FRANK G. JONES '63



"The ARA wants to unite Owls behind the institution where they spent some of their most formative years, where they have real ties and real riendships and where they earned the things that got them started in life and in their careers."

Frank G. Jones '63 grew up attending Rice football games and riding his bicycle through the city streets that crossed campus. His time as a Rice undergraduate was a highlight of Frank's formative years, and he has made it a priority to give back to an institution that provided him with a top-tier education. Now, as the president of the Association of Rice Alumni (ARA), Frank is committed to raising the profile of this important group. Part of his plan includes celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the ARA.

What shaped your interest in working with the ARA? My mother went to Rice, and both of my parents were regularly involved in activities at the university. It was natural for me to be involved in Rice even before I was a student. Rice has been a really important part of my life, and volunteering is a way to stay in touch with the school and with friends. When you get the quality of education you get at Rice, you feel an obligation to give back and allow those who come after you to enjoy the same experience.

How do volunteers help to achieve the goals of the ARA? We can't engage our community or work toward a common goal without volunteers. We have an excellent staff at Rice supporting the ARA, but we need active volunteers to provide input as to how we can best serve the school and other alumni. We need volunteers to build our profile, to be involved in the activities and to support the staff. President Leebron has focused on Rice being a part of the Houston community. As a result, our students are thinking about how to give back and how to help. When these kids graduate and join the ARA, that spirit of volunteerism will follow them.

You have called the ARA an exceptional community. What is the community like for you? There are just over 60,000 members of the ARA, but you run into alumni wherever you go. It is a community that identifies with each other and that has mutual respect for each other. When you tell someone you went to Rice, that means something to people.



ARA BOARD MEMBERS AT 2019 FALL MEETING

To learn more about Frank's goals for the ARA and his philosophy on volunteerism, read his Q&A at VOLUNTEER.RICE.EDU.

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THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING AT RICE!



A MESSAGE FROM RICE PRESIDENT DAVID W. LEEBRON



Dear Rice Volunteers,

It was just over a year ago that we first announced The Rice Investment, our historic financial aid initiative that expands support for low- and middle-income families. I am grateful to the Rice community, who rallied around this effort, broadcasting the message that talent deserves opportunity and volunteering their time and resources to ensure access and opportunity for all promising students. This fall, we welcomed the first aroup of students to benefit from this extraordinary program.

This fall also marks the 100-year anniversary of the Association of Rice Alumni (ARA). In 1919, 147 Rice graduates gathered to celebrate their connections to the university and to cement their commitment to building an alumni community. These founding members set the stage for a century of growth, service and dedication to the grand project of enriching the Rice experience.

Generations of alumni have continued to take up that same mantle. The ARA, in partnership with the greater Rice community, exemplifies the very spirit of volunteerism and generosity that has sustained the university and that is integral to our future success. Our volunteers make alumni events relevant and valuable, encourage student engagement, expand the university's reach and share Rice's values with the world. You are essential Rice ambassadors.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our alumni, parents and friends for volunteering your time, intellect, wisdom and enthusiasm. Your contributions are essential to the growth and progress of the university.

Sincerely,

David W. Zebon

David W. Leebron President



A CENTURY OF SERVICE **KEY MOMENTS FOR THE ARA AND VOLUNTEERISM AT RICE**

The first meeting of the Association of Rice Alumni was held on Thanksgiving Day 1919 in the Physics Amphitheater in Herzstein Hall.

Established in 1938. Rice Engineering Alumni (REA) is the oldest affinity group at Rice and is dedicated to providing support to the George R. **Brown School of** Engineering.

The first college associates started volunteering in 1957 with the establishment of the residential college system.



LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

In September of 2018, Rice University hosted the Volunteer Leadership Conference to celebrate the committed individuals who dedicated their time to ensuring excellence at Rice. To learn more about the conference, visit VOLUNTEER.RICE.EDU/VLC2018.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Over the past 100 years, alumni, faculty, staff, parents and friends have made their mark on the university by offering their time, expertise, commitment and enthusiasm. Here are just four of the thousands of volunteers who have worked towards a more engaged community, a more vibrant campus and a continuation of the unmatched Rice experience.

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Associate Professor of Political Science and Hanszen Divisional Advisor

"The type of volunteer work that I typically do involves making time for students outside of class. I listen to their experiences and maintain communications with students who have graduated, often weighing in on career choices. When needed, I reach out to those who might be experiencing special challenges, particularly foreign students. As an Asian faculty member and having been a foreign graduate student, I see myself as having a unique role to play in helping foreigr and minority students navigate life at Rice."





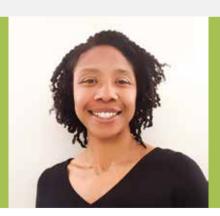
KAY AND DAVID LASATER

Chairs of the Parents Leadership Council and parents of Sarah '20 (Lovett)

"We volunteer so that we can be better connected to the people and places that are significant to our daugh-ter's experience. These opportunities also help us to meet other parents and to engage with alumni and friends who have enriched this journey for our family."

AJ BEARD '01 Rice Alumni in the Northwest (RAIN

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YOUCAN **GET INVOLVED**

International Friends at Rice is a wonderful opportunity for an ONE WAY international student and a local U.S. friend or family to meet three to four times during the student's first six months at Rice. U.S. friends may help international students discover Houston, invite them for a meal and make them feel more at home. For more information or to apply, please visit OISS.RICE.EDU/IFR.

