Wendy Hoenig '86 knows a thing or twenty about entrepreneurship and engineering. As global business and R&D director of ventures and business development at The Dow Chemical Company, she worked with entrepreneurs, organizations and volunteers to help them build global ventures, including Rice University’s Polytechnic Institute and Technology. As a member of the Rice Alumni Association Board of Directors, she advises entrepreneurs on technology.

When she focused her volunteerism toward her alma mater, Rice’s Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen (OEDK), she found her volunteer mentor at the OEDK, she has championed her knowledge of business secrets toward empowering the next generation.

Mentoring design teams at the OEDK, she and her husband, Stephen, an experienced scientist and partner in H&H, have provided tremendous skills with insight at an important moment in their education. “Mentoring, for us, is sharing what we know,” Wendy says. “When we share this experience along the way, hopefully that makes their path a little smoother. Most importantly, we can channel and mentor the OEDK design teams because we’ve always been something.”

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Even small acts of volunteers have a huge impact on universities and on our Rice community. Here, we highlight a few of the many ways Rice volunteer have shown their commitment to strengthening the alumni community, improving student life and learning, and bolstering Rice's commitment to excellence.

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while ensuring that we never lose sight of every individual contribution to this community. In doing so, you truly unintended. Thank you, our dedicated alumni, parents and friends, for volunteering your time to ensure Rice's excellence in every way. Sincerely,

David Leebron

DEAR RICE VOLUNTEERS,

This year, I have traveled across the country to share and discuss Rice’s new strategic plan — For the Second Century, Second Decade — with alumni, parents and friends. As I reflect on each stop along the way, I marvel at the enthusiasm and dedication of the Rice community, especially our volunteers. What remains exceedingly clear is that your — the Vision for the Second Century, Second Decade — with alumni, parents and friends.

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— Alicia Burns-Wright ’08, ARA Board Member

**UNCOUNTED OPPORTUNITIES**

For experienced and new volunteers, your next opportunity to make a difference awaits. Below is a selection of faculty & staff members who are leading change for Rice University.

**IN THE ARTS AT RICE**

The Arts at Rice is a vibrant hub of artistic activity and learning, expanding Rice's commitment to engaging students in the arts and arts experiences. Artistic work can be a powerful force for change. The Rice Art Museum is one such force for change, providing an opportunity for students to explore the intersection of art and science, with a particular focus on the work of Latinx artists.

Rice Art Museum

- Mexico City, Mexico: The Rice Art Museum partnered with the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) and the Museo Universitario del Chopo to present an exhibition, “Flowers and People,” featuring works by TeamLab, a Japanese digital art collective. The exhibition aimed to explore the relationship between nature and art, and to encourage visitors to reflect on the role of art in shaping society.

- Houston, Texas: The Rice Art Museum presented “The Garden of Earthly Delights,” an installation by TeamLab, which invited visitors to interact with the work and explore the themes of nature, growth, and transformation. The exhibition was part of a larger initiative by the museum to promote interactive and immersive art experiences.

- New York, New York: The Rice Art Museum collaborated with the Whitney Museum of American Art to present an exhibition of works by Latinx artists, including sculptures, paintings, and installations. The exhibition aimed to highlight the diversity and creativity of Latinx artists and to encourage dialogue about the role of the arts in society.

As an arts organization, the Rice Art Museum is dedicated to promoting the arts and culture in the greater Houston area, and is committed to providing a platform for emerging and established artists to showcase their work. By sponsoring these exhibitions and other arts initiatives, the Rice Art Museum is able to make a meaningful contribution to the cultural landscape of Houston and beyond.