



# 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL A.L. SLONAKER

HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017  
GAMMA-RHO CHAPTER KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY  
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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# WELCOME

## **TO THE 30<sup>TH</sup> GAMMA-RHO HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY**

The 30th Annual Gamma-Rho Hall of Fame Award is being presented by the Gamma-Rho Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity on Friday, October 27, 2017.

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:**

**Scott Gossett '94**

**Ben Graff '98**

**Sam Chang '00**

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

**Scott Sandberg '94**

*Tonight We Celebrate.*

# OUR PROGRAM

Invocation & Moment of Silence

Introduction of Special Guests

George Jenson '82

Dinner

Slate of the Chapter Presentation

Mark McLear '88, Alumnus Advisor

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



# 2017 Award Winners



## Don Harris Outstanding Pledge Award

Sam Harris

## Carl Cooper Intramural Athlete Award

Mason Bartlett '16

## Pete Parker Hustle Award

Max Graven '17

## Joel Rapp Spirit Award

August Kelly '15

## George Jenson Ritual Award

Christian Brady '15

## Taylor Heidenheim Outstanding House Manager Award

Evan Molnar '15

## Branden Lombardi Community Service Award

Joe Haines '15

## Eric Stevenson Campus Involvement Award

Jake Shepp '14

## David Stallings Outstanding Officer Award

Hayden Baird '15

## Ryan Anderson Outstanding Active Award

Carter Jenischen '16

## Matt Noble Outstanding Senior Award

Christian Fernandez '14

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# Scholarship Awards

## **Bologna Scholarship - \$5,000 (divided)**

Hayden Baird '15  
Christian Brady '15  
Daniel Cannon '15  
Danny Cox '15  
Evan Molnar '15  
Zach McKee '16  
Boston Lotto-Newquist '15

## **Delta Phi Scholarship - \$500**

Evan Molnar '15  
Boston Lotto-Newquist '15  
Ian Reed '17

## **Top Pledge Scholarship - \$500**

Sam Harris

## **Bobbe Scholarship - \$1,000**

Carter Jaenichen '16

## **Parent Club Scholarship - \$1,000**

Max Graven '17

## **Barnes Scholarship — \$1,000**

Jacob Wait '15

## **Wicart Scholarship - \$1,000**

Matt Markelon '13

## **HABBJACH Scholarship - \$1,500**

(\$500 per semester)

Evan Molnar '15

## **Gamma-Rho Scholarship - \$1,000**

Ian Mahanes '15

Danny Cox '15

## **Larson Scholarship - \$1,000**

Christian Brady '15

## **Fannin-Stofft Scholarship - \$500**

Joe Haines '15

## **Macia Scholarship - \$1,000**

Jacob Shepp '14

## **Elner Scholarship - \$2,000**

Jacob Wait '15

## **Lytle Scholarship - \$1,000**

Zach McKee '16  
Boston Lotto-Newquist '15

## **Cagalj Scholarship - \$2,000**

Christian Fernandez '14

## **Noble Scholarship - \$1,000**

Daniel Cannon '15

## **Bononia Docet Scholarship - \$2,700**

Bruno Lins '15

## **Whaley Scholarship - \$3,000**

Hayden Baird '15

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# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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The Gamma Rho Chapter Scholarship Program is administered by the Kappa Sigma Educational Foundation of Arizona with the support of the House Corporation. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) educational foundation and is supported by the donations it receives from alumni, parents and friends of the Chapter, together with the investment income from several endowments. Since 1995, the Foundation has distributed more than \$385,000 in educational grants and scholarships to the Chapter and its members. In addition, the University of Arizona Foundation manages an endowed fund created by alumni of the Chapter that also supports several scholarships awarded by the Foundation. Scholarships require additional submissions such as an essay. All scholarship applicants, other than pledges, must have attained at least two levels of ritual proficiency. Financial need is a consideration in the award of the Lytle, Delta Phi and Bononia Docet scholarships.

The actual number of scholarships and the amount of each may vary from year to year depending on the amount of donations received by the Foundation and on the investment return earned on the endowed funds.

Scholarships are awarded in the fall and spring each year: at the A.L. Slonaker Hall of Fame Awards Banquet on Homecoming weekend (late October or early November), and in late March or April.

All scholarships require that the applicant complete the online scholarship application and some scholarships require additional submissions such as an essay. All scholarship applicants, other than pledges, must have attained at least two levels of ritual proficiency. Financial need is a consideration in the award of the Lytle, Delta Phi and Bononia Docet scholarships.



**Barnes Scholarship**, named in memory of Ernest Barnes '15, the model initiate at the 1915 Kappa Sigma Grand Conclave, is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded in the fall to the initiated member who has demonstrated the highest achievement in learning and teaching the ritual of Kappa Sigma.

**Bobbe Scholarship**, named in memory of Brother Henry Bobbe, a beloved former DGM who was deeply involved in securing the return of Gamma Rho to campus in 1980, is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded in the fall and spring to the newly

initiated member with the highest grade point average among his pledge brothers in the first semester following their initiation.

**Bologna Scholarship** is awarded in the fall and spring to the members who attained a grade point average above the all men's average in the prior semester while residing in the Chapter house.

**Cagalj Scholarship**, named in memory of Mike Cagalj '58, is a \$2,000 endowed scholarship awarded in the fall to the member who has distinguished himself academically and in his service to the Fraternity and in campus leadership.

**Elnor Scholarship**, named in memory of Tex Elnor '60, is a \$2,000 endowed scholarship awarded in the fall to the member who has distinguished himself in chapter leadership and athletics.

**Fannin-Stofft Scholarship**, named in memory of Gov. Paul Fannin '26 and Fred Stofft '26, is a \$1,000 endowed scholarship awarded in the fall to the member who has demonstrated the highest achievement in public and charitable service while also maintaining high academic standards.

**Gamma Rho Scholarship** is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded in the fall to a member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in campus or Chapter leadership, or public service.

**Larson Scholarship**, named in memory of Bosco Larson '65, is a \$1,000 endowed scholarship awarded in the fall to the member that best demonstrates a tireless commitment to the betterment of the Chapter, including through his participation in work and cleanup events.

**Lytle Scholarship**, named for and funded by Chuck Lytle '59, is a \$2,000 scholarship awarded in the fall to a member demonstrating outstanding campus or chapter leadership while maintaining academic excellence.

**Macia Scholarship**, named in memory of Col. James Macia Jr. '35, is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded in the fall to the member who has demonstrated the highest achievement in campus leadership while also maintaining high academic standards.

**Noble Scholarship**, named in honor of Matt Noble, is a \$1,000 endowed scholarship awarded in the fall to the member that best demonstrates a commitment to the betterment of the Chapter's relationship with its alumni.

**Parents' Club Scholarship**, named for and funded by Kappa Sigma parents, is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded in the fall and spring to the member with the highest grade point average during the preceding semester as a pledge.

**Top Pledge Scholarship** is a \$1,000 scholarship endowed by Mike Layne '56 and awarded in the fall and spring to the pledge who has demonstrated the highest

achievement as a pledge during the current semester in both leadership and academics.

**Whaley Scholarship**, named in memory of Matt Whaley '94, is a \$3,000 scholarship endowed by the of his family, friends and brothers and is awarded in the fall to the brother who best demonstrates the meaning of brotherhood and fellowship in Kappa Sigma through his conduct and a personal essay submitted as part of the application.

**Wicart Scholarship**, named in memory of Carlton Wicart '23, the first Rhodes Scholar from the Chapter, is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded in the fall and spring to the initiated member with the highest grade point average from the prior semester.

**Delta Phi Scholarship**, is a \$500 scholarship awarded in the fall and spring or summer to the pledge or initiated members that have shown achievement in their grades, campus or chapter leadership, or public service, and because of his financial condition is unable to afford the full costs of fraternity membership.

**HABBJACH Scholarship**, funded by a local Tucson charity is a \$1,500 scholarship awarded to a member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in campus or Chapter leadership, and who attended a Tucson area high school.



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

# J. SCOTT LINCOLN GOSSETT '94



Brother Gossett, from Beaverton, Oregon, and entered the University of Arizona as a Nuclear Engineering major, then found out quickly that wasn't

for him... Somewhat to do with the actual engineering and somewhat due to spending freshman year in Apache/Santa Cruz dorm with Scott Jeffrey '92, and learning about the fraternity system. He switched to Management Information Systems in the Business School Sophomore year.

"Goose" rushed Kappa Sigma in Spring '94 as a 2nd semester sophomore and became Pledge Class President. He held several offices including Grand Scribe, Grand Master of Ceremonies, Pledge Educator and lastly Grand Master in his senior year. Brother Gossett was Grand Master when, in 1997, Gamma-Rho Chapter was awarded their first Founders Award for Chapter Excellence (FACE) award.

Scott graduated in December 1997, and began working at Intel in Hillsboro, Oregon. He spent seven years at Intel as a Technical Marketing Engineer, the final two years in sunny Chandler, AZ.

Gossett started his first company, Visionpoint Realty in 2005, which did well until the 2007 real estate meltdown. He then worked at Go

Daddy for the next four years, becoming the Director of Executive Accounts in his final year and a half. "During this time, I coached my oldest son in football and won the National Championship after beating the state champs from Texas, Nevada and California (2010)."

Brother Gossett then moved his family to St. Louis, MO and became VP of Sales for an internet startup, however his wife became homesick so they moved back to Phoenix in 2011. He continued in IT sales with MicroAge in Tempe, but then decided it was time to start his own IT company. He founded Avisolve in 2013, and in their third year they were doing \$45M in annual sales. In 2017, Scott decided to take a buy out offer at Avisolve, and is currently working on starting a new company in technology sales.

Gossett became part of the Gamma Rho Housing Corporation in 2016

Goose ruminates, "Looking back now at my college days, it was the most fun that I would never want to have again now - I'm not sure my liver could handle it today. But seriously, college and specifically Kappa Sigma taught me how to lead, how to make critical decisions (and sometimes what not to do) and made me a much better man - Gamma-Rho gave me lifelong friendships and the confidence to take risks with my career and for that I could not -be more grateful."



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

# BEN GRAFF '98



Ben was born in 1978. 7 out of 10 doctors and nurses agreed he was the most handsome baby boy ever born. He enrolled at The University of

Arizona as a Freshman in 1997 and joined Kappa Sigma in Spring of 1998. Legend has it Matt Noble was called by the SAE Executive Director and encouraged to bring in Graff as he didn't think he was a fit for his own fraternity.

Ben was immediately dedicated to leadership. He was elected as an Associated Students of the U of A Senator in 1998, as Student Body Executive Vice President in 1999, and then as The University of Arizona Student Body President in 2000. Ben came back to the University of Arizona for law school between 2003 and 2006. In 2004, Governor Janet Napolitano appointed Ben as the Student Regent to represent all Arizona higher education students on the Arizona Board of Regents.

Brother Graff founded Aday Graff PC, a Real Estate/Land Use & Zoning/Government Relations law in Phoenix in March of 2017. Ben has worked extensively on obtaining the necessary municipal and county approvals for projects ranging from the development of a utility-scale solar plant in Arizona to affordable housing, senior living, luxury multi-family developments, resorts, industrial plants, and downtown infill developments.

In this past election cycle, Ben ran for and was elected by Maricopa County residents to

the Central Arizona Water Conservation Board (Central Arizona Project Board) to serve six years dedicated to the water policy and conservation decisions associated with Arizona's Colorado River water allocations. Ben received over 380,000 votes to secure his seat.

Ben is currently a member of Arizona Forward and serves on the Board of Directors for Kids at Hope, a non-profit organization. He is a member of Valley Leadership Class 31 and the Flinn-Brown Leadership Academy Class 1. He also served as Legislative Chair for Valley Partnership from 2012-2016.

Ben and his wife, Lin, met at the University of Arizona and have been together since 1998. They have two amazing daughters, Madison (4) and Sophia (2) who are already junior Wildcats.

Looking back, Ben has always believed that being a Kappa Sigma kept him on track to accomplish his goals and to have the ultimate undergraduate experience. In 1997 when Ben started as a freshman, if you were a leader on campus, you were also a Kappa Sigma. It was always the students on campus who were involved and dedicated to an organization who were successful and motivated to do well inside and outside of the classroom. Moreover, the vast network of friends and professional connections that Ben has had access to since graduation are a direct result of quality of individuals and brothers that make up our outstanding Kappa Sigma alumni.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

# SAM CHANG '00



As an undergrad Sam Chang felt drawn to Kappa Sigma, mostly drawn by the brotherhood – particularly the variety of attributes he saw within members, but he'll also admit being located in the heart of Greek Row surrounded by sororities didn't hurt.

He kept himself busy, both on Greek Row – serving Kappa Sigma as an Outer Guard for two semesters and as a member of ANGLE. Sam was also a man about campus. He was a member of Bobcats, was President of Chain Gang Junior Honorary, Junior Man of the Year and served as Director of Arizona Students Association and Student Body Executive Vice President.

As a senior Chang hoarded awards and honors, winning Greek Man of the Year and the President's Award for Outstanding Graduating Senior (Robert L. Nugent Award).

Brother Chang next attended Arizona Law School, graduating in 2006 and earning the Dean's Recognition Award, which is awarded to two graduates each year. In 2004, while attending law school, Sam was awarded the honor of a position of summer clerk for Pat Murphy '65 and Ryan Anderson '94.

In 2006 Sam started with Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, one of the largest firms in Arizona, along with Ben Graff. Chang is still with the firm, having made partner in 2013. In 2015 Sam was recognized as one of the "40 Under 40" by the Phoenix Business Journal. He has been named one of Super Lawyers Rising Stars in 2012, 2013, 2016 and again this year. He was also the Arizona State Bar Co-Chair of the State Bar Convention in 2016.

"Joining KS was one of the best decisions I made while in school. On a professional level, the experience and relationships from Kappa Sigma helped me be successful as an undergrad. And in law school, I was fortunate enough to have Kappa Sigma Alumni look out for me in my career...from Tom Keating's constant support and writing a letter of rec for me, to Pat Murphy and Ryan Anderson giving me a summer clerkship, my ties to Kappa Sigma helped launch my legal career.

"On a personal level, my best friends to this day are several of my Kappa Sigma brothers, including Ben Graff '98. And I also met my future wife, Molly Dean (who was a Sigma Kappa), at a party at the Kappa Sigma house. "

Brother Chang is grateful for the opportunities the fraternity helped provide him. Sam is also grateful to be better looking than fellow 2017 inductee Ben Graff.

# MAN *of the* YEAR & HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



## SCOTT SANDBERG '93



Brother Scott Sandberg has a long-standing tradition of existence at Gamma-Rho, to its members and to the community at large. His time in Gamma-

Rho straddled both the end of the El Capitan era as well as the move to the new, current chapter house; where he served multiple semesters as House Manager.

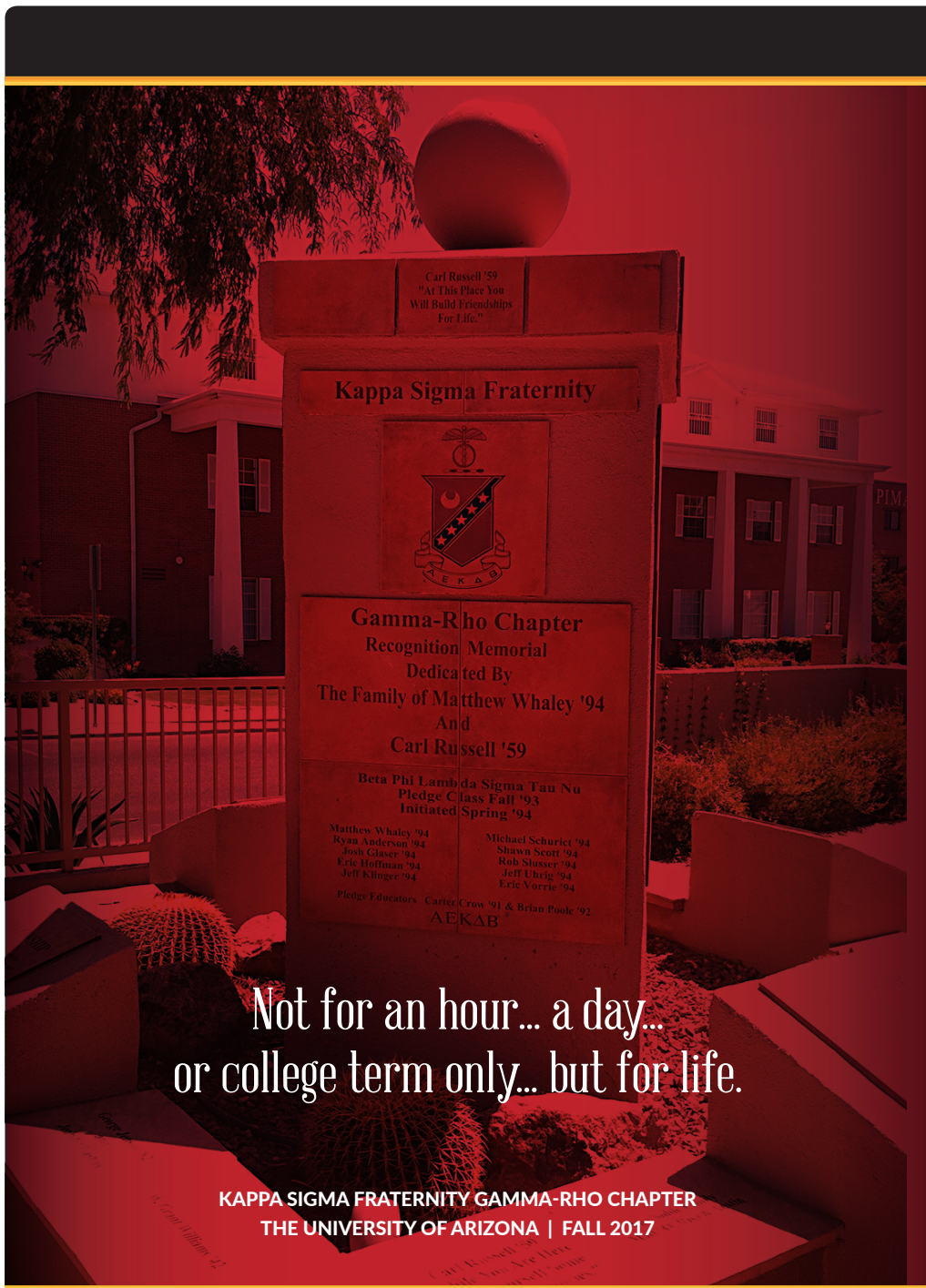
In addition to his duties as House Manager, he also served the unofficial post as House Morale Officer. Coming 'home' on Friday afternoon after a rough week in need of relacing? Brothers Sandberg and Slusser were there with a trough full of Natty and Jimmy Buffet playing, welcoming you to relax. He was also prone to the occasional speech of legendary proportions such as his "'Beer Cans' Of Gold" moment during chapter, or, during one tension-fraught Rush hash session which had divided the house into two camps, Sandberg got up from the back of the dining room and loudly announced "So this guy is a total zero...", breaking into the rush scene from Animal House, nearly verbatim, only substituting active members for cast members. Tension dissolved into a dogpile and a trip

to Cluck U Chicken where brotherhood bonding ensued.

As an alumnus, for nearly 20 years Brother Sandberg has continued serving as our unofficial "Morale Officer". He and brother Eric Vorrie, co-hosted VorBerg's Green Tent in the UA Mall for years, allowing Gamma-Rho alumni and guests to partake in camaraderie and enjoy the day, even during 2-10 seasons.

In 2010, when some 90s alumni were looking at returning to Tucson for the first time in more than a dozen years, Sandberg heeded the call. He plotted a tour of some of the Old Pueblo's more blue collar or even no collar establishments, renting a van and booking a driver to ensure all could have a good time, responsibly. The event was so successful it later evolved into a school bus to replace the van and adding a Tucson Roller Derby team to the guest list. Derby girls and thirty-something alumni reliving their glory years.. What a sight to behold.

Part of what makes Gamma-Rho special is "the brotherhood", a concept which we can all acknowledge, but few embrace and run with, and inspire in others like our Man of the Year. So here's to Brother Sandberg, who's with us tonight.



Carl Russell '59  
"At This Place You  
Will Build Friendships  
For Life."

# Kappa Sigma Fraternity



Gamma-Rho Chapter  
Recognition Memorial  
Dedicated By  
The Family of Matthew Whaley '94  
And  
Carl Russell '59

Beta Phi Lambda Sigma Tau Nu  
Pledge Class Fall '93  
Initiated Spring '94

Matthew Whaley '94  
Ryan Anderson '94  
Josh Glaser '94  
Eric Hoffman '94  
Jeff Klunger '94

Michael Schurick '94  
Shawn Scott '94  
Rob Slusser '94  
Jeff Uhrig '94  
Eric Vorrie '94

Pledge Educators Carter Crow '91 & Brian Poole '92  
AEKAB

Not for an hour... a day...  
or college term only... but for life.

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