

## Martel College: The Best College. Ever.



Welcome to Martel College and H<sub>2</sub>O-Week! This book will serve as your introduction and guide to both Martel and its unique Orientation Week (O-Week). It's written by students for incoming students, so know that everything written here comes from our own *pools* of experiences. A 60-page book can't possibly cover everything Martel, but after H<sub>2</sub>O-Week we believe you'll be ready to make a *splash* both here and at Rice.

As our opportune puns suggest, the theme for Martel's O-Week this August will be water and everything it comes with. The full tagline for our theme is H<sub>2</sub>O-Week: Get Your Feet Wet. The three of us selected this theme because of how elegantly it embodies the goals of O-Week at Rice. If you think of Rice as a swimming pool, then O-Week is in many ways the action of getting your feet wet. During the week you will be in-

troduced to Rice academics, students, and traditions. While this may sound daunting at first, rest assured that O-Week is also considered by many to be the most exciting and memorable week of their lives. And Martel's O-Week team will be something like the lifeguards who ensure that this action-packed week goes *swimmingly*.

Our vision is for you to develop and pursue a true passion throughout your years at Rice. We and our Advising team hope to make Martel, Rice, and Houston accessible to you and to encourage you to take the initiative to make these dreams happen. So consider O-Week a time for testing the waters. Once you realize how refreshing they are, you'll be ready to dive in!

Martel is known across campus as a highly inclusive, connected family of students and adults. When you

walk into the Commons, it's not at all unusual to find students of various years sitting together, talking. And the connections between Martelians of the same class are stronger than ever. As Coordinators, we hope to perpetuate this tradition of closeness at Martel. So you can expect some serious *hydrogen bonding* during H<sub>2</sub>O-Week and beyond.

As you read through this book, try not to worry about memorizing every detail. You won't be tested on this information when you arrive; we just want to provide you with a taste of Martel College. O-Week is dedicated to making sure that you know everything you need. For now, just heed the wise words of Dory from *Finding Nemo*: "Just keep swimming; just keep swimming; just keep swimming, swimming swimming." And try to get some sleep before you arrive, too!

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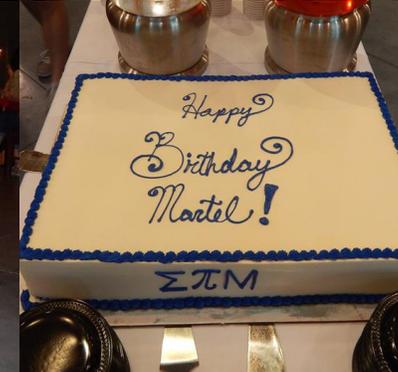
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O-Week is your one-of-a-kind introduction to all things Rice and Martel. By the end of the week, you will be prepared for every facet of your Rice experience, academic and social.



# ORIENTATION WEEK



## What is O-Week?

**W**hen you finally get on campus this August, look to your left and then look to your right. These are the people who are going to make sure you graduate. If there's one thing Rice doesn't take chances with, it's making sure you have a community that will help you prosper. Plenty of other schools offer an orientation program, but only Rice has O-Week. Orientation Week (O-Week) is your first formal introduction to Rice University and Martel College.

O-Week is designed to be 50% fun and 50% academic. This means that the week includes a wide range of events and activities. You will hear speeches from the President and faculty members, see presentations from various departments, and learn all the ins and outs of general college life. Because Rice is no ordinary university, getting an introduction to all the quirks and institutional secrets will take a full week, but don't wor-

ry. We'll be there to make sure you have a great time, too!

This transitional week is packed with everything from physically moving in on the first day, to class registration, to icebreakers, to late night food runs, to impossibly ridiculous activities, and to traditional festivities. In fact, many Rice alumni still cite Orientation Week as the highlight of their Rice experience. This is not to say that O-Week is the best that Rice has to offer, but it most definitely sets the tone for your collegiate experience. To many, O-Week is like an additional birthday in August, for there are so many dedicated upperclassmen Advisors giving up weeks of their summer to come back early and show you the ropes of Rice. You don't know them yet, but they know you, and if Rice does anything right, it's our culture of caring for one another, especially our new students.

You might be surprised to learn that there is a support system beyond these

phenomenal Advisors anxiously awaiting your arrival, including the Masters, Resident Associates, College Coordinator, President, Chief Justice, Associates, Peer Academic Advisors, Diversity Facilitators, and us, your O-Week Coordinators. We have been working for the last seven months to watch and help you join this huge Martel family. This book will provide you with a quasi Martel family tree.

The goal of O-Week is to thoroughly acclimate you to college life, both socially and academically. While you might not have all the answers immediately, the structure of O-Week allows for each student to have at least four 'go-to' people before classes even start. O-Week is about making the goodbyes easier, and your beginnings at Rice and Martel that much smoother.

Welcome to Martel H<sub>2</sub>O-Week!

## What is O-Week to You?

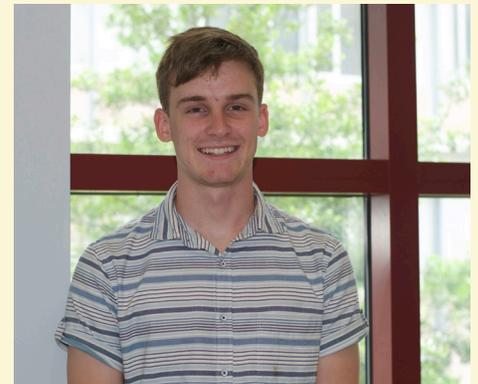


### Thresa Skeslien-Jenkins Sophomore

Being able to meet my first friends in my O-Week group, get my first piece of academic advice from PAAs, develop bonds with my first mentors (from Advisors to Coordinators to Associates) and do some of the craziest things with my new college helped me settle into a new home. Rice's Orientation Week is crazy, it's busy, it's exciting, but most of all it helps new students to find their place and be comfortable in this new, diverse environment.'

### Jeremy Dowell Senior

To me, O-Week was the first time that I truly experienced Rice. By the time school starts you already have a group of friends, and you already understand Rice's culture. O-Week is about functioning on your own, but also being given a support system so that you are not alone. I came to Rice and was given advice on what classes to register for, but the final decision was mine. I learned about myself while I learned about Rice and about all the other students.'



### Anna Lopez Sophomore

O-Week was one of the most important events of my freshman year. There is no way to accurately describe what it feels like when you pull up to your new home with people chanting your name and welcoming you to the best college ever. It is a time when your friends become family and all of your fears about your first year of college disappear.

### Lavan Rajan Junior

O-Week is so much more than just a simple orientation into college. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that allows new students to transition into Rice and Martel in the most enjoyable, memorable way possible. Through O-Week, I was able to step out of my bubble, forge lasting friendships, and make memories that will remain with me throughout my time at Rice.



## What to Bring

### Ten Things to Bring in Your Suitcase

1. **Clothing:** students tend to dress pretty casually on campus. However, it's always nice to have a few fancier outfits for Martel- and Rice-wide events. Otherwise, shorts will be your best friend.
2. **A few clothing items you won't miss:** thanks to the Houston heat, you may sweat through heavier clothes.
3. **A phone:** always helpful for communicating with your fellow Martelians.
4. **A computer:** many Rice students take notes on their computers.
5. **Your roommate's phone number:** make sure to contact your roommates and suitemates so you can coordinate what to bring.
6. **Copies of important documents** (e.g. birth certificate): so your family won't have to send them later.
7. **Family pictures:** including pet pictures.
8. **Personal trinkets:** also to help remember home.
9. **Some money:** for emergencies and off-campus dinners.
10. **This book:** it's always fun to look back!

### Ten Things to Pick Up in Houston

1. **School supplies:** basic supplies like pencils, pens, notebooks, and more can all be bought at Target down the street to which Rice provides free shuttles!
2. **Desk Items:** an alarm clock, desk lamp, backpack, and extension cord.
3. **Bed linens:** a pillow, XL twin sheets bedding, and a comforter or blanket.
4. **Laundry Items:** laundry basket or bag, high-efficiency detergent, and dryer sheets.
5. **Toiletries:** of particular import in hot, hot Houston is deodorant.
6. **Bathroom towels:** uniquely colored towels are helpful when you live with other people.
7. **Houston Specific Items:** rain-boots, umbrella, bug spray. This is not a joke.
8. **Plates and utensils:** for those late nights.
9. **Bicycle:** mobility is key, especially if you're visiting the stadium or the Shepherd School of Music.
10. **Extra room furniture:** All Martel suites have common rooms, so some furniture always helps!

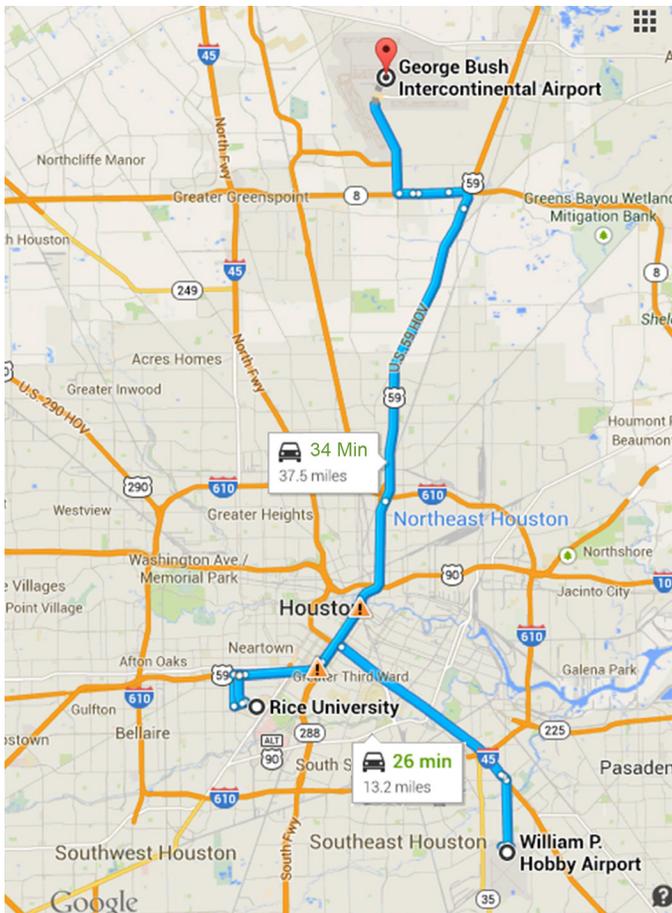
### Ten Things Martel Has for You:

1. **Washers and dryers:** free and easy to use; just bring your own detergent and dryer sheets!
2. **Vacuums:** one on each floor, meaning they're available when you need them.
3. **Light bulbs**
4. **Trashcans:** one for each suite's common room and one in each bedroom.
5. **Refrigerators, ovens, and microwaves:** Martel's kitchens are fully equipped!
6. **TVs:** We have a large TV room, as well as a game room!
7. **Movies:** a rather solid movie collection.
8. **Desks, wardrobes, and drawers:** not only are our rooms huge, but they're also somewhat furnished.
9. **Piano:** our rotunda features a wonderful grand piano that all students are welcome to play.
10. **Advisors to help you move all of the aforementioned items (minus the piano)**

## Getting to Rice

### Flying to Houston

Houston is the home of two major airports: George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) and Houston Hobby (HOU). Hobby is much closer to campus, but IAH serves most airlines, so if you're flying, you're probably coming in through IAH. To get to campus, you can get a taxi (around \$50-\$80); Super Shuttle provides a cheaper shuttle service to campus (around \$30). You need to make a Super Shuttle reservation online in advance. Use the code "owls" to get a discount!



### Getting to Martel

Rice has a number of entrances; Martel is located at the top of campus at:

**99 Sunset Blvd.  
Houston TX 77005**

You'll want to enter Rice at:

**Entrance 23**

### Hotels

If your family would like to stay around Houston for a bit before or after they drop you off at Martel, the Texas Medical Center is conveniently across the street from Rice and boasts a variety of lodgings a short walking distance from campus. Here are just a few:

Marriott – Houston Medical Center  
6850 Fannin St.  
713-796-0080  
[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

Holiday Inn (Medical Center)  
6800 Main St.  
713-528-7744  
[www.holidayinn.com](http://www.holidayinn.com)

Resident Inn Houston Medical Center/Reliant  
Park  
7710 South Main St.  
713-660-7993  
[www.residenceinn.com](http://www.residenceinn.com)

Hilton Houston Plaza/Medical Center  
6633 Travis St.  
713-313-4000  
[www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)

Best Western Plaza Hotel & Suites at Medical  
Center  
6700 South Main St.  
713-522-2811  
[www.bestwesterntexas.com](http://www.bestwesterntexas.com)

La Quinta Inn – Houston Reliant Medical  
Center  
9911 Buffalo Speedway  
713-668-8082  
[www.lq.com](http://www.lq.com)

Days Inn Downtown – Medical Center  
4640 Main St.  
713-523-3777  
[www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com)

Hotel ZaZa  
5701 Main St.  
713-526-1991  
[www.hotelzaza.com](http://www.hotelzaza.com)



Hotel Zaza



## What is a Coordinator?

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**B**efore, during, and after O-Week, you will get to know and interact with a number of students and adults who will assist you throughout your transition to Rice. Many such individuals have put in a great deal of extra time to ensure that your experience at the University is both memorable and successful. Among these students, three act as the foundation upon which O-Week is built. Each college has three O-Week Coordinators, chosen to oversee the preparation and execution of O-Week for their college as well as collaborating with other colleges on larger events. These three Coordinators, selected in January, have spent the last seven months, including their summers in Houston, planning your first week at Rice. From choosing the theme, to interviewing and selecting the Advising team, to rooming New Students, and writing these such O-Week books, all 33 Coordinators on campus have dedicated unquantifiable effort for you, the Matriculating Class of 2016.

## Coordinator



**Favorite Martel tradition:** Oktoberfest

**Favorite Martel location:** quad (join us any time for soccer!)

**Three things to save from a flood:** my Arsenal jersey, eye contacts, and my dog, Pop

**Aquatic spirit animal:** (Harry) the platypus

Wow. I can't believe it. Out of 11 possible colleges, you got put in Martel. I feel really sorry...for all your friends who didn't get Martel! Congratulations on being put in the undeniably best college on campus!

You've had to tell us a lot about yourself over the past few weeks, so it'd only be fair if we did the same. I was born in the North of the U.S. in Ohio but raised in Louisiana, although it may be hard to tell from my refusal to say the word y'all. I come from a little town in the center of the state called Alexandria or A-town and, little known fact, my city has its own song (look it up). Growing up, there wasn't much diversity in my school or city, so coming to Rice was definitely a shock. Back in high school, students had to act a certain way in order to fit in, and I am happy to say that you are free to be yourself at Rice. Here I'm free to show my love of the beautiful game (soccer) and support the best team in the league (Arsenal).

I'll be a senior this year, so make sure to introduce yourself before I graduate! I'm a psychology major hoping to one day attend medical school, but in the meantime I spend my time building houses with Habitat for Humanity, taking care of students as Head Caregiver, or mentoring students on Sunday nights. We're always in need of students to help with house builds, so let me know if you would like to help with Habitat for Humanity! Even if none of these clubs piques your interest, three years at Rice have exposed me to many of the clubs on campus, so just ask and I should be able to point you to something you may enjoy.

At Martel, you can usually find me playing soccer in the quad or in my room laying a beatdown in Smash or Showdown. Regardless of what the other Coordinators say, just know that I am the unofficial and official champion of Pokemon Showdown. Feel free to ask me anything from how to play FIFA to best places to eat around Chinatown.

Congratulations again on being one of the lucky students to join our College. We hope that if you get anything out of this book, it is that you understand Martel is more than a residential college. We are a family, and we welcome you into our pod.

Best,  
Harry Liu

## Coordinator

First things first: breathe. You've made it into Rice! This alone is an incredibly monumental task. The stress—of picking a university, of being placed into a residential college, of finding out your roommates—is all over. And I may add that you are one lucky person to have made it into Martel.

I'm originally from the wonderful state of New Jersey. At age 12, I earned 4th place in the statewide Pokémon Trading Card Game tournament (I have a Blastoise trophy if you don't believe me), and my parents decided that our small town of Bernardsville did not have the resources necessary to train a budding PokéMaster forever. Only a few years later, I arrived at Martel, a residential college known (at least in part) for its competitive Pokémon Showdown battling circle. Needless to say I now dominate this league—just ask Harry and Elliot.

These days I have more or less retired from my illustrious Pokémon career and instead have turned to pursuing a degree in chemistry with a minor in biochemistry & cell biology. I am also a pre-med. These fields are my second favorite topic to discuss (behind O-Week, of course), so come find me if this stuff interests you!

In addition to serving as an O-Week Coordinator, I am one of the three Head Peer Academic Advisors at Martel, as well as our general and organic chemistry mentor. Outside of Martel, I helped establish and volunteer at Rice's Queer Resource Center, which is a brand new group located in the Student Center for LGBT+ students, as well as Allies. I'm spending my summer teaching 8th grade chemistry at Breakthrough Houston. In my free time you'll often find me playing Martel's beautiful grand piano, avoiding the Recreation Center, and exploring Houston's fine dining options, namely Chipotle and Five Guys.

On behalf of all Martelians, I would like to welcome you to the most inclusive, most friendly, most supportive, beautiful, loving, and fun community at Rice. Martel is truly a special place. This I'm sure is due to all of the connections you'll find here. I am so excited to meet each and every one of you during H<sub>2</sub>O-Week and to watch your class begin to covalently bond (sorry, had to)—not only with each other, but also with the rest of our incredible family.

Truly,  
Andrew Supron



**Favorite Martel tradition:** Maptek!

**Favorite Martel location:** the rotunda

**Three things to save from a flood:** my piano (I'm strong, I promise), Kevin (my dog), and my collection of books

**Aquatic spirit animal:** barracuda

## Coordinator



Welcome New Students!

I'm Elliot Baerman, and I'm so excited to welcome you into the Martel Family! Congratulations on being placed into the best residential college at Rice.

Here are a few things about myself. I am originally from Knoxville, Tennessee and went to the same school from kindergarten through senior year. Being the new kid was a completely foreign experience for me when I came to Rice, but the help my Rice and Martel family gave me made the transition SO much better. I am truly indebted to them, and they are one of the biggest reasons I decided to Coordinate. I absolutely LOVE elephants. Half of my wardrobe is dedicated to elephant shirts, and my room is mostly decorated with elephant posters. Did you know elephants can swim using their trunks as snorkels!? I have one sister who went to Parsons in New York City and majored in Strategic Design and Management. The other half of my wardrobe not dedicated to elephants was most likely picked out by her. I also love dogs. At home, I have a beagle named Tucker and a Shih Tzu named Chanel whom I miss very much when I'm away (luckily P. Sheamus, Ben and Taylor's dog, helps to fill the void). While I can't watch every game, I love Chicago sports teams as my entire family originates from South Chicago. Whether it's the Blackhawks, Bulls, Bears, or White Sox, I love to watch their games.

I am about to enter my junior year, majoring in biochemistry and cell biology. My freshman year, I ran on the varsity cross country and track team, but now I run non-competitively. I regularly run on the outer loop and around Houston. To exercise the mind, I enjoy playing chess. Additionally, I was part of the Rice Honor Council this year as Martel's Representative. Since my freshman year, I have worked in a synthetic biology lab at the Biological Research Collaborative. Come talk to me if you have any interest in research! There are tons of opportunities at Rice and around Houston.

Martel is so much more than just a dormitory. It's a community to support you through thick and thin during your time at Rice. The Martel community is unlike any I have ever encountered in my life, one that actively cares for one another, coming to each other's aid when needed, and celebrating our successes when things are going well. You will make memories and friends that will last for a lifetime. An abundance of opportunities exists at Martel, Rice, and the Houston area for you to find your passions. For now, relax and enjoy your summer because you earned it! We'll explain everything and introduce you to all the resources to help you along the way during O-Week. I can't wait to meet you! Get excited!

MBYM,  
Elliot

**ELLIOT  
BAERMAN**

**Favorite Martel tradition: Beeeer Biiiiike!**

**Favorite Martel location: sundeck**

**Three things to save from a flood: my running shoes, Tucker (my dog), and Chanel (my other dog)**

**Aquatic spirit animal: dolphin (Harry and Andrew told me that an elephant using his trunk as a snorkel wouldn't count)**

On your first day of O-Week, you will meet many, many new people. However, you will be spending the majority of your time with your O-Week Group. Within Martel, there will be 12 O-Week groups with 7-8 new students each. These groups are led by four upperclassmen students: three from Martel, and one from a different college across campus. You can consider your O-Week group your family-within-a-family. In fact, many of our strongest friendships (and marriages, ask Ben and Taylor!) have sprung from O-Week groups!

# What is an O-Week Group?

## What are Advisors & Co-Advisors?

Every O-Week group is assigned two or three Advisors, student leaders from Martel, who lead the group in activities and bonding. Advisors are upperclassmen (that is sophomores, juniors, or seniors), who enjoyed O-Week at Martel so much that they've decided to try it again! On Move-In Day, they will be poised and ready to greet you happily and loudly at your car, and will even help

you get situated into your room. A word of warning: your Advisors know more about you than you may expect! They have been thoroughly briefed on your name, hobbies, favorite foods, and other details, so don't get too freaked out by the extent of their knowledge. But most importantly, you should remember that your Advisors are truly doing this for you. No matter who you are or where you've come from, your Advisors will support

you at Martel and at Rice.

Co-Advisors, like Advisors, are some of the most amazing upper-classmen on campus. Each O-Week group will have one Co-Advisor too. But there's a twist! Co-Advisors are not, in fact, from Martel, but come from any of the other ten colleges. Our 12 Co-Advisors represent eight different residential colleges on campus! Feel free to approach any of them and ask about their colleges' culture, traditions, quirks, and parties. While it's easy to fall in love with Martel, there's also a whole campus for you to explore outside our Sallyport!

Together, Advisors and Co-Advisors lead the O-Week groups, often with the help of an Affiliate. Below you'll find information about each Martel O-Week group!

In addition to Coordinators, Advisors, and Co-Advisors, H<sub>2</sub>O-Week is fortunate enough to have a number of Affiliates, who serve unique and specific roles during the week. These individuals were chosen either by the Coordinators, or by the specific departments which they represent. Many Affiliates also serve as Advisors for their teams, in addition to their college-wide role. This O-Week, Martel's Affiliate team consists of O-Week Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs), who lead academic planning sessions; a PAA specifically for athletes; Diversity Facilitators, who lead discussions on campus diversity and inclusion; a Rice

Health Advisor, who promotes health and wellbeing at Martel throughout the week and beyond; a Photographer who documents the amazing week; a Videographer who records it; and "Dolphins" who assist the Coordinators during the week.

## What is an Affiliate?

# HOT DRINKS BLEND



**John Williams**  
Senior

John Williams is a famous composer that wrote the score to *Jaws*, *Jurassic Park*, *Indiana Jones*, *ET*, *Harry Potter*, and, of course, *Star Wars*. This John Williams is not at all related to that guy.

This John Williams is a senior mechanical engineer with a minor in math. Outside of the classroom you can find John on the IM fields playing every kind of sport imaginable. With his 6'3" frame and the hops of Zach Randolph, it's no wonder he became the captain of the Rice club basketball team. In high school, John was the quarterback of his football team, and he has a sick mix-tape (move over, John Wall) somewhere in the depths of YouTube. He has since retired from football and has moved into a coaching role on the Martel powder-puff team. In the last two years he has coached the team to the championship game twice. As a Portland native he desired to start a craft brewery, but when that didn't work out he did the next best thing and became the General Manager of Willy's Pub on campus. He is spending the summer in Japan researching in a lab, but if that doesn't pan out he plans on exploring the country.



**Cindy Ryoo**  
Sophomore

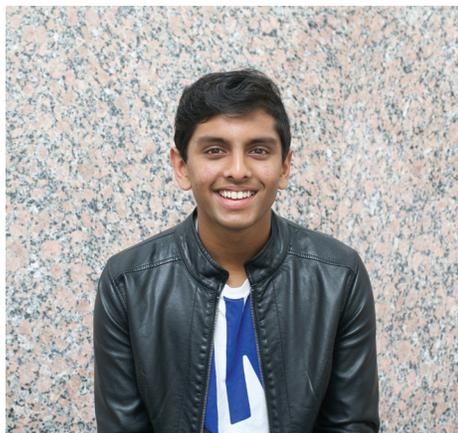
Cindy is hard to miss—if it's not her loud cackling she calls 'laughter,' it's her colorfully dyed hair that will catch your attention. She loves to smile and laugh, despite the constantly confused look on her face. This Korean-American was raised in Southern California and takes huge pride in both her Korean and Cali culture. Food is the center of the universe for Cindy and it's no joke that she loves all types of foods and is always ready to try a new cuisine. If there's free food at an event, she's there. Cindy has a passion for helping people and is always willing to lend a hand, if you are willing to approach her (she's a bit shy so you'll have to say, "Hi" first). Despite being a studio art major, she wants to eventually become a math teacher. If you're around her for long enough, you'll start to pick up on one of her many catchphrases. You'll even hear her say phrases in Spanish, courtesy of her two closest friends, who happen to be Hispanic. She loves listening to music, so chances are she'll have her headphones in whenever you run into her. She also loves: animals, ceramics, the smell of bread, coloring, baking, Netflix, blankets, cleanliness, free things, and finally, more food.



**Ali Edelson**  
Senior (Brown)

Have you ever wondered what a Five Guys veggie sandwich might taste like? No? But this girl has! Don't worry, though, she doesn't usually make such bad decisions. Her name is Alexandria Elizabeth Poppy Rachel Young Mallin Edelson, but you can call her Ali. Ali is a first-rate, fourth-year architecture student from Brown College. She may spend a good amount of time in studio, but she can always find time for an O-Week lunch or a late night macaron. You can court this calm yogi with cats, contemporary art, or coffee. Ali is fabulous enough to have partied with Jay Z and Beyonce on New Year's Eve last year. That speaks for itself if you weren't yet convinced that you really lucked out with Ali as an Advisor. Ask her about classes, how to have fun, and what it's like to be an Archi, and she will have answers for it all. Always down to catch up over brunch or show you the color-changing lights in her car, she's a great person to have on your team, an awesome Advisor, and an even better friend.

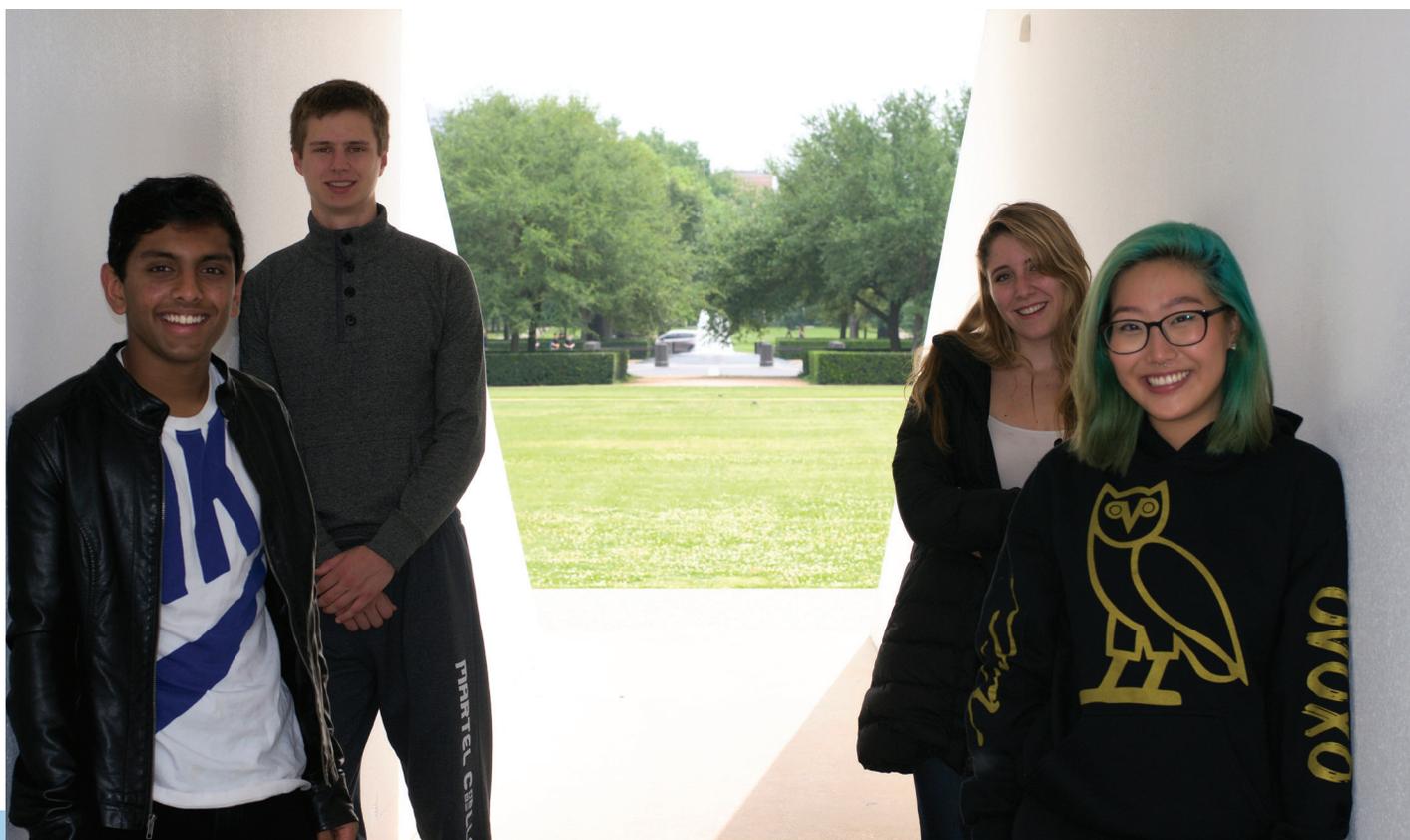
you used to call me on my shell phone



## Adrish Anand Sophomore (PAA)

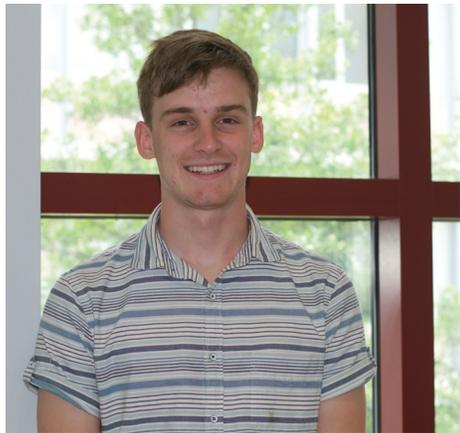
Adrish, what a man. Not! Because Adrish is what we at Martel call a unicorn. You'll never find other people like Adrish because they don't exist. Towering over the competition, Adrish is a staggering 5 feet 5 inches of pure fun. But don't think you can beat him at basketball, because his 3-foot vertical and amazing pace allow

him to soar like the Pegasus he is. Fun fact: Adrish loves Thai food and boba. This is the way to his heart. You're welcome. He is a Rice-Baylor scholar studying biochemistry, and I feel this needs to be in his bio because Adrish would never tell you about it. He is about as modest as a dog. Why is this bio all over the place? Because Adrish is all over the place, both mentally and physically. Not only does his mind jump from one thing to the next, but he is also incredibly fast. After growing up in Los Angeles, Adrish has been molded into one of the nicest and best friends a kid could ask for. I can't think of a better Advisor than he.



Advisors: John Williams and Cindy Ryoo  
Co-Advisor: Ali Edelson (Brown)  
Affiliate: Adrish Anand (PAA)

# THE OODFATHER



**Jeremy Dowell**  
Senior

One time he went to Russia and built a spaceship. Another time he interpretive danced and hula hooped his way to (almost) becoming Mr. Martel. His hoops don't lie, guys. And let's not forget about the time he took over Martel spaces by becoming our Vice President. Jeremy does it all and does it well. This senior mechanical engineering major also coaches Martel powderpuff, builds cool things like ballot boxes, and, not to mention, is a Martel Head Mentor. This means you're in luck: you get an in with the snack choices. Ask him to watch a movie with you, and he'll likely quote the entire script or tell you where every actor/actress is from, no big deal. Or ask him about Mason, TX, and he'll share with you his expertise on rocks and geology. Fun fact: he is the guy you want on your trivia team because he actually knows all things random and useless. Prepare yourself for the best combination of sass and charm in an advisor that is Jeremy Dowell.



**Austin Au-Yeung**  
Junior

Don't let Austin's cool exterior fool you. Beneath that lies one of the sassiest and smartest people I know. Prepare yourself for a conversation with him; you'll come away laughing so much you get a stitch. (This will probably be due to the latest story of Austin falling down. Seriously, he has dramatically fallen four times in the past semester.) As an electrical engineer, Austin will explain everything about transistors, capacitors, and circuits to you over a double iced caramel latte in Coffeehouse, his second home. He is undoubtedly more hip than the city of Austin, Texas. If you ask him, he will attribute his coolness to his glorious childhood in Walnut, California. At the end of the day, Austin is one of the most dependable, funny, and caring people at this university. You are in for sassy, but wonderful ride in O-Week!



**Stephanie Yang**  
Sophomore (Lovett)

Stephanie Yang, also known as Vice Alpha of her suite, is a girl of many talents. She's the queen of sleeping past her alarm, an expert egg cook, and a lover of partying to throwback music. When this computer science major was asked what she loves most in the world, she answered, without hesitation, 'ice cream, cheese, and cereal.' While her love for food may overshadow her love of everything else, all is good because she still has plenty of love to go around. Stephanie is always energetic, and if you ever need to recharge or pull an all-nighter, she'll be there for you. Take a look in the mirror. You're looking at one of the luckiest New Students at Martel College because you have Stephanie as your O-Week Co-Advisor. Prepare for an unforgettable week of laughs, fun, and smiles with this amazing girl.



## Muna Uzodike

### Sophomore (PAA)

This kinesiology (health sciences) major with a minor in African Studies (can I get a 'what, what?') is about to add a whole lot of color to your life. Hailing from the Woodlands, this Nigerian beauty is more than just a pretty face and voice. Even though ball (and Ste-

phen Curry) is life, she also kills it on the powderpuff field and on stage as Rice African Student Association's co-dance captain. Name anything and she'll master it within seconds, and I'm not just talking about sports. Besides being the queen of the gym that she is, she also speaks fluent French and is in the process of mastering Spanish. If she wasn't so kind, she could probably take over the world. But instead, she'll have to settle for stealing your heart. With just one encounter, you'll never want to know what the world is like without her. After all, you can't survive without the moon(a).



Advisors: Jeremy Dowell and Austin Au-Yeung  
 Co-Advisor: Stephanie Yang (Lovett)  
 Affiliate: Muna Uzodike (PAA)

# SHARKINA:



**Anna Kim**  
Senior

Anna is a ball of sunshine that is fueled by coffee and food. Born in Korea, Anna grew up in Singapore and has travelled all over the world. When she came to Houston, she was impressed with the great weather, the food, and the local fauna. (One time she saw a possum and hid in her room for a day!) Anna is a senior mechanical engineer with a minor in sass. As the Martel Prime Minister she is in charge of all Martel events and committees. When she isn't at Martel running the show, or at the Recreation Center running on a treadmill, she fixes bikes at Rice Bikes. Outside of Martel, Anna is the President of the Rice University Chapter of the Society of Women Engineers. She even finds the time to tutor students on Sunday nights as a Martel Mentor. (Just don't ask her how to pronounce cantaloupe.) As you can tell from this short bio, Anna is a pretty big deal, but beyond that she is a great friend, and she can't wait to meet all of the new students.



**Ashkan Rohani**  
Junior

This man, the real Prince of Persia, is a hardworking junior Chemical Engineer. He was born in Canada, but is a proud Houstonian at heart. He is an avid Rockets fan, and also a part-time bandwagon Warriors fan. Ashkan is an extreme athletic legend. He will flip for hours on the trampoline, and he is also a pro speed-longboarder. You will often see him playing soccer on the quad, scoring goals (or so he says). As captain of the Martel Men's soccer team, he's led us to a first-round elimination from the playoffs. He is also the only known basketball player to celebrate on more three-point attempts than he actually makes! Socially, Ashkan is a butterfly. He is one of the most genuine guys you will meet and is willing to have a real conversation with you. He is the one guy that puts a smile on everybody's face when he walks into the room, no matter what mood they're in.



**Carolina de Santiago**  
Sophomore (Duncan)

Karo? Coraline? Catalina? Actually, it's none of the above. Hailing from the growing town of El Paso, Texas, Miss Carolina De Santiago, or Caro for short, is the beautiful and budding bioengineer from Duncan College! Caro is the one person you can always count on, whenever, wherever, even in the middle of the night. With a heart as beautiful and as passionate as her personality, Caro will always take time to listen to you, even if it means listening to rants that may go on for hours upon hours. Not only does she have an extraordinary personality, Caro also has a brilliant mind, always able to keep up and excel in her rigorous studies, even finding time to help other fellow students as well! With all of this, Caro balances a late-night job at the Hoot and still finds time to rock out at local concerts and make art for others in her spare time. With an Advisor like Caro, you dolphintely won't ever be disappointed and will shore-ly have the best H<sub>2</sub>O-Week and the best next four years of your life here at Rice.

# fins don't lie



## Thresa Skeslien-Jenkins Sophomore

Thresa Skeslien-Jenkins is awake by 6 a.m. every morning, because she's got a lot to do. Thresa is known for strongly encouraging you to volunteer for the outreach thing she's coordinating, letting you know exactly what cool talks are going on around campus, frequently eating

her dessert before her dinner, and being all around one of the kindest people on campus. She wears shorts and tank tops even in the middle of the harsh Houston winter, possibly because she's from the arctic tundra that is Montana, but more likely because of her warm heart. She's studying sociology, political science, and policy studies, so she pretty much knows about everything, and don't be surprised if she's ready to tell you about income inequality and the criminalization of poverty even though it's 8 a.m. and you haven't had any coffee yet. If there's any Advisor always ready to lend a hand, it's Thresa; and she's so excited to meet you!



Advisors: Anna Kim, Ashkan Rohani, and Thresa Skeslien-Jenkins  
Co-Advisor: Carolina de Santiago (Duncan)

# HARRU OTTER



**Johnnie Woodson**  
Senior

Hello Everyone! My name is Johnnie Maurice Woodson III, a fourth year biochemistry student aspiring to go into medicine. I've been called by all three of my names, and even JBoogie, so whichever you prefer I am open to. I was born in raised in Las Vegas. I've listened to practically every music genre out there from rap/hip-hop and rock to Disney soundtracks and acapella groups. So don't be surprised if you hear me singing "I'll Make a Man out of You" from Mulan in my room. I'd have to say my favorite artists are either Childish Gambino or Thirty Seconds to Mars. My all-time favorite show is Breaking Bad. I'm not going to lie I did shed a couple tears at that finale. When I'm not relaxing but still have free time, I enjoy going to the gym or running outdoors. If I had to eat only one food for the rest of my life, it would have to be applesauce, but specifically Mott's Applesauce. My favorite candies are nerds. Blake Lively is my celebrity crush. I love practically anything DC/Marvel. But enough about me. Welcome to Rice. I look forward to meeting you all in August. I'm a very laid-back person so please feel free to come talk to me about anything. If you like games, I'd love to beat you at Monopoly or Call of Duty. Or come to me for movie or TV advice if you don't know what to watch next. Hope you all have a wonderful O-Week and an unforgettable Rice experience. Best, Johnnie.



**Mandy Weaver**  
Junior

Mandy. Wandy. Wand. Wandith. Pringles. It appears that the forces are working in your favor, as you've been #blessed to be a part of Mandy Weaver's O-Week group, also known as the lady of literally hundreds of nicknames (seriously no one calls her by her real name at this point). This ecology and evolutionary biology stunna straight out of the city of brotherly love has a passion for not only tree cores, but also all things Quaker, the country of Peru, and flannels. This self-described 'granola superstar' can also keep you caffeinated 100% of the time as one of Coffeehouses's very own Catering Managers. Activities aside, Mandy is one of the most passionate and caring people at Rice. She's incredibly easy to talk to and her thoughtfulness and her dedication to all the people in her life will undoubtedly make her a fantastic Advisor.



**Dhruv Madhok**  
Junior (Duncan)

Dhruv loves his computer science. CS by day; CS by night; CS for life. You can always catch him coding his way into your heart, especially if your name is Carly Rae Jepsen. Seriously Carly, call him maybe. But beyond the princess of pop, Dhruv has a taste for the finer things in music and life. As your Advisor, he will probably try to convince you to listen to Kanye's (and Kendrick's) entire discography chronologically because that's the only way to do it. Pitchfork, move aside, go to this guy with all your 'hip' music needs. If you have difficulty remembering faces, you can probably recognize Dhruv by his blue North Face jacket and by the plate of half eaten food in his hand at any moment in time. He loves that jacket almost as much as he loves his new students. If you could write a for loop to measure how great of an Advisor/friend/overall cool guy Dhruv is, it would probably have a billion iterations and no end.

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## Abbi Gutierrez

### Senior (Photographer)

Who is that girl snapping pictures left and right? Only the greatest senior psychology and VADA (visual and dramatic arts) major at Martel (and all of Rice, let's be real). Introducing Abbi Gutierrez, deemed so hip and cool at birth that her parents decided she needed a specially spelt name.

She is easily one of the coolest people you will meet at Martel, and works tirelessly to make this place better all the time. Seriously, there is nothing she can't do. She represented the New Students in Parliament (Martel Government), served as head of our Service Committee, organizing volunteer events for Martelians, and coordinated an epic Martel Beer Bike, just to name a few things. Her photographs are so amazing that they were recently on display at Rice! Talk about talent. If Abbi Gutierrez is your Advisor, you are in for a ride. She is the most caring and friendly person I know, and she will make sure that your first year (and your entire time at Rice) will be amazing!



Advisors: Johnnie Woodson and Mandy Weaver  
 Co-Advisor: Dhruv Madhok (Duncan)  
 Affiliate: Abbi Gutierrez (Photographer)

# WATER



## Winifred Tung Senior

Winifred Tung (also fondly known as Fred' or 'Winnie'), is Winnie-the-Pooh in real life with her sweet heart and lovable humor. A proud California girl who will talk your ear off about boba, she's a biochemistry major questing for the pre-med life and a business minor as well. She knows what it means to be #STEM, but she's also wonderfully down-to-earth about it. She's the girl next door, who'll show up with a pot of spicy ramen if you're starving, and the friend who'll listen with heart and mind. Her distinct, warbling laugh is the best remedy around, as are her motherly back rubs. She's hard to miss when she traipses across campus wearing her famous light blue parka coat in 60 degree weather. And she started the global trend of melting American Kraft cheese in ramen (which she highly endorses, but it makes no sense whatsoever). She literally slays—SLAYS—like Beyoncé when she dolls up (#cutouts) or in whatever she throws on, even when she wears patterned sushi socks over leggings in Fondren. Flawless, ladies and gentlemen. But again, what's truly flawless is her heart. As a beautiful example of love and kindness, she's a friend for keeps.



## Lucas Bizzaro-Navarro Senior

Part time model, full time student, Lucas Alexander Bizzaro Navarro (yes, that's his full name) spends most of his time on the go. When this Spaniard is not having international Skype calls or jaunting off to Nicaragua on business trips for Engineers Without Borders, Lucas is an aspiring doctor studying Bio-engineering, who also enjoys organizing parties for Martel as a Social. Aside from his academic interests, he also enjoys playing Super Smash Bros, meeting everyone across campus, and eating all of your food. Seriously, is that box of cookies your mom brought you missing? Chances are, Lucas ate them. He's also an avid boxer, and trains in the art of Muay Thai three times a week! Despite being a demigod of a man, Lucas is actually extremely down-to-earth. This guy is always ready to give advice or offer his shoulder to cry on, even at four in the morning. Fluent in both Spanish and French, as well as a tutor in math, chemistry, and physics, Lucas will definitely have your back academically as well. Ask him to tell you about his motherland Spain or about his childhood in Manila because he has 1,001 stories to tell if you're willing to listen. Lucas is truly a great friend. So get psyched to have Lucas as your Advisor and get ready to have one heck of a good time!



## Yin Ng Junior (McMurtry)

How does Oregon native, Yin Ng like her eggs? Poached eggs served on a warm platter are the only way to this protein-powder fanatic. Do not let her small stature fool you: Yin benches and lifts (and probably deadlifts) more than you. For someone hailing from Oregon, Yin is never dressed in a scarf or a chunky sweater. Instead you'll find her in her workout clothes from corporate Lululemon. And she doesn't smell like a typical hipster burrowing for used clothes in the flea market; Yin Ng reeks of strong aromatic coffee beans. When she is not working her glutes, Yin is busy running Coffeehouse as a Catering Manager. After all, who is going to run around campus delivering 50 pounds of coffee beans and coffee carafes to sleep-starved students during Finals Week? So count your lucky stars, your fairy godmothers, your lucky 8-ball, because the best thing about Yin isn't the fact that she is your Advisor. It's the fact that she will drown you with free coffee when you need a good friend by your side.

# BURGER



## Neil Seoni

### Sophomore (PAA)

Oh what!? You know Neil Seoni!? What a guy! This is the most common interaction people have when they discuss the legendary likes of Neil Seoni. So if you are blessed enough to have him as your Advisor, you really lucked out. Neil's got a charismatic person-

ality that makes you want to be him. Neil comes from the great Penn's Woods just west of the city of Benjamin Franklin. Just like Benjamin Franklin, Neil can be considered a Renaissance man. He is literally good at everything. He purely dominates at Rocket League and Spike Ball too. He is even a world class impressionist. If you want to hear the most accurate and entertaining imitations of your fellow Martelians, come to Neil. If you're looking for movie suggestions, then Neil is the right guy for that as well. In the famous words of Nacho Libre, "He's the beeeeeeeest; I luuuuue him."



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 Co-Advisor: Yin Ng (McMurtry)  
 Affiliate: Neil Seoni (PAA)

# SLIDERS



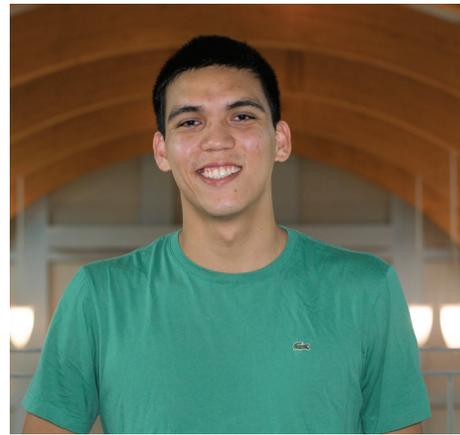
## Emma Wine Senior

You know the look of pure happiness that puppies and children get in their eyes when they're really excited about something? The "this is amazing and nothing can ruin my moment" look? If you're not sure what I'm talking about, don't worry—all you have to do to see it is ask Emma Wine a question that somehow relates to Ultimate Frisbee, New Yorker cartoons, Tucson, AZ (her hometown), or any of Mozart's operas. As a music composition major, Emma can usually be found at or near the Shepherd School of Music; however, when she's not there, she's probably on a field somewhere playing Frisbee or at Coffeehouse enjoying an Everything bar and catching up with friends. The combination of her quirky sense of humor with her passion for getting the most out of life guarantees that every moment you spend with her will be an adventure of some sort. She always makes time for her friends—whether you need a laugh, a cry, a hug, a spontaneous taco run, an existential life chat, a powerful pep talk, or a killer peanut-butter-banana milkshake, Emma will undoubtedly be there for you.... probably carrying a Frisbee.



## Puja Tripuraneni Sophomore

Imagine Winnie the Pooh. Now imagine Stitch from the beloved Disney show *Lilo & Stitch*. Now imagine warm chai lattes, Christmas lights, and the biggest smile that can fit on a human face. Using the power of your imagination, somehow combine all of these lovely things into one and morph that thing into a person. That's as close as you can get to encapsulating Puja Tripuraneni. New Students, you've found a treasure! Puja's strengths include slaying with any number of Indian dance groups, caring for those around her with the strength of a million suns, and making friends with probably everyone on campus. You can find this kinesiology (sports medicine) major working at super important science labs to eradicate world sadness, volunteering at Nourish International or Camp Kesem like the pure, kindhearted soul she is, or jetting off to grace some far-flung friends with her presence. Hit her up for sage advice, or for a singular type of goofy, carefree fun that only she can provide. Puja is sure to be an even better friend to all new students than she will be an Advisor—and that's saying a lot!



## Jeffrey Joyce Senior (Baker)

You haven't been hugged until you've been hugged by Jeff Joyce. This 6'2" giant teddy bear is full of love and the most genuine smiles. Hailing from Slidell, Louisiana, Jeff is a gator wrestler and crawfish-eating champion by birth. Jeff has got it all. Not only is he incredibly kind, he also has the brains. You can find this chemical and biological engineering major around finishing any one of his lab reports, group projects, home work, or studying for an upcoming test. He puts his CHBE mad scientist skills to work in his research lab where he mixes up some top-secret experiments. To blow off some steam, Jeff heads to the Recreation Center to make buckets on the basketball court. To relax, Jeff loves to watch movies. He knows more movies than anyone else I know, and he has an inhuman ability to quote them. He is also always down to go on an adventure with his friends, whether it's late-night food run or a trip to an indoor trampoline park. If you need help, Jeff will be there for you in a second. He is one of the most caring and funny people you will ever meet, and within seconds he will crack a joke to make you feel better. Count your lucky stars that you have this guy as your Co-Advisor.

# SPLASH DRUGS



## Claire Peng Junior (RHA)

If you just can't wait those extra hours to meet Claire Peng once you arrive in Houston, there's a foolproof way to make her appear instantly. Just whisper, I bet Taiwan isn't really that great, and her someone-is-talking-about-Taiwan senses will alert her. She'll run at the speed of light to let you know that you're very, very wrong. After living in New York,

Connecticut, Shanghai, and (best of all) Taiwan, Claire's global views help her as a policy studies major. As if that wasn't enough, she also studies cognitive sciences, so she can impress you with all her psychology knowledge. Stop by the Hoot to grab a quick bite, and her infectious smile will warm your heart like the pizza she serves. If you need a study break, she'll be there to dance around the room with you. She dedicates her spare time to being an RHA, a Martel Associates Committee head, and the Habitat for Humanity build chair. And best of all, Claire is the safest, most experienced driver you will ever meet. You're so lucky to have her!



Advisors: Emma Wine and Puja Tripuraneni  
Co-Advisor: Jeffrey Joyce (Baker)  
Affiliate: Claire Peng (RHA)

# H<sub>2</sub>O-Week



## Nikitha Cherayil Senior

Nikitha Cherayil is a bundle of laughs. Whether you're laughing at her or with her, you can rest assured that you will be cheered up when you hang out with her. Aside from being a pseudo-pre-med (you'll have to ask her) and a bioengineer, she's also involved in the Splash program, mentoring middle schoolers and giving them the chance to see Rice. Nikitha (Niki for short) reminds me about what I love about the Rice community. She works her hardest to make sure she is learning, but she's laid back enough to recognize that her classes aren't the end-all, be-all. She takes time to meet other people, hang out with the rest of us plebeians, and truly enjoy her time at Rice. Whether it's about her past in Oman, her journey towards being a pre-med, or about Indian food, you can talk to Niki about mostly anything. Whether you have a problem or you just want to take time out of your day to make fun of her, Niki is always there for you.



## Josh Sorge Sophomore

Hey there! Welcome to the best college ever- I am super excited to meet each of you. My name is Josh Sorge (some people call me Jorge) and I'm a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering. You can count on me to provide an endless supply of horrible (actually great) puns, jokes, and stories. Though you might not guess from pictures of me, I grew up in India, and only moved back to the US permanently when I started at Rice. In fact, I am spending most of my summer in India, home sweat home (not a mistake - it's hot here). I can assure that no matter how unusual or unique your background is, Martel will provide you with a place to express it without fear or judgement. I'm a member of XA, a Christian fellowship on campus, and a few other groups on campus. I am also a pretty serious biker and will encourage you to join Martel's Beer Bike team! We won last year - and I'm hoping it will be a tradition for us. Once again, welcome to H<sub>2</sub>O-Week and Martel!



## Connor Heggie Junior (Will Rice)

If you're reading this, it's safe to assume one of two things: (1) You REALLY want to know more about Martel's O-Week Advisors, or, (2) You have been placed in Connor Heggie's O-Week group. If you have Connor as your Co-Advisor, well then good luck my friend, because he happens to be one of the squanchiest, dankest, shwankiest off the hook boss-hogs that I know! Don't let his Orange County tan line fool ya': he's more brains than 'bronzier' (ZING). Connor is a junior at Will Rice College majoring in electrical engineering with a minor in Cali-Swag. He transferred to Rice after his freshman year at the University of Arizona and hasn't stopped making right decisions since. When he isn't busy destroying homework problem sets, you can find Connor pumping mad condensed rubber in the gym, doing research, being co-secretary at Will Rice College, or being the most social dude on campus. No matter where Connor is or what he's doing, he always greets everyone with a big smile and an enormous bear hug (yes, he will hug you even if he knows it will be uncomfortable). Connor's one fantastic, bombastic tub of fun, and it's going to be a blast having him as your O-Week Co-Advisor!

# OR SWIM



## Vy Nguyen Junior (PAA)

Next time you walk into Fondren for some late night studying, keep your eye out. If you look closely, you'll spot a wild Vy Nguyen. How can you tell it's her? Easy. 1) She'll be wearing a sweatshirt that's four sizes too big for her. 2) She'll be listening to Drake on repeat. 3) She'll be taking some extra-up-

close selfies. Don't get me wrong, she's still at the library to work hard; this economics and managerial studies double major and business minor puts her all into her studies, which earned her an internship at JP Morgan in Houston this summer. And even with all this ambition, she always puts her friends first. If you want to spend time with Vy, hit her up to watch some Grey's Anatomy or to chat about Zayn's perfection (warning: this could go on for hours). A true Southern sweetheart from Savannah, Georgia, she will give you sincere advice on your relationships and make sure that you make as many friends as possible at Rice.



Advisors: Nikitha Cherayil and Josh Sorge  
Co-Advisor: Connor Heggie (Will Rice)  
Affiliate: Vy Nguyen (PAA)

# SQUATLE



## AJ Barnes Senior

Barnes. Aric Barnes. The man, the myth, the (kind, funny, intelligent, linguistically diverse) legend. If this senior is your Advisor, you're in for a treat. No seriously, he'll probably treat you to anything you want; he's *that* nice and wonderful. Aric, or AJ to mostly everyone, is a linguistics and cognitive science double major (as well as a neuroscience minor) and loves above all else, education. You can find him all around Houston tutoring youth, translating for Spanish speakers, volunteering for a million different organizations, or on campus coordinating the Young Owls Leadership Program. He is also a Hispanic aficionado, so lovers of all things Latin don't hesitate to ask questions to and dance with AJ if the opportunity arises. (He can dance salsa, bachata, reggaeton, chacha... Or to anything by Miley Cyrus.) Congrats though, y'all (y'all is AJ's most said pronoun), AJ is going to be the best Advisor ever, and you're in for a hilarious treat come O-Week.



## Vincent Gonzales Sophomore

Meet Vincent, Martel's resident king of swagger and style. Have you ever looked at someone and thought, 'Geez, what is the key to the heart of such a mysterious, enigmatic man?' The answer is simple – work at a boba shop. Renowned throughout Martel and Rice for his obsession with tapioca, coffee, and good food, Vincent can tell you about his personal rankings of the best coffeehouses and boba shops in Houston. (He's also a Houston native, y'all.) You can also find Vincent at local art museums and galleries, as well as symphony concerts at Jones Hall and Stude Concert Hall. Why? Because Vincent is so dang cultured that he refuses to let the arts stray from his vision. Despite his massive interest in the arts, he lays it low with his unique knowledge about energy economics. You can find him in Coffeehouse reading a book about the history of natural gas markets in the United States, or even reading an article about the rise and fall of nuclear energy in Germany. By the end of O-Week, you will know exactly how Vincent feels about everything from fossil fuels to the particular shade of blue in the latest Rothko canvas at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. Just don't ask him to drive you there to see it this weekend – he'll be busy tracking down his car keys... again. (Ask him about it, I'm sure he'd love to tell you.



## Becca Federman Junior (Wiess)

If you are reading this because Becca Federman is your O-Week Advisor, suffice it to say that you lucked out. Becca hails from the northern lands, a proud New Jerseyan, until her parents relocated to New York City and got rid of all of her favorite childhood possessions. She also attended boarding school in Massachusetts (no, it was not like Zoey 101 or Harry Potter). When she is not busy with her Cognitive Science, Spanish, pre-med courseload, volunteering at Texas Children's Hospital, serving as an advisory board member at the Center for Language and Intercultural Communication, being a valuable member of the Wiess powderpuff offensive line, and conquering the world, this incredible human being is most often found playing with babies, eating cookie dough (warmed up only), watching Netflix, and simply being awesome. Becca's generous care for those around her is evident in her summer plans, as she will be traveling with Volunteers Around the World to Peru for a medical outreach trip and subsequently working in the Galapagos with special needs children through a fellowship. Are you ready for greatness? You'd better be! Because with Becca as your Advisor, and more importantly, as your friend, your time at Rice and beyond is guaranteed to be great.

# SQUAD



## Laura Kessel Senior (Dolphin)

Who wears monkey onesies and survives on chicken nuggets as her grown up meal? Who spent a semester in Ireland and became a leprechaun? Who would you guess owns a Lion King height chart? This little one stuck in a 21 year old body is none other than L Kessel... killer Kessel... Laura Kessel. Not only does she kill

it on the powderpuff field (taking us to finals two years in a row), but she also kills it in the mechanical engineering department. She basically builds everything and breaks everything apart. At Martel, this senior loves spamming our inboxes with cute and slightly addicting animal gifs. (She was once our secretary.) She throws amazing events as an Associates Committee head, and she sometimes calls herself a Martel Mentor. But for real she's the bomb dot com and she'll make you laugh (at her) like no other. Get ready to have the best Advisor ever! Welcome to Rice!



Advisors: AJ Barnes and Vincent Gonzales  
Co-Advisor: Becca Federman (Wiess)  
Affiliate: Laura Kessel (Dolphin)

# WATER-PARKS



**Levi Saucedo**  
Senior

Levi's a rising Senior majoring in Psychology with a minor in Biochemistry and Cell Biology and hopes to one day attend medical school. He is currently a research assistant in the BMED lab at the Bioscience Research Collaborative. Some fun facts include that Levi, very poorly, plays the guitar and that Levi and Batman have never been seen in the same room, mostly because Batman owes him money. Besides that endless feud, Levi is a friendly person who promises to give you plenty of laughter when you're around him. You'll likely find him in Fondren looking very confused, if not he'll be at the gym, still looking very confused. However, if you wish to see him in his natural environment, you'll have to come to his room and challenge his mastery of all video games. Yes all video games. If you STILL can't find him, then you'll find him on the sundeck spending time with friends, but wherever you find him, he'll always greet you with open arms.



**Matthew Hrcncir**  
Sophomore

Just as there are very few vowels in his last name, there are very few people like Matt. As a mechanical engineering major and business minor, he knows how to solve the world's problems and make that ca\$h money all at the same time. On a sunny day, you can find him outside playing pretty much any sport, from ultimate Frisbee, to football, to volleyball, to basketball. Regardless of the sport, Matt's competitive side makes him dive for literally any ball ever, so it's really fun to watch. And if he's not out scoring points for Martel's sports teams, it's probably because he's busy writing out plays for our powderpuff team's offense, cheering on the Texans like the native Houstonian that he is. Not only is Matt athletic, but he is a member of Chi Alpha and Navigators, two of Rice's biggest Christian groups, knows Latin, and loves *Star Wars* and *Lord of the Rings*. Matt also displays unique musical talent by playing the bagpipes, and is known for eating three cookies every single day at lunch. Every. Single. Day. May the force be with you as you get to know this truly great advisor!



**Sanjana Ranganathan**  
Senior (Wiess)

Who lives in Wiess College at Rice University?  
Sanjana Ranganathan!  
Witty and punny and joyous is she,  
Sanjana Ranganathan!  
If uncontrollable laughter be something you wish,  
Sanjana Ranganathan!  
Then come to Martel and flop like a fish!  
Ready?

All truths aside, Sponge-ana, oops, I mean Sanjana, is one of the most spontaneous people at Rice University. Adventure is her middle name. Seriously, ask her about the time she was stuck in a flood. She is always down for impromptu trips to Halal Guys, Houston sporting events, and anything that has to do with chocolate. This do-it-all bioengineering major can be seen draining three-pointers at the Recreation Center, hitting up meetings as the chair of the Student Association Wellbeing Committee, dropping bars with Rice's Indian acapella group, Basmati Beats, and winning(?) Wiess Assassins. Once you get to know her, Sanjana is one of the most caring people you will ever meet. Whether it be listening to your problems or helping you tape up your door-jammed finger, Sanjana is willing to make time for anyone who needs her help. If Sanjana is your Advisor, consider yourself lucky and be ready for some fun times!

# AND RECREATION



## Toni Smith Junior (CJ)

Toni Smith is a fruit thief, a Thai food addict, a cute sneezer, and linebacker of Martel's powderpuff team. When she isn't looking for her keys or breaking her phone, Toni is a (surprisingly) responsible and hardworking person. She

is a kinesiology (sports medicine) major, manager at the Recreation Center, student athletic trainer with the football team, and your Chief Justice. Most impressively, however, Toni finished all 6 seasons of Archer in 3 weeks. If you're lucky enough to meet her, you'll find that Toni Smith is one of the funniest, most caring people at Rice. She'll always be there for you—whether you want take-out or boba.



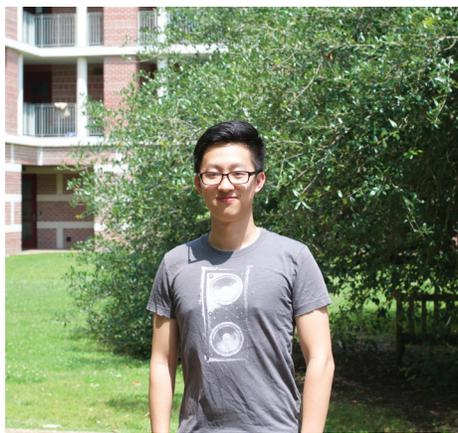
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Co-Advisor: Sanjana Ranganathan (Wiess)  
Affiliate: Toni Smith (CJ)

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**Alura Vincent**  
Senior

Woah, woah, woah, slow down. No JK you might need to speed up, because this super fast (walking) New Yorker has places to be and people to see. Meet Alura Vincent, also known as bona fide cool cat. She is a senior mechanical engineer at Martel. I must say, you are in luck because she is an amazing person (10/10 recommend). If you're wondering what she's like, think 'cool aunt' Advisor (see Amy Poehler in all roles). She is a native New Yorker #Queens and #caw-fee anyone (and is persistently working on her Southern y'all's)!? You can spot this smart kid all over campus. Managing the Hoot (late night food, yum), leading the Society for Women Engineers, treasuring Martel Money (she buys us things), having deep life talks on the Martel hammock, or dominating the powder-puff field. She has been to Spain so she can talk to you about studying abroad, or just anything from EDM to Minions. If Alura Vincent is your Advisor, consider yourself super lucky because she is one of the most sweet, caring, and welcoming people at Rice, and without a doubt one of the best Advisors that you could have!



**Iker Wang**  
Sophomore

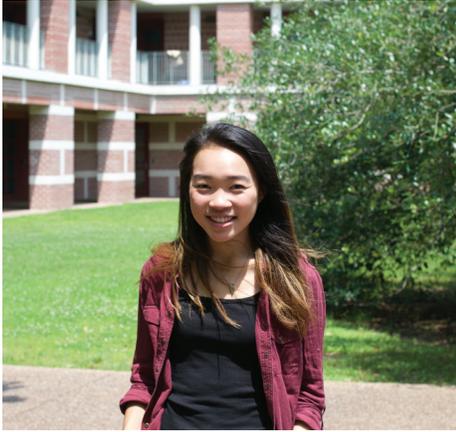
Aren't you lucky to have Iker Wang as your Advisor this year? Iker, the very name echoes throughout the halls of Martel with tales of kindness, friendship, and good times. While he may seem quiet at first, Iker is truly the kind of man who will always have your back, whether it's for a board game, an epic fight, a trip to pub or just to hang out. He's not just fun, however, Iker is also an excellent student of mechanical engineering, with his TAs calling him a 'golden student.' Iker Wang makes for a great friend, a fantastic Martellian, and an excellent Advisor.



**Akin Bruce**  
Sophomore (Lovett)

In Memphis, Tennessee, born and raised; on the playground is where he spent most of his days. Meet Akin Bruce. The man. The myth. The lover of the color orange. If this guy is your Advisor, I would consider running. NOW! Just kidding. (Mostly). This Statistics and Mathematical Economic Analysis double major not only loves the color orange with a burning passion, but he also loves playing Super Smash Bros in the Lovett commons, hanging out with friends, and petting the Rice squirrels (the fluffy ones, the other ones are mean). He is also a tour guide, a referee at the Recreation Center, the treasurer of Rice's Black Student Association, and a member of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. He has an amazing knack for bringing everyone together and is just a ball of energy. Akin is a really awesome person and you should consider yourself extremely extremely lucky if you have him as an Advisor. (Expect bear hugs if he randomly sees you around campus.) Side note: If you ever get him to a dance floor, you should totally ask him to show you his moves.

# NIATATA



## Jacqui Lee

**Sophomore (Videographer)**

She's beauty and she's grace. She's Miss Jacqui "Queen" Lee. Don't let her elegant presence intimidate you. Jacqui is the friendliest, most helpful person you will meet. She's involved all over campus, so she has answers to all of your tough questions. If you need help, you can find her in her

natural habitat: Rice Coffeehouse. She won't stop until the problem is solved. This computer science major is an expert in ultimate Frisbee, Martel Parliament, Academic Advising, and Christian fellowship on campus. She's also an expert in not walking more than fifty feet without saying 'hey' to somebody she knows. If Jacqui is your O-Week Advisor, you are one lucky New Student. She'll work her way into your heart, and by the end of the week, you too will be saying, "No, no it's chill."



Advisors: Alura Vincent and Iker Wang  
 Co-Advisor: Akin Bruce (Lovett)  
 Affiliate: Jacqui Lee (Videographer)

# LEAN GIRLS:



**Beatriz Maesta**  
Senior

Powderpuff, economics, Mexican and French. When any combination of these words come up in a conversation, there is a good chance that you're talking about Beatriz Mesta (or Bea; just don't call her B). This senior from El Paso has two majors, economics and managerial studies, and a business minor. And if consistently making sarcastic comments were a minor, she would have that too. This Latina will not only make you fall to the ground laughing at her jokes (sometimes, just at her), but will also dazzle you with her dance moves and convey her suavity as you hear her speak French. (She only spent a whole semester there, no big deal.) If you don't see her studying to ace her economics courses or killing it on the field for powderpuff, you will definitely see Bea embodying the Martel culture. She is devoted to helping Martelians every day and has served as a secretary, sports committee head, and a PAA. Bea is extremely nice and is always open to help you with anything, from academics to learning how to salsa. In all seriousness, Bea is going to be one of the most caring, passionate, and reliable friends you will make at Rice! Get ready for an amazing O-Week with Beatriz as one of your Advisors!



**Lavan Rajan**  
Junior

Hailing from Pasadena, California, Lavan can be seen surfing the waves of love and adoration that come his way. He is a kinesiology - sports medicine - pre-med with minors in late night food, napping, and Grand Theft Auto. This boss also has time to ace his classes, mentor refugee children, do lab research, and go to the pool everyday - on top of being a really great dude. Lavan is a friend you can definitely 'lean' on, likes to dabble on the drums, and is an avid sports fan (he may or may not have a Lakers onesie). He is also amazing on the soccer field and showcases his skills as an integral member of the intramural soccer team FC Gulab. Rumor has it, he actually won both the Running Man and the Ice Bucket challenges. What I know for sure though, is that when you catch this Martel junior at parties, chillin' in his room (or really anywhere on campus), you'll be Lavan the fact that he is your Advisor.



**Laura Keehan**  
Junior (Duncan)

Laura Keehan starter pack: Tory Burch flip flops, servery coffee, long shirts, athletic shorts, *Game of Thrones*, and an organic chemistry textbook. You can usually catch her in a lonely cubicle on the fourth floor of Fondren Library, on the basketball court winning IM championships, or on the dance floor on select weekends (but only if she doesn't have a midterm within the next three weeks). And by dancing, I mean bobbing up and down with a dopey grin on her face or flailing her long awkward limbs everywhere. She probably doesn't know the words to any of the songs though, because she only listens to the Mumford and Sons Pandora station. I know, she still uses Pandora... seriously. All pre-med/awkward jokes aside, Laura's a pretty cool gal. She ran a half marathon, started her own awesome club at Rice (Rice All-Stars), and is an insanely dedicated student. She's like Shaq if he came to Rice. So if she's your Advisor, get pumped.

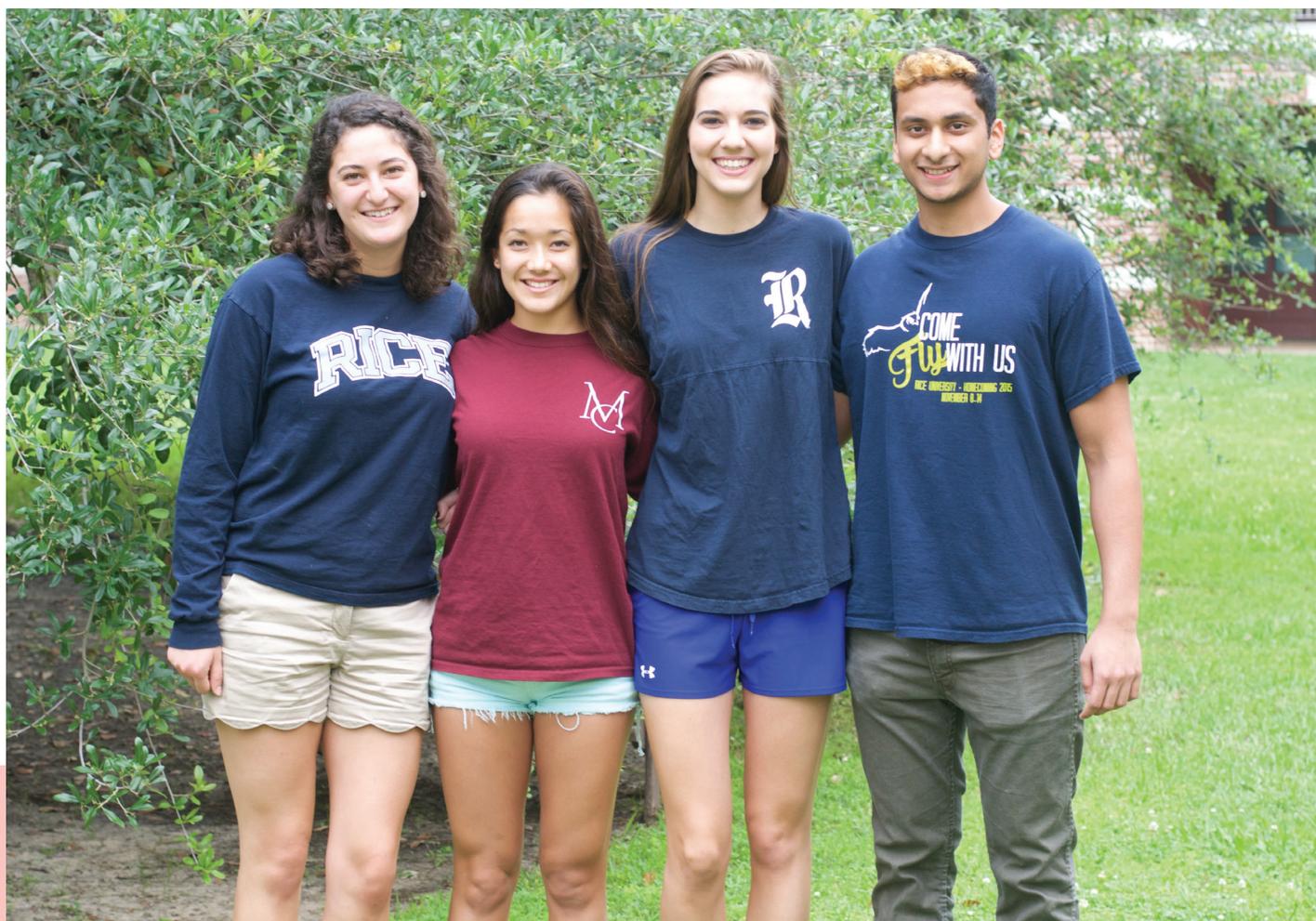
# You can't swim with us



## Aya Rossano Junior (Athletics PAA)

Aya Papaya, or as I like to call her, the sweetest person ever: born in Japan and raised in Seattle. Aya can tell you how much she loves the Seattle Seahawks in fluent Japanese. As a pre-med and kinesiology major, Aya can eagerly tell you anything related to sports medicine, from nutrition, to physiology, to general

health, with a passion that's infectious. And as a pole vaulter for Rice's track team, she can clear bars over 12 feet high all while looking #flawless. When Aya isn't working hard as an athlete and a pre-med student, she loves hanging out with friends, eating yogurt parfaits, not wearing pants, doing acroyoga, and getting coffee ice cream at Amy's. Aya is known for her positive attitude and bubbly personality, and her laugh will always make you smile. She jumps over bars in pole vaulting and she'll jump right into your heart. So get ready to meet this spectacular Martelian!



Advisors: Beatriz Maesta and Lavan Rajan  
Co-Advisor: Laura Keehan (Duncan)  
Affiliate: Aya Rossano (Athletics PAA)

# OCEANS



## Lizzy Kalomeris Junior

Though very different in effect, Lizzy Kalomeris has had about as much impact on life at Rice as the Chicxulub asteroid had on life on Earth. She's capable of getting along with people from all walks of life with her sharp wit and deeply-ingrained empathy, be they from her social science studies, her work in the Beier lab, or her frequent outings to hip Houston events, or to another city entirely. Lizzy's also heavily involved in the Martel community through time as a Student Representative and secretary, her availability as a Martel Mentor, and her fierce haircuts to Martelians. Her unique style and vernacular have each considerably influenced the fashion and diction of the Rice population. She's ambitious, creative, diligent, debonair, wise, altruistic, a fantastic listener and always sincere. She's a former freshman LEGEND and current BNOC". She's the best Lizzy since McGuire, the perfect companion on any adventure, and an incredible Advisor.

"Big name on campus.



## Anna Lopez Sophomore

Despite her small hands, Anna (Pronounced 'on-na') is a woman with a big personality. She hails from the lands of sunny California. Straight out of the heart of Los Angeles this little ball of joy never fails to make your day. Being a good friend is in Anna's blood, and she's been at it for as long as she can remember. In high school, Anna was such an upstanding citizen she even won an award 'for being nice.' Having a bad day? Anna is there for you with a warm hug and some kind words. Have a birthday coming up? Anna is hiding out in your closet with 15 other people for your surprise party. Have a big test in your hardest class? Anna is blowing up your phone with adorable motivational dog memes. If you want to get to know Anna (trust me, you do) then all you have to do is show her a picture of a cute puppy, or ask her about her own dog, Cooper. If you ever feel lonely or unpopular just send Anna a text and you'll get 17 back asking how your day is going because she just cares so much about everyone. Anna is always up for a good time and loves to go out on the weekends, so if you see her out and about don't be afraid to say 'hi.' If you're lucky enough to have this incredibly kind, caring, outgoing, tiny little woman as your Advisor, you're in for an amazing O-Week!



## Erik Maher Senior (Hanszen)

Upon first making the acquaintance of this hunk of a track star, you will be taken aback by a number of things. First and foremost, you will learn the true meaning of the color pink by way of the color of Erik's face at the most awkward situations (as in almost all of O-Week). Next, you will figure out that the way Erik lets you know he's truly comfortable around you is by being his obscenely weird, but somehow really cool, nice and genuine self around you. This Irish, Norwegian viking and Division 1 athlete is a classics major and an aspiring educator hailing from Northern New Jersey. (Fun fact: his hometown is the same as the Sopranos!) Giving Erik even more international flavor are his near obsessions with Australian Football and English literature. But don't you worry, this all-American boy also loves his baseball so much it's hard not to find him sporting a baseball hat. Long story short, this dude is really, really chill, and once you're friends with him, he will make your life so much more fulfilling and entertaining.



## Luke Samora Senior (Dolphin)

A rising senior at Martel, Luke is entering his third year of Advising. Although he has been to this rodeo many times, he is especially excited about this O-Week and ending his career as a Martel Advisor with a bang. Other things he has been involved with during his time at Martel include being a class representa-

tive his sophomore year and helping out with coaching the Martel powderpuff team the past two seasons. Campus wide, he has worked in several undergraduate research positions, both in the computer science and biology departments, and can answer any questions relating to undergraduate research interest. He is majoring in computer science, and loves to program on the side, whether it's for trying out a new micro-controller he just got his hands on, or helping anyone out that wants to get their website up and running. But most importantly, he loves Martel and is looking forward to being your Advisor!



Advisors: Lizzy Kalomeris and Anna Lopez  
Co-Advisor: Erik Maher (Hanszen)  
Affiliate: Luke Samora (Dolphin)

## What is a Rice Health Advisor (RHA)?

Students, chosen for their passion for promoting well-being around the college. Several RHAs are active year round, but the O-Week RHA plays a crucial role in leading discussions about health-related topics during the week. RHAs are always available to speak in confidence about anything! They also have handy medical supplies in their rooms

whenever you need them. The RHAs will be throwing an event early in the year, so keep them on your radar!

If you need any help throughout the week, personal or otherwise, always consider speaking to our amazing RHA, Claire Peng, a member of Super Splash Bros!

Peer Academic Advisors, more frequently referred to as PAAs, are students selected by the Office of Academic Advising to serve as guides for underclassmen. Every residential college has a team of about 20 PAAs year round, led by three Head PAAs. Each college also has four O-Week PAAs, whose job it is to make sure that every single new student has a schedule for Fall 2016 courses and feels comfortable navigating the

academic world of Rice. PAAs will be working with you closely to choose the most appropriate courses. They are knowledgeable in introductory courses, pre-medical requirements (as well as other professions), and course selection processes. While much of O-Week is truly chaotic, O-Week PAAs will bring a refreshing breeze of comfort as they ameliorate all your academic concerns.

## What is a Peer Academic Advisor (PAA)?

## What is a Diversity Facilitator (DF)?

Diversity Facilitators (DFs) are an integral component of every O-Week team. Their role is to lead and encourage conversations about diversity during O-Week and beyond, and to this end they have been chosen by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. This year, Martel will have three DFs, all of whom hail from other residential colleges. You should consider these DFs as yet another resource at your fingertips. They are liaisons to all of the incredible clubs and

organizations on campus that promote multiculturalism. They are highly trained allies to the LGBTQ+ community on campus. And above all, they are at Martel to help you! So sit down and talk about your experiences with any of these amazing individuals! Listen to their stories too! The three could not be more excited to join Martel this year, and we could not be more thrilled to have them on board!

## Meet Our Awesome Diversity Facilitators!



**Gabby Acosta**  
Sophomore (Will Rice)

Howdy, my name is Gabby Acosta, and I am pre-med and majoring in cognitive science with a minor in sociology. I'm a native Texan and a die-hard foodie; I practically run on BBQ and Tex-Mex, and I know a lot about the Houston food scene. With all the energy I get from eating (which I do quite often), I am a tour guide at Rice, volunteer at the Rice Women's Resource Center, and binge-watch TV shows. I listen to all kinds of music and try to keep an open mind to new music. (Don't hesitate to give me music recommendations!) I also play the piano and sing; you will probably catch me singing as I walk from class to class, especially if I am listening to Beyoncé's new album. If you ever want to discuss social issues, gush over celebrities (like Tom Hiddleston), or talk about music, I'm your girl. And I'm so excited to be one of your Diversity Facilitators!



**Isaac Carroo**  
Junior (Hanszen)

When you first meet Isaac, one of your Diversity Facilitators, you might think that he is your typical ecology and evolutionary biology and religious studies double major. He is not particularly exuberant or loud. But once that Jamaican dancehall music turns on, he forgets that there is anybody else around, and his violent dancing has been known to knock his friends to the ground. Isaac loves to have fun, whether it be attending a Houston Dynamo game as a seat-filler or exploring new Indian cuisine throughout Houston. But he will most likely be seen tearing up the dance floor at any public party. He is also always there for his friends. Whether it be making the trek with them from Hanszen College, his home, to the north side of campus for free boba tea, or studying with them until the sun comes up in Fondren Library, Isaac loves to support his friends. He is the kind of guy you can turn to for some amazingly poignant words in tough or stressful times, or who can cheer you up by cracking some silly jokes that makes even the most sullen student crack a smile. If you ever need to find Isaac for some advice or some fun, he can be found in his suite playing FIFA or in the on-campus gardens.



**Danial Syed**  
Junior (Will Rice)

Hailing from Iowa City, Iowa, Danial "Dirty Dan" Syed is a junior from Will Rice College with a fiery personality and a very quirky sense of humor. He is majoring in biochemistry and cell biology, and he's president of Rice MedicOwls, a medical service organization with a pun for a name that actually represents his sense of humor fairly well. Despite always being busy, he still makes time to have fun. On any given day, Danial can be found telling dad-jokes, starting rap battles at lunch, or working on one of his many short stories. He also loves pretty much any variety of board, card, and video game. I can't emphasize how much of a great friend he will be to you! Danial is easy to be around; he's always kind; and whenever you need him, he'll be there to listen to you vent. Be prepared for when he unleashes his sass on you, though. And I bet if you don't like puns, he'll convince you otherwise by end of O-Week. Count yourselves lucky since y'all have Danial Syed as your Diversity Facilitator!

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## History of Martel



ur history begins with a young Greek boy on the streets of New York. As the first Rice Institute students matriculated, Speros P. Martel, an Athenian native studying in France, left his school, enlisted as a cabin boy, and crossed the Atlantic to the New World, seeking fame and fortune.

During World War I, Martel moved to Camp Logan in Houston and became a waiter at the historic Rice Hotel, owned at the time by William Marsh Rice. Martel saved his money, opened a restaurant of his own just a block away, and later built other restaurants along Main Street.

Although Martel had little formal education, he learned to speak five languages through his travels abroad. His entrepreneurial skills allowed him to become a successful businessman, investing in land, stocks, and bonds. He eventually made friends with fellow Houston businessmen and future Rice supporters and donors George R. Brown and Jesse H. Jones. He often attended Rice football games with the latter.

Though Speros and his wife Marian, a Houston native, passed away in the 1950s, their spirit lived on through the foundation created in their name. The University soon earmarked their foundation for the New Millennium Project, a master plan to launch Rice University into the next century. The central point of this plan was to create a new college. To this end, the University hired world-renowned architect and Target

designer Michael Graves. The college was designed with all rooms facing in toward the glorious 200 year-old spreading oak around which Martel is built.

Like Rice's entrance itself, Martel's entrance is a sallyport built into the south wing. It is rumored that Jones College, jealous of the new building being constructed on their old parking lot, attempted to brand the Jones crest into the Martel foundation. However, their \$500 cast-iron mold mysteriously disappeared three days before the planned prank and was never found again.

In honor of Speros's Greek heritage, the Martel crest is a maroon cross around which is quartered the white and baby-blue Greek flag opposite a Rice blue owl and Martel College logo. A bronze torch is kept by the Masters and is passed by the president to each incoming student before they are initiated into the college.

To give the new college a leg up, long time Baker Masters, Joan and Arthur Few, volunteered to help found Martel. With them came our beloved College Coordinator Maria Byrne. A very intense application program selected the best of the best from each of the old eight colleges to form Martel's first four classes. In a ceremony led by the famous Vice President of Student Affairs, Zenaido Camacho, Martel was finally born.

Those first years were trying ones for the young college. Tropical Storm Allison flooded the basement and first floor, thus delaying the opening by a couple

of months. In 2002, Martel became the first college to win a Beer Bike title within five years of its founding. It was an unusual race as the track was too wet to ride on, yet Martel's men's team beat the other eight colleges (this was before Duncan and McMurtry came to be) on foot in the second Rice University Beer Run. (Just this past year, our men's and women's teams ran [not biked] to dual victory! See the Traditions page for more information.)

Eight years ago, Martel's first Masters, the Fews, retired for some much-deserved rest. Jerry Dickens and Michelle McCormick, who have since retired from their five-year term, then succeeded the Fews. Five years ago, Martel welcomed new Masters, Ted Temzelides and Beata Loch. And now, beginning in August 2016, the incredible Frank and Carrie Toffoletto will serve as Martel's fourth set of masters.

In its 14th year, Martel has seen a lot of welcomed change and innovation. In our short existence, we have challenged what it means to be a college and expanded that definition to family. Despite our young age, we have a rich pool of traditions and customs. But nothing is set in stone. Martelians are innovating every day. We can't wait to see what you offer Martel and what Martel may offer you.



Welcome, Class of 2020, to Martel College – The Best College Ever!

## Martel Masters Frank and Carrie Toffoletto

Frank Toffoletto

**Favorite Martel tradition: Music Recital**

**Favorite Martel location: Tree in the Quad**

**Three things to save from a flood: Since all material objects are replaceable, nothing.**

**Aquatic spirit animal: Platypus**

Carrie Toffoletto

**Favorite Martel tradition: O-Week Faculty Advisor Dinners**

**Favorite Martel location: Coffee Lounge in the Commons**

**Three things to save from a flood: Puss n Boots, my Grandmother's lamp**

**Aquatic spirit animal: Mermaid**

We are the new Martel College Masters and look forward to starting a grand adventure with each of you. While we are new to the role of College Masters, we have been Associates of Martel College since its opening in 2001, and we even attended the groundbreaking in 2000 with our two then-young sons. We are sure that you have read on the College website that 'Martel is more than just a college; it is family.' We can attest to the truth of that statement. As College Associates, we have been privileged to witness the interactions among Martelians up close and personal, from which we learned that Martel students are open to sharing their current talents, developing new ones, stepping out for new adventures, and reflecting on the community to which they belong.

On a personal note, Frank came to Rice from his home in Melbourne, Australia in 1982 to study Space Physics. Frank is a first generation Australian and the first in his family to go to high school and to university. Now a Professor in the Physics and Astronomy Department, he studies Space Weather. Carrie is an (almost) native Texan and a first generation college graduate. After earning a BBA from Texas A&M University followed by her Master of Arts in Teaching from Rice, she taught for 20 years in both traditional and Montessori middle schools. She joined the Rice staff in 2012 and is currently the Executive Administrator in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

We have two sons, ages 21 and 19. Nicholas is a senior physics major at Trinity University in San Antonio; he also plays guitar, bass, and enjoys performing with the Trinity Jazz Band and swing dancing. Matthew is a sophomore music composition major at Rice in Baker College and can be often seen (and heard) playing his drums in various performances around campus. We also we have a large cat who loves to sniff around when we have visitors and entertain everyone with his loud purr.

College is a time in your life for learning and trying new things, and the ideal environment for this education is a residential college system where the community provides support for both successes and setbacks with equal compassion and empathy. The entire adult team (A-team) is here for you throughout your journey at Rice in whatever capacity needed. The Martel community has created a strong and caring environment over the past 15 years; the college offers opportunities for every Martel student to find his/her own way while feeling connected to a supportive community. The students run the College and we encourage you to get involved! Some of our chief roles as College Masters are to listen, ask questions, and provide advice as needed. We can connect you to a variety of resources both on- and off-campus and are available to talk through any challenges you may be experiencing so that you can make the best decision for you. We are also here to celebrate your successes! Our relationship begins during O-Week and continues through graduation – and even beyond. The college is here for you, so speak up when you need assistance – or just want to share some exciting news. You can find us in the commons for meals; feel free to join us or stop by and say hello!

Hello new class of Martel College!

My name is Maria Byrne, I have been described as a sassy College Coordinator. My office is the hub for most Martel events, many of which I attend and often help plan. My office is also the place to send and receive mail, faxes, make photocopies, get advice, take a nap, eat candy, and dance to Latin music. I also have a spare key to all the rooms if you lock yourself out. A student worker sorts the mail and can serve as resource for you as well; you can spot him or her easily: they practically live here. The office is strategically located adjacent to the Commons, which makes it easy to come by and check your mail (and say hi!) on your way to and from the Servery.

I am originally from Venezuela, but went to college at Florida Institute of Technology (now Florida Tech). So I was also once a lost and lonely freshman in need of a friendly, helping hand. That's why I'm here, for you! I have been at Rice since way before you were born, working in the Space Physics and Astronomy department where I scooped up my hunky husband, Greg. He now works at NASA and is also a Martel Associate; you'll see him at several Martel events during the year. I have three daughters, Alex and Steph, both are 28 years old (yes, twins!) and my youngest one, Cassie. This past fall we were blessed with the arrival of our first grandbaby. Vivien is one amazing, little girl who has brought so much happiness to our lives!

After more than 30 years of hanging around Rice and at Martel for since its beginnings, I know quite a bit about the university, so I will tell you tales of Rice and the founding of Martel, sometimes several times over! I also love to help all students out, so feel free to come to me with any questions you may have – from registration to relationships, I'm all ears! If I don't have an answer, I'll try to find it for you or direct you to the right person. But, most importantly I am someone who can listen if you find yourself overwhelmed; need a hug, or just someone to talk to. So don't be a stranger; poke your head in every now and then and say hello and don't be intimidated by the regulars in my office, they don't bite.

As you probably already heard, we at Martel consider ourselves a family, so I know how important you will become to each other and to the College; some of you will even get married to one another. Your class will set traditions and it will enrich the College in so many ways you probably couldn't imagine right now. I am excited with anticipation of new faces and personalities. I am very much looking forward to welcoming you to be part of our Martel family!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at maria@rice.edu, 713-348-4944 (Phone). In the meantime, I hope you are having a terrific summer!

## College Coordinator Maria Byrne





## RA's

**Jesse Hendrix and Gelatia  
Tefsaye**

Welcome to Martel College!

We are Jesse and Gelatia and we are your Resident Associates. Martel College is a unique and special place and it will become your home away from home. During this time, we are here to support you in any way we can. We look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone, sharing awesome experiences, and helping to positively influence your experience at Rice.

Jesse is part of the Center for Civic Leadership team and also the Undergraduate advisor for the Certificate in Civic Leadership. He is from Seattle, Washington and permanently settled in Houston 2 years ago from NYC. He loves the warm weather, southern cooking, and laid back pace of life in Houston. Jesse is a sports enthusiast and had the opportunity to compete professionally following his undergraduate years. Jesse enjoys playing basketball, all water sports, the outdoors, and going to sporting events. One thing you will learn about Jesse as you get to know him better is that he loves to eat all types of food and can put away large amounts of food in one sitting.

Gelatia was born and raised in Houston, TX. She is the dental director at Access Health. When she is not working on people's teeth, she enjoys reading, watching documentaries, movies, and reality television. Despite being a dentist, Gelatia definitely has a sweet tooth and is addicted to coffee. Her favorite things to do on the weekends are brunch and happy hour.

We have two children named Matiyas and Nile who keep us busy! We have really enjoyed seeing our older son, Matiyas, experience life on Rice's campus among all the students and activities.

We look forward to the same for our recent addition, Nile. We encourage you to stop by and get to know us. We are here for you when you need help or advice, just want to chat over coffee, or even play with Matiyas and Nile.

Here's to an awesome year!



Welcome to the Martel College family!

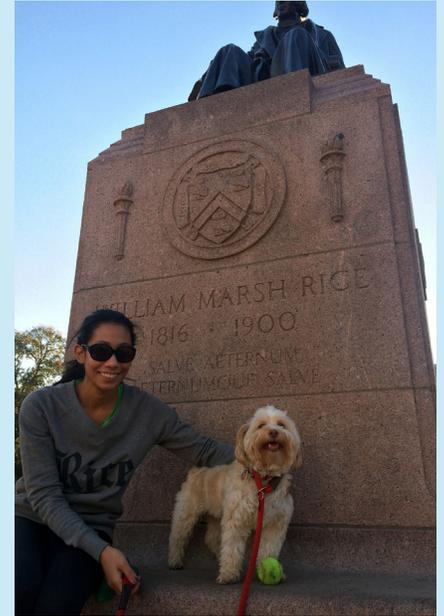
We're Ben and Taylor, your fourth floor RAs! As alumni of both Rice and Martel, we are super pumped to be on campus and part of this fun, unique, challenging, and caring community. We look forward to meeting each of you as you become the newest class of Martelians. We know how exciting and a little nerve-wracking it is to start college, but whatever your interests, you will find a supportive group of students, staff and faculty here at Rice. If you ever questions about student life (or anything), we will be around to answer them or at the very least point you in the right direction!

Just a little background info on us—Taylor, a native Texan from Beaumont, works outside the hedges as a transactional attorney for Harris Health System, where she drafts contracts and advises Harris County hospitals and clinics. She is always happy to answer questions about the LSAT or anything related to law school. Ben, who grew up in Atlanta, has a master's degree in Middle Eastern studies and is the Director of Operations at the Baker Institute on campus. You may overhear us at dinner in the commons talking (read: disagreeing) about the latest news story (or the latest happenings on Game of Thrones) so feel free to jump in any time!

We love hanging out at Martel and around Rice in our free time. We're always out walking (or more likely chasing) our dog P. Seamus around campus or jogging around the outer loop. We've been known to run a marathon or half marathon, but usually prefer to hang out in front of the tv with one of our favorite shows or movies. We enjoy travelling to new places and studied abroad while at Rice (Taylor in Germany and Ben in Morocco), but we also love exploring Houston and trying out restaurants, museum exhibits, coffee shops and activities around the city.

We're excited to welcome y'all to Martel and can't wait to get to know you. Be on the lookout for RA study breaks, movie nights, cookouts and other events. We also want to hear your ideas for fun Martel get-togethers.

See you soon!



**RAs**  
**Ben Stevenson and Taylor Cooper**



## President Ly Nguyen



Hi everyone! My name is Ly Nguyen, and I am the current Martel President. I'll be making my way around all of the O-Week groups, and I'm super excited to be able to hang out and get to know all of you!

A little bit about myself: I'm a senior studying kinesiology (sports medicine) with a minor in biochemistry. I'm originally from Richmond Hill, Georgia but am on my way to becoming an official Texan! I'm currently working as a medical scribe for The Heard Clinic and a research assistant with the Rice Psychology Department. My interests include tennis, coffee, food, and taking pictures of the aforementioned coffee and food and finding the perfect VSCOcam filter for them (shameless plug: follow me on Instagram @lyngu94).

So, what does being Martel President mean?

Bottom line: I represent you, Martel. I work and meet with a lot of people, within and outside of Martel, to ensure that Martel remains the best college ever. I work closely with the Martel EC (Executive Council) as well as the A-Team (Martel Masters and RAs) to plan the weekly Parliament meetings and other aspects of the college. I also meet with the other college presidents and Rice administration on a weekly basis to voice your interests, opinions, and

concerns. Which brings me to my mission statement as President for Martel: This is your Martel. I want to make sure that everyone can have the opportunity to speak up and to contribute to this place they call home, whether it be Martel or Rice as a whole. It's honestly very humbling and a true privilege to be able to work with such amazing people and to have the opportunity to meet with administration who can ultimately make decisions that affect all of us. And I don't want to waste those meetings and time with these people with just my measly thoughts—my job is to represent all of you, and I want to do that well. I want to make sure that everyone feels like they are being heard by creating as many outlets as possible for people to voice their ideas and opinions. Come to Parliament and contribute to the discussion! Want to start your own committee with your own budget? Go for it!

If you ever want to chat, want to say hi, or want a companion to go on coffee and food adventures with, feel free to hit me up...I love new friends! And I'll probably come sit down with you at lunch anyways on some days and just pray that you won't think I'm weird.

Looking forward to meeting everyone and for the awesome year we have ahead!

## Chief Justice Toni Smith



You've met the Masters, RAs and President, but now is the time to meet your new best friend, me, Toni Smith. I am the proud Chief Justice (CJ) of the greatest college on campus that you are now a part of, Martel. The CJ is in charge of security at the two public parties Martel hosts, registering private parties that you may want to have, handles noise complaints, and ensures that the college can keep the fun in (fun)ctional. My 6 Associate Justices and I make sure all Martelians know what constitutes a violation of the Judicial Code, educate Martelians on the Alcohol Policy, charge Martelians on damages, hold trials for disputed charges, etc. I swear that I'm not all about rules and regulations though. You can catch me running off to my countless jobs, snapping pictures at Martel events, drinking boba (like, ALWAYS), and dominating the powderpuff field (#MartelViolentFemmes!) I can't wait to meet you all during O-Week and welcome to the family that is Martel College!

## College Government

Martel, like the majority of groups on campus, is almost entirely student-run. To make this possible, we have a series of systems in place to help us make decisions, manage our budget, and above all ensure that the college is a supportive environment.

At Martel, we have an Executive Council, a House of Commons, cross-campus representatives, Committees, and College Court. The Executive Council, House of Commons and cross-campus representatives meet at weekly 'Parliaments.' These meetings are open to the entire college, and they provide opportunities to come together, hang out, eat good food, and talk about Martel issues. In the unfortunate event that something happens around Martel (say a window is broken, RUPD stops by) the College Court steps in to ensure Martel issues get resolved internally before going to Student Judicial Programs. Finally, our Committees work to maintain Martel spaces and traditions by throwing events throughout the year and working on projects for the College. Below is a brief description of the various people who make up these groups and their unique role in the college.

As an ever-evolving college, Martel is always looking for New Student Class Representatives and Shadows for Committees to have their say in college government and help shape Martel events! The easiest way to stay up-to-date with the happenings of Martel is to come to weekly parliament meetings where you not only fuel your brain with information but also with food that you get to vote on. Be as involved as you wish!

## Executive Council

- President: in charge of Parliament, working with college leaders & representing Martel campus-wide
- Prime Minister: in charge of all committees
- Vice President: in charge of parking jack, room draw and space requests
- Treasurers: in charge of Martel's budget
- Secretaries: in charge of weekly announcements of 'Rice happenings' and minutes from Parliament

## House of Commons

- Class Representatives: in charge of representing class opinion at weekly Parliaments & throwing class events

## College Court

- Chief Justice: in charge of the college court & ensuring the Student Code of Conduct is followed
- Associate Justices: in charge of supporting the Chief Justice

## Cross-Campus Reps

Serve as both the Martel representative at cross campus organizations and as the cross campus organizations representation in the college.

- Student Association Senator
- Rice Program Council Representative
- Honor Council Representative
- University Court Representative

## College Committees

With the exception of Academics and Theatre, each Committee falls under one of three types, *Community Outreach*, *Martel Facilities*, and *Events*. The Committee Heads plan and implement events for all of Martel to enjoy. Thankfully you can be involved too! You can take more of an active role and apply to be a Shadow to a committee and be a part of the planning processes. Or you can decide to have a chill role and simply be a member to help out as you can!

## Community Outreach

- Alumni - Fosters relationships between past and current Martelians.
- Associates - Hosts events to create and develop connections between current Martelians and Rice staff members, faculty, and community associates.
- Historians - Takes pictures to document all the best events and occurrences at Martel.
- Newsletter - Creates and distributes the Martel Newsletter to students and alumni.
- Service - Coordinates community service events allowing Martelians to give back to the Houston community.

## Martel Facilities

- Environmental - Educates Martel on environmental issues while promoting eco-friendly initiatives.
- Food, Kitchen, and Laundry - Dedicated to keeping Martel well-fed, clean, and beautiful.
- Improvements - Finds ways to renovate, upgrade, and generally improve Martel.
- Sports - Encourages participation in intramural sports and acts as a liaison to varsity sports.
- Technology - Updates the Martel website, takes care of our electronic equipment, and maintains the movie library.

## Events

- Culturals - Serves Martel by throwing events that showcase Houston's diversity and world cultures.
- Merchandise - In charge of creating Martel swag including shirts, jackets, baseball caps, etc.
- Senior - Plans events for the senior class to make the last year of college unforgettable.
- Spirits - Throws events and organizes activities to encourage Martel spirit.
- Traditions - In charge of organizing our biggest traditions such as Oktoberfest and Greek Week.

## Others

- Academics - Helps Martel students with academic planning, mentoring, and more. Join by invitation.
- Theatre - Creates theatrical productions for the rest of the University.



*Library*



*Private Dining Room*



*Mail Room*



*Rotunda*



*Game Room*



*TV Room*



*Laundry Room*



*Weight Room*



*Sundeck*

## College Hotspots

It's true: Martel has the nicest facilities of all of the colleges on campus. Here are just nine of the 'college locations where you can find students most often.

Your address at Martel is:

Your Name

99 Sunset Blvd.

Houston, TX 77005

Welcome Home!

## College Dining

Food at Rice has been rated among the best in the nation. Each college's commons at Rice is connected to a Servery that is usually shared with one to two other colleges; Martel's servery, North servery, is the biggest servery on campus (shared with Brown and Jones), and offers delicious options for everyone.

Each servery at Rice is run by an executive chef, who cooks up a new menu for each week. For breakfast, there are a range of options, including bacon, eggs, hashbrowns, biscuits, cereal, yogurt, bagels and fruit. You can even make your own waffles (with chocolate chips – yum), and on the weekends, you can get custom omelettes made to order.

At lunch and dinner, there is a full menu, including 4-5 entrees, pasta, salad bars, pizza, burgers, fries and dessert. Our chef is usually super creative, and makes scrumptious, healthy options, with highlights like a Pho bar (Vietnamese noodles), quinoa salad, and taco pizza. The dessert chef whips up new desserts each week – there are so many different types of cakes, from dulce de leche to chocolate truffles and more. Occasionally, the servery even cooks up gigantic cinnamon rolls – but be quick, these run out fast! For drinks, there are water, juices, soda, teas, soy milk, regular milk, chocolate milk, and coffee.

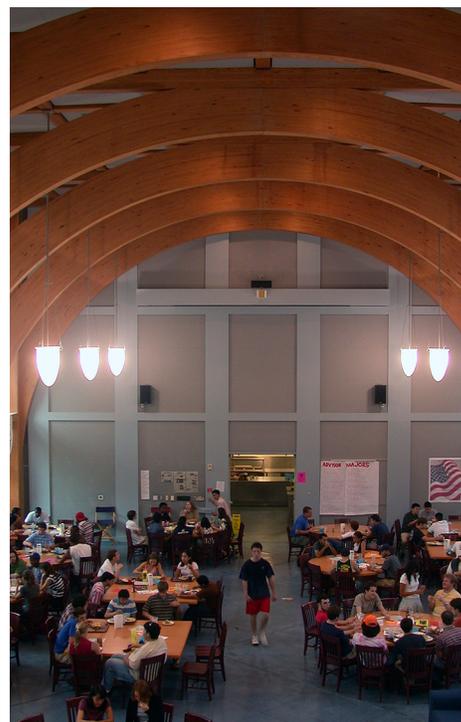
The chefs are open to suggestions and ideas – if you happen to have any dietary restrictions or needs, or simply want to see something on the menu, just talk to one of the chefs, and they will accommodate you!

All you have to do to get a meal at Rice is swipe your ID when you walk in – when you get the meal plan at Rice, you get 3 meals every day of the week, except for Saturday dinner, so you can go out and enjoy Houston (don't worry – there are plenty of options within walking distance or off the Metro), and Sunday breakfast, when lunch and breakfast are combined for brunch. You are free to eat at any of the serveries on campus, and each servery even has paper plates so you can take your food to go. All of the menus and timings are posted online ([dining.rice.edu](http://dining.rice.edu)).

During the week, the servery is open from 7:30 to 10:30 AM for breakfast, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM for lunch, and 5:30 to 7:30 PM for dinner. On the weekends, the servery usually opens later (so you can sleep in!).

There are plenty of other dining options on campus; each student gets 50 'Tetra Points' on their card with a meal plan. Most establishments on campus accept tetra: Coffee House and Brochstein Pavilion have food and coffee late into the night, and the Hoot, a student-run late-night food business, serves Pizza, Chick-Fil-A, and other snacks. There are also food options in the RMC, including Chinese and tacos. Rice Village is within walking distance, and has plenty of options, ranging from Tacos (Torchy's Tacos) to Thai (Thai Spice); you can hop on the light rail metro right next to Rice, and find many other restaurants. Be sure to ask your advisors what their favorite options are!

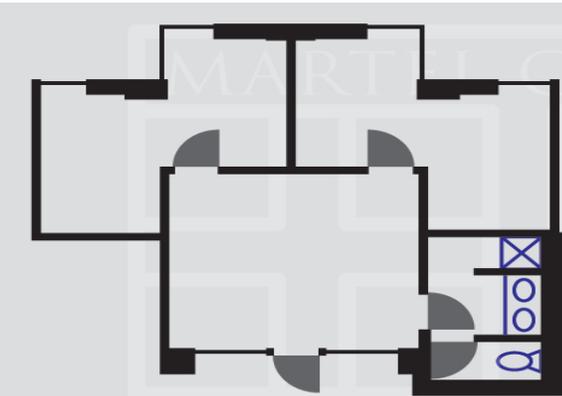
Simply put, food at Rice is delicious, and there are options for everyone!



# Where You Will Be Living

Martel, despite no longer being the newest of Rice's eleven colleges, still has the best rooms (We're actually the fourth youngest residential building, following the brand new McMurtry and Duncan and the opening of new Wiess in 2003). Martel has approximately 230 beds available for students, plus two Resident Associate (RA) apartments. Most rooms at Martel are 'suite-style,' meaning that a number of rooms (between 2 and 6) share a common room and bathroom(s). All rooms in the Colleges are furnished with the necessities by Rice Housing & Dining. Every room at Martel also has its own bathroom, generally with two sinks and a shower, though it varies depending on the type of room. There are six different types of rooms at Martel (including the rare ones of which there are only one or two). In general, our freshmen are paired with roommates in either Quads or Hexes while our upperclassmen live in single rooms within larger suites. If you would like more detailed visual information, please visit the Rice Virtual Tour page ([rice.edu/virtualtours/](http://rice.edu/virtualtours/)) and look under Residential Life – views 2 through 7 are of Martel rooms and surroundings!

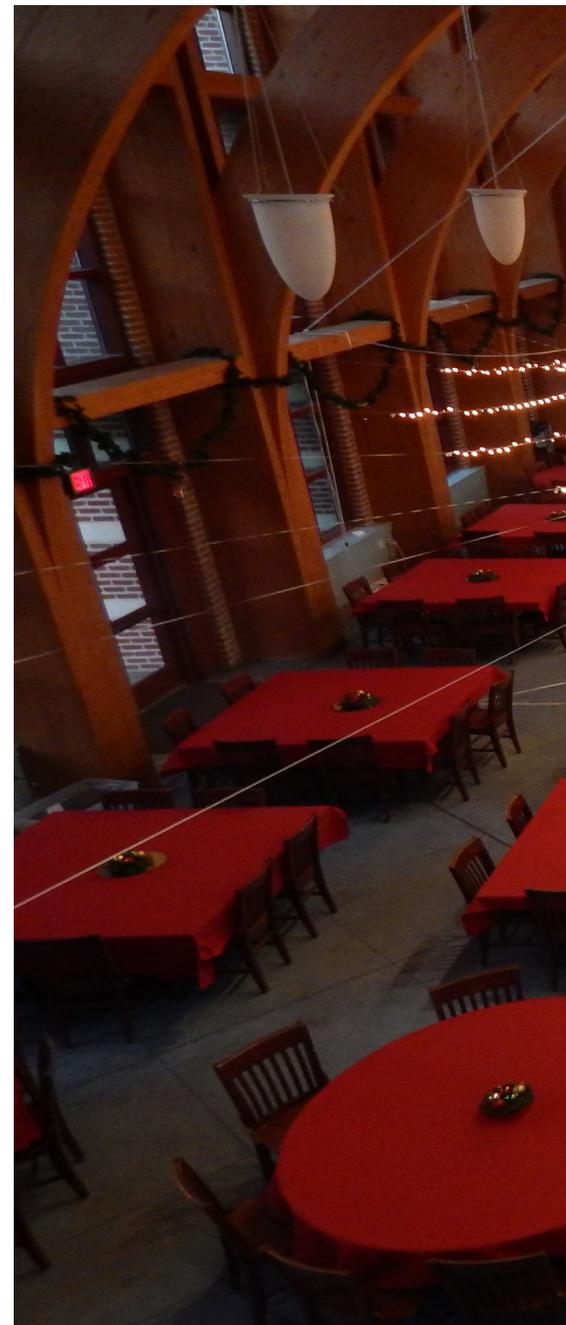
Housing & Dining provides every student at Martel with 5 pieces of furniture: a bed (with an XL twin mattress), a desk,

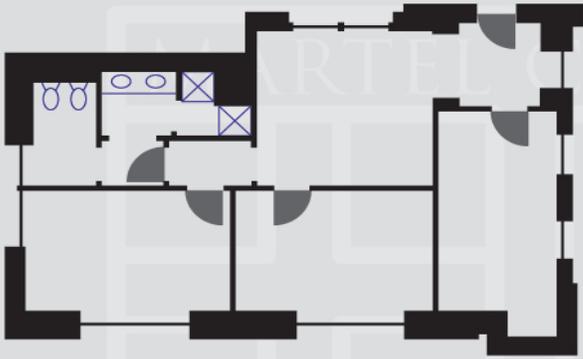


## QUAD DOUBLE

**MARTEL COLLEGE, RICE UNIVERSITY**  
Most freshmen rooms at Martel are Quad Doubles. Quad Doubles have two rooms (with two beds each), a common room, and a bathroom with one shower, two sinks and a toilet. Each Quad Double measures 685 square feet in floorspace.

a chest of 3 drawers, a chair and a wardrobe, all with birch veneer. Upon request, students can get a small bookcase and a floor lamp, as well. We're pretty lucky at Martel: we don't have to deal with communal bathrooms. The worst ratio you'll ever face in bathrooms at Martel is four people using one shower, one toilet, and two sinks. Normal quads have two sinks, one shower and one toilet and two doors – a door separates the bathroom from the common room and one separates the toilet from the bathroom. Hexes have two sinks, two stall-style toilets and two showers, with one door separating the bathroom from the common room. All bathrooms also have large mirrors.





## SALLYPORT HEX

MARTEL COLLEGE, RICE UNIVERSITY

There are four Sallyport Hexes at Martel. These rooms have three double rooms (with two beds each), a common room, and a bathroom with two showers, two sinks, and two toilets.



# Martel Traditions

Despite our relatively short, 14-year existence, Martel has a number of campus-famous traditions. Below are overviews of some of our favorites!

## Maptek:

It's coming.

## Don't Mess With Texas:

As the best college, Martel throws the first and last party of the school year. Our first, Don't Mess with Texas (or simply Texas Party), is a quasi-introduction to Texas culture for those students from the rest of the world. If you just moved to Texas from out-of-state, this Martel public party will surely encourage you to embrace all things Texas, even if it is just for one night. Since it's the first public party of the year it's known for bringing hordes (>2000) of Rice students to the Martel Sundeck for a night of dancing and fun with friends. It is beyond convenient having the first public party of the year at Martel, especially if you are a new student. No trying to figure out where to go, what door to

enter, with whom to go. All you need to do to find the party is look out your door and walk to the Sundeck with the rest of your Martel family! With 2000 attendees, the party takes a lot of work, so be on the look out for opportunities to help out your Socials (those who plan Martel's public parties) and your CJ Toni with planning and preparation. **Over 100 Martelians work together in making sure the event runs smoothly.**

## Oktoberfest:

Isn't Oktoberfest German? Isn't Martel Greek? Yes! Some of our former RAs decided to incorporate this famous event to honor German culture. This celebration is a favorite of Martelians! Around dinner time, everyone gathers in the Martel Quad for German food (pretzels, cakes, turkey legs, bratwursts, and more), live music, a pie-eating competition, strong man and woman competitions, and delicious beer and cider (for those of age). And root beers kegs! This event, unlike Texas Party (above), is exclusive to Martelians and Co-Advisors. Adults and alumni from Martel are also encouraged to come. Even Dean Hutch

attended this past year! What many love most about the event is the feeling of family that comes with it. Not many times do Martelians all congregate without students from other colleges. Be sure to check out Oktoberfest!

## Holiday Party:

On the last day of classes of the fall semester, Martel decides to celebrate the season with a holiday party! This time of the seasons coincides with many deadlines from the coming finals period, so Martelians depend on the holiday spirit to carry them through this tough time. During the week, there are floor-to-floor decorating contests, various study breaks to make cards and decorate cookies, and even Secret Santa gift exchanges. At the end of the week, our Martel family is again brought together in the Commons where we decorate the tree, eat good food, take a lot of pictures, and spend the night singing our hearts out to Karaoke. There is a choice to wear a tacky sweater or to dress classy. This clearly brings about a bizarre mix of outfits for the night, but it is the company of fellow Martelians that truly makes



Texas Party



Oktoberfest

the event special.

## Greek Week:

This is the big one! While Rice doesn't have 'Greek life' per se, Martel does – at least by virtue of our namesake. Every year, we celebrate our first move-in day (January 28). It's a week of non-stop Martel pride, featuring sorority- and fraternity-like big-little pairings, the Mr. Martel pageant, Pub Night, amazing food and drink, and much more. You can think of this as 'high school spirit week meets Martel College.' We think it's a pretty great mix. So be on the lookout for this year's unique festivities!

## Willy Week:

Though Willy Week is a Rice-wide event, Martel holds a tradition of celebrating it best. We have fun from the start to the end, beginning with First Beer on the Sunday beginning the week and ending with post-Beer Bike festivities. There is literally something planned and set up for every moment of the week, meaning free food all around! But it's not all fun and games... Each college is responsible

for making water balloons with which they will assault other colleges during Beer Bike! So come to the Sundeck and help make some!

## Beer Bike:

All of campus participates in Beer Bike, which, alongside O-Week, reigns as Rice's most definitive and unique event. Martel, however, takes Beer Bike and the preceding week (see above) to the next level! Starting in the fall, the bike team hosts regular practices using the race bikes provided by Martel. Additionally, eager students split into various Beer Bike committees. Early in the spring semester months, long before Beer Bike day, the Build Committee begins planning a 'Build' based on Martel's Beer Bike theme that is constructed by students on our Sundeck. Past Builds have ranged from a giant Spongebob pineapple to last year's Beer Throne based off of the Iron Throne from the HBO series *Game of Thrones*! Very early on Beer Bike morning, students from all of the residential colleges come to Martel to dance on the Sundeck and stare in awe at the Build. (Note the castle in the im-

age below.) Other events throughout the day include the unofficial world's largest water balloon fight, a campus-wide color powder war, and, of course, the races. Due to rain this past year (2016), Beer Bike became a Beer Run in which both the guys and girls team won (which they also won the last time it rained in 2002)! Hence, you will also hear Martelians cheering, 'Pray for rain!' All in all, Beer Bike is an exciting day on campus, especially for Martelians.

## Beach Party:

As mentioned above, Martel has the unique privilege of hosting both the first and last public parties of the school year. This final party is Beach Party (also called Martel Beach). It's typically held following the last week of classes of the spring semester. (Can you say 'stress relief?') People from all across campus come to Martel's Sundeck one final time for the year while decked out in their most 'beachy' ensembles, making Martel Beach Party one of the most well attended public parties of the year. Talk about ending with a splash!



*Holiday Party*



*Beer Bike*

All good things must come to an end.  
Fortunately, your Rice experience is just  
beginning.



# CONCLUSION



## Final Thoughts & Thanks

**A**lthough this job is demanding, we have thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of it. It's a strange feeling caring so much for people you haven't met yet, but we can honestly say that we are thrilled to meet you in just a few weeks! And we hope that after reading this book, you are even more excited to begin the next stage of your life at the best college ever, the best family ever, Martel.

So if nothing else from this book remains with you, try to remember this: Rice is a special place where your most unique traits aren't just accepted, but celebrated.

This book and indeed all of H<sub>2</sub>O-Week would not have been possible without the support of many. The three of us would like to thank the following individuals for their passion, commitment, and dedication to Martel and O-Week.

We are deeply indebted to:

- Our Advisors - for helping to carry out the ambitious mission we have designed for H<sub>2</sub>O-Week and dedicating the ends of their summers to our New Students.

- Our Co-Advisors - for joining our Martel family and preparing to make our New Students comfortable enough to do the same.

- Our Affiliates - for carrying out the role of an Advisor in addition to their specific tasks during the week.

- Frank and Carrie - for taking on the incredible role of Masters, helping us to achieve our hopes for this O-Week, and being there for us always. You both are incredible individuals, and we are so excited to have you at Martel!

- Maria - for your undying support and perseverance throughout the year and summer. H<sub>2</sub>O-Week and Martel would not exist without you.

- Ben, Taylor, Jesse, and Gelatia - for hours of conversation and for allowing us to bounce all of our ideas off of you. Martel is truly so lucky to have the four of you!

- Chris, Seth, and Solji - for the incredible amount of time you all have spent training us, guiding us, and saving us. We are so grateful for everything you've done so far. Here's to one great week!

- The other 30 Coordinators - for being the only other people on campus who know what we've been going through these past seven months and being a pleasure to work with on campus-wide initiatives.

- Jensine Baerman - for coming to the rescue by designing our logo and cover with such magnificent talent.

Stay hydrated,  
Harry, Andrew, and Elliot

# Martel Speak

**Backyard:** All that lovely green space back between Martel and the Hedges, great for sunbathing, Frisbee, reading, and picnics.

**Baker:** A South College located by the Inner Loop known for its great breakfasts and for being the first college.

**Bakerite:** A resident of Baker College.

**Beer Goat:** Martel's unofficial mascot. A welded steel beverage dispenser that brings joy and inspiration to all.

**Brown:** A North College next to Jones that is the most north college on campus and is the sixth college built on campus. Known for Bacchanalia.

**Brownie:** A resident of Brown College

**BTM:** Back to Martel, as in "Let's go BTM."

**College Night:** Each semester, every college throws one party for their residents only, usually themed and lasting all day long!

**Commons:** Where we eat and do other stuff. Martel has the best looking one around.

**Duncan College:** The most recent college and eleventh college to be built, located right next to Martel.

**Duncaroo:** A resident of Duncan College.

**Dickens, Jerry, Michelle:** Martel's masters who finished in 2010.

**Fews, Arthur and Joan:** First Martel Masters.

**Garden:** A small plot in the Backyard with a few benches.

**Hanszen:** A South College located in the South that has their own terrace and is the third college built on campus.

**Hanszenite:** A resident of Hanszen College.

**Hex Double:** At Martel, there are five of these six-person suites with three bedrooms, a common room, and a bathroom.

**Independent Study:** Independent re-

search performed by students, who receive Rice credit for their work, usually ending in a cumulative paper.

**Jack:** 1. Practical Joke. Pulled on other Colleges during O-Week and Willy Week (the week before Beer Bike). Usually leads to retaliation. 2. Getting kicked off campus for your junior year via a lottery.

**Jones:** A North College and Martel's other neighbor, Jones is the fifth college built on campus.

**Jonesian:** A resident of Jones College

**Loch-Temzelides, Ted and Loch, Beata:** Martel's most recent masters who finished in 2016.

**Lovett:** A South College and the seventh college built on campus.

**Lovetteer:** A resident of Lovett College.

**McMurtry College:** A North College and the tenth college built on campus that shares West Servery with Duncan.

**Murt:** A resident of McMurtry College.

**North Colleges:** The five colleges located in the North of campus that includes Martel, Jones, Brown, Duncan, and McMurtry as well as both North and West Serveries.

**OC:** off-campus

**PDR (Private Dining Room):** Interviews and meetings are generally held here. Looks down over the commons. Also a good place to study.

**P. Seamus:** Ben and Taylor's super happy and adorable dog. If otters were dogs, they would be P. Seamus

**Pub Night:** 1. Held by college Socials at Pub, free refreshments and food for all. 2. Official beginning of the weekend (Thursday night).

**Quad:** 1.) Academic Quad between Lovett Hall and Library 2.) Area enclosed in Martel where people relax underneath the shade of our giant oak tree, play soccer, and hang out.

**Quad Double:** The most common freshman suite at Martel with two bedrooms,

a common room, and a bathroom.

**Quad Single:** The most common upper-classman suite at Martel with four bedrooms, a common room, and a bathroom

**Rotunda:** The huge spiral staircase near the commons; includes the circular lounge areas on the first floor and a fabulous Sundeck on the second floor.

**Sallyport:** (1) Big arch in Lovett Hall that you will walk through after matriculation and hopefully back out of at graduation. Martel is the only college on campus that has its own. (2) Area of Martel where the 4 freshmen hexes are located.

**Sid Richardson:** A South College and the eighth college built on campus. Easily recognized by its tower.

**Sidizen:** A resident of Sid Richardson College (simply known as 'Sid')

**SMR:** Student Maintenance Representative. This year's SMR is Emmie Ledesma. She is the liaison between Housing & Dining and the students. She can help you change light bulbs as well as the furniture in your room.

**Study Rooms:** Better places to study than your room. Located on each floor of Martel, they are a lot closer than Fonden Library.

**Sundeck:** Large patio on the rotunda where you can study, hang out, or catch some rays, even in February. Also the location for Martel public parties.

**Violent Femmes:** The name of the Martel Women's college flag football team. One of the most intense (and fun) of the college sports, as well as a great spectator sport. Played during the fall semester.

**Wiess College:** A South College and the fourth college built on campus. Remember that it is spelled Wiess instead of Weiss. I before E.

**Wiessmen:** Residents of Wiess College.

**Will Rice:** A South College and the second college built on campus.

**Will Ricer:** A resident of Will Rice College.