

George Y. Gonzalez Joins Rice University Board of Trustees

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Haynes Boone Partner [George Y. Gonzalez](#) has been elected to serve on Rice University's Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2021.

The university announced the news in a recent press release. Here is an excerpt:

Six alumni with long connections to their alma mater have joined the Rice University Board of Trustees. Elle Anderson, George Y. Gonzalez, Courtney Hall, Byron Pope, Gloria Meckel Tarpley and Michael Yuen will each serve four-year terms.

“On behalf of the Rice community, I am honored to announce our new trustees, all of whom are Rice graduates,” said Robert T. Ladd, chair of the board. “They have demonstrated a long-term commitment to Rice University that will inform their representation of our many stakeholders. There is much to accomplish in the years ahead and our new trustees will be instrumental in shaping our future.”

“This is a remarkable slate of six new board members, dedicated alumni who bring a diverse array of experiences and backgrounds to the governance of this university,” said Rice President David Leebron. “I am very grateful they are willing to support the university in this way. Their insights will be extremely helpful as we enter a time of great change in higher education and extraordinary opportunity for Rice University.”

Gonzalez is a partner at the law firm Haynes Boone LLP, where he is a trusted adviser to clients in the energy, oil and gas, midstream, upstream, downstream, power, water, food and beverage, construction, infrastructure, real estate, health care and technology industries. He serves as a board member of the Greater Houston Partnership (chair of the International Investment and Trade Committee), the Spain-Texas Chamber of Commerce and the Rice Business School Council of Overseers. He is also a former chairman of the board of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, where he is a chairman emeritus, and is an advisory board member of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston and the Center for Houston’s Future.

Gonzalez earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and Spanish from Rice in 1990 and a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1994. He also studied a year abroad at the Universidad Cat?lica de Valparai?so, Chile, as a Rotary International Scholar for Foreign Study. He is a Rice Annual Fund volunteer and the parent of a Rice graduate and a Rice junior.

To read the full press release, click [here](#).