

29th ANNUAL ALES SLONAKER

HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016 GAMMA-RHO CHAPTER KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA



TO THE 29TH GAMMA-RHO HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

The 29th Annual Gamma-Rho Hall of Fame Award is being presented by the Gamma-Rho Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity on Friday, October 28, 2016.

Conceived as a way of honoring Kappa Sigma and Gamma-Rho alumni for outstanding achievements, this award has become an integral part of our tradition here at Gamma-Rho.

Inductees are among a select group of alumni. Recognition is given to those who have excelled in their career, or in their service to the community and/or to the fraternity.

In conjunction with the A.L. Slonaker Hall of Fame inductees, Gamma-Rho also honors an alumnus as the Mike Cagalj Man of the Year each year. Men of the Year are recognized for their outstanding service to the fraternity. The award honors Mike Cagalj and all the years of service Mike provided to the chapter.

This year's A.L. Slonaker Hall of Fame Inductees are:

Andy McEldowney '83

Scott Polston '85

Mark McLear '88

Sean Litsky '99

This year's Mike Cagalj Man of the Year Award recepient is:

Mark McLear '88

Tonight We Celebrate. OUR PROGRAM

Invocation & Moment of Silence

Introduction of Special Guests

George Jenson '82

Dinner

State of the Chapter Presentation

Dalton Shoemaker '14, Grand Master

House Corporation & Foundation Update

(Century Club)

Pat Murphy '65, House Corporation President

Presentation of Undergraduate & Scholarship Awards

Matt Noble '84, Alumni Chapter President

Presentation of the A. L. Slonaker Hall of Fame Inductees

George Jenson '82

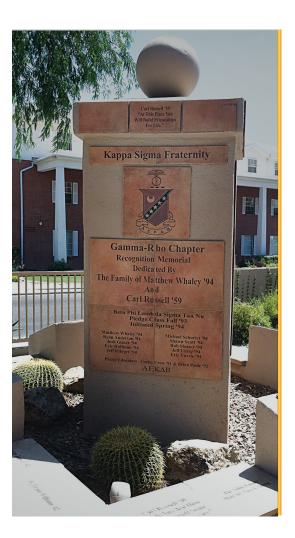
Presentation of the Mike Cagalj Man of the Year Award

George Jenson '82

Good of the Order



Award Winners



Don Harris Outstanding Pledge Award

Ryan Fitzpatrick & Arden May

Carl Cooper Intramural Athlete Award

Sam Gabrielson '13

Pete Parker Hustle Award

Sam Pelham '14

Joel Rapp Spirit Award

Boston Lotto-Newquist '15

George Jenson Ritual Award

Jacob Wait '15

Taylor Heidenheim Outstanding House Manager Award

Evan Molnar '15

Branden Lombardi Community Service Award

loe Haines '15

Eric Stevenson Campus Involvement Award

Jonah Weiss '13

David Stallings Outstanding Officer Award

Dalton Shoemaker '14

Ryan Anderson Outstanding Active Award

Jeff Delaney '16

Matt Noble Outstanding Senior Award

Austin Castillo '13 & Andy Demetras '13

Scholarship Awards

Bologna Scholarship - \$5,000 (divided)

Ben Rabichow '13
Daniel Streng '13
Keegan Weinberg '13
Ryan Dunham '14
Christian Fernandez '14
Aaron Goodman '14
Nick Harden '14
Jacob Shepp '14
Dalton Shoemaker '14
Braden Stuchen '14
Jacob Wait '15

Delta Phi Scholarship - \$500

Joey Gonzalez '13 Daniel Cox '15 Colton Ketterer '16

Top Pledge Scholarship - \$500

Arden May Ryan Fitzpatrick

Bobbe Scholarship - \$1,000

Boston Lotto-Newquist '15

Parent Club Scholarship - \$1,000

Zachary McKee '16

Barnes Scholarship — \$1.000

Jacob Wait '15

Wicart Scholarship - \$1,000

Alex Batali '13

HABBJACH Scholarship - \$1,500

(\$500 per semester)

Braden Stuchen '14

Gamma-Rho Scholarship - \$1,000

Dalton Shoemaker '14 Jonah Weiss '13

Larson Scholarship - \$1,000

Evan Molnar '15

Fannin-Stofft Scholarship - \$500

Aaron Goodman '14 Joe Haines '15

Macia Scholarship - \$1,000

Jacob Shepp '14

Elner Scholarship - \$2.000

Matthew Stagg '14

Lytle Scholarship - \$1,000

Ben Birk '16 Ian Mahanes '15

Cagalj Scholarship - \$2,000

Christian Fernandez '14

Noble Scholarship - \$1,000

Austin Castillo '13

Bononia Docet Scholarship - \$2,700

Bruno Lins '15

Whaley Scholarship - \$3,000

Ryan Dunham '14

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Jonathon Andrew McEldowney '83



Brother McEldowney has always been active with Kappa Sigma. As an undergrad he served as GM, GP and GT. "GT was a very difficult job then, probably worse than it is now, but otherwise what I had to do is nothing compared to what our officers are responsible for now. I did receive scholarships from the SEC, but back then we didn't have them at the chapter level. On a number of occasions while I was GM I got to interact with Brian Seastone, back when he was a baby UA cop. The best thing I did as an undergraduate was rush the hell out of a guy named Matt Noble. I like to think I was the one to get him to pledge."

In addition to holding multiple positions in the house, Brother McEldowney was all over campus. He was in the Primus, Sophos and Chain Gang service groups. He was also an RA in Apache Hall. Rooms weren't assigned, so working the desk on check in day Andy chose the "fun" kids for his wing. They had a great time but he wasn't asked to return for a second year.

After graduating with a Bachelors in Business Andy started and Allstate Agency where he was a multiyear Honor Ring and National Champions winner, as well as recognized as a Quality Agency. He then became a Pharmaceutical Rep with GlaxoSmithKline. "With GSK I launched 8 new brands, exceeding incentive goals for all products, was selected to be an Associate Product Trainer and served on the Field Advisory Board. Lots of other awards, trips, etc. This was a fun job." He was both top of his class and rookie of the year with Farm Bureau Financial Services, won the Heritage and Blue Vase as well as the Pace Setter Award both years before he decided it wasn't for him. After 25 years, he realized he just wasn't meant to be a corporate employee. He struck out on his own, founding Tucson Insurance Associates. In his words, he's better off because he can take better care of his customers and earns more for his efforts. Best of all he hasn't dreaded the thought of going to work one single day.

McEldowney has been involved in the community, following his children's interests. He was a Cub Scout leader, has coached youth sports and "schlepped" a lot of Girl Scout cookies.

Brother McEldowney has also been involved with Gamma-Rho as an alumnus. Before we had our current house he served on the House Corporation Board of Directors. As a campaign volunteer during the fundraising Andy spent a great deal of time soliciting donations from classmates. He has, on several occasions over the years, held the title of AAA, though with little involvement until the chapter returned. "This has been tremendously rewarding on a personal level and I think, at least hope, I have developed some relationships that will last. I also hope I have been half as valuable to them as they have been to me."

In regards to Gamma-Rho, "To be honest Kappa Sigma has been mostly a social thing for me, but I mean the long term friendships that I have developed, not just the college parties. To this day my wife Kerry and I meet socially with brothers and their spouses frequently. I think I also developed some leadership skills, and certainly some skills in herding cats."

Andy and Kerry have three children, Jordan, 27, Lindsay, 24, and Madison, 21.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Scott Polston '85



As an undergrad, Scott Polston was an integral member of the Gamma-Rho Chapter. He served as Grand Master, Grand Treasurer as well as Alumni Relations Chair. In '86 Brother Polston was a winner of the Kappa Sigma Scholarship and Leadership Award

Scott spent 17 years with Watson Chevrolet, ultimately as a sales manager, before retiring from the car game in 2007. He is now co-owner of Garment Graphics and Promotional Products.

Scott has been very involved with the community. He coaches the varsity baseball team for Pusch Ridge Christian Academy and also serves as a deacon for the Catalina Foothills church. He is past president of Caballeros Del Sol, recognized by the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for facilitating trade relations with Mexico. Also hosted the Sonoran Region Trade Conference, which had 65 reps including Mexican mayors, directors of trade, tourism, etc. Polston is also past president and a multiple Paul Harris fellow with Saguaro Rotary. He is also a past

disaster action team member with the American Red Cross.

Brother Polston has also continued to be active as a volunteer for Gamma-Rho. He is a past Assistant Alumnus Advisor and current House Corporation Treasurer.

He reflects on Gamma-Rho, "My undergraduate time gave me valuable leadership experience. Currently, it's an opportunity to connect with alumni brothers and continue the legacy of good stewardship for the Housing Corporation set by Dave Stallings'67. I'd like to contribute to the legacy of Kappa Sigma and Gamma-Rho, specifically the part that reflects the true ideals of the fraternity and brotherhood."

He and Holly have two children, Ryan, a 2014 graduate of the United States Military Academy and currently a Lieuztenant in the US Army, and Megan, a 2016 graduate of Hillsdale College and currently Operations Manager for the Independence Institute in Denver.





MARK McLEAR '88

Brother McLear was all over the campus as an undergraduate. He held a plethora of posts for Gamma-Rho, first as his Pledge Class President then off to Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer & Philanthropy Chair. He also attained GMC and GM level Ritual proficiency. He also represented the chapter well on campus, as an officer volunteer for the Arizona Department of Economic Security and as a stage hand at Centennial Hall. McLear was also a summer intern for Senator John McCain.

He graduated with a BA in History, minoring in Business Administration. For over 15 years he's been a Residential Mortgage Lender with the advent of required licensure, exclusive within the State of Arizona. Mark is currently Residential Mortgage Lender for Hotchkiss Financial, Inc. He is a current board member and past president of Southern Arizona Mortgage Lenders Association (SAMLA).

Brother McLear, the former philanthropy chair, has continued to give back to his community in a variety of ways. He's participated in the Tu Nidito Children and Family Services "Ride for a Child" and spent four years as a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson (BBBS). He is an advocate for Autism, volunteering with the Autism Society of America (ASA of Pima County), Mid-American Association for Autistic Training & Research (MAATR).

Earlier this year, Mark's nephew, Ian Schumacher, was initiated into our Order with Rho Chapter.

"My attraction to join Kappa Sigma was liking the eclectic diverse group from all backgrounds and degree pursuits, but also felt that I could make an immediate positive impact with involvement. It was my 3rd fall at the UofA. Having gone through Rush as a freshman, and ultimately not making a good connection to a fraternal organization. I was merely collecting my 'Stamp', took the steps up from Cherry Street, the walkway through the wood fencing, and a large man (Brother Brennan) sitting on a stool to my left greeted me first. I'm not sure what the initial exchange was, but he responded in sarcastic tone. This was an immediate breath of fresh air from the over-sold 'we're so cool theme' that pervaded Rush. Not a minute had gone and a microcosm of the Chapter's diversity unfolded before me. That spring pledge class, we named the 'Smalls', as there were only seven of us.

"Kappa Sigma was a tremendous experience as an undergraduate, both in terms of motivation to collectively advance our recognition on campus, and giving me useful life tools and lasting life-long relationships. Kappa Sigma is in many ways, a family. You not only reconnect and reminisce with Brothers from your time, but make new friendships throughout life. I felt the need to give-back by accepting the Alumnus Advisor position a few years ago, and from doing that, have extended that family with our young undergrads and other amazing alumni at recent Conclave and Leadership Conferences."

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

SEAN LITSKY '99



Sean had a positive outlook as an undergrad. So much so that he was the first and, to the best of his knowledge, only Optimism Chair. He's kept that mindset throughout his life.

Shortly after graduating the University of Arizona with a B.A. in History in 2002 he took a teaching post with Tucson Unified School District, where he continues to brighten the lives of todays youth. And scout potential Gamma-Rho's. He continued his education, and in 2010 he earned his Post-Bach Teaching Certificate from Pima Community College.

He and Rickyana Estrada have three children, step-daughter Amber, 21, step-son Adan, 18, and Alexander, 2.

When not in class or spending time with his family, he's been volunteering his time. He is a past Advisory Board Member of Devereux Arizona, which helps foster children and parents, as well as being honored as past Precinct Committeeman of the year in his legislative district.

He's also been very dedicated in service to the chapter, having served as a member of the Gamma-Rho Alumni Advisory Board as an assistant alumnus advisor. His efforts earned him an award as the Kappa Sigma Fraternity's 1st Year Volunteer of the Year.

"The Gamma-Rho Chapter of Kappa Sigma means so much to me in too many different ways to list them all here. I think the most important meaning that comes to mind when I think about our beloved fraternity and chapter is loyalty. I am a lifetime Tucson resident (except for 19 months of my life). I went

to one elementary school, one middle school, one high school, one university, and belong to one Greek Fraternity.

"I am happy to say that I have lifelong friends that were first introduced to me as Brothers. I know that if they needed anything and I had the ability to assist, I would and if any of my brother's needed any assistance from me, I will of course be there if I am able. This is not a bond that develops easily for everyone, but by the grace of a higher power, we have been blessed with this Fraternity, this Chapter, and each other to guide us, help us grow, and be of service to one another when called."



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"The Star and Crescent shall not be worn by every man, but only by him who is worthy to wear it.

He must be a gentleman...

a man of honor and courage...

a man of zeal, yet humble...

an intelligent man...

a man of truth...

one who tempers action with wisdom and, above all else, one who walks in the light of God."

