



RICE ALUMNI

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ED CHAO '06

Ed earned his Degree in Biochemistry and Cell Biology from Rice University in 2006 and went on to earn a Masters in Public Health from Emory University, focusing on epidemiology. Ed worked for 2 years for the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. In 2010, Ed launched his first startup, MyVaxines, a web-based tool that provided information and services to assist families in forecasting and managing their immunization records. After moving back to Houston in 2014, Ed launched Houston Escape Room, the first escape room concept brought to Texas and that currently has two Houston locations. Most recently, Ed, a self-proclaimed basketball junkie and long-time pickup game player, started Hoop Club, a digital solution to organizing pickup basketball games. The program's \$10 games provide a "no drama" way to play that even NBA players such as Dennis Smith Jr., Trae Young, and Johnathan Motley have given it a try.



OMAR NAVA '07

Omar is a stand-up comedian, writer & performer who moved to LA in 2010 and quickly became a favorite, performing regularly at clubs across the city including The Hollywood Improv, The Comedy Store & The Ice House. His comedy is a mix of personal stories and social commentary based on his unique life experiences conveyed with a likability and wit that audiences can't help but fall in love with. For this reason, Omar has performed at a number of festivals including 10,000 Laughs in Minneapolis, The Dallas Comedy Festival, Crom Comedy Festival & RIOT LA. Using his experience of performing for crowds nationwide, Omar has since become a Levity Live Guest Entertainer on Norwegian Cruise ships. As a writer, he participated in the 2018 CBS Diversity Sketch Comedy Showcase which led to an opportunity to write for Will Smith's production company, Westbrook Entertainment.



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SPENCER RANDALL '13

Spencer's mission is to simplify cryptocurrency analysis. He believes in disruptive innovations, a decentralized future, and that everyone with an internet connection should have access to high quality, straightforward research and market insights. As Principal and Co-Founder of CryptoEQ, Spencer has helped thousands of digital asset enthusiasts, traders, and investors to demystify the complex world of cryptocurrency. His greatest reward is seeing teams thrive and community members light up when CryptoEQ products exceed expectations and accelerate growth. Originally from Galveston, Texas, Spencer now lives in Houston, Texas. He holds a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Rice University and earned his Professional Engineering License from the Texas Board of Professional

Engineers in 2018. Spencer has served a number of Rice University programs with an emphasis on advancing engineering, entrepreneurship, and innovation on campus. Over the years, he has held leadership roles as a Student Mentor for the Rice Center for Engineering Leadership, a Group Facilitator for the Liu Idea Lab for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, and most recently a Business Mentor for the Jones Graduate School of Business. Currently, Spencer serves as the Director of RAEI Houston, fostering a community of peer-to-peer support, learning, goal setting, and fun for Rice Alumni Entrepreneurs and Innovators. Click through <https://linktr.ee/spenceare> to connect with Spencer on your favorite social media platform.



COCO SENEY '12

Coco Seney (Hanszen '12) graduated from Rice with a B.A. in English. She landed her first job out of undergrad at the Houston Chronicle as a marketing brand manager. After gaining some work experience, Coco pursued her MBA at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business where she served as student president and met Chip, her future husband. Following her 2016 graduation, she moved to Atlanta to work as a consultant for Capre Group, a boutique sales and marketing consultancy for consumer goods companies like Coca Cola, Hershey, and Heineken. While Coco loved these companies, she'd always been drawn to entrepreneurial endeavors and left consulting to partner with her husband to open a bourbon distillery, ultimately deciding the timing

wasn't right. Back to consumer goods, Coco was recruited by Kraft Heinz for another entrepreneurial venture, this time managing their incubator for food and beverage start-ups. Since moving to Chicago, Coco's accelerating the growth of 10 companies, launching new innovations, and serving as the Kraft Heinz Talent Recruitment Chair for the Women's Business Resource Group.