

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rice University is one of the most distinguished universities in the United States. We pride ourselves both on the quality of our undergraduate education and on our commitment to outstanding graduate education and research. In addition to its strong academic offerings and programs, undergraduate life is built on community and responsibility, as reflected in the residential college system and the Honor System. Our faculty's extraordinary contributions to research cut across many disciplines.

General Announcements is a guide to the world of Rice University: the academic backgrounds of our faculty; the rules and responsibilities of student life, both graduate and undergraduate; the diverse scope of our degree programs; and especially the richness of our curriculum. Each of our eight schools carries on Rice's tradition of excellence.

We invite you, through *General Announcements* and our website—<http://www.rice.edu>—to explore the distinctive qualities of Rice University.

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