

Life after Rice – Careers in Sports

Justin Wolin



Justin Wolin ('15) is the **Senior Analyst in the Business Strategy & Analytics** Department at the Houston Astros, where he helps drive data-driven decision-making across the business operations of the organization.

A member of Hanszen College, Justin majored in Economics and Sport Management with a minor in Business. In addition to being the President of the Rice Sport Business Society, Justin was Mr. Hanszen in 2013 (he's still bitter about not winning Mr. Rice) and refereed all intramural sports (no, he wasn't purposefully making calls against your team).

Other than watching baseball, Justin enjoys trying new restaurants in Houston and making the most of his MoviePass.

Erin Haney



Erin Haney ('18) is the **Manager of Sponsor Services and EXPO** at the Houston Marathon Committee. She grew up in Houston and recently graduated from Rice University, where she studied Sport Management and Psychology. During her time at Rice, she was involved with Duncan College Socials Committee, Center for Career Development, and Willy's Pub.

During her sophomore year, she began interning with the Houston Marathon Committee, and she continued working there throughout her senior year as an Event Coordinator. Now, she works full-time as a Manager ensuring sponsor needs are met while also planning and executing the Houston Marathon Health & Fitness EXPO. She lives in Houston with her dog, Stella.

Tanner Gardner



Tanner Gardner is the **Senior Associate Athletic Director and Chief Operating Officer for Rice Athletics**. He joined the Rice Athletics Department in August of 2014 as chief revenue officer and was promoted to chief operating officer in September of 2017. In the past four years, Mr. Gardner's external team has been responsible for a growth of over 60% in transactional revenue, including near record highs in season tickets across all sports and record high sponsorship revenues. Mr. Gardner earned a B.A. and an M.A. from Stanford University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Brandon Yelovich



Brandon Yelovich ('11) is the **Account Director at SportStar Athletics**. SportStar is a sporting goods manufacturer based in Houston, most widely known for making the top rated chinstrap in football that is worn by over 1/3 of the players in the NFL and is offered in 80% of NCAA FBS locker rooms. Brandon leads the national retail sales efforts for SportStar, working with companies like Dick's Sporting Goods and Academy Sports and Outdoors to offer SportStar products to end consumers.

While at Rice, Brandon was a 3-year starter on the football team and a member of Brown College. Brandon graduated from Rice with a degree in Sport Management, and went on to attend UMass-Amherst where he received a Master's in Sport Management while also playing out his final year of eligibility with the UMass Minuteman.

Before SportStar, Brandon worked at Positive Coaching Alliance - Houston as the Account Manager, and then at Gow Media (ESPN 97.5 and SportsMap) also as an Account Manager.

Brandon is married to Ashleigh Yelovich, a former Rice Volleyball player also from Brown. They have a 7-month old baby girl, Blakely, along with 3 dogs, Zoey, Shiner and Tank.