New Graduate Student Orientation
Welcome to Rice!

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Graduate Student Association (GSA)

• What is the GSA?
  Represents the common needs and interests of graduate students to the administration

• Who makes up the GSA?
  – You!
  – Elected officers
  – Departmental representatives

• What does the GSA do?
  – Variety of social events
  – Funds club events and initiatives
  – Professional development
Annual Social Events

- Picnics
- Crawfish Boil
- Beer Bike
- Halloween Party
- Sausage Fest
- Ice Cream Social
- GICN
- Coffee Breaks
- And More!
Orientation Events

TODAY

• Information Panels
  – RMC, 1:30-3:30pm

• Coffee Break
  – Captains’ Graduate Lounge
  – 1:00-5:00pm
  – Coffee and Snacks!

• Activities Fair & Picnic
  – Valhalla (east side of Keck Hall), 5-7pm
  – Food, drinks, t-shirts, get involved!
Orientation Events

TOMORROW

• President’s Welcome BBQ
  – President’s House at 6:00pm
  – Meet up at Valhalla at 5:45 to walk over together
Stay in the know

• GSA Google Calendar
  – Stay up to date on GSA and GPS Events
• Weekly Announcements
  – Be sure to browse through them each week!
• Facebook (facebook.com/RiceGSA)
• Twitter (@RiceGSA)
The Graduate Student Association (GSA) comprises degree-seeking graduate students at Rice University. The GSA mission is to enrich the graduate student experience and to represent, support, and promote graduate student interests and values. An integral and essential part of the Rice community, the GSA provides programs and services aiding in recruitment and retention of graduate students, represents graduate student interests to the University administration, and builds a strong sense of community both on and off campus.

GSA President: Anjali Dumarrack
How to get involved

• Join a GSA committee
• Play IM sports
• Department rep
• Become an officer
• Participate!

More info at panels and activities fair!

gsa.rice.edu
• esther.rice.edu
• Explore the site
  – Register for class
  – Pay bills
  – Class evaluations
  – W4 and W2 forms
  – Emergency info
  – Transcripts
ID Cards

- Obtain at RUPD
- Need student number and a picture ID
# Dining Options on Campus

## Retail Dining
- Student Run Business
- Campus Events Services
- Droubi's
- FastBreak
- Kosher Halal Dining
- Juice Girl
- Mobile Dining Options
- RechargeU
- Rice Farmers Market
- Salento at the Brochstein Pavilion
- Whoo Deli
- Valhalla
- Vending Services

## Options
- **Commercial and student run businesses**
- **Food Trucks**
  - BRC at lunch
  - Mudd Loop at dinner
- **Microwaves**
  - RMC
  - Valhalla
  - Many offices & departments

[dining.rice.edu](dining.rice.edu)
Dining Locations
Graduate Student Meal Plan

- 25, 50 and 85 lunches per semester
- Lunch costs $6.90
- May choose one of the 5 assigned serveries
- Open 11:30am-1pm for lunch
- Contact gsa@rice.edu for more info
- Visit the website for more info or to signup http://dining.rice.edu/gradmealplan
- New option: dining at the Cohen House
Student Center/RMC

- Meeting rooms and event space
- Eating options
  - Food court: Pizza, Tacos, Hamburgers
  - Droubi’s
  - ReCharge-U
  - Ambassador Café
  - Willy’s Pub
  - Rice Coffeehouse
- Rice Bookstore
- Captain Grad Student Lounge
  - Variety of events held here
  - Flat-screen TV with HD cable and DVD player
Campus Parking

• Parking Office
  – Located in Central Parking Garage
  – Jones School Building basement

• Parking lots for graduate students
  – North annex commuter lot
  – BRC graduate lot
  – Central Garage
  – West commuter lot
  – Greenbriar Night Owls commuter lot
  – South Stadium Graduate Lot

• parking.rice.edu
Rice Shuttle Services

• Free shuttle services offered for these routes
  – BRC and Texas Medical Center
  – Inner Loop
  – Rice Graduate Apartments
  – Greenbriar and RVA
  – Rice Village (Friday nights)
  – Graduate Shopping Shuttle

Real time tracking at bus.rice.edu
Loan Closet

• Located in the Rice Graduate Apartments
• $25 registration fee
  – Annual renewal, decreases $5 each year
• Cookware, bed linens, bookcases, lamps, kitchen appliances, irons, dishes, etc.

Graduate Loan Closet
A project of the Faculty Women’s Club for all Rice graduate students

Hours of opening
If you have an hour or two to spare, we could use your help in the Loan Closet. Sometimes we need more muscle than we have or some extra organizers. Contact Mrs. Margrave to volunteer.

The Loan Closet will be open on the following days from 3-5 PM unless hours otherwise indicated.

Tuesday, August 20
Friday, August 23
Wednesday, August 28

gradloancoset.blogs.rice.edu
Recreation and Wellness Center

• Facilities
  – Cardio equipment
  – Weights
  – Multi-purpose courts
  – Swimming pools
  – Free fitness classes

• Membership Fees
  – $120/year
  – Payroll deduction available
  – Semester or annual
  – May add a domestic partner

• recreation.rice.edu
Health Insurance

• All students are required to have health insurance
• Information available on the website
• See FAQ sheet in packet for contact information
• Rice Health Center- included mandatory student fees!

http://studenthealthinsurance.rice.edu
Rice Health Center

- On-campus doctors
- First stop for any minor health problems and referrals
- Location: By Entrance 27 on Sunset Blvd, next to Brown College Master's House
- Working Hours: Fall and Spring hours: Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

http://health.rice.edu
Campus Safety

- Rice University Police Department (RUPD)
  - Located near entrance 8.
  - Phone number: 713-348-6000
  - ID cards
  - Bike registration

- Night Escort
  - RUPD provides the night escort service on request

- Blue light phones
  - Emergency phones at several locations on campus
  - Directly calls RUPD to the location