PLACES TO EXPLORE ON CAMPUS

Brochstein Pavilion - Brochstein received a 2009 Merit award from the American Society of Landscape Architects. This beautiful glass paneled building will make you feel like you are outside even when you have stepped inside. The Pavilion’s location next to the Fondren Library makes it a central gathering place for students and faculty. Salento’s Cafe is located in the Pavilion, and Salento’s serves breakfast options, signature sandwiches, and gourmet salads.

Brockman Hall for Physics is a state-of-the-art facility for the Department of Physics and Astronomy and the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. This building includes a classroom, labs, offices for faculty and a lecture hall that seats about 255 students.

The Hall is composed of two wings: north and south. The north wing is raised on multiple 16-sided columns such that there is no ground floor, thus preserving the existing outdoor pathways. In the south wing, there is a rooftop observatory surrounded by red LED lights to make it easier to view the night sky.

Gibbs Recreation and Wellness Center - The recreation center features two indoor basketball courts, four racquetball courts, two squash courts, a cardio room, weights, a dance studio, a 50-meter competition pool, an outdoor recreation pool, and two outdoor basketball courts. Approximately 75% of undergraduates participate in intramural sports, ranging from innertube water polo to flag football.

James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy - Named after former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, this building houses the Baker Institute for Public Policy, a non-partisan think tank. The Baker Institute sponsors talks by world leaders and foreign policy specialists, including Colin Powell, Alan Greenspan, Vladimir Putin, Bill Clinton, and Kofi Annan. In 2000, the Institute installed a segment of the Berlin Wall outside of the building. Stop inside to see some of Secretary Baker’s personal memorabilia in the display cases.

Rice Memorial Center (RMC) - Home to the offices of student media, Rice’s Student Association, the Women’s Resource Center, the Community Involvement Center, Academic Advising, the Office of Study Abroad, and the Office of Undergraduate Fellowships, the RMC is an important hub of student life on campus. It is also home to several eateries, including:

- The Rice Coffeehouse: a student-run eatery that serves fair-trade coffee, specialty drinks and a variety of snacks.
- RechargeU: offers health and beauty products, snacks, grab-and-go healthy foods, energy drinks, and assorted grocery items.
- Whoo Deli: features sandwiches made-to-order with dozens of fresh ingredients and a multitude of breads.
- Willy’s Pub: serves traditional pub fare, Quiznos Subs and Freschetta Pizza.

Rice Public Art - Rice Public Art works in collaboration with The Shepherd School of Music, the Department of Visual and Dramatic Arts (VADA), the Center for Critical and Cultural Theory (3CT), the BioScience Research Collaborative (BRC) and the student organization Art Lab, among others, in an effort to broadly integrate our programming into the academic life at Rice University. By incorporating site specific works into the campus landscape and interior spaces, the program aims to challenge and inspire the community to imagine its work and lives from unconventional and potentially transformative perspectives.

Here is the art you’ll see around campus:

- James Turrell’s “Twilight Epiphany” Skyspace at the Suzanne Deal Booth Centennial Pavilion
- Aurora Robson's “Lift” in the Gibbs Recreation and Wellness Center
- Michael Heizer’s “45º, 90º, 180º” in the Engineering Quad
- Bruce Wolfe's 8-foot bronze statue of founding Rice President Edgar Odell Lovett in front of Keck Hall
- Lino Tagliapietra’s “Endeavor” in Fondren Library
- Charles Mary Kubricht's “paraMuseum: Environmental Exigencies” in the Brochstein Pavilion
- Leo Villareal’s “Radiant Pathway” and Dana Frankfort’s “Think” in the BioScience Research Collaborative
- James Surl’s “Walking Molecular Flower” at the BioScience Research Collaborative
- James Surl’s “Again the Tree, Knot, Flower and Me” next to Herring Hall
- Geoffrey Dashwood’s “Monumental Barn Owl” in the Hindman Garden outside of Rice Memorial Center
- Jaume Plensa’s “Mirror” near Herring Hall

Restrooms

- Alice Pratt Brown Hall: First floor, along hallway in midsection of building
- Duncan Hall: First floor
- Ley Student Center: First floor near Info Desk
- Lovett Hall: Men’s - Entrance D (First floor), Women’s - Entrance A (First floor)
- Rice Memorial Center: First floor near Grand Hall