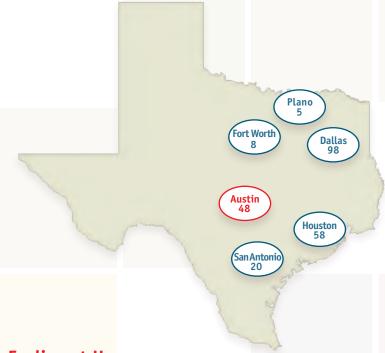
# THE RHODES-TEXAS CONNECTION

**Rhodes** has a long-standing relationship with students, schools and businesses in Texas. It may be the relative proximity and ease of travel, or perhaps it is the fact that Rhodes is one of the few selective, liberal arts colleges in a major metropolitan area within our region. Whatever the reasons, there is no doubt that Rhodes and Texas have benefitted by our close connection.



## **Texas by the Numbers**

- There are **251** students from Texas at Rhodes.
- We received 501 applications from Texas last year.
   The majority came from Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio.
- 82 Texans enrolled this fall as new first-year students.

## Feeling at Home

Lauren Peterson - The Hockaday School, Dallas - Rhodes Class of 2013

"My Texas pride definitely grew after I left the state and came to Rhodes. I instantly felt at home because there were so many Texans I could relate to. If I was feeling homesick, there



Lauren Peterson (right) and Rhodes friends

was always someone around who would love to talk to me about the *real* UT (University of Texas) or Mexican food. It was also easy to meet people and get involved because I could usually find friendly Texans nearby. I even came in freshman year knowing people at Rhodes from my hometown, summer camp and my activities in high school."

## **Expressing the Lynx**

Nick Brydon – William P. Clements High School, Sugar Land – Rhodes Class of 2013

Standing in front of his classmates in the Molecular Biology 325 lab, Nick Brydon turns to his poster presentation and points to an evolutionary

diagram depicting relationships among various biological species. "According to this sequence, our model suggests that humans are descendants of lynx," Brydon jokes. The class laughs, but the point is well taken. He is referring to a specific protein that is expressed identically in both the lynx and humans. The work done by Nick and his lab group this semester was part of an ongoing Rhodes project in the molecular biology labs. Nick is one of the many outstanding Rhodes students who got his start in Texas.



Nick Brydon

#### From Rhodes to Harvard

Jim Kingman – Corsicana High School, Corsicana – Rhodes Class of 2009

Currently: Harvard Law School, Law Clerk for the Texas Attorney General Awarded the Chayes Public Service Fellowship

"Rhodes was a great choice for me. My experience there prepared me well for my future. My breadth of experience and the time management and organizational skills I learned through the challenging atmosphere at Rhodes prepared me for Harvard. The school's culture of community service prepared me to compete successfully for the Chayes Public Service Fellowship at Harvard. My background in institution building and free speech advocacy at Rhodes, as well as public service through Habitat for Humanity and Souper Contact (our student run soup kitchen), made me



Jim Kingman's Rhodes experience prepared him for Harvard.

interested in the role of access to information and anti-corruption work in developing countries. I located an organization in Cape Town that worked directly with the South African Parliament to stem the corruption endemic in that scarred country."

### **Alumni Networking, Texas Style**

As is true across the country, Rhodes alumni in Texas are invested in the success of current students. There are many ways to connect:

- ★ Consult with staff in our Alumni Relations office to find alumni who can provide a helping hand with a new career or new city.
- \* Attend alumni networking events held each January in various Texas cities for face-to-face communication with established Rhodes graduates.
- ★ Parents of current students are welcome to attend events such as the "Barbeque and Business Cards" social held during the summer in Dallas.

Faculty, staff, parents, students and alumni are all part of the Rhodes family—eager to help new graduates achieve their goals.

With over 1,100 alumni in Texas, there is plenty of support!

## **Getting to Campus**

Transportation from Major Cities

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

**From Dallas:** Direct flights leave from DFW on major airlines like American, Delta and United. Southwest Air flies to Little Rock, which is a two-hour drive from Memphis. By car, Memphis is seven and a half hours away via I-30 and I-40.

**From Houston:** Direct flights on major airlines depart from George Bush International and Houston Hobby. The drive via US-59 and I-40 takes about nine and a half hours.

**From Austin:** Major airlines fly direct from Austin to Memphis daily. The drive to Memphis along I-35, I-30 and I-40 is about ten and a half hours long.

**From San Antonio:** Major airlines fly direct from San Antonio to Memphis. The drive to Memphis along I-35, I-30 and I-40 is about twelve hours long.

#### Come see us soon!

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