



RICE ALUMNI

LIFE AFTER RICE: YOUNG ALUMNI ADVOCACY & POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

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ESTEVEAN DELGADO '13



Estevan Delgado is a nonprofit and policy professional dedicated to securing racial equity for our Latinx communities. The son of autoworkers, Estevan grew up in Middle Tennessee and is a first-generation college graduate from Rice University. Eager to explore a career in healthcare out of college, Estevan spent his time before graduate school working in quality & process improvement for community health clinics and non-profit hospitals. After becoming increasingly aware that only so much can be done for Black & Brown families when we focus on people's immediate health needs, and not the conditions that cause them, Estevan personally saw a need to pivot to a career in public policy and dreamed of pursuing a career in DC. However, Estevan's time at the LBJ School for Public Affairs culminated with the 2016 election and

increased open hostility towards immigrant families and people of color in the South, bringing the fight back home for Estevan. At the Austin Community Foundation, Estevan oversees the operations of the Hispanic Impact Fund, which supports the economic security and advancement of Hispanic Central Texans through building race-forward community partnerships and collective impact investing. In the community, Estevan is a proud member of the Austin Latino Coalition and a Board Member for the Association of Rice Alumni.

ELIZA MARTIN '19



Eliza Martin was born and raised in Austin, Texas and graduated from Rice University in 2019 with a B.A. in history and political science. Eliza's interest in politics and advocacy began in high school, where she watched Wendy Davis filibuster a bill that would limit women's access to reproductive healthcare. Davis's brave advocacy in a Texas Senate nicknamed the "good 'ole boys club," inspired Eliza to join Davis's 2014 gubernatorial campaign as a Battleground Texas Fellow. While at Rice, Eliza was involved in student government and volunteered at legal aid organizations in Austin

and Houston. After graduating from Rice, Eliza left the U.S. as a Thomas J. Watson Fellow to explore how the children of immigrants care for their families and themselves in different countries. After returning to the U.S. due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Eliza took positions in the office of Texas Representative Donna Howard (HD-48) and on Rep. James Talarico's campaign (HD-52). Eliza will attend the University of Chicago Law School in 2021.



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BLAQUE ROBINSON '16



Blaque Robinson, M.A. (Wiess '16) is a 4th year graduate student in the Department of Sociology at UNC-Chapel Hill. During her time at Rice, she was responsible for organizing several cross-campus initiatives and protests in support of recognizing the humanity and the plight of inequity facing Black students and students of color more generally at Rice. In her senior year, with the help of Lady Catherine Clack, she led a team of undergraduate students called the Student of Color Collective to suggest initiatives to President Leebron and then Undergraduate Dean Hutchinson to improve the lives of students of color on campus. These initiatives included the creation of the multicultural center, the addition of staff to the Multicultural Office, a statement about financial aid for undocumented immigrations and conversations about pipelines to hire faculty of color. She continues her concern for equity and social justice as part of her graduate career. She is currently researching issues of school inequality in terms of campus climate, future mobility, and health. She is also a proud Mellon Mays Fellow.

RAJ SALHOTRA '13



Raj Salhotra is a native Houstonian. He attended Rice University and graduated in 2013 with majors in Economics and Policy Studies. After Rice, he joined Teach For America and was placed at YES Prep Southwest where he taught Pre-Calculus and AP Statistics. While at YES Prep, he co-founded One Jump, an educational technology non-profit that connects high school students to enrichment opportunities. After YES Prep, he attended Harvard Law School where he focused on researching public policy issues and representing tenants being evicted from their homes. Also, during law school, he started Students With Ambition Go (SWAG) To College, a mentorship non-profit that provides underserved high school and college students mentors to help them get to and through college. After returning to Houston in 2018, Raj deferred a job with Baker Botts to run for Houston City Council At-Large 1. He secured a spot in the runoff; however, ultimately lost to an incumbent. Now, Raj has launched Momentum Education, which combines One Jump and SWAG To College to serve under-resourced high school and college students. He is passionate about education, politics, and sports. In his spare time, you can catch him playing FIFA on PlayStation, reading a good book, relaxing with family, or trying to find the best tacos in Houston.