

BECAUSE OF YOU...RICE IS A HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Mary Kay Dauria, a volunteer for International Friends at Rice (IFR), offers international students a warm welcome and an open door.

Rice is an increasingly international university, where a quarter of undergraduate and graduate students come from outside of the U.S. to pursue research and take advantage of Rice's stellar learning environment.

But for students, it is not always easy to acclimate to a new community. Fortunately, passionate Rice volunteers like Mary Kay Dauria step forward every year to make sure these students' new home is a second home.

Through IFR, a program within the Office of International Students and Scholars, Mary Kay hosts international students at social events and on cultural outings, showing them what Houston has to offer and providing them a view of an American family's traditions and culture.



Mary Kay Dauria with Simbarashe "Simba" Dzinamarira.

AIG who has traveled to 60 countries, worked abroad and led a team of international employees in Houston. "I connected with Rice because this is an amazing institution. As a result, our family has gotten to know a wonderful group of students, and hopefully we have welcomed them into an American family."

Mary Kay has hosted a number of students over the years, including computer science doctoral candidate Simbarashe "Simba" Dzinamarira. Her warm welcome eased Simba, who is from Zimbabwe, into life in Houston. What began as a welcome, with trips to the theater and the Art Car Parade, has become a lasting bond. "Simba has remained a close family friend, and I think he'll be a lifelong friend," Mary Kay says.

If you would like to learn more about welcoming international students to Rice through International Friends at Rice, visit oiss.rice.edu/ifr or email oiss@rice.edu.

"IT IS A BLESSING THAT MARY KAY GIVES HER TIME TO DO THIS FOR ME AND FOR OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS."

— SIMBA DZINAMARIRA

"I care deeply about international students," says Mary Kay, a retired senior VP of international services for

BECAUSE OF YOU...RICE CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

700+

Rice Associates volunteered to connect with students through the residential colleges.



It won't surprise any Owls that Rice ranks No. 1 for best quality of life and No. 2 for happiest students in the Princeton Review's 2018 edition of "The Best 382 Colleges." The report highlighted our "unbeatable sense of community," and one key factor influencing the rankings is the Associates Program, an integral part of the residential college system. For the past 60 years, associates (including alumni, faculty, staff and community members) have strengthened the residential colleges through their involvement in college activities, such as welcome dinners during O-Week, monthly lunches, mentoring and more.

"I would like to thank the community of associates for sharing their time, energy, knowledge and insights with students across campus," says Brian Gibson, associate dean of undergraduates and the Associates Program director. "Without a doubt, the intellectual, cultural and social fabric of the colleges is enhanced immeasurably by these contributions."

If you would like to learn more about the Associates Program, please visit associatesprogram.rice.edu.



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2016-2017
VOLUNTEER
IMPACT REPORT



Joe Sample
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City, State Zip

LEARN ABOUT THE IMPACT OF RICE VOLUNTEERS INSIDE!



"Thank you, Rice volunteers, for helping me transition to college and realize my true career interests." — **Priya Kane '19**

"You inspire me to take a more active role volunteering in my own community and in my own college." — **Paul Mayer '18**



RICE VOLUNTEER

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RICE

VOLUNTEER

the Rice family

memorable events

global growth

lifelong friendships

career connections

a dynamic education

active alumni

international expertise

profound professional experiences

meaningful mentorship

unparalleled opportunities

Because of YOU...

INSIDE THIS REPORT

A message from Rice President David W. Leebron

Rice volunteer impact by the numbers

A warm volunteer welcome for international students

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warm

a stronger university welcomes

the Owl Edge

unmatched community

action with outcomes

authentic leadership

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rice Volunteers,

Because of you, our students are warmly welcomed to Rice, they receive an outstanding education and form meaningful connections while they are here, and they graduate to join a passionate community of alumni.

Your steadfast generosity of time, effort and resources — on campus and across the globe, in schools and programs, at events and in your workplace — ensures that Rice can be the university and the community of which we are so proud. Your tireless passion and dedication to mentorship and the student experience drove the successful conclusion of the Initiative for Students and inspired the launch of Sallyportal, Rice's online professional development hub.

Through these efforts and the many other ways in which volunteers connect with Rice and with each other, we are able to provide our students with an unparalleled educational experience — one fueled by a generous community of support that encourages excellence, innovation and a desire to improve the world.

As you read this year's volunteer impact report, I hope that you will take pride in the work that you have done to support Rice, our mission and our students. Thank you for all that you do.

Warmly,

David W. Leebron

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President



4,891 VOLUNTEERS

Because of YOU...



MERINDA WATKINS-MARTIN '91
School of Social Sciences accessibility task force chair, Rice Alumni Volunteers for Admission, Gateway business mentor

"Rice is an amazing university. I am grateful for my opportunity to attend Rice, and I am eager to give back to the university. I also truly enjoy working with students. Sometimes, a student's path seems a little less overwhelming when they talk to someone who has been there, too."

...WE HAVE GROWN

The Rice volunteer ranks are growing, which means more opportunities for students, a more vibrant alumni and parent community, and greater engagement than ever before.

3,460
VOLUNTEERS



2015-2016

4,891
VOLUNTEERS



2016-2017

...WE ARE ALL OVER THE WORLD

As a Rice volunteer, you are among a national and international group.



32

Major Metro Areas



41

U.S. States



28

Countries

...THE ENTIRE RICE COMMUNITY IS REPRESENTED



1 OWL ≈ 150 VOLUNTEERS

- Undergraduate and Graduate Alumni
- Faculty/Staff
- Friends
- Parents

...THE RICE NETWORK IS MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER

6,500+

SALLYPORTAL USERS*

Students • Alumni • Parents • Faculty • Staff

Users represent every Rice school:



Users are located in:

**44 U.S. States
& 20 countries**

*Data as of August 1, 2017, with new users signing up everyday!

CHARLEY LANDGRAF '75

Rice Board of Trustees member, Glasscock School advisory board member, Initiative for Students Cabinet chair, Boniuk Institute advisory board member

"The Rice proposition — academic excellence, commitment to socio-economic opportunity, world-class research and scholarship, all in an institution sized for maximum benefit to students — is rare and compelling. It simply must be encouraged and supported."



WAYS TO CONNECT

1. Sign up at Sallyportal.org to connect to the Rice professional network, share wisdom and seek guidance.
2. Step up as a **Homecoming & Reunion 2017 ambassador** by clicking the VOLUNTEER button at volunteer.rice.edu.
3. Fill out our volunteer survey at volunteer.rice.edu/survey and visit volunteer.rice.edu, where you can explore the full range of opportunities.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

To contact the Volunteer Engagement team, email volunteer@rice.edu or call 713-348-4046.



KRISTJAN STONE PH.D. '08
Association of Rice Alumni board member, Initiative for Students Commission member, Los Angeles alumni regional volunteer

"I enjoy holding events that bring people together, especially when I get the chance to meet passionate, smart and fascinating Rice alumni. It has led to some lasting friendships and even some fantastic networking opportunities."

▶ OUR STUDENTS HAVE A THANK-YOU MESSAGE FOR RICE VOLUNTEERS!
See the video at volunteer.rice.edu/impact2017.



FRANCINE DI '03

Rice University Community of Asian Alumni (RUCAA) board member

"I have had the pleasure of meeting extraordinary people from all over the world who are involved in almost every discipline, and we are brought together by a shared passion for the mission of the university."

In 2017, the RUCAA board is leading Rice's celebration of 100 years of Asian life and contributions. Learn more at facebook.com/RiceRUCAA.