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Dear Class of 2021,

Welcome to Rose-Hulman! You are joining the campus community at an exciting time. Beautiful new spaces have been created inside and outside of our expanded student union, and you’ll be among the first to use them. Soon, you will likely find yourself facing academic challenges unlike anything you have experienced before. This is normal, and many others have gone before you and survived. Remember—you would not be here if we didn’t think you were up to the challenge!

Take what you learn from our outstanding professors and run with it. Engineers, scientists, and mathematicians are working at solving some of the world’s biggest problems every day. Here, you will learn that the potential to do so lies within you as well. An institute of higher learning is a place of conversation, and we pride ourselves on being respectful and able to have difficult conversations in a civil manner. Here, you’ll engage with a diverse range of individuals and be exposed to new concepts and different viewpoints. Over the next four years, these interactions will enrich your experience and cause you to learn and grow—more than you now think possible.

Though you came here to study STEM, one of the first things you’ll do is learn a new meaning for the word “railroaded.” Forget any previous definition that you may know. In Terre Haute, it means waiting for a train to pass—and it happens quite often, thanks to the many railroad tracks crisscrossing town. Getting railroaded can be annoying, but remember that the institute’s founder, Chauncey Rose, was a railroad man. So, were it not for these tracks, there may never have been a Rose-Hulman. Learn to add a few extra minutes to your trip, and you’ll be just fine.

Freshmen, you’re laying a foundation that will allow you to impact the way our world works in the future. You’re laying a foundation that will allow you to impact the way our world works in the future. You’re laying a foundation that will allow you to impact the way our world works in the future. You’re laying a foundation that will allow you to impact the way our world works in the future.

Sincerely,
Jim Conwell
President
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Welcome to Rose!

I am the editor-in-chief of The Rose Thorn, your independent student newspaper. Our job is to keep our community informed and engaged.

During my time at Rose, I have found it too easy for students to become absorbed in coursework, walking between classes oblivious to the world. This is may be a good strategy for producing smart engineers, but it is a poor way of creating engaged and knowledgeable graduates.

Our institution’s strategic plan envisions Rose graduates who are “inspired and prepared for lives of purpose and success.” I believe that The Thorn can play a crucial role in bringing about this vision.

So we at The Thorn have set ourselves a goal to motivate our coverage: To inform students about issues facing society that they can influence during and after their time at Rose.

We keep the Rose Hulman community informed by creating engaged and knowledgeable graduates. Some of my most meaningful experiences at Rose have been through activities outside of the standard curriculum. This is may be a good strategy for producing smart engineers, but it is a poor way of creating engaged and knowledgeable graduates.

I believe that students learn about the complex issues facing society today so that we can be ready to work on them tomorrow.

I would encourage students to get involved early on during their time at Rose, and to emphasize that it is never too late to get started. Some of my most meaningful experiences at Rose have been through activities outside of the standard curriculum.

Finally, this is your school’s newspaper and we want it to be indispensable to our readers. We crave your feedback and are always looking for ways to improve. We meet every Tuesday in O259 at 5:15pm and students can reach out to us at Thorn@rose-hulman.edu.

I wish everyone a productive and successful year!

Sincerely,

Marc Schmitt
Editor-in-Chief

Our Mission Statement:

We are Rose-Hulman’s independent student newspaper. We strive to keep the Rose-Hulman community informed by providing an accurate and dependable source for news and information.

ISSUES OF The Rose Thorn are published on the second through ninth Mondays of each academic quarter. WEEKLY MEETINGS: occur at 5:15 p.m. on the first through eighth Tuesdays of each academic quarter. All members of the Rose-Hulman community are welcome to attend.

SUBMISSION of articles, photographs, art, and letters to the editor is encouraged. Submission may be made by email to thorn@rose-hulman.edu or in person to Percopo room 031. The submission deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday. THE RIGHTS to accept submissions or changes made after the deadline, to edit submissions in so far as the original intent of the submission remains unaltered, and to reject submissions deemed inappropriate for print are reserved by the editors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR should be no longer than 600 words in length and must contain the writer’s (electronic) signature. THE VIEWS EXPRESSED herein are those of their respective authors and with the exception of the Staff View do not necessarily represent the views of the staff or the Rose-Hulman community.
Terre Haute, the great town we live in your life. They offer a variety of services, whether it is stress from classes or something go-or not feeling yourself make sure to go see Counseling students need help at Rose. Check out the learning Rose are those who ask for help from oth- help at first, the students that thrive at help! Though it may be difficult to ask for work gets difficult, don’t waste time bang- start assignments early. When the course- like to add to this guidance.

Tips for Freshman Year

“ Asking for help from a class- mate or professor can save you hours of despair.” Beyond coursework, get seri- ally involved in at least one club or activity. Not only is the experience rewarding, but they will also help you get internships and jobs upon graduation. Pursue your passions through extracurriculars. You will be more motivated and find it easier to stick with them while you are struggling with coursework. Most clubs and activities serve as creative outlets for students. You would do well to find your own.

We are all aware of the drained humanities and social studies (HSS) requirement. Most people use them to push their schedule during tough quarters, but they can actually be some of the most interesting classes you take at Rose. HSS classes go beyond engineer- ing, and can expose you to material you have never learned. More importantly, they will round you out as a person, make you more interesting, and en- gage you with the world beyond engineering. Compa- nies can easily find excellent engineers, but it is much more difficult to find someone that has had the training and experience that you would give your degree. You do not have to write a paper on it, but it certainly helps make the material more engaging. Your professors will be- faster, and thus the necessity is clear, have fun. Spend time with your hall-mates. You are going to be spend the next four years together, make the time to really get to know them. Try to strike a healthy balance between coursework and socializing. Your friends will help you through your time at Rose, and they are indispensable.

Lifestyle Editor

Restaurants around Terre Haute. Chava’s Mexican Grill (1), Royal Mandarin (2), Moger’s (3), and Rick’s (4).

Chava’s Mexican Grill (1), Royal Mandarin (2), Moger’s (3), and Rick’s (4) have a rich history of shenanigans and collective schadenfreude. It is here where students prove themselves capable of surviving at Rose. Your residence advisers and professors do their best to guide new students, but The Thurn hundreds. Beginning with classes, it is best to start attending classes early. When the class- work gets difficult, don’t waste time bang- start assignments early. When the course- begin your first year at Rose. What do you ask for help from oth- er friends or professors? Do you get a drink for free! Second on the list, is a trip to Royal Mandarin (3) for help with tough classes.

Speaking of help, if you find yourself stressed out or not feeling yourself make sure to go see Counseling Services. They can help you no matter what is going on, whether it is stress from classes or something go- Morris, and Qdoba. This means that, though it is technically fast food, the quality of food is on an entirely new level. Anyone that has been to this restaurant may as well give up buying a burrito anywhere else as the food here puts others to shame. As if this was not the best thing about this restaurant they also offer a 12 minute from Rose- Hulman’s campus. This Restau- rant is far and away one of the most well- known places in Terre Haute. Revere for both their burritos and tacos, and if you are looking for some of the best places to eat near our campus.

Chava’s is known for its authentic Mexican atmosphere, its barbecue, fish, and classic side dishes for a long time. This restaurant is known to most as the best burrito in Terre Haute and to others it is known as BOHICA (Behind O’Connell Hall and Grill) anyone can get a drink for free! Moger’s is located on Poplar Street next to Stables Steakhouse, the most refined re- staurant in Terre Haute. Moger’s is definitely one of the Ten. This restaurant is a fantastic place for any traditional American style dish and they never disappoint with their portions or prices. Finally, on Fridays we have four quarters for a dollar, answer a telephone, or lick envelopes. Dangerous?

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Lauren Wiseman
News Editor

Rose-Hulman offers a variety of opportunities to students throughout the school year. If one month sets Rose apart from other universities are the doors the school can open for students when it comes to internships, jobs, or even job shadowing. The Rose Thorn talked to some students about their work experiences this summer, how Rose prepared them, and how they feel coming back to school.

For Stephanie Jungck, a Junior Mechanical Engineering major, her third summer at Rose offered opportunities for himself, as well as his friends. Jungck had worked for the cyber-security company Telewave Network Security last year, and this year they had a new position for them. "They had me join an employee team to work alongside other Software Engineers," he explained, "to do development work on a new product the company was currently designing." While Rose-Hulman was not responsible for introducing students to their internship, “I was able to learn about and work on many of the fixtures and devices Rockwell Collins manufactures as well as how they are tested.”

Jungck to Tenable, it was helpful in getting a job for a friend. "At the end of my summer last year, they had asked me to go back to Rose and try to find other similar students to myself and point them towards Tenable," he said. So, he submitted a friend’s resume, who was hired without a technical interview, because "my employer trusts the education of any student out of Rose." Jungck credited Rose for teaching him valuable skills. “Rose helps us not only to be technically prepared, but to be able to work in an agile environment alongside other professionals, to be an equal team player instead of being an intern.” He went on to add that Rose helped him communicate on a professional level, which Jungck reported was complimented on throughout his time with Tenable Network Security. Sometimes, students do not land internships, but they do land valuable skills. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Minor Freshman Lauren Wiseman,
dent. “However, Rose has also shown me that one cannot give up following Reject-" Underclassmen often find them- they are skilled at a discipline, but must still put in the time to research companies, submit resumes, and apply for internships. For DeBrola, his freshman year was not his year. “I was not offered a position this summer in the internships to which I applied.” In spite of this, he found other ways to obtain meaningful experience. “I decided to pursue experiences which I knew would help me on my path to medical school,” he said. DeBrola was not responsible for introducing students to their internship, “I was able to learn about and work on many of the fixtures and devices Rockwell Collins manufactures as well as how they are tested.”

Want to learn more? Come talk to The Rose Thorn at the Student Activities Fair Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. in the Cook Stadium Parking Lot!