

Dear Alumni,

We're coming up for air, taking a deep breath, and diving back into it after the Diversity@Rice event on October 26 that included a conference on Friday and 60 prospective students getting to know us a little better. What a great couple of sunny days to show them Rice Business at its best. I'm thankful for all of you and the work you put in to make us better and brighter each day. Before we head into the holiday season, I look forward to sharing Rice Business updates below.

Peter Rodriguez
Dean

MBA DEGREE PROGRAMS

MBA@Rice

Updates for each MBA@Rice Cohort:

Summer 2018 Quadmester

- The first cohort of 26 students completed the term on September 23

Fall 2018 Quadmester

- Launched on October 1 with six courses including the three courses that went through iteration
- Three new courses launched; strategic business communications, managerial economics and business analytics
- The new cohort consists of 20 students

Winter 2019 Quadmester

- Course development process well underway for three new courses; marketing, economic environment of business and management accounting

Spring 2019 Quadmester

- Three new courses working through course planner phase of development
 - Operations Management
 - Business-Government Relations
 - Finance

Diversity and Inclusion

- Rice Business Diversity and Inclusion Conference, October 26. 225+ attended, including prospective students and business community members
- Consortium Info Session at Rice, October 3
- NBMBA Annual Conference and Career Expo – Sept. 26 – 30 in Detroit, MI
- A student team competed in an NBMBA Case Competition, including Faren Elias, Dapo Orimoloye, Sina Yilu and Jessica Taylor

Global

- This October 89 P-Evening students successfully completed 18 consulting projects throughout Santiago, Chile for their Global Field Experience.
- This concluded the pilot year to implement Global Field Experiences throughout every program for Rice Business Global. In the year of 2018 alone the EMBA, FTMBA, P-W and P-E successfully traveled to three countries, four major cities, worked with 38 companies and included 242 students.
- Starting in 2019 all students will be required to complete a global experience.
- In addition to the GFE's in 2018, Rice Business has also completed a Doing Business In program to Colombia and will be traveling to Uganda in December and China in January.

Student Program Office

Over 80 Rice Business students and family members contributed to the Houston community in the Jones Gives Back volunteer day:

- Speaking to high school students about life and business skills at a Junior Achievement Leadership Conference
- Helping challenged individuals develop resumes through Career Resources and Recovery
- Helping to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Harvey
- Supporting the Muscular Dystrophy Association – and in turn supporting fellow classmate Tim Masters who was recently diagnosed – by raising \$3028 and participating in the MD Walk at the Houston Zoo

Career Development

Fall Career Treks

- 3 cities visited – NYC (Week on Wall Street), Seattle (Tech) and Houston (Energy)
- 22 companies visited
- 75 students participated across all three treks

Fall Recruiting

- 58 corporate information sessions to-date
- 12 employers completed on-campus interviews to-date

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Rice Alliance

- Sept 12 – Hosted the Rice Alliance Energy and Clean Technology Office Hours. Ninety startups met with nearly 80 investor groups in more than 750, 10-minute investment meetings.
- Sept. 13 – Hosted the Rice Alliance Energy and Clean Technology Venture Forum, approximately 700 people attended the day-long event showcasing 58 startups to investors and industry innovators. The forum featured two keynote speakers and seven panels. Ten companies were named Rice Alliance Most Promising Energy Startup.
- Sept. 25 – Rice Alliance co-hosted the SPE ATCE Conference – Startup Village in Dallas.
- Oct 18-20 – Members of Rice Alliance attended the Global Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers (GCEC) Annual Conference in Chicago. 550+ university entrepreneurship center leaders, representing approximately 240 schools attended the event focused on best practices for entrepreneurship education. The Rice Alliance serves as the GCEC central office and helps organize the conference.

Upcoming events

- Nov. 9 – Texas Life Science Forum – co-hosted with BioHouston and supported by more than 30 life science organizations. Nearly 60 startup companies will present at the forum. (Location: BioScience Research Collaborative)
- Dec. 6 – Texas Digital Summit – co-hosted with Station Houston and supported by more than 30 industrial partners. Approximately 40 startup companies will present at the forum. (Location: Jones Graduate School of Business)

Lilie

- Houston Exponential featured the Liu Idea Lab for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in its Innovation Crawl on 9/20. The showcase was hosted at Lilie and had approximately 75 people from the Houston entrepreneurial ecosystem in attendance.
- Lilie hosted Rice alum and serial entrepreneur Yan-David (Yanda) Erlich on October 4th. Yanda spoke to a 25 student undergraduate entrepreneurship class, had lunch with a group of entrepreneurial minded freshman and faculty, and mentored ten undergraduate and graduate Rice students for 25 minutes each on their new ventures. His visit was highly impactful and has committed to returning once every month to continue mentoring students.
- The Napier Rice Launch Challenge workshop series is off to a great start. Currently, over 55 students have attended workshops on design thinking and customer discovery with four more workshops before the competition this spring.
- Jamie Jones was invited to facilitate a session on why non-profits must innovate at the National Advisory Board Meeting of the American Lung Association on October 19th.

- Daniel Lee's paper on implicit bias was published and [written about on PsyPost.com](#).
- Yael Hochberg released her working paper with John Barrios and Livia Yi on the impact of ride shares being rolled out in new cities. That paper has been [written about on ProMarket.org](#).

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

External Relations is on track for a number of 1:1 alumni interactions for the year. We have recently worked across Rice Business to hold regional events in Dallas, Seattle, Denver, Washington DC, Moscow, London and Mexico City as well as Houston, The Woodlands and Pearland.

Jones Partners sponsored a well-attended TLS with Lorenzo Simonelli, CEO of Baker Hughes.

We are currently actively fundraising with a primary focus on the fall drive for the Rice Business Fund, using testimonials from alumni leaders and faculty. On the campaign side, we continue active campaign planning, particularly in the areas of entrepreneurship, scholarship and real estate.

We recently promoted Jan Spreen to assistant director of operations and have welcomed Sue Oldham as executive director of alumni engagement. We are sad to say good-bye to Ashley Hartgrove at the end of December. She will be working remotely her last several weeks from her new home in San Antonio. We are currently recruiting for Ashley's replacement and for a newly created role, annual giving specialist.