

## INFORMATION SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

- **ACADEMIC ADVISING.** Learn about the unique advising system at Rice, academic rules and regulations, and academic resources. Presented by Dr. Brian Gibson, Assistant Dean of Undergraduates & Director of Academic Advising. After the large group presentation from 3:30 – 4 pm in Stude Hall, staff from the Office of Academic Advising will be available for individual questions in the Grand Hall of the Student Center.
- **ARCHITECTURE.** Short presentation with Q & A with John Casbarian, Associate Dean of the School of Architecture.
- **CAMPUS SAFETY.** Discuss safety concerns with members of the Rice University Police Department and College Representatives.
- **CENTER FOR STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.** Jackie Hing, Associate Director & Nancy Wendlandt, Undergraduate and Alumni Advisor, will describe how we're "not your parents' career services center" in order to better assist your student with post graduate planning, professional communication, and employment re-search.
- **ENGINEERING.** Short presentation by Dr. Bart Sinclair, Associate Dean of the Brown School of Engineering, with Q & A.
- **HEALTH PROFESSIONS.** Short presentation by Dr. Dana McDowelle, Associate Director of Academic Advising, with Q & A.
- **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS.** Hear about opportunities to study and work in foreign countries from Barbara Harrison, Director of International Programs.
- **MUSIC.** Short presentations by Bradley Blunt, Director of Music Admissions and Gary Smith, Associate Dean of the Shepherd School of Music, with Q & A.
- **PRELAW.** Short presentation by Dr. Don Ostdiek, Asst. Dean for Student Judicial Programs/Pre-Law Advisor and Director of Policy Studies, with Q & A.
- **RELIGIOUS LIFE ON CAMPUS.** This is your opportunity to meet with ministers, rabbis, and sponsors of religious clubs.
- **TRANSITIONING TO RICE.** Discuss with Dr. Michael Winters, Associate Director of the Counseling Center, and current Rice students the changes that new students and their families usually undergo when entering college.
- **UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL AID AT RICE.** Bonnie Rogers, Associate Director of Student Financial Services will provide a brief overview of the need-based financial aid award process at Rice University.

## SERVICES

The following are available for your convenience:

	Saturday	Sunday
Student Center	9 a.m.–7 p.m.	10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Bookstore	9 a.m.–3 p.m.	Noon–6 p.m.
Coffeehouse	10 a.m.– 3 p.m.	1:30–6 p.m.
13th Street (deli)	11 a.m.–7 p.m.	Noon–6 p.m.
Brochstein Pavilion		
Dirk's Coffee	9 a.m.–9 p.m.	9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Shuttle Service	Not available	8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

# SCHEDULE of EVENTS



## 2009 NEW FAMILIES ORIENTATION



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## SCHEDULE

SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 16, 2009

9:30–11:30 a.m. NEW STUDENTS MOVE INTO COLLEGES.

**MASTERS' RECEPTION.** All college masters will be hosting a reception. Stop by to meet your student's Masters, ask questions, and mingle.

11:30–1 p.m. **LUNCH IN THE COLLEGES.** Families and students eat lunch in the commons of each student's College. Families say goodbye.

1–2 p.m. **INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE LIFE.** Families will meet with a panel comprised of college masters, resident associates, college coordinators and college officers while students are with their advisors.

2:15–3:15 p.m. **A RICE WELCOME**  
Join other families in the Tudor Fieldhouse for an official welcome by:  
David Leebron                      Dr. Robin Forman  
President of Rice University      Dean of Undergraduates

Megan McSpedon                      TBA  
Student                                      Parent of ?, ? College "??  
Baker College '11

Families will be escorted from Tudor Fieldhouse to the Student Center for cool beverages and information tables.

3:15–5 p.m. **INFORMATION TABLES.** Visit representatives from the various offices listed below in the Grand Hall:

Annual Fund	Fellowships & Scholarships	Natural Sciences
Athletic Ticket Office	Fondren Library	Office of the Dean of Undergraduates
Center for Civic Engagement	Health Issues	Social Sciences
Community Involvement Center	Health Services	Student Media
Disability Support Services	Housing & Dining	Study Abroad
Emergency Preparedness	Humanities	University Police
Engineering	International Students	Wellness Center
Families Weekend	Joint Campus Ministers	
	Leadership Rice	

Representatives from the Cashier's Office and Financial Aid will be available in the Meyer Conference Room.

3:15–5:30 p.m. **INFORMATION SESSIONS.** \*

Please see the table below for the locations and times of information sessions that cover various aspects of life at Rice. Descriptions of the sessions can be found on the back of this program.

	3:30–4 p.m.	4:15–4:45 p.m.	5–5:30 p.m.
ACADEMIC ADVISING	Tudor Fieldhouse	**	**
ARCHITECTURE			Miner Lounge
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDENT DEVELOPMENT		Sammy's	
ENGINEERING			Sammy's
HEALTH PROFESSIONS			Herring 100
MUSIC		APB 1133***	APB 1133 ***
PRELAW			2nd Fl. Conf. Room
RELIGIOUS LIFE ON CAMPUS	Chapel		
STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS		Farnsworth Pavilion	Farnsworth Pavilion
TRANSITIONING TO RICE	Sammy's	Miner Lounge	
UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL AID			Chapel

\* Descriptions of the individual sessions can be found on the back cover of this program.

\*\*Staff will be available for one-on-one questions at the Information Tables in the Grand Hall.

\*\*\* APB: Alice Pratt Brown Hall which houses the Shepherd School of Music.

The Student Center (SC) is comprised of the Ley Student Center, Rice Memorial Center, and the Chapel. The Bio Labs are located just north of the SC and Herring Hall just south of the SC.

3:15–5:30 p.m. **HOSPITALITY ROOMS.**

Sponsored by The Annual Fund for Student Life & Learning, we invite you to enjoy a cool beverage and a cookie while you are gathering information in the Grand Hall or Kelley Lounge of the Ley Student Center.

3:15–5:30 p.m. **PUBLICATIONS.**

Make sure you stop in the Grand Hall Lobby and pick up a copy of various University publications, including the university's General Announcements (catalog). Sign up to receive a copy of The Rice Thresher at your home.

4–5:30 p.m. **EVALUATION FORM COLLECTION.**

Families who complete an evaluation (after the last session) will receive a "Rice Parent" decal.

5:45 p.m.

**FAMILIES DEPART.** Take a moment to fill out an evaluation form (see above) and write a note to your new student on the message card included in your folder. Notecards and evaluations should be dropped off at the NFO Table in the Grand Hall Lobby. Have a safe journey home!

