

32nd ANNUAL AL SLONAKER

HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

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TO THE 32ND GAMMA-RHO HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

The 32nd Annual Gamma-Rho Hall of Fame Award is being presented by the Gamma-Rho Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity on Friday, November 1, 2019.

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:

Glen Mandigo '85

Carter Crow '91

Jeff Klinger '95

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

Craig Lowden '96

Tonight We Celebrate.

OUR PROGRAM

Invocation & Moment of Silence

Introduction of Special Guests

George Jenson '82

Dinner

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

Special Presentation

Matt Noble '84

Good of the Order



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

GLEN MANDIGO '85





Brother Glen Mandigo, from Bethesda, Maryland, was initiated into Delta-Mu chapter of Kappa Sigma at the University of

North Dakota in 1985. After graduating in December 1988 from the University of Arizona. Glen landed a job as a research engineer at Lockheed Aeronautical Systems in Burbank, CA. He worked on composite materials qualification for the F-22. This job resulted from a summer internship in 1988, enabled by Kappa Sigma brother Joel Rapp '88, whose father worked at Lockheed. Mr. Rapp was kind enough to offer Glen the internship and to have him stay in his house with Joel over the summer. Mandigo quit his structural engineering job in 1991, with a plan to explore careers beyond engineering. He packed everything he owned into his beat-up cabriolet convertible and drove across-country to the "indecision capital of the world", Washington, DC, to take a six month break before going to graduate school. The work on Capitol Hill led to a position with Futron Corporation where he became a manager and led a support contract team working on commercial space policy at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC from 1991 to 1995. To that end, he started with SMI in 1995 as employee number one, doing federal program development and legislative advocacy work with aerospace materials companies. Mandigo

took over as President of SMI in 2013. Glen Mandigo served as one of the Alumnus Advisors to the Alpha-Eta chapter at George Washington University in Washington, DC in the early 1990's. "Kappa Sigma has always meant inclusion to me. Both Delta-Mu and Gamma-Rho chapters were mini melting pots. Kappa Sigma is filled with men with all sorts of backgrounds, attitudes, beliefs, strength, and weaknesses who have lived, worked, and matured together in a way that benefitted almost everyone. He often hears fraternities described as exclusive, but that wasn't Glen's experience and he hopes that it is still that way today."

Jay Ferguson, '54 says: "Glen is the primary reason I joined Kappa Sigma!" He also noted that: "Glen is the only Kappa Sigma to graduate with an aerospace degree, while coaching pole vaulting, while also helping run a heart donor matching program, while minoring in adventure drinking." Anyone remember the T.O. drink skit?

Randy Christensen '89 says: "It is no easy task to come up with a quote to summarize Glen Mandigo. He has inspired many of us to live life to the fullest. I owe him a great deal—not only has he been a dear friend and brother for over thirty years but without him I would not have found my way to the Brotherhood of Kappa Sigma."

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

CARTER CROW '91





Carter Crow graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Sociology. His Kappa Sigma tenure included

serving as House Manager, as well as the Pledge Educator. Today, he and his wife, Julie, live in Plano, Texas with their twin 14-year-old sons, Carter and Trammell. Carter also has two stepsons, Curtis and Nathen.

After graduation Carter began working for Wyndham Hotels at the Bel Age Hotel in Los Angeles, California as an Assistant Manager. In 1998, he began working at Wyndham Jade Travel in Dallas, Texas as a Sales Manager. In 2000. Carter went to work for Holt Lunsford Commercial, also based out of Dallas where he served as a Marketing Associate and then Marketing Director. In 2003, Carter went to work for Billingsley Company as a Marketing Director and shortly after as the Senior VP of Marketing. Finally, in 2013, Carter began working for Younger Partners where he is still currently employed and serves as Principal. Throughout his career, Carter has been recognized numerous times as Dallas Business Journal's "Real Estate Rookie of the Year, Dallas Business Journals "Heavy Hitters" for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2010 and placing second in Industrial Deals Closed

The true test of a man's character is what he does when no one is watching. Two years ago, Nathen, Carter's stepson, was severely burned

with 4th degree burns over 36 percent of his body. This was a catastrophic injury. Two weeks into recovery, Nathen has a cardiac arrest and suffered a traumatic brain injury. Carter was at the hospital day and night over the course of the first year. Nathen had over 22 surgeries and nearly died on several occasions.

Carter has done everything to help care for Nathen, from helping to keep his wounds clean, to caring for his tracheostomy and much more. Nathen is a 28-year-old, 6'3", 180-pound man, so this was not an easy task for Carter. Carter has also maintained a job and takes care of he and Julie's two teenage boys for the last two years by himself.

Many of us know Carter as the house manager, the brother, the friend, and the man. Even though he has not been around the last few years, you now know more about Carter as a father and a husband. He exemplifies so many of the qualities that Kappa Sigma Strives for.

On a lighter note, Jeff Ross '91 says "if it wasn't for Carter, the pledges would never have known character building experiences like cleaning up the volleyball court, cleaning up the pool and memorizing the 2nd paragraph of the 24th page of the Bononia Docet. And neighborhood cleanups."

Carter's advises undergraduates to focus on their academics but step out of their comfort zone and go talk to that older Alumni. They will be amazed how much they'll learn talking to someone with experience.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

JEFFREY KLINGER '94





Jeffrey and his wife, Kristen, live in Incline Village, Nevada with their two children. Their daughter, Brooke, is eleven years old and their

son, Chase, is seven years old. Jeffrey graduated on 1997 from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Entrepreneurship from the Karl Eller School of Business.

Jeffrey is a founder of the Klinger Quan Group within the Private Banking and Investment Group at Merrill Lynch. Jeff works with ultra-high-networth families, corporate executives, and entrepreneurs, streamlining multiple aspects of their financial lives. Prior to joining Merrill Lynch in 2013, Jeffrey spent five years as a Director of the Private bank at Credit Suisse. Previously, he served as Vice President at Lehman Brothers within the Private Wealth division. He began his financial services career in 1997 at Burnham Securities in New York, where he was an investment banker.

In his free time, Jeffrey is a race-car hobbyist and collector of exotic cars. Each year he participates in a cross-country car rally to raise money for the Taylor Lynn Foundation, a charity that he cofounded and continues to serve on as a board member. His hobbies also include skiing and wine collecting.

While Jeffrey was an undergraduate in the Gamma-Rho chapter, he served as Grand Master, Social Chair and Grand Master of Ceremonies. As an alumnus, Jeffrey oversees the Whaley Family Scholarship. Nothing has prepared Jeffrey better than his time as an undergraduate at the University of Arizona. His best friends more than 20 years later were his brothers of the chapter. His education from the fraternity exceeded everything he learned in class. He credits the fraternity with a lot of the preparation for the real world and his success in life, not just financially, but in love, health, and happiness.

Ryan Anderson says Jeff Klinger's induction into the Gamma-Rho Hall of Fame is long overdue. Since his days as an undergraduate, he has consistently provided financial and alumni leadership to the undergraduate chapter, most importantly remaining the direct liaison with the Whaley family in support of the most important undergraduate scholarship program that the chapter offers. Jeff has lived the Kappa Sigma motto, "not for a day, hour, or college term only, but for life"

It's often remembered that Jeff Klinger was "overzealous" in holding pledges and newly initiated brothers to live up to the standards of a Kappa Sigma, yet he always displayed true dedication to the fraternity and its membership.

MAN Of The YEAR & HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

CRAIG LOWDEN '96



Enrolling at the
University of Arizona
after completing four
years of service in
the United States
Navy, Brother
Lowden sought to
immerse himself

in everything the college experience had to offer. As an undergraduate he was involved with the fraternity from the get-go, moving into the chapter house and winning Pledge of the Semester, also serving as Outer Guard and GMC. He was also involved on campus and in the community, writing and performing with Comedy Corner, co-hosted an ungodly early radio show on KAMP, and, alongside brothers Josh Butout '95 and Joe Gallego '97 coached a youth roller hockey team for the YMCA.

As an alumnus he has continued to be involved with Gamma-Rho, serving for several years as an Assistant Alumnus Advisor, and for some time he worked with Brother Mark McLear to '88 to arrange quarterly Tucson alumni lunches. Working with FMG has also meant countless hours providing back-end database support, updating the chapter website and promoting events and chapter philanthropy.

In 2014 Craig and Katie said, "Adios!" to the US and moved to South America after Katie was offered a teaching position in Asuncion, Paraguay. After three years they moved to their current home of Bogota, Colombia. Lowden has continued to work from the "FMG International" office wherever her job offers, or their travels take them

Craig had zero intention of joining a fraternity when entering school. He ended up joining Kappa Sigma because of the efforts of his brother and the camaraderie was something he was missing in his post-Navy life. It turned out to be one of the best decisions he has ever made.

Gamma-Rho was a place that accepted Craig for being slightly oddball, not your factory issued frat boy self. A look around the guys of the chapter in '96 you had a wide variety of guys with varying interests, backgrounds and personalities. He fit right in by not being like anyone else. It was also a place that reinforced some of the skill and values instilled in him by the U.S. Navy and enabled him jump on a lot of options and explore what the collegiate experience had to offer.

