

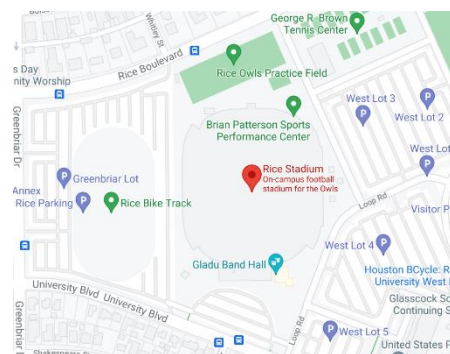
Our 20th Annual Senior Signing Day event is scheduled to occur **Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM**. On Senior Signing Day, we are excited to celebrate you, our seniors, as you proudly declare your college plans in an arena filled.

Event Time and Location – 6:00 pm , Rice Stadium, Rice University

Senior Information

Schedule for all Seniors

3:00 pm	Gates open for seniors – Seniors can be either dropped off or drive to Rice Stadium. Seniors will enter through Gates 1 and 4. A more detailed guide with parking information and arrival instructions will be included in your Senior Signing Day Packet, which will include your tickets for your guest. This packet will be distributed the week of May 17 th .
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Follow guidance to your campus check-in table along the concourse . Following checking in at the table you will proceed down to the field to find your seat. Seniors need to arrive at the table by 3:30 PM. Checking in at the check-in table is critical as you the counselors will verify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance • Dress code check • Instructions for seating on the field
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	All seniors are on the field and in their seats. Rehearsal for seniors.
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Doors open to parents / guests
6:00 pm	Senior Signing Day begins.



Arrival Time Cut Off Notice

Seniors should understand that failure to arrive at Rice Stadium by **3:30 PM** and checking in with your campus may result in your inability to participate in the Senior Signing Day event with your peers. Seniors should understand that they may NOT be able to sit with the Seniors and to declare your college plan in front of the YES Prep community. If an emergency occurs you should contact a member of my campus college counseling team, before **3:45 PM**

College Paraphernalia– Please make sure you bring the college paraphernalia that you will use to announce/display your college choice with you to **Rice Stadium**. Due to COVID-19 restrictions students should not share items with a fellow classmate. College items could include: Shirts, Pennants, Flags, Signs, materials mailed by the university and many more items. If you have issues determining what items to use, you can you talk to your College Counselor.

Attire – Please arrive at Rice Stadium appropriately dressed in your event clothes. **Know we will be checking all students at the check in tables between 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM, to ensure you are in appropriate clothing check-in with your campus at the check in table before you proceed to the field.** Rice Stadium is an outdoor venue, so please ensure you are dressing appropriately for the weather forecast.

Dress Expectations – **Business Professional Dress**, such as campus professional dress

- Button down shirt and slacks for male students (suits, ties, etc. are appropriate). **Tennis shoes and jeans are NOT appropriate.**
- Button down shirt, blouses and slacks or school appropriate skirts or dresses for female students. **Halter, strapless, spaghetti strap or low cut, revealing, or exceptionally tight or sheer shirts, blouses, or dresses are NOT appropriate. Tennis shoes and heels above 3 inches are NOT appropriate.**
- Students will also be walking up and down stairs and walking on a turf field. Heels should be 3 inches or shorter and should be block or wedge heels or flats. **Stiletto heels are NOT appropriate, due to the turf field you will be walking on. This is to avoid your personal injury and damaging the field.**

Examples from Past Senior Signing Days



Examples of Appropriate Footwear





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Cell Phones – Students will be permitted to use cell phones following rehearsal before the start of the ceremony. They are encouraged to take pictures, and share on the social media wall, but should turn them off during the ceremony beginning at 6:00 pm for the duration of Senior Signing Day.

Eating prior to arrival to Rice Stadium – Given the length of the program, Seniors are encouraged to eat prior to arriving at 3:00 PM. There will be a bag include special Senior Signing Day items and a snack at each of your seats. However, we do encourage you to eat a full meal prior to arrival.

Restrooms – Students will be able to access the restrooms in the concourse near sections **106** and **116** upon arrival and after the rehearsal at 5:00 PM. Students after rehearsal during the restroom break should be back on the field and in their chairs by 5:30 PM. If a student needs to use a restroom after that point, they will need contact a staff member from their campus.

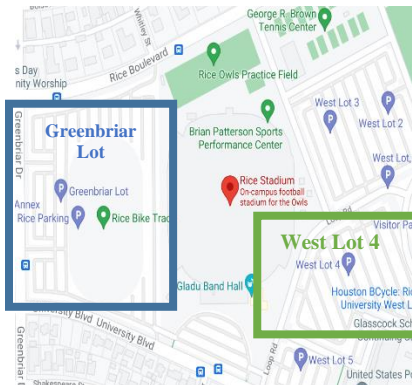
Guest Information

Schedule for Guests

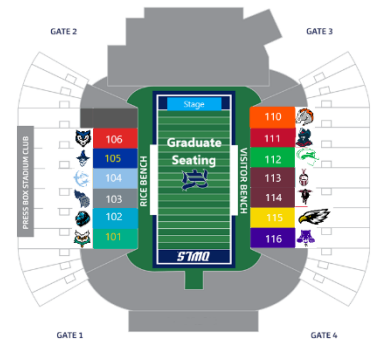
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Gates open for guests – Guests can enter Rice Stadium. Seniors will enter through any Gates 1 - 4. Concessions open for parents**
- 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Social media wall and pre-show
- 6:00 pm Senior Signing Day Show Program Begins

Guest Seating and Arrival – Each senior will receive **two (2) guest seating tickets** to distribute to their friends and family members for seating in their campus’s guest section. Parents with Tickets will be able to enter beginning at 5:00 am through gates 1-4.

When arriving guests will need to present their tickets to Rice University. For guests bringing bags, all bags will be screened.



Parks in Greenbriar Lot & Enter Through Gates 1 and 2		Parks in West Lot 4 & Enter Through Gates 3 and 4	
Campus	Section	Campus	Section
East End	104	Brays Oaks	111
Gulfton	103	Eisenhower	115
Northside	102	Fifth Ward	113
Southeast	105	North Central	110
West	106	North Forest	116
White Oak	101	Northbrook HS	114
		Southwest	112



Parents with tickets in sections 101 – 106 should park in the Greenbriar Parking Lot and enter through Gates 1 and 2. Parents with tickets in sections 110-116 should park in West Lot 4 and enter through Gates 3 or 4.

Lost Tickets – If a guest has lost their tickets prior to arrival they can check in with YES Prep Staff at Gate #3. At Gate #3, guests can provide identification against students submitted guest list to ask for a replacement lost ticket. Students must submit their guest names through the guest survey process in order to get in through the lost ticket system.

Guests Using Mobility Devices - **Guests using mobility devices should enter the area through gates 2 or 3.** There are special boxes for those seated in wheelchairs located around the concourse at the top of Section 101, 110, 116. Guests with wheelchairs can sit in this area instead of the designated section on their ticket. If these sections are full, find a YES Prep Staff member for assistance. The YES Prep Staff Member in your assigned section can help you find the ADA seating area closest to your section to see your students on the field.

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What You and Your Family Can / Cannot Bring

1. **Spirited approval** from family and friends is definitely welcome (**Loud horns, noise makers, vuvuzelas - no!**).
2. **NO balloons or flower vases** of any kind are allowed whatsoever. Please tell family and friends to keep them in their cars until after Senior Signing Day.
3. **Venue prohibited items include:** Umbrellas, Weapons of any kind, Tobacco Products, Artificial noisemakers
4. No **Food and Beverages** of any kind can be brought into Rice Stadium, with the exception of a **1 liter unopened bottle of water**
5. **Bags** – please leave bags at home or in your car if you can. All bags brought into the stadium will be checked by stadium security.
6. **Camera**– Small, point and shoot cameras are allowed in Rice Stadium. No audio or video recorders are allowed for any event. A small camera includes small cameras without lenses attachments. If you and/or your family member brings any large or professional cameras (such as lenses beyond 4 inches), they will not allow you into Rice Stadium.