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Dear REA Member:

We are quickly approaching the end of the academic year at Rice, and the REA has been very busy supporting great student-led projects, encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit across campus through funding of OwlSpark and various competitions, and mentoring next-generation engineers as they make career choices for the future.

As good engineers, we like to measure things and analyze data, so we thought we would share a few quick facts for the REA. We are now over 12,500 strong, with engineers living all over the world and working in all walks of life. We have grown the number of REA sponsorships (those who donate directly to REA) over the past 5 years, but the percentage of alumni giving back is less than 3% of the total population. The REA Board has a 3-year goal to double our sponsorships from the current level shown above.

As a point of reference, enrollment in engineering at Rice has increased from 1250 to 2500 students per year over the past 10 years. We are at an all-time high in terms of the number of students choosing to major in engineering, with engineering disciplines being three of the top four majors now at Rice. With this increase, there is a growing need for funding of student projects to keep this trend going and to help these students achieve great things. In addition, Rice has added programs like RCEL (Rice Center for Engineering Leadership) and OwlSpark (start-up incubator) that are building leadership skills and entrepreneurship, and the REA helps with funding of these programs as well.

All of the above and much more is made possible through REA sponsorships from members like you. We thank you for your past donations and we hope to count on your future contributions to keep these great programs going strong. If you would like to contribute today, you can do so online at http://alumni.rice.edu/rea/support-rea and choose Rice Engineering Alumni (GF60) in the drop down menu.

Best regards,

The REA Sponsorship Committee

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