

# The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS College Center*

**School: Rice University**

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**Is the Rep a school Alum?** No

**Is the Rep involved in the admissions process?** Yes

**Last year's Freshman Profile:** SAT: 700-800 per section ACT: 33-35 (Rice doesn't track GPA because each high school calculates it differently. They take a holistic view of all applicants.)

**ACT/SAT – Written Portion?** Yes **Super Score?** Yes for SAT, Highest Composite for ACT. It's also recommended to send 2 SAT Subject Test Scores in your area of interest but no longer required. If in doubt on which scores are your best, send them all; they will look at everything and use best scores

**Rigor - What are the average AP requirements?** Varies. 4-5 on AP Exam may count as credit. Final decision is made by the registrar whether or not to give college credit.

**Extra-Curricular Activities – What does the school look for?** Well rounded individuals that challenge themselves above and beyond their high school and do well. Rice is looking for "impact people." 4 things are part of the admissions process: 1) rigor; 2) impact student has made through extra-curriculars, etc., 3) essay (what perspective will student bring?) and 4) Demonstrated interest (Rice tracks student interest in attending Rice). Every time you attend any Rice admissions event, they mark this in your file; make sure you fill out an information card each time.

**Most popular majors at this school:** Economics is the most popular. Ranked #3 in the country for Architecture, which is a 6 year program. 7 schools with 50+ majors. Students apply to a school of study at Rice. 6:1 student-to-faculty ration for undergrads.

**Does chosen major affect decision process?** For Architecture and nursing, faculty members have an input on which applicants are chosen. Other majors are not declared until the end of the sophomore year. They will use the school you apply within for admission decisions but this is non-binding and can easily be changed.

**Study Abroad Programs?** Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, and Year-Long Programs. May study abroad in over 60 countries. Financial Aid and scholarship money can be used toward study abroad. There are also scholarships for international study.

**Internships / Co-Op Opportunities?** Internships yes, not co-ops; great internship opportunities in Houston & abroad. Houston - 4th largest city in the US.

**Research Opportunities?** Rice is a "comprehensive research university." Rice is across the street from the world's largest medical center. Students can complete research as early as their freshman year. 80% do research, an internship, or study abroad. Rep said "Rice is first and foremost a research institution, with world-renowned faculty."

**Special successes the school is known for:** Birthplace of Nano-technology. Baker Institute for Public Policy is one of the leading nonpartisan public think tanks in the country. Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen designs solutions for real world problems – Pedi Power – harness the power created as you walk.

**Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students?** Rice offers a multitude of scholarships including the new Loan Star Scholarship which is \$10,000 renewal for 4 years. This will be awarded to 30 applicants.

**When are scholarship deadlines?** Applicants are automatically considered for scholarships with their application.

**About 20% of students each year will receive merit money ranging from \$3000 to over \$20,000.**

**What is the Total cost of Attendance?**

Tuition \$ 44,900

Room & Board \$ 13,850

books & supplies \$ 1,200

Personal Expense \$ 2,500

**Total \$ 63,188**

Need blind, admissions process. Rice will meet 100% of demonstrated need for all admitted students and student loans will not exceed \$10,000 total over a student's 4 years at Rice.

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? Ongoing daily tours. Preview days in Sept and Oct. Can customize your visit to include info session, campus tour, lunch with a current student, attend a class, and spend the night.

## Applications

When are application deadlines? Early Decision: Apply by Nov. 1, Notification mid-December (23 % admit rate); Regular Decision: Apply by Jan. 1; Notification by April 1 (15 % admit rate).

Is an essay required for all decision options? Yes. There is also a subset of essays in the supplement

Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested? Yes, 2 letters of recommendation: 1 counselor and 1 teacher

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? Yes. Interviews can be done on-campus beginning the summer before your Senior Year. Interviews can be done off-campus (locally) after your application is sent in. Interviews can be scheduled online.

What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions? same

Does the school use the Common App? Yes

How many applicants are received per year? Last year: 18,000 applied; 2,300 accepted; 955 admitted

How much is the application fee? \$75

Are there quotas for applicant acceptance? No

## Campus Life

NCAA Criteria, (Division I, II, etc.)? Division I Conference USA

Are sporting events free? Yes Is there a ticket lottery? No

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? Not required however 90% of students live on campus all 4 years.

What are the dorms like: hall-style, apartment or suite-style? Living & Learning Dorms? 11 residential colleges (modeled off of Oxford and Cambridge; similar to Hogworth in Harry Potter series). Students live, dine, and interact with faculty mentors. Each resident college has its own government, budget, and intramural teams. There is no Greek life so residential colleges are the heart & soul of campus life and add a lot of school spirit. You are placed randomly in a college resident and belong to it all 4 years even if you move off campus.

What is the undergraduate enrollment? 3,910

Total enrollment? 6,719

Percentage of male: female? 50% male: 50% female Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students? Students from all 50 states, 40+ countries, approx 12% International

The percentage of students participating in Greek Life? 0% (Being in a residential college at Rice is similar to being in a fraternity or sorority.) They also have over 250 clubs.

Where is the school located? Houston, Texas (the energy capitol of the world)- 4<sup>th</sup> largest city in U.S.

How far is it from Milton? 1.5 hours by plane, 12 hours by car

Other:

- Liberal Arts Curriculum: Flexible distribution of classes – instead of core classes, students are required to take 4 humanities, 4 natural sciences, and 4 social sciences. Science classes can include "science of cooking."
  - Voted #1 best quality of life for students
  - Passport to Houston - free access to museums, zoos, metro rail system, and bus system
  - 14 Rice alums were in space. NASA is located in Houston. Mechanical engineering classes deal with NASA.
  - Median class size is 15 but they do not have a minimum class size so last year they had 30 classes with only 1 student. Student to Faculty Ratio – 6:1. 85% of classes are taught by professors
  - 250+ clubs and organizations
  - Consistently ranked in the top 20 colleges and universities in the US each year
- Center for Career Advisement offers 1:1 advisement