

#### FALL 2021

#### LET'S G-O!

#### Gamma-Omicron brings home awards haul from 2021 Grand Conclave



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NASHVILLE, July 25 – Gamma-Omicron just capped off an incredibly successful biennium at the Kappa Sigma Grand Conclave, bringing home numerous awards, most notably the Founder's Circle as one of the top five Kappa Sigma chapters in the whole fraternity. In attendance were over 1,100 brothers from chapters all across North America. Nine undergraduates from Gamma-Omicron as well as Alumni Advisor Cory Sims ('04) were in attendance representing the chapter. Our brothers were able to meet, network and set plans for the upcoming semester. At the awards banquet on Saturday night, the chapter was presented with a multitude of awards, including our second consecutive FACE (Founders Award for Chapter Excellence) award. Bob Dole ('42) was awarded the Kappa Sigma Man of the Year award on the 50th anniversary of his original award in 1970. Brother Dole is the only Kappa Sigma to achieve this award twice, an

incredible award for both Dole and the chapter. The brothers in attendance also brought home the Kappa Sigma Founder's Circle Award which is only awarded to the top 5 chapters in the country. This award has never been given to Gamma-Omicron in the past, and we look forward to hanging it up in the chapter house. Not to be outdone, past Grand Master Andrew Klimiuk (18) received Undergraduate of the Year for Area 3 and Cory Sims received AA of the year. On top of these astounding awards, they were also recognized as the twelfth largest of 300 chapters boasting a 51 man pledge class during the 2020-2021 year. This work was a direct result of our outstanding alumni support, undergraduate leadership and previous goals that were reached in the 2019-2020 school year.



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# CHAIR house corporation REPORT

#### Nick Lombardi '02, President & Chairman

The hard work over the last ~5 years has begun bearing fruit for the Gamma-Omicron Chapter. It with immense pride that I can report the Chapter and the Corporation are on solid footing moving into the 2021-22 academic year. As evidenced by the impressive haul of national awards we received at this last Conclave, we have been successful in righting the ship and preparing for the best days of our Chapter.

The credit goes largely to Cory Sims '04 for the tireless effort he puts into the Chapter as Alumnus Advisor. Dave Steen '68 and Tom Robinett '69 continue to offer sage guidance at the Corporation Board level. And the active Chapter has benefitted from three fantastic GMs in a row and a membership base that strives for greatness rather than accept the status quo. We continue to hand out numerous academic awards every semester, and in conjunction with the Gamma-O Foundation helmed by Ed Grass '77, those brothers who are leaders organizationally and academically are handsomely rewarded. We are fortunate and privileged to see those numbers go up every year.

Gamma-O was honored to host the SEC for their meeting this June in Kansas City. And our House Mother, Patricia Harbaugh, made sure our house and our guys stood out as an example of excellence. The Founder's Circle award is awarded to the top 5 Kappa Sigma chapters in the world. In speaking with the WGM, he noted that they ran 3 models for selection of the award and Gamma-O was the only one to be in all three. That's good enough for Best in the World in my book; although I still think KU should raise a 2020 National Championship banner at Allen Fieldhouse as well ...

The Corporation is beginning to recoup some of the funds used to keep the Chapter afloat the past few years and we have instituted an aggressive payback structure for the Chapter to make sure our capital reserves are sufficient to weather any future storms. We are also beginning targeted capital campaigns this fall to replace systems and fixtures within the Chapter House — be on the lookout for those emails and a chance to have your name on most any room of the facility. Speaking of the house, the Chapter accepted Bob Dole's second Man of the Year award at Conclave this summer — the only Kappa Sig to have earned that honor twice. In the spirit of that award, the Gamma-Omicron Corporation Board has unanimously moved to dedicate the house at 1045 Emery Road as the "Bob Dole Chapter House" this coming fall.

To that point, I would like to invite every alum to make a visit to the Chapter this school year. Walk around, meet the guys and take a trip down memory lane — all of you who have been a part of our Chapter embody the spirit of Gamma-O and are just as critical to providing the legacy of Brotherhood as volunteers. The Corporation and the Chapter are eager to bring new alums into the fold and increase involvement from the many generations of Gamma-O's. If the mood should strike you to be a more hands-on volunteer, feel free to give me a shout or shoot FMG a note and we'll make sure you can get involved. I can tell you that as a volunteer for nearly 20 years, there are few experiences as rewarding or which evoke a similar sense of pride.

I hope many of you will take the time to attend our Hall of Fame banquet this fall and I look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the next year. Now is the time to reconnect with Gamma-O as an alum and I hope your continued support will ensure our Chapter's continued success.





## GRAND MASTER REPORT

#### Mason Barrett '19, Grand Master

The 2020-2021 academic year was a prosperous stretch for the Gamma Omicron chapter of Kappa Sigma. Faced with adversity amid the pandemic and restrictions set by KU, our chapter managed to

grow stronger, achieve goals and prove what it means to be a Kappa Sigma during these troubled times. Our accomplishments from the fall included the largest fall pledge class in the last ten years, housing over 50 men in the chapter facility and winning the FACE award for the second year in a row. Prior to the spring semester, the undergraduates as well as our executive council set out to finish the year strong and earn a second consecutive FACE award, which we will find out at Grand Conclave in July. After raising and donating over \$20,000, performing over 5,000 hours of community service in the spring semester alone and having all undergraduates 100% ritually proficient we are sure to see another FACE award. Gamma-Omicron will be heading into the fall 2021 semester with a chapter that is stronger than ever, more dedicated than previous years and full of undergraduates that are determined to see our chapter rise to a position that will ensure success on campus and at a national level.

BROTHER BOB DOLE '42 NAMED 2020 KAPPA SIGMA MAN OF THE YEAR

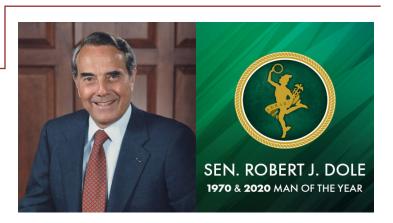
(LAWRENCE, Kan.)—The Kappa Sigma Fraternity has named United States Senator Robert J. Dole its 2020 Man of the Year, making him the first member of the Fraternity to receive the award twice. The announcement took place this past weekend as part of its 73rd Biennial Grand Conclave held in Nashville, Tenn. Brother Dole was initiated into the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma at the University of Kansas on October 4th, 1942.

Brother Dole was decorated as the Kappa Sigma Man of the Year in 1970 and was inducted to the Kappa Sigma Hall of Honor in 2009 as the 14th Brother in the history of Kappa Sigma to be decorated with this significant honor. Brother Dole was named the 2020 Kappa Sigma Man of the Year at the 73rd Biennial Grand Conclave in Nashville, Tennessee, becoming the first Brother ever to win the Man of the Year Award twice.

The 2020 award was accepted on Brother Dole's behalf by fellow Kappa Sigma Man of the Year Martin C. Petersen, former Executive Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and treasurer of Kappa Sigma's International Board of Directors, who received the award in 2006. The award was also presented to Dole's home chapter, the Gamma-Omicron Chapter at the University of Kansas.

Depending on summer rush, we plan to fill the chapter house this fall with more than 70 undergraduates, the most Gamma-Omicron has seen in the last decade. The leadership and involvement in the chapter will be proven by having a handful of seniors living in the chapter house and an experienced executive council filled with four returning juniors and one sophomore. Our executive council is backed by our undergraduates who have plans for even more community service in the Lawrence/KC area, campus involvement and group events with our chapters in the surrounding KU Greek community. Much of this is only possible with our dedicated alumni volunteers. Having an extremely supportive alumni advisor and a strong corporation board allows us undergraduates to operate as efficiently as possible. We are extremely thankful to have them on our side during our time as officers.

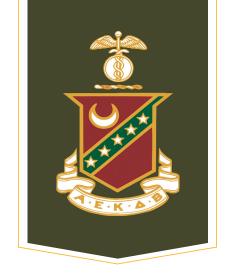
While the achievements of last year are plentiful, there is still an incredible amount of work to do to prove Gamma-Omicron's leadership and success as a chapter. We are looking forward to executing on the opportunity to succeed this fall.



"Kappa Sigma has always represented responsibility, kindness and service to others – qualities that have shaped my life in nearly eight decades as a Brother," Senator Dole said in his acceptance letter. "To have been selected as the Kappa Sigma Fraternity Man of the Year on two separate occasions is a significant honor that means a great deal to me."

"Brother Dole represents one of the greatest statesmen and public servants that the United States and the State of Kansas have ever known," said Adam J. Merillat, president of Kappa Sigma's international board of directors. "Brother Dole has accomplished so much since he was first awarded the Kappa Sigma Man of the Year Award in 1970. Kappa Sigma is grateful for his service and privileged to again honor Brother Dole with this award."

Stay tuned for future announcements concerning Bob Dole coming soon!





After talk about hosting a Supreme Executive Committee (SEC) meeting in the Kansas City/Lawrence area came up in February of 2020, it finally came to life. Earlier in June, the Gamma-Omicron chapter was proud to host over 20 members from Kappa Sigma Headquarters as well as other Gamma-Omicron alumni for a night of fellowship at 1045 Emery Road. After arriving in Kansas City on Friday June 11, the SEC had the opportunity to tour Allen Fieldhouse as well as the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics. The incredible legacy that has been left behind by Brother Dole stood out tremendously to our visiting brothers. The SEC was welcomed by over 40 undergraduate brothers at the chapter house later that evening. Following a BBQ dinner, scholarship checks were given out to undergraduates who qualified for them. The history, quality and overall legacy of our chapter house stood out to the SEC during their visit. Housemother Patricia Harbaugh spent weeks preparing for this event and we are extremely grateful for her successful efforts.

On Saturday June 12, the SEC meeting took place at Hotel Kansas City. Brothers Cory Sims '04, Andrew Klimiuk '18, Mason Barrett '19 and John Biehler '19 attended to sit in on hearings and follow up with the SEC. The SEC was extremely helpful in setting up goals for the next academic year and efforts to continue the success that our chapter has seen over the last two years. We are looking forward to a fully open, in person semester in Lawrence.





# ALUMNI UPDATES



### DAVID MACKENZIE '61 HELPS FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GAMMA-O

David Mackenzie was initiated into the Gamma-Omicron Chapter in 1961, paving the path for his brothers, James and Robert Mackenzie, to follow in '64 and '72. It didn't take long for David to become involved in the leadership of the chapter. During his time at University of Kansas, David served as Rush Chairman and Social Chairman of the chapter. He also was fortunate enough during this time to have Bill Texter '59 (now deceased) as a big brother and Ed Cheramy '63 as his little brother. Outside of Kappa Sigma, David involved himself in the KU Marching Band, playing the trumpet both his Freshman and Sophomore year. David also was in the University's Naval ROTC program from his Freshman to Senior year. The Naval ROTC resulted in being commissioned as an Ensign on a WWII Destroyer Escort in the South China Sea. His only comment about the Vietnam Was was that as its Gunnery Officer, they tried to kill me, but they missed. His summer opportunities in college allowed him to meet with a senior executive with Liquid Carbonk Corporation who was visiting the chapter and offered him a summer job in a dry ice plant in the K.C. Stockyards. The next year, Bob Eaton '59, who worked a summer job as night shift manager in a Pea Cannery in eastern Oregon provided many Brothers a chance to earn good money working in the cannery, driving a truck in the wheat harvest, and loading mailbox cars.

Following his naval service and college, David joined the Bank of America in San Francisco and enrolled at the University of San Francisco, earning his MBA at night school in 1974. He subsequently chose to polish his Trust and Tax skills at The Pacific Coast Banking School in 1976. In 1979, David met his future wife, Wanda. The following year, David and Wanda were married and moved to Nassau, Bahamas, where he began his new position as the Managing Director of Bank of America's subsidiary, providing Trust and Banking services to non-Americans. David continued to progress in his career and position within the company, eventually becoming the Executive Vice President and its Chief Fiduciary Officer for the Bank Worldwide. After being a loyal employee for

32 years to Bank of America, David retired from the company in 1999. During retirement, David became an 'Expert Witness' in Trust Litigation cases for the next 20 years. Throughout the challenges that the position brought David, he ended up excelling in this position, winning all his assignments. David created and expanded his own National Practice, taking cases from Boston to Memphis, Texas, Los Angeles, Ohio, West Virginia and Seattle. David is now retired from the position of Expert Witness but continues to find himself spending his spare time managing his portfolio.

David became a very successful figure in his professional career, but as he looks back at his time as an undergraduate and member of Gamma-O, he remembers how none of it came without hard work and sacrifice. As college and the workforce continue to change, David "advises undergraduates that competition only increases after college and the college grading scale does not reflect the grading scale in the professional workforce". On the other hand, David also shared his experience as a struggling college student who found himself having to work just a little harder to keep his grades up. While David struggled with double entry accounting in Business school, he eventually became the Secretary/ Treasurer of his condominium Homeowner's Association for 20 years, showing how hard work can get you to far places. But he also kept the Gamma-Omicron Chapter close in importance to him, which is why he continues to support the chapter's scholarship Foundation. When asked why he continues to contribute to the chapter scholarship fund, David states, "If we can't do it, who will?" Giving back to the community that enhanced his college experience is important and he hopes that all of his pledge brothers can provide \$1,000 or \$2,000 to the scholarship fund. David continues and will always remember Kappa Sigma and the Gamma-Omicron Chapter as, "A home away from home with some good guys".



## ALUMNI UPDATES CONTINUED

#### PETER WEAVER '85



Pete was imitated into the Gamma-Omicron chapter in 1985 and graduated from KU in 1991. As a student from Hawaii, Pete was met with a large culture shock upon his admittance to the university; however his involvement within the Gamma-

Omicron chapter kept him at Kansas University. He quickly found himself getting involved in outdoor activities, joining the Outdoor Recreation committee, and playing on some local club soccer teams. His outdoor interest and skills led him to major in Recreation Management. If it wasn't for the support of the brothers of the Gamma-Omicron chapter though and the legacy of his uncle, a former Gamma-O, that pushed him to join the chapter in the first place, Pete would not be where he is today.

Pete currently resides in Overland Park, Kansas with his wife Jamie working as a Senior Hematology Specialist at Novartis Hematology with past experience in Pharmaceutical Sales. Outside of his professional career, Pete continues to stay involved in outdoor recreational sports, especially soccer, volunteering for the Overland Park and Kansas State youth soccer associations. Pete has also transferred the skills he has gained as a former soccer player and time coaching with Global FC (Football Community), which uses the game of soccer as a way for refugees to settle into the United States, be a part of a team and start making some connections. Global FC helps provide extra-curricular activities, academic support, family support and a general sense of belonging in the United States. Along with the game of soccer, the foundation also provides educational resources for refugees, emphasizing the importance of schoolwork and education. During his time with the foundation, Pete has been able to see the organization grow to 200 refugee kids all over the world, including Africa, Central America, Mexico, Europe, South Asia, the Middle East and the United States. Pete continues to devote his time to Global FC, serving on the Board of Directors along with his position as coach and mentor to the children of the organization.

#### BILL WEAVER '72

Bill is a 1972 initiate of the Gamma-Omicron Chapter. In 1975, Bill graduated from Kansas University with a degree in Political Science. He currently resides in Centennial, Colorado with his wife, Kelly, working as a Region Sales Manager for M2 Logistics, Inc. Bill is an Uncle to Pete Weaver, an '85 initiate, and was fortunate enough to have David O'Brien '84 as his Big Big Brother and Stephen Swenson '86 as his little brother during his time as an undergraduate.

#### **MATTHEW HAMMES '90**

Matthew was initiated into the Gamma-Omicron chapter in 1990 and graduated from Kansas University in 1994. Matthew currently resides in Omaha, Nebraska with his wife Jennifer. He currently works as an Attorney and Owner of Locher Pavelka Dostal Braddy & Hammes in Omaha.

#### **BRIAN RAGGETT '00**

Brian, a 2000 initiate of the Gamma-Omicron Chapter, graduated from Kansas University in 2004 with a Business Administration & Finance major. Brian has resided in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates with his wife, Stella, for the past 9 years. Previously a Consulting and Operations Executive, he now works as a Senior Client Executive for Cerner Corporation and stays busy in the city across seas.

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## MEET A COUPLE OF OUR UNDERGRADS!







NICK Knudson '20

JOHN LONG '20 is a sophomore from Wellington

Nick is a sophomore from Omaha, Nevada. He has taken on leadership roles in the chapter as he currently holds the strategic communications position. In the future, Nick hopes to get a job in marketing, public relations, or have the tools to be able to start his own business. He currently holds a 3.84 accumulative GPA with 32 hours coming out of his freshman year. Within the chapter he has held roles such as community service chair and risk management and he will be house manager and a rush chairman in the fall. To Nick, a fraternity means being a part of something that is bigger than just him and recognizing that everything you do should be done for the people in your house and your community rather than just yourself. His biggest advice for new members, in terms of Greek life and college life in general, would be to relax and not put too much pressure on yourself. When you begin your first semester it is easy to get anxious and stressed out about grades, extracurriculars, and social life. When things seem to be unraveling, remember to relax and focus on what you can control, and the rest will come to you.

John is a sophomore from Wellington, Kansas. He is majoring in accounting and business analytics and will graduate in 2024. John is taking after his big brother, the president Mason Barrett, and has been beginning to take on leadership roles in his chapter. He is not only the fall 2021 scholarship chair, but also the fall 2021 rush chair. When talking about his fraternity, John says that "Fraternity is something I can always count on no matter what happens through my life I will always have others supporting me." His advice for the new members is to befriend everyone you meet because you will never know what opportunities they might offer you later in life.

# DON'T MISS THE 2021 GAMMA-O HALL OF FAME DINNER

Friday, September 12, 2021 at Brio Italian Grille in Kansas City, MO

#### Meet the 2021 Gamma-Omicron Hall of Fame Inductees!

#### **James Wilson '67**



Initiated into Kappa Sigma in 1967, James pursued degrees in civil engineering and business and graduated from the University of Kansas in 1972. He then pursued further education and earned his Master of Science at The Leland Stanford Junior University School of Engineering.

After finishing his educational endeavors, James founded JWS Corporation in 1984 with the intention of selling estimating software systems by becoming a value-added reseller of construction accounting and estimating software in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Iowa. In 1988, after being approached by Kansas City aggregate producer, JWS wrote a software system that interfaced with their truck weight scale and produced weight tickets and billing invoices.

As an undergraduate, James lived in the chapter house for three years, was active on many committees to elevate the chapter, but never held any official officer titles. James was not the first of his family to join Gamma-Omicron and followed his cousins and uncles in their footsteps. He says "joining the Gamma-Omicron chapter of Kappa Sigma certainly proved to be a life changing event for me. Not only did it allow me to continue our family tradition of support for the fraternity, but it produced my two future business partners. JWS was started by myself and my pledge brother, Scott Kilough. Within a year, we added another partner who was also in our pledge class but never activated. The three of us continued a friendship from our pledge days into a later business partnership that flourished for over 30 years. GO not only gave me some great partners but also a livelihood" As an alumnus, he has made it a point to stay active as an alumnus by visiting the house to stay connected with the chapter. Along with his many accomplishments, James is a devoted husband to Elaine (Egan) Wilson and father to his three children, Tobi, James III, and Joshua. He also has five granddaughters and one grandson.

#### David Steen '71



David Steen was initiated into the Gamma-Omicron chapter of Kappa Sigma in 1968. David was persistently active within the undergraduate chapter serving as the Rush chairman as well as Grand Master. After graduating in 1971 with a Bachelors in Psychology, David remained involved with his chapter, acting as the Gamma-Omicron Corp Board president for eight years and remaining a member today. With the completion of his degree, Dave began to set foot in management for the medical diagnostics, device, and drug development industries. His dedication and analytical skills allowed him to lead different companies to success, both within the U.S. and internationally.

Along with a long list of commitments, Dave has been married to Nancy Steen for 40 years and is father to their three children, Anthony, Andrea, and Allison. Anthony was also a member of the Gamma-Omicron chapter of Kappa Sigma and graduated in 2000. Since the Gamma-Omicron chapter was such a prominent part of his life, David has stayed involved with the chapter and continues to support his brothers. He says, "I learned to cooperate and be persuasive with a wide range of personalities, which became useful to me almost immediately out of school. I gained a basic understanding of the workings of a business due to being a chapter officer handling or overseeing budgets, expenditures, and organization of varying types of events. I developed close friendships that continue to this day." The relationships he has formed and the knowledge he has gained from his time in the Gamma-Omicron chapter have aided Dave in reaching his success.



#### RSVP FOR THE HALL OF FAME DINNER

https://www.gamma-o.org/events/gamma-o-hall-of-fame-friday-september-17th

## Michael Helbert '72 Owner at Helbert & Allemang



Initiated into the Gamma-Omicron chapter of Kappa Sigma in 1970, Michael Helbert proved to be a natural leader through his fraternity as well as in his studies at the University of Kansas. Graduating in 1972 with a BA degree in Political Science and Government, he chose to continue his education at the University of Kansas School of Law, earning his JD in 1975. During his time at the chapter, Michael served as President for the 1971-1972 year. He remained involved with his fraternity, acting as the Alumnus Advisor for a short period in 1976.

Michael began practicing law with the firm of Atherton, Hurt and Sanderson in 1975. In 1978, he started his own firm in Emporia, Helbert and Allemang. Michael has demonstrated his excellent

leadership abilites and been recognized for this multiple times throughout his career. He currently holds a position on the Board of Governors of Kansas Trial Lawyers Association and has since 1988.

Since the Gamma-Omicron chapter was such an important part of his life, Michael remains involved with his fraternity and continues to support his brothers. He says, "I can truly say that Gamma-Omicron changed my life. When I pledged, I was not sure about where I was going in life or what I wanted. I was lucky enough to have two men, Dave Steen and Tom Robinett, as the actives with whom I shared a room. They taught me to believe in myself and encouraged me to push myself on to greater tasks. I also was able to make lasting friendships with my brothers and I cherish those relationships to this day. My days at Gamma - O were some of the best days of my life and the lessons that I learned there about friendship, hard work, fellowship, loyalty, honesty and the ability to get along with others and respect others has carried me through life."

#### **Robert Chestnut '80**



Rob Chestnut has been a senior financial professional for over 25 years. He has worked across a number of industries, including publicly traded billion-dollar organizations, privately held companies, and groups purchased by private equity. Rob earned both his BS in Accounting and MBA from the University of Kansas. Rob has spent many years as a Controller and a Chief Financial Officer in both the manufacturing and services sectors and currently serves as the CFO of ProPharma. He recently served as an elected City Commissioner and Mayor in his local community and is currently on the Pooled Money Investment Board for the State of Kansas and the Board of Trustees for Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

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Congratulations to the upstanding scholars of the Gamma-Omicron chapter! Recipients from the Gamma-Omicron Chapter Scholarship Fund are:

Chris Korba '17 **Andrew Kammerer '18 Andrew Klimiuk '18** Jonathan Amato '19 Luke Fritz '19

London Keller '18 was awarded the Donald C. Dilley Jr. Scholarship-Leadership for his unvielding leadership over the past year. Congratulations to all scholarship recipients!

There is no better time than now to support Gamma-Omicron!

Our chapter, like all fraternities, is as strong as the commitment of our undergraduate members' focus on success, and our alumni and parents' commitment to sharing some of their time and treasurer with the Chapter.

#### get involved & support GAMMA-O

#### VOLUNTEER

Join other alumni, parents, and friends to provide assistance in these areas: **Advisory Board:** meets monthly to advise the chapter in their operations. Alumni Chapter Board: works to oversee communication and plan events throughout the year. **Educational Foundation Board**: looks at educational programs and scholarships for

the undergraduates.

**Housing Corporation**: oversees all facility operations. For more information, contact Cory Sims at <a href="mailto:cory">cory Sims at <a

#### JOIN OUR CAREER NETWORK

Help members with careers by speaking at a Career Day, hiring an undergraduate as an intern, or employing an alumni. Let us know if you would be willing to present on a career panel and/or serve as a career mentor to one of our undergraduates. https://www.gamma-o.org/careers (Password: gammaocareers!)

For more information contact Pete Parker at <a href="mailto:pete.parker@fmgtucson.com">pete.parker@fmgtucson.com</a>

#### RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Provide a recruitment recommendation by filling out this form: https://www.gamma-o.org/recruitment-recommendation. You can also reach out to Emmanuel Gomez at <a href="mailto:emmanuelgomez21@gmail.com">emmanuelgomez21@gmail.com</a> or Jacob Webster at webster.jacob@comcast.net.

#### ONE-TIME OR RECURRING GIFT

Please consider a one-time or recurring gift. You can give online to the Housing Fund at <a href="https://www.gamma-o.org/give-to-housing-fund">https://www.gamma-o.org/give-to-housing-fund</a>, which helps with our alumni/parent programming expenses and maintenance/future construction of the facility, or make a donation to the Educational Fund at https://www.gamma-o.org/give-to-educational-fund, which maintains the educational areas of the house, awards scholarships, and funds career and leadership development programs.



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family, and guarantee you income for life? You can even make a significant impact through a gift that costs nothing in your lifetime (through a charitable bequest under your will).

There are several ways to support the chapter through Kappa Sigma's Gamma-O Educational Foundation, but when you plan a gift as part of your overall estate and financial plans, you help the chapter expand the boundaries of scholarship and leadership.

Learn more at <a href="https://www.gamma-o.org/leave-a-legacy">https://www.gamma-o.org/leave-a-legacy</a>.



# MILITARY HEROES VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

David Barney is a Brother of Kappa Sigma from the Chapter Gamma Omicron PC15. He started running tournaments as brotherhood events while living in the chapter house. With the support of Kappa Sigma executive board via prize money donation, his 3 on 3 backyard basketball season became a hit within the house and remained an annual event even after his graduation.

After graduating from the University of Kansas, David started his own beach volleyball tournament company is Southern California known as Popup Volleyball. Popup Volleyballs slogan is "Defining Social Competitive" because he brings highly competitive players together in a social way. This is accomplished by having players sign up individually and having a draft to pick teams, therefore almost guaranteeing they'll be playing with someone new every time. His tournament have even had highly notable volleyball players join like current Olympians in Tokyo Jake Gibb and Sarah Sponcil.

This July 4th, David decided to use his company to support Kappa Sigmas very own Military Heroes campaign. He said "I couldn't think of a better way to celebrate the 4th of July, other than giving back to the military" (David Barney). This event was known as the Freedom 4's and included 64 volleyball players with even more on the waitlist and spectating. **This event was able to raise \$750 for the Military Heroes campaign and will become an annual event.** 

If you would like to keep up with Popup Volleyball the best way would be to follow @popupvolleyball on instagram or check out popupvolleyball.com











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Help us celebrate James Wilson '67, David Steen '68, Michael Helbert '70, and Rob Chestnut '80.

The Hall of Fame dinner will be hosted Friday, September 17 at 6:00 pm at Brio Italian Grille, 502 Nichols Drive, Kansas City, MO 64112.

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