2016 Friends of Fondren Library Gala

Honoring Tanya and Wayne Graham
First Rice Baseball Team 1913
The Friends of Fondren Library cordially invites you to join us in honoring

Tanya and Wayne Graham

at our 36th Annual Gala Dinner and Auction
Friday, January 22, 2016
Reception — 7 p.m.
Dinner — 8 p.m.

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Wayne Graham’s love of baseball started early in his childhood when he served as bat boy for a semipro team in Houston. He played baseball at Reagan High School before matriculating to The University of Texas at Austin, where he played two seasons under the legendary Bibb Falk. After his collegiate playing days ended, Graham embarked on an 11-year professional career as a third baseman and outfielder with the Philadelphia Phillies and New York Mets organizations.

Despite several strong seasons in the minors, Graham had just two brief stints in the major leagues. The first came in 1963 when he appeared in 10 games for Gene Mauch’s Philadelphia Phillies. A year later, Graham played 20 games for Casey Stengel and the New York Mets.

Following his professional career, Graham returned to UT to finish his B.S. in 1970, later adding a master’s of education from the University of Houston in 1973. After receiving his degree from UT, he moved back to Houston to teach history and coach at Scarborough High School. In nine seasons of coaching at Scarborough and one at Spring Branch, Graham’s teams compiled a 98-13 district record, won seven district titles and never finished lower than second place in the district race.

After 10 successful seasons at the high school level, Graham moved on to San Jacinto Junior College, where he proceeded to turn the Gators into the nation’s most celebrated junior college baseball team, amassing seven straight seasons of 50 or more wins, three straight seasons of 60-plus wins and five NCAA World Series titles. His coaching days there produced several major league players, most notably Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte.

In 1992, Graham joined the Rice baseball program. At that time, the program had only seven winning seasons in 78 years of Southwest Conference play and had finished above fourth place only once.

Now in his 25th season at Rice and his 36th overall as a collegiate head coach, Graham has consistently produced highly skilled players. His win-loss record is now at 1,076-442. During Graham’s tenure, the Owls have made 21 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances in a row, won 20 consecutive regular-season tournament conference championships in three different conferences (Southwest Conference [SWC], Western Athletic Conference [WAC] and Conference USA) and have been to seven College World Series. In 2003, Rice won the national championship, the first for Rice in any team sport.

Graham has coached 18 different Rice players to a total of 31 All-American awards. No fewer than 30 former Owls were playing professional baseball in 2004, including four in the majors. At Rice, his teams have produced 12 first-round Major League Baseball picks, eight of whom have been pitchers.

Graham has won many accolades during his career, including Collegiate Baseball’s Coach of the Decade for all levels, WAC and American Baseball Coaches Association western regional coach of the year, and national and WAC Coach of the Year. He was inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame at Fort Worth in 2003, named the Keith LeClair C-USA Coach of the Year five times and was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame in Lubbock in 2012.

Graham considers Tanya, his wife of 33 years, his best friend and greatest influence. He credits her with his decision to come to Rice. Although she eschews the spotlight, Tanya remains the quiet powerhouse behind the man who has led Rice baseball to national success. She is a constant at each game, each season, getting to know the players and making lifelong friendships.

A Rice graduate, Tanya received her B.A. in 1999. She currently serves as the business manager for Rice’s summer baseball camp program. She enjoys postseason sports, the Olympics and music. Lifelong learners, both Wayne and Tanya are voracious readers. In their spare time, they enjoy traveling to Kauai.
**Steamboat Springs**

Be our guest at our Steamboat Springs home for a week. The home has four bedrooms and three and one-half baths and is only a five-minute drive from the ski lifts and 10 minutes from downtown. Completely remodeled in 2012, the home sleeps up to 12, with two king master bedrooms, a double queen, and a quad-bunk room. Other features include an office with a computer, wireless network and a printer; a two-level deck with hot tub; and a great view down Fish Creek Valley.

This auction package includes use of our two Jeep® vehicles and 10 bottles of your choosing from our wine collection. We do not rent the house but welcome you as our guests. The week to be mutually agreed upon. Christmas and New Year’s weeks 2016 are available.

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*Not included: Airfare, airport transfers and taxes, ground transportation, car rental, meals or activity fees*
Owls Football

Travel with the Rice Owls football team when they play Army at West Point Saturday, September 10, 2016. This special opportunity includes round-trip travel with the team, hotel accommodations, ground transportation with the team or boosters, inclusion in any alumni or Owl Club group activities the night before and/or before the game, and two tickets to the game.

Donated by Rice Athletics.

Not included: Other activities, meals, beverages and tips
Colonial Virginia

with John Boles ’65, the William P. Hobby Professor of History, and editor, Journal of Southern History, 1983–2013

Spend a week with renowned historian and popular Rice tour-group leader John Boles ’65 retracing the life and times of our Founding Fathers in Colonial Virginia. Begin with Virginia’s earliest colonial settlements in Jamestown and Williamsburg, enjoying special access to heritage sites and historic buildings. Learn about the dramatic conclusion of the Revolutionary War at the Yorktown battlefield, and spend a day exploring beautiful Colonial-era plantation homes and landscapes along the James River. A stop in Richmond allows you to explore the Thomas Jefferson-designed state capital and relive Patrick Henry’s “Give me liberty, or give me death!” speech. In the Appalachian foothills, the world of Thomas Jefferson comes even more fully to life with a private tour at his iconic Monticello and a personalized look at his elegant University of Virginia campus. The itinerary concludes with a tour of the quaint tree-lined streets of Old Town Alexandria and a customized in-depth tour of George Washington’s Mount Vernon plantation.

Live Auction Highlights

With Boles’ lectures and frequent commentary throughout the itinerary, this program is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for those interested in America’s colonial history to learn about the politics, society, economics and culture of 18th-century Virginia, visiting one beautiful historical site after another. The tour will focus on political and military history, but also other issues that were critical to early America: slavery, immigration, tobacco and agriculture. This trip is part of the ARA Traveling Owls program.

Date: May 29–June 4, 2016

Not included: Airfare
Father Guido Sarducci, the Five-Minute University and Global Health: How Rice Students are Changing the World

Rebecca Richards-Kortum
Malcolm Gillis University Professor
Professor of Bioengineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering
Director, Rice 360°: Institute for Global Health
Director, Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering
Founder, Beyond Traditional Borders

What experiences as an undergraduate had the most impact on your life? Likely they didn’t happen during lectures. Come and hear how Rice 360° is taking a lesson from “Saturday Night Live” to help Rice students become leaders in global health at this dinner hosted in the home of Barbara Jenkins Gibbs M.D. ’73 and David K. Gibbs ’71.

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2016

‘Of the Soil: Photographs of Vernacular Architecture and Stories of Changing Times in Arkansas’

Geoffrey Winningham ’65
Lynette S. Autrey Professor of Humanities
Professor of Visual Arts

In the early 1980s, Geoff Winningham traveled throughout Arkansas, locating and photographing examples of classic southern American vernacular architecture: dogtrot cabins, country stores, wood-frame churches and one-of-a-kind hog houses — local buildings remembered by local people. He photographed over 3,000 structures, amassing an important archive. Three decades later, Winningham reopened his archive and began to structure a book. That same year, he returned to Arkansas, revisiting many of the sites he had photographed. Most of the buildings had disappeared, victims of fires, storms or human neglect. What he found were locals who remembered the buildings. After listening to their recollections and observations, he wrote 21 stories that accompany the photographs in “Of the Soil” (University of Arkansas Press, 2014). At this dinner hosted in the home of Liz Howard Crowell ’76 and Steven G. Crowell, Winningham will discuss the photographs and read stories from his book.

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016
Special Occasion Events

Nanotechnology Enabled Water Treatment (NEWT) Systems

Pedro J. J. Alvarez
George R. Brown Professor of Materials Science and NanoEngineering
Director, Nanotechnology-Enabled Water Treatment (NEWT)

In this presentation, Pedro Alvarez will discuss NEWT, a new interdisciplinary, multi-institution nanosystems-engineering research center, headquartered at Rice University. NEWT's goal is to facilitate access to clean water almost anywhere in the world by developing efficient modular water treatment systems that are easy to deploy and that can tap unconventional sources to provide humanitarian water or emergency response. NEWT also develops systems to treat and reuse challenging industrial wastewaters in remote locations, such as oil and gas fields to help energy production be more sustainable and more cost-efficient in regards to its water footprint. The talk is hosted by Barbara D. Mackey ’14 and James A. Ferrendelli, M.D., at Canopy.

Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Writing Jefferson’s Life

John B. Boles ’65
William P. Hobby Professor of History

In this presentation, John Boles will explore the problems and possibilities of writing a full-scale biography of Thomas Jefferson, a man who lived a long life, was involved in everything of importance in the nation for more than 50 years and had enormously wide-ranging interests. And if that were not enough, Jefferson’s life was filled with seeming contraction and both triumph and tragedy. How can one make sense of this man and understand him in his own historical context as well as our own? Join us for this account of the challenge of writing about this enigmatic man, which will be hosted in the home of Julie ’72 and David Itz ’72.

Date: Thursday, March 31, 2016
Special Occasion Events

RISE: the Rice Initiative for the Study of Economics
Antonio Merlo
George A. Peterkin Professor of Economics
Chair, Department of Economics
Founder and director, Rice Initiative for the Study of Economics (RISE)
Launched in 2014, the Rice Initiative for the Study of Economics (RISE) was established to create an environment for research and teaching that will enhance the role of Rice University as one of the leading institutions in the world for the study of economics. Learn about how RISE is preparing Rice students with the skills to become the next generation of world-class economists and decision-makers and is supporting faculty research on the design, selection and assessment of public policies that have the potential to influence society’s greatest challenges at this dinner presentation in the home of Waverly Ford Peakes, M.D. ’95 and Adam C. Peakes ’95.

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2016

Children’s Environmental Health
Marie Lynn Miranda
Howard R. Hughes Provost
Professor of Statistics
Professor of Bioengineering
Founding director, Children’s Environmental Health Initiative
This conversation will explore how children’s health and well-being are shaped by the places where they live, play and go to school. Although it is widely agreed that health and development are determined by multiple forces, surprisingly little is known about the interactions of those forces. Adverse environmental exposures often occur in communities facing multiple social stressors like deteriorating housing; inadequate access to health care; poor schools; and high unemployment, crime and poverty, all of which may compound the effects of environmental exposures. Miranda will discuss these important components of children’s environmental health at this dinner hosted Amy L. Sutton ’89 and Gary Chiles, Ph.D. ’86 at divino Italian Restaurant.

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016
21st Century Houston

William “Bill” Fulton  
*Director, Kinder Institute for Urban Research*

Throughout the 20th century, Houston succeeded as a city, in large part, by not being a conventional city. It was sprawling, low-density, auto-oriented, business-oriented and lightly regulated. Public investment tended to focus on business needs, not on neighborhoods and quality of life. Houston in the 21st century is much different. It is among the most ethnically diverse cities in the country. It is increasingly crowded and traffic congestion is growing fast. The economy is diversifying, but competition for young talent is growing among cities all over the country and the world. Houston can no longer take it for granted that young, smart people will move here to get a job. In short, Houston in the 21st century is becoming a different — and far more urban — place than it has ever been before. In order to make this transition successfully, Houston will have to confront — and successfully overcome — challenges the city and its people have never faced before. Y. Ping Sun and David Leebron will host this interesting discussion.

Date: Thursday, May 5, 2016

The Changing Nature of the Startup Ecosystem: Upstarts, Unicorns, the Crowd and the Cloud

Yael V. Hochberg  
*Ralph S. O’Connor Associate Professor in Entrepreneurship  
Head, Entrepreneurship Initiative, Jones Graduate School of Business*

How has the world of technology startups changed from the 1990s to today? Yael Hochberg will discuss the effects of cloud computing and crowd funding on how startups are created and financed today, as well as the business and financial market forces behind the emergence of multibillion dollar, privately held “unicorns” such as Uber, airbnb, Snapchat, Dropbox and Pinterest. The talk will be hosted by Leticia F. Trauber ’86 and Stephen M. Trauber ’84.

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Babe Ruth once said, “Baseball was, is and always will be to me the best game in the world.” That sentiment is shared by most Americans. Join us for dinner with Rice University baseball coach Wayne Graham, Major League Baseball pitcher Joe Savery ’08 and former St. Louis Cardinal Tyler Henley ’08, for a discussion about their passion for America’s pastime, their individual experiences and their careers in baseball. This talk for sports enthusiasts will be hosted by Geraldina Interiano Wise ’83 and Scott W. Wise ’71.

Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Leadertation — Why College Graduates Can’t Lead

Retired Brig. Gen. Tom Kolditz
Director, Doerr Institute for New Leaders

It seems that we are increasingly disappointed in the performance of leaders — in politics and government, in business and across sectors. We ask rhetorically, “Where did all the leaders go?” The answer: they went to college! Kolditz’s talk will center on how people learn to lead, why most colleges and universities fall short of developing their students into competent, confident leaders, and what we’re doing to place Rice at the leading edge of collegiate leader development. Harriet C. Latimer ’56 and Truett Latimer will host this discussion about one of Rice’s newest institutes.

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2016
¡Muy Delicioso!
Invite your family and friends to join you for a muy delicioso chicken and beef fajita dinner for 20 at Armandos, a favorite River Oaks Tex-Mex restaurant. Valid Sunday or Monday night only and excludes beverages, appetizers, desserts and gratuity. Donated by Armandos.
Value: $400

World Affairs
Stay up to date on national and world affairs with this Baker Institute for Public Policy Roundtable Colleague Membership. You will receive invitations to a minimum of 12 Baker Institute member events with national and international leaders and dignitaries, an invitation to an annual members-only fall reception with Baker Institute fellows and scholars, complimentary policy reports and the institute’s annual report, and complimentary parking at Baker Institute events. As a bonus, you will receive a copy of a limited-edition book commemorating James A. Baker, III on his 80th birthday.
Value: $1,250

Root, root, root for the Astros
Cheer on the Astros for one game during the 2016 season with these four Diamond Club seats with early access to view batting practice. Dinner, nonalcoholic beverages and a parking pass are included. Must book date by July 1, 2016; some restrictions apply. Donated by the Houston Astros.
Value: $1,830

Flags of Valor
This hand-crafted wooden flag was made by American combat veterans, many of whom are service disabled. This beautiful keepsake, measuring 22 inches tall by 42 inches wide, is suitable for your home, office, ranch or vacation home. Donated by a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $200

Ode to Joy!
You will be joyous when you use these four premium tickets to Mercury Orchestra’s Beethoven program at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the Wortham Center in downtown Houston. After the concert, attend a reception in the Green Room, where you will enjoy a glass of wine (or twol). As a bonus, you will also receive three CD recordings by Mercury Orchestra. Donated by Mercury Orchestra.
Value: $400

‘The Creole City of New Orleans’
Created by noted architect Nathaniel Cortlandt Curtis (1881–1953), this signed, hand-colored map is a composite view showing the original city and surrounding municipalities. Framed, the piece measures 24.5 inches wide by 31.5 inches long. Copies of the map are part of the collections of the Library of Congress and the State Library of Louisiana. Donated by a Friend of Fondren Library.
Value: $350

A complete list of auction items will be available on the Friends of Fondren Library website January 14, 2016, at http://library.rice.edu/gala.
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