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 over 25 percent of Rice’s overall alumni base but represent only 21 percent of alumni donors to the university. That means that 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 87 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 to make a gift.

PHONE: Call Matt Fox, assistant director of Young Alumni, at 713-348-2317 or matt.fox@rice.edu.

MAIL: Send a check (payable to Rice University) or gift form to:
Rice Annual Fund – MS 83
Rice University
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.

2014–2015 Giving by Young Alumni

$260,337 Total dollars young alumni donated to Rice, a 15 percent increase over the previous fiscal year!

Number of leadership donors
186 who gave between $250 and $2,500.

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

Young alumni giving participation 29%

483 Number of young alumni who made their first gift to Rice.
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 175 young alumni became philanthropic leaders in 2014–2015!

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Class Giving Volunteers

Nearly 150 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 training sessions 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.

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, together, you make a difference. Your gift of any amount matters. In fact, last fiscal year, gifts of $250 or less contributed more than $824,000 in support of Rice.

Every year, young alumni gather in popular cities for networking and a chance to learn how philanthropy impacts today’s students.