Leadership Giving

Your investment in Rice and its students preserves the university’s dynamic learning environment, strengthens it and passes it on for the next generation.

Investing in the Rice Annual Fund

It takes an exceptional, community-wide effort for Rice to provide the best learning environment for its students, year after year. The university relies on leadership giving to the Rice Annual Fund in order to support the needs of students and to fund the university's top priorities. This includes supporting The Rice Investment, strengthening Rice’s teaching culture and creating a welcoming campus. The significant impact of leadership donors on the entire university is clear: In fiscal year 2019, leadership gifts comprised nearly 70 percent of the total $8.2 million that was raised for the Annual Fund.

Leadership Recognition

In gratitude for your leadership investment in the Annual Fund, the university recognizes leadership giving levels in the following ways:

- Access to a campus liaison to answer your questions about your support and to keep you informed about what’s new at Rice.
- An invitation to the Annual Fund’s annual springtime reception.
- Donors at the Brown Society level and higher are invited to meet scholarship recipients at a fall luncheon on campus.

LEADERSHIP GIVING SOCIETIES

Recognition at one of these levels is based on gifts to the Annual Fund, including corporate matching gifts, during one fiscal year (July 1–June 30):

- **Campanile Society** $50,000 or more
- **Sallyport Society** $25,000–$49,999
- **Lovett Society** $10,000–$24,999
- **Brown Society** $5,000–$9,999
- **Charter Society** $2,500–$4,999

YOUNG ALUMNI LEADERSHIP GIVING SOCIETIES

Young Alumni Leadership Giving Societies Alumni from the Classes of 2009–2019 can be recognized as leadership donors at the below levels of giving. More than 100 young alumni became philanthropic leaders in 2018-2019!

- **Lovett Society**
  - Classes of 2009–2010 $2,500
  - Classes of 2011–2019 $1,000
- **Charter Society**
  - Classes of 2009–2010 $1,000
  - Classes of 2011–2015 $500
  - Classes of 2016–2019 $250

More than 30 dedicated young alumni serve on the Young Alumni Leadership Council (YALC), one of Rice’s premier volunteer opportunities for alumni 10 years out and younger. Council members inspire fellow young alumni to make the university one of their philanthropic priorities by becoming a leadership donor to the Annual Fund. To learn more about the YALC, contact Christa Langolf, associate director of the Rice Annual Fund, at clangolf@rice.edu.
How to make your gift

**CREDIT CARD**
Give online riceconnect.rice.edu.
You may make a leadership gift online at riceconnect.rice.edu. Should you decide to make a recurring credit card gift, you may divide your leadership gift into monthly or quarterly payments over the course of the fiscal year (July 1–June 30).

**CHECK**
Send a check (payable to Rice University) to:
Rice Annual Fund – MS 83
Rice University
P.O. Box 1892
Houston, TX 77251-1892

Corporate Matching Gifts
Many companies match donations to Rice University that are made by employees and retirees and their spouses. By taking advantage of this benefit, you may double or even triple the value of your contribution.
Check with your human resources office in order to learn whether your employer matches charitable gifts, or search for your employer on Rice’s gift-matching database at giving.rice.edu/match.
For additional details, contact Helen L.-Toombs ’79, associate director of the Rice Annual Fund, at 713-348-4626 or htoombs@rice.edu.

Gifts of Securities
(STOCKS, BONDS, MUTUAL FUNDS)
It is almost always to your advantage to contribute appreciated long-term securities directly to Rice rather than to sell them and then donate the proceeds.
For more information about how to donate securities or stocks, please contact Melanie Boyd, data services analyst, at 713-348-5800 or mboyd@rice.edu.

Enhance Your Impact
For more information or to discuss your leadership gift to the Rice Annual Fund, please contact Nick Stinson, director of the Rice Annual Fund, at 713-348-4427 or nstinson@rice.edu.
If you are an alum from the Classes of 2009–2019 and are interested in learning more about young alumni leadership giving or serving on the Young Alumni Leadership Council, please contact Christa Langolf, associate director of the Rice Annual Fund, at 713-348-5948 clangolf@rice.edu.

IRAm Charitable Rollover
Congress has passed legislation that permanently allows qualified charitable distributions (a) of up to $100,000 from the IRA (b) of a donor who is at least 70 ½ (c) directly to public charities like Rice. This provision is sometimes referred to as the “IRA Charitable Rollover.” This direct distribution from your IRA counts toward your annual required minimum distribution and does not trigger income tax for you. While you cannot claim an income tax charitable deduction for an IRA charitable rollover gift, it is a tax-free transfer that is not included in your adjusted gross income. If your spouse has IRA accounts and is also at least age 70 ½, you may each make qualified charitable distributions of up to $100,000 from your respective IRA accounts.
For more information about how to take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover, please contact Jill Hughes ’79, gift planning officer, at 713-348-6202 or jillhughes@rice.edu.

“It’s important to support students because we have so much potential. We’re passionate about learning and we want to make a difference in the word.”
—Cassie Jennings ’20 (Baker)
Cognitive Sciences and Psychology Major, Neuroscience Minor, Scholarship Recipient