



GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION Rice University NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Welcome new students! We are so excited to have everyone here, and we hope you will feel welcome at Rice. The Graduate Student Association is made up of graduate students at Rice, and the GSA mission is to enrich the graduate student experience and to represent, support, and promote graduate student interests and values. An integral and essential part of the Rice community, the GSA provides programs and services aiding in recruitment and retention of graduate students, represents graduate student interests to the University administration, and builds a strong sense of community both on and off campus. The 2017-2018 GSA Executive board has made Advocacy, Inclusion, and Increasing Grad Student Involvement the goals for improving graduate student life.



Visit our website (gsa.rice.edu) for more information about GSA and check out the New Student page: gsa.rice.edu/guide-to-grad-life/new-graduate-students

PAST EVENTS



- Summer Pride Picnic
- Karaoke Night
- International Culture Night
- GSA Awards Ceremony
- 90 Second Thesis Competition
- Speed Networking
- Monthly Coffee Breaks
- BEER BIKE!



GET INVOLVED IN GSA

1. Join a committee
 - a. University committees help Rice administration make important decisions about student life
 - b. GSA committees help plan and coordinate GSA events and funding
2. Get involved in your departmental GSA
3. Stay up to date
 - a. Weekly GSA Announcements
 - b. GSA Website
 - c. Official GSA Calendar

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 17th: Orientation Picnic

Meet at Valhalla. Get some awesome food and socialize with fellow graduate students

September 1st: AETNA Health Care Waiver Deadline

If not waived, you will automatically be signed up.

September 9th: BAHfest

Stude Concert Hall. Fun event where contestants argue for hilariously inaccurate hypotheses.