

American Institute of Chemical Engineers

Rice University Student Chapter riceaiche@gmail.com

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Dear Corporate Representative,

We are Jonathan Bloom and Alex Curylo, the current co-presidents of the Rice University Student AIChE Chapter. Our club's primary focus is to introduce our world-class engineering students to a variety of different career and post-graduate opportunities, while increasing the visibility of our industry partners, both long-standing and new. I invite your company to partner with Rice University AIChE Student Chapter for these goals in the 2020-2021 academic year.

Industry partners are vital components to the success of our club. We are seeking to introduce new companies to Rice CHBE students and secure additional financial support towards events that foster relationships with our students and the broader chemical engineering community.

This past Fall, we enjoyed hosting many events despite challenges from COVID-19, including:

- Sending students to the Annual AIChE Conference, which was virtual for this year. 13 Rice students attended the conference this year, and they enjoyed networking with other students and industry professionals and hearing presentations on cutting edge chemical engineering topics.
- Co-hosting a Fall Networking Event with the Chemical Engineering Alumni Association and with the Graduate Student Association. Due to the virtual nature of the event this year, we were glad to include alumni from outside the Houston area, and Rice students were able to network with people with many different backgrounds.

We are looking forward to continuing to provide excellent programming this Spring to enrich the experience of Rice chemical engineering students.

Rice University is routinely ranked as one of the best quality engineering universities in the nation. We know that companies will greatly benefit from contact with our students, and we are excited to see where the future will take our engineers!

Please take the time to review the attached sponsorship opportunities. However, regardless of sponsorship level, we regularly invite companies to host information sessions on campus—please do not hesitate to reach out to us and set something up at riceaiche@gmail.com. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I hope to hear back from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Bloom and Alex Curylo

2020-2021 Rice AIChE Co-Presidents



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Sponsorship and Key Event Information:

Our website will list the names of all sponsors. Future events will be added there, too, as they get scheduled in the Fall.

Fall and Spring Alumni Networking Events

Two mixers (one per semester) hosted to foster the relationship between Rice CHBE Alumni and Rice CHBE undergraduates. In the past, we have planned for approximately 100 attendees. The total expenditures for this event come to \$3000 on average, with the majority spent on dinner catering for attendees. This year the events are being held virtually and funds are spent on the digital platform which hosts the event.

National Student AIChE Conference

The National Student Conference is an annual gathering of AIChE student chapters across the nation that provides opportunities for students to connect with engineering competitions and best practices, graduate schools, new industries, company representatives, and each other. The Rice Chapter AIChE would like to send 5-15 students this year at least partially sponsored. One student's full cost of plane travel and hotel is approximately \$650.

Southwest Regional Student AIChE Conference

The Southwest Regional Student Conference is an annual gathering of AIChE student chapters across Texas, Louisiana, and Mexico. The event provides opportunities for students to engage with different industry representatives and learn about current developments in the chemical engineering profession. Additionally, students can compete in various competitions while networking with other students. The Rice Chapter AIChE would like to send 10-15 students this year at least partially sponsored. One student's full cost of registration is about \$65.

Corporate Information Sessions, Fall and Spring Semesters

These sessions are available to all interested companies, regardless of sponsorship. It is an hour-long session hosted around dinner time where representatives and recruiters can present their company to, and network with, Rice chemical engineering students. Rice AIChE can schedule a venue or arrange for a virtual event.

Lunch & Learns, Fall and Spring Semesters

This informal session will be hosted during lunchtime, when most students are available on campus, giving representatives a chance to discuss topics related to their company or industry. Rice AIChE will schedule a venue.

Rice AIChE is open to other event ideas if that would better suit your company. Interested groups should reach out to riceaiche@gmail.com to get involved with sponsorship or with hosting an event.