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

9/5 8a — Classes Begin
9/6 8p — Hypnotist Mat LaVore: SRC
9/7 6p — HERD Event Football Game Cookout: Stadium
9/10 5p — First Rose Thorn Meeting
9/20 8p — Roller Rave: SRC
9/29 2p — HERD Event Women’s Tennis: Tennis Courts
10/2 11a — 2019 Fall Career Fair: SRC
10/4 11a — All Day — Homecoming
10/7 7p — HERD Event — Homecoming Pep Rally: SRC

On Campus Changes

New Academic Building
A new 70,000-square-foot structure is being built on the east side of campus, which will provide spaces for collaborative work, design studios, flexible classrooms, chemistry labs, and much more! The new building is scheduled to open in the fall of 2021.

The Pavilion
A great complementing pavilion to our gorgeous Union is a space where we can have an outdoor dining area and enjoy the gorgeous weather while it lasts. The pavilion is scheduled to be ready on this year’s homecoming.

September Birthday Celebration
The Next Few Weeks at Rose

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Issues of The Rose Thorn are published on the second through ninth Mondays of each academic quarter.

Weekly 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, graphics, 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 inappropriately 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.

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 I’ll probably hear from you about elections and upcoming events! I love the labs and projects associated with my biochem major. I am excited for my second year and all that Rose has to offer.

Caleigh Kintner, Sports Editor
Biomedical Engineering, 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 Bella 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 more funny 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 am hoping to go into food science or genetics. I tend to complain about everything, which is why I’ll annually be writing movie reviews or world news. Side hobbies would be reading, gaming and cooking.

Dalal Bima, Editor-in-Chief, Physics, Class of 2020
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Finding the right activity to devote your time and energy to is worth it. Here is a list of clubs curated by the Thorn that may just be right for you.

First and foremost, congratulations to everyone who is going to Hawk Hall! 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 even more time to help.

Hopefully by now you have at least become acquainted with your RA’s and SA’s, and also come to view them as 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 sure to know your roommates, as well as all of the other people in the hall.

This low chance for contact with fellow students happens only one night a week, so use your time on events or merch for your floor!

Residence Hall Association

Meeting has say in what they want to charge we actually allow to go away. However, sometimes it was awkward if you haven’t learned their names by the end of Fall Quarter. In my time at Rose, I’ve found that relationships with the people around you have a huge impact on your happiness here, this is not a place where you can simply sit back and watch things happen. It’s imperative that you branch out to clubs and organizations of your choosing.

To the left of this article you’ll see some of Rose’s more prominent clubs that anyone can be a part of. Of course, there are several more clubs and organizations available to the student body, and it’s important you find one that you can connect with. Someone that you’re forced into. While it’s good to cast a wide net, it’ll be damn near impossible to do everything you’re interested in. Outnumbering yourself–free as a Rose Hulman freshman is a great way to unwind with almost anything you’ve ever done before.

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**The Do’s and Don’ts of Freshman Year**

**Consider Study Abroad** - Well it doesn’t have to be right now. Just keep it in mind. We understand that transitioning to college already requires adjusting to a new environment, and considering Study Abroad is a different step. Use this to your advantage. Take the opportunity to travel in your time here: presentations, competitions, spring break with friends, and even class trips to places like England, Kenya, or South Africa. Take advantage of these opportunities as much as possible. Some are more expensive than others, but don’t shy away from spending some money on a trip with friends to the Gulf of Mexico in April. You will learn much about yourself and your travel companions when you travel to new places, even if it is to simply relax on the beach somewhere for a handful of days.

**Geese** - Stay away from them. They are all over in a pack when possible.

**Alligators in Speed Lake** - Just keep some distance. They are new brand of meat and the myth of them being for a handful of days. The geese have not been located in the murky chambers under Speed Lake. This space has since been gifted to the geese as a sign of goodwill and peace.

**The HORRorscopes**

**AQUARIUS:** Remember to be open to communication. Especially from the old and wised. Most of the time the voices will tell you to speak out to get you what you want. If you don’t want to take a chance, you find yourself away from school, try a summer program.

**CAPRICORN:** You will be at its weakest during the full moon and strongest on the day. Your grandparents miss you. Make sure to call them. When your essay doesn’t turn out to be about it. Just don’t look too far into it. Just don’t.

**CANCER:** You and your friends will become incredibly close. Whatever you put in there will get rid of you so very quickly.

**SCORPIO:** Your monthly cycle is all out of whack. Your fursona will actual be pretty cool.

**LEO:** Mostly due to the giant warphole pulling the entire campus into it. You only need a seat while you actually need a seat while you are doing something. The GCC gym is a wonderful place to run off housing for Rose.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Take some time to line all entrances to your room and keep yourself on track to graduate. By considering it early, you can apply for as many as possible. Some are more expensive than others, but don’t shy away from spending some money on a trip with friends to the Gulf of Mexico in April. You will learn much about yourself and your travel companions when you travel to new places, even if it is to simply relax on the beach somewhere for a handful of days.

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