

# Young Alumni

*Graduates of the last decade, strengthening Rice through collective support and active participation.*



## Young Alumni and the Rice Annual Fund

Young alumni make up just under 26 percent of Rice's overall alumni base but represent only 22 percent of alumni donors to the university. That means the graduates of the last decade have the potential to make a big difference by giving and volunteering.

The Rice Annual Fund is the university's most powerful giving vehicle and is supported by more than 85 percent of alumni who give to the university. Each year, Rice alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff and friends make unrestricted gifts for the university's immediate use. These gifts provide vital funding for Rice's top priorities and most pressing needs.

## Ways to Give

**ONLINE:** Visit [giving.rice.edu](http://giving.rice.edu) to make a gift.

**PHONE:** Contact Matt Fox, associate director of young alumni, at 713-348-2317 or [matt.fox@rice.edu](mailto:matt.fox@rice.edu).

**MAIL:**

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

**RECURRING GIFTS:** A recurring monthly or annual credit card gift is an easy and affordable way to ensure support for Rice.



Young alumni volunteers help keep their friends and classmates engaged with Rice and share the importance of giving back each and every year.

## 2015–2016 Giving by Young Alumni

**29%** Young alumni participation – a record-breaking 2,516 donors.

Number of leadership donors  
**192** who gave between \$250 and \$2,500.

**237** Number of young alumni who volunteered with the Rice Annual Fund.

**\$238,808**  
Total dollars young alumni donated to Rice.

Number of young alumni who made their first gift to Rice.  
**229**

## Leadership Giving Societies

Enjoy special recognition and Rice networking opportunities as a young alumni member of the Edgar Odell Lovett Society or Charter Society. You'll receive invitations to unique Rice events and reserved seating at the President's Lecture Series among other benefits.

Your recognition as part of a giving society is based on your yearly support of the Rice Annual Fund (July 1–June 30). Over 190 young alumni became philanthropic leaders in 2015–2016!

Lovett Society	Classes of 2006–2007	\$2,500
	Classes of 2008–2016	\$1,000
Charter Society	Classes of 2006–2007	\$1,000
	Classes of 2008–2012	\$500
	Classes of 2013–2016	\$250

## Class Giving Volunteers

Nearly 120 young alumni assist as Rice Class Giving volunteers. Volunteers serve as liaisons between their classmates and the Rice Annual Fund, with an emphasis on increasing young alumni participation and spreading the tradition of giving. Volunteer responsibilities include:

- Making a personal contribution to the Annual Fund every fiscal year.
- Reaching out to/contacting 10 to 15 classmates for gifts.
- Attending Rice Annual Fund volunteer gatherings and actively responding to volunteer emails.
- Writing thank you notes to class members who contribute to the Annual Fund.
- Attending Rice events in Houston or your city of residence when possible.
- Providing updated young alumni contact information to Rice.

## Get Involved

To learn more about volunteering for Rice and the Annual Fund, please contact Matt Fox, associate director of young alumni, at 713-348-2317 or [matt.fox@rice.edu](mailto:matt.fox@rice.edu).

## The Importance of Participation

The percentage of alumni who contribute to Rice influences our national ranking in publications like *U.S. News and World Report* and impacts corporate and foundation funding. Because young alumni are a critical source of participation, Rice has made young alumni participation a strategic priority. In other words, we need your support and, you make a difference. Your gift of any amount matters. In fact, last fiscal year, gifts of \$250 or less from undergraduate alumni contributed more than \$552,000 in support of Rice.



Every year, young alumni gather in cities across the country for networking opportunities and a chance to learn how philanthropy impacts today's students.