Welcome Class of 2023!

A Letter From the SGA President

Welcome to our family here at Rose-Hulman! We are so excited you will be joining us this fall. You are now beginning a brand new adventure and the start of one of the biggest learning experiences of your life!

By deciding to attend the best undergraduate engineering school in the nation, you will be getting an incredible education both inside and outside the classroom. At Rose-Hulman, we believe that extracurricular activities enhance your college experience and shape you into a student better suited for a job more than any other student from a different top-notch engineering school. Rose-Hulman is uniquely equipped to assist you with the challenges of the next four years and beyond.

As a representative of the Student Government Association (SGA), I would like to encourage you to get involved on campus. With more than 100 clubs and organizations on our campus, there are so many opportunities to get involved, whether that is with your residence hall, club sports, intramurals, professional organizations, Greek life, academic or competition teams, and so much more. I encourage you to consider getting involved with SGA as a senator for your residence hall or running for Freshman Class President. These are vital campus leadership positions you can get involved with in your first few weeks on campus.

The entire campus is so excited to have the class of 2023 join us this year, a class unlike any other. I encourage each of you to explore campus, meet new people, and most importantly, have fun! I look forward to seeing each of you on campus this fall.

Kind regards,
Alexa Kovacs
Student Government Association President

The Rose Thorn Meets Tuesdays
0259 at 5:00 pm

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A Letter from the Editor

Dear Class of 2023,

On behalf of the Thorn staff, I would like to welcome you to our family that is Rose-Hulman! We wish you a pleasant and fruitful first year here.

This is our special edition of The Thorn, the campus independent newspaper, to welcome all incoming freshmen! We bring to you daily hacks of living at Rose, general Dos and Don’ts, and some guidance for your first few days on campus.

The Thorn is published on a weekly basis, which covers events happening around campus and the world, thanks to our fantastic staff that you can get to know down below. With a variety of topics to write about, from news reporting, movie reviews, and even recipes we would love to have you as part of our staff! We will be meeting for the first time this quarter on September 20 at 2pm in Olin 259. Everyone is welcome!

Feel free to contact me for any questions about The Rose Thorn or anything else at bimadk@Rose-Hulman.com.

Best regards,
Dalal Bima
Editor-in-Chief of The Rose Thorn

Meet the Thorn Staff

Aidan Moulder • Opinions Editor
Mechanical Engineering, 2022
Hi, I’m Aidan, and I am an avid PC hardware enthusiast and soccer fan. I’m probably the most opinionated person on the Thorn staff, which is good since I’m the Opinions Editor.

Dara Nafiu, World News Editor
Biomedical Engineering, 2020
Hey! I’m Dara, the World News Editor for the Rose Thorn. I am majoring in Biomedical Engineering and applying to medical schools for next year. I’m also the Executive Director for SGA, so you’ll probably hear from me about trivia and upcoming events!

Caleigh Kintner, Sports Editor
Biochemistry, 2021
Hey, I am Caleigh, and I am the Sports Editor for the Rose Thorn. I am a member of the Rose-Hulman Women’s Tennis Team, and the Events and Membership Chair for Society of Women Engineers. You can catch me in the chemistry labs around campus, or talking to my Betta Bob Bert. I hope you have a great year!

Rithvik Subramanya, Flipside Editor
Computer Science, 2020
Hi, I am Rithvik, and I am the Flipside editor for the Rose Thorn. Please give me content, as I do not have enough. If you think you are funny, you’re probably funnier than me, so give your content.

Jonathan Kawasaki, Staff Writer
Chemical Engineering, 2021
Yo, how’s your day going? I’m Jonathan Kawasaki, a staff writer for the Rose Thorn. I’m hoping to go into food science or genetics. I tend to complain about everything, which is why I’ll usually be writing movie reviews or world news. Side hobbies would be reading, gaming and cooking.

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

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WEAKLY MEETINGS occur at 5:00 p.m. on the first through ninth 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 Perreno room C31. The submission dead-line is 5:00 p.m. Friday.

THE RIGHTS to accept submissions or changes made after the dead-line, to edit submissions in so far as the original intent of the submission remains unaltered, and to reject submissions deemed inappropri- ate for print are reserved by the editors.

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.
First and foremost, congratulations to the Rose Hulman! It is definitely something to be excited about, but there is a long and extremely difficult road ahead of you. Now that orientation week is over, it’s time to get serious, and work hard to thrive.

Hopefully by now you have at least become acquainted with your RA’s and SA’s. They are here to become your biggest resource for freshman year. They will be there for you to lean on when you find yourself in a rough patch or to answer a simple physics question. You should also be able to find each other. Anyone who mar- kets and neighbors, it’s got pretty awkward if you hadn’t learned their names by the end of Fall Quar- ter.

In my time at Rose, I’ve found that relationships with the people around you can significantly impact your happiness here, this is not a place you can just jump in and throw yourself out to clubs and organizations of your choosing.

To the left of this article you’ll see a list of some of Rose’s more prominent clubs that everyone can be a part of. However, there are several more clubs/organizations available to the student body, and it’s important you find one that’s right for you. Anyone that’s right for you is forced into. While it’s good to cast a wide net, it’ll be damn nearly impossible to do everything you’re interested in. Overcommitting your- self as a Rose Hulman freshman is a scary easy thing to do. One way or another, it’s more than likely you’ll have to reevaluate your interests. It’s just so you can get more than 3 hours of sleep at night. Eventually you will find your groove and your happy place at Rose. Failure is the greater thing that Rose Hulman teaches you to learn and roll with the punches.

“Me Time” can sometimes be a luxury at Rose. It almost guaran- teed that you will feel overwhelmed during many periods of your time here. You need to push through and accept everything that’s thrown at you. Not everything is hectic all the time. Use these moments to break up your day, to take a step back, to breathe, refocus, and veg out. Re- evaluate my time here at Rose and as an engineer all because I asked what a professor what he thought was an easy question during office hours. Unfortunately, I’m not the only one that I would have this thing like this and a good thing is being told not even halfway into fall quarter my freshman year, to “Reweave my time here at Rose and as an engineer” all because I asked what a professor what he thought was an easy question during office hours. 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