



37th ANNUAL
A.L. SLONAKER



HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024
GAMMA-RHO CHAPTER KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Gamma-Rho Chapter...

WELCOME

TO THE 37TH GAMMA-RHO HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

The 37th Annual Gamma-Rho Hall of Fame Awards are being presented by the Gamma-Rho Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity on Friday, October 18, 2024.

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:

2024

Eliezer Asúnsolo '98

Chad Foust '98

Vinnie Lichvar '02

Scott Schindler '04

Mike Cagalj Man of the Year Award recipient is:

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Ed Finger '97

Tonight We Celebrate.

OUR PROGRAM

Welcome

George Jenson '82

Invocation & Moment of Silence

Introduction of Special Guests

George Jenson '82

Dinner

Awards & Scholarship Presentation

Ryan Brooks '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

Ryan Long '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
Fenn Connolly (pledge)

Carl Cooper Intramural Athlete Award
Tyler Othick '23

Pete Parker Hustle Award
Nick Austin '23

Joel Rapp Spirit Award
Josh Ryan '23

George Jensen Ritual Award
Ian Davison '23

**Taylor Heidenheim Outstanding
House Manager Award**
Noah Monroe '24

**Branden Lombardi Community
Service Award**
Gavin Hargis '23

Eric Stevenson Campus Involvement Award
Henry Calkins '23

David Stallings Outstanding Officer Award
Nate Williams '23

Ryan Anderson Outstanding Active Award
Addison Kruse '23

Matt Noble Outstanding Senior Award
OG17 – the re-founders



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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.

Aaron Brown '23 Ian Davison '23 – Masters of the Ritual
Adam Eberhart '23 Josh Ryan '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.

Andrew Alberts '23

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 Coby Douangpanya '23 Billy Love '24
JoJo Bassey '23 Jimi Hernandez '23 Shadi Rabadi '23
Abe Desta '23 Nigel Karuletwa '23 Gabe Uribes '23
Jesus "Chuy" Dominguez '23 Jackson Kokoskie '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.

Nate Williams '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.

Nick Austin '23 Max Hahn '23 Oscar Perez '24
Luke Beever '23 Eli Massey '23 Shadi Rabadi '23
Ryan Brooks '23 Noah Monroe '24 Christian Whitehouse '23
Carson Farmer '23 Lane Ovenell '24

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.

Canyon Torres '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.

Thomas Forand '23 Tommy Staats '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.

Henry Calkins '23 Ben Tung '24

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- This \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman based on an application and interview. They must join Kappa Sigma.

Hayden Rowley (pledge)

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.

John Keleman '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.

Luke Horne '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.

Tony Racine '24

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. .

Evan Molloy '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.

Fenn Connolly (pledge)

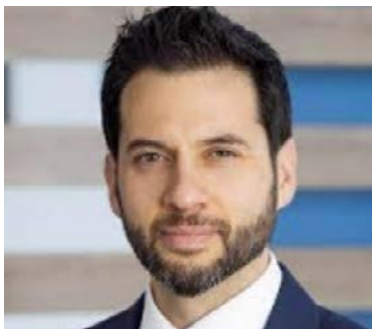
Wicart Scholarship- named in memory of Carlton Wicart '23, the first Rhodes Scholar from the Chapter, is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded in the fall and spring to the initiated member with the highest grade point average from the prior semester.

Logan Cass '23

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.

Luke Beaver '23

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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE
ELIEZER ASÚNSOLO '98



Elie Asúnsolo '98 is a 2002 graduate of the University of Arizona with a degree in Economics and a minor in Law. Elie currently resides in Tucson, AZ with his wife Sonya and two children. During his time in college, Eliezer made an impact in and outside of Kappa Sigma. He served as Spring Fling Chair, Family Weekend Chair, and Pledge Class Social Chair. Eliezer was also a member of Arizona Allegiance and a candidate for the university's senate.

After graduation, Elie embarked on a career in commercial banking with firms such as BBVA and PNC. Eliezer now serves as a Vice President at Northern Trust, specializing in commercial lending. He remains actively involved with the University of Arizona serving as a board member for the University of Arizona

Hispanic Alumni Association Board. As a Gamma-Rho alumnus, Elie serves as Treasurer for our chapters Housing Corporation.

Elie is an active volunteer outside of the university through organizations such as the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, Tucson Metro Chamber Board, and Sun Corridor Board.

“In general, I believe the fraternity is trying accomplish a noble end which is building the character of young men. The senior alumni at Gamma-Rho have done a great job with the most recent chapter relaunch by recruiting very specific members who value academics and excellence. They have also set strong parameters and guidelines which will hopefully result in better initiatives going forward. For me specifically, the Fraternity was a two-edged sword. There were many habits I developed that were less than helpful. On the other hand, many of the guys I went through school with were driven to succeed academically and that really helped me to achieve. The Greek system as a whole allowed me to develop a network and use that network to get more involved in clubs, honoraries, and various groups. I feel my university experience was greatly enhanced by being a part of Kappa Sigma.”

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CHAD FOUST '98



Chad Foust '98 graduated from the University of Arizona in 2001, earning his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Studies. Now living in Sandpoint, Idaho with his wife Meggie and son Lou, he has been the proud owner of Sweet Lou's Restaurants for over twelve years. Chad believes that the lessons he learned as Gamma-Rho Grand Master set him on the path to being a successful business owner, and he still recites the diligence quote as a daily practice. "I don't remember many great quotes from my life but that one has always stuck with me," Chad says, "being diligent with all aspects of your life is a rewarding way to live."

Over the course of the past twelve years, Sweet Lou's Restaurant has grown from a seasonal lakeside resort restaurant to three year-round locations that employ around 180 people. Earning the title of Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce 'Business of the Month' twice along with consistent recognition of excellence from within the

North Idaho panhandle— including awards for best restaurant, best burger, best veggie burger, best bartenders, and best happy hour— Sweet Lou's grosses over eight million dollars in sales a year.

Chad and Meggie prioritize community involvement outside of work. With a focus on youth sports, cancer services, local animal shelters, and public education, they strive to set the example for other local businesses and community members that "we all need to give back as much as possible." Chad previously served as a director of the Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce for six years and now sits on the Board of Directors for the North Idaho College Foundation Board. In their free time, the Fousts love spending their time outdoors. Whether skiing, camping, trying to keep their driveway clear from snow, or traveling for Lou's swim meets, Chad and his family live incredibly active lives.

During his time as a Gamma-Rho, Chad gained leadership skills and lifelong friendships. Keeping most in contact with brothers Joe Everson and Mike Lees, he makes himself available for any current and potential Kappa Sigma members as the chapter makes its return to campus. "Enjoy your time in college and as a Kappa Sigma," he says to any undergraduates, "this is the time to make mistakes and boy did I. Learn from the mistakes and move forward. Just be true to yourself, your family, and your friends."

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VINNIE LICHVAR '02



Vinnie Lichvar '02 completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Arizona in 2006, earning a degree in Political Science and Government. He furthered his education by obtaining a Juris Doctor (JD) from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 2010.

Vinnie was deeply involved in fraternity life during his time at the University of Arizona. Throughout his undergraduate years, he served in various roles within the fraternity, including Grand Master, Grand Master of Ceremonies, and Pledge Educator, demonstrating his dedication to fostering a positive and supportive environment within the chapter.

After college Vinnie embarked on a distinguished career in law, primarily focusing on public service. He initially served as an attorney and prosecutor for the US Army, where he honed his legal skills

and contributed to upholding justice within the military domain. Later, he transitioned to Snell and Wilmer, a prominent law firm, where he worked as a Senior Litigation Associate, gaining valuable experience in handling complex legal matters. Currently, Vinnie serves as an Assistant United States Attorney for the United States Attorney's Office in Phoenix, specializing in the criminal division. In this role, he plays a pivotal part in prosecuting criminal cases and upholding the rule of law, showcasing his commitment to public service and justice.

Beyond his professional life, Vinnie is actively involved in philanthropic activities. He has served on the selection committee for the Pat Tillman Foundation, an organization dedicated to supporting military veterans and their families. Additionally, Vinnie holds the position as President of the Associate Board for the Future for Kids charity, where he contributes to empowering youth through mentorship and educational programs. Vinnie currently resides in Phoenix with his wife, Danielle.

"To this day, the very best friendships I have, are those that were made while I was a member of Gamma-Rho, Kappa Sigma. They are my closest confidants. They have always been there for me through the highs and lows. They are the people that I can count on the most. They are family. My life has been made better by their presence in it and I am grateful for the fraternity for creating the environment in which those friendships were made."

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SCOTT SCHINDLER '04



Scott Schindler '04 graduated from the University of Arizona in 2008 with his undergraduate degree in Finance, and again in 2012 with a Juris Doctorate from the James E. Rogers College of Law. Today, this third-generation San Diegan is an Executive Vice President for JLL's San Diego Tenant Representation Team.

After over seven years of representing occupiers of commercial real estate in a brokerage capacity and five years as a private practice real estate attorney, Scott has built up a portfolio of established expertise in the San Diego area. His focus on building lifetime relationships with his

clients and commitment to prioritizing their best interests have been paramount to his success. Outside of the office, Scott is heavily involved in his community. As Director/CFO of both the San Diego County Bar Foundation and San Diego Jewish Bar Association, he makes an effort to leave a positive impact on his city. In his free time, Scott enjoys working out, golfing, eating, traveling, and painfully supporting the Padres.

During his time as an undergrad, Scott served as Treasurer and Inner Guard for Gamma-Rho. He fondly remembers his time in the chapter as "a community of brothers with a common thread who are engaged to help one another throughout life." Scott's favorite moments in the brotherhood were during pre-session summers at the house, and he gives the following advice to current undergrads: "Learn and practice discipline and balance your academics and social life." Kappa Sigma is a brotherhood and community that will always be there... for life, even if we don't see each other often. Gamma-Rho was an amazing place where I grew immensely as an individual and as a soon-to-be professional. I took on significant responsibility at a young age, and I believe a lot of my career and personal success would not have occurred but for my participation our chapter."

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MAN *of the* YEAR



Ed Finger '97

role, Ed plays a crucial part in shaping the company's strategic direction and ensuring its continued success in the real estate sector.

Apart from his professional life, Ed is also actively involved in giving back to the community. He serves as a Board Member and Vice President for the Marvy Finger Family Foundation, where he contributes to initiatives aimed at making a positive impact on society. He also supports charitable organizations like KNOWAutism, the Elton John AIDS Foundation, Legacy Health, and The Montrose Center, showcasing his unwavering commitment to education, social welfare, and healthcare causes.

Ed Finger '97 is a remarkable individual who has always been passionate about learning and community involvement. His academic journey began at the University of Arizona, where he majored in Geography and minored in Communications and graduated in 2000. Currently residing in Houston, Texas, Ed successfully balances his professional responsibilities with his personal pursuits.

Ed's leadership skills shone brightly in the Kappa Sigma chapter, where he served as the Grand Master of Ceremonies, Pledge Educator, and Peer Tutor. His dedication and commitment to Kappa Sigma were not only acknowledged but also celebrated, earning him accolades such as the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award and Ritual Proficiency at the Grand Master Level.

After completing his education, Ed pursued a career in teaching, working as a teacher and department head at The Briarwood School. However, his love for leadership and entrepreneurship led him to join the Finger Companies, a family business, where he currently holds the position of Executive Vice President and Corporate Director. In this

As I reflect on the question "What do Kappa Sigma and Gamma-Rho mean to me?", my heart fills with pride and gratitude. Kappa Sigma has been more than just an organization to me; it was my home away from home, a place to cultivate lifelong friendships and a platform to develop leadership skills. Whenever I think of the memories I have made with my brothers, I am reminded of our inseparable bond. Being a part of Kappa Sigma has allowed me to grow as an individual and contribute positively to my community. I am forever grateful for the opportunities, experiences, leadership skills, and relationships I have formed. I look forward to continuing to give back to them in any way I can."

GAMMA-RHO 2024 GALLERY



PAST
MIKE CAGALJ ALUMNI

MEN OF THE YEAR



- 2023 Andy McEldowney '83
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 McLearn '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 J. 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 Jr. '47
1998 Robert Alan Fickas '64
1997 Stewart Carlson Elner '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. Salyer 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



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

2022
Erik Kiernan '92
Michael McCoy '95
David Gosselin '01

2021
Dr. Isaac Martinez '91
Ward Andrews '94
Peter Wand '01

2020
John Fung '84
Eric Manese '87
Robert Huberty '00

2019
Glen Mandigo '85
Carter Crow '91
Jeffrey Klinger '94
Craig Lowden '96

2018
Ryan Schneider '93
Maxx Wolfson '00
Chris Bergen '03

2017
Scott Gossett '94
Benjamin Graff '98
Sam Chang '00

2016
Andy McEldowney '83
Scott Polston '85
Mark McLearn '88
Sean Litsky '99

2014
James Rednor '69
Jim Murphy '80
Jay 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

2010
Mark Sellers '69
Pat Moran '92
Branden Lombardi '01

2008
John R. Mattison '66
Eliot L. Kaplan '82
Ryan Anderson '94

2007
Malcom Mathes '67
Mark Casey '82

2006
Gene R. Morris '48
Robert H. Levin '71 (Harv)
Dr. Randal C. Christensen '88
(Randy)

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 E. Dozier '46
Chad Hayes Brucker '57

1999
Brackston T. Whitaker '43

1998
Karl A. Dennis '39
Carl Ralph Russell '59
John William Pfeffer '62
Taylor Heidenheim '71
David W. Murray '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
Doyle E. Shipley '62
Gary R. Long '66
George R. Jensen '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

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
Jana Glasser '94
Eric Hoffman '94
Jill Klinger '94

Michael Schurlet '94
Shawn Scott '94
Rob Sloner '94
Jeff Uhrig '94
Eric Varrie '94

Pledge Educators: Carter Crow '91 & Brian Poole '92
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"Not for an hour... a day...
or college term... but for life."

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