

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS AT RICE

There are 263 current student organizations at Rice University. Ranging from Engineers Without Borders to Rice Karate Club, the diversity of Rice's clubs and organizations is unparalleled. Student clubs provide students with leadership experience, social opportunities, career preparation and experiences that students will be able to draw on and cherish for years to come.

The complete listing of student organizations is updated as new groups are created and can be found online at: <http://studentactivities.rice.edu/content.aspx?id=2147483959>. These organizations are coordinated and managed by the Office of Student Activities.

The Office of Alumni Relations encourages groups to think about ways that student organizations can partner with alumni groups to provide opportunities for both alumni and current students to connect and interact. Here are some ideas and possibilities:

- Host a joint networking night with a student organization that shares similar goals as your alumni group. Perhaps, for example, HACER partners with SOLAR on a Latino themed program so that current students can engage with alumni.
- Create a mentorship program so that alumni can mentor current students. Perhaps, for example, alumni in RUCAA hosts a dinner with the South Asian Student Society and matches alumni with students to serve as mentors.

Alumni and students alike indicate all the time that building networking and mentoring relationships are valuable. A recent survey of alumni volunteers demonstrated that one of the main reasons alumni volunteer and get involved is to meet and mentor current students.

### CAMPUS & FACULTY EVENTS

Alumni are also encouraged to engage with programs being organized by academic departments and university institutes. There are dozens of student presentations, Rice and visiting faculty lectures, and conferences that alumni are always welcomed to attend – either individually or as a group. By connecting with Rice in this way, alumni are able to build a meaningful network of fellow alumni and friends who share common interests.