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DR. LENNIE WAITE ’08

Dr. Lennie Waite attended Rice University from 2004-2009, where she played soccer and ran cross country and track. Waite left Rice as a school record holder, a two-time All-American, a top 10 finalist for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award, and the recipient of an NCAA post-graduate scholarship. Waite completed her PhD in Psychology from the University of Houston in 2012. A few months after earning her PhD, she competed in the 2012 Olympic Trials, finishing fourth and narrowly missing a spot on Great Britain’s Olympic Team. In 2016, she achieved her dream of becoming an Olympian and represented Great Britain in the 3000m steeplechase at the Rio Olympics. Waite is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of St. Thomas and runs her own private practice as a Sport Psychology Consultant and Performance Specialist, Waite Performance Strategies LLC.

BRANDI KENDALL ’06

Brandi Kendall (Houston) joined KKR in 2013 and is a member of the Energy Real Assets team. Prior to joining KKR, Ms. Kendall served as director, finance and planning at Marlin Midstream and finance associate at NFR Energy. Ms. Kendall began her career in the energy investment banking industry, having held positions at JP Morgan and Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. Ms. Kendall earned a BA in Economics, Managerial Studies, and Kinesiology from Rice University. While at Rice, Ms. Kendall was a member of the track and field and cross country teams.

ANNIINA LOCKWOOD ’17

Anniina Lockwood (formerly Ala-Seppälä) is from Hollola, Finland. At Rice she majored in Political Science and minored in Poverty, Justice and Human Capabilities. Anniina was highly involved with the Rice community: she was Vice President of SAAC, a Head and O-Week PAA, and an Academic Fellow at her college, Will Rice. The swim team won a conference championship her freshman year, and Anniina later represented her native Finland in the World University Games in 2015, as well as in the European Championships in 2016. Anniina was also voted team captain. In 2017 Anniina graduated from Rice and moved to Paris, France, to get her master's at Sciences Po University. She studied International Development with concentrations on Africa and Project Management. As a part of her master's, she completed a 5-month internship in Uganda where Anniina worked as an Assistant Project Manager for a small NGO, running their HIV/AIDS Testing and Counseling program. Anniina finished her masters in June 2019 and now lives in Houston, Texas, with her husband Thomas and dog Frito. She is currently waiting for her work permit to be able to start working in the US.