Lovett College Presents:

DoggO-Week 2017:
Who Let The Stags Out?
To the Newest Members of our Lovett Family,

It is with joy in our hearts that we, your O-Week Coordinators, say welcome. Welcome to what we hope will become your home away from home for the next four years.

Welcome to Lovett College. You are now, and forevermore, a Lovetteer!

If you are anything like we were as incoming students, you may be a little dismissive of the idea that something as arbitrary as a college dorm assignment could have as great of an impact on your life as it has had for us. Although we hate to burst your bubble, we have to break it to you. This is a Big DOGGOOne. Deal.

A little over ninety of Rice’s incoming students will join you from all over the world as the Lovett Class of 2021. Together, you will soon embark on what we hope will be a marvelous and transformative college career as Rice students, but more importantly, as Lovetteers.

Before you begin this journey, we, your college O-Week Coordinators, have worked for nine months to plan a week-long “preview” of Lovett and Rice to ease your transition into this new adventure. O-Week will (hopefully) give you a taste of all the resources available to you now as a Rice student, confidence in what it takes to succeed in higher education, and meaningful connections with your fellow Lovetteers. We hope it will set you up to become your most happy and successful selves here at Lovett, Rice, and beyond!

This book will introduce you to Lovett and the people who will act as crucial resources and support systems throughout your years here at Rice. We hope this book will help answer some of your questions. It consists of articles written by students at Rice, mostly from Lovett, which we, your three O-Week Coordinators, compiled and made into a book. Every new student across campus will receive a college-specific O-Week book, which will be similar in structure but different in theme. Our theme this year is DoggO-Week: Who Let the Stags Out? Yes, this is in reference to the ever-so-famous internet fad of renaming dogs “doggos”. But in all seriousness, this theme aligned perfectly with our mission for the week of creating a community of unconditional support for our new students, just as puppers give to those to whom they are loyal. Although challenges in college are part of the learning experience, these challenges are all the more easy to conquer with a team of loving and caring people there to support you every step of the way.

You have probably gathered by now that Lovett is near and dear to our hearts. Being able to call Lovett a home has been such a positive influence in all of our lives; we took this job in the hopes of introducing the next generation of Lovetteers to our community. So, however you may be feeling now - nervous or excited or nostalgic or ready for what’s to come - just know that you now have a second home here at Lovett!!!!!!

With love,

Akin Bruce, Maya Iyer, & Tess Gabert
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**Important Information**

**Your Lovett Mailing Address**

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

***Please note that you can only mail or ship things to arrive after August 13th. Our space is too limited and not 100% secure, so please bring important items with you. There will be time to purchase other personal items during and after O-Week.***

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**O-Week Pro-Tip:**  
This year’s electronic O-Week book will save over 3,000 sheets of paper! Thanks for reading!
## Tentative O-Week Schedule

### August 13 - 19, 2017

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### O-Week Pro-Tip:
O-Week will be much busier than you think, so don’t think you’ll have the whole week just to unpack, relax, and hang out with high school friends!
**FLYING TO HOUSTON**

Houston is served by two major airports: George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) and William P. Hobby (HOU). Hobby is closer to campus, but IAH is served by more airlines.

SuperShuttle provides service from both airports directly to campus. The SuperShuttle ticket counter is located at terminals A, B, C, & D at the lower level baggage claim area.

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

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

**DRIVING TO CAMPUS**

- **From IAH** Follow signs to US-59 South. Then follow the “From 59” directions below.
- **From US-59** Exit Greenbriar and head south. Follow Greenbriar and take a left onto University. Then turn left on Main. Make a left onto Cambridge St. (Entrance 3), and you will see Lovett on your left.
- **From Hobby** Follow signs to 45 North and then exit to 610 West. Then follow the “From 610” directions below.
- **From 610** Exit Main and head north. Continue along Main past University and turn left onto Cambridge St. (Entrance 3).

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**O-Week Pro-Tip:**

Use the code OWLS1 for a discount on your SuperShuttle ride!
What to Bring

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

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

- **Some Nicer Outfits** - You’ll need to wear dressy casual clothes at least twice during O-Week!

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

- **Laundry Basket/Hamper/Detergent** - Laundry at Lovett is free but make sure to bring your own High Efficiency Detergent. Our laundry room is also located in the basement, so make sure you can carry your hamper easily so bringing down stairs isn’t too difficult.

- **Hanger/Closet Organizers** - Each Lovett room has two closets (see pg. 20 to get an idea of what they look like), in addition to a dresser for each student.

- **Shower caddy/shelf & toiletries** - Talk to the rest of your suite to see how they want to organize the bathroom.

- **Insurance Information and Some ID**

- **Extension Cords/Power Strips/Chargers** - There are power strips for use while in the commons, but you may want to bring one for your room!

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

- **Snacks** - For those moments when the servery is closed and you’ve got the munchies!

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

- **Room decorations/Photos** - Make your new room feel like home!

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O-Week Pro-Tip

We'll provide you with an O-Week shirt that you’ll be required to wear the whole week. Don’t worry though, our awesome O-Week Assistants will wash them for you every night!
What is O-Week?

Rice’s Orientation Week (fondly referred to as O-Week) is an experience unlike anything other. O-Week is a fun-filled introduction to all things Rice and Lovett. It’s a week-long, entirely student-run look into every facet of life at Rice. O-Week is meant to be a time where you settle into Lovett and become familiar with campus, your room, new friends, and new classes.

Half of the week will prepare you academically for the upcoming year, including getting your fall schedule set up and coming up with a (tentative) outline for your degree. Every academic question you have will be answered by one of tons of qualified academic personnel, including Faculty Advisors in your area of interest and Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs), highly trained academic wiz-kids who know everything about scheduling, registration, and requirements. Another awesome resource is your very own Lovett advising team! Make sure to seek out advisors who share your area of interest and ask them for tips about classes/professors; they’ll be more than happy to help. You will also have the chance to sign up for a huge variety of clubs/student-run organizations around campus and be introduced to a slew of important folks on campus, including members of campus administration and the Rice Police Department.

The other half of O-Week is devoted to getting you accustomed to both Rice’s and Lovett’s specific college culture and social life. Your O-Week group will be made up of seven to eight other new students, coming from disparate backgrounds and varied academic interests. The leaders of your group will be your 3 student advisors (2 from Lovett and 1 co-advisor from another college), and an affiliate. Your advisors and affiliate will be your enthusiastic guides through O-Week, introducing you to all of our unique traditions. Your O-Week group is a support structure that stays in place long after O-Week and is there for you throughout your time at Rice. You will get to know your roommates and suitemates as well, and you’ll get the chance to make friends with your fellow new Lovetteers and new students across campus. You’ll also get to know our awesome Lovett adult leadership.

By the time class starts on August 21st, you’ll be fully confident about your academic endeavors and fully integrated as a proud member of Lovett College. O-Week is a truly unique Rice phenomenon, and we pride ourselves on having an orientation unlike any other. It’s an experience that sticks with Rice students for years, and many people look back on the time spent during O-Week as one of the best parts of their Rice experience, a time when lifelong friendships are born and a sense of community is fostered. O-Week is the common bond that all Rice students share, and it sets a great foundation for your years to come at this wonderful institution. O-Week is coming...
Nothing quite says welcome to college like a bunch of strangers running up to your car and screaming your name! While some of you might be just about peeing your pants with nerves and some of you see starting college as just another day in the scheme of life, we hope to make your first day as exciting and comfortable as possible. After you drive in through Entrance 3 on Sunday morning, you will be directed to the road alongside Lovett. As you park, your two Advisors from Lovett and a Co-Advisor from another college will head over to your car to help you with your luggage to show you where to check in and get your room keys. The next couple of hours will seem like a whirlwind! You will have until noon to move your things into your room and get situated. At noon, you will have lunch in the upper commons with the rest of the new students and their families. After that, it’s time to say goodbye to your family members who will have its own orientation to attend. You will be whisked away by your Advisors and the rest of your O-Week group, seven to eight new students who will become your Rice “family.” You will be introduced to your O-Week group, participate in icebreakers to get to know your new fellow Lovetteers, have dinner, and take part in the time-honored tradition of Rice Matriculation. At the end of the night, you will shut your eyes after an exhausting but exciting day! Trust us, you will need the sleep. O-Week is going to be a fast paced, entertaining introduction to your new life at Rice. See you soon!

O-Week Pro-Tip:
Our photographer, Aaron, will be taking your picture as soon as you arrive, so be prepared!
Lovett

“A dog is the only thing on Earth that loves you more than you love yourself.”

-Josh Billings
In 1957, the decision was made to create dormitories that encompassed all of campus life, that bonded students of all academic paths under one roof; to bring this idea to life, Rice created the college system. Rice’s college system began with Baker, Will Rice, Hanszen, and Wiess as all-male colleges and Jones to house women. Brown was built shortly after as another all-female college.

Although the college system was perfectly good, then-president Kenneth S. Pitzer knew that something was lacking from this glorious institution. In a momentous meeting with the Board of Trustees, he uttered these fateful words: “I want you to build a new college, six stories high. It shall be surrounded with grating, to protect those who dwell within. And I want you to populate it with the finest male students on this campus. And you shall call the college Edgar Odell Lovett College, after the first president, who guided this Institute fair and true, when it was young.”

Immediately, construction on Rice's crown jewel began, and in 1969, Edgar Odell Lovett College opened its indestructible, riot-proof doors. Lovett's legacy quickly rose to legendary status, for at their first Central Committee meeting, the body voted to disband and spend the entire budget on beer, portable swimming pools, and blinking Christmas lights. It soon became clear that the grating served more to protect the outside world from Lovetteers, instead of the other way around.

But in 1980, Rice realized that the title of “Lovetteer” was too great to be confined to a single gender. President Norman Hackerman decreed that women from Jones College were to be exchanged with Lovett males, and Lovett became co-ed. Later colleges expectedly failed to live up to Lovett's impossibly high standards. Sid Rich did have the honor of being built in our parking lot, making it our colony and its biggest claim to fame. Martel was built as Rice's first dormitory, and the eco-friendly twins McMurtry and Duncan were the last addition to the college system.

Amidst these edifices, Lovett stood out as a beacon of awesomeness and was rewarded with Beer Bike victories, President's Cup dynasties, an alumnus who founded Texas's oldest craft brewery, a Nobel laureate former magister, and much, much more. Today, Lovett is known for its consistently awesome incoming class, its strong IM and college sports teams, parties, an incredibly strong commons culture, an epic mud-fight at Beer Bike, an extraordinarily inclusive, caring community, and much, much more. Truly, Edgar Odell Lovett College is the best college.

Lovett Pro-Tip: The "riot-proof" grating makes Lovett hurricane-proof, and is also why we're known as "The Toaster."
Getcheroxxoff
Lovett proudly hosts one of the first public parties every fall! The main focus of the party is to introduce the new students to the high level at which we throw themed parties on Rice campus. Recently, Getcheroxxoff has become a paint party held in the Lovett quad, the only paint party held on campus. So get with your friends, deck out in white, and show Rice that Lovett knows how to party!

Casino Party
Lovett’s Casino Party is a classy soirée, and the best party of the spring semester, during which students descend on a fully decked out Lovett quad and commons for a night of casino games, themed activities, and a great time. The themed façade in the quad is built entirely by Lovetteers (a great way to earn freshman service hours) and in past years façades have included a James Bond city and light designs using Lovett’s grating.

College Rivalries
By the end of O-Week, you will know why Lovett is the best college. Unfortunately, other colleges’ New Students believe the same of their own college. Some colleges tend to coexist well with Lovett. Others are a bit more... clashing.

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

**Will Rice** Lovett has a rivalry of a very different kind with Will Rice. Will Rice is known for its competitive nature and singular focus on athletics. At Lovett, we’re a bit more relaxed. Although we also do VERY well on and off the field (Lovett has won the President’s Cup the last FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS), we value fun above all else and realize that winning isn’t everything—something that Will Rice loses sight of.

Rivalries can be a consuming part of your Rice experience, but it’s important to realize that they’re just fun and games. While Sid may be obnoxious sometimes, and Will Ricers may take themselves too seriously, they’re awesome people too. We are all part of a larger Rice community, and it is important to branch out and make friends at every college. Plus, Sid plays some great music on Fridays.
EOL DAY
Late in April, Lovett College celebrates the birthday of Edgar Odell Lovett, its namesake and Rice’s first president, with an all-day outdoor festival. Join your fellow Lovetteers in celebrating another year well-spent at Lovett with tie-dye and spray-paint, giant inflatable slip and slides, and music and dancing in the lovely Houston sun, while preparing a delicious feast of crawfish for the entire college.

Second Floor Sundeck
Located on Lovett’s second floor next to the staircase is a fabulous sundeck. Outfitted with reclining chairs and a table, the Sundeck is a great place to relax, tan, or socialize. Lovett events like the Graduation Party (which you’ll be attending in a few short years!) and College Nights happen occasionally on the Sundeck! Friday or Saturday nights the Lovett President hosts a pizza party on the deck. The sundeck’s location is also a bonus—located right next to second floor. Lovett’s second floor is home to some of the friendliest students at the college. They often prop their doors open and welcome impromptu company!

Commons Culture
One of the most unique aspects of Lovett College is our amazing community of “the Commons,” which are always a hub activity. During every meal, the Upper Commons is full of Lovetteers hungry for food and socialization, and even during the wee hours of the night, at least one Lovetteer is bound to be awake and “studying.” The Lower Commons includes game tables, couches with a TV area, and off campus lockers. Lovetteers who spend a lot of time in the Commons (and we mean A LOT - it’s not uncommon to see a few people sleeping) are known as “Commoners.” Twice a year, Lovett celebrates our Commons with the Middle Commons Ball, in which we hold an awesome dance party on the middle step connecting the Lower and Upper Commons.

Musicale
The spring talent show takes Lovetteers down to Lyle’s, the large, theatre-type venue in the Lovett Basement, to witness the talents and antics of their classmates. Previous acts have included 9os Guilty Pleasure Karaoke, choreographed gymnastics, and stand-up comedy. Musicale draws a heavily engaged crowd and ends with the Lovett seniors taking the stage to serenade their peers with a little song written a long, long time ago. Musicale memories last forever.

Cobb Wall
Back in the day, food was shipped in from a central campus kitchen and freshmen were made to serve upperclassmen dinner before eating themselves. The infamous “Cobb” was the Lovett maître d’ and not very well-liked. A particularly rebellious Lovett freshman (whose name has been forever lost to memory) immortalized Cobb by writing “Cobb Sucks” on the commons bathroom wall. Housing and Dining painted over the wall, but it was rewritten. Over the years, H&D has attempted to cover the message, but Lovetteers have simply responded by reaffirming how much Cobb still sucks.
Central Committee

According to Lovett legend, the first students formed a government known as the Central Committee (CC) as a tongue-in-cheek reference to the Soviet Union. To form a more perfect union, our forefathers voted to disband the first CC meeting and to spend the entire first year’s budget on beer. Fortunately or unfortunately, we do not currently follow the example of our forefathers. Now, the Central Committee headed by the Executive Committee (President, IVP, EVP and Secretaries) manage a sizable budget and large group of representatives and committees. Most of what is done at the college is student run. Tuesdays at 10 pm, CC meets in the lower commons to discuss both Lovett and campus-wide issues, to make announcements, and most importantly, to eat great food. Anyone is welcome at these meetings to make comments or announcements, so please come join us and catch a glimpse of how our college keeps functioning (especially because some of you will hold positions on CC some day!) Below is a list of the different CC positions complete with a short bio.

**President** Tessa Fries
Runs CC, represents Lovett to the SA and administration, generally oversees goings-on, carries Lovett crest into battle.

**External Vice President (EVP) Andrew Hadad**
In charge of ambiance funds, space requests, and overseeing committees. Can be reached at Andrew.A.Hadad@rice.edu.

**Internal Vice President (IVP) Ishani Desai**
Runs Room Jack, Parking Jack, and elections; oversees appointed positions. Can be reached at iadi1@rice.edu.

**Chief Justice (CJ) Nicky Joseph**
Keeps Lovett safe and in order at all times. Can be reached at npj3@rice.edu.

**Secretaries** Zach Anderson and Zain Aziz
Let you know what happened at CC meetings and last weekend; send out announcements and manage listserve. Can be reached at Lovescty@rice.edu.

**Treasurers: Kevin Jiang and Max Murdoch**
In charge of our $40,000 budget!
Activities Manika Daruka, Carolina Hatanpää, and Rose Kantorczyk
Bring you movie nights, Sporcle tournaments, guacamole-making competitions, Super Bowl parties, tailgates, and more.

Associates Akin Bruce, Patrick Young, and Matthew Mutammara
Organize the Associates program, which is a group of adults in the Houston area who are affiliated with Lovett and serve as mentors and resources.

Culturalys Bryce Deskins and Abby Shulman
Keep you in the know about everything Houston culture, subsidize events to free or reduced price.

Member-at-Large Leslie An and Michael Young
Sends out polls and surveys with varying degrees of seriousness and presents them at CC (many Lovetteers’ favorite part of CC).

Properties Blessing Felix, Stephanie Yang, and Chris Zupan
Buy things to make Lovett more awesome, maintain the awesome things we have and help you store them for the summer.

Socials Emily Klineberg, Mihir Limdi, and Luis Marquez
Throw Getcheroxoff and Casino Party with lots of help from New Students like you!

Off-Campus Representative To Be Elected
Represents off-campus Lovetteers at CC.

Outreach Taylor DeWoody and Chloe Wilson
Organize Lovett service opportunities, connect you to whatever service organizations fit you best.

New Student Representatives This could be you!
Keep track of service hours, represents your class of Lovetteers at CC, puts on events for new students

Campus Representatives:
Honor Council Grace Coleman
Rice Program Council (RPC) Julia Greenberg
Student Association (SA) Senator Ariana Engles
U Court Rep Sarah Rosenthal

Lovett Pro-Tip: You can gain required freshman service hours by helping out different CC committees.
Matriculating Class of 2017,

Welcome to Lovett College! You’ve just been placed into the best residential college Rice University has to offer.*

If there is one thing I know for sure about these next few years of your life, it’s this: you will be challenged. Intellectually, morally, emotionally, maybe physically -- college is tough. But, to cling to a cliché, it is worth it, not because of the degree you will earn, but because of the growth you will encounter in all aspects of your life. You will meet people with fascinating stories who are vastly different from you. You may even be asked to question your existing ethics or beliefs. Now is the time to try things you may never have done otherwise, to step outside of your comfort zone and into the uncomfortable. You will encounter so many wonderful opportunities; I encourage you to take the ones you are excited about, but to have the wisdom and courage to let go of the ones that do not feel right for whatever reason (no excuse needed).

Above all, your college experience is your own. There will be times when you wonder if you’re good enough to be here, smart enough, bold enough, unique enough -- I assure you, you are far MORE than enough. There is a reason you were accepted into this university. You have so much to bring to Lovett and to Rice University. I, along with the rest of Lovett College, am so excited to help you find your niche in any way we can. The culture and community of Lovett that we love so much is entirely shaped by the individuals in it. As Lovett President, my job is simply to help you make your impact and make our community even stronger. Please do not hesitate to walk up to me or come knocking at my door at any time if I can help you navigate our many resources, facilitate dialogue, or ease your transition in any way.

Generations of Lovetteers before you have eaten in the same commons, crammed for exams in the Wiener Hole, destressed with friends in Lyle’s, held government positions you may once hold, and left their mark on Lovett College in their own unique ways. Now is your time. I look forward to seeing what each of you will bring to the Lovett community and am so excited to be right alongside you as you delve into this new chapter of your life.

- Tessa Fries, Lovett President 2017-2018

* Just in case you’re doubtful about our objective superiority, check the President’s Cup winners for the past five years... yep, all us.
Meet Tessa!

Tessa Fries Lovett ’18 ~ ENGL, FREN ~ Morristown, TN

Dear Newest Lovetteers, our president is not a French Fry. It doesn’t matter if she’s majoring in French or if her last name is Fries, she won’t hesitate to correct you because she isn’t an item on the Whataburger menu. The “proper” pronunciation, based on her explanation is “Freeze.” You may also call her Tessa, that works too. This night owl runs on coffee, but not on just any type of coffee. Her favorite is actually Coffeehouse’s! You might spot our president, at any time of the day, settled in a large couch with a steaming cup in one hand and a book in the other. A bookworm during the day and red carpet ready at night, Tessa loves dancing and is always ready for a night out with friends. A dedicated teammate and leader, Tessa is co-captain of Rice’s very own cheer team. A great opportunity to catch our President doing what she loves is to go to the sporting events held across campus! No matter how busy Tessa is she lives in the moment and gives her all to friends and the Lovett community. I hope that you will learn to love our little Fry as much as we already do!

-Belle Caroll (Lovett ’19)
Though Lovett rooms are by no means small, chances are you will be faced with the challenge of downsizing your life to fit into it. Lovett rooms are 13’ by 15’, and contain amenities that can all be rearranged to your liking. Each of these rooms is connected to another, mirror-image room by a bathroom to create a suite of 4 people. Rejoice in the private bathrooms, because not all residential colleges are lucky enough to have them.

Things Found in Your Future Room:
- 2 **TWIN XL** beds (can be lofted at nearly any height or bunked)
- 2 large dressers
- 2 bookcases
- 2 desks + chairs
- 2 desk cabinets
- 2 trash cans (+ 1 recycling bin!)
- 2 closets
  - 1 full length
  - 1 divided into two horizontal sections
- Fire alarm + emergency sprinkler
- Self-controlled AC unit

**Bathroom:**
- 2 sinks
- Plenty of counter space
- 1 large mirror
- 1 toilet
- 1 shower (with curtain)
- Never-ending supply of toilet paper (courtesy of our wonderful custodial service once a week)
- 4 wire drawers below sink

Things To Consider Bringing:
- Floor/bathroom rugs (floor is tiled)
- Couch/futon (requires bunked beds)
- Mini-fridge
- Microwave
- Coffeemaker/Teapot
- Additional storage space
- Additional lighting
- Pictures, posters, or tapestries
- Laundry basket and/or hamper
- Dry-erase boards
- Bowls, plates, or silverware
- Another mirror
- Shower caddy or shelf

Make sure to get in touch with your roommate AND suitemates before you arrive so that you don’t end up with two TVs and no fridge. At the very least, it gives you an excuse to get to know him/her better. Finally, rest assured that you will be comfortable in your room – sometimes, it just requires a little creativity.

**O-Week Pro-Tip:**
Lee Pelton is Lovett’s Student Maintenance Representative (SMR) and will be available to help you fix any problems in your room. He can help you raise or lower your bed or be a liaison between you and H&D. He can be contacted at leepelton@rice.edu.
Lovett Rooms
Each suite has its own private bathroom, which is shared between two doubles. Each bathroom has a shower, a stall, two sinks, and four wire drawers for storage.

O-Week Pro-Tip
Talk to your roommate before you get to campus if you want to plan your room setup. Check out these awesome floor plans for ideas! (Courtesy of Lucy Lai, Maya's own freshman roommate).
The Commons, Servery, and Kitchen
When entering the Commons, you will find yourself in the Lower Commons, complete with couches, ping pong, a pool table, and a big TV. Traverse the two steps known as the Middle Commons and you are in the Upper Commons, filled with tables and chairs constantly occupied by Lovetteers who are eating, studying, or just hanging out. Through the Upper Commons is the Seibel servery. A servery is Rice's term for a cafeteria, and Lovett shares its servery with Will Rice. Also located off of the commons are a study room and the Private Dining Room, or PDR, which can be reserved for events. On Saturday nights when the servery is closed, the Lovett kitchen, outfitted with a refrigerator, stove, oven and microwave, is a great space to get your cookin' on.
The Basement

The Lovett basement has two entrances, located below the staircases on either side of the building. In the basement, there’s lots of fun to be had. You can watch a movie, work out in the weight room, practice in the music room, play on one of two pianos, browse or print in the computer lab, study in the Wiener Hole (a study room across from the computer lab filled with decades of leftover books from graduated Lovetteers), go to a production or get-together in Lyles, or even cook a delicious meal in the kitchen. While the basement is not the most visually appealing part of Lovett, take pride in the fact that Lovett has the biggest basements on campus!

Parking

Unfortunately, Lovett does not have enough parking for all of its residents with cars to park in the small lot behind the college. In fact, roughly only 25 people (usually seniors) get parking spots located right next to Lovett. However, there is plenty of parking in West Lot or Greenbriar Lot, which any student can purchase. Additionally, students with parking permits are allowed to park in Lovett Lot on weekends, starting at Friday after 5 p.m. and continuing until Monday at 7 a.m. (be sure to move your car, or face the consequences).
The Laundry Room

Most importantly, the laundry room is free! None of that quarters nonsense that they have at other universities. The laundry room is located in the basement of Lovett, on the side farthest from the commons. Inside you will find 6 washers and 12 dryers available for your use, including laundry bins. Just make sure that you get some high-efficiency detergent, as all of our washers are HE only. It takes about 30 minutes for a load in the washer, and about an hour in the dryer, so don’t freak out about having to do your own laundry. We promise it’s not that hard.

The Elevator

Lovett has one elevator that provides service from the basement to the fifth floor. This does make moving a little more difficult for 6th floor dwellers, but people have moved anything from couches to lat screen TVs up the Lovett stairwell. Also note that many people are going to be trying to use this elevator on Move-In day, so please be patient as you move into your new room. Each floor has its own elevator lobby, and the 3rd-5th floor lobbies have newly installed chalkboard message boards.

Recycling

Every room at Lovett is equipped with a blue recycling bin so that you can recycle paper (that’s not waxed or food-stained), glass, plastic, cardboard, etc. Recycling at Rice is single-stream, so all general recyclables go into this one container. The cleaning staff at Lovett empties trash as needed. Additionally, you can bring aluminum cans or plastic and glass bottles from your rooms to the gigantic blue bins conveniently located in the elevator lobbies on every floor or near the stairs on 2nd and 6th floors. There is also a set of bins in the Lower Commons, where you can recycle batteries and ink cartridges. If you have questions about recycling
People

"Love like a dog. That is my advice to you. Love like a dog."

-Oliver Tremble
The A-Team

The Adult Team at Lovett is here to provide support, guidance, mentorship, and friendship. At your home away from home, our A-Team give us the reassurance that adults have our back as we make our own paths. Below is a description of each member of the A-Team. Over your four years at Lovett, they will become familiar faces and hopefully long-lasting friends.

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

Resident Associates: Unlike at most universities, your RAs are faculty or staff members instead of students. RAs live with you in the Toaster (Lovett) and serve as adult mentors. The four RAs Lovett has are eager to learn about you and to make you feel at home, so don’t hesitate to introduce yourself and use them as a resource!

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

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

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

About Our Family
My family truly understands how exciting and challenging it can be to move to a new city and a new college community. Mayra and I were born in Brazil. We first came to the United States in 1982, and settled in California. I worked on my Ph.D. in Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) while Mayra earned her Bachelor’s degree in Human Development at Pacific Oaks College. In 1986, our eldest son, Lucas, was born while we were in Pasadena, CA. After I completed my doctorate and Mayra earned her degree, the three of us went back to Brazil where I became a professor at the University of São Paulo (also known as USP). But we also brought something very important with us – our second son Diego was born six months after our return to Brazil!
Our Professional Backgrounds

I taught at USP for several years, and in 1990 we moved permanently to the United States when I was invited to join the faculty of the University of California at San Diego (or UCSD). We immersed ourselves in the Southern California lifestyle and education community. Mayra also joined the education field after becoming certified as an Elementary Teacher in California. She was hired by the San Diego Unified School District where she taught bilingual kindergarten (English and Spanish), for 19 years. Our third son, Paulo, was born just after we moved to San Diego. After 22 years at UCSD, Rice recruited me to join the faculty here in Houston. I am now starting my fifth year at Rice University. I am the co-director for the Center for Theoretical Biological Physics and professor of physics and astronomy, chemistry, and biosciences. With my busy teaching schedule in such diverse fields, I have my Center’s offices in the BRC (BioScience Research Collaborative) building, or you might also see me in Brockman Hall. Mayra joined me here in Houston, shortly after I arrived. She also works at Rice, where she is the manager of the Brasil@Rice Program, right there in Lovett Hall, with the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS). She enjoys working to further Rice’s goal of increased academic exchange with Brazil; and is passionate about helping new Rice students create strong academic and social experiences while they’re on campus. Our three sons are also settled here in town and are part of Houston’s diverse academic community. Lucas studies at the University of St. Thomas, Diego is a teacher at Kincaid School, and Paulo is back in San Diego pursuing his doctoral degree in Biological Sciences at The Scripps Research Institute. Of course, as they are all a bit closer to the age of most Rice students, they will also be happy to share their experiences and opinions, if you like.

Our Culture and Hobbies

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

As in the Brazilian tradition, our house is truly your house, too.
Hi Lovetteers! We are very excited to start this new adventure as your HRFs! We are originally from California, where we met in college. As Chris completed his education, we lived in Utah and Ohio before coming down to Houston.

Chris is an Assistant Professor of Psychology, who researches Psychoneuroimmunology and Health Psychology. He teaches Stress and Health across the Lifespan and graduate courses in Health Psychology. His lab (called the BMED lab) is located at the Bioscience Research Collaborative. He especially enjoys mentoring students and postdocs. Katie has a MA in Education and has worked in nonprofits and as a classroom teacher. She currently teaches middle school English Language Arts and Reading. She likes working with students during these transitional years and particularly enjoys working with English Language Learners.

We have two daughters who are excited to make Lovett their new home. Maddie is an outgoing and chatty 6 year old. She loves Star Wars, art, animals, and being a big sister. She is looking forward to having a big backyard at Rice where she can further her study of roly pollies. Juliette is a determined 1 year old who likes dogs, balls, blocks and eating new foods. She is just learning how to walk with assistance but has mastered waving and saying hi. We will also be bringing along our dog Buddy, who is very excited to make new friends. Buddy is a lively and slightly neurotic little dog. He is a Maltese mix and weighs about 9 lbs. He enjoys long walks, cool water, and any food he can find. He is looking forward to chasing squirrels around the Rice campus.

As a family we enjoy spending time at museums, parks, and the zoo. We also are interested in theater, dance, sports, and good food.

We cannot wait to share our interests and time with our new Lovett family!

O-Week Pro-Tip:
If you need a work study job, you kill two birds with one stone like Tess did in Chris’ lab and get paid to do research! Job openings are listed on Rice’s Jobs Board!
We can't wait to start our second year as your first-floor RAs! Laura is a postdoc with the Humanities Research Center. She earned her PhD from Rice's English department in 2015. Geoff is a lawyer with a small litigation practice, The Singhal Law Firm, downtown. He went to UT Austin and UH Law and is a Houston native. We both love playing and watching soccer (go Liverpool and Barcelona!) and are looking forward to organizing outings to see the Dash and Dynamo play, as well as the Rice women's soccer team. We're also big fans of board games—you may find us in the commons playing Killer Bunnies or Settlers of Catan. Join us! And Geoff is always down for a game of chess or pool. Lately, we've both been honing our ping pong prowess, so please pass on any pointers! We're also music buffs—Geoff loves listening to classical music and wants to plan some outings to the Houston Symphony (they have great student discounts). Laura is a harpist, plays the keys on and off in a rock band, and regularly brings the house down at karaoke. She's excited to meet some fellow karaoke-loving Lovetteers and is already planning the second annual Lovett vs. Sid Rich Karaoke Showdown. (See our trophy case for the spoils of last semester's victory.) Last November, we adopted a rescue dog, Cami (find Cami's bio at the end of the book). We're really looking forward to getting to know all of the new Lovetteers! Stop by our apartment on the first floor for tea/coffee, to see Cami's tricks, to nab some stickers from Laura's ridiculous collection, or just for a chat. RRF!

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Hello, Lovetteers!

We are super excited about being your newest Lovett Resident Associates!

Zora is a PhD student in the Department of English at Rice. She studies Late-19th through 20th Century American Literature and African-American Literature. Before coming to Rice, Zora worked as an English teacher at a high school in Northern Virginia. She also worked as a director of a family literacy program at an education nonprofit in Washington, D.C. Zora also studied religion and theology at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Zora loves to play chess, and she is a member of the Rice Chess Club. Zora loves the musicals Hamilton and The Color Purple! She is always ready for a sing-along! Zora also collects fountain pens.

Janis works as an optometrist for an eye and vision group in Houston. Janis was an independent optometrist in Maryland before joining the vision group here. Janis enjoys bike riding. Her favorite places for riding are Rice and Hermann Park. She enjoys gardening, and she maintained a massive vegetable garden plot at a community garden in Maryland before moving to Houston. Janis loves musicals! She also loves sports—especially during Playoffs Season! Her favorite sport is basketball. She is always ready for a game of pickup basketball, and she hopes you will join her at the Rice Athletic Center for a few games during the semester.

We both enjoy playing board games and card games (Uno, Spades Phase 10, Taboo, Scrabble, etc.). We love exploring the Houston food scene and cooking together at home! We are both fans of the television adventure shows “Survivor” and “The Amazing Race,” and we hope that we get a chance to play one—or both—of them someday (after graduate school).

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

You are always welcome join us for games and movies—and tea and popcorn—at our apartment on the second floor! We will post the movie night/game night invites on the Lovett Facebook page.

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

Even though I’ll see your pictures and read your roommate forms before I meet you I won’t know who you are, who you will become and what you will do here until you show me. Please pay attention to my emails, as I often have very important information that you won’t get anywhere else. I might not always know everything, but I am a good resource for information and can guide you where you need to go for anything you might need at Lovett.

Rice, Houston, and I can’t wait to welcome you “home” on August 13th.

O-Week Pro-Tip

It is no joke that Sharon is the Fairy Godmother of Lovett. If you’re ever looking for a snack, you can always find candy in her office <3
So who exactly are these people who keep playing up this so-called "O-Week" and apparently made this book? We are your DoggO-Week Coordinators! We are three Lovetteers that were chosen by Lovett’s Adult Team and 2016 O-Week Coordinators to plan and put together your first week at Rice. We started our jobs in the spring, doing things like selecting Advisors and Affiliates, putting them together into power-teams, picking a theme, making this book, placing you with roommates and suitemates into your rooms, making O-Week groups, and basically planning all of DoggO-Week. We stayed on campus all summer to do this along with the 10 other colleges’ Coordinators, and we worked with them to plan the campus-wide activities that you will participate in during the week.

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

-Your Coords, O-Week and Beyond--Tess, Akín, and Maya
Tess Gabert (Lovett ’19)  CSCL, neur  Federal Way, WA

Tess Gabert is a junior pre-med majoring in Cognitive Sciences, hailing from Federal Way, the Dirty Fed (Seattle), Washington. If you’re interested in getting to know more about Tess, you should really be asking the question, “What can't Tess do?” Tess spent her entire junior year of high school in Germany, which by the way she went into knowing absolutely no German. Now she’s pretty much fluent (don’t be alarmed if you hear her say random words in German in a freakishly authentic German accent). In addition to her die hard Seattle pride, Tess has a special place in heart for Mac n’cheese, Fleetwood Mac, binge watching tv series, cucumbers, getting down on the dance floor, and the Lonely Island. Tess loves to bring the HYPE and can get any party started. Most importantly, Tess has this amazing ability to make everyone around her feel completely accepted and loved when she’s with them, perhaps due to the fact that she has the most understanding/sincere "I’m listening to you" face you’ve ever seen. She’s looking forward to being a new friend and mentor, (she’s a mama hen inside) to all of the New Students at Lovett this year.

-Meghana Gaur (Lovett ’19)
Akin Bruce (Lovett '19) ♡ STAT, ECON ♡ Memphis, TN

In Memphis, Tennessee, born and raised on the playground is where he spent most of his days. Meet Akin Bruce. The man. The myth. The lover of the color orange. If you’re reading this, Congratulations! He’s coordinating your O-Week!!! And let me tell you, he’s put a lot of time, energy and passion, to make sure y’all have the BEST O-Week ever!! Outside of making sure y’all have the best O-Week, Akin is also Lovett’s Associates Coordinator for the upcoming school year. He is also pretty involved in the Black Students Association. Plus, he’s a tour guide, so he is great resource for all things Rice. This Statistics/Econ double major not only loves the color orange with a burning passion, but he also loves playing Super Smash Bros in the Lovett commons, hanging out with friends/glaring at them regularly, and petting the Rice squirrels (Only the fluffy ones though). He has an amazing knack for bringing everyone together and is a giant ball of extremely LOUD energy. You’ll probably hear him before you see him. Side note: If you ever get him to a dance floor, you should totally ask him to show you his moves!!

-Blessing Nneamaka Felix-Okoroji Nwanae (Lovett ’19)

Maya Iyer (Lovett ’18) ♡ BIOS ♡ Houston, TX

Get ready: you’re about to start categorizing the moments of your life into “Before Maya” and “After Maya.” She is the “desi” in “desirable,” the radiant beauty (they say she rivals Queen Bey herself) that shines in the midst of the nastiest Houston thunderstorm. Consistently phenomenal, this H-Town native also boasts the ability to drink inordinate amounts of chai and read Pride and Prejudice cover-to-cover for the millionth time—all in time to make it to her job at the wildlife center. And after she’s nursed every adorable baby opossum back to health, she finds time to channel her choreography genius into her role as one of the captains of Rice Rasikas, Rice’s only South Asian classical dance group. An inspirational go-getter, she’s the type that everyone and their parents fall in love with. You can always count on her to share a smile, the snacks in her room, and her distinctly valuable insights. Trustworthy, loyal, graceful, caring—we are envious that we can’t have her as our own O-Week coordinator, but we know that within minutes of meeting her you’ll be as proud as we are to call Maya Iyer a friend.

-Manasi Joshi (Lovett ’18), Meg Brigman (Sid ’18), Varsha Sathappan (Hanszen ’18)
Every year, Lovetteers and students from other colleges go through a competitive application process to have the privilege of calling you their new student. Advisors are really just like you, except they’ve been at Rice a bit longer than you have, and move back to Rice a week earlier than O-Week to train and prepare for your arrival. They come from all over the world, from all types of backgrounds, and with all types of interests. Advisors are there to answer absolutely any question that comes to your mind, at any time and, most importantly, to introduce you to the culture of Rice and Lovett so that you can begin to feel comfortable at your new home.

When you arrive at Lovett, you will be excitedly greeted by your two Advisors from Lovett and your one Co-Advisor from one of the other ten colleges. This Co-Advisor will be able to provide valuable insight into his/her own college and Rice. Take advantage of this connection! It’s always good to meet people outside of Lovett. Your Advisors know a lot of things through experience, don’t forget that they were once in your shoes, too! So ask them about classes, professors, fun things to do in your free time, cool places to go on the weekends, great places to shop and eat around Houston, and pretty much any other thing you can think of. Everyone involved in O-Week wants to help you, and if your Advisors can’t help you with a particular questions, there’s bound to be someone else who can. And even though they are called O-Week Advisors, we promise they aren’t going to ditch you come the first day of classes. They will be there for you throughout the year, and even for the rest of your time at Rice, to serve as both a support system and a social connection.

When O-Week ends and all the upperclassmen start rolling back in, your advisors can introduce you to all of their friends and your fellow Lovetteers, who will also be incredibly eager to meet you. Your first year at Rice is going to be crazy and exciting, and trust us, it will fly by. But it will also be filled with unexpected quandaries like: “Where should I take that cutie who sits next to me in chemistry out to dinner?” and “Is it a good idea to throw this couch off of sixth floor?” Your Advisors will be there to provide the wisdom of experience in both good and bad times.
Affiliates

Affiliates are Advisors that have an additional responsibility within Lovett O-Week. They have been chosen either by a campus wide organization or by us, the Lovett Coords. Affiliates are an invaluable part not only of their own O-Week group, but of O-Week in general.

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

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

**DFs** are here to ensure that new students appreciate and have positive, respectful interactions with their diverse group of peers at Rice. **Jose** and **Arabella** will put on several workshops during O-Week which promote an appreciation for the phenomenal diversity we have on campus, and we definitely encourage you to engage and participate during these workshops. Also, they’re trained to handle any diversity related conflict that may come up during the year, so feel free to use Jose and Arabella as a resource during O-Week and beyond!

The **RHA, Laura**, is a resource for wellbeing topics during O-Week. She will be available for any new student who needs someone to talk to during O-Week in a more informal setting. RHAs are trained to listen in one-on-one settings, facilitate conversations between roommates or others who have a conflict to work out, and connect students to wellbeing resources around campus.

The **Athletic Affiliate, Kiley**, provides support to Lovett’s new student athletes and helps ease the transition into Lovett given the added responsibilities as a student athlete. Additionally, the Athletic Affiliate helps advisors understand the athlete perspective and ensure they are as supportive as possible!

Our **Photographer** and **Videographer, Aaron** and **Max**, will be preserving O-Week memories for posterity. They archive O-Week events and put together a slideshow at the end of the week to celebrate your first week at Rice! Pro tip: Aaron is going to take your picture on the first day right after you move in and it’ll go on a poster in Sharon’s office. Prepare accordingly! Check out the videos Max made of each of the Advising Teams! A link is provided with each team’s bios.

**SMR**: The Student Maintenance Representative (SMR) is the Lovett liaison to the Housing and Dining department (H&D). **Lee** can loft or unloft your bed, help you move your furniture around, and get you ladders for bunked beds. Be sure to get his number when you get here because he can be an enormous help.
Advisor Teams


-Blues Clues
Taylor DeWoody (Lovett ’20)  ENGL  Midland, TX

Taylor DeWoody is a literal ray of sunshine. As of writing this, we have been unable to find any flaws. (She just went “guys, that’s not true!” It is.) She is indubitably the kindest person you will ever meet. (“Use the word indubitably. I like that word.”) The peppy exterior of this Midland, Texas native hides a devious sense of mischief (“But it’s all in good fun!”). Her aggressive niceness lends itself well to the Lovett Powderderpuff team, where she was voted “most likely to sack the QB and then apologize for it” and has a habit of becoming friends with the other team as she destroys them. She tutors underprivileged high school students with PAIR, DREAM, and Rice Empower, is a member of the Lovett Outreach committee and Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, and serves as a Head Caregiver. This English major digs the hell out of Jane Austen and aspires to be a child advocate lawyer. Even though she’s your advisor, you might not want to spend that much time with her - her perfection might just make you feel bad about yourself in comparison. (“don’t say that! They’re not gonna want to hang out with me!”)

-Maximilian Murdoch & Rose Kantorczyk
(Lovett ’20)

Michael Young (Lovett ’20)  MTEC  Chapel Hill, NC

You see lightning. You hear thunder. Watch out fam, it’s the Kung Fu Punda. Meet Michael Young; the Don of Catan, a double entendre monster, and an OK Ultimate Frisbee player. Formerly known as “Young Young,” this rising Sophomore Mathematical Economic major is one of the kindest, smartest, and most caring people you will meet at Rice. When he’s not flicking Frisbees for Rice’s club ultimate team, or chugging milk to get taller, or making funny surveys for Lovett’s college government, you can catch this 6’3” mastodon reaching into his limitless bag of puns. You can try to LOCK him away, but don’t BANK on that working. Because around Michael, no one is SAFE. You’ll never find another person with the same COMBINATION of quirky attributes. Michael is a wholesome person who wholeheartedly likes hanging out with friends and others. You can often catch him in the commons teaching newcomers how to play Settlers of Catan, or whatever the hot board game is at the moment. Michael is always comfortable in his own shoes/Nike flip-flops, and he always finds a way to help others feel comfortable. Coming from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Michael makes everyone feel at home wherever he goes. He’s never afraid to be himself, and he’s always looking to make new friends. The addition of someone as positive as Michael will help sum new students like you have a great transition to Rice. You can count on it.

-Alex Young (Lovett ’17)
Shikha Avancha (Lovett '19)  ⚟ COMP, bioc, busi  ⚟  
Foster City, CA

Shikha Avancha is quite possibly the sweetest person you will ever meet. Hailing from the Bay Area but currently living in Houston, the only time she’ll get even slightly mad at you is if you try to say she’s from Texas. When she’s not being unbelievably neat or doing PAA things, you can find Shikha feeding her mango green tea boba addiction (or sleeping if it is past her strict 10 PM bedtime). Shikha is also an extraordinarily dedicated person--she will walk all the way across campus just to get mac and cheese, and she once sat through an entire Harry Potter movie marathon. If you’re one of the new students who nabbed Shikha as an advisor, don’t let her shy exterior fool you. She will be the best advisor you could ask for, and an even better friend.

-Carolina Hatanpaa (Lovett ’19)

Josiah Yarbrough (Will Rice '18)  ⚟  
CHBE  ⚟  St. Louis, MO

Josiah Yarbrough, or as he prefers to be called, José, was not born anywhere close to large Spanish-speaking populations... which raises a lot of questions about his nickname... which no one really has the answers to. It is on good authority that by the age of four, a 6’2” José was already strolling the streets of St. Louis with a 500 lb. squat, three ex-girlfriends, and a laugh that could be heard across the Midwest. This chemical engineering major is passionate about helping refugee students through PAIR, dedicating his time to multiple research labs, and leading alternative spring break trips focused on homelessness and incarceration. José can spark a conversation with anyone he crosses paths with and is always there for others with words of wisdom and never-ending snacks. This baller will inject energy into any situation he’s in, whether it’s with his warm bear hugs or his unbearable jokes. He is the rare sort of person that can completely empathize with your point of view but also open your eyes to a completely different perspective. It is a rarity that someone this outgoing and friendly is as willing to sit down one-on-one over coffee as he is to take center stage at a party. With José, you won’t lose your way. He’ll be your friend until the end. You know this is true because it rhymes. Limes.

-Alan Wang with the courtesy of Denise Zheng’s laptop (Will Rice ’18)
Richard Goldman (Lovett ’19) • CHBE • Houston, TX

Richard Arthur Goldman II is a name known throughout campus. As former king of his High School he knows just about everybody and is almost considered royalty at Rice as well. Other than king, Richard also has many different identities including, pool shark, high school track star, businessman, card carrying baller, party animal and the list goes on and on. Although you may be intimidated by his wicked good looks, his many talents and his rugged exterior, in reality he has a very soft center. If you ever want to explore the emotional side to Richard Arthur Goldman II, just ask him about his dog, Pickles, and his love for puppies or about how close he is to his family. If you’re reading this, then that means you are probably lucky enough to have him as your advisor. Take advantage of this wise man that’s been through a myriad of experiences, experiences that he is more than willing to share with anyone who asks. Lastly, past being an athlete and a pre-business Chemical Engineer, Richard is an amazing friend that is always willing to lend a helping hand and is beyond excited to introduce you to Rice.

- Sebastian Gonzalez (Lovett ’19)

Biz Rasich (Lovett ’19) • MTEC, POST • Richmond, VA

The illustrious Elizabeth Ann “Biz” Rasich, Assistant News Editor for the Thresher, horseback rider, and lover of all things books, is simply the epitome of virtue. This Math Econ Major from Richmond, Virginia knows a thing or two about accounting, is always ready to talk literature, and enjoys herself a good antique shop. An interesting, involved, and caring individual, Biz is the kind of person you meet and immediately say to yourself. “I want to be her friend!” When not busy with her schoolwork or her job, chances are you can catch Biz in the commons watching Bones, reading a book, or hitting the town with friends. She professes to love movies, but that assertion is contested by the fact that she sleeps through nearly every one she tries to watch. But despite never finishing a film, Biz is a wonderful friend and trusted confidant to all, and has her heart in the right place, which is why her O-Week kids will be lucky to have her.

-Maximilian Murdoch & Rose Kantorczyk (Lovett ’20)
Aaron Wong (Lovett ’18) ▪ KINE, busi, bioc ▪ San Francisco, CA

A goon is defined as a silly, foolish, or eccentric person. Aaron Wong is all of these, and then some. You’re sure to find this goon being silly and making jokes at all times, no matter how much work his pre-med life or extracurricular load throw at him. One major (Sports Medicine), two minors (Business and Biochemistry), and a plethora of other activities (Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, Peer Academic Advisor, Patient Discharge Initiative) keep him busy, but he never turns down a quick game of ping-pong or basketball. Hailing from the Bay Area, Aaron definitely remains true to his NorCal roots. A true hipster, he’ll always be down for an exploration of Houston’s vibrant coffee shop and restaurant scene (and don’t worry, he’ll make sure to snap artsy pictures of it all too). But don’t let his goofy demeanor fool you: at the end of the day, he’s always willing to share a few words of wisdom or lend an ear when you need it. Whether he’s cracking a joke that’s not actually funny or engaging in some real talk, we can personally guarantee that you will never experience a dull moment with Aaron “Kenan” Wong.

Amy Tao & Hector Picon (Lovett ’18)

Dana Smith (Wiess ’18) ▪ STAT ▪ Livingston, TX

Dana is out for starbucks so I’m writing her bio instead. Hailing from Livingston, Texas, Dana may have lost most of her accent since coming to Rice, but she still has that southern charm (mixed with a good dose of sarcasm from one summer in New York). She clearly must be pretty good or at least okay, because her brother Orren followed her (voluntarily) to Rice after living with her for decades at home. When she isn’t doing her (or your) statistics homework, she thinks about working out, but will probably end up in coffeehouse. Stop by and say hi! She’ll always be happy to see you once she hears you through her headphones (I’m loud and flamboyant so it’s easy). Dedicated to her work and her various, extensive extracurriculars, such as modeling (see her on a catalyst magazine cover near you), she somehow always has time for her -really large- array of friends. But in all actuality, if you need anyone to talk with for hours on end, watch questionable films with while feeling bad about the butter in your popcorn but not bad enough to stop eating, someone to go out with on a Friday night, stay in with on a Saturday, or go shopping with on a Sunday, Dana is there. She cares about her friends and is fiercely loyal, so stay close, because it’s worth it; after all, you can always use her for her brain if you need homework help (but seriously, she’s the only person I feel comfortable going to the gym with and is a markedly amazing presence for everyone she meets). She will make you feel accepted and loved, she will stick by you and be your best friend, your biggest proponent, and your photo mom, but she ain’t fake. That’s hard to find. You all are pretty lucky. So be excited and be glad, because you’ll Lovett and her. I honestly wish that I had her as an advisor. After all, she has a car.

-David Cirillo (Sid Rich ’18)
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Nate Forrester (Lovett ’19) ♦ CSCI, glht ♦ Lawrenceville, GA

Nathaniel “Don't call me Nathaniel” Forrester uses his personable and boring nature to hang out with his girlfriend and study during his free time. However, a wild Nate can also be found scavenging and scrounging food around Lovett college all day every day. Although this junior majors in cognitive science, don't let that PSYCH you into thinking Nate doesn’t like to have fun. This Rice Rally Club member and Lovett Freshman Flag coach loves being involved with Rice Athletics when he is not trying to memorize Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry reactions. When he is not busy doing practice problems or watching sports, Nate can be PERIODICALLY found “balling” at the rec, specifically after a test when he only airballs since Physics 101 was not his best class. Nate tries to have good CHEMISTRY with his teammates, which he can often do as a result of his kind, amiable, and generous nature. Nate also is very involved with Rice EMS, but what he won’t tell you is that he thought the CPR training was meant to revive his GPA! #rip You’re lucky to have this hardworking guy as an advisor!

-Christopher Zupan (Lovett ’19)

Grace Earick (Lovett ’20) ♦ HART, POLI ♦ Albuquerque, NM

If you ever see a cat meandering through campus, the odds are you'll probably see Grace “Cool Girl” Earick unsuccessfully attempting to coax it to her side while getting overly excited and weak at the knees. Beyond her looks, something that will make you weak in the knees is standing while listening to Grace proudly talk about New Mexico and her hometown of Albuquerque. Grace is a sophomore who majors in Art History and Policy Studies with two interdisciplinary minors. Sound like a lot? This is nothing if you ever get Miss Earick started talking about living sustainably and 100% waste free (her lifelong goal), or her aesthetic role model, Frida Kahlo. Although always thirsty for cats, “Cool Girl” will quench her thirst with tea- whether served hot in one her cute mugs, iced in a thermos, or with tapioca in her shift drink after a long day's work at East West Tea. If you like any combination of the aforementioned things, you are likely to become good friends with Grace. But even if you don't, you will find yourself in the hands of an incredibly adorable, compassionate and easygoing person who will spice up your life in more ways than one.

-Andre Sushchenko (Lovett ’20)
Nicky Joseph (Lovett ’18) ☢ CHEM, bio ○ Sugar Land, TX

“Bro, ping pong?” If you happen to find yourself in the Lovett commons between the hours of 4:00pm and 4:00am, you will surely hear this phrase resounding from either Nicky Joseph or the aforementioned bro (see: Aaron Wong). Nicky keeps himself busy coaching Lovett’s Powderpuff team to victory, genetically modifying T-cells in his lab, and reading the Wikipedia pages of random senators (he has an ongoing bet that he’ll have his own page one day). With his sensationally trimmed beard and stylish “Math Strong” wristband, Nicky is also co-founder of the high school math outreach program previously known as “Math!”, and he is Lovett’s very own Chief Justice. Outside of these pastimes, he distinguishes himself with his heightened sensitivity to smell and the resulting quirks: an obsession with fabric softener and an inability to sleep with smelly feet. Lucky for you, he is as sensitive as his nose, if not more so. As his incoming students, you can count on this aspiring father-figure to have your back (and a paternal-type joke) every time.

-Max Hassell, Aaron Wong, & Manasi Joshi (Lovett ‘18)

Melody Lin (Hanszen ’18) ☢ POLI, POST ○ Taipei*, Taiwan

Ask Melody Lin about her semester in Scandinavia and she will somehow incorporate every experience into a pun (e.g. "nordiculous"). Coming from the land of boba, Taiwan, she somehow still has not gotten tired of the drink and always says yes to it when offered. Melody is a Political Science and Policy Studies double major and she also volunteers at the Rice Women’s Resource Center and tackles Asian-American issues with APASA, so you know she is #woke. When she isn’t being woke, she is most likely #asleep or binge-watching shows on Netflix. Or perhaps she’s stressing over one of the million papers she always seems to have to write. Either way, she’s definitely in her bed. But if you’re lucky, you might spot a wild Melody emerge from her dwelling to collect food from the servery or (if you’re even luckier) to hang out with you!

-Bowie Lin (Hanszen ’18)
The Lady and the Stag
Meghana Pannala (Lovett ’18)  CAAM, MTEC  Washington, D.C.

If you ever want someone to jam out to Hamilton or Penn Masala with you, Meghana is your girl! Hailing from just-outside-of-DC-Virginia, Meghana Pannala, or Peggy as her friends call her (definitely ask her about that), is probably one of the sweetest and funniest people you’ll have the pleasure to meet at Rice. You’ll always learn something new from a conversation with Meghana. She can tell you about current events, the corn-spiracy, or a cool new thing to do around Houston. Meghana does a little bit of everything, from tutoring refugee students to college government to being obsessed with the Notorious Ruth Bader Ginsburg, but she puts her entire heart into everything that she does. So, congrats on having one of the most amazing and passionate people at Lovett as your advisor!

-Vi Nguyen (Lovett ’18)

Carolina Hatanpää (Lovett ’18)  COMP  McLean, VA

Carolina Hatanpää will be the best Hatan-PAA you’ve ever had. Sassy and hardcore, this tea-drinking girl can always be found with a crossword puzzle in hand or working on a computer science project. Well-versed in cooking, she can always whip up something unusual and creative with any of the servery options. While Carolina is originally from McLean, Virginia, she has spent some of her life living in Finland where her father is from (which could account for the fact that she can’t count American coins very well). Hit her up if you wanna learn some Finnish. Don’t worry if she squints at you when you see her; she isn’t mad, she’s just blind and often refuses to wear her glasses. Carolina keeps all of her favorite songs on a randomized spread sheet, but she will admit that she is a huge Taylor Swift fan. You’ll often find her running the fitness tests on the gym’s treadmills when she isn’t lounging in commons trying to tell cow jokes. All-in-all, Carolina is one of the nicest, most interesting people you’ll ever meet, so you’re lucky to have her as an Advisor.

-Jennifer Kroeger (Lovett ’19)
Chloe Wilson (Lovett '19) ⚜ POL, REL, ffst ⚜ New York, NY

Chloe is a junior Political Science and Religion major hailing from the great city of New York. If you are lucky enough to have Chloe as your advisor, know that she is one of the most generous, caring, and wacky people you will ever meet. No matter the time, she will always be there for you, whether that be by sending you Corgi butt videos (or any animal/baby videos), staying up until the odd hours of the night at Coffeehouse with you, or giving you one of her famous pep talks. This 5'0" social justice activist is not only passionate about advocating for social equity, but she’s also passionate about killing it on the dance floor. In addition to her fierce presence on the powderpuff field, Chloe is always willing to lend her shoulder, ear, and voice to those who may need it. After spending just one week with this fiery NYC native, you’ll see that Chloe’s the kind of person who won’t settle but anything but the best for those she cares about (and everyone else for that matter).

-Navya Kumar (Hanszen '19), Meghna Gaur and Ishani Desai (Lovett '19)

Marcelo Salinas (McMurtry '19) ⚜ BIOE ⚜ Eagle Pass, TX

Trucks, Twin, Pancreas: If you ever hear these three random words hold tight because the most enormous Kit Kat lover is about to storm into your life! This 6’2” Eagle Pass bombshell loves Polo the sport, JK, just the shirts. If Marcelo ever yells at you in rapid Spanish DO NOT be alarmed, he is just excited about the newest episode of Game of Thrones. If at any time of the night, you feel a little hungry, ask Marcelo about Big Betsy (his truck) and he will show you the world, shining, shimmering splendid... But actually, he will take you out for some AH-MAZING late night. If this doesn’t intrigue you, ask him about his wonderful 2.5346467 weeks as a blonde, it’s a pretty mediocre story, but he enjoyed it very much. Even though you may not be a fan of country music, crocs, or cargo pants (jk he likes jeans), you’ll definitely be a fan of Marcelo “I don’t have a middle name” Salinas <3 If a genie appeared today and offered you three wishes, your first would be to be his friend, the second would be to pet his two Chihuahuas, and the third would be for him to be your Advisor... SURPRISE! No need for a genie! WELCOME TO MARCELOVILLE!!! (NintendO-Week hella LITTTTT)

-Eugenio Mesta (Will Rice ’19) & Joyce Moon (McMurtry ’19)
1) 3, 2, 1… Blast off! Houston, we have O-week. And with Jeff as your NASA-loving, rocket-crazy, curly-haired advisor, O-week is sure to be a blast. This fine mechanical engineering student is a great fixture of the Lovett commons where he can often be seen studying or applying to even more German exchange programs. He’s also an academic fellow, so if you ever need scholastic help, he’s your man. Jeff is also an avid member of the Lovett beer bike race team, and he’s also always down to chill and play a nice game of Avalon or watch his favorite show, Dr. Who - seriously, I think he could be related to the 12th doctor, Peter Capaldi. So prepare yourself for take off into your first year at Rice!

2) Dear incoming Lovetteers; you’ve lucked out. Your advisor, Jeff, is a sophomore mechanical engineer, possible German double-major, and an overall cool dude. A dedicated Star Wars enthusiast, Jeff once almost rescheduled his flight to Long Island (aka home) to rewatch Episode 4 for the 10th time. This guy knows campus resources almost as well as he knows Star Wars, so when you have questions about study abroad or internships, he’s your man. Jeff will be rushing back from Leipzig, Germany to welcome you, so if he accidentally greets you in German, forgive him; he only has 48 hours to switch back to English. This boy loves to share, so stay tuned for when his momma sends him German bratwurst, Apfelschorle, and chocolate. Jeff’s known for his caring personality, and you can be sure he’ll do his best to make you love Lovett as much as he does.

3) Jeff Michel is just about the coolest guy I know. When he’s not at Lovett sporting his aviator sunglasses, he’s probably in the OEDK (the Engineering Design Kitchen) and testing rockets for Rice Eclipse. Jeff is also an incredibly fast swimmer; maybe that comes from living close to the water on Long Island. A true Renaissance man, Jeff’s passion isn’t just mechanical engineering. He spent his summer in Leipzig, Germany, where he polished his German skills and was involved in research. Besides his many talents, Jeff is genuinely one of the kindest, most caring, and hardest working people I know. Get ready for a fantastic O-Week and first year at Rice, especially if Jeff is your advisor!

-Mak Jankovsky, Claire Telfer, & Richard Appel (Lovett ‘20)
Zach Anderson (Lovett ’19) ✡ MECH ✡ Dallas/Houston, TX

Meet Zach - the junior Mechanical Engineering student from Flower Mound, Texas. The forever supplier of Lovett snacks. Zach is heavily involved in our college culture and can be frequently seen working in the commons, playing intramural sports, improving his pool game, or kicking back with friends. If you are lucky enough to have him as your advisor, you will soon discover that he not only loves to long board but also loves to wear backward hats. And if you ever have the (mis)fortune of riding in his car, you will instantly realize that his hobby of tinkering with cars has made it so you are very aware of his location at all times (maybe bring some ear plugs). But in all seriousness, Zach is an amazing guy who will truly make your time here at Lovett better. Never be afraid to reach out to him! You already have a good friend :)

-Midori Rinkliff (Lovett ’17)

Kevin Jiang (Lovett ’18) ✡ MTEC, bioc ✡ Houston, TX

Born in Houston, Texas, Kevin is an eccentric, lovable, and genuine guy. Formerly infamous at Lovett for rarely wearing a shirt, Kevin is a workout buff who never misses an opportunity to admire himself in the mirror. If you ever want to have a late night talk, Kevin is the go-to guy — he can listen intently, and he offers the greatest advice. First and foremost, he is a Christian. He also loves to keep himself busy, spending his free time planning events for Rice Empower, doing research at Methodist hospital, and managing $money$ as Lovett’s treasurer. An aspiring physician, Kevin genuinely loves people, and he always makes sure to keep up with his friends. Be on the lookout for Kevin during O-Week -- or, more likely, at the Rec Center.

-Nicky Joseph (Lovett ’18)
Anitha Aadireddy (Lovett '20) ✹ CHBE ✹ Cypress, TX

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

-Mira Dani (Lovett ‘20)

Dessy Akinfenwa (Brown ’19) ✹ STAT ✹ Sugar Land, TX

What’s that in the sky? Is it a bird? Is it superwoman? Nope. Better- it’s Dessy (also known as Adesolo) ‘eagle call’!!! Ask her to tell you the incredible true story of how that noise came to be. Allow us to introduce you to your 20-going-on-85-year-old advisor! Although she’s a grandma, this old lady knows how to hang with the best of them. If you ever find yourself needing someone to talk to late at night, you’re in luck! Dessy never goes to sleep before 4 a.m and when she does it’s because she slept in until 4 p.m. When she isn’t making you laugh until you tinkle, you’ll likely find her in Fondren working diligently (or sometimes just napping on a 4th floor lounge couch tbQh) (the Q stands for Qompletely). In reality, Dessy is one of the most caring and understanding people you will ever know. She’s great at giving advice for a stricken heart or a headache from class. And no matter the issue, you’ll never encounter Dessy and leave without a smile on your face—it’s impossible! You can return the favor by giving her one of her favorite snacks: any form of bread or fruit snacks. Your first year at Rice may be a rollercoaster ride, but we promise there is nobody you would rather have by your side than Dessy. So sit tight and get ready for an amazing O-Week with an even greater Advisor. More importantly, Dessy is a reliable friend and mentor for the remainder of your time at Rice.

-Abbey Odwuor (Duncan '19), Mekedlawit(o) Setegne & Maryam Elizondo (Brown ’19), Kendra Baldwin (Wiess ’19)
Mira Dani* (Lovett '20)  CSCI, POST  Las Vegas, NV

Smol but fierce. The most accurate spirit animal reader of all time. The human embodiment of a -tilde-. Mira Dani, your gem of an advisor, is all these things and more. (Insert sound clip of me yelling “THAT'S MY ROOMMATE!!!”) (Insert rap horn.) Mira, a sophomore, hails from the most wholesome city in the United States, Las Vegas, which is in an actual desert, so whenever it rains she gets really excited and runs outside to jump on the trampoline and/or dance. Oh, did I say dance? Let’s talk about dem moves doe - whether she’s killing it on stage as a captain of the Rice Rasikas classical Indian dance team, gettin’ down to Bollywood remixes in our room, or being the last one on the dance floor at a public party, Mira never misses an opportunity to cut loose, footloose. She’s a pre-med Cognitive Science and Policy Studies double major, which can be pretty stressful, but she copes by ordering late-night cheesy bread from Dominos and plotting to steal dogs from unsuspecting passerby. Her short, sunny, spunky self is so excited to meet you and give you the best O-Week - and freshman year - you could possibly imagine.

-Rose Kantorczyk (Lovett ’20)

Kiley Beall (Lovett ’18)  MECH  Lexington Park, MD

Ding-a-ling!! What’s that bell you hear? It’s not just any bell; you’ve just been given the incomparable Kiley Beall! From ‘middle of nowhere’ Maryland, this record-breaking girl will swim her way straight into your heart. She’s a senior from Lovett College who somehow manages to astound us all on the Rice swim team (CUSA swimmer of the week time and time again, leading up to her Olympic Trials cut last year!!!) while majoring in Mechanical Engineering and always making time for her friends and community events. And if that’s not difficult enough, she even gets adequate sleep; yeah, we don't know how she does it. We have a tendency to call her the “mom of the suite,” but that doesn't mean you won’t be able to convince her to break out her blue lipstick for a night or two. Or, on nights when you’re just exhausted, she’s more than happy to have a movie night (or five). Kiley brings unending joy into the lives of everyone around her. I can’t express just how lucky you are to have such a loyal, honest, and loving advisor. Start getting excited now because O-week and every week on out, in fact are going to be the best days of your life with this girl by your side every step of the way.

-Tessa Fries (Lovett ’18)
Hector Picon (Lovett '18) ‪bios‬ ‪Rome, GA‬

Puerto Rican stud with a flare of Bieber. Héctor “chief daddy” Picon is ready to teach you his ways as the semi-shy guy from Rome, Georgia. Often known as the “World’s Slowest Eater Who Thinks He’s Good at Super Smash” or “World’s Most Sarcastic Human Being”, Hector will quickly warm up to you with his “beautiful” voice and unique dance moves. Despite majoring in Biosciences and fighting to cure cancer at MD Anderson though, Hector has never been your typical Pre-Med. He spent the past semester perfecting his Spanish and trying new foods while studying abroad in Chile. Now he is back, and you can find him draining threes on Rice’s club basketball team when he isn’t devoting himself to serving the Lovett community. On the real, Hector will go out of his way to make sure his friends and O-Week group have everything they can possibly need: love, a friend to talk to, a shoulder to cry on, and a buddy to watch Friends with. He is hands down the most caring guy you’ll meet in the next few years, and he’s willing to always be there for you when you’re in dire need of a witty one-liner or giant bear hug. Ladies and gentlemen, a round of applause for Heccccccctttttttttttttttt Piiliicccccccccccccccccnnnnn.

-Alberto Maldonado & Aaron Wong (Lovett ’18)

Talia Kramer (Wiess '19) ‪ceve‬ ‪Swedesboro, NJ‬

Ready? You would think so, but no. Not for this. Good people of Lovett ’21, you are about to be introduced to THE Talia “Talia-Michelle” Kramer, or as she’s known around here (or maybe just by me), “Poopface”. And I don’t say this lightly. Talia can be found walking around her native college, Wiess, sporting literal poop-emoji-shaped gear. This crazy coconut is a sassy die-hard Environmental Engineer who takes pride in her tree-huggosity, and you can often find her partaking in something odd with her fellow RESPies (Rice Emerging Scholars Program), playing intramural softball (one time, two years ago, she hit a triple), and going to bed at like 7:30pm (I mean seriously). We would literally be playing MarioKart or something, and I would turn around at 7:31pm, and the girl is out. Cold. Talia doesn’t play around. On a more sappy note, if there’s one thing I’ve learned about this human over the years, it’s that she embodies down to her core what a true friend is. As cheesy as it sounds, I’ve actually learned a lot about how to be as generous, real, and loyal as I can possibly be to the people around me just by wasting my time with this donut head <3 And I can only imagine what that would mean for you, with her as an advisor. I’m actually lowkey jealous because of how great this lady is gonna be as an advisor and how much fun you’re gonna have with her. But don’t tell Talia I said that. Just be prepared for a lifetime of extra-ness.

-Akin Bruce (Lovett ’19)
Edgar Poodle Lovett
Mihir Limdi (Lovett '20) • ECON, bioc • Birmingham, AL

Mihir Limdi is one of the best people to have as a friend. He loves to feed others, both in the sense of buying them food and also in the sense of hand-feeding it to them. He is genuinely warm, always giving out hugs and asking about people and asking about people’s days. On the flip side, he is fiercely protective and loyal, one of the people you are lucky to have in your corner when the going gets a little tough. He has a way with words and sometimes will break out into random freestyle. One unbiased observer even mentioned that he was like a Cicero of the modern day. He’s a soccer and flag football superstar, and he is also a superstar cheerleader and supportive soccer mom for his friends. When you’re feeling down, Mihir is one of those people who can tell without asking, and he wants to do everything he can to turn it around. In the academic field - he is wicked smart and hardworking, always willing to help others for nothing in return. In short, Mihir is the best, and you are lucky to have him as an advisor.

-Grace Coleman (Lovett ‘20)

Emily Rychener (Lovett ‘19) • STAT • Colorado Springs, CO

Get pumped to have Emily as your advisor because this girl is going to make O-week one of the best weeks of your life. Hailing from Colorado Springs, Colorado, this fabulous girl, whom I have the privilege of having as a roommate, knows the true meaning of “work hard, play hard.” She works away at her Statistics homework on the weekdays, but she is always ready to have fun on weekends. Once Emily becomes your friend, you know that she always has your back, and no amount of weird and embarrassing encounters will ever change that (I speak from personal experience)! Whether in the realm of academics or life in general, Emily is always ready to be someone to confide in, laugh with, and serve as a guide through tough times. Get excited, because after O-week you’ll be wondering how you ever lived without her amazing presence in your life.

-Chloe Wilson (Lovett '19)
Nickolas Walling (Lovett '18) MECH, caam
Lake Charles, LA

With Nickolas Walling as your Advisor, you’ll be the envy of every other O-Week group on campus. Hailing from Lake Charles, Louisiana, this senior mechanical engineering major and computational and applied math minor is enthusiastic about everything he does (which is a lot). Nickolas loves performing and impressing crowds as both a Rice cheerleader and as a member of Rice Dance Theatre (RDT). Be sure to check out his moves at any Rice football game, an RDT concert, or at any of Rice’s formal dances, where he’s sure to be the life of the party. If that is not enough to impress you, he also speaks Japanese. He is spending his second straight summer in Japan this year, so be sure to ask him all about international life. While you’re asking him questions, you can also ask for chemistry help because he’s a general chemistry TA! Above all, Nickolas is a great listener, and you can always count on him to make you laugh—you really are super lucky to have him as an Advisor and as a friend!

-Elizabeth Peacock (Brown '18)

Sara Meadow (Sid Rich '19) POLI, POST
Jacksonville, FL

Think of the nicest person you can imagine. Guess what? She’s meaner than this flower child. Hailing from Sid Richardson college. Sara is not only the sweetest person you’ll ever meet, but she’s also involved in basically everything Rice has to offer- from Student Association to the Cultivator, Rice’s policy journal. As a potential pre-law double major in poli sci & environmental policy studies, this girl is sure to change the world. And anyone who knows Sara is very familiar with her reputation as a master of puns. A week full of this girl’s puns might slowly kill you if she wasn’t so nice that you couldn’t possibly hate her (and don’t worry, her puns are actually adorable). It makes sense that Sara is from Florida, the Sunshine State. She’s like a ray of sunshine on a field of grass (get it? a meadow!), and if you aren’t constantly smiling in her presence, you are likely a sociopath and probably do not feel emotions at all. Congratulations on being lucky enough to get Sara Meadow as a co-advisor, because you’re sure to have an amazing O-Week with her!

-Riana Syed & Amy Kuritzky (Sid Rich '19)
Max Hassell (Lovett '18) ⚠️ CHBE ⚠️ Houston, TX

When trying to decipher the enigma that is the Houston native Max Hassell, you only need to know one thing. Even as a senior, his freshman year nickname "Magic Max" fits him as well as ever! Whether the nickname calls to mind images of Magic Mike, David Copperfield, or his seemingly mystical ability to charm everybody around him, "magic" is a word that describes every facet of Max’s life. After all, you are talking about the man that seemingly conjures art onto the Lovett chalkboard overnight! After winning the venerable titles of both Mr. Lovett and Mr. Rice his freshman year, it is said that Max has been banned from any competition which takes into consideration raw charisma. While his performance may never be matched, Max has since swallowed the competition in every other way, by stealing everyone’s hearts as the emcee for the following two years. While his cool, beautiful, CHBE, but not so chubby, exterior may be intimidating, it would be impossible to ask for a more passionate friend than Max. Even though he may not have time for typographical accuracy, punctuation, or even autocorrect, the legend himself will make time for anyone who needs it.

-Dylan Jones (Lovett ’18)

Matthew Mutammara (Lovett '19) ⚠️ ELEC, (data) ⚠️ Sugar Land, TX

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

-Marcela Interiano & Misha Silva (Lovett ’17)
Antonia Brown Lovett ’19 ☷ EBIO, ASIA ☷ Minneapolis, MN

Antonia is a junior at Lovett who majors in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. When you first see Antonia you will instantly notice her full head of curly black hair that may in fact be half the size of her body. She is from the friendly state of Minnesota but you will think she’s a true Southerner because of her impeccable Southern slang. You can usually find Antonia practicing her Arabic skills (or struggling with her Arabic skills), studying some coral reefs, or swimming in the pool. Her favorite artist is, of course, Queen Bey so you will likely hear Antonia belting out some “Formation” or some classic “If I Were A Boy.” Antonia’s one and only true love is her cat, Inky, but she is a lover of all creatures. Antonia’s dream is to travel the world. She hopes to soon study abroad in Panama. She is really excited to meet all of y’all and to help introduce you to Lovett and Rice!!

-Brianna Garcia (Lovett ’19)

Malvika Govil (Wiess ’18) ☷ MTEC ☷ New Delhi, India

Malvika “Malv” Govil is a Senior from Wiess college, who majors in Math/Econ with double minor in futon napping and mediocre cooking. Don’t ask her where she’s from, because this globe trotter has lived everywhere from Nashville to Singapore. The least high-key of all of the Pre-Meds, Malv can often be found volunteering in the Med Center, mentoring underclassmen as the Head Mentor of Wiess, or participating in anything health policy related. Malv is basic af (basic and fun), which is highlighted by her frequent trips to Starbs and her love for top 40’s music. In order for you to get to know Malv better, please refer to the very accurate acrostic poem below.

Most genuine person I know. Athlete *catch her outside on the outer loop* :)  
Loves almonds  Very familiar with Microsoft Office.

If you’re lucky enough to get Malv as your advisor, you’ll find yourself with the best friend, mentor, and O-week mom you could ever ask for. To be honest, I am very jealous I can’t have her as my own advisor. :’)

-Addison Anders (Wiess ’18)
Scooby Doo and Staggy:

Where’s the Toaster?
Bailey Douglas (Lovett ’19)  pet SMGT, PSYC  pet Burleson, TX

Sugar, spice, and everything Rice! These were the ingredients chosen to make the perfect advisor, Bailey Douglas. This fine femenina hails from Burleson, TX, the hometown of Kelly Clarkson and the Douglas Family Menagerie™, which includes a pony, a bull terrier, and countless (decorative) owls. Just this year she’s leveled up from being a member of Super Mega Weenie Hut Junior to a regular college junior. This Psychology and Sport Management double major will always be there for you and never fail to make you smile. She’s one of the goofiest people you’ll ever meet, and will probably still be dabbing long into old age. Also, call her B-Duggs if you #real. Bailey loves sharing Rice through the Student Admission Council and supporting Lovett as a Beer Bike Captain. She stays catho-lit as a member of the Rice Catholic Student Association, keeps it bumpin’ as an IM volleyball player, and is an OG baller in the Rice Sport Business Society. If Bailey’s your advisor, you’re already the luckiest new student out there!

-Arabella Jenkins & Davis Holmes (Lovett ’19)

Win Soon (Lovett ’18)  pet MTEC, MANA, busi  pet Singapore

Around Win, you will never experience a moment of silence. When he’s not regaling you with exciting stories from his Singaporean military service or explaining what investment bankers actually do (I still have no clue...), he can be found experimenting with new beats for the Rice Beatbox Club or practicing for an a cappella performance with Nocturnal. Although his name falls prey to bad puns (Win Soon, Lose Later, anyone? or his personal favorite, Win Swoon), this Singaporean native loves a good joke, even if he may be its target. Outside of studying for his Math Econ & Managerial Studies double major, Win enjoys playing FIFA, advertising his immense love for Chelsea Football Club, and serving as Managing Director of Rice Finance. An experienced traveler, Win is excited to journey with you through the cosmic burrows of Lovett and Rice—you may not always know where you’re going, but you know it’s going to be a fun, exciting, and life-changing experience.

-Chelsea Wu (Lovett ’18)
Hailing from the 'burbs of Skokie (read: really, really close to Chicago), Illinois, Millie "Millz" Antwi-Nsiah is beyond hyped to be your advisor. Being a brilliant bioengineer means being a busy bee, so Millie is always running between Lovett (her home base), TA sessions, Chi Alpha events, and pub trivia. In a pinch, try looking for Millie at the NSBRI headquarters, where she spends whatever free time she has left 3D-printing anything from wrist splints to 2 inch-diameter mugs (be sure to ask her about it!). Armed with a soft spot for the "Hamilton" soundtrack (disclaimer: she hasn't actually seen the musical yet, so please, no spoilers), a remarkably easy-going personality, and a deep love for her siblings, pow-wows, and dance, Millie is THE go-to companion for any adventure. That is, an adventure full of laughs. To quote her directly, "it's really, really easy to make me laugh, so if you ever want to feel funny you should come find me and tell me a joke - I promise I'll laugh no matter how terrible it is". I can testify that this is indeed true and I in fact do this all the time. Anyways, go thank your lucky stars you've got her as an advisor, because everyone absolutely needs a friend like Millie. Get ready for one fantastic O-Week! The end. "Drops mic"

-Natalie Bolton (Sid Rich '18)

Johnathan Bunt (Martel '19)  ELEC  Mexico City, Mexico

Jonathan Bunt, a sophomore studying Electrical Engineering, is the most loving and kind individual I have ever met. He is the type of person that will do everything in his power to make you smile. Having traveled all over the world and lived in multiple significantly different environments, Bunt strives on accepting people for who they are and bringing them in to his loving heart. This open-minded individual is the only person I know that is able to bring out the good in everybody and bring it all together to create a beautiful environment to grow in. But be careful, he will more often than not hit you with an absolutely horrible pun that will make you want to smack him, but inevitably they make you come to love him that much more . His constant aura of joy is a truly magical thing that you can never get enough of. Wherever he goes, he brings happiness with him. It's always extremely easy to know when Bunt is around as you quickly notice the expressions on those around you turn to smiles. He is extremely welcoming and there is no better person to welcome you with open arms.

-Patricio Bunt (Texas A&M '21)
Bryce Deskins (Lovett ’19) ☮ CLAS, HART ☮ Austin, TX

Bryce Deskins is the almond milk to my locally roasted coffee, the goat cheese to my Rioja, and soon he will be the avocado to your anything. A junior from Austin, Texas, Bryce loves going to museums, having erudite conversations on art or history, and talking about Austin. He’s a Classics (ask him if that means Jane Austen) and Art History major, which means he can provide loads of fun facts about the Latin roots of words and give you a more thrilling version of the informational plaques next to sculptures in the MFAH. Above all, Bryce is the best friend you could ever ask to adventure with. Bryce will bare his soul in a spiritual experience over a taco al pastor then scope out the most psychedelic shirt in Goodwill, all the while making sure you have your phone-keys-wallet-check. And after a long day of organizing Latin competitions and updating the masses on cultural events around town, he’ll sit down and listen to your problems. Catch Bryce screaming (quite literally) at a basketball game, translating Greek, or being a really freaking good friend to anyone who needs it.

- Abby Shulman (Lovett ’19)

Brianna Garcia (Lovett ’19) ☮ CHBE ☮ Brownsville, TX

Shall I compare Brianna to a Texas summer’s day? She is far more lovely and more temperate (and not humid at all). This Texan beauty blessed the town of Los Fresnos with the first 18 years of her life—they loved her so much that they even put her on a billboard! Now she’s a junior studying Chemical and Biomolecular engineering. Although it’s a grueling major, she still manages to find time for the important things in life, like friends, coffee, and pizza rolls. She spent an entire summer doing super cool research in Japan and cultivating her taste for ramen. When she’s not editing Rice’s undergraduate research journal, Catalyst, you’ll find her strutting her stuff with a collection of rings, earrings, and poppin’ lipstick that’ll make you want to cop her style. The queen of puns, she will blow you away with her quick wit and quirky quips. Catch her driving around in her adorable red MINI Cooper. If you are lucky enough to have this kind, sweet, caring gem of a human as your advisor, count your blessings with the understanding that Brianna is a megablessing, so she counts for, like, a million ordinary blessings.

-Suzanne Zeller (Lovett ’19)
Sarah Lasater (Lovett '20) ♦ CSCI, bi*oc, plst ♦
Houston, TX/New York, NY

If you are reading this, it means you are about to be one of the luckiest people ever and meet THE Sarah Lasater. Sarah is the epitome of a best friend - she is quick to laugh and to love, provide unflagging support, great back massages, and commiseration when necessary. Sarah is the total package. She has played every sport under the Sun (softball, volleyball, basketball, soccer) and is most notable for her performance as the star receiver for the Lovett Powderpuff team. The lady can sing and act as well, and she will undoubtedly serenade you with "Hamilton" tunes, or whatever happens to be running through her head at the moment. You are in for a lifetime's worth of hugs, happy cries, and the privilege of knowing Sarah. In all seriousness, Sarah Lasater is one of the most upbeat, positive, and warm people out there, and everyone who comes in contact with her is better off for it.

-Grace Coleman (Lovett '20)

Spencer Chang (Jones '19) ♦ COMP ♦ Houston, TX

Spencer Chang is a man of many unique interests. Sure, this Houston native and Junior Computer Science major may be a brilliant coder, a savvy leader, and an icon at Jones College, but that's not really what's important. What's really important to Spencer Chang? Try asking him about his dress game, such as his borderline fratty shoe game, his borderline fratty pastel-colored short game, or his (actually pretty cool) sock game. Also, feel free to inquire about his impressive time running the 3-mile outer loop around Rice (about 45 minutes) or the time it takes for him to eat a double chalupa from Taco Bell (about 45 seconds). When Spencer is not wearing clothes, eating burritos, or running, he can often be found leading the next generation of innovators as CS Club President, looking for the freshest restaurants in Houston, or putting his technical skills to the test in a rousing contest of Super Smash Bros MeleeTM. But more than anything, Spencer has a heart of pure gold and is undoubtedly one of the most wonderful souls you'll ever meet. He will dazzle you with his kindness, his loyalty, and his passion, and you'll wonder how you were ever able to get along without him. You've hit the jackpot - get ready for an amazing week and year with an amazing advisor!

-Ameesh Shah (Jones '19)
Snoop Doggy Doggo
Toast it like it’s hot
Lawrence Harari (Lovett ’18) — CHBE, busi — Potomac, MD

Getting Lawrence as an advisor means you have one of the most passionate and friendly Lovetteers you could find! Once you meet Lawrence, you will find someone who is liked by everyone and called many nicknames including “Larry,” “Lo,” “Lars”, and “Harari Ferrari.” Regardless of what you call him, you’ll always be greeted with his classic grin that he is seemingly always wearing (really, try to make him frown, you can’t do it). Lawrence embodies his hometown’s New York values on the Lovett floor hockey team where he acts as a brick wall in the goal. During a typical day (or night), you’ll probably see him in the Lovett Commons working on yet another CHBE problem set. Even though he can be quite busy, he always finds time to help others with their academics (he’s a Peer Academic Advisor and an Academic Fellow). With all his work done during the week, you’ll find him chilling out on weekends with his door open, welcoming anyone and everyone who wants to hang out with him. Lawrence is a great guy and he will make you love Rice, Lovett, and him.

-Zack Draper & Daniel *Dirty Dan* Faraldo (Lovett ’18)

Carina Miller (Lovett ’18) — BLOC, busi — Wilmington, DE

Don’t let Carina Miller’s human disguise fool you - on the inside, this free spirit is literally a tree. This optimistic, indecisive people-lover’s main hobby is pretending to go to yoga class but then going to get food instead. We all see you, Carina. We all know where you’re really going. Don’t ask this senior biochemistry major from Wilmington, Dela-where? if she’s a transfer student (or do, and she’ll tell you why Rice is SO much better than Columbia). You will usually find Carina sipping on boba, asking if anyone wants to get boba, en route to a boba place, or bringing boba to friends. We have actually seriously considered putting her in rehab for her boba addiction. However, if you look beyond all her concerning food habits, you’ll discover that Carina is a superhero whose super powers include the ability to strike up a conversation with anyone and the patience to listen to you talk for eons. She’s already putting #gratitudevibes into the universe that she gets to be your advisor and meditating on how to give you the best O-Week ever.

-Alexis Fowler & Rose Kantorczyk (Lovett ’20)
Samuel Cheng (Hanszen ’19)  ⚽️ COMP ⚽️ Taipei, Taiwan

Samuel Cheng, what a guy. Despite occasionally sporting a kimono and headband, Sam was born in New York and raised in Taiwan. As a computer science and VADA double major Sam enjoys both Python and performance (if you think he’s being weirder than usual it’s normally just him “acting”). Not only is Sam a member of Rice’s own Nocturnals a capella group, but he is also literally nocturnal, enjoying the quiet freedom of night. Sam also enjoys playing and watching basketball and loves supporting his New York Yankees. Although he is a Hanszenite, Sam “loves Lovett” and is always a friendly face in the South Colleges.

-Travis Benedict (Hanszen ’20)

Arabella Jenkins (Lovett ’19)  ⚽️ SPAN, MANA ⚽️ Dallas, TX

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

-Alberto Maldonado (Lovett ’18)
Meghana Gaur (Lovett '19) ♡ MTEC, stat ♡ Austin, TX

Meghana Gaur is reeeeeeally, reeeeeeally weird. But kind of in the most fantastic way imaginable. She’s low-key a genius. For someone who keeps to herself about her accomplishments so much, she is such a great listener. She’s 5’3” and barely 100 pounds, but 99% of the outfits she wears incorporate large or extra-large t-shirts. She’s hilarious, snarky and quick witted without ever being mean and she can make a room burst into laughter without batting an eye. Although a proud Texan ringing in from Austin, she prefers hip-hop over country any day. Without makeup, she is probably the most beautiful person in whatever room you’re standing in. For someone who is pre-grad, she spends way too much time eating Flavor Blasted Goldfish, making baby ptérodactyl noises and watching Chopped.

And who the heck majors in mathematical economic analysis? Yes, read that again. As if there was not already enough math in economics. If you are lucky enough to get Meghana as your advisor, look forward to her capturing all of your embarrassing moments on camera only to be merciful with them, having to change at least once because she made you laugh so hard, and knowing that with Meghana you have a friend who will be there to fiercely defend and support you every step of the way.

-Tess Gabert (Lovett ’19)

Laura Ghorayeb (Lovett '20) ♡ KINE, bioc, mdhm ♡ Sugar Land, TX

IF YOU’RE READING THIS YOU’VE HIT THE GOSH DARN JACKPOT!! Laura Ghorayeb is almost as sweet as her hometown, Sugar Land, Texas. She is a sophomore sports medicine pre-med with a medical humanities minor. Laura is also one of Lovett’s Resident Health Associates, meaning she is trained to take care of you and help you feel better emotionally and physically and she loves to do it. Somehow, she still finds time for her hobbies which include excessive napping, Facebook meme tagging, and hot cheetos. If she’s not around Lovett or in class, odds are she is hanging out at her favorite restaurant combo: Chipotle+Starbucks (Chiparbucks or Starpotle?? You decide!) After you’ve debated which portmanteau is more fitting, Laura will brighten your day and drop everything to talk you through a tough problem. You couldn’t have a more caring, dedicated, and wonderful advisor. It’s impossible to put into words how incredible Laura is, but you’ll find out for yourself soon enough.

-Sydney Stocks & Bryce Deskins (Lovett ’19)
Alberto Maldonado (Lovett ’18)  CEVE  Honey Grove, TX

It’s not often that you find a pre-med Civil Engineer, and it’s even less often that you find a guy like Alberto. Better known by his nickname, the Shakira of Lovett, Alberto has shaken his hips and danced his way toward gargantuan success. Hailing from the small town of Honey Grove, TX, he is plagued by the insatiable desire for helping anyone and everyone. When he isn’t treating the sick people of the world as a Rice Health Advisor or volunteering at health clinics, Alberto flexes his Mexican roots by planning stupendous events as a co-president of Rice’s Hispanic cultural club. Not one to let his leadership life outdo his social life, you can find him out on the weekends chatting up new Lovetteers and making them feel right at home. But for dear Alberto, nothing comes before friends and family. When his roommate sprained his ankle slipping on a banana peel, Alberto carried all 215 pounds of him back to their room. He will always be by your side, both to pick you up in your time of need and to celebrate your accomplishments. Alberto is truly the best of the best; your friendship with him will last well beyond your time at Rice!

-Hector Picon & Aaron Wong (Lovett ’18)

YeeJin Yuk (Martel ’20)  MUSI  Ghent, NY

YeeJin “Yeezy” Yuk, a Piano Performance major from a rice farm (no, I am not joking) in upstate New York, is well-known around campus for much more than just his superior piano-playing skills. YeeJin is from Martel College, where he is a true friend to his fellow Martelians. If you need someone to be the loudest and hype-est in the room, bring him to a Rice basketball game or other sporting event and watch his scream until he loses his voice (see last year’s Beer Bike for reference). If you need someone to listen quietly while you rant about your recent exams, he’s your guy. YeeJin’s many interests include playing and watching basketball and soccer, talking politics and staying woke about current events, and finding inventive ways to have fun with his friends on the weekends. You can rest easy knowing that your co-advisor will always be there for you and always down to have a fun time!

-Peter Rizzi (Martel ’20)
Dog(go)s

*slobbers*

-Rei-
**Buddy, Chris & Katie's Dog**

Chris and Katie have a dog named Buddy, who is very excited to make new friends. Buddy is a quite lively and slightly neurotic little dog. Claiming to be a Maltese mix, Buddy weighs in at about 9 pounds. He enjoys long walks, cool water, and any food he can find. He is looking forward to chasing Rice's squirrels around campus next year.

![Buddy](image1.jpg)

**Cami, Laura & Geoff's Dog**

Last November, Laura and Geoff adopted a rescue dog, Cami, who's a bundle of squirrel-hunting energy. Cami is somewhere between 2-4 years old and probably a border collie + spaniel mix. She loves going on walks, catching the frisbee, and chasing the campus bunnies. When you meet her, she'll probably bark at you (vestiges from the shelter life), but once you give her a treat, she'll love you forever (unless you're Tess)!

![Cami](image2.jpg)

**Rei, Jose and Mayra's Dog**

Rei is not one to be missed. Rei has got to be the oldest dog in the Western Hemisphere, but this bulldog is still going strong! Come to the Magisters' House, and you can be sure he'll be waiting for you at the door with a smile. In his old age, Rei doesn’t move very quickly anymore, but he's always sure to be around to be a friend! But be warned--this dog likes to be rubbed a lot more than your average pup!

![Rei](image3.jpg)
Dearest New Student,

Thanks for reading and putting up with our silly puns! Please contact us if you have ANY questions or concerns. We hope this book helped to ease some of your fears about coming to Rice and that you are excited as we are for you to start this new adventure!!! See you in August!

With love,
Akin, Maya, and Tess

P.S. This is a statue of the Edgar Odell Lovett himself!