

THE RHODES-NEW ORLEANS CONNECTION

Perhaps it's because we are both cities with rich musical heritages. Or maybe it's our shared location on the Mississippi River. Whatever the reasons, Rhodes has always been a place where New Orleans-area students feel at home and thrive. Every year during our final home football game, Rhodes hosts Cajunfest, where students and alumni partake of a feast of gumbo, jambalaya, red beans and rice, and sautéed shrimp. The Rhodes community's love of New Orleans is also manifested in Rhodes Rebuilds, a student organization that travels to New Orleans twice a year to help with the city's rebuilding efforts.

New Orleans by the Numbers

- There are **90** students from the greater New Orleans area at Rhodes.
- We received **156** applications from the New Orleans area last year.
- The **Class of 2016** includes **19** New Orleanians.



Sarika expanded her New Orleans family while at Rhodes.

A Slice of NOLA on Campus

Sarika Mirchandani – St. Mary's Dominican High School, New Orleans – Rhodes Class of 2012

“Anyone can tell you how much pride the people of New Orleans have for their city—not only in Louisiana, but at Rhodes College as well. The Rhodes students from New Orleans never lose sight of their hometown and continue to show their pride, whether it's watching the Saints and LSU games together, going to New Orleans-style restaurants (plenty of food options in Memphis) or bringing Rhodes friends home for Mardi Gras! My pride in New Orleans grew stronger each year I was in college. In fact, I expanded my New Orleans family while in Memphis. My decision to attend Rhodes was one of the smartest I have ever made. I know the education and values that were instilled in me in college have prepared me well for the next chapters of my life. I can honestly say that most Rhodes students and graduates feel the same way.”



Geaux Saints!

Ashley Tufton – Academy of the Sacred Heart, New Orleans – Rhodes Class of 2013

“Leaving New Orleans for Memphis was a really hard thing to do even though I was excited for a new experience at Rhodes. Anyone who is from New Orleans can tell you how amazing a place it is to live. The culture and the experiences one has there are completely different from any other city. However, the large community of New Orleanians at Rhodes never makes me feel too far from home. I love seeing the overwhelming amount of Saints jerseys walking around campus on a Sunday afternoon and getting together with fellow New Orleanians to show people how to really eat

Ashley appreciates that Rhodes is a melting pot of cultures, much like New Orleans.

crawfish during Rites of Spring. I love how Rhodes resembles New Orleans in that it is a community of familiar faces, but at the same time a melting pot of so many different cultures. For this reason, I’m proud to be a New Orleanian—as well as a Rhodes Lynx.”

An Easy Transition

Elliott Williams – Isidore Newman School, New Orleans – Rhodes Class of 2012

“Being from New Orleans, I was not sure if I would find the same sort of social network at Rhodes that I was used to back home. However, I quickly learned that Rhodes, in addition to providing a wide range of exceptional academic opportunities, is also a place where it is easy to establish close friendships. I’m not sure that I could pick out my favorite thing about my years at Rhodes, but I would be hard-pressed to point out something that I didn’t like.”



Elliott quickly established the kind of social network at Rhodes that he enjoyed back home.

Alumni Networking

Rhodes has 340 alumni in the NOLA area. Each year, in conjunction with fall and spring break, Rhodes students from across the country forego time at the beach to participate in Rhodes Rebuilds, a student-run organization started in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. During Spring Break, the NOLA chapter hosts a career networking event for those students home for break. For prospective and incoming students, the chapter holds summer send-offs and yield parties, all aimed at starting off the Rhodes experience on the right foot.

Outcomes

Rhodes graduates from the New Orleans area excel, whether going on to attend the nation’s most prestigious graduate or professional schools, or starting their careers back home. For example, Dane Ciolino ’85 is the Alvin R. Christovich Distinguished Professor of Law at Loyola University. Shannon Cian ’02 is Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at LSU’s Health Sciences Center. Laura Richens ’87 is curator at the Carroll Gallery. Emery Van Hook ’98 is Director of Markets for marketumbrella.org. And Deborah Verlander ’86 is Vice President of Business Banking at Whitney National Bank.

Getting to Campus

After you schedule your visit at rhodes.edu/visit, getting here is easy.

- The six-hour drive between New Orleans and Memphis is an easy straight shot using I-10 and I-55.
- Amtrak’s City of New Orleans provides daily train service between Memphis and New Orleans.
- Direct flights to Memphis are available through Delta Airlines at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport; campus is an easy 15-minute drive from Memphis International Airport.

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