Henry majors in Sport Management along with a Business minor. He is one of the Sports Reps here at Hanszen, a supervisor for Intramural sports, and plays just about every Intramural sport there is. Obviously, this kid is in love with sports! When he isn't out on the field or court, you can catch Henry jamming out to some Drake or simply vibing to his favorite songs by Usher or Bryson Tiller. Listening to music, napping, singing in the shower (he'll make sure you hear him), and Netflixing are a few of Henry's favorite hobbies. In fact, if you start a conversation with him regarding One Tree Hill, it will literally make his day! Despite his busy schedule, Henry is always willing to lend a helping hand or there to offer great advice. Being around Henry just about guarantees a good time because of the positive energy he radiates. August can't come fast enough because this guy can't wait to welcome all of you to the family here at Hanszen College!

Hailing from the college town of Gainesville, FL, or rather Anderson Hall (the architecture building), Stephanie is a rising sophomore majoring in Architecture and minoring in Statistics. As a native of the sunshine state, she enjoys spending time outdoors, exploring new places, and traveling. She has been a competitive horseback rider ever since she was young, and is also an animal lover who can always be found at puppy study breaks and the occasional petting zoo. If she is not working in studio, Stephanie enjoys visiting art museums and discovering new cafés with amazing desserts. She has a passion for photography and aesthetics, and will often spend just as much time taking pictures of her food as she spends eating it. She is open-minded and always up to trying new things, and never passes up the opportunity to go on random adventures and have spontaneous dance parties. She also loves spending her time watching rom-coms and having late-night chats with friends. She will always be there if you need to talk or just want to share a laugh, and can't wait to meet and get to know you!

As a Biosciences major and a former pre-Med, you might think Shaian has only had time for his studies, but this Sugar Land native is as passionate about sports and music as he is about his academics and research. He listens to just about every type of music (rap and country being his favorites), but sadly dancing is his greatest weakness. Shaian is from Jones College, the winningest college at Rice (BEER BIKE!!!), and his free time consists of chilling with his friends in the Jones Commons, playing FIFA in his suite, or balling and pretending to lift at the gym. Around campus, Shaian is very involved in the Center for Civic Leadership, so hit him up if you are interested in hearing about volunteering opportunities at Rice. On top of that, Shaian has been heavily involved with HACER, the Hispanic cultural organization on campus, and Volunteers Around the World, an organization that hosts international medical service trips. Despite being busy with school and extracurriculars, he prides himself on being a very good listener and a dependable friend (who always texts back). He's super excited to meet all of you, and he can't wait for y'all to experience RetrO-Week!
You finish drinking a refreshing can of coke. The sun is shining. There's music playing. You're about to throw the can away, until you hear a maniacal voice scream “RECYCLE THAT!” Congratulations, you've just had your first encounter with Noor Osmani. She's a rising sophomore who's kind of studying Civil and Environmental Engineering; she's changed her major so many times it's become a meme. Besides the environment, Noor loves boba, dogs, dancing, tennis, and hiking. Originally from Lebanon, she was abducted to the land of Roswell, New Mexico at 5 years old. NO; she's not an alien. Noor spends her time promoting sustainability at Rice through environmental club, planning public parties as a Hanszen Social, and drinking lots and lots of boba. She also loves to meet new people and will go out of her way to help in any way possible. All in all, she is VERY excited to welcome you new Hanszenites to the best college and make new boba-lovin' hiking buddies!!!

Noor Osmani, 2020
Affiliate
Diversity Facilitator
Hi, Hanszen. It's about time you're introduced to the aggressively-blue-eyed, out-of-control, pug-loving Alexander Hawley. Fun fact about Alex: he is actually from THE Lovett College, and he is about the 92nd Alex to walk Lovett halls, so he's also often called "Hawley." Now, when you meet this dude, guaranteed, you're gonna be thinking, "out of control? Where?" Oh no. Give it a second. The second hockey, basketball, volleyball, or really any sport is mentioned, he will literally produce sports fan gear from behind his back and explode, especially if it's Rice (prepare your ears if you stand next to him during a game). On his more serious days, Alex is also an aspiring Chemistry major, a tenacious prospective student host, and an intramural sports frickin superstar (like it doesn't even make sense; dude's amazing). But most importantly, believe me when I say--this guy embodies all the qualities you'd want in a friend. All of them. He'll be there for you whenever you need him. And even when you don't need him. From your best days to those when you need him the most. Just know that. (And please ask him about his pug. He loves that thing to death.)

See that girl over there? No, the one behind her. The really small one? Okay, you can't see her, because she may be the smallest person at Hanszen (in the world?). But what she lacks in size, she makes up for in heart. This 4’11-3/4” bundle of joy hails from Irvine, CA, where she spends her days chilling with friends on the beach, hiking on actual hills, and desperately waiting for the next Coldplay tour. She is majoring in Statistics and minoring in Global Health Technologies, and perhaps pre-medding. Outside of classes, you might find her watching the Bachelor during Rom-Com events, playing powderpuff or IM soccer, or going to Bollywood dance practice. She loves to dance, eat, goof around, and generally not take life seriously. But in all seriousness, if you're not sure what your path is and want to talk it out, have a comforting ear, or ignore it all and binge-watch the Office, this is your girl. Call her Ami (uh – me), Amo (um – o), Ima (eem – a), honestly anything but “Amy.” Whatever name you choose, this lady is super excited to welcome you to Hanszen!!

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All your dreams have come true in getting the incredible Varsha Sathappan as an Affiliate for RetrO-Week. This Girl Scout extraordinaire, complete with large earrings and immaculate hairstyle, hails from the Bay Area. Don’t be fooled though, her personality is even larger than her hair. When she’s not handling mouse ovaries in her lab, you’ll probably find Varsha trying new restaurants as our resident food connoisseur (and she’d love to take you along). You’re guaranteed to see her trekking back from dance performances in full stage makeup, as she’s one of the captains of Rice Rasikas, our school’s only Indian classical dance team. Luckily for you, you can relive each day of RetrO-Week via Varsha’s highly acclaimed Snapchat stories, complete with witty commentary. Since you have the pleasure of spending the entire week with her, maybe you can help us figure out if the good lighting follows her or if it’s just her glowing personality.
Anthony is a junior Mechanical Engineering Major hailing from Chicago, Illinois. Singing is one of his greatest passions. He sings for the Rice Philharmonics, which is the oldest of Rice's awesome a cappella groups (shameless plug). He is a nerd at heart and loves to play video games and talk about nerdy stuff like Game of Thrones or Star Wars. He used to run Cross Country and Track and play Volleyball in high school. Since he is no longer an athlete, he tries to stay active, exercise, and eat a healthy diet since he is becoming an old man and needs to start thinking about his health. A few quick fun facts about him (as of writing this): he still does not have his drivers' license since Chicago has a nice public transportation system and because he is lazy and it is much easier and more fun for him to just be irresponsible and mooch off of others for rides. He has a rottweiler named Zeus, who is the sweetest dog ever and attention-dependent. He lives two blocks from Obama. And last, but not least, he has never held a baby.

Meet Abigail, a rising junior from Hanszen College, from the Washington D.C. area. Abigail is a violin performance major and Cognitive Science double major, minoring in Neuroscience. You can find her locked in a practice room at the Shepherd School for countless hours each day, geeking out about the brain daily, or running around campus frantically scrambling to get to her classes exactly 4 minutes and 37 seconds before they start. Affectionately called “mom” by her friends, Abigail is the go-to person if you need to rant about something at 3am in the morning. Abigail has an inordinate disdain for humidity, is obsessed with corgis (she has two), and she loves reading about random clinical trials in emergency medicine. She also has an uncanny ability to maintain an adult-like composure for extended periods of time and then collapse into what can only be described as a laughing attack. Abigail is incredibly excited to meet you and welcome you to the Hanszen family!

Anthony Charletta, 2019
Co-Advisor

James Chen, 2020
Advisor

Abigail Tucker, 2019
Advisor

Anthony Charletta, 2019
Co-Advisor

If you ever need to hear jokes that tend to fall flat and occasional but terrible, cringe-worthy puns, get James Chen. This wide-smiling, easy going, and friendly rising sophomore is a Biochemistry Pre-Med from Katy, Texas who obsesses over Gordon Ramsay videos of finer dining, yet still loves late night, trashy fast food. While he's busy trying not to brick open 3’s while playing basketball at the Rec, James plays Super Smash Bros with his friends and, when he really has nothing to do, plays violin or piano. In addition, when James isn't laughing at dank memes flooding his news feed, he enjoys chilling in the commons with fellow Hanszenites, even if this means that he's talking to people in the commons well past midnight. James tries his best to bring an element of fun in whatever he does; however, this does not mean that he cannot settle down and engage in deeper, meaningful conversations. In addition to welcoming you to a family known as Hanszen College, James is looking forward to making genuine and long-lasting connections with you!
If Leya had a Yelp page, reviews would include “brown Texan Leslie Knope,” “appalled like 50% of the time,” and “basic.” However, Yelp reviews don’t tell the whole story. Texas born and Ohio raised, this junior Math-Econ and Policy Studies major is the perfect mix of Southern sass and Midwestern friendliness. Her personality can be quiet, but her sharp wit will catch you by surprise. Leya is used to being the mom in any friend group, and will always be ready to put your stuff in her “mom bag” or give you a Disney princess band-aid. In addition to being a total policy nerd, Leya loves to talk about The West Wing, Harry Potter (she’s a Gryffindor), and cooking shows. If she’s not holed up in her favorite study spot or at work at the Baker Institute, she is napping, watching Netflix, or eating chicken nuggets. She’s so excited to meet you!
Meet Austin Cao, a Wisconsin-born Hanszenite by day and cheese connoisseur by night. If you’re down for an adventure, look no further: he has been known to spontaneously take a night trip to Galveston or run a half-marathon. When he’s not sipping on a chai tea latte, you can find him either working in lab at Baylor or cruising around campus for EMS. This man of culture has passions that include playing tunes on the piano, curating bomb Spotify playlists, and overanalyzing episodes of Westworld. Austin loves to expand his horizons by travelling, participating in service trips, and attending music festivals. His cheerful, outgoing, and sometimes eccentric personality is unmistakable. One final thing you should know about this Rice-Baylor is that he’s also a loyal friend. Whether you’re one of the lucky ducks in his O-Week group, or just someone who needs some advice, this is your go-to guy. Last comment: This guy likes to keep his Mario Kart retro. Like N64 retro.

An avid lover of dogs and memes, Catie is an English and Psychology major from Great Neck, New York. Her talents include being unable to stick to a consistent gym schedule, knowing all the words to every Taylor Swift song, and being extra. Great at listening (until there is a dog in the vicinity), she loves to converse about everything from the weather to the purpose of life. She is a tour guide for the Admissions Office but has terrible memory, so quiz her on Rice facts to watch her struggle to remember the answer. Her guilty pleasure is the entire Bachelor franchise, and on any given day, you can find her stalking the contestants’ Instagram accounts instead of doing her homework. She is always down to explore Houston and has decided she likes Texas infinitely more than New York. Catie is the most indecisive person you will probably ever meet, but one thing she’s certain about is her enthusiasm for O-Week; she is so excited to get to know everybody!

“Toto, I’ve a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore.” Jack hails from the suburbs of Kansas City, Kansas, and he brings Midwestern charm and friendliness with him to Houston. Jack Trouvé will be a sophomore and will provide a wealth of knowledge as your Co-Advisor from Wiess. “Trouvé” means “found” in French, and you will often “find” Jack playing Super Smash Bros in the Upper Commons. But he’s not just your typical French boy. Jack excels in both academics and sports. Jack is a Mechanical Engineer who loves tinkering and being a MATLAB wizard, and his prowess on the badminton court intimidates the other team into submission. If you’re looking for something to talk to him about, ask about his studying abroad in Spain. Most importantly, Jack is a great listener who loves to have deep late-night conversations, so feel free to talk to him about anything!
If there's something strange at your residential college, who you gonna call? Elena Busch. This senior Physics major from Hanszen College is equipped with everything from a mini-quadcopter to lightsaber chopsticks, and maybe even a rumored desk-top catapult. However, she isn't all brains. Elena can often be seen playing co-ed and women's intramural soccer, sailing on Galveston bay, or jogging the outer loop. Her dedication to sports parallels her love of food, cuisine, and all things dessert, and you might see her at Target debating how many packs of Oreos to buy or discussing whether to add more tea to her (extensive) collection. You might say she sounds too good to be true, but don't be afraid to talk to this affectionate Diversity Facilitator about anything you're passionate about, because no one gets more excited about being excited. And speaking of getting excited, what she's most excited about right now is getting to know YOU!!
Meet David, a 100% made-in-China, 100% Canadian hailing from the rainy, overcast, but gorgeous city of Vancouver. David is a true Canadian, and just like a typical Canuck, he says “sorry” and “thank you” way too often and will hold the door for you when you are still half a mile away. This international pre-med is going to rock your world with all the maple syrup, ice hockey, and the occasional “eh’s you can imagine. He is an avid fan of the Toronto Raptors, and gives his all every time he steps on the B-Ball court. Some people call him a cherry picker, but we all know that they are just jealous of his three-point accuracy. Although he is fierce on the B-Ball court, outside the court, David has a charisma that pulls other people close to him. It’s so easy to be friends with him, and he will always help you out, no matter what situation you are in. When you have the chance, ask him about the fig tree!

If you ever see a 5’6” Guatemalan-Indian (“Guindian”) girl busting a move out of nowhere, chances are it’s Annika. A self-proclaimed pre-med princess, Annika loves everything related to biology, medicine, and volunteering. Annika is a rising junior from colorful Colorado, but no, she doesn’t ski. While she’s not thinking about hiking the Rocky Mountains, she’s either working toward her degree in Biochemistry and Cell Biology and Medical Humanities, or perhaps procrastinating by online shopping. Annika is bubbly, outgoing, and a true social butterfly (contrary to her actual fear of butterflies). Her hobbies include dancing, doing medical missions abroad, exploring new places with friends, eating pumpkin ice cream, and listening to music (she’s not ashamed of how much she loves Zayn and Justin Bieber). You can always find her with a smile on her face and a green tea latte in her hand. While Annika is passionate about many things in life, she is most passionate about socializing and meeting new people. That being said, she can’t wait to meet all of you!

Here are five reasons why your new Advisor Perry Goldstein is the best possible person to introduce you to O-week. 5: 5 is the number of years he takes to finish one meal (this guy is a seriously slow eater), which means he has all the time in the world to talk to you over dinner! 4: as a member of Wiess’s legendary 434 he sure knows how to kick back and make sure everybody feels welcome at the party. 3: Sporting three majors (Sport Management, Economics, and Managerial Studies) and three IM sports championship titles (Innertube water polo x2 and softball), Perry is the perfect example of how you can have both brains and brawn. 2: If you ever have trouble sleeping, Perry knows the late night streets of Houston like the back of his hand due to his numerous 2am food runs, and would be more than happy to show you some mind blowing food. 1: There is no one more caring and loyal that Perry. You are truly lucky to have this stellar guy as your Advisor!
Hailing from the sunny beaches of Southern California, Michael will never miss an opportunity to wax poetic about his homeland’s superior weather. As a rising sophomore majoring in [TBD], he is nonetheless an excellent source for all useless trivia and is Hanszen's unofficial alternative to Google in the highly likely event that Rice's internet randomly ceases to function properly. As Rice's preeminent automotive scholar, he will almost certainly know what kind of car you drive by the end of the year, and even if you don't drive a car, he'll still know what kind of car you would drive if you had one. He will also never miss an opportunity to argue for hours about anything baseball or basketball-related, even though his skills in actually playing these sports leave something to be desired. During O-Week, he will be showcasing his remarkable talent of capturing photographs of the most embarrassing facial expressions possible – but despite these shortcomings, he nonetheless warmly welcomes you all to Hanszen: objectively the best college at Rice.

Coming from the beautiful state of Washington, Nick is always running around with a camera in his hand, looking for the next photo opportunity and the chance to document the world around him. As a rising junior studying Statistics and Econ, he spends his free time swimming, biking, running, and playing any instrument he can get his hands on. Nick loves to travel the world, and he spent a year living in Germany before coming to Rice! He has a passion for technology, and will go to any lengths to convince you why the Surface Book is better than the Mac! If it's a beautiful day outside you can probably find him flying his drone and getting cool aerial shots of the campus. Being 6'4, it's pretty easy to spot Nick in big crowds and around campus, don't feel shy to strike up a conversation! He is always willing to help anyway he can and can't wait to welcome you to Hanszen college!
You may have noticed that you have an Affiliate attached to your group. An Affiliate is essentially another Advisor that serves a special role during O-Week. In addition, we have Affiliates who are not attached to an O-Week group, but rather assist in all O-Week groups equally through their specific positions (Photographer and Videographer). Here are all of the roles and their descriptions:

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

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

**Gopher:** The Gophers serve as the trusted helpers for the O-Week Coordinators: whenever they need supplies, the Gophers rush to Target, Kroger, or anywhere else to get them.

**O-Week Peer Academic Advisor (PAA):** The Office of Academic Advising has chosen a special group of students to be your guides to academics at Rice. They have been broadly trained in various areas of academics like general graduation requirements, specific classes, research opportunities, studying abroad, graduate school requirements, or any topic that refers to academics. There is a team of 4 O-Week PAAs who are specifically trained to assist you. They will coordinate advising sessions and personal meetings for academic advice during O-Week. They know a lot about academics at Rice, and if they can't answer your question off the top of their head, they will find you the answer.

**Rice Health Advisor (RHA):** RHAs are students who have been trained on a variety of health and well-being topics, from nutrition to sexuality to various other physical, mental, psychological, and spiritual issues. RHAs are students’ link to the Rice Well-being and Counseling Center. RHAs also have various medical supplies, like bandages, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, earplugs, gauze, hydrocortisone, tampons, condoms, etc. Although there is only one O-Week RHA, you will meet several other RHAs at Hanszen as time goes on.

**Photographer:** The Photographer’s job is to capture every event during O-Week. On top of taking photos of each New Student on move-in day, the Photographer will move from group to group during events so that all New Students can cherish the memories they make during O-Week for years to come.

**Videographer:** Like the Photographer, the Videographer is tasked with recording the events of O-Week, with the obvious difference of taking videos rather than photos. The Videographer will make a video of the entire week that everyone can view later on as well.
HANSZEN
COLLEGE
Hanszen College has an acceptance rate of less than 10% among Rice students, putting it among the most elite colleges in America. But, now that you're here, you may be confused as to what exactly this place is and what it's all about. Here is a little crash course on why Hanszen College is objectively the best residential college at Rice. Located on the corner of Loop Road and Alumni Drive, Hanszen is one of Rice's four original residential colleges, meaning we have a rich history and plethora of traditions. Our location is to be envied. We have the privilege of being closest to the Rice Memorial Center (read: Coffeehouse), the Hoot, Tudor Fieldhouse, the Recreation Center, the Bioscience Research Collaborative, and two parking lots. We are also closest to Rice Village, a Chipotle, and a Starbucks, where you will too-often visit to satiate your hunger at all hours. But Hanszen is more than its location. Our wide grassy quad is adorned with our mascot, the Guardian. We take pride in the Guardian, as it represents Hanszen's ferocity and passion, and also protects us from the evil-doings of other colleges. You'll often see people out in the quad studying on the picnic tables, learning how to do a backflip on the trampoline, grilling burgers, or just tossing a Frisbee. Look up from the quad and you'll see our towering glass and brick Commons, the nicest at Rice. The Commons are the social epicenter of Hanszen College and have two main parts—downstairs, the Lower Commons are where we eat all of our meals and where we host public parties, and upstairs in the Upper Commons are a number of classrooms to socialize or study, a game room, a library, and a lobby with several leather couches to nap or chill. At the end of the day, though, what makes Hanszen so great are the people and the sense of community. Hanszen is known as the “Family College,” and you'll see that you have a friend in every single Hanszenite. Hanszenites always look out for one another and are there for each other through the good and the bad. Our Magisters, RAs, and College Coordinator are by far the best on campus and make sure that everyone has a blast. At Hanszen, you’ll form close friendships and fond memories that you will cherish for the rest of your life. Soon enough, you'll start calling Hanszen “home,” you'll find yourself decked out in Hanszen regalia, painting up blue and yellow for a sporting event, and waking up without a voice from chanting “HFH” at the top of your lungs. We are unbelievably excited to welcome you into the Hanszen family!

Fun Facts About Hanszen

- Namesake: Harry Clay Hanszen
- Year Established: 1957
- Founding Order: 3rd of 11
- Colors: Royal Blue and Yellow
- Mascot: The Guardian
- Theme Song: “MMMBop” by Hanson
- Friendly Rival: Wiess College
- Sister College: Brown College
- Nickname: The Family College
- Motto: Tradition and Novelty
In 1957, William V. Houston, second Rice President, initiated the college system, making Hanszen College one of the four original colleges. The college took the name Hanszen in honor of Harry Clay Hanszen, a member of the Rice University Board of Governors from 1946 to 1950 whose wealth came from his ventures in the oil industry. Hanszen was once known as the “Gentleman’s College” because members, at that time all-male, were required to wear neckties to dinner. However, by the 1960s, most students just wore a piece of string around their necks. The tradition was stopped when a student protested by wearing only a necktie to dinner.

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

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

Though long ago Hanszen was known as the “Gentleman’s College” and “The Uncollege,” we have now become known as the “Family College.” This name is a reflection of the close and caring relations among its members. The present building housing the College Coordinator’s Office, Commons, and South Servery was built in 2002 and is a beautiful modern space where you can experience hours of games, fun, and bonding.
HANSZEN TRADITIONS

With the motto “Tradition and Novelty,” it’s no surprise that Hanszen has some great traditions and is making more every year! Crane Day is one of the most well-known traditions that we celebrate. In 2002, when Wiess was undergoing construction, a giant crane malfunctioned and swung out of control, stopping above Hanszen New Section. Forced to evacuate because of the crane hanging above them, the Hanszenites gathered in the Quad. Rather than simply go about their day avoiding New Section, the students decided to skip all of their classes, bring out a keg, and party in the Quad. As a result, Hanszenites continue to celebrate Crane Day every year. A major part of Hanszen’s traditions involve public parties. During the spring semester we have Mardi Gras, one of the biggest parties of second semester!

Of course, many traditions also stem from Beer Bike, which is a campus-wide bike and chugging race that occurs in March. During Willy Week, the week before Beer Bike, colleges will pull pranks on each other (called “jacks”). One jack Hanszenites pulled in 2011 included “selling” the statue of Willy to the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and was noted by the Thresher (the Rice newspaper) as one of the best jacks of all time. Every year, Hanszen pulls two pranks on Wiess. One is jailbreak, where Hanszenites wake up Wiessmen early in the morning and everyone has a dance party. The other is building a wall between New Section and the Commons so that Wiessmen have to walk around Hanszen, instead of through it, to get to class. On the day of Beer Bike, Hanszen has a huge color powder celebration before the water balloon fight. Because so many Hanszenites fill water balloons during the week of Beer Bike, Hanszen lasts the longest during the water balloon fight.

Finally, over the years, the Committees have started several traditions, such as Cascarones during Easter, the Porker for the Hanszen vs. Wiess powderpuff football game, and renting out the ice skating rink at the Galleria. As the first college to create and use a crest, you come from a long line of trendsetters, so who knows? Maybe you’ll start the next Hanszen tradition. The Hanszen difference is that our college is not merely a dorm or a social group, it’s a family. Starting with the love and care from our Magisters, RAs, and College Coordinator, the college embodies the Culture of Care that Rice emphasizes on the university level. Everyone is willing to help out a fellow Hanszenite and there is a long-standing tradition of paying it forward. We are the Family College for a reason, and we cannot wait for you to be a part of it!
Every college has a group of adults who help run the college, consisting of the Magisters, the Resident Associates (RAs), and the College Coordinator. At Hanszen, we call these people collectively the H-Team (short for “Hanszen-Team”). Hanszen has two Magisters, two sets of two RAs (one set in Old Section, one in New Section), and one College Coordinator. They are attached to the college because they chose to be and are often some of the most spirited members of our college. They all had to go through a rigorous application and interview process that is run by a committee made up of students in the college. They have all been at Rice for years, and know the ins-and-outs of administration, and are great resources to use for things like academic or career advice, and they are also just interesting people that are great to get to know.

**College Magisters**

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

**Resident Associates**

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

**College Coordinator**

Every college has a College Coordinator. The College Coordinator works in an office (Hanszen’s Coordinator, Joyce, works in an office in the commons) that is open every weekday. You can pick up or send off mail from this office, as well as use various office supplies that the coordinator may have. College Coordinators are often the people to go to when you have a question as well (Joyce has been at Hanszen since 2006, so she pretty much knows all there is to know). The College Coordinator is another piece of our fantastic adult team, and a great resource that you will learn to use while at Hanszen and Rice.
The Magisters

Paul and Klaudia Brace

Hanszen College welcomes you! We are Paul and Klaudia Brace, Magisters of Hanszen College, and we are thrilled that the class of 2021 is joining us as the newest Hanszenites. Your Hanszen family is a very special part of life at Rice University, providing wonderful opportunities for leadership, camaraderie, creativity and recreation. This family is dedicated to your overall success at Rice, providing support, recreation and social endeavors to make great and lasting memories.

College life will be new and exciting, with many challenges. As College Magisters, we are here to smooth your transition to college life, familiarize you with the Hanszen culture, and promote an engaging environment. We will be among the first to greet you upon your arrival and will proudly march with you at commencement.

Paul is the Clarence L. Carter Chair in Legal Studies and Professor of Political Science with research and teaching interests in the areas of American politics, policy and law. He attended University of Oregon as an undergraduate and received his M.A. and Ph.D. at Michigan State University. Klaudia is a CPA and serves as Chief Financial Officer for the Houston Food Bank. She graduated from Michigan State with a bachelor's in business and a MBA. We have lived in Houston for 21 years, and prior to our move here, our careers have taken us to Colorado, New York City, Chicago, and Florida.

We wholeheartedly welcome you to join us in our efforts to continue the traditions that have made Hanszen College the best! We are looking forward to seeing you at RetrO-Week.

Paul & Klaudia Brace
Hanszen College Magisters
Hey Hanszen! We are thrilled to be a part of your Hanszen family. We both work on campus: by day Alan is the director of Disability Support Services and Rebecca is an Archivist and works in the Woodson Research Center in Fondren Library.

Alan is originally from England, primarily London but he went to boarding school and attended university in Sussex. He has an MA from the University of Sussex. Alan LOVES English football and is a Gooner (a life-long Arsenal supporter). He also enjoys traveling, history, British tv, and movies. He has successfully turned Rebecca into an Arsenal fan and even an occasional cricket fan. He also enjoys puns, so be prepared to enjoy/suffer his skills.

Rebecca grew up in Texas and attended Southwestern University in Georgetown and has a MLS from University of North Texas. After marrying Alan they lived in England for 3 years before Texas pulled them back and settled in Houston. Rebecca loves movies, theatre, discovering new restaurants in Houston, and traveling. She geeks out about certain shows (Sherlock and Game of Thrones!) She also loves to bake and trying out new recipes for hungry Hanszenites!

We host a weekly Sunday study break in our apartment which normally includes our current tv or movie obsession. Our apartment is on the first floor in Old Section (apt. 105), so please stop by to watch tv or a movie, ask us questions, or just hang out.
Welcome to Hanszen College, the BEST College ever! We are Danny & Diana, one set of Hanszen’s Resident Associates and part of the H-Team. So a little bit about us... We grew up in the east coast (Danny in Brooklyn and Diana in Philadelphia), but Danny is originally from Ecuador and Diana from Colombia. We’ve been living in Texas for the last 8 years, and as the saying goes “we got here as soon as we could!”

Aside from being RA’s, Diana is an HR Specialist in Rice University’s HR office. She has a BA in English (Ursinus College) and an MA in Professional Communications (La Salle University). Danny is a Project Manager for Lubrizol, a chemical company. He has both a BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering (Drexel University).

We also enjoy working out, such as running (10K’s and half marathons) and doing Crossfit. We try to maintain a healthy lifestyle, even though sweets are Danny’s weakness. We’re HUGE sports fans! Danny enjoys playing FIFA and watching soccer with fellow Hanszenites. Our favorite teams are F.C. Barcelona, the Yankees, the Astros, the Giants (football) and the Knicks.

Massimo and Georgia are also part of the family. They are Boston Terriers and are about 8 and 10 years old respectively. They like to play, go out for walks and sleep a lot! Georgia might snuggle next to you while she sleeps, while Massimo will wiggle his little tail and show you how excited he is to meet you!

Our pastimes involve going to the movies, to cultural events/festivals, sporting events, concerts and traveling. We especially love to travel and meet people from all parts of the world! We invite all Hanszenites to come out to the Burbs (New Section) to hang out, have fun and try some interesting treats. Diana is constantly trying her hand in baking and would like to get some feedback, hopefully positive. If you aren’t interested in the treats, don’t worry, we would still like to get to know you and help you in any way we can.

Please feel free to stop by our place in New Section (apt.192).
Hello and welcome to Hanszen College! My name is Joyce and I have been in charge of the college office for 11 years, but have been at Rice for 19 years. I am very familiar with the Rice campus and know many people in other departments, which could be very helpful to you. Officially, I assist the Magisters with the administration of Hanszen. Unofficially, I am the daytime RA, mail guru, answerer of questions, and holder of all keys to Hanszen.

While you are in the Hanszen office you can pick up your packages from home, send or receive a fax, make copies, buy a stamp, get a band-aid or an aspirin, have some tea, or (everyone's favorite) raid the candy jar. However, the best thing about the Hanszen office is that it is a GREAT place to take a break from your studies and just hang out! Here it is very laid back! Don't let the regulars intimidate you - come on in and get to know everyone!

During your time at Hanszen you will undoubtedly hear about my family and I. I was born in Houston and raised about 20 miles south in Pearland. I have been told I have a definite Texas accent! Y'all can let me know when you arrive! I have been married for 30 years to my high school sweetheart, Anthony. We have 3 sons, a daughter-in-law, and a beautiful granddaughter. Our family is very active in our church, and we love watching movies, especially sci-fi. Yes, I am a “trekie”! I also enjoy reading, hiking, gardening, cooking, and playing with our 3 dogs.

We are all very excited about your arrival. As all new additions to a family, you will become a very important part of our family bringing your own personality and ideas. I look forward to learning all about you! Until then I hope you have a wonderful summer. If you have any questions, please call me at 713-348-4024 or send me an email at joyce@rice.edu. I will be in the office most of the summer and I would love to hear from you.
Hanszen College Associates are faculty, staff, and community members who are a vital part of Hanszen and are committed to engaging, mentoring, and serving as a resource for students as well as each other. Associates get involved in Hanszen in a wide variety of ways, ranging from meals at Hanszen during the week, attending and hosting sporting events and other social gatherings, to holding interesting lectures and entertaining movie nights in the quad, all with the goal of enriching intellectual, cultural, and social life at the college. There is no prescription for how Associates contribute to the college because each Associate brings a unique set of experiences and perspectives. During O-Week, you will be introduced to Associates on at least two occasions: a lunch at Hanszen and a dinner off-campus. But these meetings are just an introduction to the Associates program. During your first year, you'll have many more opportunities to meet Associates, seek mentoring, share interests, and ask questions. Associates are around on a regular basis, so if you see any of our wonderful Associates in the commons, or around campus, be sure to stop and introduce yourself! You never know when your connections with these professionals, both in and out of Rice, will help you in the future.

**Associate Events**

**Fall Associates Night:** A themed, Hanszen-only sit-down dinner in the Commons. It's a great night to dress up, socialize with the Associates and eat a delicious meal!

**Sweets and Treats:** One of the sweetest (hehehe) study breaks during the Fall finals period. Imagine mountains of delicious desserts baked for all Hanszenites by our talented Associates. You won't want to miss this great opportunity, or the sugar coma afterwards!

**Spring Tailgates:** The famous event fondly referred to as “Hanszen on the Hill” entails a good 'ol fashioned day of relaxing with the Hanszen Associates, eating burgers and hotdogs, and watching America's favorite pastime--baseball!

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

**Associate Mentors**

First Year Mentors are members of the Rice faculty and Associates at Hanszen who provide students with guidance on issues related to both academic and personal development when needed. Each O-Week group is assigned a First Year Mentor, who will participate in some events during and after O-Week, such as O-Week lunches. Mentors have the opportunity to assist New Students with their transition to Rice, provide a trusted source of guidance and informed support, share specific knowledge and insights about their own areas of expertise, engage in a residential college community, and significantly impact the lives of undergraduates.
Jack Toups, other than being the Hanszen College President, is a Senior from the Suburbs of Cypress majoring in Kinesiology: Sports Medicine with a minor in Biochemistry and pursuing a certificate in Spanish. When he’s not trapped in meetings or at lab, you can probably find him lounging around the commons chit-chatting with his fellow Hanszenites about life. Jack takes pride in his ability to put the Pro in Procrastination, always ready for a spontaneous late-night outing, a target run, or a deep discussion about our purpose in this world. His favorite pass-times include crying to “Grey’s Anatomy” and “This is Us,” baking Nestle Toll House cookies, and taking long walks around campus.

Besides being an obligation to go to meetings every day, the role of College President is primarily composed of 2 parts. The first part is leading Hanszen’s government. It is the president’s job to run Hanszen’s weekly Cabinet meetings (Wednesdays at 10:10 PM—be there!), work with Hanszen’s government and committee heads to make sure everything is running smoothly, and to make Hanszen as engaging, inclusive, and fun as possible. The second part of this job is to serve as Hanszen’s representative campus-wide, for both administration and in the campus-wide student government (the Student Association). This translates to lots of meetings with various personnel (the dean of undergraduates, other college presidents, and various other members of administration and faculty) to hash out campus-wide issues and bring Hanszen’s opinions and best interests to the table.

In both of these capacities, there are a ton (tons!) of opportunities for you to get involved and make a difference in the Hanszen community, even as a new student! Whether through joining Cabinet as a New Student Rep or the SA as an NSR, throwing your own events for the college (funded by the Activities Fund), helping out with committees and events, or even just by answering surveys that we’ll send out, there are plenty of ways to engage with the Hanszen community. Try to take advantage of the great and numerous opportunities Hanszen will present you with this year!!

γ [Jack with 2016-17 President, Kenny!]

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“Gary Dreyer.” You can feel the pulsing base of Steve Aoki’s “Boneless” rippling the air in your lungs; the sporadic lights throw you into frantic disorientation.

“Gary Gary Dreyer.” You elbow your way into a clearing in the hoard of sweaty, twisting bodies and become transfixed on a bespectacled Jewish figure, jumping in perfect synchronization with the baseline. He has practiced.

“Gary Dreyer.” Your eyes widen in realization. The frenzied chanting of his name rhythmically pounds at your eardrums. It’s him.

“Gary Gary Dreyer.” You run to him, panting. He turns.

Be polite and say hi to Gary, a history major entering his third and final year at Rice. He is also Hanszen’s CJ, or Chief Justice. “What does the Chief Justice do?” you wonder to yourself, innocent and wide-eyed. To quote garydreyer.com—the promotional website he made for himself—the CJ plays “a critical role in student government as the individual responsible for enforcing the residential college’s judicial code and serving as a liaison between the students, Student Judicial Programs, and the college’s Magisters & Resident Associates.” That’s just a Gary way of saying that the CJ makes sure rules are followed and Hanszenites stay out of sticky situations. It may sound like he’s a narc, but in reality, the last thing on his agenda is to get his fellow students in trouble.

At first, Gary will present himself to you, New Student, as a stoic intellectual, a hardened cynic, a generally vocal man who revels in cutting people off mid-sentence. However, ask him literally any question about New York, Hanszen traditions, or Fiddler on the Roof, and you’ll quickly find him to be as cuddly and harmless as the bears of honey he empties into his tea every day. Sprinkle this well-groomed Hanszenite with some affection, and watch him blossom into a loyal and super affectionate friend.

To conclude, here is an authentic Gary quote: “My biggest weakness is that I hate birds. All of them.”

Gary with 2016-17 Chief Justice, Andrew!
Student Government: Hanszen Cabinet

Student government at Rice comes at two levels: campus wide (the Student Association) and at the college level. Each college has their own student government that meets weekly or bi-weekly. Here at Hanszen, we meet every Wednesday at 10:10pm in the Upper Commons! Now, government can sound a little boring, but our Cabinet is a lot of fun! Our Cabinet meetings can act as a quick study break, a socializing period, a snack break, but most importantly as a time to get important announcements and issues spread to the students.

The Executive Cabinet consists of the President, Chief Justice, two Vice Presidents (Internal and External), two Treasurers, and two Secretaries. In addition, there are 3 Class Reps per year that provide food each week and represent their class as voting members on Cabinet. On top of that, Hanszen boasts a number of different Committees that serve a number of different roles. We have Committees that are solely devoted to food, sports, events, and anything you can imagine! If you have an idea for a cool event or opportunity, you can approach any of these Committees to see your idea come to fruition!

The beauty about student government is the COUNTLESS ways to become involved or serve in some sort of leadership role! Sometimes classes can be a bit of a time-suck, but there are so many roles that have varying time commitments that allow everyone to serve in any type of capacity. Get ready to be involved in great events, traditions, and improvements to our Hanszen culture through our Cabinet!

SEE YOU There at 10:10 PM on Wed.
Hanszen College government is by the people and for the people, and one of the best examples of this is our Committee System! In essence, Committees are groups of people with a similar passion, whether it be sports, community service, schmoozing with alumni, or cooking meat. Committees are the core of Hanszen College, as they are responsible for throwing all of our activities and events. Every Committee is run by a few Hanszenites and has its own budget, goals, functions, and responsibilities. The Committee System gives Hanszenites the freedom and the opportunity to control what happens in the college, throw new and quirky events, and grow and improve the college from year to year.

There are two types of Committees. The first is Standing Committees, which are constitutionally required to exist every year and are essential to the college functioning. The Standing Committees are Alumni, Associates, Spirit, Sports, Merchandise, Beer Bike, College Night/Crane Day, Off-Campus, Senior Events, Awards, and Properties/Spaces. The second type of Committee is called an Initiative Committee, and is run by a group of Hanszenites who are particularly passionate about something that isn't covered by the Standing Committees. Initiative Committees must be renewed every year, leaving a lot of room for growth and for Hanszenites to start brand new committees. Examples of Initiative Committees are the Grilling/Outdoors Committee, Culture Committee, a Baking Committee, and a Crafts Committee.

Finally, there is a way for Hanszenites to get involved without being a part of a committee. We have something called the Activities Fund. This is an awesome way for any Hanszenite to get funding to throw an event for the whole college. You apply for funding for your event/idea and Cabinet will make a decision about which events to fund!

If this sounds confusing, or you want to get involved with the Committees, check out the Hanszen College website for more information about the Committees and contact information for the Committee heads!
College sports are one of the most fun and relaxing ways to get involved at Hanszen. With sports ranging from the always-popular Powderpuff football to the annual swim meet, there are ways for everyone to get involved in a sport, regardless of your skill level. Also, there is no better way to show off your Hanszen pride than competing as hard as you can on the field or court and beating Wiess in anything. There are even sports that are solely dedicated to freshmen that offer a less competitive way to get involved from the first week of the school year. We’ve made quite a name for ourselves on and off the field. Foes be warned: don’t let our nice exteriors and friendly reputations fool you because we are a force to be reckoned with when the honor of Harry Hanszen is on the line. Shouts of “HFH!” can be heard on game days as we display our family spirit and Hanszen pride. Lose or win, we thank the referees and the opposing team at the end because we’re just that classy. This last year alone we racked up championship wins in co-ed tennis, men’s flag football, AND men’s softball. But we don’t like to brag.

Our fans are some of the best, so even if you don’t choose to participate in a sport, make sure to come out and support your fellow Hanszenites! Also, every year, the President’s Cup is awarded to the residential college with the most success across all of the sports and with your help, we can win it next year! We can’t wait to see you all in August on the fields where we will dominate all of the other colleges! HFH!
Old Section: Built in the neo-gothic style, this building has served Rice for 100 years, first as an academic hall and now as a residential college dorm. Though one of the oldest dorms at Rice, what it lacks in “newness,” it makes up for with its unique floor culture and the large living space in its many doubles and quads. Old Section has a large lounge called the Weenie Loft on the fourth floor, which is a great place for studying. There is also a movie room on the fourth floor and a sundeck at the top of the tower, which are both great places for Hanszenites to hangout.

New Section: In this building, the rooms are four-person suite-style, which contain two two-person bedrooms that share a common room; this suite shares a bathroom with another four-person suite opposite them. The building has stairs that open into the quad, and each stairwell is named according to the room numbers, e.g. “the 50’s” and “the 80’s.” The laundry room and the B&P, another hangout area, are located below the rooms of New Section.

The Quad: This is the green lawn between Old and New Sections. There are benches, picnic tables, and a bench swing for enjoying the beautiful, warm weather Texas is known for, a grill for barbecues, and the Hanszen mascot: The Guardian. The Quad is frequently used by Hanszenites for outdoor activities such as tailgates, Frisbee practice, and study breaks.

The Commons: This building has one wall of floor to ceiling windows, which allows you to enjoy the beautiful sun rising as you eat your breakfast and get ready for the day and people watch throughout the day. It is the place where Hanszenites come together to study, have dinner, socialize, and meet for Cabinet every Wednesday night. The Lower Commons consists of our dining area, an entrance to South Servery, a Private Dining Room (PDR) for meetings, a kitchen open to everyone, and our College Coordinator Joyce’s office. It is a popular place to study and do homework in the evenings and on weekends. The Upper Commons consists of multiple classrooms, an off-campus student lounge, a library, a computer lab, a music room, and a game room. The college’s weekly Cabinet meetings are held in the Upper Common’s open lounge area.

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

Joyce, our College Coordinator, is a great resource for Hanszenites. Her office provides a fax machine, a copy machine, free candy (gummy bears fall into the candy category), comfortable seating, and open conversation. It also houses all packages delivered to Hanszen.

PDR: Short for Private Dining Room, this room is located in the Lower Commons, and is used for fancy dining, private meetings, or ultra quiet studying.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sundecks: There is a sundeck on both New and Old Section towers. The sundecks are a great place to hang out with friends, sunbathe, or enjoy a great view of Houston and the Rice campus.

Bike Closet/Sports Closet: Located in the basement of New Section. Be sure to ask the Hanszen Bike Team Captains and the Sports Reps first before checking out any of the equipment.

B&P: Short for Breadsticks and Pomegranates (it’s a long story, and everyone simply calls it B&P, anyways), this is a great lounging space to organize hangouts with friends. It is located under New Section, close to the laundry room. Some students use this space to study or practice speeches since it is usually empty during the day.

Laundry Room: Located under New Section, the laundry room is equipped with nearly BRAND NEW washers and dryers! There are two comfortable chairs inside the laundry room in case you like to lounge and study as you wait for your laundry to finish its cycle. Use of the laundry room is free -- no need to bring quarters.
Old Section Double: The Old Section Double is what most people imagine when they think of a stereotypical “college room.” Depending on how much stuff the two people inside it have, doubles can range from spacious to cozy, but don’t worry: there is plenty of space for the creative mind.

Old Section Quad: An Old Section Quad is basically two doubles with a door connecting them. Many students choose to treat the quads this way, with two beds in each room, although many also choose to put all four beds in the inner room and have the outer room as a kind of living room.

New Section Quad: New Section Quads are two doubles that share a common room. Two New Section Quads share a bathroom in the middle that connect the two.

You will each be given one of the following:
- extra long twin bed
- built-in or standing wardrobes
- a dresser
- a desk
- a trash can + recycling bin
- bookshelves
- ethernet port
- TV cable and telephone jacks (one per room)

*Dimensions shown are averages. Actual sizes vary slightly from room to room.

Ben Baldazo is the Hanszen SMR or Student Maintenance Representative. He is the liaison between Hanszenites and Housing & Dining. He can help you with things like changing light bulbs, moving furniture in your room, and lofting your bed.
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