### INFORMATION SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

#### ACADEMIC ADVISING
Learn about the unique advising system at Rice, academic rules and regulations, and academic resources. Presented by Aliya Bhimani, Director of Academic Advising, Peer Academic Advisors will be available for individual questions in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center.

#### ARCHITECTURE
Orientation to the Undergraduate Architecture Program with Q&A with Sarah Whiting, Dean and William Ward Watkin Professor of Architecture and Dr. Christopher Hight, Director of Undergraduate Studies & Associate Professor, School of Architecture.

#### CAREER DEVELOPMENT
Nicole Van Den Huevel, Director and Jessica Campbell, Associate Director will share resources for exploring post graduate options and employment opportunities, including externships and summer internships.

#### STUDENT WELLBEING & COUNSELING
Presentation and Q&A about the mental health and wellbeing resources available at Rice University.

#### ENGINEERING
Presentation by Dean Ned Thomas, Brown School of Engineering: “The 3 Ships: Leadership, Internship and Entrepreneurship in the School of Engineering.”

#### HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Learn about the preparatory pathway to the health professions, including medical, dental, and other health related professions. Presentation by Brad Blunt, Assistant Director of Academic Advising and Laura Kirkland, Assistant Director of Academic Advising, with Q&A.

#### STUDY ABROAD
Study abroad strives to provide substantial, transformational experiences within each undergraduate’s personal curriculum through intellectually rigorous and culturally enriching international opportunities. Learn about study abroad in this session presented by Beata Loch, Director of Study Abroad Office, and Yahaira Verdejo, Study Abroad Advisor.

#### MUSIC
Presentations by Gary Smith, Associate Dean of the Shepherd School of Music and Geoffreay Scott, Director of Music Admissions, with Q&A.

#### RELIGIOUS LIFE ON CAMPUS
Rice University’s campus ministers welcome families to explore clubs related to religious life, spirituality and interfaith engagement.

#### UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL AID
Paul Negrete, Sr. Assistant Director of Financial Aid will provide a brief overview of the need-based financial aid award process at Rice University.

#### EVALUATION QR CODE
QR Code Readers are available for FREE download via Apple or Adroid Apps. Once the application has downloaded:
1. Open the QR Code reader on your phone.
2. Hold your device over a QR Code so that it’s clearly visible within your smartphone’s screen.
3. The phone automatically scans the code and takes you to the survey. If necessary, press the button.

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**NEW FAMILIES ORIENTATION**

Welcome to Rice University!

You are now part of the extended Rice family, and we hope you will take advantage of all that New Families Orientation has to offer. These special events will introduce you to life at Rice and answer your many questions.

**Save the Date for Families Weekend**

For more information, visit www.rice.edu/famweek or call 713-348-6094.
New Students Move Into Colleges

Masters’ Reception
All college masters will be holding a reception while students move in. Stop by to meet your student’s masters, ask questions, and mingle. Location vary throughout the college. Please ask our O-Week Advisors to direct you.

Lunch in the Colleges
Families and students eat lunch in the commons of each student’s college.

Formal Goodbye Between Families and Students
After this point, students will officially begin their orientation and New Families Orientation begins.

Introduction to College Life
Families will meet with a panel comprised of college masters, resident associates, college coordinators and student leadership while students are with their advisors. Located in the your respective college commons.

Shuttles to Tudor Fieldhouse are Available
A Rice Welcome
Join other families in Tudor Fieldhouse for an official welcome by:
- David Leebron, President of Rice University
- Dr. John Hutchinson, Dean of Undergraduates
- Seth Berggren, McMurtry College (’17)
- Solji Jung, Hanszen (’17)
- Tommy Huie, Hanszen (’87)
  Parent of Andrew and Will, Sid Richardson (’16 & ’20)

Music heard while entering Tudor Fieldhouse is from past Shepherd School Orchestra performances. Families will be escorted from Tudor Fieldhouse to the Rice Memorial Center/Ley Student Center for beverages and valuable information.

Conversation Corner
Do you have questions that only a veteran Rice parent can answer? Parents and family members are invited to Sammy’s (next to the Grand Hall in the RMC) to chat with fellow Rice parents while you enjoy refreshments prepared by our residential college chefs. The chefs will also be available to answer questions about Rice’s dining services, including support for your students’ dining needs. The Conversation Corner is sponsored by Development and Alumni Relations and Housing & Dining.

Information Tables
Visit representatives from the various offices listed below in the Grand Hall of the Rice Memorial Center:
- Academic Advising
- Annual Fund
- Athletics
- Bookstore
- Career Development
- Disability Support Services
- Emergency Medical Services
- Financial Aid
- Fondren Library
- Housing and Dining
- Humanities
- Information Technology
- International Students & Scholars
- Joint Campus Ministers
- Master of Global Affairs
- Natural Sciences
- Parent Leadership Council
- Parking & Transportation
- Registrar
- Social Sciences
- Sport Management
- Student Association
- Student Success Initiatives
- Student Payroll
- Study Abroad
- University Laundry
- University Police
- Wellbeing and Counseling

Information Sessions
Please see the table below for the locations and times of information sessions that covers various aspects of life at Rice.

Evaluation and Notecards
Please take a moment to fill out the NFO evaluation via the QR Code provided on the back of this program. Write a note to your new student on the message card included in your folder. Notecards should be dropped off in the Grand Hall Lobby. Families who complete an evaluation will receive a gift to show your Rice Parent Pride provided by the Rice Annual Fund.

Families Depart
Thank you for joining us today. We hope you had a great experience and will have a safe journey home.