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Homecoming 2024 Recap

The chapter had a great Homecoming Weekend minus the way our football team is playing.

On Friday we held our annual Hall of Fame Dinner where we inducted into our Hall of Fame Elie Asunsulo '98, Chad Foust '98, Vinnie Lichvar '02, and Scott Schindler '04. We also named Ed Finger '97 as our Man of the Year. The chapter honored undergraduates with recognition awards as well as scholarships. Note: our event started with Snipers operating in the corner of the Dunlap Club patio because there was an event for Obama in the football practice facility.

On Saturday we held our House Corporation meeting where we discussed re-painting the house as well as cleaning, resurfacing, and sealing the concrete. Following the board meeting we held our tailgater. Everyone got to see our progress on the Whaley Awards Memorial that we are renovating. All alumni, parent and undergraduates who have contributed \$500 or more in their lifetime to the Foundation or House Corporation now have a brick paver in the front courtyard.



Family Weekend Recap



Our undergraduates and their families had a great Family Weekend. The weekend started on Thursday, October 24th with a career networking dinner with parents. On Friday morning our parents & members joined other families for the UA Family Weekend Golf event that raised over \$13,000 for these charities: Barleycorn Scholarship Fund (fallen UAPD officer), Rebekah Hoppel Salcedo Scholarship, Greek Life Leadership Fund, and Military Heroes. Friday night we held a dinner at the Chapter House with members and their families. Finally, Saturday we had a pre-game meal with members & families and what seemed half the campus.





**Advisory
Educational Foundation
& House Corporation
Boards
2024**

ADVISORY BOARD

- AA/GM and Committees: Steve Maslowski '05
- AAA/GP and Committee: Bryan Poole '92
- AAA/GMC and Committees: Sean Litsky '99
- AAA/GS and Committees: William Lewis '93
- AAA/GT and Committees: Mason Comer '23
- AAA/Health & Wellness: Open
- AAA/Faculty Advisor/Campus Partnerships/Career: Pete Corrigan '16
- AAA/Alumni Big Brothers: Ragnar Rasmussen '94
- AAA/Excellence Quest: Mark Fitzgerald '13

HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD

- President - Andy McEldowney '83
- Vice President - Steve Russell '03
- Secretary - Josh Lustbader '13
- Treasurer - Eliezer Asunsolo '98
- Legal & Risk Management Co-Chairs - Samuel Chang '00 & Mike Lees '97
- Property Management Chair - Fred Ronstadt '16
- Alumni/Parent Association & Campus Partnerships Chair - Matt Noble '84
- TLP/EQ Chair - George Jenson '82
- Kitchen & Storage Chair - Mark McLearn '88
- Other Directors - Gilbert Alvarez '94, Mark Casey '82, Carter Crow '91, David Gosselin '01, Taylor Heidenheim '71, Robert Hogan '02, Tom Keating '62, Bryan Lifshitz '96, Pat Murphy '65, Andrew Winner '92

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD

- President - Pete Parker '88
- Vice President - Matt Noble '84
- Secretary - Ryan Anderson '94
- Co-Treasurer - Eric Manese '87 & Pat Murphy '65
- Investment Committee - Eric Manese '87 & Pat Murphy '65
- Scholarship Committee - Michael McCoy '95, Matt Noble '84, Pete Parker '88, Matt Stagg '14 & Aaron Young '96
- Members-At-Large - Chris Bergen '03, Paul Clapp '02 & Nic Martino '13

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- Grand Master - Devyn Young '23
- Grand Procurator - Luke Beever '23
- Grand Master of Ceremonies - Nick Austin '23
- Grand Scribe - Joshua Ryan '23
- Grand Treasurer - Lane Ovenell '24

Grand Master REPORT

Ryan Long '23



My time as Grand Master of the chapter was an experience I will never forget. Serving in this role allowed me to grow as an individual, overcome challenges, and develop as a leader. Working alongside the EC to achieve our goals was both rewarding and inspiring, and the memories we created together will always hold a special place in my heart. The bond we built through late nights, tough decisions, and shared victories truly defined my term as Grand Master.

One of the most fulfilling aspects of this role was witnessing the chapter's progress and growth. From successful recruitment efforts to impactful philanthropic events, every accomplishment was a testament to the dedication and hard work of our brothers. Leading this group taught me the importance of communication, transparency, and trust, and it deepened my appreciation for what it means to work together toward a common vision.

Of course, there were challenges along the way, but those moments taught me resilience and the value of staying composed under pressure. Addressing tough situations and making difficult decisions ultimately helped me grow as both a leader and a person. As I reflect on my time in this role, I feel immense gratitude for the opportunity to serve the chapter and for the lifelong lessons I've gained. I'm excited to see how the chapter continues to thrive in the years ahead, and I'll always cherish being part of its journey.

Ryan Long



Recruitment Recommendations

Please submit your recommendations here:
<https://www.uakappasigma.org/recruitment-recommendation>
Also, have the student who is interested fill this out:
<https://www.uakappasigma.org/recruitment-interest-form>



JUST ANNOUNCED!
Kappa Sigma has been named **2024 IFC Fraternity of the Year**

CAMPUS FACTS

VALUES

Integrity – Compassion – Exploration –
Adaptation – Inclusion – Determination

#of Students

42,075 Undergraduates  11,112 Post-Grads

Tuition

\$13,277 for AZ Residents
\$42,075 for Out-of-State
\$20,568 Average Financial Need of Student



Meal Plan Rates

(mandatory for on-campus)

\$2,266-\$2,552



Dorm Room Rates

\$6,950-\$9,960 for Double
\$12,210-\$14,940 for Single

Top Ranking Programs

Top 4% of Best Health Services
#1 in Astronomy
#1 in MIS for Public Universities, #2 Overall
#6 ifor NASA Funding - \$955M
#7 in Physical Sciences
#8 Entrepreneurship for Public Universities,
#17 Overall
Top 20 for Public Research Institution
US. News Ranks UA #52 of Public Universities

Greek Life across University

21 - # of IFC Fraternities
2,304 - # of Fraternity Members
105 - Average Fraternity Size
3.14 - All-Fraternity GPA

Total Majors: 150

Top Majors:

Business Administration, Biological
& Bio-Medical Sciences, Health/
Medical, Engineering, & Psychology



Clubs on
Campus 600+



Sports won 23
Nat'l Championships

Student Profile

Low Income
24%

Affluent 78%

White
47%

Hispanic
28%

Other
25%

128 Different Nationalities

4-Year
Graduation Rate
51%

9 out of 10
receive financial aid

CHAPTER FACTS

Membership

129 Members (40 are new Initiates)

SERVICE HOURS LAST YEAR

1,778 Hours since August with Future for Kids, Habitat
for Humanity, National Bone Marrow Program & More

OUR VISION

Provide our members with a
great college experience; ensure
they are career-ready; to start a
lifetime of friendships; and help
them have successful lives.

SOCIAL

Omnom Artist Party
Y2K Party
Halloween Party
Christmas Party

SEMESTER DUES

Dues are **\$1,020**
Parlor Fee is **\$250-\$500**
Depending On Chapter
Success
Meal Plan is **\$1,200** for
Freshmen/Sophomores
and **\$1,000** for Junior's &
\$800 for Seniors
Rent is **\$3,500-\$4,000** for
Double & **\$5,000-\$6,000**
for Single

AWARDS & INTRAMURAL SUCCESS



Kappa Sigma Founders Award of Chapter Excellence
Top 25 Kappa Sigma Recruiting Chapter
Ritual Proficiency Award – 95% of Our Members has
2+ levels
Masters of Ritual (Ian Davison & John Svoboda)
All Five Officers Won Officers of the Year
We were one of 11 of 28 Fraternities Reaching
Chapter Excellence
We have placed 1st-3rd in these intramural sports
during the last year: Indoor & Outdoor Soccer,
Basketball, and Dodgeball

SOME HISTORY

A Kappa Sigma & Wife Wrote
the Alma Mater Song; A Kappa
Sigma Co-Founded the Zona
Zoo; A Kappa Sigma Alumnus &
Fiji Undergraduate Founded the
Bobcats Honorary ; We Were the
first Fraternity or Sorority Founded
in the State in 1915



DONATED THIS YEAR

Almost \$25,000 so far

RITUAL

1 level (95 members)
2 levels (77 members)
3 levels (3 members)
4 levels (4 members)
5 levels (2 members)

GPA: 3.3 Spring '24
(5th in IFC)
4.0 GPA = 19
3.5+ GPA = 48

HOUSE

We've Renovated
Courtyard, Whaley
Memorial, & Most
Areas of the House

100+ CAMPUS CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS:

including Arizona Ambassadors , Bobcats Senior Honorary,
Delta Sigma Pi, Eller Professional Sales Club, IFC, StuMo, &
Wall Street Scholars

House Corporation PRESIDENT LETTER

Andy McEldowney '83



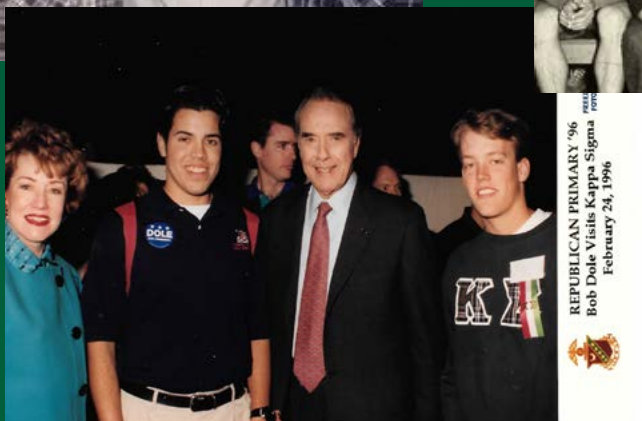
When I spoke at Homecoming, I repeated my message that the HC will provide the best chapter house we possibly can in exchange for the chapter being the best they can be; "Four Pillars" men. Here is an example of their actions. When we checked the residents out in May none of them lost their entire security deposit, and several left the property nice enough that we returned their entire deposit. If that doesn't sound significant, please ask any friends with landlord experience what they think. The chapter is holding up their end of the bargain! In addition to treating the property well, they are performing in many other ways. 85 of 89 current active members hold two or more ritual certificates, 3 have 1 and just 1 hasn't earned one yet. If that isn't the best in the country, it's very close. By the time you are reading this newsletter they will have initiated 40 pledges this fall. As alumni we have had concerns about growing too quickly, but they are now in their fourth year of action and our advisors have had ZERO conferences with the dean of students. They are clearly recruiting young men of character. Last year they raised just under \$5,000 for Military Heros This year they are just under \$10,000 and the event hasn't even happened yet. Please support them in these efforts, here is a link:<https://arizona.crowdchange.co/44291> ,Tax ID: 94-2494324. In addition, they all perform service hours as groups and through individual efforts.

As for scholarship, in the spring they were 5 th overall for grades in IFC and they had 23 members with 4.0 GPA's. 83 of them had a 3.0 or better. They also are leaders across the campus. I could keep bragging, but I think you get the idea. The HC has brought more to the party as well. We doubled the shed this summer to allow better storage of their supplies. We also added two cloth shades over the courtyard, purchased a walk-in fridge and a new ice maker, and upgraded the front landscaping. We are working with the Education Foundation to rehab the front courtyard and awards memorial. Please consider making a monthly gift to the foundation (and please keep doing it forever). We are currently working on adding a third shade for the upper deck and getting new lighted letters for the back of the house. Next summer we will be repainting the house and refreshing the concrete surfaces. The undergrads will continue to have the best home possible. The HC is happy with our tenant, and you can be extremely proud of them too.

AEKDB,
Andy McEldowney '83
House Corporation President

A Glimpse

of the Gamma-Rho Past





FROM *the* Educational FOUNDATION

Pete Parker '88

You've made a difference, but we need more of you to "step-up" to enable us to reach our goals. Tuition at UA is \$13,277 for AZ Residents and \$42,075 for Out-of-State. You then can add approximately \$2,500 for meals and rent of \$7,000-\$10,000 double/\$12,000-\$15,000 single. Plus, our chapter fees annually are \$2,040 dues; parlor fees of \$500-\$1,000 per year; annual meal plan of \$2,400 (Fr-So), \$2,000 (Jr), and \$1,600 (Sr); and annually rent of \$7,000-\$8,000 double/\$10,000-\$12,000 single. The average student has approximately \$20,000 of financial need for the school year not met by their families before you even get to our fraternity fees. Fiji has found a way to meet the needs through donors donating \$125,000-\$150,000 annually.

Sigma Chi is now developing a plan to compete. These two chapters are our biggest competitors. Kappa Sigma has become the choice for students who are focused on excellence in academics, career preparation, campus involvement, diversity, and sports, while having a great social calendar. However, we are losing members in recruitment, or they are dropping out of the chapter when they realize they can't afford school and the fraternity. Help Us Meet Our Goals Kappa Sigma currently has nine donors providing scholarships of \$1,000-\$3,000 each (a few offering more than one) and then our foundation can help award another \$30,000 based on giving from alumni & undergraduates/parents. Our need is to offer at least \$50,000 more annually to meet our need and merit-based scholarship goals. The needs below can be met by one brother or parent, a few, or an entire class. We are looking for:

- 20 more sponsors of \$3,000 annual dues/parlor fees scholarships.
- 30 more sponsors of \$1,000 scholarships.
- 100 or more alumni to donate a monthly recurring gift of \$10-\$100 per month (currently 100% of our undergraduates contribute \$10 per month so certainly many of you can at least match them).

Finally, we ask those of you who Kappa Sigma had an impact on your undergraduate and/or alumni lives to consider leaving a legacy in your estate plans. We are currently aware of a few alumni leaving \$25,000-\$100,000 in their estate plans. Making a contribution is easy. Go to our website donate page or the QR code listed on the right side of this page. Help us give more students the experience of Kappa Sigma.

AEKDB
Pete Parker '88, aka, Spidey
President

How Can You Make a Difference?

- Attending one or more days of recruitment
- Speaking on a career panel and/or holding 1-on-1 career discussions
- Providing internship and/or full-time job opportunities to members
- Attending Homecoming or another alumni event annually
- Helping us plan an alumni event in your city or a destination like a golfing or hiking trip
- Serving as an Alumni Big Brother – you can live anywhere
- Joining our Advisory Board, Educational Foundation Board, or House Corporation Board
- Participating with the undergraduate-inspired 1423 Investment Fund – an investment fund that alumni & undergraduates invest into companies and each other
- Donating \$10-\$100 per month through a recurring credit card gift to our Educational Foundation and/or House Corporation
- Funding a \$1,000-\$3,000 scholarship yourself or with other alumni from your era
- Funding a legacy gift from your estate supporting an area important to you

VISION

Gamma-Rho's vision is to provide members a great college experience; to ensure they are career-ready; to create a lifetime affinity to Gamma-Rho Chapter, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and the University of Arizona; to launch friendships for life; and help our members have successful lives.

It starts with you (us alumni) committing to a lifetime of commitment to Gamma-Rho Chapter...to us remembering: "Kappa Sigma...not for a day...an hour...or college term only...but for life." Each of us can play a role in Gamma-Rho's excellence! Please take the time to read our "Undergraduate Chapter Formula for Success" and "How You Can Make a Difference".



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VOLUNTEER

<https://www.uakappasigma.org/volunteer>



Mark Fitzgerald '13

Graduation Year: 2015

Major: Public Management and Policy

Current Employer & Current Title: Capitol Consulting, Director of Government Relations

Previous Employers & Titles: In my previous roles, I had the honor of working for former Ambassador and U.S. Secretary of the Air Force Barbara Barrett, as well as former Congresswoman and U.S. Senator Martha McSally. Additionally, I held positions with the Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Arizona Dept. of Housing.

Activities You Like To Do Outside of Work: I enjoy traveling, hiking, golfing; and collaborating with various nonprofits across Arizona to promote civic engagement and foster meaningful civil discourse.

When at UA, What Leadership Positions Did You Hold in the Chapter: Family Weekend Chair and Dads Weekend Chair.

When at UA, What Clubs & Organizations Were You Involved In: I was actively involved in College Republicans and had the privilege of being one of the founding members of the College of Social Sciences Student Ambassadors.

What's One of Your Favorite Memories of Your Time at UA: My time at UA was unforgettable for the lifelong friendships I made with people who are still some of my closest friends. I'll never forget the Thursday nights at Dirtbags, spontaneous Vegas trips with the brothers, and the thrill of the 2014 March Madness Tournament cheering on the Cardiac Cats.

What Advice Do You Have For Undergraduates: Don't take life too seriously during your undergrad; these are some of the best years of your life. Live them fully and seek out mentors who can guide your future — many of my career opportunities were possible because of the mentors I connected with.

Jay Freedman '90

Graduation Year: 1992

If Married, Your Spouses Name: Jen

If Your Have Children, Names & Ages: Aaron 18 & Maddie 21

Major: French **Minor:** Economics

Current Employer & Current Title: Vice President, Sales , Fidelity Institutional Wealth Management Services

Previous Employers & Titles: USAA Director of Corporate Culture, Director Solutions Consulting and Director Wealth Management , & Wells Fargo Advisors - Senior Vice President

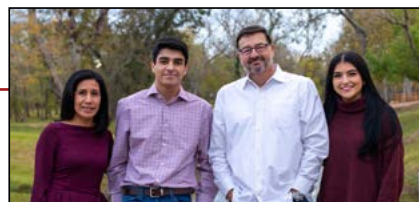
Activities You Like To Do Outside of Work: Golf, Cook, Guitar, & Time with Family and Friends

When at UA, What Leadership Positions Did You Hold in the Chapter: President, Philanthropy Chair, & Rush Chairman

When at UA, What Clubs & Organizations Were You Involved In: French Club

What's One of Your Favorite Memories of Your Time at UA: Road Trip to Westwood Invasion - Smell the Van Tour

What Advice Do You Have For Undergraduates: Build your personal and professional network and invest in relationships.



Vince Givannini '12

Graduation Year: 2016

Major: Finance

Current Employer & Current Title: Big Dog Adhesives - International Sales and SE Sales Manager

Previous Employer & Titles: Charles Schwab - Pinnacle Trading Team Lead - Stock Broker

Activities You Like To Do Outside of Work: Golf, ski, kayak, fish, go hunting or shooting and enjoy a good movie

When at UA, What Leadership Positions Did You Hold in the Chapter: Housing Manager - thanks to alumni

donations, I helped to do an entire house renovation over the summer of 2013.

When at UA, What Clubs & Organizations Were You Involved In: Co-President of the Cinema Connoisseurs Club, Finance Investments Team, Intramural Soccer & Basketball

What's One of Your Favorite Memories of Your Time at UA: Weekender to Vegas was one for the ages also when we won the soccer intramural championships

What Advice Do You Have For Undergraduates: Take classes that are challenging and challenge yourself in the courses...if you don't learn anything from these four years your diploma is just a paper on a wall.



David Shefter '83

Graduation Year: 1987

Major: Broadcast Journalism (minor in journalism)

Current Employer & Title: United States Golf Association, Senior Staff Writer

Past Employers & Titles: Glendale (Calif.) News-Press (sports reporter), The Signal Newspaper (Santa Clarita, Calif.), sports reporter and sports editor

When at UA, What Leadership Positions Did You Hold in the Chapter: Grand Secretary, intramural chairman

What Organizations Were You Involved in on Campus & Positions Held: Daily Wildcat Newspaper (2 years), sportswriter and sports editor. Major beats covered (baseball, football).

What's One of Your Favorite Memories of Your Time at UA: Getting to cover UA baseball for Daily Wildcat during national title run in Spring of 1986; and covering UA football in fall 1986 (covered huge win over undefeated ASU, Chuck Cecil 100-plus-yard INT return for a TD. Other comments: Being in Kappa Sigma gave me a chance to grow socially. . I thoroughly enjoyed my four years at Arizona and being involved with Kappa Sigma was a major part of that college experience.

What Advice Do You Have For Undergraduates: Get involved with as many organizations as possible. If you are a journalism major like I was, work for the school paper, apply for internships at papers/TV stations/media organizations). Classroom experience is only part of your education process. You need to get real-world experience because that's what future employers desire. My two years at the Daily Wildcat were invaluable. Got to cover a variety of sports, deal with a variety of athletic/coaching personalities and write a ton of game stories/features. My two internships in Philadelphia (Channel 3 and Channel 6) were just as valuable. Make those connections that will help you land that first big job post-college. Networking is paramount, no matter what your chosen profession might be.



Eric Stevenson '82

Graduation Year: 1985 (UofA's Centennial year !)

Major: General Studies – not sure what it's called today, but it's the college of Arts & Sciences (3 minors: Business, Political Science, English)

Current Employer & Current Title: SoftBank Robotics Europe, VP Customer Initiatives

Previous Employer & Titles: there's a lot of history ! ... previously at Hewlett-Packard Europe, Bain Consulting London, Procter & Gamble HQ

Activities You Like To Do Outside of Work: sculpting marble and metal, house building projects, gardening, films, travelling throughout Europe

When at UA, What Leadership Positions Did You Hold in the Chapter: motivating the EC :-) Kappa Sigma National Scholarship & Leadership Award (1984-85), Gamma Rho Slonaker Hall of Fame (2005)

When at UA, What Clubs & Organizations Were You Involved In: ASUA President, ASUA Senator, ASUA Speakers Board head, Bobcats, Mortar Board, Chain Gang, Sophos, Greek Man of the Year (1985).

What's One of Your Favorite Memories of Your Time at UA: with my Kappa Sig brothers, exploring the massive system of underground utility tunnels which connect all the campus buildings. One brother even took a book from the Science Library's basement level, and then returned it later ! I imagine these tunnels are probably closed now.

What Advice Do You Have For Undergraduates: Fully enjoy the UofA for the wonderful "buffet" you can experience – Kappa Sig life (of course), but also seek out the other great things on offer, such as the Planetarium and the beautiful desert to see the stars, the arts and design centers, some of the lesser-known sports, and maybe even explore the system of underground tunnels like we did (at your own risk) !!



MEET OUR UNDERGRADS



Ian Davison '23

Anticipated Grad Year: 2026

Major: Business Management

Career Plans: Home Sales at Meritage Homes

Chapter Involvement (Current or Past): Past Grand Scribe, Ritual Chair, Master of the Ritual

Campus Involvement (Current or Past): Links Junior Honorary, Skate Club, Kickboxing Coach

What Does Gamma-Rho Mean To You? Gamma-Rho has helped me grow in the right direction because of the many role models we have. Fraternity life has meant growing in all life categories with my Brothers' help. Gamma-Rho means aiding young men in becoming the best versions of themselves.

Favorite Chapter Memory: Nerf Wars or water balloon fights

Advice for New Members: Set goals and work towards them to fulfill your days purposefully. When you put work into something you are passionate about, it becomes easier to create good habits to propel more success. If you do the bare minimum in your college experience and only focus on short-term fun, you won't grow to your potential. I challenge all new members to serve the chapter with your leadership and study what it means to be a true Kappa Sigma. All effort you put into the fraternity will reward you in return and help you along the path of life.



John Keleman '23

Anticipated Grad Year: 2027

Major: Optical Sciences & Engineering

Career Plans: Research and development of optical systems for resource management, energy sustainability, and other global challenges

Chapter Involvement: Brothers In Action Chair/New Member Educator, Big Brothers Chair, Slating Committee

Campus Involvement: Links Junior Honorary (VP and Philanthropy Chair), Student Optics Chapter (work with grad students and professional organizations), Order of Omega Leadership Society (Secretary)

What does Gamma-Rho Mean to You? Gamma-Rho represents a true sense of togetherness, offering a space for social connection, academic encouragement, and professional growth. Above all, it's a bond of friendship and Brotherhood. The ritual and our shared name unite us, transcending any individual challenges we may face. It's humbling to realize that without this Fraternity, I might never have crossed paths with these incredible men—an awareness that motivates me to cherish every moment we share.

Favorite Chapter Memory: My favorite chapter memory has to be from Family Weekend my sophomore year. I was so excited for my family to meet everyone at the house and spend quality time together. It was a special experience to show them what Kappa Sigma means to me and how much my brothers have become a part of my life. Going to the football game together and sharing that energy was unforgettable. It really reminded me of how meaningful our Dad's and Mom's Weekends are as well, as they allow us to connect our families with the fraternity, connecting both worlds.

Advice to New Members: Being part of Kappa Sigma Gamma-Rho is a rare and unique opportunity that very few people in this world will ever have the chance to experience. Embrace every moment, as the group evolves and improves with each passing year. Dive in fully, because your engagement shapes not only your experience but also the legacy of the Brotherhood.



Tommy Staats '23

Anticipated Grad Year: 2026

Major: Physiology & Medical Sciences, Molecular and Cellular Biology

Career Plans: Planning to apply to medical school

Chapter Involvement (Current or Past): Was previously the chapter's Health and Wellness Chair and Philanthropy (A Greater Cause) Chair.

Campus Involvement (Current or Past): Current president of the LINKS Junior Honorary, past Vice President of the SMORES Sophomore Honorary

What Does Gamma-Rho Mean To You?: Gamma-Rho has been the epitome of balance for me throughout my undergrad. Whether I need to find advice for school and my career plans, or if I need to take a day off to enjoy the company of the brothers around me, Gamma-Rho has always had my back. Being a part of this chapter has made me unforgettable memories, and has led me to opportunities that I never thought I'd see. I'll always be thankful for the support and growth that Gamma-Rho has provided for me.

Favorite Chapter Memory: My favorite memory has been planning and running our fraternity's first philanthropic dodgeball tournament last spring.

Advice for New Members: Make the most of this and get involved as early as possible! These semesters fly by faster than you think, take advantage of the opportunities this chapter brings you!



Ben Tung '24

Anticipated Grad Year: Spring 2026

Major: Software Engineering Major with a math minor and pursuing the Honors Civic Leadership Certificate

Career Plans: I plan to work in the cybersecurity or AI fields. I would like to acquire a masters, a PHD, and a MBA as well. Eventually I would love to return to academia as a professor.

Chapter Involvement: Pledge Class Vice President; Running for Ritual and Academic Chair positions

Campus Involvement: *Current:* Software Engineering Wildcats - President; Franke Honors Ambassadors - Co-President; Engineering Student Council - Director of Freshman Engineering; PATH Mentorship Program - Mentor; Wildcat Mentor Society - Mentee; Financial Literacy Club; Order of Omega; Franke Forum; SIE Student Advisory Board; LINKS Junior Honorary. *Past:* Wildcat Robotics; Men of Color Cohort' SMORES Sophomore Honorary; Freshman Class Council Freshman Honorary

What does Gamma-Rho Mean to You?: Gamma-Rho is where I am inspired to be the best version of myself each and every day. It is a place where I witness greatness in the making from such a diverse group of individuals. I have found a home here and with my brothers that I treasure so deeply. Alongside the great memories I have made with my brothers and the many more to come, I have so much trust that these are the people who will stand up for me and lift me up when I am in need. I have found so much inspiration within this brotherhood and I hope to continue to grow and to be a stronger student, brother, and man.

Favorite Chapter Memory: My favorite chapter memory has got to be when my pledge class volunteered to do a buffel grass pull together. The hike up was brutal and so many of us got stuck by cacti but struggling and fighting together to make positive change in our community has been one of my favorite moments since joining this chapter.

Advice for New Members: For new members I would say to appreciate and treasure this golden opportunity. Not everyone gets to be a part of Greek Life and fewer are in Kappa Sigma. This fraternity has changed my life for the better and has the potential to change yours too if you are present and passionate about what we stand for. Show up for events and be connected with your brothers because this is a once in a lifetime opportunity that shouldn't be taken for granted.



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Please consider providing a monthly recurring gift of \$10-\$100 per month. Even small gifts when combined with others has a significant impact. See the QR code below.

For those of you who prefer a one-time gift, see the QR code below or cut out the return form below and mail to us.

No matter what avenue you choose, know your support – your continuing engagement – is always deeply appreciated and is put to good use.



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