

## Message from the President

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The *General Announcements* of Rice University is an indispensable resource in the academic life of Rice University. It presents the people, the programs, and the practices that make this university a singular center of higher education. The *General Announcements* serves as a reminder of the high standards to which Rice has always aspired. These standards are as vital and robust as they were when the first students matriculated in 1912.

We welcome your interest in Rice and your attention to the *General Announcements*. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the information presented here: the distinctive academic backgrounds of our faculty; the rules and responsibilities of student life, both undergraduate and graduate; the diverse scope of our degree programs; and the richness of our curriculum.

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