Lovett O-Week
2020

Dough Week
We rise together 2020
To the newest members of the Lovett family,

It is with great joy and excitement that we, your O-Week Coordinators, welcome you to our grand Toaster: The place that will be your home away from home for the next few years.

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

For many of you, the choice of what college to attend may have been a difficult one to make; for others, Rice may have been the obvious choice. Regardless of what side you land on, this arbitrary assignment to what is little more than a dorm may seem insignificant and of lesser importance. However, we promise that it means so much more and will have a larger impact than you may realize. Like you, we came to Lovett as New Students, unaware of the influence Lovett would have on us and our experience at Rice. Whether it be the crash of a cue ball into a perfectly lined up billiard game, the mid-day screams of agony at yet another Super Smash Bros loss, the late night conversations in The Commons, or the spectacular people that make up Lovett and Rice, we hope that you may call Lovett College home.

Around ninety New Students from around the world will join you as the Lovett Class of 2024. Together, you will soon commence on what we hope to be an extraordinary and transformative college career as Rice Students and Lovetteers.

We, your Lovett O-Week Coordinators, have worked for nine months to plan a week-long “preview” of Lovett and Rice to ease your transition into this journey of a lifetime. This week-long orientation, or as we call it, O-Week, will hopefully give you some insights to the numerous resources you have as a Rice student. It will also introduce you to a group of your peers that will guide you throughout your time at Rice. We hope that it gives you the confidence to embark on your college journey and take it in the direction that you want.

This book introduces you to Lovett and some of the people that will act as crucial resources and support systems throughout your years here at Rice. We hope that this book will help answer some of the questions you may have. Every New Student will receive a college specific O-Week book, which will be similar in structure, but different in theme. Our theme this year is Dough Week: We Rise Together. This theme was created around our mission for openness and vulnerability within the New Students, allowing you to be comfortable and honest with each other. Although it is difficult to endure low points, we wanted to show how impactful both lows and highs can be. In the end, we envisioned an O-Week that gives you the courage to step outside of your comfort zone, and find your own definition of happiness and success through trial and error with the full force of a loving, caring, and supportive community along for every step of the journey.

All of this goes to say that Lovett is near and dear to our hearts. Lovett being our home away from home has become such a positive, integral part of our time at Rice. Each of us took on this role so that we could bring the newest class of Lovetteers into our community. Whether you are nervous or excited for what is to come, we want you to know that Lovett is now your second home, and we will always welcome you with open arms.

With Love,
Aayushi Shah, Ben Zaltsman, and Lillie Plaza
# Dough Week

Lovett College O-Week 2020

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O-Week

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
- Confucius
**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 16th. 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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*Please note that the primary mode of communication in college is your Rice email. The O-Week Coordinators, Rice Admissions Office, Professors, the College Magisters, the Adult Team, and even other Rice students will use email to communicate with you so PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL- even during the summer! We suggest checking at least every night or every morning. You do not want to miss anything important.*
FLYING TO HOUSTON

Houston is served by **George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)** and **William P. Hobby (HOU)**. You will need to drive or use a rideshare service from here!

- **From IAH**: An Uber/Lyft will cost around $30 (45 min - 1 hr).
- **From HOU**: An Uber/Lyft will cost around 25$ (30-45 min).

DRIVING TO HOUSTON

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

HOTELS

If your family would like to stay around Houston before or after they drop you off there are plenty of options. Here are a few:

- **Marrriott - Medical Center** 6850 Fannin St. 713-796-0080 www.marriott.com
- **Hilton Houston Plaza/ Medical Center** 6635 Travis St. 713-313-4000 www.hilton.com
- **Best Western Plaza Hotel & Suites at Medical Center** 6700 South Main St. 713-522-2811 www.bestwesternatx.com
- **Motel 6 - Houston Reliant Medical Center** 9911 Buffalo Speedway 713-668-8082 www.motel6.com
- **Days Inn Downtown - Medical Center** 4640 Main St. 713-523-1817 www.daysinn.com
- **Resident Inn – Medical Center/Reliant Park** 7710 South Main St. 713-660-7993 www.residenceinn.com
- **Holiday Inn – Medical Center** 6800 Main St. 713-528-7744 www.holidayinn.com
- **Hotel ZaZa** 5701 Main St. 713-526-1991 www.hotelzaza.com
- **AirBnB** is always a good option for staying overnight in Houston too! (Check out options in Houston at www.airbnb.com)
**Things to Bring**

**Light Summer Clothing** - Houston is HOT and HUMID, and you'll want comfortable clothes for walking around campus outside. You may also want to bring a few items that you don't mind getting messy for O-Week. It does get colder later into the year, though, so consider a coat and warmer clothing for later on in the semester!

**Rainy Weather Accessories** - Houston has very unpredictable weather, so keep an umbrella on hand for random showers! Rice is also flat, so when it rains 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! You can find good deals on bedding sets at Target or Wal-Mart.

**Hanger/Closet Organizers** - Each Lovett room has two closets.

**Insurance Information & Identification** (i.e., Driver's license, Passport, etc.). If you plan to work on or off campus then your passport and social security card maybe helpful. Also make sure you have your health insurance card in case of emergency!

**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- it comes down to personal preference. There are also PCs and Macs available in the Lovett basement and in Fondren library.

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

**Other Electronics** - Non-wireless printers, TVs, mini-fridges (maximum size of 3.6 cubic feet), microwaves, irons, coffeemakers, and water boilers are all allowed. As a note the basement and library have printers already, and the Lovett Commons has a TV. There's also a kitchen with a fridge, stove top, oven, microwave, and some kitchen supplies if you're feeling culinary. Just know, that kitchen guidelines and rules may be different this year than other years due to the virus.

**Room Decor** - Your room is yours! Bring posters, mirrors, pictures and anything else that you want to use to make your room your own. Wall decor should only be hung using only command hooks, strips or blue painters tape so bring that as well if you want to put things up!
What is O-Week?

Rice's Orientation Week (fondly referred to as O-Week) is an experience unlike any other. O-Week is a fun-filled introduction to all things Rice and Lovett. It's a week-long, student-run exploration of every facet of Rice. O-Week is meant to be a time where you settle into Lovett and become familiar with campus, your room and new friends before starting your 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 our qualified academic personnel, including Divisional Advisors in your area of interest and Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs). 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.

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 five to six other new students, coming from diverse backgrounds and varied academic interests. The leaders of your group will be your 4 student Advisors (3 from Lovett and 1 Co-Advisor from another college). Your Advisors 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 roommate and suite-mates as well, and you'll get the chance to make friends with your fellow Lovetteers and new students across campus. You'll also get to know our awesome Lovett OWL team.

By the time class starts on August 24th, you'll be fully integrated as a proud member of Lovett College. O-Week is a 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 their O-Week as a highlight of their time at Rice. At it's core, 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.
We hope to make your first day as exciting and comfortable as possible. After you drive in through Entrance 3 in the morning, you will be directed to the road alongside Lovett. As you park, you will meet your three Advisors from Lovett and a Co-Advisor from another college. We will show you where to check in and get your room keys. The next couple of hours will seem like a whirlwind! You will have plenty of time to move your things into your room and get situated. After that, it's time to say goodbye to your family members. You will be whisked away by your Advisors and the rest of your O-Week group 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, and have dinner together. At the end of the night, you will shut your eyes after an exhausting but exciting day! Trust us, you'll need the sleep. O-Week is going to be a fast paced and entertaining introduction to your new life at Rice.
Lovett

"Life is full of highs and lows. We need them both to grow to our fullest potential."
- Dawn Gluskin
In 1957, the residential college system began—a decision made to unite students of all academic paths and give them a space that would encompass all campus life. Rice’s college system began with the founding of 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, rather than 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 Richardson College was built two years after the founding of Lovett. Built on Lovett’s parking lot, Sid Rich college operates as a rogue colony. Martel was built as Rice’s first dormitory (there is a long standing debate about its status as a residential college), and the eco-friendly twins McMurtry and Duncan were the last addition to the college system in 2009.

Amidst these edifices, Lovett stood out as a beacon of awesomeness and has been 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 amazing incoming class, its strong IM and college sports teams, the great parties, an incredibly strong commons culture, an epic mud-fight at Beer Bike, an extraordinarily inclusive, caring community, and much, much more.

Though people far and wide have come to leave their mark on what is affectionately known as “the best college,” the story is not over. History is in the past, and tradition informs the present, but the future of this place is up to you.
FALL PUBLIC (TOASTCHELLA)
Lovett proudly hosts one of the first public parties of the fall semester! It is a privilege we’ve earned and held for DECADES. The main focus of the party is to introduce the New Students to the high level at which we throw themed parties on Rice campus. This party used to be called Getcheroxxoff but has recently been revamped into Toastchella! So get with your friends, come up with cool music festival themed costumes, and show Rice that Lovett knows how to party!

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

(THE) COMMONS
One of the most unique aspects of Lovett College is our amazing “Commons” areas, which are always a hub of activity. During every meal, the “Upper Commons” is full of Lovetteers hungry for food and socialization, and even during the wee hours of the night, at least one Lovetteers is bound to be awake and “studying”. "Lower Commons" includes game tables, couches with a TV area, and lockers for off-campus Lovetteers. These days, there is a heated debate (dubbed the Lovett Civil War) among Lovetteers on whether the proper name is “Commons” or “The Commons".
COBB WALL
Back in the day, food was shipped in from a central campus kitchen and freshmen were made to serve upperclassmen dinner before eating their own food. The infamous “Cobb” was the Lovett maître de and not well liked at all. A particularly rebellious Lovett freshman whose name has been forever lost to memory immortalized Cobb by writing “Cobb Sucks” on the Commons’ bathroom wall. Housing and Dining (H&D) painted over the wall, and it was rewritten. Over the years H&D has attempted to cover the message, and Lovetteers have responded by reaffirming how much Cobb still sucks.

THE 2ND FLOOR SUNDECK
Located on Lovett’s second floor next to the staircase is a fabulous sundeck. Outfitted with cozy chairs, a hammock, and a table, the sundeck is a great place to relax, tan, or socialize. Lovett events like the graduation party and College Nights happen on the sundeck!

THE AUCTION, WILLY WEEK, AND BEER BIKE
Beer Bike is one of the biggest annual events Rice holds. Every year, Lovett holds an auction in Lyle’s to raise money for events during the week leading up to Beer Bike (known as Willy Week) in which students auction off things they have made or services they can provide - Shoutout to Michael Young, Class of 2020, who bought a mention in this book at the Auction. The events during Willy Week range from filling up water balloons to the famous Lovett Dodgeball Tournament. It all leads up to Beer Bike, which you’ll learn much more about when you get here.
Lovett Traditions

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 giant inflatable slip and slides, great food, and music and dancing in the lovely Houston sun.

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

Will Rice College
You learn during Tea Trike that Lovett has a rivalry of a very different kind with Will Rice. The main difference between our two colleges is how we carry ourselves. Will Rice takes itself way too seriously and has a very singular focus on Beer Bike. At Lovett, we are a bit more relaxed. While we perform exceptionally well on and off the field (We are the only college to have won the President’s Cup FIVE TIMES IN A ROW), we value having a good time above all else. So, get ready for Tea Trike, paint your chest, and mark your territory.
CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC)

According to Lovett legend, the first Lovetteers formed a government known as the Central Committee (CC) as a tongue-in-cheek reference to the Soviet Union. To form a more perfect union, our forefathers voted to disband the first CC meeting and to spend the entire first year’s budget on beer. Fortunately or unfortunately, we do not currently follow the example of our forefathers. Now, the Central Committee is headed by the Executive Committee (President, CJ, IVP, EVP, Secretaries, and Treasurers) and manages 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 chow down on snacks. 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!)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President** Chloe Oani (cpo2@rice.edu)

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

**Chief Justice (CJ)** Mike Riccardi (mpr8@rice.edu)

Keeps Lovett safe and in order at all times, and perpetuates our culture of care.

**External Vice President (EVP)** Nick Ess (nre4@rice.edu)

In charge of ambiance funds, space requests, overseeing committees, and works with H&D.

**Internal Vice President (IVP)** Victor Nguyen (vnn3@rice.edu)

Runs Room Jack, Parking Jack, and elections; oversees appointed positions.

**Parliamentarian** Selin Sayiner (sls17@rice.edu)

Advises CC and the college on the Lovett Constitution, Bylaws, and parliamentary procedure during meetings.

**Secretaries** Abby Geigerman (alg21@rice.edu) and Nate Frueh (naf6@rice.edu)

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

**Treasurers** Claire Boschert (ckb3@rice.edu) and Georgina Woodworth (glw3@rice.edu)

Manage the use of our nearly $50,000 budget, collect bounty on those who don’t turn in receipts
**OTHER COMMITTEES**

**Activities** Michael Kelley, Chris Hernandez, and Lily Didcock

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

**Associates** Aayushi Shah, Ambreen Younas, and Emmett McComiskey

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.

**Culturals** Marykathryn Charles, Kazi Hossain and Mignote Tadesse

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

**Members-at-Large** Matt Schulze and Ethan Denson

Send out polls and surveys and present them at CC (many Lovetteers' favorite part of CC).

**New Student Representatives** This could be you!

Represents your class of Lovetteers at CC, puts on events for new students

**Off-Campus Representatives** To Be Elected

Represents off-campus Lovetteers at CC.

**Outreach** Abby Dowse, Jessica Kies, and Prani Nalluri

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

**Properties** Neil Chopra, Dylan Glenn, and Isaac Stecher

Buy things to make Lovett more awesome, maintain the awesome things we have and help you store them for the summer.

**Socials** Praneel Joshi, Ryan Draper, and Kelly Huang

Throw Lovett’s public parties with lots of help from New Students like you!
Campus Representatives

**Honor Council Rep**  Sree Yeluri
Represents Lovett students at Honor Council proceedings.

**University Court Rep**  Adarsh Suresh
Represents Lovett students at U-Court proceedings.

**Rice Program Council (RPC) Rep**  Anushka Gupta
Represents Lovett during RPC meetings. Tells us about all the cool events.

**Student Association (SA) Senator**  Jared Butler
Represents Lovett during the Student Association Senate.

One of the events RPC holds is Beer Bike--a really fun Rice tradition!

**STRIVE Liason**  Moushumi Sahu (ms132@rice.edu), Kusha Gupta (kg28@rice.edu), Alexa Thomases (abt3@rice.edu), and Rachel Wang (raw8@rice.edu)

STRIVE, which stands for Students Transforming Rice Into a Violence Free Environment, has the purpose of addressing sexual and domestic violence on campus. If you have any questions about Title IX support, resources available on campus and off campus, or anything in general, feel free to contact the STRIVE Liasons (Moushumi through email or text at (952) 393-3212, Kusha through email or text at (650) 279-9374, Alexa through email or text at (650) 995-3445, and Rachel through email or text at (832) 870-7036). The Rice Counseling Center also provides a 24 hour hotline, whose phone number is (713) 348-3311.
Dear Matriculating Class of 2020,

Welcome to Lovett – the BEST residential college here at Rice! I’m obviously biased, but if we look at an objective statistic – 6 President’s Cup wins in the past 7 years, and the only college to win it 5 times in a row (we actually did this twice!) – Lovett easily rises above the rest.

As your college president, I wear a lot of different hats (both figuratively and literally; it’s rare that you’ll see me without my trusty bucket hat). Aside from being the official “flag bearer” for special campus-wide occasions, I’m the college’s primary liaison to campus-wide administrative offices and oversee all Lovett student government operations. However, I’m most excited to join the Dough-Week welcoming party in introducing you, the next generation of Lovetteers, to the countless opportunities that Lovett and Rice have to offer.

As described by our college’s namesake and Rice University’s first president Edgar Odell Lovett, the residential college “is a trifecta of social, cultural, and intellectual life.” Thus, be prepared for a wide range of experiences throughout your time here: late night study break food runs, a capella performances, Ultimate Frisbee in the quad, and every other U.S. university-based film cliché.

Most importantly, be prepared for a challenge – college is tough. You will undoubtedly encounter multiple obstacles during these next few years here at Rice, but I promise that you are fully capable of overcoming everything that life may throw your way. Don’t be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and challenge your previous notions. Basically, don’t be afraid to fail. Making mistakes is a part of college life but know that we are all here to support you as you learn from each new experience moving forward. After all, we all rise together.

Ultimately, I can’t wait to see how you grow throughout your Rice journey and eventually shape the culture and community here at Lovett. Please don’t hesitate to “call me, beep me, if ya wanna reach me,” as quoted by my childhood hero Kim Possible. Enjoy the rest of your summer, don’t forget to pack an umbrella, and get hyped to join the BEST residential college here at Rice – Lovett!

EOL RRF,

Chloe Oani, Lovett President 2020-2021

If you ask Chloe where she’s from, she’d be able to rattle off a list (almost as long as her allergies): Taipei, Athens, Jakarta, California, Pearl City, and, most recently, Plano. But there is no need to ask Chloe where her home is since everyone knows that it’s Lovett College. If she’s not putting in work as your college president, she’s probably cheering on Rice Athletics, watching bad reality TV, or beating President Leebon in a FitBit step challenge - always dressed in her rotating collection of aloha shirts and bucket hat. In her senior year, Chloe will be finishing up her economics and sport management double major, applying to law school, and kicking butt in powderpuff (she’s very sporty and very nerdy, what a combo!). She’ll also be ready to welcome you with a giant smile and her open arms (read 4’ wingspan) when you get to Lovett. We can’t wait for you to meet your new biggest cheerleader: Chloe Oani!

-Juliette Richert, Will Rice ‘20, Selin Sayiner, 'Vett '22
Lovett Rooms

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.

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 them better. Finally, rest assured that you will be comfortable in your room-- sometimes, it just requires a little creativity.

**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
THINGS FOUND IN YOUR FUTURE BATHROOM:

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

THINGS TO CONSIDER BRINGING:

- Floor/ bathroom rugs (floor is tiled)
- Couch/ futon (requires bunked beds)
- Mini-fridge
- Microwave
- Coffeemaker/ Teapot/ Kettle
- Additional storage space
- Additional lighting
- Pictures, posters, or tapestries
- Laundry basket and/ or hamper (one that is easy to move up and down the stairs)
- Laundry detergent (washing/drying is free, but you need to bring your own high efficiency (H.E.) detergent
- Dry-erase boards
- Bowls, plates, or silverware
- Snacks for late-night munching
- Another mirror
- Shower caddy or shelf
THE COMMONS, LOVETT KITCHEN, AND SERVERY

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

PARKING

Unfortunately, Lovett does not have enough parking for all of its residents with cars to park in the small lot behind the college. In fact, only about 25 people (usually seniors) get parking spots located right next to Lovett. However, there is plenty of parking in West Lot or Greenbriar Lot, which any student can purchase (more info at: parking.rice.edu). Additionally, students with parking permits are allowed to park in South Lot (parking lot next to Lovett) on weekends, starting at Friday after 5:30 PM and continuing until Monday at 7:30 AM (be sure to move your car, or you will be ticketed and could even be towed).
The Lovett basement has two entrances, located below the staircases on either side of the building. To ensure your safety, the basement can only be accessed with a Lovett key. In the basement, there’s lots of fun to be had. You can watch a movie, work out in the weight room, practice in the music room, play on one of two pianos in Lyle’s or in the Blue Room, browse the web or print in the computer lab, study in the Wiener Hole (a study room across from the computer lab filled with decades of leftover books from graduated Lovetteers), or go to a get-together in Lyle’s. Our laundry room is also located in the basement. Take pride in the fact that Lovett has one of the biggest basements on campus!
**THE LAUNDRY ROOM**

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

**THE ELEVATOR**

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

**RECYCLING**

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

"Vulnerability is the birthplace of innovation, creativity, and change."
- Brené Brown
The Owl Team

The OWL (Older Wiser Lovetteers) Team at Lovett is here to provide support, guidance, mentorship, and friendship at your home away from home. The OWL Team gives us the reassurance that adults have our backs during our college years and beyond. Below is a description of each member of the OWL 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, Mike Gustin and Denise Klein, 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 Lovett RAs 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!

**RESIDENT FACULTY ASSOCIATES**

RFAs 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 has a wealth of knowledge 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 the first floor to say hi.

Things that can be found in Sharon's office:
copy machine, mail and packages & stamps
Magisters:
Mike & Denise

We look forward to welcoming you to Lovett, the best residential college at Rice! As the Magisters of Lovett College, we 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. We will be living in a house next to the college, eating most of our meals together with students at the college, and hosting study breaks and other events for students at the house. As Magisters, we will also advocate on behalf of Lovett to the rest of the university community.

OUR PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUNDS

Mike is a professor of BioSciences and teaches the Introductory Biology course in the fall and the Monster course in the spring. The latter course is a collaborative effort with two humanities professors, one in comparative literature, one in creative visual arts. Mike loves doing cell biology and genetics research, studying how cells respond to stress and trying to save the planet. Denise is a senior manager of clinical operations and phase I trials for a large global pharmaceutical company. Mike is continually amazed by Denise’s frequent conference calls that include people from a truly eclectic mix of countries (e.g., South Africa, Poland, South Korea, Russia, Spain, etc, etc).
**OUR FAMILY**

We both have playful personalities, laugh a lot, but are different people. Denise tends to be more of a planner and Mike is a bit more spontaneous. We totally enjoy our time with students, friends, and family. Our immediate family includes Walter, a loving but shy Labrador Retriever. It’s the three of us who you will see most. Other members of our family include our two daughters Kelsey and Delancey, Delancey’s husband Filip, and our granddaughters Vera and Tessa. They will only be around occasionally as they live out of state. We met while spending a gap year working in Philadelphia after Denise had graduated from Penn and Mike from Johns Hopkinds. We then went to grad school (Denise MPH at Univ of Michigan, Mike PhD at Yale), got married, and moved to Madison, Wisconsin where our children were born. Now here we are at Lovett College, Rice University in Houston, Texas and couldn’t be happier.

**OUR CULTURE AND HOBBIES**

Mike is originally from the Boston area and Denise from Philadelphia, but Houston has been our favorite city for many years. We look forward to hosting Lovett students and Associates in the Magister’s house. Be on the lookout for notices for our Dinner-and-Discussion events with fascinating guests from Rice or the Houston area. Lovett has been dominant in inter-college sports and we love going out to support Lovett students in these events. Equally exciting is cheering on the different Rice teams. Rice plays LSU this fall in football – see John F. Kennedy’s speech about why that is especially important! We enjoy attending Shepherd School events such as recitals and orchestral performances – especially when we know the student musicians or composers. Concerning hobbies, Mike is on his bicycle a lot and enjoys having students join him in riding with Critical Mass Houston. He seeks out novel restaurants and is a fan of Project Runway, The Expanse, and all superhero or Pixar movies. Denise loves dogs, teas, and watching costume dramas such as the Queen, etc. At the Magisters’ house, there will be opportunities to join us in watching favorite TV shows or movies. We will also have a few off-beat recommendations for those seeking entertainment outside the hedges of Rice – ask about the unusual free boat ride, the best museum gift shop ever, and where to (safely) see lots of alligators in their natural environment. Remember the Magisters are here to help. If you have questions or problems with academics, adjusting to college, or just need some comfort food, we will be there for you.
Hey Lovett!

We are very excited to start our fourth year at Lovett as your RFAs! We met at the University of California, Davis as undergraduates. Over the years, we have lived in the West, Midwest, and Southwest. Chris is a health psychologist and an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychological Sciences. He works at the interface of psychoneuroimmunology, affective neuroscience, and behavioral medicine. He teaches an undergraduate course he created called Stress and Health across the Lifespan. He also teaches graduate courses in Psychoneuroimmunology, Clinical Trial Design, and Health Psychology. He loves helping with academic planning and is always willing to offer a listening ear for whatever students may need to talk about. Katie has a MA in Education and has worked in a nonprofit as an exhibit and program developer, and as a classroom teacher. We have two daughters, Maddie and Julie. As a family, we enjoy spending time at museums, hanging out at parks, going to Rice sporting events (go Owls!), and taking trips to the zoo. We also are interested in theater, dance, sports, and good food! We are so excited to welcome all of y'all this Fall!!

- Chris & Katie
We can't wait to start our fifth year as your first-floor RAs! Laura teaches FWIS with the Program in Writing and Communication. She earned her PhD from Rice’s English department in 2015. Geoff is a public interest attorney at the South Texas College of Law Houston Legal Clinics. He went to UT Austin and UH Law and is a Houston native. We both love playing and watching soccer (go Liverpool!) and are looking forward to organizing outings (situation permitting) to see the Dash and Dynamo play, as well as the Rice women’s soccer team. We’re also big fans of board games—you may find us in the commons playing Killer Bunnies or Settlers of Catan. Join us! And Geoff is always down for a game of pool.

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

Our rescue dog, Cami, is a bundle of squirrel-hunting energy. Cami is somewhere between 5-7 years old and probably a border collie + spaniel mix. She loves going on walks, catching the frisbee, scrambling after lizards, and chasing the campus bunnies. When you meet her, she’ll probably bark at you (vestiges of shelter life), but once you give her a treat, she’ll love you forever.

We’re really looking forward to getting to know all of the new Lovetteers. When it’s safe again, 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!
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, hanging out, listening to and playing music, practicing dance routines, filling water balloons (just wait for spring) oh and even studying. You will pass by my office on the way to anything important or fun, so stop by and get to know me. Even with physics; Distancing you can: have a conversation, get answers to questions, pick up mail and packages, mail a letter, copy something, get something notarized. I’ll need to learn how to physically distance from my office. I’ve been working from home all summer and can’t wait to get back to my Lovett home where the action is.

You will be my 14th class of new students and I am looking forward to meeting each one of you! New students always surprise me. Even though I’ll see your pictures, read your roommate forms, and try to remember your names, I won’t know who you are, who you will become, and what you will do At Lovett and Rice until you show me.

Please read my emails!! I often have very important information that you won’t get anywhere else. I might not know everything, but I know where to go to find what I don’t know. I am a good resource for information and can guide you to where to go for anything you might need at Lovett, Rice, or Houston. We are going to have a different kind of experience this year but I know that we can manage it together. I can’t wait to welcome you home in August!
WHO ARE THE COORDINATORS?

Dear New Student,

We hope this book has given you a little glimpse at life waiting for you here at Lovett, some of the things you’ll get to do, and the people you’ll get to meet. As your Lovett Dough-Week Coordinators, we have been working since January to make sure that Dough-Week is the best possible first week at Rice for you! We have entered into unprecedented times, but we want to reassure you that these circumstances don’t make your O-Week and introduction to college life any less important for us. Things we’ve done since December 2019 include picking your Advisors, Co-Advisors, Lovett Partners; putting them into amazing Dough-themed teams; finding your roommate and suitemates; and planning all things Dough-Week. We’ve also been planning all summer alongside the O-Week Coordinators at the other 9 residential colleges (and Martel), and we’ve worked with them to create the campus-wide activities that you’ll participate in during the week. It all starts in August! You’ll get to Lovett, unpack your stuff, and begin your college experience at Rice. We want to give some parting advice from Rice students to Rice students, compiled from our experiences during our time here so far.

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

We know that transition to college can be a frightening experience and that, while some of you are pumped for Dough-Week, some are nervous or maybe even apathetic. We want you to know that we are here for you however you need. Feel free to contact us with ANY questions, comments, or concerns at any point, and we look forward to seeing you very soon!

Your Coords,

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LILLIE PLAZA (LOVETT '21)  CHEM/GERM  SIMI VALLEY, CA

Legend has it that the day Lillie Plaza was born, corgis could be heard barking around the world: another of their kind was born. Just kidding... but Lillie’s favorite animal is truly the corgi. She is one of the kindest, yet strongest and sassiest people you will ever meet. California may be the greatest state in the US, but only because it’s Lillie’s home state and the home state of her two corgis, Chip & Ota! Lillie is a rising senior studying German and Chemistry, but was once an undecided double major, so she can definitely help any new student in that same spot. Don’t hesitate to go to her if you need help conjugating your subjunctives, or drawing out ethane molecules (Lillie will probably use her million pencils, colored pencils, calligraphy pens, and markers to decorate your study guide). Her talents go beyond the classroom too. She is a part of Nocturnal, an a cappella group on campus, and you may hear about about all of their concerts in the Fall and the Spring on campus! If you happen to pass her room on 6th floor, make sure to leave her a note if you hear her singing as she often does when she’s doing her homework or practicing for a performance! You may also catch her at the “twelfth residential college”: Rice Coffeehouse, where her range goes from making a simple latte to testing new drinks such as a steamed oat milk, two pumps lavender, two pumps butterscotch, cayenne, cinnamon, cardamom nutty bee. In all, Lillie is a wonderful, caring friend who is always willing to fight for the people she cares about, which luckily now includes you! Lillie will welcome you to your new home in August with a hug, a smile, and a warm cup of tea, and she will always be there to guide you along the way no matter what!

-Tanvi Jahdv (’Vett ’21) & Amy Doan (’Vett ’21) & Laura Yórdan (’Vett ’21)
Did you happen to spot someone stuffing Nutella packets from the servery into every pocket she has, even though she is allergic to hazelnuts? Congratulations! You have witnessed Aayushi Shah at work. Observe Aayushi as she forgoes the vegetables in favor of the alluring chips and salsa, despite the fact that she is indeed a Gemini vegetarian. This Memphis native and junior biochemistry/neuroscience double major may be one of Rice’s million premeds who lives in Fondren Library and never stops complaining about organic chemistry, but her magnetic personality, massive and stylish wardrobe, and loyalty and selflessness towards the people she cares about makes her one of a kind. You might also locate Aayushi stopping every 10 feet to talk to someone she knows, even as she's running off to another one of her important meetings for all of the extracurriculars she's involved in. Need of a new Instagram picture taken with state-of-the-art equipment that Aayushi’s finessed? This Cinderella-meets-New York-businesswoman is always willing to go on an adventure, small or large, in order to get the perfect pictures. Hang out with Aayushi enough and you’ll soon find yourself adopting her lingo as you say “that’s the tea” in every circumstance, even when it doesn’t really make sense. She’s been hard at work since January putting together your O-Week, so we hope you all appreciate her efforts. The sentiments of O-Week don’t end when the week is over, so you can always count on Aayushi to be your biggest cheerleader and the best shoulder to cry on.

-Virginia Gonzalez (Wiess ’22) & Annie Zhang (Vett ’21) & Victoria Zabarte (Vett ’22)
You’re easily one of the luckiest new students because one of your Coords is the Israeli born prince Ben Li Zaltsman. Raised in Long Island, New York, Ben is anything other than your typical New York boy. While he’s not busy being the man of your dreams with his jaw-dropping 5’4” frame, Ben can be found playing soccer for Lovett, lighting hand-sanitizer on fire, or working at the Hoot (Rice’s late-night snack spot). As former CEO of the Lovett Banana Pile Committee (ask him about this) and runner up for the 2018 Mr. Lovett pageant, Ben is kind of a “big deal” at Lovett. As an electrical engineering major (although sneak pre-med and pre-law), Ben can often be found “doing work” (aka procrastinating by playing an intense game of ping pong or pool) in the Lovett commons or beating the other advisors at Tetris speed runs and Minecraft pig farming. Nonetheless, Ben is never too busy to listen to all you have to say and is always ready to be your friend. He’s always down to chat because, as he says, “I’m not lonely, just social”. You hit the lottery getting this amazing Lovetteer with a heart as big as the toaster as your Coord!

-Selin Sayiner (Vett ‘22) & Robert Walsh (Vett ‘22) & Jake Joseph (Vett ‘22)
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 greeted excitedly by your three 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 their 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 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 & PARTNERS

Each O-Week group will also have an Affiliate/Partner. Affiliates & Partners are Advisors that also have additional responsibilities within Lovett O-Week. Affiliates are chosen by some campus-wide organization whereas Partners are chosen by us, your O-Week coordinators. Both are a crucial aspect of their specific O-Week group but also of Lovett O-Week as a whole. Without them O-Week could not run the way we’ve planned it! Just because an Advisor is an affiliate or partner doesn’t mean they won’t be there to support you like any other Advisor.

AFFILIATES

Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs): PAAs will be your go-to resource for all things academic during O-Week. Ajah, Addith, Selin, and Hannah A. will make sure you have all the knowledge and guidance you need to choose your classes and academic path. The PAAs have spent countless hours training to better help you navigate all the ins and outs of academic rules and requirements at Rice. 

Diversity Facilitators (DFs): DFs are here to make sure New Students appreciate and have respectful interactions with their diverse group of peers at Rice. Hannah G. & Derin will put on several workshops during O-Week that are designed to promote diversity at Rice. The DFs are also trained to handle any diversity-related conflicts that may come up during the entire year, so feel free to use both of them during O-Week and beyond.

Resident Health Affiliate (RHA): The RHA is a resource for well-being topics during O-Week. Matthew B. will be available to any new student who needs someone to talk to during O-Week. RHAs are trained to listen in one-on-one settings, mediate conflicts between peers, and connect students to well-being resources around campus.

Student Maintenance Rep (SMR): The SMR is the Lovett liaison to the Housing & Dining (H&D) department. They can loft or unloft your bed for you, help you move furniture around, or help you sort out any issues like broken lights, sinks, or showers.

PARTNERS

Photographer(s): Photographers are in charge of taking and uploading photos during O-Week, and any other O-Week related activities. This year, there will be multiple photographers: Claire, Kasia, Camsy & Emma D. There will most likely be one or two “active” or “on-duty” photographers assigned to each event.

Videographer: The videographer has two responsibilities: taking snippets of O-Week to create the O-Week Video, and making O-Week team videos to send to the new students. Our videographer this year, Abby G., also put together all of the Advising team videos for you all to see!

O-Week Assistants (Gophers): Gophers are here to help the Coordinators by running errands for them throughout O-Week. Bryan and Teddy will make sure we have everything we need for this week to run smoothly.

Athletic Affiliate: Our athletic affiliate, Hunter, provides support to Lovett’s incoming student athletes. We recognize that, as student athletes, some of our New Students are coming in with extra obligations. Hunter’s goal is to make this transition as smooth as possible for our student athletes and also help our Advisors support them.
Advisors

"Click the picture on the first page of your group for a special surprise!"

-LAB
Rebecca Noel (Martel '21)  • PSYC, ENGL  • Houston, TX

Hey all you cool cats and kittens!
Meet the coolest cat of them all! This pun-loving, cat mom is a rising senior from Martel College, studying Psychology and English. Around campus, you can find Rebecca leading tours by the Sallyport, procrastinating at chauss, belting out Lizzo or Maggie Rodgers in the car, and contemplating her next viral tweet. Reb’s a native Houstonian and self-described coffee fanatic, so she knows all the best coffeeshops in town. As an English major, Rebecca definitely knows how to tell a good story about her (frequent) awkward mishaps; for example, she would love to tell you about how she set off the Martel fire alarm while making bacon. But in all seriousnessness, Rebecca is the kindest soul and the most loyal of friends. She’s always there when you’re in need, offering the best advice and support. There’s no one’s company I enjoy more, and I know you all will absolutely adore having her as an advisor. Get ready for an O-Week full of witty comebacks, cat memes, and her sweet smile!

-Divya Jain (Will Rice '22)

Jae Ku (Lovett '23)  • COMP  • Seoul, South Korea

“Hi, I am Jae.” Does this introduction throw you off a little? It’s probably because Jae doesn’t use contractions—but don’t be frightened! This exotic sophomore Lovetteer is a Computer Science major and international student from Seoul, South Korea, so it’s just one of his quirks. He is a man with few words but many thoughts, and you’ll come to realize that Jae is like a Uno wildcard that hits you with the hardest laughs and realest advice unexpectedly and when you need it the most. Jae goes to great lengths for his friends, so we can only imagine how much love he has for his O-week family. Whether you need homework help, instant ramen, korean skincare, or a wise old man trapped in the soul of a youthful college intramural basketball player’s body who will listen to any and all of your problems, Jae will be there for you. We are confident that you are in the best position to start your freshman year, and we hope you know that you couldn’t have asked for a better advisor or a better college. We know that we couldn’t have asked for a better friend :)

-Rachel Wang and Kelly Huang ('Vett '23)
CONGRATULATIONS, you have the skinny, gentle giant, Nick Strand as your advisor! This biochemistry major is from the Gateway City itself and he’ll be your gateway to Rice and beyond. But it’s not only St. Louis he’s lived in; this Midwesterner certainly knows his way around the States, having lived all across Middle America. His wanderlust also translates to life at Rice – you can see him all around Lovett and across campus. Whether that’s in Lovett Commons grinding out Orgo homework, hanging out on Lovett 2nd, or the Rice Rec. It’s this latter location where Nick works, without fail, on his svelte physique. Just as he works out at the gym, this lover of “bru$h moments” will work tirelessly to create a memorable O-week for you. While Nick may outwardly appear to be a calm presence, willing to sit and listen to anything you want to talk about, don’t doubt for a second that he won’t throw himself into all the hype activities of O-week with you. This young man is the real Hannah Montana of the advising team, you get the best of both worlds with him. In all seriousness, Nick is a great friend to us, and will be a great friend to you. No matter what, he’s only a text message away!!

-Ben Firullo and Bryan Sanchez (Vett ’22)

Claire Boschert (Lovett ’21) ☇ EBIO, VADA ☇ Dallas, TX

If you’ve ever wondered what it’s like to know the coolest, kindest, AND most beloved sk8er girl, fear no more because Claire Boschert is here. Not only is she well-versed in all things long-board, but she can name species of bugs in half a second and can tell you exactly how much money is in the Lovett account. During the day, this superhero is all things Lovett, but at night she turns into a play managing master, putting on the best plays this campus has ever seen. She is also well known for her extensive, well-rounded spreadsheets, which she is never afraid to share. Now, this does sound like a lot, but at the end of the day Claire is the most caring, outgoing, and fun person. This EBIO and VADA double major (double the awesome) will always go 200% for you. We’re so excited for you to get to know our friend; you’re in good hands. :)

-Aayushi Shah (Vett ’22) and Katie Wall (Jones ’22)
RAH RAVIOLI, GIVE ME THE FORMEOli
Neha Singh (Duncan ’22)  ♡  CEVE  ♡  Evanston, IL

Have you ever impulsively decided to skydive? For eighteen years, did you think that “No Outlet” road signs meant there was no electricity in the area? Luckily for you, Neha “Swayha, Crayha” Singh has done both! This Duncan junior, originally from Evanston, IL, is known for her amazing swimming (Shoutout Rice Men’s and Women’s Water Polo!!), her insane beer bike skills, and her obsession with Waffle House. When she’s not grinding for her Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEVE) classes, Neha loves attending baseball games, specifically for the top rate Chicago Cubs, and exploring the city, which includes wandering around Houston with no destination in mind for hours. Secretly, she even enjoys TikTok; Although if you ask her, she won’t admit to it. Besides having a heart of gold, you can always count on Neha for a good laugh and good time; everything about Neha screams energetic and lively. With Neha as your advisor, you’ve gained both a mentor and an unparalleled friendship.

-Alisa Webb (Duncan ’22)

Spencer Wong (Lovett ’22)  ♡  MECH  ♡  Wayland, MA

Picture this. You’re relaxing and listening to the “Krusty Krab Trap Remix, 5 hours” on youtube and all of a sudden.. BOOM out bursts Spencer Wong your Oweek Advisor in all his glory! The mighty Spencer Wong, known by many as MrSpwo, hails from Wayland, Massachusetts, so you know he’s wicked smaht. As a Junior Mechanical Engineering major and an avid fisherman, Spencer is overqualified to help you wrangle any problems you might have. He’s always got something in his tacklebox for any situation. Spwo’s big brain energy doesn’t stop at academics, he’s undefeated at rock paper scissors and he holds a most coveted role of Chief Safety Officer on Rice’s rocketry club. Don’t fret, a penchant for safety doesn’t disqualify Spencer from having fun, he’s always down for an adventure and is a blast to be around. Spencer is a man of many interests: catch him skateboarding at the top of the parking garage, making his own hot sauce, or gaming with friends. Spencer is also a man of great tastes, a true music aficionado, he can talk about his favorite artists and anything music related for hours! Whatever it is, there’s never a dull moment with Spwo! Above all, Spencer is a loyal friend and one of the most kindhearted and genuine people I know. He is one of my favorite people at Lovett and by the time O’Week is through, he will be one of your favorites too!

-Teddy Hoisington (‘Vett 22)
Matt Schulze (Lovett ‘21) ~ ECON, HIST ~ Sherman, TX

Ever since the day he was born, Matt “What it do” Schulze has been working towards a singular goal: coaching the championship winning Lovett powder puff team. This senior Economics and History double major from Sherman Texas is serious about sports, and while he’s not busy making new plays for Lovett’s powder puff or freshman flag team, Schulze is assisting goals for the Lovett Lads Soccer team. Matt’s prowess extends beyond the field however, he can assist you in learning to swing dance or making your day with a well timed joke. No joke, Schulze will always be there for you - even if it means getting sunburnt until he looks like a freshly cooked lobster. Although he’s never won a championship, Matt Schulze is sure to win your heart as your thoughtful, easy-going, and reliable advisor.

-Andre Sushchenko (‘Vett ’20)

Abby Geigerman (Lovett ‘23) ~ COMP, MTEC ~ Cary, NC

*Click! Click!* You’ve just spotted the wild photographer extraordinaire Abby Geigerman in her natural habitat! All the way from Cary, North Carolina, your sophomore advisor Abby is a true queen of ALL trades -- a solid STEMintist double majoring in computer science and mathematical economic analysis; an avid artist interested in all things DIY and painting; and a fitness enthusiast who can be found returning serves on the tennis courts, pulling flags for Lovett’s powderpuff team, or de-stressing through pilates at the Rec. On top of all this, Abby literally lives, breathes, and eats intense ~supermom~ energy and is always ready to shower love and hospitality on all who cross her path, potentially in the form of her infinite variety and supply of teas (she could put any English tea time to shame) and snacks (she has a particularly worrying addiction to Biscoff cookies and cookie butter). Genuinely though, Abby is one of the loveliest human beings out there, and she’s a great reliable shoulder to lean on during stressful times with great advice at hand at all times. You’ve definitely hit the advisor jackpot with her, and we know that she’s absolutely thrilled to get to know you. So, get excited to meet and get to know the wonderful and affectionate ABBY GEIGERMAN!!

-Lillian Zhang and Yanela Diaz (‘Vett ’23)
Zack Murphy (Lovett ‘21)  NEUR, BIOC  Palatine, IL

If you everyone wished that your pet dog could talk, wish no more because this golden retriever of a person will fulfill this childhood wish of yours. Hailing from the windy streets of “Chicago”, is the Senior Neuroscience and Biochemistry double major, Zack “with a k” Murphy. When Zack isn’t busy being the co-president for Rally Club, doing 500 hours of research, or living the pre-grad life, you can find him in Lovett Commons “doing work” until four in the morning. Whether it be by inviting you to every Rice game, talking to you until the ripe hours of 4am, or just always being there for you with a smile face, Zack is the friend we all wish we had and are happy to have. Zack is as golden as the color of his hair and you are beyond lucky to have him as your advisor. Get ready for a great year with this “Chicago native”.

-Armando Amigon (Vett 21)

Stepanie Hu (Wiess ‘21)  ECON  Irvine, CA

WASSUP KIDS! MEET STEPHANIE HU!!! This gal rivals how sunny her hometown (Irvine, California!) is with her beautiful, positive soul (also it’s CALIFORNIA, not cali). Steph is a sophomore majoring in Economics and minoring in Business and is passionate about helping small businesses and helping people reach their goals! She’s a proud Wiessman: she served as first year rep and will be sophomore rep this year. Most of all, she definitely puts the “family” in Team Family Wiess! Steph’s a beloved member of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship (CCF) with me, and her energy and love is definitely felt throughout our fellowship. On a typical day, you can catch her smiling her DAZZLING SMILE oh my and waving to people around campus, editing a Youtube video (her videos are QUALITY I can vouch for this), or listening to some spicy crime podcasts. She’s a talented dancer and as someone who has zero coordination, she’ll definitely teach you how to nail the latest tiktoks. She has a fine taste in food—ramen, hot cheetos, korean snacks, and quality fruit are amongst some of her favorite eats. Our girl Steph is a hard! working! woman! and you’ll find her studying late into the night for those brain gainZz. She’s a great listener and I always feel comforted and empowered when I’m with her. Honestly, she’s one of the most supportive, mature, and caring people I’ve ever met, and I’m so excited for you guys to get to know her :)

-Jenny Gao (Hanszen ‘23)
Abby Dowse (Lovett ’23) BIOE Menomonee Falls, WI

The only thing better than getting into Rice and being a Lovetteer is having Abby Dowse as one of your advisors! She skate, she bake, and she advise! All the way from the booming metropolis of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Abby Dowse can do it all. Abby is a proud member of the Class of 2023 majoring in Bioengineering, it’s the best of both worlds. She is as sweet as the millions of brownies/cookies she bakes but don’t let this fool you. Her skills in figure skating and powderpuff are unmatched and she will school you any day of the week. And that’s on multi-talented. Pro-tip from Abby; watch where you’re walking around campus or else you might find yourself in the middle of a Baker 13 raid (based on true events). These are the kinds of helpful tips you will gain from your advisor. Abby might have lost 5 jackets in the span of a couple months, but the one thing she won’t lose is her fun, easy-going spirit. Get ready for the time of your life during O-week with this one of a kind Lovetteer.

-Mignote Tadesse (’Vett ’23)

Bryan Sanchez ECON, SPMT Dallas, TX

Genial, amiable, affable—these words might as well be synonymous with Bryan Sanchez. Consider yourselves lucky, freshmen! In this man, you will find a true friend. Not that he won’t enjoy systematically dismantling you in a game of Smash, or Mario Kart, or Pokemon, or ... you get the point. Straight out of Dallas, Texas, this junior usually keeps busy with his Statistics and Sport Management majors and Business minor, but that doesn’t mean he isn't ready to jump at every opportunity to help a fellow Lovetteer out. Always one to rise to the challenge, he's represented Lovett in freshman flag football and IM frisbee, and was even a coordinator for our most recent ill-fated Beer Bike. But his greatest achievement? That’s holding the coveted title of reigning hat-stacking champion, balancing a whopping 20 hats on his head. No matter what, Bryan is sure to brighten up your day, whether he's mesmerizing you with his encyclopedic knowledge of basketball, making you crack up with his antics, or just plain out giving you a helping hand when you need it most. With Bryan as your Advisor, your O-Week (and beyond!) is sure to be filled with unforgettable experiences.

-Fabian Salazar de Leon (’Vett ’22)
Andrew Tang (Lovett '23) NEUR, LING Austin, TX

From Austin, TX, introducing Lovett sophomore Andrew Tang! Just pour water and microwave for 2 minutes for an instant friend. Andrew is a Linguistics and Neuroscience double major (and possible triple major -- say what?), but you’ll frequently find him eyeing your orgo practice problems in nostalgic bliss. Andrew also uses his immense brainpower to research retinal degenerative diseases and whip up jazzy tunes as the solo saxophonist in the Campanile Orchestra. In his free time, catch Andrew working at Rice's escape room or singing along to his favorite musicals. Despite being an academic legend, Andrew is one silly goose. Staying true to his form, Andrew survives almost entirely on a diet of fish (goldfish included). Show him a video of Toad screaming "All I want for Christmas is you", and watch him have a laughing fit of disturbing length (this is an easter egg). Not only will Andrew provide you with unending fun, but he will also provide you with the nurturing of a dedicated father goose. As an astounding listener, conversations with Andrew have a naturally-therapeutic effect. Additionally, he gives expert academic, life, and even romantic advice (I can attest). Andrew is one of the kindest people that I know, and he is sure to make his O-Week family proud!

-Mark "Shark" Pepperl (Vett 23)

Yasmin Givens (Baker '22) SOCI, SOPA Little Rock, AR

Meet THE Yasmin Givens. If you were lucky enough to be put in her O-Week group, then get ready for a chill week! Yasmin is one of the most down-to-earth, kind-hearted, and funny people you will meet. Originally from Little Rock, Arkansas, this girl is always down for a food adventure by trying out a new restaurant around Houston! When she’s not studying for her SOPA or SOCI double majors, you can catch her online shopping, attempting to do her friends’ makeup, playing with her beloved tamagotchi, or making really bad Tik Toks. Yasmin loves to travel and spent last summer studying in Japan (she can speak Japanese)! She is a great listener and friend, and is excited to get to know you! I have no doubt she will be an amazing and supportive O-Week Advisor throughout the school year.

-Allison Smith (Baker '22)
Kasia Kiela (Lovett ’22)  MECH  Tuscon, AZ

With sarcasm as dry as the climate of her home town, Tucson, Arizona, Kasia is always packing a couple pocket cheese sticks in case you have a vitamin D deficiency. This junior Mechanical Engineering Lovetteer works as a lab technician at the on-campus Makerspace, so you know she is always down to help you with any kind of problem. Although Kasia’s jeans are always full of bigger and bigger holes, you know she has always got you covered, whether it’s making your day with a spicy meme, a great hug, or a fun adventure. Get excited for wacky conversations, stellar cooking, and a compassionate and caring friend!

-Andre Sushchenko (’Vett ’20)

Matthew Brewer (Lovett ’21)  KINE  Dallas, TX

If you got Matthew as an advisor, CONGRATULATIONS! You just met your first BNOC! Born and raised in Dallas, Texas, this unforgettable cowboy knows just how to make your time at Rice count. As the defensive coach of the ferocious Lovett powderpuff team, he puts his major to good use. This Kinesiology king loves sports, and you can find him on the field as the largest member of the Rice Rugby Football Club. Whether he’s pumping iron or lofting beds, this baby-faced, bolo tie-loving beast always brings the energy. Don’t get the wrong idea though, this is a man of many interests. You can often find him chilling on the Sundeck bumping some tunes by 2Chainz or his Girlz Night playlist. You can also find him in Fondren on that pre-med grind listening to something jazzy, or his more widely known lofi trap remix playlist, “for when you wanna bop but gotta study too” (991 followers on Spotify!) A man of morals, he follows all twelve points of the Boy Scout Law, loyal to Lovett, trustworthy and friendly to all, and obedient in the lab where he does research with Dr. Gustin. Matthew loves mammals, just check out his Facebook prof pics. He also loves barbeque, crawfish, and the 4th of July. As a Rice Health Advisor, he puts his kind heart and excellent listening skills to good use, helping others navigate their mental health. As a chug team captain, he sets records and leads with ease. As a good man and an excellent advisor, he makes a kind, caring, and wonderful friend. With a smile that lights up the room and a voice that booms through the quad, his presence is the mark of a great time. With him as an advisor, you’re sure to be well taken care of during O-Week and beyond.

-Elisa Moralez (Brown 20’)
EDGAR’S TEXAS TOASTER
Kimberly Rodriguez {Lovett '22} 🛢 MECH 🛢
Maracaibo, Venezuela

Congratulations! You’ve won the advisor JACKPOT! Kimburlly /kim-bur-ba-lee/ will be your friend, teddy bear, and mom all rolled into one fun-sized junior. She’s unquestionably the best sneak attack hugger in all of Rice, and cuddle puddles are one of her favorite hobbies. Be warned, if you ever look too comfortable, she will jump on you and attack with cuddles. Her love of food (usually displayed with a “food dance”) is only rivaled by her love of Netflix and Hulu. Prime options to watch with her include the shows La Casa de Papel and This is Us, but be sure to have a box or two of tissues nearby. A literal rocket scientist, Kimberly is a Rice Eclipse lead (read: technical “it sounds more fancy” officer) and a mech genius. Sometimes, she has trouble solving quadratics, but she otherwise usually knows what’s going on. If you’re ever looking for some entertainment, blast Old Town Road anywhere, anytime, and prepare for her off-key singing. You’ll probably be treated to a dance routine too. We hope you’ll love this Venezuelan gem as much as we do. She has been very excited to meet y’all!

-Camsy Huang and Anna Kucera ('Vett '22)

Haruto Sasajima {Will Rice '22} 🛢 BIOE 🛢 Schaumburg, IL

Have you ever wanted someone to come into your room breakdancing at 3AM? Do you too enjoy eating Snyder's of Hanover Pretzel Pieces: Honey Mustard and Onion with chopsticks? If so, I think you've found the perfect Advisor. Hailing all the way from the frigid suburbs of Chicago, it’s Haruto Sasajima. This junior Will Ricer may look intimidating from his days at the Rec, but don’t worry - he’s a softie at heart. In his free time, you can probably find Haruto in the Will Rice Commons “studying” for his next BioE exam, playing Smash, or watching The Office from 7PM?? If you ever need someone to order late night with, or to just sit around and chat - Haruto is your guy. You can always count on him for support whenever you need it, so you can bet he’s absolutely stoked to be your Advisor.

-Jim Zhang (Will Rice '22)
Buckle up fellows! Here comes Melissa Carmona from Lovett ready to introduce you to the best college at Rice and all of its awesome culture! This Hispanic babe is digging her way to a Sociology and History Major, so you know she is ready to analyze your deepest secrets and their ties to your ancestors. Although she is from near Dallas (YeeHaw gals), her energy has easily assimilated into the H-town way of life, so be sure to ask her about the local cuisine, especially Taco Bell or Abu Omar Halal! Her favorite pastime is late night walks around campus, so be ready to get those steps in! Melissa packs a humor suited for comedians, evident when her sarcastic montone comments catch everyone off guard, so rest easy knowing that your time at Rice will be well spent laughing. With Melissa Carmona advising you, prepare yourself for some fun wig snatching!

-Nida Fatima (Vett ’23)

Get ready to meet Owais Fazal! You will absolutely love meeting this wholesome yet surprisingly insane gem of a man. He goes by many names, but you can call him Mr. Malaria because of his interest in global health and infectious disease control. While he currently studies Social Policy Analysis, he is involved in a number of super interesting research initiatives that he would love to discuss with you. An avid swimmer, runner, and hiker, Owais has traveled across the globe over the past few years, getting into all kinds of trouble in the process. Whether he was being held at gunpoint at the Kasmiri border or getting married to two women at the same time to save money on hotels, he has always had a knack for finding the humor in seemingly difficult situations. Buy him some boba and you will be in his good graces forever!

-Enoch Penn and Anirudh Kuchibhatla (Vett ’21)
Nick Ess (Lovett ’23)  M’ECH  Friendswood, TX

Nick Ess is your advisor!? Well, you’re in for quite a treat. This sophomore Mechanical Engineering major is one of the most passionate Lovetteers you’ll ever meet. Hailing from Friendswood, Texas, Nick is so passionate that he successfully carried out a proposal to completely revamp the Lovett Movie Room as a freshman! Nick continues to be an active Lovetteer, as he’s also External Vice President of Lovett – AKA “The EssVP”! If you ever want to get a public space at Lovett updated or a playlist recommendation based around Billy Joel, fun, and One Direction, or just want to talk about anything related to rockets (Rockets boom boom Eclipse), he’s your go-to guy. After spending a year rooming with this guy, we can tell you that Nick has one of the biggest hearts around. He’ll care for you as if you were truly one of his children. You have no idea how lucky you are to have The EssVP as an advisor.

-Chris P Hernandez and Michael Kelley (Vett ’23)

Jeffrey Michel (Lovett ’21)  G’ERM, M’ECH  Poquott, NY

Name: Jeffrey Robert Michel. Age: 22 years, 2 months, 18 days (or 701,136,310.834 seconds). Height: 74.691 inches. Biggest accomplishment in life: The “Most Likely to Unnecessarily Measure Objects to the Nearest 0.001 inches” Award. Have you ever wanted to meet someone who can let you into government secrets? Well then, Jeff Michel isn’t your guy, but he at least knows a thing or two about the government. Prepare to meet this wonderful Long Islander whose breadth of knowledge spans from the ways of the Jedi to Rudern auf Besatzung. This mechanical engineering “super-senior” loved Rice (and Lovett) so much that he decided to stay another year. If you are ever stuck on a problem set late at night in the commons, don’t hesitate to reach out to this MECH god. In fact, no problem has ever stumped Jeff (except choosing his favorite Saturday night Siebel meal). We won’t tell you much about Jeff’s space addiction or love for Rice’s undergraduate rocket team, Rice Eclipse, because he already has a 500-page single-spaced, double-sided, 8.500” x 11.000” technical report on it to show you during O-Week. But to sum it up briefly: Rockets are cool. Jeff is a NASA boy. And he’s the next Eclipse president. If you are ready to blast into a friendship outside of the Kármán line, Jeff has analyzed over a thousand Monte Carlo simulations to perfectly optimize his traits in order to become the ideal advisor for you.

-Kimberly Rodriguez (Vett ’22) & Alex Acosta (Sid Rich ’20)
Hannah George (Wiess ’21)  🍎  CSCI, PSYC  🍎  Aspen, CO

Hannah George is a woman of contradictions. She’s the goth girl, but still wears pink on Wednesday. She slays her eyeliner and dragons on Skyrim. She’s a pretty awesome person even though she’s a senior from Wiess College. As a Cognitive Sciences/Psychology double major and PLST minor, she even kills it in the lab and the courtroom. You can’t put a label on her, and that’s how she likes it. Hannah hails from Aspen, Colorado, the city where all your favorite celebrities have their winter vacation homes. When not traveling the world (and running the VSA), you can find Hannah tearing up the slopes doing winter sports. And if you really want to have an experience, melt Hannah’s cold Aspen exterior by playing Joji on loop or telling her which of Ben Platt’s songs on Dear Evan Hansen was your favorite. The students of Rice University are fortunate to coexist on the same campus as Ruth Bader Ginsberg’s replacement. Justice George will fight the good fight as Diversity Facilitator and Co-advisor for Lovett College. She can’t wait to see you all in August!

-Taylor Phillips (Hanszen ’21)

Camsy Huang (Lovett ’22)  🍎  NEUR  🍎  San Antonio, TX

A woman of many talents, from baking to avoiding exercise to having the best sāi bāng zi (ask her about it!) on campus, Camsy is a dedicated and cheerful girl you’ll be sure to love. Just as sappy as the most cliche moment in To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before, Camsy is always down to have a movie night and watch the latest rom-coms with you. As a result, she’s a self-taught love guru, so be sure to go to her for help when you need romantic advice. Usually found dressed from head to toe in teal, she’ll make it widely known that it’s her FAVORITE color (we’re serious, it’s a near obsession -- just look at her room). So if you ever want to make her happy, show her something teal. Or give her some sugar (poor thing went a month without sugar this past semester-- such willpower!). Speaking of willpower, Camsy is Fondy’s number one inhabitant and is always looking for new study buddies to join her. This girl may seem like she has huge pre-med vibes, but she’s also a super sneak coder. Catch her winning hackathons, teaching summer coding camps, and coding her way into your heart :)

-Kimberly Rodriguez and Christina Zhou (’Vett ’22)
RAH RAH RYE WELCOMES YOU TO

BAKING
THE NEW
CITY CHIC
MK'S BEST
BREAD
CHOICES
RYE BREAD
Bread Of
The Moment

Adarsh Suresh's
Most Affordable
Cooking

AUGUST
HALLER'S
O-Week Of
Dough & Toast

How Not To Heat
Up Olive Garden
Breadsticks
By Annie Zhang

Bria Murray is the
baker of the year
Ladies and gentlemen, meet Adarsh Suresh - the advisor you never knew you needed. No matter where you find this guy, he seems to always have a smile on his face, spreading his goofiness to everybody around him. Hailing from Clear Lake, TX, this rising sophomore is Lovett’s UCourt Rep, a PAA, and a singer for the a capella group, Basmati Beats. He’ll consistently claim he has a sore throat and can’t sing, but when you hear him for the first time, you’ll be blown away. Trust me. Also, as a Kinesiology and Religion double major, his interests spread far and wide including being a die-hard Houston sports fan, an avid Taco Bell eater, and an amazing ping pong player. Buy him a bean and cheese burrito and tell him you love James Harden and you will automatically be his favorite. Most importantly, Adarsh is an incredible friend, whether it be sharing his life hacks or giving the best advice. You can count on him to be there for you in the best and worst of times. And with that, I would like to wish you a hearty congratulations on getting Adarsh as your advisor - it doesn’t get better than him.

-Nikhil Gattu ('Vett '22)

If you thought Whataburger was the best thing to come out of Corpus Christi, think again. Get ready to meet THE Marykathryn "MK" Snapka Charles. This rising junior is majoring in Neuroscience, minoring in Jewish Studies, and pursuing her certificate in Spanish (a woman of many interests!). One conversation with her and you’ll quickly realize why everyone loves her. A lover of puns, she’ll have you laughing until you can no longer breathe—even in the most serious of situations. From a paper cut to a broken heart, she’ll never hesitate to drop what she’s doing in order to help you (trust me, if you need someone to drive you to the ER in the middle of the night, she’s your gal!). And, as the head of the Lovett Culturals Committee, she’s deeply passionate about all things relating to diversity and loves learning about different cultures. You can catch her watching YouTube videos, looking at Animal Crossing memes on Twitter, and occasionally actually doing her homework. Her love for Animal Crossing and YouTube is (almost) as big as her love for her friends and button down shirts. Forget your flashlight—MK is truly a ray of light in everyone’s life and I’m beyond excited for y’all to have her as your advisor <3.

-Nilka Montero ('Vett '22)
If you’ve ever wondered what it’s like to be in the presence of a woman that set a breadstick bag on fire, never fear: Annie Zhang is here. This senior History major is secretly a musician and an artist who can tell you anything about different teas, but she doesn’t stop there. You’re looking at the OFFICIAL future Dr. Annie Zhang. Feeling blue? Well, even though she wears almost exclusively burgundy, Annie will do everything she can to make you feel better, whether it’s watching a cringey rom com or spontaneously going out to get ice cream with you. This 5’1”, doggo-obsessed Woodlands native traveled far to get here (~35mi) and will always enable you to order food at any time of the night, including 18 bags of Hot Fries at once, if you so desire (definitely not speaking from experience here). If she’s not napping, she’s probably writing her senior thesis. No matter what, Annie will go out of her way to be there for you, whether you ask for it or not.

-Aayushi Shah and Victoria Zabarte (‘Vett ’22) and Virginia Gonzalez (Wiess ’22)

Controversially, August Haller prefers Love Island over the Bachelor. Nevertheless, this Brooklyn bombshell MUSI is ready to serenade his way into your hearts! From faultless performances of Mozart to killer renditions of the Lord of the Rings soundtrack, August’s french horn skills know no bounds. When he’s not receiving standing ovations, you can catch him tearing it up on the intramural fields or snapping a pic of his latest gourmet creation. But of all his many passions, he is MOST passionate about being your Advisor. He’s an amazing listener, but what else would you expect from a musician? August makes his friends (you!) a priority. In other words, he’ll be there for you more than just one month a year!

-Chloe Livingston (Wiess ’23)
If you have ever laughed, cried, and promptly fallen to the floor, it was probably Bria Murray’s fault. Hailing from Lafayette, Louisiana Bria is a self-proclaimed seafood queen and all-around goddess. As a senior pre-med majoring in biochemistry and cellular biology, she’s full of all sorts of fun facts—including knowing the price and count of chicken nuggets from ~any~ fast food restaurant... TRY HER. If needed, you can find Bria in her natural habitat: curled up in the squad hole for the Rice speech and debate team in the basement of Sewall hall. Even when she’s flying across the country being a wackadoo with said speech team, this girl literally has no baseline circadian rhythm. Seriously, she doesn’t sleep. So call her whenever, text her, she’s probably awake and watching Netflix. I think being an advisor is the only time that’s gonna come in handy.

-Lauren Palladino (Duncan ’21)
What’s up guys, it’s your boy, Michael! He is a man of many talents (and potential majors). He’s thinking Statistics, but the probability that you’ll be his friend? One hundred percent!! This amazing, sweet, and funny human being chose to leave his hometown of Montgomery, Alabama and sweat like a true Rice Owl in the humid tropics of Houston! He’s always on the move, both on-campus and off, hunting down the Yoyo’s hot dog stand or convincing everyone to go eat dinner at the best servery options around campus. Things you’ll learn from Michael: the Saints are the BEST football team, no exceptions, and you can NEVER play Tame Impala too many times. As a PAA, he also knows Rice majors like the back of his hand, and can whip out a four-year plan faster than you can say “Edgar Odell Lovett”! As if that weren’t enough, this incredible sophomore is also on Activities this year, so it’s guaranteed you’ll have a fun-filled time with this guy. All-in-all, Michael has got all the skills and wholesome charisma to be your top-notch Advisor this year, and he’ll always have your back- chilling out, venting, studying together, you name it. I’m so glad I got to know him during my O-Week, and I’m sure you will, too!

-Joshua Harper (Vett ’23)

Looks like you got lucky, because Linh is your advisor! This junior Cognitive Science major is a High-Brew coffee addict, pre-med queen, and most importantly a proud Martelian. She spends her time playing powderpuff, representing her college Martel, and listening to R&B music of any kind (specifically, Biking by Frank Ocean). If you ever want to make her happy, just show her something cute (like an animated bear gif or a puppy video) and she will love you forever. Linh is super dedicated to her studies, constantly studying to be a future doctor. Seriously, it is impressive how hard this girl works. You can find her chatting with friends at Coffeehouse, sipping on an iced latte, or gliding along the inner loop on her white bike as she makes her way to her research lab in the Texas Medical Center. But best of all, Linh is an incredibly loyal friend with a huge heart. She is always there to comfort the people she cares about and she gives the best advice. Plus, she will definitely be down for a dance party at 2 am. Congrats on scoring one of the most incredible people at Rice as your advisor! BTW - ask her about her truffle farm.

-Victoria Lee (Jones ’22)
Meet Mitchell “Ozzie” Osborn! From pretty much every state in the US (moves constantly for his dad’s job), don’t let Mitchell’s wrestler body intimidate you! Probably the nicest person at Rice, Mitchell can be found working on his COMP projects in Sammy’s, grinding out some reps at the rec, or making his friends laugh in the Commons. As the founder of Rice Wrestling Club, Mitchell loves a good fight but is always ready to drive you to Whataburger for that 1 a.m. meal (or let you drive his car, just ask!). As a transfer student, Mitchell has double the stories, double the experiences, and double the advice for you! Whether he’s giving you career advice as one of Lovett’s PCAs or just being there for you, Mitchell is the one guy who everyone wishes they had as a friend, and you are beyond lucky to have him as your advisor.

-Neil Chopra ('Vett '23)

Her favorite city might be Chicago, but don’t let that fool you. This adorable Computer Science Cognitive Science double major Lovett senior is actually from Connecticut! Frequently spotted people-watching on your local public transport, your soon-to-be-advisor is one of the kindest, inquisitive and friendliest people you will meet (+ always down for an adventure)! Feel free to ask her about her undying love for urbanism and design which took her to both Chicago and Edinburgh (where she was abroad in the spring!). Despite being so cultured and well travelled, Stephanie is the most down-to-earth, warm-hearted person you will meet. When she’s not coding up some Computer Science homework, talking about her super cool human factors research, or leading Design For America teams, Stephanie can be found performing with the Low Keys a cappella group in the RMC Chapel! She is an amazing listener and her hipster tote bag is replete with comforting hugs and warm teas. Seriously though, get excited, because this stylish, cat-loving, art-collecting, musical gal is going to be Lovett’s most amazing advisor.

-Hannah Andersen and Tanvi Jadhav ('Vett '21)
Wait. Holdup, your advisor is Mikayla Hurley....?!
Congrats on bagging yourself the most kind hearted person! Driving down from the awesome city of Dallas, Mikayla (or Kayla) is a huge blessing and light in everyone’s life. She helps lead a Christian small group on campus and is always ready to go above and beyond for her friends. Did I mention the time during Tropical Storm Imelda when she put on her rain boots to trek across campus and rescue a friend stranded in the flooding? Luckily, her roommate stopped her from going out, but the point is, Mikayla is ready to weather any storm with you. This Sophomore Lovetteer will never be spotted without some tea in hand and is always up for a deep chat (a true Psychology major). The loyalty and care Kayla has for her friends is honestly admirable and you can always count on her to be there for you and open-mindedly listen. Just be prepared to explain any new lingo you use because I BET Mikayla won't know it. Under the sweetest smile that will brighten your day, her fierce dance moves are up and coming and as one of the goofiest gals, Kayla is ready to jam out in the car during short drives to Trader Joe's or any random adventure. She knows all the best coffee spots in Houston and is always down for a spontaneous ice cream trip (even if it means “forgetting” her dairy allergy). Through her handwritten cards Kayla will show you how much you are loved and appreciated. She is bubbly, thoughtful, attentive, and truly AMAZING. You are crazy lucky to have her!

-Maria Budin ('Vett '23), Christa Westheimer (McMurtry '23), and Christine Lee (Will Rice '23)
Unlimited Breadstags.
CONGRATULATIONS! You lucked out to get AMBREEN "Bean" YOUNAS as your advisor!! This sophomore, aspiring doctor-to-be is a potential Psychology/Religion double major hailing from Dallas, Texas (yeehaw). Ambreen is always energetic and ready to go—just don't bring any nuts, bananas, peaches, lima beans, white beans, pollen, strawberries, corn, chickpeas, or basically anything near her, since she’s allergic to them all :( On the other hand, she’s super approachable and is always down to escape the hedges and go off-campus (she still doesn’t have a license though, so you’ll have to drive). She is quite funny (not) and a (fun?) fact about her is that she dropped a fully loaded Hydroflask on her big toe her freshman year and it has not been the same since (just ask her). Did we mention she doesn’t have her license yet? In her free time, you can catch Ambreen eating pad ki mao from literally every Thai restaurant in Houston (after someone drives her though). She’s notoriously bad at saving Tetra (Tetra is like free-but-not-really-free money students get), and will spend all of hers (and yours) in the first 2 weeks of the semester, so watch out! In all seriousness though, Ambreen is awesome and will be there for you through all the ups-and-downs and swollen big toes of college!

- Talha Arif (Will Rice ’22) and Zain Imam (Duncan ’21)

Do you have Jessica “Chessica Jen” Chen as your advisor!? If so, then (as JChen herself likes to say) oh YUSSS! Get ready because this 5’8” ball of chaos is super psyched to meet y’all! A Kinesiology major and Neuroscience minor, Jessica is an enthusiast for cauliflower hoisin, white sneakers, and trolling her friends! This Martel College sophomore from Sugar Land, Texas, has an impressive repertoire of skills: she can bench press and deadlift with ease, play flag football and tennis like a boss, and, perhaps most impressively (or terrifyingly), eat an entire large banana in one mouthful. You can usually find Jessica working out at the Rec, jamming on the flute or guitar with her friends, or studying the Bible with people in her Christian fellowship. Jessica may often be longboarding around campus like a speedy boi, but she will always take the time to lend an ear and offer you advice, encouragement, and turkey jerky. (Seriously though - she carries snacks in her backpack specifically to give to others. What a gal with a big heart <3) Get excited for lit car karaoke, playful roasts, and many smiles with this lovely Co-Advisor!

-Angela Hwang (Jones ’21)
GET EXCITED to meet Emma Brown, a proud Dallas native. An even prouder Canadian, this Junior Lovette is sweeter than maple syrup. Emma makes sure to be as involved at Rice as possible. In addition to studying Architecture, she also serves as the captain of the Rice Cheer team, and leads a small group in Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. When she is not busy building models, the self-proclaimed sandwich connoisseur can be found enjoying her favorite club sandwich and would love to talk to you about why it is the king of not just all sandwiches, but of ALL FOODS (I know, what the heck right?). Her passion for sandwiches makes her especially excited for Dough-Week with all of you! Emma also loves comedian John Mulaney and has seen all of his specials multiple times. If you haven’t seen them yet, Emma recommends watching them while eating a giant sheet cake with your friends. Other things you should know about her: She has a massive heart, an on-point fashion sense, and a punk/emo music taste. Emma will cheer you on through your best times at Rice and will build you up when things are tough. You are in real luck in getting Emma as an advisor but as a polite Canadian I’m sure she would say the pleasure is all hers.

-Max Boekeleman (Jones ’21)

Mike Riccardi (Lovett ’22) MECH Mountain Lakes, NJ

Have you ever met a real firefighter?? Well, if not, you’re in luck! Mike here can tell you about anything from how tight the bolt on a fire hydrant is, to basically anything about rocket science. This studious firefighter will be there for you no matter what time of day or what the reason is, and you can always be sure that ‘we’re big chillin’ whenever he’s around. His dad jokes and all around active-father-of-at-least-eight-kids energy will either always have you wildly giggling with him, or just laughing at him. Witty comments, odd conversation starters, and telling the same three stories are among his many specialties, and he seems to have a super power for putting people at ease. You’re so lucky to have gotten this huge nerd as your advisor!

P.S. Never mention Kidz Bop around him. Please.

-Kasia Kiela (‘Vett ’22), Andre Sushchenko (‘Vett ’20)
EMMA DUVAL (LOVETT '21)  MECH  FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

Buckle in and get ready to LOL (Loaves of Love(tt)) with your STUNNING senior advisor... Emma Duval (Thats doo-val, doo like dooodoo, val like validation, which she will give you). When this senior MECH is not busy with rehearsals for THE Rice Dance Theatre or organizing some of the best parties Lovett has ever seen, Emma can be found sitting by her pool in the always sunny Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (go Gators) or at her favorite table in the back corner of the upper commons starting her problem sets weeks in advance. You have NO idea how lucky you are to have Emma as an advisor. She will always be there to love you no matter what, just like she still loves her ugly hairless rat dog (don’t ask her for pictures -- she’ll show you them anyway).

-Natalie Pippolo ('Vett '21) and Ben Zaltsman ('Vett '22)

HUNTER HARDY (LOVETT '23)  CHBE  HOUSTON, TX

Who is Hunter? What is Hunter? When is Hunter? Where is Hunter? Why is Hunter? Somehow, the answers to these most meaningful questions in the universe have chosen to reveal themselves to you. Grateful? You should be. Who is Hunter? Imagine the manliest man you’ve ever laid eyes on. Multiply by that 3. That is one 23rd of Hunter. 23*3*x pounds of pure majesty and masculinity stuffed in a humongous- no GARGANTUAN 165-pound human frame. Sweating? Understandable. What is Hunter? The human definition of a hunter is a person or animal that hunts. Indeed, Hunter can smell a cringe meme from nearly four meters away, and once he catches its scent, nothing will save it from utter destruction and its creator from a pitiless roast. Interestingly enough, he has chosen to be a CHBE major with a minor in business. Perhaps cringe silencing is simply a hobby. When is Hunter? This one, no one knows but him. He claims to be 19, but the endless stream of wisdom that he bestows upon the worthy suggests that he is much more than a sophomore. No matter, he has chosen the class of 2023. His reasons are forever shrouded in mystery. Where is Hunter? He only shows himself to the worthy, but notably, he was once observed to be destroying the professional dreams of some poor sod who challenged him in Smash while simultaneously studying organic chemistry. Was he focused more on Smash or orgo? Why even ask such a ridiculous question. Why is Hunter? No one knows this one yet. But you have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to find out. Smile, for even before matriculation, you have become children of Hunter.

-Andy Wang (Duncan '23)
Josh Bae. As an experienced foodie and wannabe Instagram Live influencer, his sketchy late-night baking antics have shot him to (Rice-wide) stardom. But beneath all the ‘fame,’ he’s a caring and warm-hearted individual who strives to make others around him feel welcome. Josh is always down for a new adventure, whether it’s trekking across campus to Rice Village or traveling across the globe to a new city (ask him about the top tourist spots in Toronto or the best places to eat in Seoul). Even though he’s a busy electrical engineering major, Josh is heavily involved in his Christian fellowship and exercising through biking, calisthenics, and tennis. He can be spotted all over campus, from the Recreation Center to the Duncan Hall, and is looking forward to introducing y’all to his favorite study/hangout spots across campus. Speaking of studying - ask him what his secrets are!! His work ethic is much better than his taste in music (someone needs to tell him BTS is not the best band). His energy never wavers, as he always looks on the bright side of life and will encourage you to have the best time at your new home of Lovett. You’re so lucky to have one of the best of the bunch with a fantastic advisor like Josh! EOL RRF!

-Sree Yeluri ('Vett '21), Tanvi Jadhav ('Vett '21), Moushumi Sahu ('Vett '21)

Sarah Han (Martel '23)

According to US News & World Report, Alabama is the second worst state in the country. If you were any ordinary person, you would take this ranking at face value. Luckily, you aren't, because you're going to meet the sole reason Alabama deserves to be a Top 10 state: Sarah Han. This authentic Southern Belle from Madison, Alabama (ok, she did live in France for a bit, but she doesn't really remember it, so it doesn't count) is the nicest, bubbliest, most dedicated gal you'll ever have the pleasure of meeting. She's also crazy smart - a sophomore majoring in Computer Science and minoring in Statistics, this Martelian is basically on her way to become the next Bill Gates, so you better get her autograph before it's too late. Did I mention she's a piano goddess too? But don't let this intimidate you. Like any proper belle, Sarah is nothing if not a great host, and she would be more than happy to take you along on her late night Yoyo’s hot dog runs, introduce you to the vanilla soy lattes at Coffeehouse, or just engage in heated debate about THE definitive ranking of fruits (spoiler alert: grapefruit is the winner). Whatever you're looking for at Rice, Sarah will help you find it, and you're so lucky to be joining her Rice family!

-Zainab Niaz (Martel '23)
STAGUETTE

THIS BREAD
When you first meet Divya, you might be overwhelmed by her accomplishments. She’s a senior Lovetteer majoring in Neuroscience and History who is also the MVP at every intramural sport she participates in. To top that, you find out that not only is she an intellectual and an athletic goddess, but she is also very humble about her achievements - which might make you hate her even more. However - don’t fret. Behind this seemingly perfect package, you will quickly find out that this Austinite is just a mess like the rest of us (if not a hotter mess). You can usually find her at the Upper Commons at 2am yelling, at anybody who’ll listen about how her life is a disaster. After a while, you also find out that she is a serious coffee addict, and you will never see her working without coffee right by her side. When you get to know her though, you’ll learn that her best trait is how much she values her family and friends. No matter what time of day (or night), Divya is always someone to rely on. Whether that means asking her for advice or just needing to rant about the awful GoT finale, she will always be there for you in your time of need. You will not meet anyone more kind-hearted, loyal, and lovable as Divya Choudhury. As much as you try to resist, you’ll soon grow tolerant of her frequent talks about how Houston always copies Austin and how Austin is the greatest place on the planet. Despite those flaws, Divya is honestly the best advisor you could ask for, so congrats on hitting the Lovett jackpot!!

P.S. make sure to call her Diva, she’ll love you for it

-Mahlet Molla (’Vett ’21)

Meet Ryan, a truly swolesome man. Did you know that Ryan is from the Bay Area? Don’t worry, because he’ll probably tell you -- no matter what you’re talking about, Ryan will surely slip in his classic catchphrase: “No one does it like the Bay.” When he’s not at the Rec grinding on his massive pecs, he’s prepping for his next grind, consuming protein powder, or eating insane amounts of food (the key to Ryan’s heart is a chicken platter from Gyro Hut). Whether he’s folding laundry for several hours or developing his own chrome extension (Privasee), Ryan relies on copious amounts of Awake Chocolates to keep himself going. Though he struggles with a serious caffeine addiction and the harsh reality that comes with being part Canadian, he is always laughing, even when your jokes are not jokes. And if his internship at Google (!!) didn’t give it away, Ryan McLean Draper is a networking god with a LinkedIn profile that will make you swoon. Yet for a man so dummy thicc, he spreads himself thin: “apparently” a member of the Club Tennis Team, Rice Eclipse, Rice Finance, Rice Data Science, Rice’s Computational Finance Club, Rice Business Society, Rice OIT, and more -- you won’t find a single white space on Ryan’s Google Calendar. Rest assured that no matter what happens, he’ll always stick by your side. Get ready for the best week of your life because this Canadian “from the Bay” is going to make it one you won’t forget.

-Jae Ku ( ’Vett ’23), Neil Chopra (’Vett ’23), and Praneel Joshi (’Vett ’23)
Winnie Louh (Lovett ’23)  📚 STAT  📚 Roscoe, IL

Winnie the Pooh once said, “A hug is always the right size.” If that’s not the definition of wholesome, I don’t know what is. But, your sophomore advisor Winnie Louh from Lovett is literally Winnie the Pooh–friendly, cheerful, calm (and did I mention wholesome?). Though, instead of living in Hundred Acre Woods, she hails from the exotic city of Roscoe, Illinois, and in place of a concerning addiction to honey, she has an even more concerning obsession with her major of Statistics. While she enjoys the occasional tennis, ping pong, Kpop, and a dash of TSizzle, her true passion lies in confidence intervals and normal distribution curves. When she sees anything that even remotely has to do with proportions, it immediately sparks her intellectual curiosity and re-energizes her like the perfect afternoon nap. Normally, a wild Winnie can be found studying at RMC or hogging room 112 in the library for 30 hours a day, making her the best study partner ever. When you guys are collectively stressed out about an exam, she’ll stay up with you until god knows what time and walk back with you for breakfast at 6 am!!! (just in time for the sunrise!). All jokes aside, Winnie is the sweetest and most genuinely kind person you will ever meet, who always puts her friends first (seriously finding dirt on her is Difficult). Her laugh is contagious (even though it sometimes sounds like she’s about to have a mental breakdown), and she is always willing to lend a listening ear. So, get pumped to meet the incredibly sweet, beautiful, and accomplished WINNIE LOUH!!!!

-Alicia Wu (Lovett ‘23) and Lillian Zhang (Lovett ‘23)

Dustin Belsha (Wiess ’22) 📚 ELEC  📚 Sedalia, MO

It’s no coincidence that one of the first things I learned about Dustin was that he was raised in the veritable metropolis of Sedalia, Missouri (home of the Missouri State Fair). He might be from Wiess, but Dustin is the kind of guy that attracts people from all over Rice (just like the Missouri State Fair). He’s a junior electrical engineering major, but don’t get me wrong, he can probably talk to you about most anything more than most people that have studied it for years. Any description of Dustin I give here won’t do him justice, and you’re gonna be left mad at me for under-preparing you for the phenomenon that is Dustin: he’s just that kind of guy. I’ve talked into the night with him personally about literally anything under the sun, and if you’re his O-Week kid, you very well may too. When you come to college, you come in hoping to meet people like Dustin, people that expand your worldview, people you’ll undoubtedly remember for many years to come. If you’re in his O-Week group, you’re lucky enough to have met him on your first day.

-Ethan Marnhout Wiess ’22. Dhilan Lahoti Wiess’ 23
Alright folks, the runners are entering the last leg of the race, and—OH! Haley Allen takes the lead! WAIT, what's this?! AND SHE'S MAKING A KALE SALAD! INCREDIBLE!" Meet Haley Allen, a rising sophomore from Altadena, California and perhaps the healthiest, most dedicated human you'll ever meet. If anyone can succeed in chasing down their dreams and breaking a record while they're at it, it's this pre-med kinesiology major. Whenever she's not busy racking up first place triathlon finishes or *walking on* to Rice's cross country team, you can find her doing lung cancer research at MD Anderson Cancer Center, churning out chemistry problem sets, or whipping up a vegan masterpiece in the Lovett kitchen. But don't be intimidated by this 5'2" warrior athlete—Haley is a great listener and is known for her solid advice, and not just on nutrition (although her nutritional advice is exceptional). Genuine, humble, and supportive, Haley will have your back through thick and thin, and as a bonus will probably make you the best peanut butter bars you've ever tasted. All in all, Haley is an amazing person to have in your life, so you can consider yourself the real winner to have her as your Advisor.

-Ben Murdoch ('Vett '23), Andrew Tang ('Vett '23)
BE AFRAID. BE KIND OF AFRAID.
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Emily Praneel Derin Teddy

DOO HAPPENS AUGUST 16
EMILY HUTH (LOVETT '21) 🍪 BIOC 🍪 AUSTIN, TX

I hope you are excited for O-week! Because only then will you be able to meet the one and only Emily Huth! Emily is a Senior Biochemistry major who, before Rice, was keeping it weird in the city of Austin. The first thing to know about her, is that this Texan has a competitive edge that is always fun to test. However, be wary if you challenge her to a game of Mario Cart or go up against this star Powderpuff cornerback on the field as you are only asking to lose. Even so, as soon as the game is over, Emily will be right there to pick you back up and get you on your feet. Because as skilled as she is, she matches it with her immense kindness and willingness to help those around her. So, whether that means attending her Biochem Fellow office hours, asking her about her expansive experience as a former pre-med and pre-grad student, or even just sitting down to talk about your day, Emily is always there to be your friend when you need it. All that said, I know I can speak for Emily when I say that she is beyond excited to meet you all this August!

-Zack Murphy ('Vett 21)

TEDDY HOISINGTON (LOVETT '22) 🍪 ELEC 🍪 HARRISON, NY

Wow, new student, you better watch yourself because you've just used up all your luck getting TEDDY HOISINGTON as your advisor!!! Teddy, or Theodore (wow fancy) is a junior from West Harrison, New York. You know what that means? You get the charisma of a cool New York City stud, mixed with the gentle, easygoing, and caring nature of a suburban dad. Emphasis on the dad part -- Teddy is one of the most caring, nice, and personable guys you'll meet at Lovett. Seriously, everyone knows him and he knows everyone. Teddy's always down to chill and talk about anything and everything, and his spunky charisma will lighten up any conversation. Teddy is studying Electrical Engineering and minorin in Engineering design. As a very passionate and motivated engineer, Teddy is also the Recovery Subteam Lead on Rice's rocketry club, Rice Eclipse. While recovering rockets (with parachutes) is Teddy's specialty, he also is great at recovering from almost any situation or challenge that comes his way. Teddy pulls an all nighter? Come back the next day with 100% energy. Loses a game of Smash at the Lovett gaming station? Plays again and whoops his opponents. Falls off his skateboard and tears his ACL? Walking like a pro in a few months. These things show how hard of a worker Teddy is, and you'll see it when you come to Rice. He'll always be there for you, no matter what he's doing, with the best attitude and advice as you make the transition to college. Get excited to meet this guy :) 

-Spencer Wong ('Vett '22)
DERIN OKUNUBI (SID RICH ’23) 🍳 CEVE 🍳 LAGOS, NIGERIA

She's smart, she's funny and she's fun to be around! The ever-smiling Derin Okunubi is a rising sophomore at Sid Richardson college. An artistic Civil Engineer in the making, Derin is nothing short of creative, determined and hardworking. She loves music and dance and is a member of the Rice African Student Association Dance team and you're likely to see her showing off her moves on the dance floor at parties and other social events. If you want to hang out with her, get something off your mind or simply say hi, don't be shy, she doesn't bite, she loves watching movies, going out and she loves an adventure so hit her up! She's very friendly and always willing to help, no matter what. Anticipate an unforgettable O-Week experience with this gem by your side, because she’ll be there for you whenever you need her!

-Kwame Ntim, (Jones ’23)

PRANEEL JOSHI (LOVETT ’23) 🍳 COMP, HIST 🍳 HOUSTON, TX

A classic Praneel catchphrase: “Where’s my phone, bro?” Yes, Praneel is good at losing things, but he's even better at finding them—and before O-Week is over, he'll definitely have found a way into your heart :-). Hailing from Houston suburb Conroe, Praneel can direct you to all of the culinary hotspots in Houston (if you're looking for an adrenaline rush, ask Praneel to drive you to one of these spots in his van). Praneel may be a STEM major, but don't be fooled: he gives off big time humanities ~intellectual~ vibes. He's definitely going to tell you about the mind-blowing sentence in his latest essay or about the book he's reading for the history class he thinks is a distribution but actually isn't. What's more, this literal Renaissance man beatboxes and sings baritone for Rice's South Asian A Cappella group, Basmati Beats. Not only does Praneel produce fire beats, but he also knows a thing or two about starting fires (don't ask him about the metal thermos in the microwave). Praneel is quite possibly Lovett’s #1 social butterfly, so you can catch him striking up conversations anywhere from Lovett commons to Rice’s coffeehouse when he's copping that midnight drip (coffee). Get ready for the best week of your life because this hair-cutting, vibe-curating, colored-light connoisseur is going to make it "live."

-Ryan Draper (Wiess ’23), Jae Ku (’Vett ’23), and Neil Chopra (’Vett ’23)
BNOC alert! Let me introduce you to THE Randy "Big-Name-On-Campus" Liu. This senior Kinesiology major (with both Business AND Biochemistry minors) hails from Dallas, TX, and if he doesn't immediately enlighten you with some certified pre-med knowledge then call EMS because something is seriously wrong. King of the dad-joke and master of whatever hip new dance move is sweeping the nation at the time, Randy is the perfect person to come to whenever you need a warm hug and a deep laugh. You can usually catch him at the Lovett smash-station or driving down Main Street listening to Anderson Paak and Frank Sinatra. Get ready for O-Week, because Randy can't wait to share his infectious energy with each and every one of you!

-Julia Fisher ('Vett 21)

Hannah Rahmaan (Lovett '22) ☑ CHEM Houston, TX

If someone has ever said that no one can have beauty and brains, they obviously haven't met Hannah Rahmaan. This rising Lovett junior is a chemistry major and has known that she's wanted to be a doctor since the day she first visited one. If her looks or intelligence don't woo you, maybe her witty puns and infectious laugh will. She's lived in all sorts of places since she was born (seriously... she's moved over five times!), but nowadays you'll usually catch her living at Fondy 6th or the MCC. Don't be surprised if you see her awake on campus before the sun rises, this Air Force ROTC cadet wakes up at an ungodly hour 3x a week to train over at UH. Besides classes, Hannah is also on her way to discovering the next big element through her research at the BRC. Even though she spends 99% of her time studying or eating chicken tenders, she'll always find time in her busy schedule to hang out with her friends and future new students! If you want to laugh 'til you cry, jam out to some old school r&b, or be pushed to your running limits, Hannah is your gal. So, if you opened your email and saw that Hannah Rahmaan was one of your advisors, let me be the first to congratulate you! I'm so so glad to be able to call her one of my best friends and I am even more glad that y'all will be able to call her your advisor :)

-Nilka Montero ('Vett 22)
Leigh Gabriely (Hanszen '23) ECUN, PSYC Tampa, FL

Let me be the first to tell you, Leigh doesn't belong at Rice. She belongs at Hogwarts. This Hanszen sophomore, double-majoring in Econ and Psych, is one of the most ~magical~ people you'll ever meet. With wizarding powers that include making servery salads look gourmet, knowing every line of Mamma Mia, and making friends with everyone, I cannot express how lucky you are to have her as your O-Week advisor. Leigh is electric. You can find this passionate yogi and Tampa, Florida native dancing with or without music, telling the tales of her gap year in Israel, or designing her own line of handmade necklaces (by the end of the year, you'll be dying to wear a LeighGab original). However, above all, you'll know Leigh best for her thoughtfulness. She has one of the most genuine smiles at Rice, and her authenticity shines when she's helping out her friends. I'm not kidding: I once asked her to help me work out at the Rec, and she took it so seriously someone literally asked if she was my personal trainer. It's safe to say you're in the best of hands when it comes to O-Week — get excited to make some incredible memories with Leehee

-Charlotte Cohen (Hanszen '23)

Cole Lambo ('Lovett 22) ASIA, ECUN Portland, OR

Coleman Lambo may be a stiff dancer, but he's quite the smooth talker. Hailing from Portland, Oregon but often interning in Washington DC, Cole is the kind of busybody that you can ask about anything. Internships? He's done them. Interviews? Had a million. Schedule planning? He's a pro. At least he's supposed to be because he's your peer academic advisor. Plus he's a senior so he knows his way around Lovett and Rice. Besides spending his time flying across the country with the Rice speech team, you can probably find him in Lovett's basement working on his economics and Asian Studies majors. Darn try-hard. But don't think you can try him, because he took fencing lessons for four years in high school. Actually, now that I think about it, he's pretty emotionally stable, so you could probably mess with him a bunch and never make him angry. Unless, of course, you insult Friends, his favorite tv show.

-Bria Murray ('Vett 21)
PaAuin Au Chocolat
Selin Sayiner (Lovett ’22) ♦ MSNE ♦ Los Gatos, CA

If Lovett were a kingdom, Selin would be its queen. From the Bay Area, this Lovett junior has quickly become one of Lovett’s most beloved. While she’s not up to her delinquencies with her stupid friends, you can often find her sitting on a couch in Coffeehouse (probably deepening her coffee addiction) with one headphone on, studying the intricacies of Material Science or Facetiming one of her sisters. Starting at wide receiver for Lovett Powderpuff, Selin won’t hesitate to take your ankles on the field. Whether delivering a roast or taking one, Selin is witty in her remarks, and never fails to add humor to any conversation. Too bad you can’t have this absolute gem as your advisor, but don’t hesitate to ask her for advice - whether it’s about building your course schedule, a new song recommendation (her Spotify playlists are to die for) or how to shoot your shot ;).

-Jake Joseph and Ben Li Zaltsman (Vett 22)

Aadith Vittal (Lovett ’21) ♦ PHYS, BIOC ♦ Fairfax, VA

Aadith is the designated STEM genius of Lovett college and as such has been very involved in the Lovett Academic Fellows program including his tenure as Head Academic Fellow for the past year. As a pseudo-graduate with all of his completed coursework, Aadith is also a Peer Academic Advisor since he managed to fit two four year plans into about three years of Rice. In addition he has many research experiences under his belt, so if you need some guidance on finding a lab, hit him up! In his free time, Aadith is still like a lot of normal people and enjoys Marvel and other sci-fi action movies. With enough friends around, he can also be lured to the smash bros station or the pool table even if he isn't the best. He loves to read and talk philosophy; if you ever want to lose a philosophical debate, he's your guy. And if you ever just want to strike up a very intellectually engaging conversation and stretch your brain a little bit, Aadith is second to none. He loves to go out to eat and explore the vast array of *vegetarian* food options in Houston. Any outing to Hillcroft or Chinatown for some Indian or Chinese food and Aadith will be happy to come. Aadith is a load of fun, so whoever is reading this, get to know him!

-Stephen Chamness (Vett 21)
Ajah is a junior sociology major Hale-ing from Cleveland, Ohio. She's very passionate about public health and is committed to landing a career in medicine after college. After all, you couldn't describe Ajah without mentioning the words aspirational, level-headed, and caring. As Lovett's newest PAA, Ajah not only looks forward to being the academic resource Lovett's new students need but also educating each student about all things Post Malone.

- Perkins Pringles (Sid Richardson '22)

Hannah Andersen (Lovett '21) ♦ BICE ♦ Prosper, TX

Meet Hannah “ray of sunshine” Andersen! This half Californian, half Texan senior bioengineer, with a passion for global health, hails from the great land of Prosper, TX. This yoga mom/cool aunt in training is the queen of balance both academically and in yoga class (she will do a headstand anywhere, anytime). You can find Hannah at the BRC, the Rice Rec Center’s Owl Pump class, Rice Coffeehouse, or chillin’ in the Lovett Commons. Despite her busy schedule, Hannah is the type of friend that will always be there when you need her and even when you don’t. Just know you are in luck because you have one of the best PAA's and people at Rice looking out for you no matter what. Disclaimer: If she sneezes once, hold the “bless you” because there are 4 more coming right after.

-Nimisha Krishnaswamy ('Vett '21), Shade’ Flavien (Baker '21) and Anushi Singhal (Martel '21)
Dear New Student,

Thanks for reading and allowing us to share a bit of our love for Lovett with y'all. We hope you gained insight into Lovett and our theme for O-Week. Embrace vulnerability and growth. Rejoice in the fact that an entire community of Lovetteers, current and past, is supporting your every move. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We hope this book helped ease some of your fears about coming to Rice and that you are as excited as we are for you to start this new journey!!! See you in August!

With loaves of love,

Aayushi, Ben, and Lillie