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## Gamma-Rho Virtual Hall of Fame & Man of the Year

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# THE GAMMA-RHO Gazette

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## Gamma-Rho Kicks Off Virtual Career Network and Speaker Series

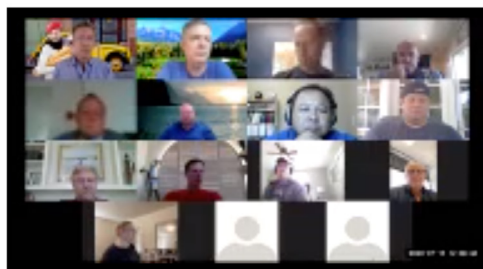
Gamma-Rho has recently established a unique career network and speaker series to connect alumni, as well as our future parents and undergraduates. Created as a way to keep alumni engaged during the COVID-19 pandemic, this program has become a great network for Gamma-Rho alumni, as it will be for undergraduates in the future. It's a great way to reconnect, share stories of success, and provide invaluable advice.

### Speaker Series

The program kicked off this past spring with a speaker series featuring exceptional presentations made by alumni and guests. Here's a review:

- Jim Croke '99 and Ryan Schneider '93 discussed their careers in the entertainment industry.
- Eric Stevenson '82 discussed his career working abroad and being on the plane that crashed on the Hudson.
- Michael Honigstein '91 discussed his State Department career.
- Randy Christenson '89 and Isaac Martinez '92 described COVID-19 from a healthcare perspective.

Stay tuned for future presentations by checking out our calendar at [www.uakappasigma.org](http://www.uakappasigma.org). If you are willing to make a presentation, email Matt Noble at [matt.noble@fmgtucson.com](mailto:matt.noble@fmgtucson.com).



### Career Network

Gamma-Rho is committed to creating leadership and career development opportunities for all of our members. Alumni can network with each other and future undergraduates taking advantage of the network to gain access to career planning tips, leadership development information, job board, alumni and parent mentors. It's a unique program only offered by Fraternity Management Group to advance the career needs and possibilities of our members.

Alumni are encouraged to participate in the Gamma-Rho Career Network at [www.uakappasigma.org/career](http://www.uakappasigma.org/career) (password: career). Please contact Pete Parker at [pete.parker@fmgtucson.com](mailto:pete.parker@fmgtucson.com) if you are interested in any of the below:

- Enlisting as a career mentor for other alumni and/or undergraduates as we return to the campus in the near future
- Post jobs to the job board

The new speaker series and career network are made possible thanks to financial contributions from alumni as well as job postings. Thanks in advance for your support.



**Educational  
Foundation  
and  
House Corporation  
Leadership  
2020-2021**

# Educational Foundation & House Corporation UPDATE

## **EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD**

Alex Batali '13  
Steve Dean '84  
George Jenson '82  
Nic Marino '13  
Patrick Murphy '65  
Matt Noble '84  
Pete Parker '88  
Carl Russell '59  
Eric Vorrie '94

Note: the Educational Foundation assembled a group of alumni this past February to discuss the future of the chapter and Foundation. Several alumni provided their insight and have offered their names for nomination. If you are interested in joining, please let us know and we will invite you to our next meeting where we will discuss our vision, and vote/install our new board.

## **HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD**

President - Scott Gimple '89  
Vice President - Greg Mammana '90  
Secretary - Paul Clapp '02  
Treasurer - Andy McEldowney '83  
Legal Chair - Samuel Chang '00  
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Fred Ronstadt '17  
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Alumni Association - Matt Noble '84

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Gilbert Alvarez '95  
James Baldwin '89  
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Steve Dean '84  
Scott Gossett '94  
Taylor Heidenheim '71  
Tom Keating '62  
Brad Levkowitz '00  
Nick Maccarone '13  
Patrick Murphy '65  
Austin Noble '13  
William Wiess Jr. '80

The pandemic has been an eye-opening experience. It's brought out the best and worst, all of which are well known. For Gamma-Rho, it has allowed us to understand the value of brotherhood and fellowship. It has also given us pause to recognize and celebrate our friendships, family achievements, and professional accomplishments.

Preserving the Gamma-Rho Chapter is important to all of us. The memories, lessons learned, goals accomplished, ideals manifested, and skills developed as young men were instrumental as we transitioned into adulthood.

Our Educational Foundation is committed to preparing students for meaningful and fruitful lives. We do this through needs-based and leadership-earned scholarships, as well as programs designed to drive interpersonal, leadership, and career development. Our House Corporation is committed to maintaining the Chapter House and making any upgrades that are needed to keep us competitive. We've begun discussions on what our house of the future will be.

Our two boards are working together to define a plan to recolonize at the U of A. Rather than rush the effort, we're placing considerable focus on framing a chapter which respects its heritage, accepts beliefs and backgrounds, fosters leadership and career development, and relishes philanthropy and community service. The strategic effort is not guided by any one brother, but many of us. If you're interested in being part of the conversation and solution, let us know. It's more fun and impactful to address campus, societal, and chapter issues as a team.

We're proud to be a Gamma-Rho and would love to create a chapter that provides lifelong growth and opportunities to young men seeking an amazing home here at the U of A.

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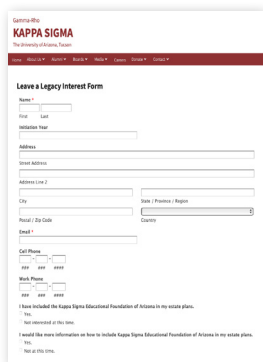


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# Support Gamma-Rho through our giving opportunities

A screenshot of a web form titled "Leave a Legacy Interest Form" for Gamma-Rho Kappa Sigma. The form includes fields for Name, Email, Address, City, State (dropdown), and Zip Code. There are also checkboxes for "I have included the Kappa Sigma Educational Foundation of Arizona in my estate plan" and "I would like more information on how to include Kappa Sigma Educational Foundation of Arizona in my estate plan".

## LEGACY GIVING

Please consider leaving a legacy with Gamma-Rho that helps us fund housing upgrades, career and leadership programs, scholarships based on the area you would like to impact. Learn more about Gamma-Rho's Leave a Legacy program at [www.uakappasigma.org/leave-a-legacy](http://www.uakappasigma.org/leave-a-legacy).

## Minimum Annual Funding Needs We Hope To Meet Through Gifts



**\$5,000**  
**Educational Programs**



**\$10,000**  
**Housing**



**\$25,000**  
**Scholarships**

## BECOME A GAMMA-RHO REGULAR DONOR/INVESTOR

With Gamma-Rho planning a return to the campus as of the spring or fall of 2022, we are looking for donors (investors) to help us with a successful return. We want to ensure that we have the funding to award scholarships, to provide educational programs, and complete some facility upgrades. You can give in one of two ways:

- Make a one-time donation via credit card or check to our Educational Foundation and/or House Corporation and/or
- Join our newly created 1915 Club as donor to the Educational Foundation and/or House Corporation, which is a monthly recurring gift donation via credit card. A monthly gift of \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more will make a difference in our future chapter's success.

Visit [www.uakappasigma.org/donate](http://www.uakappasigma.org/donate) to learn how you can support Gamma-Rho through an online gift or check.

## Meet Our 2020-21 Gamma-Rho Scholarship Winner



In honor of 25 years of service by several house corporation members we are awarding an annual scholarship on campus for a member of the Greek community.

Christian Cabatingan pledged to Pi Kappa Alpha in Spring of 2018. Graduating in May of 2021, Christian is a 4.0 student majoring Molecular and Cellular Biology and Management Information Systems. In addition to being a double major, he is also minoring in Spanish and Biochemistry.

While Christian is searching for a full-time job at the moment, he is split between pursuing medical school or heading into the biotechnology and pharmaceutical fields. On campus, Christian is a member of the Bobcats Senior Honorary, is the Kids in Nutrition Director, a University of Arizona Ambassador, undergraduate research assistant, among many other organizations. He is also a peer mentor and the Scholarship chairman for the Pi Kappa Alpha

chapter. Unfortunately, with his senior year online, Christian said, "the campus is eerily calm and quiet. I miss how everything was, but we must adapt. Also, I've been taking all of my courses online via Zoom."

Although not a Gamma-Rho member, Christian shared some insights on the positive impacts that Greek life has had on him, "Coming from Northern California, I did not know many people attending UA. Thus, after rush, my fraternity gave me a home, a close group of friends, and a place on a huge campus. It helped set my future up and I'm forever thankful for that."

"I am sincerely grateful for the Kappa Sigma organization and the Educational Foundation for choosing me as the recipient of the Kappa Sigma Leadership Scholarship. It not only lightens the financial burden that comes with a college education, but it helps mend our fraternities together in a time of major change to the Greek community, supporting all Greek brothers regardless of specific fraternity."





### Mark Casey '82

is the Executive Vice President of Professional Plastics, a plastics distribution & manufacturing company. He lives in New York with his wife Sandy, he has three children, Mark, Brian and Paige.



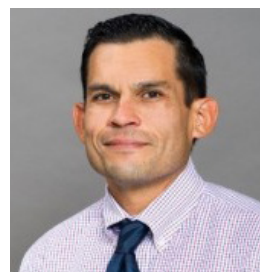
### Bob Fink '82

currently works in outside sales for Harrington Industrial Plastics. He is based in Florida with his wife Shawn, and has three grown children, Jaron, Daegan, and Calen, as well as four grandchildren.



### David Shefter '83

is working as a Senior Staff Writer for the United States Golf Association in New Jersey. Last year he reached a milestone at the USGA, when he worked his 150th championship. In his free time, David enjoys playing golf, traveling, and gambling on sports. He and his wife, Christina, have a daughter, Veronica together. He is pictured at Cypress Point in 2018



### Eric Vorrie '94

works in Tucson at Raytheon Technologies. There he works in information technology as a manager in high performance computing. He and his wife Suzanne, have two kids, Will and Olivia.



### Michael Lafleur '97

works as the Assistant Attorney General in the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney. Recently, Michael had his first daughter, Francesca with his wife, Johanna.

# ALUMNI What are they doing now?



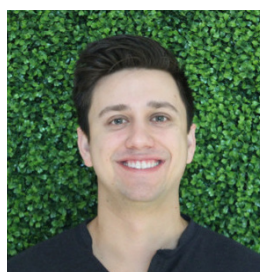
### Steve Russell '03

is working for Brookfield Properties Retail as a Senior Director of Development in Naperville, Illinois. In his free time Steve loves to travel with his wife Brittany and their children, Brooke and Connor.



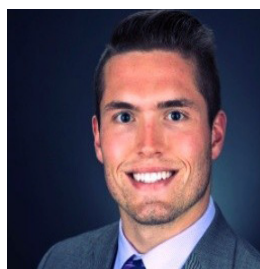
### Ben Rabichow '13

is currently a PhD Student at the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in Phoenix. He is currently one month into his 5 year graduate program. When he gets the chance, Ben enjoys videogames, playing with his dog Drew, and spending time with his girlfriend he met when they lived across the street from each other on Greek Row at the UA.



### Andrew Iseli '13

is based in San Francisco working for Lyft working in customer success. He got married last September to his wife Jill who was a Kappa at UofA and graduated in the 2015 class.



### Alex Batali '13

is working as a Relationship Manager at Bloomberg LP in San Francisco. His passions are golfing, skiing, hiking, running, and anything outdoors.



# HALL OF FAME



**John  
Fung  
'84**

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Brother John Fung is the Director of Development at the University of Arizona College of Medicine Tucson. John immigrated to the United States from Hong Kong when he was 12 years old. He graduated from the University of Arizona with majors in Accounting and Finance. After graduation, John operated an Allstate Insurance Agency for 13 years, and then entered into the field of pharmaceutical and medical sales for the next 14 years of his career. In September 2014, John joined the University of Arizona Development team, and in the last five years has raised in excess of \$13 million dollars for research, scholarship and faculty support. In 2017, John earned his Master of Business Administration degree from the Grand Canyon University, and 2018 he earned his Certified Fund Raising Executive designation. In his spare time, John serves on the board for the Junior Achievement of Arizona Southern District, and the UA Asian American Faculty, Staff & Alumni Club. He's also a mentor for the UA Asian Corporate Entrepreneur Leaders Collegiate Chapter, and the FBI Citizens Academy Phoenix Alumni Association Events Committee. John is also an avid soccer referee and has officiated over 2200 matches including high school, competitive youth, adults, co-ed and collegiate club leagues.

John's favorite memories from UA was being a part of Primus, Sophos and Chain Gang, which offered him the opportunity to get to know a number of Kappa Sigmas at a personal level before he considered rushing a fraternity in the spring of his sophomore year. His favorite chapter memories are the tailgates before all the home football games, intramurals and, of course, FUBAR.

Brother Fung says: "I have made lifelong friends through Kappa Sigma. Although we are all uniquely

different, but we have a common bond which tied us together. The Gamma-Rho Chapter truly signifies our motto, "Not for a day, an hour, or a college term only, but for life".

John's advice to undergraduate brothers and young alumni "is to build your network before you need them. Step out of your comfort zone and take a risk. Be kind to others. If you are in a position to help someone, just do it. Pursue something that genuinely makes you happy and alive. You will be richly rewarded beyond your wildest dreams."



**Eric  
Manese  
'87**

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After graduating from the University of Arizona in 1992, Eric Manese pursued a career in financial services. He worked for companies such as American Express and AG Edwards & Sons Incorporated. Eric remains involved in this industry through Rancho Santa Fe Insurance and a private equity firm called Fundsition.

While Eric was an undergraduate, he had the opportunity to serve the chapter in the capacity of Grand Master of Ceremonies along with a seat on the Interfraternity Council. His immersion in the chapter was protracted and longer than most, as he was a member of the "five-year plan". Eric had the opportunity to be a part of the chapter at different seasons being of a student.

The Gamma-Rho Chapter and Kappa Sigma were a simpler time in Eric's life. It was a special time of new friendships and learnings without any of the drama or complications of the real world and its complexities. For Eric, Kappa Sigma was his first introduction to responsibility, accountability leadership, philanthropy

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# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

and service above self. In reflecting, his experiences at Gamma-Rho have left an indelible imprint on his operating system and how he lives his life today. Eric wants undergraduates to know that life is a team sport; and you should not be prideful or ashamed to ask for help. Eric is the product of many people who have invested time and resources into him over the years, which resulted in the best version of himself. This old adage still resonates deeply within Eric, "If you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together".

Gamma-Rho taught Eric how to give back. He is the current Chair of a scholarship and nonprofit mentorship program in Southern California called Future Legends ([www.futurelegends.org](http://www.futurelegends.org)) where he is proud to announce a 100% graduation rate amongst their scholars.

With exposure to the financial industry of the 1990's and 2000's and as a former Board member of a San Diego Hospital Foundation, Eric was able to see first-hand the implementation of charitable strategies to improve the community and quality of life of the donor(s). One such strategy involves the gift of real property to a qualified nonprofit in exchange for a lifetime of income. Through business relationships, he is most pleased to have a hand in augmenting the retirement of senior citizens in this country ([www.homeequityleverageprogram.com](http://www.homeequityleverageprogram.com)).

In addition, and with the passing of the Farm Bill in December 2018, Eric co-founded a company ([www.preferred-cbd.com](http://www.preferred-cbd.com)) earlier this year to distribute branded and private label CBD products to the public through national retailers. As a believer in the therapeutic benefits of hemp derived CBD, he has formed alliances with professional sports leagues, retired players associations and veterans groups to help in the adoption and promotion of these therapies to the masses.



Rob  
Huberty  
'00

Robert was initiated into Gamma-Rho Chapter in 2000. He was the Grand Procurator during his sophomore year. He studied abroad during his junior year. While he was away, 9/11 occurred and it left Rob profoundly affected. He struggled during this time and nearly everything seemed meaningless because he was so angry about the attack on our country. During this time, he became a more serious student and spent less time at the fraternity house, however, he lived with brothers from the house separately. Though Rob distanced himself from the chapter house after 9/11, he did not fully understand the lasting impact of the friendships he had formed at Kappa Sigma. At the time, he felt like he needed to pursue something that was deeply personal. After college, he joined the SEAL teams, which is a tightly knit brotherhood. "No one truly achieves anything great unless they are part of a team. He traded one brotherhood for another".

Rob had Kappa Sigmas at his wedding and has called upon the advice of brothers through every significant event of his life. As time has passed, the lasting friendships from the fraternity remain an integral component of his support network. Rob wants undergrads to know that it is alright if you do not know what you want to do when you grow up. He advises to find a mission in life and devote yourself to it. You should chase the feeling of butterflies in your stomach because it means you're nervous and about to take a big chance. The best things in life happen after the butterflies.

In 2014, he attended the University of Pennsylvania and received his MBA from The Wharton School. After completing his MBA, Rob landed a job as an Amazon Pathways Operations Manager and worked there until 2018. Since 2018, he has been working for ZeroEyes as Co-founder and Chief Operating Officer. ZeroEyes is a company that uses existing video cameras and artificial intelligence to save lives. They are trying to prevent mass shooting in America. This company is closing its seed financing round and entering the market. Rob believes that this company will make a difference in the world. Rob is married to his wife, Monica, and they have three daughters: Audrey, Amelia, and Adeline.

# MAN OF THE YEAR



## Paul Clapp '02

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Professionally, Paul has specialized in Government Solutions for almost 10 years, starting at Hyland Software, the developer of the Enterprise Content Management software OnBase. By focusing on State and Local Agencies, he has had an opportunity to help improve business processes that are often outdated or manual. Since then, Paul has since joined Iron Mountain, a global leader for storage and information management services. There, the Gamma-Rho alum leads the State, Local and Education Sales Team (SLED) for the Western half of the US.

To Paul, Gamma-Rho started as an opportunity right out of college. While attending John Carroll University in the Cleveland area, where he was a Kappa Sigma at the Xi-Tau Chapter, Paul was offered an opportunity to move to Tucson and be the resident advisor and Alumnus Advisor starting that July. Moving from a town of 3000 people in Ohio to the large college environment, Paul was quickly welcomed in by the Gamma-Rho brothers. Although not being an undergraduate in Gamma-Rho, Paul believes that "Gamma-Rho allowed (him) to learn life lessons that didn't come easy, but looking back at it, (he) wouldn't change a thing." Some of Paul's favorite recent memories of Gamma-Rho has been the quality time with alumni during Homecoming events and Housing Corporation meetings in Pinetop and Ixtapa, Mexico. Not only the events, but Paul also treasures the lessons and wealth of knowledge that has come from the Kappa Sigma business owners, leaders and experts in their respective fields. He has been quoted stating "sometimes sitting back and listening to how they tackle each situation is

just as rewarding as reading self-help or sales books."

Paul is proud to be called a member and brother of an organization in which the unique backgrounds that the alumni bring to each conversation is unmatched in most organizations around the country.

Since getting back involved, Gamma-Rho has taken on a new meaning for Paul. It has now become a network where he continually looks forward to meeting brothers from all around the US. He always enjoys hearing how Gamma-Rho has impacted the lives of everyone, and while Paul did not participate as an undergrad, he feels that he can do his part as an Alumni Volunteer and Board Member to help protect the future of Gamma-Rho so that future generations will have the same opportunities.

Kappa Sigma as an organization, means lifelong friendships to Paul. Like most of the Gamma-Rho members some of his best friends are Kappa Sigs. Although he talks to some more often than others, he and his brothers always pick back up right where they left off no matter how much time has passed. Kappa Sigma has also given him the opportunity to travel, as both an undergraduate and a graduate brother, to help other chapters with installations and going to conclaves. When asked for some advice for younger members Paul said to "utilize your resources, reach out to Alumni and don't be shy when you graduate. The Alumni and Housing Corporation are only involved to help. Take a look at the directory and see what Alumni live in your area and get together with them."

Paul and his wife Maggie have a two-year old daughter, Raegan, and recently added another daughter, Brett.



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