



RICE

Unconventional Wisdom

What They're Saying About Rice

Rice University is considered one of the premier institutions of higher education in the nation. Here's why:

Undergraduate Education

U.S. News & World Report

- Among top 20 national universities (every year since the rankings began in 1983)
- Among top 10 on the "Great Schools, Great Prices" list (2008)
- No. 10 best value (2008, 2009)

Princeton Review

- No. 4 best value among private colleges (2009)

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine

- No. 4 best value among private universities (2009)

PayScale's 2008 College Salary Report

- No. 1 Southern college by graduates' salary potential

Times Higher Education and QS Quacquarelli Symonds

- No. 78 university worldwide (2008)

Graduate Education

National Science Foundation

- No. 10 in total NSF graduate fellows (No. 3 when adjusted for size) (2008)

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 7 for biomedical/bioengineering specialty (2009)
- No. 9 for atomic/molecular/optical specialty in physics (2009)
- No. 9 for computer programming language specialty in computer science (2009)

Research

Sponsored Research Funding (2008)

- \$100+ million (a 28 percent increase from 2007)

Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index (Academic Analytics)

- The most productive research university in Texas (2008)
- Among top 10 research universities in the country (2008)

National Science Foundation

- CAREER Awards (2008): 7 (Second only to MIT's 10)

The Patent Scorecard

- No. 1 Most Impactful Patent Portfolio among American research universities (2008)

School of Architecture

Design Futures Council

- No. 8 undergraduate architecture program (2009)
- Among top 20 graduate architecture programs (2009)

George R. Brown School of Engineering

U.S. News & World Report

- Among top 10 departments in biomedical/biomedical engineering (2008, 2009)

- Among top 20 undergraduate engineering programs where the highest degree is a doctorate (2007, 2008)
- Among top 20 departments in environmental engineering/environmental health (2008), computer engineering (2007, 2008), and chemical engineering (2007, 2008)

Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index (Academic Analytics)

- No. 1 program in electrical engineering (2008)
- No. 4 program in computer engineering (2008)
- No. 5 program in bioengineering (2008)

Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business

The Economist

- No. 1 MBA program in the Southwest (2009)

Princeton Review/Entrepreneur magazine

- Best entrepreneur program in Texas (2008)

Financial Times

- No. 7 Best in Finance (2009)

The Shepherd School of Music

- Selected for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Conservatory Project five out of five years

School of Humanities

Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index (Academic Analytics)

- No. 5 graduate program in religious studies (2008)
- No. 9 program in history (2008)

School of Social Sciences

U.S. News & World Report

- Top 10 best overall graduate program in political science (2006)

Wiess School of Natural Sciences

Nobel Prize

- Nobel Prize winners in chemistry (1996): Richard Smalley and Robert Curl

Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index (Academic Analytics)

- No. 1 program in computer science (2008)
- No. 10 program in computational science (2008)

James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy

Foreign Policy Research Institute

- Among top 30 think tanks in the U.S. (2007)

Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship

- Assisted in the launch of more than 230 new technology companies, more than 30 of which have been based on Rice University technology.

- World's largest and richest graduate-level MBA business plan competition. In 2009, 42 teams from around the world competed for more than \$800,000 in prizes.

Entrepreneur magazine

- No. 1 U.S. university entrepreneurship center (2007)

U.S. Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship

- No. 1 specialty entrepreneurship program (2009)

Academics

Students

- SAT middle 50 percent score range: 1330–1510
- Percent graduated top 5 percent of class: 68
- Percent graduated top 10 percent of class: 83
- Percent involved in community service while in high school: 80
- Percent who speak more than one language: 40

Student/faculty ratio: 5:1

- Professors teaching undergraduate courses: 91 percent
- Most common regular class size: 10–19 students
- 90 percent acceptance rate to medical school
- No. 1 for the percentage of students receiving National Science Foundation fellowships

Miscellaneous

Houston Business Journal

- One of "Houston's Best Places to Work" (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)

Princeton Review's Best 366 Colleges Guide

Student survey ratings (out of 100) (2008):

- Quality of campus life: 99
- Academic quality: 96
- Selectivity in admissions: 98
- Financial aid rating: 98

American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2009)

- Naomi Halas (faculty/electrical and computer engineering, chemistry, biomedical engineering)
- John Doerr (alumnus/venture capitalist)
- Karen Davis (alumna/economist)

USA Today All-USA College Academic Team (2008)

- First Team: Shuai Xu '09

Athletics

College World Series

- Seven trips in the last 11 years
- National Champions: 2003
- 14 consecutive NCAA championships

Baseball America Conference Report Card (2007)

- Best college baseball team, 1999–2007

Collegiate Baseball

- All-America (2009): Anthony Rendon

Football Writers of America

- All-America team (2008): Jarett Dillard

ESPN The Magazine

- Academic All-America (2008): James Casey (football)

Lowe's Senior CLASS Award (2008)

- Cole St. Clair (baseball)

NCAA

- Most-prolific scoring duo in NCAA history (2008): Chase Clement and Jarett Dillard (football)
- Outdoor and indoor track and field champion (2009): Jason Colwick (pole vault)
- Record for pole vault (2009): Jason Colwick

Conference USA Championships

- No. 1 indoor and outdoor women's cross country teams (2007, 2008, 2009)

Conference-USA Awards

- Institutional Excellence Award (2006, 2007, 2008)
- Scholar–Athletes (2008): Marissa Daniels (cross country), Brad Morris (cross country), Brett Olson (cross country), Paulius Packevicius (basketball)
- All-Conference Champions (2008): Chase Clement (football), Jarett Dillard (football), James Casey (football), David Berken (football), Brian Raines (football), Anthony Rendon (baseball), Ryan Berry (baseball), Diego Seastrunk (baseball), Rick Hague (baseball), Steven Sultzbaugh (baseball), Taylor Wall (baseball)
- Most Valuable Player (2008): Chase Clement (football)
- Female Track and Field Athlete of the Year (2009): Lennie Waite (distance runner)
- Male Track and Field Athlete of the Year (2009): Jason Colwick (pole vault)
- Player of the Year (2009): Anthony Rendon (baseball)
- Freshman of the Year (2009): Anthony Rendon (baseball)

Baseball coach Wayne Graham

- Three-time Conference USA Coach of the Year (2006, 2007, 2008)
- Texas Sports Hall of Fame inductee
- 800+ Rice wins

Football Coach David Bailiff

- Conference USA Coach of the Year (2008)
- U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association South Central Coach of the Year (2009)

Women's track and field and cross country coach Jim Bevan

- C-USA Outdoor Coach of the Year (2009)
- C-USA Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Coach of the Year (2007)
- C-USA Cross Country Coach of the Year (2007)
- U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association South Central Coach of the Year (2007, 2009)