

Howdy New Duncaroos!

To get things started, welcome to Rice, welcome to Duncan! We are so excited for you all to join the ROO-deo! We are your Orientation Week (O Week) Coordinators: Aidan Silva, Kaitlyn Kirt, and Matt Lawrence. Our mission as Coordinators is to ensure you have the smoothest transition into Rice University and the Duncan College family. More than anything, we want y'all to feel right at home out here. We'll have your back, lift ya up when you're draggin', and hoot 'n holler for ya every step of the trail as you head into this next rodeo of life. We hit the ground running on this special week since December of 2024, and have been so excited since! We might seem experts at this O-Week thing, but remember we were once New Students as well. We experienced all the first day jitters, and excitement just like you all will on move-in day. But don't worry partner, we kept that in mind when constructing this masterpiece of a book. This book is intended to give you cowpokes a little snippet of what is to come when you venture into the Rice frontier. When you arrive at Duncan, we hope that O-Week will help you discover the resources and opportunities Rice has to offer, find a welcoming community, establish a strong foundation of support and knowledge for your unique Rice experience, and create connections so that you never have to face any challenges alone during your time at Duncan. Whether it's us coords, your dedicated advisors, the Dunc-Squad, or your fellow affiliates, you will encounter many amazing people from different backgrounds to ease your transition in Rice. Once again, welcome to the ROO-deo!

-Matt, Kaitlyn, and Aidan (aka SLim picKins)