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intro to hanszen o-week
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 12th.

Before we get started, let us introduce ourselves. Our names are Jeremiah, Karen, and Soohyun (otherwise known as Team JoeKeR$!). We are current undergraduates (we will all 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 HYPED 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. 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. Feel free to reference this book throughout your first year here, as we’ve also provided lists of our favorite classes, Rice study spots, and places to explore in Houston!

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 has not only its own book but also its own O-Week theme. For Hanszen O-Week 2018, the theme is Cup of JO-Week! We hope that this O-Week, just like a cup of coffee, will be a fresh start to all of y’all’s (welcome to Texas) time at Rice!

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. We work to lift our fellow Hanszenites up when they are down (especially with fantastic study breaks) and celebrate them when they are successful. 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 give you a foundation to help you discover what you want to do with your time and which resources to seek out at Rice.

We’re sure you have tons of questions, so please send us an email! Our contact information is 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. See you soon!

Cheers!

Team JoeKeR$!

Jeremiah, Karen, Soohyun
Hanszen O-Week 2018 aims to help new students establish a rich foundation for personal growth and development throughout their time at Rice University. During O-Week, New Students will be introduced to their warm and welcoming new home, Hanszen College, where they can build lasting genuine relationships and find support, traditions, and camaraderie. Ultimately, New Students will be equipped with the resources to expand their experiences, innovate, and explore new and diverse flavors of life. Cup of JO-Week will serve as the fresh pick-me-up New Students need to successfully embark on their journey at Rice and beyond.
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 12th. 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 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 12th.

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

**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.

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

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)

COORDINATE W/ ROOMMATES:
- Extra furniture (couches, chairs, etc.)
- Mini-fridge
- Microwave
- TV
- DVD player
- Printer (also available for use in the Computer Lab for a fee)

LAUNDRY ITEMS
Laundry hamper
High-efficiency detergent
Dryer sheets

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

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

PERSONAL ITEMS
Shampoo
Soap
Shower caddy
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Any medicine you may need
ID (driver’s license, passport)

CLASS ITEMS
Laptop (not required, but very useful)
Notebooks
Paper
Calculator
Stapler
Flash drive
Pens and pencils
Other organizers (folders, etc.)

*Cup of J'O-Week Approved Tip*
Bring your own mug/tumbler to get a 25 ¢ discount on drinks from the student-run Coffeehouse AND to help the environment :)
o-week personnel
What is an O-Week Coordinator? Each college has three O-Week Coordinators: students who were chosen to not only oversee the preparation and execution of O-Week for Hanszen but also collaborate with other colleges on campus-wide events. The Coordinators, chosen in November, have spent the last eight months, including their summer in Houston, planning your first week at Rice. From choosing the theme, to selecting the Advising team, to rooming New Students, to creating a schedule and writing O-Week books, all 33 Coordinators across 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’ll 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.

Karen Qi, 2020

Upon entering Fondren Library, you’ll notice dozens of students laboring away at their problem sets and papers… and one girl… taking Buzzfeed quizzes? That’s Karen! Just like Buzzfeed quizzes, she can be silly or surprisingly deep. She’s here for you, whether you’re seeking an intellectual conversation about the meaning of life, or you’re looking to hear about her hourly embarrassing moment(s) that’ll not only make you scream internally but also indirectly boost your self-esteem. In the rare moments when she’s not taking personality quizzes, you’ll find this junior still trying to make up her mind about her major (struggling with Neuroscience or switching to History??? TBD), taking a stroll around campus with her corn emoji cap and rose gold Beats, doing psychiatry research at the medical center, and planning all the food she’s going to eat the next time she heads home to California’s Bay Area. Last but not least, she loves dogs, and she has a dog whose name is Bark Dogebama. Much like her desire to meet every dog in existence, she also hopes to meet all of you and make your O-Week experience and time at Rice amazing!

Soo hyun Yoon, 2020

Are you looking for a great friend who will always have your back? Look no further than Soo hyun Yoon. This junior from Virginia is one of the most caring people you’ll ever meet and will do anything to make sure everyone around her is happy. She’s a great listener, and always ready to go out on new adventures! Soo is also known to slay with jokes that are downright savage and you’ll never expect them because of her sweet demeanor. You can generally find her studying hard, making rice krispie treats, putting her mechanic skills to the test at Rice Bikes, and riding her yellow racing bike lovingly nicknamed “butters”. She also spends her time saving lives! If you need medical assistance, she’s there dressed in black reporting for duty from Rice EMS. Your O-Week is bound to be loads of fun with Soo as a Coordinator this year! She is Soo happy to be doing it ;)

Jeremiah Murrell, 2020

If you’ve ever watched the popular TV show ‘ATLANTA’ then you might be familiar with Jeremiah’s stomping grounds of Atlanta, Georgia. As a rising junior majoring in the science of doing whatever he wants, Jeremiah balances his academic workload with many different extracurricular and social activities around campus. When he’s not hard at work, Jeremiah enjoys competing in intramural sports, serving as co-President and co-founder of the Black Male Leadership Initiative, and stewarding the ~culture~ of Hanszen College by serving as its Internal Vice President. 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 local theaters to catch the latest Marvel film (ask him about Black Panther, I dare you). 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 any of his favorite artists (many of which you’ve probably never heard of); and if you’re lucky you may even catch him grinding late at night in the Music Room as he works on producing and recording his own music. Jeremiah loves to relax and laugh with his friends as well as meet new people and he is super excited to welcome you to Hanszen College!
Throughout this O-Week book, we’re going to be throwing around some terms to describe all the student personnel available during O-Week. All of these students have put in a great deal of extra time to ensure that your experience at Rice is both memorable and successful. To clear up any confusion you might have about their roles, here are a couple of definitions!

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. Your O-Week group is the first group of people you will meet at Rice! The transition into college can be scary, but your O-Week family will be a constant support group for you. 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, create inside jokes, and develop that love/hate relationship that signifies the establishment of a true family.

What is an Advisor/Co-Advisor? An O-Week Advisor is a current student who will be there for you during O-Week and beyond. The goal of an Advisor is to integrate you into Rice and Hanszen as smoothly as possible. On top of Advising, they’ll help you learn more about the culture of colleges outside of Hanszen and give you a chance to expand your social network. All Advisors 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.

What is an Affiliate? You may notice that you have an Affiliate attached to your group. An Affiliate is essentially another Advisor that serves a special role during O-Week. Check out all of their rolls (heh) and their descriptions on the next page!
**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 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 are only two O-Week RHAs, you will meet several other RHAs at Hanszen as time goes on.
If you’ve ever seen Clay, it was likely in a blur, shooting across the edge of your vision. A long-distance runner for Rice’s Track and Cross Country teams, this Hanszen senior makes his most notable public appearances running shirtless around campus. If he needs to take a break from physical exertion, Clay 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 in these faraway worlds, Clay can be found in his rural hometown of Burlington, Illinois, gazing at endless cornfields, or more likely in nearby Chicago satisfying his diehard Cubs Baseball fandom at Wrigley Field. Academically, Clay is often called “EBIO” by his comrades, even though his major is Environmental Science; his passion for nature and animals nearly rivals his passion for New Students, whom he can’t wait to meet at Cup of JO-Week 2018!
Aidan is a Civil Engineering Major with a minor in Environmental Studies. Her home away from Rice is Gonzales, Louisiana, and she’s passionate about endangered species, music, and Hanszen College. You can find her in one of her many natural habitats, crunching data in her work at Fondren Library, getting at the Rice Student Health Center for yet another injury, or looking through palettes at Sephora in Rice Village. Aidan brings the hype wherever she goes, even during all-nighters spent working on a project for class. She’ll be there for you through thick and thin and can’t wait to welcome you to Hanszen!

Don’t be shocked when you meet Bharathi! This junior 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 Sociology major on the pre-medical track spends her time at a breast cancer research lab, fundraising for various causes, 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. Whether 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!

Spring, Texas native and senior Christian Carr is a English and Political Science major from Duncan College! While his way with words may impress you, it’s his vast trivia knowledge that’s truly amazing. This meme lord is king of making everyone laugh with his jokes. As a Housing and Dining employee, he helps run the farmers market and you can bet that his culinary skills are sharp as a knife. Hilarious, creative, and caring, Christian Carr will be one of your funniest and most reliable Advisors. Congratulations!
Where to even begin with THE Uma Ramesh? Firstly, she spends a lot of her time writing stellar arrangements and spitting straight fire as captain of one of the a cappella groups here at Rice, Basmati Beats. Hailing from Plano, Texas, as a proud member of Baker College, Uma is the Junior Class Representative of Baker Cabinet and spends lots of time in Baker’s storied commons studying away for her Cognitive Sciences and pre-med classes. When she isn’t going at the pre-med grind, you can find her tirelessly advocating for social justice issues from having planned an Alternative Spring Break last year to writing op-eds in Rice’s student newspaper, and so much more. Even with everything Uma does, she never forgets about her friends. She’s always there to brighten up your day with her infectious smile, listen to you vent about anything, or appreciate pictures of cute cats. You’re so incredibly lucky if you’re getting her as an O-Week Advisor because you’re getting someone who will support you through anything and make you feel appreciated from the second you step on campus.
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 senior is from the big suburb of Sugar Land, TX. He fills his time at Rice through extracurriculars like going to lab in the TMC, lunch hosting, powderpuff reffing/coaching, volunteering for medical organizations, and playfully annoying people. If you get a tap on your shoulder and don’t see anyone, Arun is probably on the other side. Even though he only shimmies, Arun is the captain 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, he’s super excited to give you a huge welcome to Hanszen College!

A Cajun hailing from the backwoods of Louisiana, Hannah is overflowing with Southern hospitality. She’s a junior majoring in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, so you can expect random facts about how evolution is all around us. She’s also super into history and psychology and is always ready to learn new things! She’s a little (okay, a lot) obsessed with dogs and is a die-hard Taylor Swift fan who also loves watching hours of Vine compilations. When she’s not giving thoughtful advice to her friends, Hannah enjoys playing sports; her favs include Powderpuff, softball, and kickboxing. She also loves dancing, and is always down for an impromptu 80s jam session. Hannah is also on the Rice Cheer team, and will surely be the biggest cheerleader for the New Students since she can’t wait to meet y’all!

DMV’s very own Varun Kataria from Leonardtown, Maryland is one of Rice’s most ambitious and realest men. A star entrepreneur in the making, this sophomore’s fresh ideas for improving various aspects of his community have been taken into consideration by so many of his friends and even Lovett college itself. The very reason for this is that Varun knows how to make anything he does look good. This tall, fine young man will spend as much time fixing his impeccable luscious hair as he will caring for his O-Week group, which believe me, means that they are in good hands.

A bright Computer Science major and Business minor, Varun will answer all your IT and cash money related questions. Speaking of, Varun will open your world to the wonders of new rap artists and music through his fascinating and engaging passion for the hip-hop arts. His striking, equally haute couture and modern curated style keeps Lovett at a high standard for fashion. Varun is, in many ways, one of Lovett’s most promising artists and creative minds in the future branding and perhaps video editing aspects of the emerging hip-hop culture. Besides his vision, Varun is truly one of the most giving, compassionate and open people Rice has to offer. You are in for a great ride with Varun “Vroomvroom20” Kataria as your Advisor.
Need someone to boost your self-esteem? Look no further than Nailah! This super senior from Sugar Land, TX is ready to cheerlead you to victory. Nailah can be distinctly noted around campus for pedaling away on her scooter or shaking the room with her laughter. She is often lurking around with her camera waiting to capture the liveliness of Hanszen. When she is not napping or studying Biological Sciences, she can be found at the Rec on the treadmill or tucked away in a racquetball court doing a yoga video or dancing. Her favorite spots off campus include the Museum of Fine Arts Houston and Rothko Chapel. These places are notable not only for their artistic value but also the meditative spaces they offer. Her guilty pleasure includes trips to the Burke Planetarium at the Houston Museum of Natural Sciences. The night sky in Houston can often be overcast from light by the medical center, but the stars at the planetarium are a nice compromise. One day, Nailah hopes to travel the world in the attempt to stargaze in the most scenic sky spaces.
Khiaya is a junior from Atlanta, Georgia. She is a Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major with a minor in Computational and Applied Mathematics. One of her favorite things to do is play Powderpuff. When she’s not playing sports for Hanszen or studying, she loves watching TV shows simply to pass the time or as a study break. Some of her most recent favorites include The Flash, The Fosters, and Insecure. She’s known for consistently going to sleep between the hours of 12 and 4 am so she’s literally available night and day should you need anything or just want someone to talk to. Khiaya is quick to laugh and is always down to an impromptu dance party. She can’t wait to meet you and welcome you into our Hanszen Family!

Travis Benedict is THAT guy, for literally everything, if you ever find yourself in a tight situation and don’t know who to talk to just look straight up and you’ll see Mr. Benedict’s generous smile gleaming down at you. As a rising Junior Computer Science Major from Willingboro, New Jersey you can often find Travis hard at work in any of Hanszen’s many study spaces. Travis enjoys contributing to Hanszen’s culture whenever he can, he serves in a cabinet as a Junior Class Representative and will be heading a number of Hanszen Committees, such as Grilling and Spaces. Travis is definitely a Hanszenite that you want to know, in many ways he is a steward and ambassador of the culture that we pride ourselves on at Hanszen. An avid Philadelphia 76ers fan and amateur conspiracy theorist, Travis is known for great conversations and genuine care for the people around him. Wondering if the Earth is flat? Ask Travis. Need a little help “Trusting the Process”? Travis can help with that too. Truly an all around exceptional human, Travis is more than ready to welcome you to Hanszen College with open (and long) arms!

Leah Olivo is truly one-of-a-kind. She’s that special someone who will come into your room at 2 a.m. to teach you how to twerk. The best dancer at any party, Leah is Salem, Oregon’s proudest Dominican Art History snob. You can count on her to greet every advising duty with the same passion she uses to cheer on the Trail Blazers and down cans of whipped cream. Even after O-Week, Leah will be just a hop, skip and a triple jump (did I mention she ran track?) away at Will Rice College, probably working on hand-lettered notes to brighten your day. She may even be setting you up with your future soulmate, whether you like it or not. She may be reluctant to share her bacon with you, but this sophomore Kinesiology/Art History major will become your most loyal, caring, and generous friend at Rice.
Whitney Jin. The whittest of jins. The jinniest of whits. If you’re lucky enough to have this pre-med sophomore majoring in Kinesiology (maybe??) as an Affiliate, get ready for a load of academic advising mixed in with never ending baby and dog videos on Instagram. Hailing from Naperville, IL (or her new home, Fondren Library), Whitney is the most positive person you’ll ever meet! She’s always down for a long philosophical talk about the meaning of life at 2 am (even if you’re trying to sleep) or an in-depth analysis of the critically-acclaimed TV show, Grey’s Anatomy, Or Game of Thrones. Your choice. If you’re ever down, Whitney’s there to cheer you up with lame Dad jokes or food from the famous five-star restaurant, Buffalo Wild Wings. Though she likes to keep herself busy by getting involved on campus, she’ll always put others first, whether it means listening to you or giving advice! Note: make sure to ask Whitney, a bandwagon Astros fan, about the World Series Parade or that time she met Carlos Correa at brunch. Queen of naps, cultivator of the aesthetic, and ramen connoisseur, Whitney can’t wait to welcome y’all to Hanszen!
She’s a woman of many names. Who’s Sportney? A former high school track star loves to reminisce about the old days by frequently running the outer loop. Who’s Klashdashian? The relentless, never-miss-a-day-to-dress-up fashionista who also indulges in her fair share of reality TV (probably Jersey Shore). Who’s Supreme Court? The highest of courts in the legal jurisdiction system of the United States. Also, the woman who just finished her practicum in law and will serve you up in court in the future. These names represent the multiple identities of the one and only Courtney Klashman. Hailing from the good ol’ Los Angeles, California, this Hanszen senior enjoys downing coffee at any time of the day as much as hitting the gym or delving into a new book. One might say her special talent is being able to play “Temperature” by Sean Paul on the vuvuzela. Really. She is a dedicated double-major in English and Math, so she’s sure to share your interests in multiple academic fields. As an Academic Fellow for Hanszen and an experienced member of Hanszen committees, Courtney’s got the knack for helping others and shaping your Rice experience for the best. She can’t wait to see you at O-Week!

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 junior who still hasn’t figured out what to do with his life (but knows he’s a Political Science and Cognitive Sciences double major!), 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. This year, he will be continuing to ply his trade as a semi-competent IM sports referee: if you happen to see him out on the field during your game, remember he’s trying his best and try not to drown him in invective. With this in mind, he warmly welcomes you all to Hanszen: objectively the best college at Rice.

It is safe to say that you will not find a better O-Week Advisor than KPeng aka “Big Kev.” This junior from Gainesville, Florida partitions his time between cheffin’ up dishes worthy of any Michelin star restaurant, finding fame for dancing on Instagram with a whopping 40 followers (which includes his finsta), and being one of the few Rice students to successfully struggle through his rigorous Bioengineering curriculum and pre-medical obligations. Oh and if that wasn’t enough, he also decided to take the most challenging Computer Science class Rice has to offer. As a hobby. For fun. So sit back, relax, and soak up the warm embrace of KPeng. By the end of it all, you’ll have nothing else to say but “Kevin, Dang!”
Have you ever met a walking megaphone? Well get ready to meet Valerie Du, a senior studying Chemistry, who will be cheering you on loud enough for all to hear. This vivacious, bubbly chemistry queen is both a great conversationalist and study buddy! She’s got you covered with everything from your Chinese homework to organic chemistry exams with her diverse range of interests. Hailing from Columbus, Ohio, she is a corn aficionado, proud Buckeye, and a lover of snow. She loves bullet journaling (ask her about her journal from studying abroad), cycling (bike for Hanszen’s bike team!), watching Grey’s Anatomy and The Flash (binge watch some episodes with her), and going on culinary adventures (cook with her or explore some restaurants)! This is her third time being an O-Week Advisor, so you know that she’s got you covered. Val’s super excited to meet this new class of Hanszenites-- so sit back, drink some tasty coffee, and enjoy the adventure.
You’re walking through the Student Center and you glance into Coffeehouse, only to see a girl sipping an iced Americano, fully decked out in rose gold… her headphones, glasses, necklace, jacket, pants, water bottle, phone … literally everything she owns is rose gold. This is Natalie Gault, a sophomore and Biochemistry major from Singapore. You’ll probably see her around campus often, as she’s a member of the Philharmonics, one of Rice’s very best acapella groups. Though she’s involved in various organizations, you can always count on her to be there for you if you need a good laugh (she’s got plenty of vine compilations and tear-ible puns up her sleeve) or someone to study with you.

Born and raised in the lands of Houston, Texas, Bill(iam?) is a Chemistry major who loves to cook, study organic chemistry—even though he won’t admit it—and talk about HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), his one true pride and joy. He’ll never let you forget about HOSA, whether it’s by wearing HOSA apparel or defining every medical-related term you throw at him. One of the most hard-working people you’ll meet, Bill is always reliable when you need someone to talk to, whether it’s over a bowl of instant ramen (he literally hoards that stuff) or in the rooms of Fondren Library, where he likes to talk really loudly just so others can hear. When he isn’t jamming out to Kpop or watching cooking videos, Bill is always busy bustling away as one of your Hanszen RHAs, Sophomore Reps, and Basyk members (how he manages to do it all is beyond me). Self-proclaimed to be a “Work-hard, Play-hard” type of person, Bill is always eager to cook you a delicious meal or talk about some profound revelation he has about life. Oh, and he claims that he solved every Physics 125 Pledge problem in the shower. Bill is more than thrilled to meet all of you and welcome you to Hanszen College!

Hailing from 35 minutes away—without traffic—Sabrina is your average Houstonian ready to welcome you to the Rice community; she knows a few cool spots around the city and hopes to help you become more comfortable inside, and beyond, the hedges. She’s quick to make jokes (only the lamest puns allowed), fawn over dogs, and dissect the latest film that she’s seen, but most importantly she’s ready to devote time to encourage New Students to have fun and follow their passions. As an Astrophysics major, it’s only natural that she has her head in the clouds, but she’ll always come back down to Earth to lend an ear or give advice. Sabrina is a junior at Jones, but she is happy to share enthusiasm, culture, and Rice spirit with Hanszen.
Who’s that girl looking around frantically for her lost water bottle? Yup, that’d be Isabella. Not only is she losing her water bottle all the time, but she’s also notorious for losing her school ID (six times while at Rice, to be exact). This five-foot tall senior Civil Engineering superstar (with a 7-foot-tall personality) hails from none other than the glorious Austin, Texas. When she’s not eating her heart out at Chuy’s, ordering Chuy’s delivery, or thinking about Chuy’s, she’s busy scootering around campus to her next class or to lead practice as a Rice Owls Dance Team captain. Don’t be fooled, though; her main form of exercise involves walking to the parking lot to get in her car. As a Beer Bike coordinator and an active member of Hanszen College government, Isabella loves to plan events, advocate for her peers, and share new ideas to improve the college. She’s a work-hard, play-hard soul that will surely keep you motivated and entertained throughout your time at Rice. As much as she loves grinding out her work at a coffee shop, she also loves delving into reality TV and throwing a face mask on. So get ready for an awesome, dynamic friend - Isabella is excited to be your Advisor and can’t wait to meet you!
Brian Chen has only smiled three times in his life. The first was when he held his first barbell. The second, when he ascended to Super Saiyan 3. And the final time was when he finally learned to tie his shoes. In that order. Like many of his fellow MECHÉs, this junior is a volatile species. Ask anyone from his FWIS group -- he has no chill.

A favorite pastime of Brian’s is spending long nights in Fondren cultivating and celebrating his deep, profound love of nollij. Also, Brian enjoys yelling at passersby while rollerblading at 2 AM, and chasing pigeons.

This native Houstonian will welcome you to Hanszen with open arms (and a hug that will likely crush you), but he won’t smile and if he does you better consider yourself lucky.

Hailing from the nearly non-existent town of Cumby, Texas, Landon Mabe is a pre-med Sociology major, junior, 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 T-shirts is when he is performing with Spontaneous Combustion, Rice’s premier improvisational comedy troupe. Along with his improv, Landon serves as Hanszen’s External Vice President, the officer on Cabinet who is responsible for maintaining Hanszen spaces. He is also Hanszen’s Sociology and D2 writing fellow so if you need help with a SOCI 101 paper let him know! Around the college, Landon can be found playing a mean game of pool or shredding on Rock Band 4. Don’t let his musical and athletic prowess intimidate you however, Landon is incredibly approachable and is always excited to have a conversation with you. He looks forward to getting to know all of you and is elated to be one of the first to welcome you to Hanszen College!

Have you ever been airdropped a ~wholesome~ meme? If so, it was probably by the one and only Molly Wancewicz of Brown College! Molly, a sophomore from California’s Bay Area double majoring in History and Political Science and on the pre-law track, is almost as passionate about her classes as she is about Diet Coke! (Actually, that is definitely a lie, she really, REALLY loves her Diet Coke). As the Secretary of Brown College, Molly is always working to represent her peers, and does an awesome job of being an inclusive, fun, and caring friend to the entire Brown community! If you are ever looking for someone to go with you to pet a dog, Molly is your girl! When she is not finding dogs to play with around campus, Molly is probably at Coffeehouse drinking her mango-peach smoothie. Molly loves giving hugs and will definitely be there to give all her new Hanszenites lots of support and love! You could not have a more wonderful, sweet, or awesome Advisor than Molly!
Did someone say lacrosse, chocolate chips and granola, or Fetty Wap? If so, they must be talking about THE Salonee Shah. This kind-hearted and bubbly junior hails from the great state of New Jersey (yes, they are the only ones that like themselves) and while she loves to explore big cities, her favorite things in the world include looking at the stars late at night and finding beauty in the little things in life. Though she may be one of the clumsiest people and finds ways to trip over flat surfaces around campus, she is one of the most graceful dancers you will meet and is a part of the classical Indian dance team, Rice Rasikas. You can either find her off saving the world and mentoring her refugee students through Rice PAIR or alternatively, listening to the same song on loop for hours while snacking on mini Kit-Kats. Majoring in Social Policy Analysis with a minor in Poverty, Justice, and Human Capabilities, she is passionate about helping other people and loves to work with kids. Her best attributes include her silent laugh that once started doesn’t stop and her never ending supply of love for everyone around her. Get ready for Salonee’s infectious laugh and to find a great, amazing friend in this advisor!
First things first: pineapple does not belong on pizza. Okay, great! Now that that’s out of the way, here’s Augusto De Las Casas, a Hanszen junior majoring in Biochemistry! You’ll most likely spot him playing basketball at the rec or on the verge of escaping Rice in the middle of the night to obtain some food off campus (that absolutely will not involve pineapple on pizza). But don’t worry; even if you enjoy wrecking two perfectly reasonable foods by cooking them together, he’ll let you off the hook this time, because he enjoys meeting New Students! Feel free to ask him about his major, his three dogs, his experiences at Rice, or his homeland, right here in Houston! He’s always down for a game of smash, late night after a basketball or volleyball game, and a discussion about the Houston Rockets. Last but not least, he’s really excited to get to know y’all, and he’s always here for you as a resource and as a friend!

If you’re lucky enough to have Amy as your Advisor, you should know that she’ll be an amazing friend. Born and raised in Oakland, CA, Amy is the archetypical O-Week Advisor, always ready to offer you a shoulder to cry on or a playlist to hype you up. A sophomore majoring in Biochemistry and Cell Biology and minor in Global Health Technologies with a Spanish Certificate, Amy describes herself as “pre-med ish”; she considers the pre-law life every other week. She’s excited to dabble in some Religion, Philosophy, SWGS (Sexuality, Women, and Gender Studies), and Asian Studies courses while balancing her genetics research at Baylor. (Can you tell she’s undecided?) Outside of her classes, she represents the voice of justice as a Sophomore Representative for Honor Council, increases awareness of gender issues as the External Volunteer Coordinator at the Rice Women’s Resource Center, and savages others with her knowledge of the economy and philosophy as a member of Rice’s Speech and Debate Team. If you’re up late at night, you might find Amy fueling her boba addiction at Teahouse, pulling an all-nighter on Fondy 6th, or driving to Whataburger. Follow the scent of freshly-baked cookies to find Amy, who can’t wait to welcome you to Hanszen!

Perhaps the finest thing to come from the great city of Milwaukee, WI, Murali (pronounced like burly but with an m) Parathinkara is sure to surpass expectations. Captain of the Rice Bhangra team, Murali loves to rehearse his sick dance moves both in practice and as he’s studying. While he is a pre-med Bioengineer, don’t let this Wiess junior’s major fool you. Murali is just as down to walk over to Rice Village and get hot dogs at 2am as he is to hit that problem set grind. One of the funniest people around, his witty remarks and unique expressions will have you dying in laughter and quoting “Murlisms” in all your other conversations. He is also an extraordinarily reliable companion who will always be there to lend an ear when you need it or bring a smile when you’re feeling down. Murali is a phenomenal human being, and if you were blessed with the fortune of getting him as your Co-Advisor, you are in for an incredible O-Week and an even better friend.
So you’ve got Navya as your O-Week Advisor? Consider yourself blessed. You haven’t met her yet but she’s your biggest hype man. This native Austinite is not only majoring in Sociology, she’s also a Rice-Baylor Medical Scholar and is getting a Certificate in Civic Leadership. Navya, a senior at Hanszen, is a fiercely loyal and passionate gal who is always ready to stand up for the people and ideals she believes in (including, but not limited to, social justice, Olive Garden, and YOU!) When she’s not hounding you for a guest swipe at the servery (that #offcampuslife), you can find her whipping up a mean hazelnut latte with Hanszen’s nespresso machine or belting out a solo for her a cappella team, Basmati Beats. Lucky for you, she’ll always be around to show you her latest ~edgy~ playlist or newest true crime podcast. Get ready to have an incredible O-Week and year with this girl by your side. She can’t wait to meet you in August!
Residing right in the deep, deep south of Houston, Texas, a young man by the name of Q is here to make your Cup of JO-Week deeply awesome! He is a junior pre-med Chemistry major who has a passion for academics but that’s only the start. If you really want to find Q in a crowd, yell “we have an aux (and the iPhone 7 dongle thing)” and he will teleport right next to the speakers. Ask him anything you want about music, especially jazz, rap, and Spanish guitar, and he will probably know the answers. He loves playing the guitar, so if you ever need some mediocre smooth jazz guitar to study to, hit him up for some original tunes. Q is a fanatic for sports and loves to play (and watch!) golf, tennis, and soccer. More importantly, he is a very approachable and kind person; he loves getting to know new people and making long lasting friendships. You won’t see Q without a smile on his face (unless he loses a game of Fortnite). He can not wait to get to know you all and welcome you into our amazing Rice family. Welcome to Hanszen!!!

Amanda Yang, hailing from the far lands of Dallas, Texas (yes, she flies home, and it’s frequent, too.), is a boba-loving, Adidas-repping, ex-pre-med—she claims she’s finally left the dark side—who might just have the most perfect hair you’ve ever seen. Many eons ago, she was a Rice pre-med—she came in as a Chemistry major and took not one but both Gen Chem classes with lab. Now, this sophomore is interested in law, Sociology, and Business, though her beautiful spirit and curious mind is sure to take her far with whichever field she ultimately chooses! Some of her biggest dilemmas include choosing between Oh-My-Gogi fries and instant ramen, or between a nap and an intense workout. Here’s a tip to spotting her in Hanszen commons: she’s the one with a pile of noodles topped with a few sprinkles of parmesan cheese on her plate. And while eating her noodles, she’s most definitely sending her nth snap to prolong her (already embarrassingly) long 3+ year streak. Though her only facial expressions are that she is dead inside or out of this world exasperated, she is truly one of the best humans you’ll meet and Amanda is so thrilled to welcome you all to Hanszen!

Meet Peter Dulworth, junior Computer Science and Math double major from Will Rice College. When he’s not hard at work, you can catch Peter running or biking around campus and Houston as the sun sets. Peter is an active member of the Rice Robotics Club as well as the Rice University Cycling and Triathlon club (RUCT). Peter could be described as a free spirit, he enjoys spending time out in nature whether he’s fishing, kayaking, or petting ducks (Yep. You read that right). Peter is a gentle human being and every second spent with him is almost guaranteed to improve your mood.
This here is Akash Dhawan, your friendly neighborhood daydreamer hailing from Fremont in the Bay Area, People’s Republic of California, and he is super excited to meet you! This Bioengineering, Pre-Med senior can be found zooming around the inner loop on his long board and spending his free time listening to music, playing videogames, 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!
Jordan Pflum is a junior pursuing a double major in Mathematical Economic Analysis and Statistics as well a minor in Financial Computation and Modeling. Extracurricularly, Jordan is involved in U-Court, the Social Sciences Student Advisor Board, and the legendary Hanszen Handbell team. From Dallas, Jordan comes from a large family (7 siblings) including a twin who confuses everyone when he comes to visit Jordan. When Jordan isn’t working or hanging out with his friends, he is most likely playing with his Miniature-Golden Doodle named Argos, who loves to come to campus with him. His favorite TV shows are ‘The Fresh Prince of Bel-air’ and ‘The West Wing’, and his favorite book is ‘Where the Red Fern Grows’. Lastly, Jordan is super excited to be an Advisor during O-Week and cannot wait to meet all the New Students!

Hailing from sunny Singapore, you might find this sophomore decked out in ALL THE JACKETS during the “cooler” winter months of Houston. Nikhita is a Mechanical Engineering major and has spent a considerable amount of time her freshman year at the OEDK (Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen). If she’s not there, you can catch her biking around campus, breaking out some dance moves at basketball games in Tudor Fieldhouse as part of the Rice Owls Dance Team, or in the Hanszen Upper Commons, “working on problem sets”, i.e. sneakily binge watching The Bachelor on her laptop. She loves Hanszen #culture, and she’s super excited not only to be involved in the justice team but also to coordinate Beer Bike! Nikhita’s down for any activity with the New Students—coffee at her favorite spot on campus, Chaüs (Coffeehouse), a spontaneous day out, a brief photo-viewing session of your dog if you have one (she’s quite dogsick), or just late-night talks about life!

Coming from the sunny state of California, Megha is nothing short of a sunbeam radiating throughout the day. This hardworking senior majoring in Biochemistry (and pre-med perfectionist) is as sweet as she likes her boba tea. Catch her doing it all: running an international business brigade for Global Brigades, tirelessly working on research projects in the Texas Medical Center, and everything in between! When she’s not studying all the subjects she’s passionate about (genetics or cell biology, anyone?), she’s dancing her heart out with all her friends. Leaving for winter break? Taking a 2-day vacation? Going to class for an hour? Count on Megha to be the one to text you a novel about how much she’s going to miss you for said period of time, heart emojis and all. Known as the sentimental one among her friends, Megha is sure to fill you with love and put a smile on your face. Megha is beyond excited and ready to meet all her New Students and jump into O-Week to make sure your Rice experience is unforgettable!
Meet Abigail Tucker, a senior majoring in Cognitive Sciences and Music from Washington D.C. If you are lucky enough to have Abigail as your Advisor, you will soon find that she has a bevy of incongruous interests. Abigail enjoys playing the violin, corgis, cooking Northern Italian food (read: she hates tomatoes), making a good cup of pour-over coffee, and scouring Spotify to unearth new psychedelic pop songs. Abigail also has a peculiar talent for knowing every Trader Joe's snack in existence, and has a particular fondness for white sneakers. When Abigail isn’t trying to make it to her classes exactly 4 minutes and 37 seconds early or locked in a practice room attempting master a 4-octave G minor scale, you can find her cruising around campus for Rice EMS. She is known for her ability to listen to her friends’ problems, even at 3am. Abigail is incredibly excited to meet you and welcome you to the Hanszen family! Finally, just a word of warning, never, ever call her “Abby.”
This K-pop fanatic may be another Southeast Asian pre-med Chem major from Houston, but you'll soon see why Michelle is anything but ordinary. Her genuine love for learning and thirst for general truths make her an especially rare friend to have: someone who can help you keep perspective during hard times but also push you to challenge your own views. Really close with her huge family, Michelle loves interacting with people and is always up for starting random conversations—whether it be the best songs to karaoke to or the right way to eat cereal (the more milk, the better). If you don’t see her dilly-dallying in the Commons at random hours, you might run into her while she’s strolling along campus, trying to figure out if she should buy the tea/coffee that she really doesn’t need. Whatever questionable strain of caffeine she is running on, Michelle will be very excited to meet you!!

Harish Krishnamoorthy is tall, and that’s probably the most important thing you’ll ever need to know about him. Other facts include how he comes from like four countries at once somehow and is shamelessly into any sort of pop culture going on. As an Archi (Architecture) sophomore he has never actually stepped outside of his studio or seen the sun and may potentially have difficulty understanding what “stop working” means. He’s always eager to discuss whatever odd music he’s into at the moment, even (and especially) when you didn’t want to discuss anything anyway. His favorite cuisine is Japanese; you can basically bribe him with ramen or sushi to do anything. Catch him at Hanszen reading some long boring book for “fun” in the commons or convincing everyone else that Architecture is the hardest major. Favorite hobbies include not failing class, sleeping as little as possible, and playing the guitar.

Kutub Gandhi, a native resident of Katy, Texas, is your hype man from Sid Richardson College! There is so much to do in Rice and he is so hyped to be your guide to all of it. He enjoys biking, board games, rock climbing, and DnD (Dungeons & Dragons), but is more than willing to try new things if you want to show him something cool. He’s a junior Computer Science major, so he can answer your STEM questions, but he is also super into Philosophy and the Humanities if you want to talk about the evolution of the market economy in the Southern Colonies. He is so excited for O-Week and he hopes you are too!
Elliot is a junior, majoring in Chemistry, hailing from the beautiful Pacific Northwest (Portland, Oregon to be specific). Despite the numerous differences, Elliot considers Houston his second home. Some of his favorite places to eat here are Torchy’s, Lucy’s, and Chinatown. In his spare time you can often find Elliot at Stereo Live (Houston’s Premier Concert Venue™), Raising Cane’s on Westheimer, or just hanging out in Hermann Park. Elliot loves most all kinds of music, but is an especially avid fan of electronic music. Some of his fondest memories from college are seeing DJ’s like Tiesto, Martin Garrix, Krewella, Porter Robinson, and Marshmello. If you’re ever wanting to get some banter about electronic music he will be happy to oblige.
Voted Most Likely To Get Your Skincare Routine Poppin’, Chabrielle Allen is a rising Junior Computer Science major from Roswell, New Mexico (she’s probably an alien, but she won’t admit it). You can catch this Hanszen sweetheart shooting like Chef Curry in the gyms at Recreational Center or at Coffeehouse sipping on a smooth green tea chai frappe, wherever and whenever you run into her though it is sure to make your day. As a CNCD Committee Head, she plans fantastic situations for the whole college to enjoy, however she has become known as “the girl who sends emails” so RIP your inbox. She does almost everything on her phone (which she’ll probably tell you at least once), so she’s only a text or call away if you ever find yourself in need. O-Week is a great time to meet loads of great people, but this girl here is definitely someone you want to know. August can’t get here any faster for Chab, she just can’t wait to welcome you to Hanszen College.

Want to know the way to Austin’s heart? Just grab him a cup of boba, and you’re gonna be best friends with him for life. Hailing from Fremont, CA, this fun-loving, thrill-seeking Bioengineering, pre-med sophomore possesses the unrelenting ambition and determination that makes everyone wonder, how does he do it all? Already conducting research in Texas Children’s Hospital and involved in what seems like every club out there, Austin is the guy to look for when you’re stuck in a rut. Don’t be alarmed though, he’s a big softie on the inside. He’s always down to talk, hang out, or watch a movie with you. (Especially the sappy ones, even though he probably won’t admit it.) Hit up Rice Village with this guy at any hour, as he’s a true foodie at heart. He loves all Asian cuisine, and if you even mention KBBQ, he will brighten up like a lightbulb. Did I mention he also cooks? You really lucked out on having Austin as your O-Week Advisor! Bringing you food, fun, and endless laughs, this self-described goon will make your O-Week the most memorable days of your life!

Sarah Tsenggay is a senior from Plano, Texas. Standing at 5’2”, you will seriously wonder how all this energy could possibly come from her tiny frame. Sarah will greet you with the biggest smile you’ve ever seen, and she will infect you with her liveliness! This Jonesian has been very involved in organizations across campus, so hit her up if you’re interested in joining anything from Camp Kesem to an Alternative Spring Break trip. If she’s not at a meeting, this Cognitive Sciences and Sociology double major can be found in her room re-watching old movies while eating candy or sending an outrageous number of snapchats. She can’t wait to meet all of the New Students and welcome them home to Rice, so get ready for the best week ever with the best Co-Advisor you could hope for!
No not Lauren, Lauryn, or Lawrn, but Loren is just as unique as the spelling. This dedicated Hanszbabe calls Austin her home but has traveled to more countries than you can count on both hands. Far distances are still familiar with her during the semester and more often than not you can count on seeing this sophomore on the outer loop putting in miles with the rest of the Women’s Cross Country team. She keeps herself busy with her Engineers Without Borders meetings, Chi Alpha small group, Civil Engineering classes, and practice but would stop in a heartbeat to chat in Coffeehouse about life or how good the chocolate frappys are. Maybe even more unique than her name are her dance moves that frequent the dance floor at publics (remember it’s all in the facial expression). She is an all-around compassionate, fun-loving soul and is ready to be there for all of you as one of Hanszen’s Advisors!
Hailing from the Sunshine state, Reagan is a small but sassy English major who loves impromptu dance parties and a good workout session. This junior pre-law gal always has a supply of memes up her sleeve to make you laugh and good advice for literally any situation. Besides being a good listener and a makeup guru, Reagan loves to volunteer at the Rice Women’s Resource Center. She is super excited to meet the New Students and add some Florida sunshine to their O-Week!

Reagan Borick, 2020
Advisor

Beth. Just Beth. Not short for Elizabeth or Bethany. Hailing from Fresno, California – the raisin capital of the world – Beth is a sophomore double majoring in Linguistics and Psychology. A lifelong theatre geek, she’s a big fan of Broadway musicals and low production college musicals (read: A Very Potter Musical). She loves watching cat videos and has three of her own – Claudia, Felicity, and Eliot – that she loves to talk about. She hates cheese but will still eat it on pepperoni pizza or South server garlic bread (so does she really hate cheese?). When she’s not at a cappella rehearsal or hard at work taking color-coded notes, she’s watching Vine compilations or starting a new TV show. Beth got a 5 on the AP Vine Exam, and she’s probably watched every episode of every TV show ever. She can’t wait to meet you all!

Beth Buchanan, 2021
Advisor

Okay so don’t freak out, but your advisor is kind of a big deal. Affectionately dubbed “Swap,” this former Mr. Sid and reigning Mr. Rice contestant is basically a celebrity here. This 6’3” Plano native has been known for his large presence at Sid Richardson College, but after spending three years living it up at the tallest college on campus, he has ventured across the grove to the greener pastures of Hanszen College to share his wisdom. An avid fanatic of a variety of sports franchises from the Dallas area, Swapnav has also participated in basically every IM sport you can think of. Now that he’s essentially tried out every major offered at Rice, this Statistics and Cognitive Sciences double major is extremely qualified to provide you with any academic advice through his role as a Peer Academic Advisor (PAA). Swapnav is always willing to set aside his own work to make time for others and is an incredible listener. I can assure you that with Swap, you won’t only be getting a great Advisor, but also an extremely kind and genuine friend. Get hyped cause you’re in for an amazing O-Week experience with this guy by your side!!

Swapnav Deka, 2019
Co-Advisor—Sid Rich
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 senior 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 any way he can and can’t wait to welcome you to Hanszen College!
If you see someone sporting the Hanszen Quarter Zip™, socks with Texas, and a dad cap around campus, it’s probably Emily. Hailing from Austin, Texas, Emily is a sophomore majoring in Computer Science and Rice’s biggest hockey fan (go Stars!). When Emily isn’t frantically coding for one of her classes, you can find her throwing a Frisbee at Torque practice or dancing on the sidelines of sports games as a member of Rice’s Dance Team. If you thought you knew a lot about the Chronicles of Narnia, you were wrong. Emily has the entire scripts of all three movies memorized, including all the fight scene choreography. She also currently holds the world record for the largest collection of stickers, Kendra Scott jewelry, and patterned socks of all time (or at least she should). Emily is super easy to talk to—especially when the subject is Vines or why hot dogs should be considered sandwiches. She couldn’t be more excited to welcome the New Students to Hanszen!

There’s someone doing a weird little dance in the distance. And as you keep walking towards them you inexplicably find yourself copying the dance, bobbing your head back and forth and shimmying your shoulders until you get close enough to say hello to Hanna Gratch. That’s how this sunny rising Sophomore from Southern Californian greets all of her friends, and how she’ll greet you, too! If this sophomore doesn’t stun you with her ability to keep the dab relevant to this day, she’ll leave you in the dust as she sprints for the touchdown on the Powderpuff field. When not offering to take your glamour shots on a day off, she can be found showing off her pulsar map tattoo (and the ripped bicep it’s on). Prepare yourself, new Hanszenites: This corgi-loving, candy-devouring, grapefruit enthusiast (and total sweetheart) will be snapping the most glamorous shots of you during O-Week and beyond, but even better than that, she’ll warmly welcome you to Rice and, even better, to Hanszen. Make sure to say hi if you see her darting around with her camera!
get to know rice's best college
Hanszen College is objectively the best residential college at Rice. Located on the corner of Loop Road and Alumni Drive, 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.

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What is Hanszen?

We have 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 come to know it as the “Family College.” At the end of the day, though, what makes Hanszen so great are the people and the sense of community. Hanszenites always look for one another and are there for each other through the good and the bad. 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!
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 our 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!

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**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
What is the H-Team?

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 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.
Hanszen College welcomes you! We are Paul and Klaudia Brace, Magisters of Hanszen College, and we are thrilled that the class of 2022 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 Cup of JO-Week.
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 the Disability Resource Center 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. We lived in England for 3 years before Texas pulled us back and settled in Houston. Rebecca loves movies, theatre, discovering new restaurants in Houston, and traveling. She geeks out about certain shows (Game of Thrones!) and loves to bake and trying out new recipes for hungry Hanszenites!

We host a weekly Sunday study break in our apartment where we watch one of our current tv or movie obsessions and Rebecca bakes treats. 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, obviously the BEST college ever! We are Danny & Diana, one of the 2 sets of Resident Associates at Hanszen. We are part of the H-Team who are here to assist you to the best of our capacity. We were selected 5 years ago by a committee of your peers and we couldn’t be happier to be part of Hanszen’s Family. As Resident Associates, we assist the Magisters in promoting Hanszen culture and providing support both socially and recreationally. Danny and I will join you guys during meals, college sports and many other fun events. We really enjoy getting to know you guys. We will also hold weekly study breaks at our apartment and “beyond the hedges”.

Massimo is also part of our family. He is a very cute Boston Terrier, who is 10 years old. But, don’t let his size and age fool you! He will wag his little tail and show you how excited he is to meet you. You’ll see him when you stop by for study breaks or when we’re taking him out for his walks.

Aside from being RA’s, Diana is an HR Specialist in Rice University’s HR office and Danny is a Project Manager for Lubrizol, a chemical company. Diana has BA in English from Ursinus College and a MA in Professional Communications from La Salle University. Danny has an BS and a MA in Mechanical Engineering from Drexel University. Danny was born in Ecuador, but grew up in Brooklyn, New York, while Diana was born in Colombia, but grew up in Philadelphia, PA. We’ve been in Houston for the last 11 years, and as the saying goes “we got here as soon as we could!”

Our favorite pastimes involve going to the movies, cultural events/festivals, sporting events, concerts and traveling. We invite all Hanszenites to come out the Burbs (New Section) to hang out, have fun and try some interesting treats. Diana is constantly trying her hand in baking and wouldn’t mind some feedback, hopefully positive. If you aren’t interested in the treats, don’t worry, we would still like to get to you know 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! My name is Joyce and I have been in charge of the college office for 12 years, but have been at Rice for 20 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, a beautiful granddaughter, and a grandson is on the way! 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.
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.

President: Dwight Fan
Internal Vice President: Jeremiah Murrell
External Vice President: Landon Mabe
Treasurers: Will Ledig & Anthony Bagamian
Secretaries: Isabel Samperio & Najah Hussain
Socials: Graham Curtis, Jeeyoon Kim, & Joey Black
Senior Reps: Isabella Gandara, Taylor Williams, Gillian Mellor
Junior Reps: Chab Allen, Travis Benedict, Melinda Wang
Sophomore Reps: Bill Huynh, Sanjana Krishnan, Amanda Yang

Student Association (SA) Senator: Tessa Schreiber
(SA) New Student Reps: TBD (this could also be you!)
Honor Council Rep: Austin Hwang
Rice Program Council (RPC) Rep: James Chen
U-Court: Jordan Pflum
STRIVE Liaisons: Abigail Panitz & Karen Qi
Parliamentarian: Rick Mukhopadhyay
Guardians: Gabe Vacliuio & Landon Mabe
Historians: Nick McMillan, Nailah Mulla
Webmaster: Avery Whitaker

H-team will be there too!
Hey New Students!

Welcome to the Hanszen family! My name is Dwight Fan, and I’m the President of Hanszen College. I’m a native from Austin, Texas, but I spent a lot of my childhood in Houston. I’m a rising senior double-majoring in Biochemistry/Cell Biology and English—so in other words, I’m just a big science nerd who loves to read. I spend most of my free time getting to know people, eating way too much food, and pretending to work out at the Recreation Center. Most importantly, I love talking to people about any and all topics, ranging from Lebron James’s beautiful hairline to Chicana feminism to the state of the field of immunology. I’m also a fan of the dumbest memes and the worst jokes ever, so I apologize in advance if you fall victim to one of my cringy puns. If you ever need a friend who’ll listen or just a person to talk to, always hit me up!

At this point, you might be wondering: What in the world does the Hanszen President even do? Why do you always have a meeting to go to? Do you even sleep? My position has two main purposes: to represent Hanszen at a campus-wide level, and to lead Hanszen’s college government. I work to connect the Rice administration with the opinions and thoughts of the Hanszen student body. I meet with Dean Gorman, other college presidents, and the Student Association every week, bringing Hanszen’s ideas to the table and working on issues that affect our entire campus. I also run Hanszen’s Cabinet meetings (which take place every Wednesday at 10:10 PM in the Upper Commons—see y’all there!) and work with the other members of Hanszen government and committees to make Hanszen an inclusive and friendly place for everyone.

As a shameless self-plug: we need awesome New Students like YOU to get involved in all the workings of our college. You’ll have the chance to work with Committee Heads to throw awesome events, join Hanszen Cabinet or the Student Association as a New Student Representative, and more—keep an eye out for the multitude of opportunities you’ll have to get involved! There really is something for everyone.

Finally, never hesitate to reach out to me about questions or concerns, thoughts on Hanszen government or campus-wide events, or anything at all. I’ll be plugging your Rice email with plenty of emails this year, so it’s only fair if you spam my DMs as well! As a last note, Rice has a 11% acceptance rate between 11 colleges, meaning Hanszen overall has a top-notch 1.0% acceptance rate—but you’ve made it here. Congratulations!

Welcome to the best college! I’m looking forward to meeting you.

HFH (Harry Friendly Hanszen),
Dwight
Dear New Students,

It is October 31, Halloween night, and the infamous Baker 13 has just started. A horde of 500+ nude intruders stand at the front of Hanszen, ready to wreak havoc on innocent Hanszenite onlookers. They start down the quad, and then they see him; A large man, standing 6’5, standing valiantly in their way. Wrapped around his hands is a long sword, the sword of Justice, forged from the guardian himself. Frank’s naked body gleams in the streetlight he stands under as he raises the sword above his head and yells “Hanszenites, attack!” Nude Hanszenites armed with silly string spring from trees and pillars and ambush the intruders, squeezing their path and protecting the civilians.

I am Frank Frankovsky, Hanszen’s Chief Justice, or CJ. I play 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. I run a team of seven members, including myself, that are in charge of enforcing Hanszen’s judicial code. We handle all intermediate judicial matters, from noise complaints to minor theft to misuse of Hanszen funds. If you have a problem, hit my line at 512-810-3589.

But that sounds just plain boring. Come introduce yourself to me and you’ll soon realize that I am a man that loves Hanszen and is passionate about everything I participate in. I’m not only a cut throat premed, but also a ball of energy that can be utilized to accomplish any task needed of me. I am empathetic and intense, and honor justice above all else. Please remember, I am YOUR advocate.

If you have a problem or need help from me, ask. I am here to serve and lead this college into the future and set a standard for other colleges to fail to follow because they are inadequate relative to us Hanszenites. I am an Ex-Football player at Rice, a Rice Health Advisor, Athlete Peer Academic Advisor, and the EVP of Rice Athlete pre-Medical Society. My influence is known throughout campus and I plan to use it for good, not evil. I am not here to punish people, but rather to make sure, in conjunction with my team, that all Hanszenites feel safe and stay safe.

Come talk to me, introduce yourself, and begin to learn what Hanszen can do for you. O-week will disorient you more than help you, and know that it will take some time to settle in. But I promise there is a place here for you, and we are more than happy to help you find that place.

Love, Honor, Justice and Spirit,
Frank Joseph Frankovsky III, Chief Justice, Hanszen college
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 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.

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, feel free to talk to us or any of the Committee heads below!

**Standing Committee Heads**

*Alumni:* Reagan Borick, Jordan Pflum, Michelle Nguyen, Priya Kane  
*Associates:* Rose Click, Juliann Bi, Vy Dang, Remy Slimp, Whitney Jin  
*Awards:* Isaac Carroo, Soohyun Yoon, Whitney Jin  
*Beer Bike:* Nikhita Gangla, Isabella Gandara, Nik Liebster, Gillian Mellor, Travis Benedict, Will Ledig  
*CNCD:* Abigail Panitz, Javen Patton, Chabrielle Allen, Isabella Gandara  
*Merch:* Remy Slimp, Chabrielle Allen, Salonee Shah, Stephanie Tyler, Vy Dang  
*OC:* Smirti Ashok, Aakanksha Khadye, Catie Choi  
*Senior Events:* Priya Kane, Ami Sheth, Brian Walker, Napas Udomsak, Juliann Bi  
*Service:* Samantha Cain, Beth Buchanan, Nery Perez, Radhika Patel  
*Spaces:* Graham Curtis, Bhavana Kunisetty, Travis Benedict, Ahmed Alhroob  
*Spirit:* Joey Black, Bhavana Kunisetty, Aakanksha Khadye, Emily Chang  
*Sports:* Samantha Cain, Henry Lanear, Noah Mengisteab  
*Kitchen:* Bill Huynh, Ahmed Alhroob, Amy Lin, Soohyun Yoon

**Initiative Committee Heads**

*Tailgate Committee:* Chabrielle Allen, Frank Frankovsky  
*Bike Committee:* Valerie Du, Pat Breen, Graham Curtis, Vy Dang  
*HanszenEATS:* Valerie Du, Elizabeth Myong, Kathleen Snider  
*Brewing:* Brian Walker, Kirby Vacaliuc  
*FITQ:* Madison Grimes, Melinda Wang, Evan Dekhayser, Sanjana Krishnan  
*Grilling Committee:* Travis Benedict, Javen Patton, Ryan Davidson  
*Movie Committee:* Nik Liebster, Navya Kumar, Stephanie Tyler, Nikhita Gangla  
*Hungry Hungry Hanszenites:* Daniel Wang, Tessa Schreiber, Amy Lin, Hannah Meeks
Hey New Students!

We hope you’ve had a great summer, and that you’re excited to start at Rice very soon! We are your O-Week PAA’s, or Peer Academic Advisors. We are Valerie (senior), Akash (senior), Elliot (junior) and Whitney (sophomore). We are here to help you in any way we can, but we are especially trained by the Office of Academic Advising to assist you with all decisions academic.

You may be getting nervous about classes. Perhaps some of your friends at other schools have already chosen theirs and are getting excited about what they’re taking. Fear not! We will have several events during O-Week to help you figure out your schedule and prepare you for the amazing academic journey that lies ahead. Our hope is that by the time your first day of classes comes around, you’ll feel prepared and excited, regardless of the background you come from. Rice truly is an incredible academic institution and we’re here to help you make the most out of your experience.

Though O-Week is notoriously known as the “best week of your life” because of all the fun, the week is also 50% dedicated towards academic planning. Throughout the week, you can expect three Academic Planning Sessions (APS) that are instrumental in helping you navigate academic requirements here at Rice. We guarantee that these sessions will be engaging and informative, so definitely look forward to them! The week will also consist of meetings with Divisional Advisors, who will advise you on course choices, co-curricular opportunities, personal interests, and long-term academic goals (to name a few), with the intention of helping each student brainstorm potential majors. We will also have time allotted specifically for course exploration, where you can basically divulge in the endless course catalog for as long as your heart desires. And last but not least, always remember that each advisor at O-Week is more than willing to offer you his/her personal academic advice and guidance throughout the week, should you need it.

But the academic advising doesn’t end after O-Week! You’ll always be able to have your questions answered by the Year-Long PAA’s (including us!), the Office of Academic Advising, your divisional advisors, Hanszen’s Academic Fellows, and many other resources here on campus. We have an exciting calendar of events throughout the year as well, including study breaks, student panels, and game nights.

We are thrilled and honored to start working with all of you in August. At the end of the day, our hope is that we can help you achieve all of your academic goals!

Sincerely,
Your O-Week PAAs
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.

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 on the fields where we will DOMINATE!

Last but not least, don’t forget about Rice’s biggest IM competition, the annual BEEEEER BIIIIIIKE! Practice for biking and chugging (water) at this event starts during the school year—if you’re interested, feel free to reach out to the bike captains (Valerie Du, Patrick Breen, Vy Dang, & Graham Curtis) or chug captain (Elizabeth Myong) for more information!!!

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 area between Old and New Sections. There are picnic tables, a lawn, string lights that keep the quad bright at night, and a bench swing for enjoying the beautiful, warm weather Texas is known for, a grill for barbecues, and the Hanszen Guardian. The Quad is frequently used by Hanszenites for outdoor activities such as tailgates, Frisbee practice, and study breaks.

Hanszen Spaces

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 KITCHEN: 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’S OFFICE: 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 white board.

COMPUTER LAB: Located in the Upper Commons, this wonderful place houses Macs and PC desktops, 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** (top left): 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** (top right): 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 Suite** (below): 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.

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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.*

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Nik Liebster 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.
to the hedges & beyond →
what about classes?!?!

Some of you sitting at home wondering, when do I sign up for classes?? Which classes do I sign up for?? We’re here to assure you that it’s all going to be taken care of during Orientation Week! But in the meantime... feel free to explore some of our Advising Team’s favorite classes at Rice to pique your curiosity or calm your nerves! One of the hardest and most exciting parts of every semester at Rice is sorting through the hundreds of fantastic courses that are being offered to decide what classes you are actually going to take. No matter what your intended major is, you are guaranteed to have a transformative academic experience at Rice!

ENGL 375: Film and Literature. This class had a weekly assignment, in which we watched a film and were given a thirty second scene to write about in what our professor called a cogitative description. In these papers, we were not allowed to provide the scene with any significance or meaning—we had to just describe every little detail. While this format had a profound effect on my writing abilities, it also made me realize how desperately I needed things to have meaning, to contribute to some overarching theme. Sometimes they don’t, and I have to just be okay with that. - Courtney

EBIO 204. Drowned in STEM and upper division classes, this class kept my sanity together. Dr. Novak taught me so much more than what expected of a 1 credit hour class. I learned how to be meticulous, conscientious, and aware while gardening. We were required to write a paper connecting what we learned in the class to our future career. At first, I was annoyed by the weird topic, but I’m glad that he had us write that paper because my perspective and paradigm changed for the better. Plus, I helped rebuild Hanszen Garden with him, which was awesome! - Bill

LPAP 182: Weight Training. You get to work out for your grade! Why can’t all classes be like this?! - Brian

REL 335: Medicine & the Museum. As a bioscience major, my curiosity has made the hours of memorizing formulas bearable. However, the beauty of the humanities is the answer to questions don’t come from cramming. This class has taught me often the answers to life are accessible through introspection. - Nailah

UNIV 110: First Year Foundations. I registered mainly to ease my anxieties about transitioning from high school to college. However, the course soon became much more for me. In the small class of seven, I found a community where I felt safe sharing my freshman dilemmas and learning that others felt the same as I did. UNIV 110 offered a platform for me freely open up in front of others without fear of judgement. - Beth

SOCI 301: Social Inequality. We explored social injustices and read one of my favorite books: Evicted. The best part of the class was relating this book to experiential learning. My team worked with Agape Development, a community organization that looks to improve housing in low-income areas. We interviewed dozens of residents in the area and talked to them about their upbringings, the inequalities they had faced, and the struggles they had overcome. - Salome
explore study spots at rice

One of the most essential skills for a New Student to develop early on in their Rice career, is managing time and setting aside time for studying. Before you can do that though, you’ve got to find your perfect study spot on campus. Almost everyone has that spot that they retreat to when it’s time to buckle down and we’ve gone ahead and listed our Advising Team’s favorite spots for you.

1. **Multicultural Center:** Located in the basement of Rice Memorial Center (RMC), this gem is the hub of a majority of the cultural club activity on campus. Stop by and study under the watchful gaze of your favorite leaders and activists from all of history.

2. **Brochstein Pavilion:** Popular spot for study group meetings and professor’s office hours, Brochstein caters to the professional in all of us. Grab a pastry from FLO Paris and check out this campus hotspot.

3. **Fondren Library:** Fondren Library has it all, which means it has more than enough to offer students looking for that primo study location. Fondy favorites include the basement, 3rd Floor Fine Arts Library, and the mythical 6th floor where the most determined students go to grind out assignments in deafening silence.

4. **Hammocks:** A campus favorite, the hammocks across from the Humanities Building are always occupied by students working and napping the day away. If you plan on checking this spot out, you want to get out there early because the hammocks fill up super duper fast.

5. **Chaes:** Coffeehouse is THE hot ticket for Rice Undergraduates. The line is long, but the people are great and the ambience is incredible. Largely considered the best place for studying on campus by several students, this could be your spot.

6. **Rayzor Hall:** Rayzor has some of the best study nooks and alcoves on campus. Every floor has several corners that are perfect for a deep dive into your studies, you just have to find them.

7. **Your Room:** A highly underrated spot to crack open the books is your very own room. For a lot of students the easiest place to get work done is their own space where they can relax and do whatever quirky things help them study.

8. **Moody Center:** Even if you have no intentions of studying there, the Moody Center is a must-see attraction on the Rice University Campus. Built to encourage freedom of thought and creativity, the Moody boasts some of the most comfortable and aesthetically pleasing study spaces that you’ll find anywhere.

9. **Sammy’s:** Located in the RMC across from the Campus Store, Sammy’s has a large cafeteria area that provides the perfect environment for researching for that first college essay or cranking out that first problem set.

10. **Good Ol’ ‘Zen:** Last but most definitely not least, Hanszen objectively boasts some of the absolute best study spots on campus. Hit up the Hanszen Library or PDR (Private Dining Room) to study in the presence of years of Hanszen history. Set up shop in the Upper or Lower Commons and enjoy the support of all of your favorite Hanszenites working around you. If schoolwork has ever made you feel like you need a tall glass of wi—grape juice, then you should check out the classy Weenie Loft on the 4th floor. The B&P is another great place to study, particularly if you don’t mind having a little fun while you work.
explore houston

As soon as you get to campus, you will quickly understand why all of us are so over-the-moon in love with Hanszen College. There is always something to do in any of our quirky spaces, always someone you've never met before hanging out in the Commons, and there is always the perfect excuse for not venturing out beyond the warm gaze of The Hanszen Guardian and exploring every single thing that the glorious City of Houston has to offer.

In an attempt to make your first expedition “Beyond the Hedges” a five star experience, we have compiled a list of our Top 10 absolute favorite spots around Clutch City:


2. Discovery Green: Discovery Green offers a variety of programming throughout the year. All events at the park are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

3. Bodega’s: Great spot for build-your-own burritos, tostadas, nachos, fajitas, salads & any other Tex-Mex you may be craving—just 2 Metro stops away!

4. Hermann Park: Hermann Park has a bountiful assortment of entertainment: a golf course, an outdoor theater, a jogging track, a beautiful rose garden, picnic spaces, a butterfly exhibit, and even a museum.

5. Jinya Ramen Bar: Imagine a world where eating ramen is an everyday ritual, like ordering pizza or going out for a great burger. This is the daily reality at JINYA Ramen Bar.

6. The Galleria: The Galleria, an international shopping destination that hosts more than 24 million visitors annually, offers world-class shopping with more than 375 stores, 30 restaurants, two hotels, and a full-sized ice rink.

7. Honey Art Café: Honey Art Café is a creative hub where you can take art classes, view artwork, and eat deliciously beautiful food.

8. Downtown Tunnel System: Downtown’s “underground” is a system of tunnels 20 feet below Houston’s downtown streets and more than 6 miles long. Having started out years ago as a tunnel between two downtown movie theaters, today it includes restaurants and service retail and connects 95 city blocks.

9. Edwards Greenway Theaters: This multi-story theater - attached to a three-story parking garage, where attendants charge a couple bucks a car to park - features 24 screens, an arcade and two sets of escalators. Concessions are standard.

10. Rice Village: From trendy boutiques unique to Houston to iconic brands sold worldwide, Rice Village is a one-stop destination for all things fashion, beauty and home. Student favorites, include The Chocolate Bar, Tea Bar, and Shake Shack.
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