



G-O LITE

SPRING 2025

Rock Chalk Revue



This year, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Kappa put on an unforgettable Rock Chalk Review Performance with our show, "A Royal Bluff". This year's Gamma-Omicron Directors were Noah Cummings '22, Will Hartnett '22, and Tristan Pastore '22. This performance showcases months of hard work, creativity, and dedication. Countless hours went into perfecting every detail- From writing and rehearsing, to designing sets and choreographing. All this time and dedication is to put on an incredible show. Beyond the performance, our true purpose was to give back. We are proud to be a part of raising \$60,000 for the kids at the Ballard Center who give services to youths that at times through their early lives cannot be provided to them. Seeing the efforts that these young men have put forward to see this play come to life on a stage for thousands while making a real impact in the community was an experience like no other.



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GRAND MASTER REPORT

Brandon Dickerson, Grand Master



I began my position as GM in January and I couldn't be more excited about it and the journey and memories it holds. Reflecting on the strong foundation laid by previous leadership, I am eager to continue building upon that momentum and making a difference for the Gamma-Omicron of Kappa Sigma into another successful year. This past year has seen incredible progress, and I'm proud of how we've supported each other academically and personally. Moving forward, our focus will be on further strengthening the brotherhood and expanding our involvement in the community.

One of our key priorities will be increasing our community engagement through more philanthropic events and collaborations with local organizations. Another key priority is to win the FACE award again and keep our streak going to win it for the fifth year consecutively. We also plan to host more social gatherings and retreats to foster stronger bonds within the chapter. On a personal note, my goal is to create a chapter environment that prioritizes inclusivity, transparency, and growth. I want every brother to feel supported in their journey—whether it's academic, leadership, or personal development. Everyone excels in growth in their own category and I am excited to see everyone's growth. With all of us working together, I'm confident we'll continue to build a legacy of excellence at Gamma-Omicron.



15 AND THE MAHOMIES GALA

In Late October, the men of our chapter were able to take part in helping at the 5th annual 15 and the Mahomies gala at the Lowes Hotel. During this star-studded night, multiple chiefs players and companies from all over the KC metro and the United States came to help support and raise money for local charities that Patrick and Brittney are able to be a part of and help. Throughout the night, over 850 supporters were in attendance and were able to raise \$1,077,000 for 20 Kansas City Charities. It was a great night all around and as a chapter are always looking to give back to our community in positive ways such as this event.

October 3-5, 2025

Gamma-O Dad's & Alumni Weekend

Activities to include:

Friday Dinner

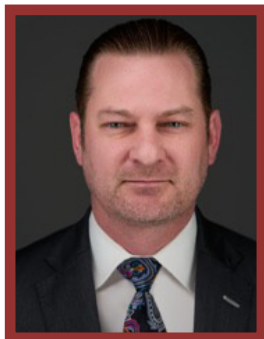
Saturday Gamma-O Foundation
Military Heroes Golf Tournament

Saturday Dinner

More details to follow later this spring/early summer.



Nick Lombardi '02, President & Chairman



Greetings brothers,

Best of wishes to you and your families as we begin 2025! I am pleased to report that the men of Gamma-Omicron have continued their streak of excellence over this past fall semester. Buoyed by successive years of outstanding undergraduate leadership, volunteer alumni engagement and unprecedented records in rush, philanthropy,

endowment fund contributions and community service, our beloved Chapter is reaching milestones not thought possible less than a decade ago.

These results are not possible without the tireless efforts of the volunteer alumni (many noted in the sidebar of Corporation and Chapter officers) and the grace of our housemother, Patricia Harbaugh. They keep this Chapter running and are chiefly responsible for its success. As basketball season ramps into conference and tournament play, next time you are in Lawrence to see a game, please stop by the house. The undergrads would be thrilled to see more alumni and the impeccable upkeep of the house will give you a warm sting of pride in these blistery months.

While many high-cost maintenance improvements have been made over the past few years (windows, flooring, painting, etc.), due to our increasing numbers as a Chapter, it has become apparent that expansion of the Chapter House is a necessity to continue our place on The Hill and broaden the reach of Kappa Sigma at KU. With that in mind, we have begun planning for how that expansion may look. We will also be commencing a capital campaign this year to fund that new construction.

If you have an interest in engaging with the Corporation or the Chapter on this endeavor, please reach out to me directly at 918.344.9904 or nalombardi@aol.com. We will be "all hands on deck" for this project for the next 18-24 months and welcome as much input and assistance as possible. Further, if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity for the betterment of the Chapter, I encourage you to contact me directly to get involved and make an impact on the lives of these young men. Not only is it a worthwhile experience, but the beneficial influence of Kappa Sigma is truly a wonderful thing to see in action. Thank you all for your friendship, fellowship and support as we embark on an exciting time for Gamma-O!

A.E.K..B.
Nick Lombardi, '03
Chairman
Gamma-Omicron, Inc.

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To the Education Fund
<https://www.gamma-o.org/give-to-educational-fund>



To the Housing Fund
<https://www.gamma-o.org/give-to-housing-fund>



Or, Leave a Legacy
<https://www.gamma-o.org/leave-a-legacy>

You've made a difference, but we still need more of you to have an impact on the chapter. The cost of going to school and being in the fraternity continues to increase so any support can make a difference.

Our foundation endowment helps support educational programming, career/leadership development, scholarships, and tutoring. We currently have \$1,250,000 in our endowment and our goal is to reach at least \$2,000,000. Reach out to Ed Grass at egrass3@verizon.net or 904-432-0834 for more information.

Our House Corporation last did a major renovation of our house in the early 90's. It's time to make the house more competitive again. We probably need at least \$1.0 million in renovations to provide a quality living-learning environment for the chapter. More to come on this in the future but feel free to reach out to Nick Lombardi at nalombardi@aol.com or 918-344-9904 for more information.








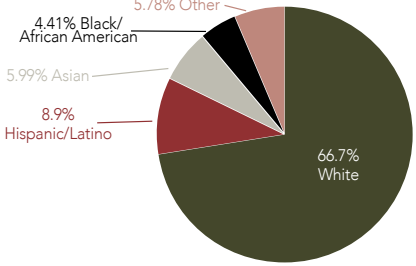
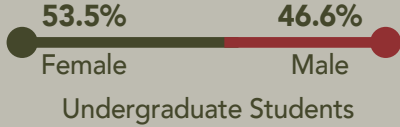

How Can You Make A Difference?

- Attending one of more days of recruitment
- Speaking on a career panel and/or holding a 1 on 1 career discussion with an undergraduate
- Providing internship and/or full-time job opportunities to members
- Attending our alumni events
- Helping us plan an alumni event in your city or a destination like a golfing or hiking trip
- Join our Advisory Board, Educational Foundation Board, or House Corporation Board
- Donate \$10-\$100 per month through a recurring credit card gift to our Educational Foundation and/or House Corporation
- Funding a \$1,000-\$2,500 scholarship yourself or with a group of other alumni
- Leaving a legacy gift from your estate supporting an area that is important to you

Please contact Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgtucson.com or 520-990-3250 with any questions.



CAMPUS FACTS

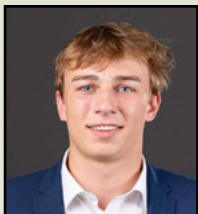
Values IRISE: integrity, respect, innovation, stewardship, and excellence		#of Students 19,241 Undergraduates  7,467 Post-Grads	
Greek Life 42 Fraternities and Sororities on campus 4,000 students in greek life 20% of students	 Meal Plan Rates \$2,200 - \$2,450 per semester	 Dorm Room Rates  \$5,134 - \$12,912 per academic year for single, double, triple https://housing.ku.edu/affordability	
Top Majors Psychology, Finance, Journalism, Registered nursing, Marketing, Business	Tuition \$11,700 for KS Residents \$29,412 for Out-of-State \$12,564 Avg Aid given to students (69% of students)	 Clubs on Campus 600+	
Top Ranking Programs #1 Local Government Management, #1 Special Education, #6 Physical Therapy, #6 Public Management and Leadership, #6 Speech Language Pathology, #8 Medicine - Primary Care, #9 Occupational Therapy, #10 Audiology	 Sports Won 15 National Championships	Majors 190 	 66.7% White 8.9% Hispanic/Latino 5.99% Asian 4.41% Black/African American 5.78% Other
KU National Ranking Ranked #81 amongst public institutions	 53.5% Female 46.6% Male Undergraduate Students		66% Graduation Rate  88% Acceptance Rate

CHAPTER FACTS

Membership 186	New Initiates 46	SEMESTER DUES In house \$6,000
 IN HOUSE GPA 3.4	SOCIAL Ski Lodge Franzia (Clydes) Cave With AXO Johnny's Tavern Up & Under Bar (brotherhood event) Bullwinkles Rented Out With Tab Beer Olympics (brotherhood event) Moms Weekend Spring Formal - Nashville Margaritaville	SOME HISTORY The Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity was established at the University of Kansas on May 18, 1912. Since its founding, the chapter has initiated numerous members, including notable alumni such as former U.S. Senator Robert J. Dole, who was initiated on October 4, 1942. The chapter maintains an active presence on campus and continues to uphold the values of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.
OUR VISION As proud members of Kappa Sigma, we envision a brotherhood that upholds the values of fellowship, leadership, scholarship, and service. We strive to create an environment that fosters personal growth, lifelong friendships, and a commitment to excellence in all aspects of life.		



UNDERGRAD PROFILES



KOLE KRINGS '23

Graduate – May 2027

Major – Finance and Accounting

Career Plans – I plan to enter into some sort of medical sales after I graduate.

Chapter Involvement(s)– Recruitment Chair, Grand Treasurer

Campus Involvement– Jackson Dicus Business Honors Program, Investment Club, various intramurals

What does Gamma-Omicron mean to you? – Creating great bonds that will last the rest of my life.

Favorite Chapter Memory – Hanging out with the guys on the patio.

Advice to New Members – Make the most of every moment, these are days that you can't get back.



JACK LAUER '23

Graduate – I am anticipated to graduate in May 2027.

Major – I am currently in the Business School and majoring in Finance.

Career Plans – I plan to enter into some sort of medical sales after I graduate.

Chapter Involvement(s): I have contributed to the house in a lot of various different ways including volunteering for Rock Chalk Revue, Basketball Intramurals, alumni relation chair, and now currently on the Executive Committee as Grand Scribe.

Campus Involvement– I am super involved in Saint Lawrence Center. I'm also a part of the Finance Club, Sales Club, and Rock Chalk Investment Club.

What does Gamma-Omicron mean to you? – Gamma-Omicron means a lot. It's a part of me and my family. I had two uncles that were Gamma-O here at KU and a cousin so I always knew I would be a part of Kappa Sigma when I went through rush.

Favorite Chapter Memory – I have plenty of memories of my time at Kap Sig, but one of my favorite memories is watching the super bowl last year in our pine room with twenty brothers and after the Chiefs won we rushed mass street and it was definitely a core memory I'll remember for a long time.

Advice to New Members – My advice to any of the guys is to have fun but be smart it's one opportunity you will get and it is the best time of your life not everyone gets to experience so take advantage of it but at the same time make stupid choices win stupid prizes so be smart with whatever you do.



CONNOR MCLAUGHLIN '23

Graduate – I plan on Graduating in may of 2027 with a degree in business marketing

Career Plans – I plan to get my sales certificate and become a lead salesman of a large brand.

Chapter Involvement(s)– I am currently the GMC and have also had other positions such as house manager and recruitment chair.

Campus Involvement– I participate in Natural Ties to help the less fortunate have fun and play games.

What does Gamma-Omicron mean to you? – Gamma-Omicron has been a huge part of my life. Ever since I pledged, I realized how close everyone was and how I wanted to help the house anyway I can. I've met some of my best friends here and really enjoy my time here!

Favorite Chapter Memory – When about 30-40 of our guys got a great spot in the student section for Kansas vs Iowa state in basketball, there was a crazy alley-oop and we all fell down in the stands. That game was tons of fun!

Advice to New Members – Don't be shy, putting yourself out there with the rest of the guys is the best way to get to know and become friends with everyone!



NICK TROFHOLZ '23

Graduate – May 2027

Major – Exercise Science

Career Plans – Physical Therapist

Chapter Involvement(s)– Current: Vice President Previous: Scholarship Chair, Community Service, RISK Chair

Campus Involvement– The Big Event, Pre-PT Club

What does Gamma-Omicron mean to you? – A never-ending brotherhood

Favorite Chapter Memory – Out-of-state formals

Advice to New Members – Live in the moment. You will never get an experience like this for the rest of your life.



KU CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

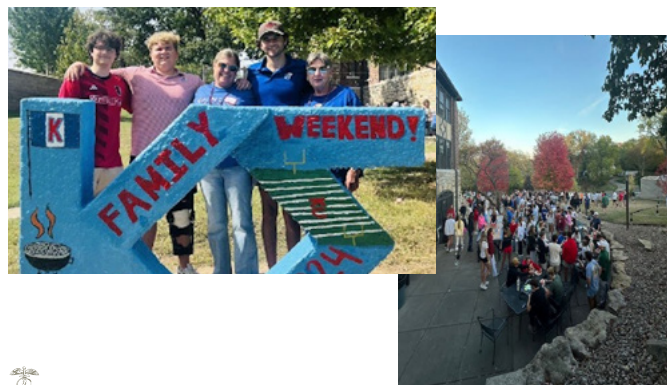


PHILANTHROPY CARWASH

For the August brotherhood event, we organized a car wash to support our philanthropy efforts. Our initial goal for the fundraiser was to raise \$700. However, we were thrilled to surpass our expectations significantly, raising around \$1700. This exceeded our target by nearly \$1000 and showcased the incredible support from our community. Not only did the brothers raise around \$1700, but they also continued to build closer bonds during the car wash. Ultimately, this was a successful event that contributed to our efforts to raise money towards philanthropy. We want to especially thank everyone who came and supported our event and efforts for the Greater Cause.

FAMILY WEEKEND

As we recap September, we're excited to share some great moments from our recent KU Family Weekend. It was a wonderful time that really captured the heart and spirit of our Kappa Sigma brotherhood and the Gamma-Omicron chapter. We kicked off the festivities this past weekend with a meet and greet on Friday evening at the Kappa Sigma house. It was a wonderful opportunity for alumni, current brothers, and families to reconnect and enjoy drinks and snacks in a relaxed atmosphere. On Saturday, we gathered together for a lively tailgate before the highly anticipated football game against TCU. Starting at noon that day, the brothers served delicious burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, and baked cookies to fuel our excitement for the game. The camaraderie and school spirit were electric as we cheered on our Jayhawks! Reflecting on the weekend, it was a successful endeavor that brought the Gamma-Omicron chapter even closer. Thank you to everyone who joined us for family weekend!



SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

As we reflect on October, we are excited to share highlights from our recent Scholarship Dinner, a night dedicated to celebrating academic excellence and involvement within the Gamma-Omicron chapter. The evening was filled with warmth as we honored our deserving scholarship recipients. The event featured speeches from Dave Steen and Cory Sims, members of the Gamma-Omicron board. We proudly awarded four scholarships: two for exceptional academic performance and two for outstanding involvement in the chapter. We would like to highlight Bryce Renfro, our Grand Treasurer, who achieved an impressive 4.0 GPA while double majoring in Finance and Accounting, exemplifying academic excellence. Overall, it was a wonderful celebration of achievement and brotherhood that brought us closer together. Thank you to everyone who attended and made our Scholarship Dinner memorable!



DAD'S WEEKEND

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FOOD DRIVE

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ALUMNI PROFILES!



KENT SUNDGREN '72

Initiation Year – 1972

Graduation Year – 1974

Children – Harrison & Zachary

Employer – Retired

What You Do – Motorcycle Safety Instructor

What You Like To Do Outside of Work – Hockey, Golf, Run, & Live Music

What Chapter Means To You – Certainly lifelong friends/brothers.

Advice for Undergrads – Behave yourselves.



RHETT BUCKLEY '04

Initiation Year – 2004

Graduation Year – 2004

Spouse – Jennifer

Children – Scarlett (4.5 yo) & Remy (6 months)

Employer – Self Employed

Title – Attorney/Partner

What You Do – Civil Litigation with a focus on Construction litigation

What You Like To Do Outside of Work – Hike, BBQ, Homebrew, donate blood at the children's hospital, volunteer with several organizations

What Chapter Means To You – Kappa Sig means growth for me. As a young man, it helped me to break out of my shell, talk to girls, learn to live with people of all walks of life, compromise, and determine personal priorities. There are experiences in the first couple of months spent living at the house that most people won't have in a lifetime. It also means perspective. Much of life is thinking only about personal issues and challenges. The chapter means you have to view things through a different perspective. Forcing you to think and prioritize the greater good of the Chapter over any one individual brother.

Advice for Undergrads – As most anyone can tell you, getting a job after school is difficult. The old joke that most entry level positions require years of experience is more true than not. Regardless of the field, I normally recommend two things to undergrads. First, spend your time in school shadowing people currently working the field you have an interest in pursuing. This builds relationships with those already working in the area, and it allows you to see if you truly want to pursue that profession. Secondly, I always recommend attending class. Even if you're hungover, drunk, failing, or otherwise. I could say it's because you or someone else is paying for an expensive class, but really it's about demonstrating reliability and building the habit.



NICK BARR '08

Initiation Year – 2008

Graduation Year – 2012

Spouse Name – Kristen

Major – Finance

Employer – Lockton

Title – AVP, Account Executive, Cyber/Professional & Executive Risk

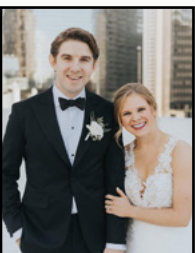
What You Do – Cyber & D & O Insurance Broker

What You Like To Do Outside of Work – Hockey, Golf, Run, & Live Music

Favorite Memory(ies) of School or Fraternity – Pledgeship, Yell In, Friday Afternoon Club, 11am Tailgates (lots of terrible football), Country Club Week, & Gulf Shores.

What Chapter Means To You – Brotherhood for Life.

Advice for Undergrads – Get good grades first, then have fun. Not the other way around. Try and have an internship and start networking before entering the workforce.





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COMING THIS FALL
TBD: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Please email corymsims@gmail.com your Hall of Fame Nominations.
Inductees are chosen based on success in their careers and/or for service
to the community, fraternity, and/or university.

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