

# **Jones Partners**

Welcome to the Jones Partners Newsletter



Dr. Peter Pisters, President of MD Anderson and MD Anderson employees at the recent Thought Leadership Series event, "Innovation Engine: How MD Anderson's unrelenting mission to cure cancer creates a virtuous cycle of investment and growth"

## **Event Recap**

On April 24, Jones Partners welcomed Dr. Peter Pisters, President of University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, to the last Thought Leadership Series event of the spring. Dr. Pisters related MD Anderson's mission and initiatives toward improving outcomes for patients by remaining the leading Cancer Hospital in the US, leading clinical research in cancer treatment therapies, and partnering with other leading industry organizations. Captured in the picture above is Dr. Pisters and MD Anderson employees who attended the event.

On April 5-6 a team of Jones Partners board members participated as judges in the Rice Business Plan Competition choosing a start-up that best embraced the the organization's vision and mission. After evaluating many participants' pitches, the team awarded the \$3,000 "The Connector" Prize to Tutorfly from UCLA and their peer-based tutoring marketplace. <u>Read more</u>

## Thank you for your support!

## Membership

# Sponsoring a student led event is one of many ways to become a corporate member of Jones Partners.

Through their support for the <u>Veterans Business Battle</u>, <u>Gallagher</u> became the most recent company to join Jones Partners as a member this year. <u>Allegiance Bank</u> also renewed their membership through sponsorship of the event.

We also thank <u>Mission Constructors</u> for renewing their membership directly through the organization this past month.

More than 42 companies currently support the Jones Partners and their initiative to open doors, increase collaboration and build ties between Rice Business and the Houston business community. <u>See all the sponsors</u>

#### For individual members

Individual membership with Jones Partners features many benefits, including the opportunity to bring 5 guests to each our events throughout the year. Learn about past Jones Partners events

| Upcoming Events                       | <b>Opportunities for Engagement</b>      |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Jones Partners 25th Anniversary       | Jones Partners & the JGSAA at            |
| Reception                             | the Houston Food Bank                    |
| Wednesday, August 28, 2019   6:00 p.m | June 22, 2019 I Houston Food Bank        |
| 8:30 p.m.                             | 8:00 a.m 12:00 p.m Volunteering          |
| Save the Date!                        | 12:30 p.m 2:00 p.m Lunch                 |
| Links                                 | Family and friends welcome! If you bring |
| Become a new member                   | little ones, they must be 6 years of age |
| Membership Renewal                    | and supervised by a parent or guardian   |
| Feedback                              | throughout the shift.                    |

## On Campus

### **Brooke Graham**

Jones Partners Scholarship Recipient

#### Q. Why did you choose Rice?

A. I chose Rice because of all the amazing things I've heard about the program from current students who were friends of mine. They were part of the 2010 and 2011 classes, but the things they mentioned about their experiences stayed with me all these years. After deciding that I wanted to pursue an MBA, Rice was the only school I truly considered. I found Rice to be a good fit for me because I would have access to the campus, faculty, and other resources that many other programs did not offer in Houston.

#### Q. What are your goals after graduation?

A. After graduation, it is my plan to continue working in healthcare, while leveraging my newly acquired MBA skills in a planning and strategic role for clinical trial operations.

## Q. What accomplishment are you most proud of?

A. I'm most proud of being selected as a Jones Partners Student Liaison! Although school and work keep me quite busy, it was very important to me to be involved in the Rice Business community aside from regular course work. I wanted to be part of an organization for which I could continue participation after graduation and Jones Partners could give me that.

## Q. What is the fondest memory you've made at Rice so far?

A. Though I imagine making more fond memories at Rice in the upcoming year, my fondest memory has been my Finance professor breakdancing in class to demonstrate correlation. Learning at Rice Business is fun and exciting!











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