

# 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL A L& SLONAKER HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023 GAMMA-RHO CHAPTER KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

# Gamma-Rho Chapter...

### TO THE 36<sup>TH</sup> GAMMA-RHO HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

The 36th Annual Gamma-Rho Hall of Fame Awards are being presented by the Gamma-Rho Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity on Friday, November 3, 2023.

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.

A.L. Slonaker Hall of Fame Inductees are:

2023 Fred Ronnau '95 Mike Lees '97 Dan Bistany '03 Brandon McKennon '03

Mike Cagalj Man of the Year Award recepient is: 2023 Andy McEldowney '83

# Tonight We Celebrate.

Welcome George Jenson '82

# **Invocation & Moment of Silence**

Introduction of Special Guests George Jenson '82

# Dinner

Awards & Scholarship Presentation Nigel Karuletwa '23

Chapter and Advisory Board Update Steve Maslowski '05 (Rho)

Educational Foundation Update Pete Parker '88

Housing Corporation Update Andy McEldowney '83

Presentation of the A. L. Slonaker Hall of Fame Inductees Jesus Dominguez '23

Presentation of the Mike Cagalj Man of the Year Award Steve Maslowski '05 (Rho)

Good of the Order



# **AWARD WINNERS**



Don Harris Outstanding Pledge Award Henry Kliavkoff

Carl Cooper Intramural Athlete Award Luke Horne '23

Pete Parker Hustle Award Aaron Brown '23

Joel Rapp Spirit Award Jack McGowan '23

George Jenson Ritual Award John Svoboda '23

Taylor Heiden Outstanding House Manager Award Ryan Brooks '23

Branden Lombardi Community Service Award Charlie Shadid '23

Eric Stevenson Campus Involvement Award John Keleman '23

David Stallings Outstanding Officer Award Jesus "Chuy" Dominguez '23

Ryan Anderson Outstanding Active Award Ryan Clark '23

Matt Noble Outstanding Senior Award John Svoboda '23



# Gamma-Rho will have awarded nearly \$100,000 by the end of this school year.

**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. The Barnes Scholarship is made possible by Brother Edward Finger '97.

# John Svoboda '23

**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.

### Will Be Awarded In The Spring

**Bononia Docet Scholarship**- \$2,000-\$3,000 renewable scholarships to pay for membership dues for a member with financial need who have demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership, and service. Preference given to a first generation and/or minority member. Sponsors include Scott Gossett '94, Michael Honigstein '91, Tom Keating '62, Heather Lenkin, Chuck Lytle '59, Eric Manese '87, Carl Russell '59 and Ryan Schneider '93. Some students won more than one scholarship.

Tim Amankwah '23	Jesus Dominguez '23	Morya Odak '23
Jojo Bassey '23	Coby Douangpanya '23	Nassir Reed '23
Gibran Chavez '23	Jimi Hernandez '23	Gabe Uribes '23
Abe Desta '23	Nigel Karuletwa '23	Neel Vasu '23

**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.

# Ryan Clark '23

**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.

Andreas Bautista '23Ian Davison '23Luke Horne '23Ryan Brooks '23Coby Douangpanya '23Caleb Noel '23Mason Comer '23Max Hahn '23Nassir Reed '23

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

# Luke Horne '23

**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.

# Charlie Shadid '23

**Gamma-Rho Scholarship** - Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded in the fall to members who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in campus or Chapter leadership, or public service.

# Ryan Brooks '23 Thomas Forand '23

**HABBJACH Scholarship**- funded by a local Tucson charity is a \$2,000 scholarship awarded to a member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in campus or Chapter leadership.

# Jesus "Chuy" Dominguez '23

Kappa Sigma High School Senior Leadership - \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors planning to attend the University of Arizona and interested in Greek Life. \$750 awarded in the fall and remaining \$750 awarded if a member of Kappa Sigma and have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrated commitment to academics, leadership, and service.

# Jackson Kokoskie (pledge) Austin Sims (pledge) '23

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.

# Henry Calkins '23

**Noble Scholarship**- named in honor of Matt Noble '84, 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, and is excelling in their campus and/or chapter leadership, as well as service.

# Joey Frei '23

**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.

# Shadi Rabadi (pledge)

**The Larson Scholarship**- named in memory of Richard "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.

# Tommy Staats '23

**Top Pledge Scholarship**- 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.

# Henry Kliavkoff (pledge)

**Whaley Scholarship** named in memory of Matt Whaley '94, is a \$4,000 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.

# Nigel Karuletwa '23 John Svoboda '23

**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.

# Logan Cass '23



Fred Ronnau '95 graduated from the University of Arizona in 1999 with a degree in Systems and Industrial Engineering and in 2008 from The Wharton School with an MBA in Healthcare Management. Today, he lives in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, with his wife Sylvia and daughter Zara (12). Now serving as the COO for N1 Health, his previous position as CTO for the startup Rubicon MD led to the company's massive growth and eventual sale to CVS.

Outside of work, Fred enjoys spending time with his daughter and wife and is still active in sports- specifically basketball and soccer. Though being an executive at a startup takes up a great deal of his time, he makes sure to prioritize his family and enjoys working on construction projects within his home. Fred was involved on several committees and executed many small roles within the chapter during his time as a Gamma-Rho. "It was a good community for being active outside of school," says Fred of his time in the brotherhood, "I enjoyed my time there and living in the house on campus." When it comes to his favorite memories, Fred specifically remembers one Spring Break in Mexico. When returning from the trip. he and three other Gamma-Rhos traveled in a Saturn through a blockade of buses on strike. While speaking almost no Spanish, the brothers had to navigate the Mexican military, two blown-out tires, and a drive back to Hermosillo to repair a truck. It was experiences like this that brought Fred such close friendships in the house, most notably the best man at his wedding-Scott Gossett.

Fred gives practical advice to current undergraduates: "Actually show up for classes. Yes, many lectures are horrible to sit through, but learning through osmosis is a thing. Think hard about having a degree like accounting, engineering, marketing, biomedical research, or even journalism— you just won't make as much!"



Mike Lees '97 graduated from the University of Arizona in 2000 receiving a B.S. in business administration with a double major in accounting and finance. Following his undergraduate studies, Mike earned his law degree from the University of San Diego School of law in 2003, and his Masters in Law (LL.M.) in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 2004.

Mike currently lives in San Diego (where he was born and raised) with his wife, Jessica and two daughters. Lexi and Vivienne, where he is a partner in the downtown San Diego law firm of Solomon Ward Seidenwurm & Smith LLP. Mike's professional practice involves representing businesses (large and small), business owners, individuals and professionals regarding their corporate, partnership/LLC, tax, real estate, estate planning and other contractual matters. Mike has received great accolades for his success, with recognitions including (but not limited to) San Diego Business Journal's 'Most Influential People in San Diego' (2022) and 'Top 100 Leaders in Law

Honoree' (2022), San Diego Super Lawyers (2022), San Diego Magazine's 'Top Lawyers in San Diego' (2019-2022), San Diego Daily Transcript's 'Top 40 Under 40' (2018) and San Diego Metro 'Top 40 Under 40' (2018). Mike also serves as an Adjunct Professor at the University of San Diego School of Law is a member of the board of directors for International Relief Teams, a nonprofit humanitarian organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering caused by poverty, disaster and, neglect – in the United States and around the world.

While an undergrad, Mike served as the chapter Social Chair, Rush Chair, Scholarship Chair and Song Chair, and spent his sophomore and senior years living in the fraternity house. He kept himself busy outside of the chapter as well, with involvement in Spires Sophomore Honorary, Chimes Junior Honorary, Blue Key National Honorary, Optimi Honorary, Order of Omega, Phi Alpha Delta and served as the chair for GAMMA. Still a proud alumnus, Mike has been on the board of the University of Arizona Alumni Association's San Diego chapter (the BeachCats) for more than twelve years.

"The best experience I had during my four years of college was my time in the fraternity," says Mike of what Gamma-Rho means to him, "The growth I achieved as a person during those four years of my life was due to the fraternity not what I learned in any particular class."





Daniel Bistany '03 graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Arizona in 2007 with a degree in Economics. Today, he lives in Costa Mesa, California, with his wife Kelsey and son Evan "Bash" Bistany. Daniel serves as the Co-Founder and President for Breeze IT alongside fellow Gamma Rho Brandon McKennon '03, and together they provide tailored IT solutions to their Southern Californian clientele.

With several years of recognition as one of Inc. 5000 and Orange County Business Journal's 'Fastest Growing Private Companies,' Breeze IT has established itself as a community leader for IT services in California. Before his success in founding this company, Daniel began his journey as an Associate for Semler Brossy Consulting Group and later founded Offneptune LLC, a strategic internet marketing firm. Proving his expertise and playing an instrumental role in Breeze IT's almost-perfect satisfaction rate, Daniel is involved with ITT Technical Institute as a member of the Program Advisory Committee and was invited to be their Commencement Keynote Speaker– as well as speaking and delivering presentations for Cloud Technology and Security.

Daniel engages with philanthropic organizations and serves an active role in his community. He was able to help activate the next generation of leaders through his board membership with the Newport Beach Foundation, raises awareness and funds for the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at UCI Health as a board member for the UCI Anti-Cancer Challenge, and is a donor and supporter of Arizona's Future for Kids.

Unsurprisingly, Daniel was incredibly involved both on-campus and within Kappa Sigma during his undergraduate career. Along with membership in the Student Alumni Association and SPIRES Sophomore Honorary, he received the President's Award for Excellence Scholarship and was consistently recognized on the Dean's List. As a previous Treasurer and Pledge Educator for Gamma-Rho, Daniel can summarize what the chapter means to him in one concise yet significant phrase: "Brothers for life."





Brandon McKennon '03 graduated from the University of Arizona's Eller College of Management in 2006, earning a degree in Business Marketing. Now living in Costa Mesa, CA with his wife Jessica and their child Britt (2), he is the CEO of Breeze IT, Inc.-- a company he started with fellow Gamma-Rho brother Daniel Bistany '03 in 2010. Their mission was simple from the very beginning: become a nationwide leader for IT solutions and services.

Breeze IT has seen incredible success in the southern California area. Along with numerous years of recognition as one of Inc. 5000 and Orange County Business Journal's 'Fastest Growing Private Companies,' the company has received accolades from several organizations for its community involvement, cost efficiency, and customized solutions. Brandon works alongside many fellow Kappa Sigmas through Breeze IT and attributes a great number of his career achievements to the relationships he forged within the brotherhood.

Brandon is an incredibly active member of his community. In partnership with another Gamma-Rho brother, David Gosselin '01, he founded a young professionals' group focused on community service and business networking. He has been involved with multiple other non-profits over the years, including Elite OC, Orange County Rescue Mission, East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless, Orangewood Children's Home, and Orange County's UA alumni chapter, OC Cats. He aspires to give back in any way he can.

During his time as an undergraduate, Brandon was a dedicated member of the American Marketing Association and the Student Alumni Association within the Eller College of Management. He served as Gamma Rho's pledge educator alongside Chris Bergen '03 and speaks immensely fondly of his years in the house. "Gamma-Rho has meant so much to me. My whole adult life can be attributed to my time at U of A with the brothers. My business partner is my pledge brother from Gamma-Rho, my best friend is my pledge brother from Gamma-Rho, all of my best friends today were brothers of mine at the U of A... my life would not be the



# Jonathan Andrew McEldowney '83



Jonathon Andrew McEldowney '83, better known as Andy, graduated from the University of Arizona in 1987 with a Business degree. Now retired after numerous years of success in the insurance industry, he lives in Tucson, Arizona with his wife of 35 years– Kerry– and enjoys spending time with his three children and grandson.

Andy began his career at Allstate Agency, soon becoming a multi-year recipient of the Honor Ring and National Champions awards. After twelve years of accolades at Allstate, he became an Executive Pharmaceutical Representative for GlaxoSmithKline. "With GSK I launched eight new brands, exceeding incentive goals for all products, was selected to be an Associate Product Trainer, and served on the Field Advisory Board," Andy says of this period of his career, which lasted for ten years before he moved to Farm Bureau Financial Services as an Insurance Agent. Unsurprisingly, Andy was top of his class and Rookie of the Year for Farm Bureau, winning the Heritage, Blue Vase, and Pace Setter awards before realizing he 'wasn't meant to be a corporate employee.' So, he founded Tucson Insurance Associates, where he found himself better able to care for his customers and earn more for his efforts. He didn't dread the thought of going to work one single day before he retired in 2021.

Andy held multiple positions in Gamma Rho– serving as President, Vice President, and Treasurer while remaining incredibly active in the university's honorary system. A proud member of Primus, Sophos, and Chain Gang, he was an RA in Apache Hall and Director of Advertising for Spring Fling. Andy's involvement didn't end after his undergraduate years, however. Previously holding the roles of Alumni Advisor and Treasurer, he is now the President of Gamma Rho's House Corp organization.

"To be honest, Kappa Sigma has been mostly a social thing for me, but I mean the longterm friendships that I have developed, not just the college parties," says Andy of the chapter's importance to him, "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."

# GAMMA-RHO 2023 GALLERY

















# past mike cagalj alumni MEN OF THE YEAR



2022 Steve Maslowski '08 (Rho) 2021 Pete Parker '88 2020 Paul Clapp '02 2019 Craig Lowden '96 2018 The Whaley Family 2017 Scott Sandberg '93 2016 Mark McLear '88 2014 Steven Fullmer '75 2013 Patrick Moran '92 2012 Greg Mammana '90 2010 Earl Pottinger '48 2008 William S. Dean '84 2007 Gary Foster '62 2006 William L. Risner '62 2005 John Turner '70 2004 Ryan Anderson '94 2003 Taylor Heidenheim '71 2002 Dave Stallings '67 2001 Carl Ralph Russell '59 2000 Edward Robert Buckley '59 1999 Verne Seidel Ir '47 1998 Robert Alan Fickas '64 1997 Stewart Carlson Flner '60 1996 Loren E. Jackson Sr. '37 1995 George R. Jenson '82 1994 Matthew Lawrence Noble '84 1993 Doyle E. Shipley '62

1992 Donald W. Harris '59 1991 Mitchell J. Cagalj '58 1990 Pat Murphy '65 1989 Tom W. Keating '62 1988 Thomas Chandler '41 1987 Charles Ulen Pickrell Sr. '16 1986 Donald Andre Langlais '82 1971 Charles F. Sullivan '61 1970 William Clarence Frey '39 1969 Brackston T. Whitaker '43 1968 James N. Corbett Jr. '46 1967 John H. Henkel '49 1966 John Arthur Murphy '31 1965 Roy Lassetter '31 1964 Thomas P. Salver D.D.S '51 1963 Paul Frederick Newell '46 1962 Paul Jones Fannin '26 1961 Frederick Robert Stofft '26 1960 F.W. Boyd Allen '26 1959 Ned Darnall '49 1958 Charles Clifford Arnold '48 1957 Bradley Andrew Tolson '48 1956 Thomas Jay Wallace '18 1955 Alfred Louis Slonaker '18 1954 Lincoln Raymond Wilson '17 1953 Harold Christy Schwalen '15

# PAST A. L. SLONAKER INDUCTEES



1999 Brackston T. Whitaker '43

#### 1998

Karl A. Dennis '39 Carl Ralph Russell '59 John William Pfeffer '62 Taylor Heidenheim '71 David W. Murrav '93

#### 1997

Walter D. Armer Sr. '37 George Earl Pottinger '48 Edward Robert Buckley '59 Stewart Carlson Elner '60 Philip W. Carrott '66

#### 1996

Sidney Sterling Woods '35 Frank Barreca '46 Stephen Chabre '64 David John Stallings '67

#### 1995

Tony Leyva Morales '48 Ned Darnall '49 Arthur Raymond Tanner '52 Steve Lawrence '60 Mark Gregory Villalpando '80

#### 1994

Andrew Tolson '22 Lee A. Matsch '54 James Donnell Klein '64 Richard Edward Carter '65

#### 1993

Cecil Leroy Hudnall '24 Ralph Emmitt Deal '26 Hubert Gray De Wolf Jr. '31 Dirk Frauenfelder M.D. '55 James Abbott Sherman '59 Dovle E. Shipley '62 Garv R. Long '66 George R. Jenson '82

#### 1992

F.W. Boyd Allen '26 Thomas James Finley '36 William C. Dent '40 Thomas James Negri '46 Verne Seidel Jr. '47 Charles F. Sullivan '61 Todd P. Smith '80

#### 1991

James Crandall Miller '23 Taylor Thomas Hicks Sr. '28 John H. Henkel '49 Dick Stull '64 David J. Smith III '72 Matthew Lawrence Noble '84

#### 1990

Lincoln Raymond Wilson '17 Carl W. Cooper '40 Donald Eugene Fickas '60 Robert Alan Fickas '64

#### 1989

Col. Herb Macia '35 W. Grant Williams '42 Frank Eugene O'Bryan '52 George P. Noon M.D. '54 Donald W. Harris '59 Gary Leon Foster '62 Bruce Braden Lawrence '67

#### 1988

Gordon B. Cauble '37 Thomas Chandler '41 Howard Lewis King '48 Leonilo Larriva III '51 Robert W. Campbell Jr. '53 Marion 'Mac' Magruder Jr. '63 Pat Murphy '65

#### 1987

Horatio Cotter Butts '25 Paul Jones Fannin '26 Frederick Robert Stofft '26 James M. Ewell '32 Lt Gen. John B. McPherson '36 Loren E. Jackson Sr. '37 Charles Ulen Pickrell Jr. '40 Jerry Lee Dodson M.D. '47 Vernor F. Lovett M.D. '48 Bradley Andrew Tolson '48 Dr. Bill Smitheran '51 W.E. Skip Kent '57 Mitchell J. Cagalj '58 James B. Gardner '59 Dominic John Alessio '61 Tom W. Keating '62 William Joseph Risner '62 Vincent Woodbury Dean '67 Leo Campbell Gillespi '72 Frederick Eliot Chin '80

2021

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2020

2019

2018

2017

2016

Erik Kiernan '92

Dr. Isaac Martinez '91

Ward Andrews '94

Peter Wand '01

John Fung '84

Eric Manese '87

Robert Huberty '00

Glen Mandigo '85

Jeffrey Klinger '94

Craig Lowden '96

Rvan Schneider '93

Maxx Wolfson '00

Chris Bergen '03

Scott Gossett '94

Sam Chang '00

Beniamin Graff '98

Carter Crow '91

2010 Mark Sellers 69 Michael McCov '95 Pat Moran '92 David Gosselin '01 Branden Lombardi '01

#### 2008

John R. Mattison '66 Eliot L. Kaplan '82 Ryan Anderson '94

#### 2007

Malcom Mathes '67 Mark Casev '82

#### 2006

Gene R. Morris '48 Robert H. Levin '71 (Harv) Dr. Randal C. Christensen '88 (Randv)

#### 2005

Zenas Noon '24 Ted Fowler '50 Chuck Lytle '59 Steve Huntsberry '62 Steve Inman '65 Eric Stevenson '82

#### 2004

Sam Antcliffe '61 William Steven Dean '84

#### 2003

DeLeslie Wooddell '40 Hervey William 'Bill' Lowell '41 Michael Logan '67 Duke Schwartz '81

#### 2002

Jerry Lee Cessor '58 Russell B. Carter Jr. '61 Quentin Harry Rench '63

#### 2001

J. Robert White '48 Otto Verch '52 Donald McGrath II '59 John M. Turner '70

#### 2000

Louis Clark '31 Joe F. Dozier '46 Chad Hayes Brucker '57

Andy McEldowney '83 Scott Polston '85 Mark McLear '88 Sean Litsky '99

#### 2014

James Rednor '69 Jim Murphy '80 Jav Freedman '90

#### 2013

View Speeches Richard Tear '71 Scott Gimple '90 Ethan Orr '94

#### 2012

Mike Rogers '60 Terry Leonard '94

#### 2011

Edward B. Truman '69 Pete Parker '88 Michael D. Honigstein '91



# Kappa Sigma Fraternity



Gamma-R ho Chapter Recognition Memorial Dedica ted By The Family of Matthew Whaley '94 And Carl Burgell 150

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

Ryan Anderson '94 Josh Glaser '94 Eric Hoffman '94 Jeff Klinger '94

Michael Schuriet '9 Shawn Scott '94 Rob Slusser '94 Jeff Uhrig '94 Eric Vorrie '94

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

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