

Reunion Giving Volunteers

Carrying forward Rice's philanthropic tradition through the reunion class celebration.



Reunion Volunteers Play a Crucial Role

Reunion giving volunteers play an integral role in carrying forward the philanthropic tradition that is part of a reunion class's celebration and mobilizing classmates to support Rice's students and faculty with a gift to the Rice Annual Fund. Reunion giving chairs and committee members share the importance of philanthropy, inspire classmates to give toward a meaningful cause, and raise their class's giving totals and participation rates.

Reunion class giving accounts for more than 25 percent of the Rice Annual Fund's yearly fundraising and culminates in a presentation of the class's check during halftime of the Rice Homecoming & Reunion football game.

Get Involved

Consider joining us as a social media ambassador, leadership giving chair, participation chair, college captain, reunion giving committee member or reunion giving chair. Contact the Rice Annual Fund at 713-348-4991 or giving@rice.edu for more information about how you can become an advocate for the Annual Fund during your reunion year.

The Rice Annual Fund

More than 84 percent of alumni who give to Rice do so through the Annual Fund, the university's most powerful vehicle for giving. These unrestricted funds provide support for core priorities and pressing needs, including:

- Undergraduate scholarships and graduate student support.
- Library, classroom and laboratory materials and technology.
- Student organizations, leadership initiatives, intramural sports and the college system.



Reunion class chairs present their class's check to the university during the homecoming football game.

Reunion Giving Volunteer Responsibilities

Reunion giving committee member responsibilities include:

- Serving a one-year term, from January 1 through December 31, which corresponds with the window for giving to the class reunion gift.
- Making a personal contribution to the Rice Annual Fund in honor of your reunion.
- Asking at least 15 classmates for gifts in honor of your reunion.
- Attending committee training sessions and scheduled conference calls (as available).
- Helping update and gather contact information for classmates.
- Writing thank-you notes to classmates who contribute to the Annual Fund.
- Attending Rice's events in Houston or your city of residence, when possible.
- Celebrating results at homecoming by attending events, receptions and the football game.
- Inviting classmates to attend reunion festivities.

Reunion giving chair responsibilities include all of the above, plus:

- Providing leadership and direction for the reunion giving project.
- Identifying and recruiting a committee of diverse classmates to contact fellow alumni.
- Participating in the cultivation and solicitation of classmates for leadership gifts.
- Working with the class manager to set both dollar and participation goals and strategies.
- Providing input about solicitation follow-up appeals.

2016 Reunion Giving Results

Reunion	Class	Gifts and Pledges to RAF	Participation Rate
50th	1966	\$1,778,135	77%
45th	1971	\$258,551	43%
40th	1976	\$527,487	33%
35th	1981	\$300,603	37%
30th	1986	\$504,969	41%
25th	1991	\$328,713	40%
20th	1996	\$327,074	42%
15th	2001	\$190,479	39%
10th	2006	\$86,266	36%
5th	2011	\$52,605	41%
TOTALS:		\$4,354,882	41%

The following classes hold the giving dollar and participation records for their respective reunion classes:

	Class	Dollars	Class	Participation
5th Reunion	2010	\$124,137	2011	41%
10th Reunion	2004	\$267,726	1994	54%
15th Reunion	1994	\$322,327	1988	69%
20th Reunion	1989	\$466,188	1984	59%
25th Reunion	1979	\$927,548	1989	56%
30th Reunion	1979	\$1,503,297	1964	56%
35th Reunion	1979	\$1,452,523	1962	57%
40th Reunion	1976	\$527,487	1962/64	64%
45th Reunion	1961	\$477,424	1960	71%
50th Reunion	1966	\$1,778,135	1962	87%