

GAMMA-OMICRON CHAPTER • KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY



Gamma-Omicron Biannual Hall of Fame

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

welcome

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The biannual Gamma-Omicron Chapter Hall of Fame Award is presented by the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity on Friday, September 22nd, 2023



HALL OF FAME AWARDS BANQUET



**WELCOME
MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Nick Lombardi '03, House Corporation President

INVOCATION & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Brett Bozich '21, GMC

DINNER

STATE OF THE CHAPTER

Will Harnett '22, GM

HOUSING CORP UPDATE

Nick Lombardi '03

UNDERGRADUATE RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Nick Lombardi '03

HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION

Cory Sims '04, District Grand Master

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nick Lombardi '03

2023

HALL OF FAME

GAMMA-OMICRON CHAPTER HALL OF FAME 2023 INDUCTEES

James "JW" Youngblood '67

Skip Gast '72

Bill Johnson '80

Craig McGonigle '80

PAST INDUCTEES

Kappa Sigma Fraternity Man of the Year

2020: HON Robert J. Dole '42, Gamma-Omicron Alumnus, former US Senator

2007: Alan Mulally '64: Gamma-Omicron Alumnus, CEO of Ford Motor Company

1994: Bob Eaton '59: Gamma-Omicron Alumnus, former CEO of Chrysler Motor Company

1970: HON Robert J. Dole '42, Gamma-Omicron Alumnus, former US Senator; William M. Cox, Sr. '61; William M. Corum '63; Warren Denny '63

Chapter Man of the Year

2022 Tanner Bailly '21

2021 Mason Barrett '19

2020 Andrew Klimiuk '18

2019 Peter McNeal '15

2018 De'Riece Burse '17

2017 Jack Clifford '14

2014 Patrick Begley '10

2013 Dustan Boleski '09

2012 Cory Bell '08

2011 Brad Harrison '07

2010 Andy Whitehead '06

2009 Mitch Plummer '06

2008 Brian Harrison '05

2007 Cory Sims '04



INDUCTEES

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

James "JW" Youngblood '67



James "JW" Youngblood '67 graduated from the University of Kansas in 1971, earning his degree in Aerospace Engineering. After a prolific career in both construction and aircraft design engineering, JW is now retired and living in Kearney, Missouri with his wife, Bonnie. He has three children, seven grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren, and enjoys many family fishing trips to Arkansas, Canada, and Alaska.

JW's greatest career achievement was helping to transform a local utility construction firm into a nationally recognized leader in the water and wastewater industries. That very firm— Garney Construction Company— supported JW in his career success for forty years. Starting as Assistant Project Engineer and working his way up to the title of Executive Vice President, JW was eventually awarded the George Enright Memorial Spirit and Dedication Award from the company for his expertise and many years of managing water-related projects across numerous states. In his retirement, he is now the owner of SALLYWAGS RV Park and the co-owner of Captain Ron's Bar & Grill at the Lake of the Ozarks.

With fond memories of bridge games at the house and working with other Kappa Sigma brothers at the Red Dog Inn for the Ike and Tina Turner show, JW feels incredibly fond toward his fraternity. He credits Kappa Sigma for his maturity from a teenager to a well-rounded individual, and says the chapter means "belonging to something worthy, and greater than yourself." His advice for any current or future undergraduates is to keep excellence as their standard and remember that integrity is the shortest path to success.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Skip Gast '72



Skip Gast '72 graduated from the University of Kansas in 1975 with a Personnel Administration and Human Relations degree before receiving a Master's in Human Resources from Ottawa University in 2001. Today, he lives in Overland Park, Kansas with his wife, Brenda, and serves as Senior Vice President for Insight Consulting. Previously holding the role of VPHR for Black & Veatch, his career has been devoted to improving

organizations and developing successful leaders. As a consultant, Skip focuses on serving in interim CHRO roles, executive coaching, leadership, organizational development, and employee engagement and retention strategies.

Outside of work, Skip is an active member of his community. He is an experienced board member who currently sits as Chairman of the Vibrant Health Advisory Board and is a member of the Sun Partners International Board. His past board participation includes: Board Chair of Menorah Medical Center, Board Chair of Turner House Children's Clinic, University of Kansas Workforce Development Board Executive Committee, Kansas Board of Regents CEO Assessment Task Force, and Board Chair of Gamma Omicron of Kappa Sigma.

Skip attributes his most meaningful, lifelong friendships to his time in the Kappa Sigma brotherhood. "The Kappa Sigma framework of the four pillars of scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service are concepts that I have referenced throughout my life," says Skip, "Gamma Omicron developed many leaders and role models who are still friends of mine to this day."

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Bill Johnson '80



Bill Johnson '80 is an accomplished architect and design leader with a distinguished career spanning several decades. With a passion for innovation and a keen eye for detail, Bill has left an indelible mark on the architectural landscape. He currently serves as the Senior Principal and Design Principal at HOK, Inc., a prominent architecture firm based in Denver, Colorado.

Bill's journey in the world of design began at the University of Kansas, where he obtained a Bachelor of Architecture in 1983, building upon a foundation he established with a Bachelor of Environmental Design in 1982. His academic prowess and commitment to excellence laid the groundwork for a successful career that would see him leave an enduring legacy.

After graduating, Bill embarked on a path of professional growth, starting as a Project Designer at HNTB from 1983 to 1987. He then joined Ellerbe Becket, where he ascended to the role of Principal and Design Director, contributing significantly to the firm's success from 1988 to 2000. Throughout his illustrious career, Bill has garnered numerous accolades and recognition. His outstanding contributions to the field earned him esteemed titles, such as College of Fellows, American Institute of Architects (FAIA), and being NCARB Certified. He is also a Registered Architect in multiple states, including Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Nebraska.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Craig McMonigle '80



Craig McMonigle '80 graduated from the University of Kansas in 1983 with a degree in Accounting and Business Administration, later receiving his MBA from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, in 1986. Craig has two sons who are also members of Kappa Sigma: Ryan, Gamma Omicron '16, and Logan, Delta Xi '19, and lives in Overland Park, Kansas, with his wife Lea.

Currently the Principal for CEM Global Consulting, LLC, Craig has almost four decades of previous experience with Hallmark Cards— starting in Product Management and moving into roles of increasing responsibility including Product Buyer, Resident Manager- Hong Kong/China, Director of Procurement, Human Resources Director, Managing Director Asia Pacific, Vice President of Global Procurement and Manufacturing, and Vice President of Product Integrity and Supply Chain Technical Resources.

Outside of work, Craig enjoys staying connected to the KU Business School as a member of the Board of Advisors for the Supply Chain Management Program. He regularly speaks at various business classes at KU and the University of Missouri- Kansas City. He is an avid follower of KU Sports and the Kansas City Chiefs, and enjoys traveling and volunteer work.

Unsurprisingly, Craig was highly involved with Gamma-Omicron as an undergraduate. Serving as Grand Master, Pledge Trainer, Rush Chairman, and Interfraternity Council Representative. His pledge class is also to thank for the concrete Kappa Sigma letters that are still standing since their construction and installation in 1979. Craig credits the chapter for many of his best friendships, and still regularly connects with his pledge brothers for social gatherings and summer reunions.

“During my time as an undergraduate at KU, I benefitted immensely from the leadership opportunities at Kappa Sigma, which positioned me well during my professional career,” says Craig of what the chapter means to him, “With my father, brothers, and sons all being Kappa Sigmas, it has definitely created a unique family bond that most families don’t have the chance to experience. I wouldn’t trade my experience at KU for anything, and most of that has to do with being a member of Kappa Sigma.”



*"The Star and Crescent shall not be
worn by every man, but only by him who
is worthy to wear it.*

*He must be a gentleman...
a man of honor and courage...
a man of zeal, yet humble...
an intelligent man...
a man of truth...*

*one who tempers action with wisdom
and, above all else, one who walks
in the light of God."*

past Gamma-O HOF INDUCTEES

2021

James Wilson '67
David Steen '68
Michael Helbert '70
Robert Chestnut '80

2018

Tom Robinett '69
Paul Wilbur '77
Davis Rooney '79
Jeffrey Bragalone '81
David Van Eekeren '88

2016

Robert Starcher '48
Lt. Colo Max Schooley '60

2012

Tom Creel '56

2011

James Wright '57

2009

William H. Coughlin '66

2008

Rodney Thompson '62
Jack Bondon '71

2007

Dan Chase '55
Michael D. Wolfe '61
Jim Mackenzie '64

2006

Tom Gee '56
Don Foster '59
Fred Frailey '63

2005

Tony Witt '50
Rick Sarmiento '65
Larry Walter '69
Cliff Rovelto '75

2004

Robert Guthrie '55
Kenneth Payne '55
John Davis '62
Charles Squire '62

2003

Richard Guthrie '59
Roy M. Knapp '59
Bill Textor '59

2002

Walter Cole '50
Richard Mai '50
Cecil Edward Witt '52
Bill McEachen '52
Edgar B. Grass III '77

2001 ARMED FORCES MEMORIAL

Fred C. Campbell '12
Don B. Fullmer '32
Charles F. Pierson '36
John D. Keeling '39
Earl G. Lowe, Jr. '40
William H. McCrum '40
Francis B. Smith, Jr. '41
Herbert S. Finney '42
William H. Fountain '42
John E. Strand '42
John E. Sorem '48
Samuel W. Simpson '57
Larry E. Martin '58
Lloyd M. Willson '59
Jack C. Connell '62

2000

Richard Nelson '44
Jay Markley '51
Jerry Palmer '59
Richard Davis '60
David Mackenzie '61

1999

Reed Hoffman '41
Harry Callahan '42
Frank Darden '45
Warren Andreas '49
Noel Rooney '53

1998

Robert Gould '63
David Evans '64

1997

Raymond Calene '20
Thomas Bertelsen '59
Danforth Austin '65

1996

Frank Godding '40
Harry Hutchens '45
Richard McClain '53
Jerald Pullins '61
Alan Mulally '64

1995

Lawrence Ochs '42
Harlan Ochs '47
Kenneth Ochs '49
Donald Ochs '50
Lloyd Hanahan '56

1994

Kenneth Rankin '28
Elis Cave '29
Harry West '29
Rich Lyon '34
John Heisler '41
Roger James '42
Wallace Foster '46
Henry Buck '53
Fred Green '61

1993

Robert Ferris '34
George Godding '39
Paul Bartsch '55

1992

Col. August E. Schanze '18
John F. Redmond '31
James K. Hitt '32
C. H. Cowell '34
Albert G. Speath '34
Fred I. Murfin '38
Louis L. Ward '38
William R. Murfin '39
Robert J. Dole '42
J.R. Smith '52
Robert J. Eaton '59

a special

THANK YOU

Housing Corporation Board:

Nick Lombardi '02, *President*

Dave Steen '68, *Vice President*

Todd Witt '07, *Treasurer*

Justin Cohen '06, *Secretary*

Robert Lutz '05

Tom Robinett '69

Bob Robinett '70

Mike Clay '71

Dave Gast '79

Robert Hagg '98

Ted Pugh '00

Billy Brandtonies '02

Brian Harrison '05

Daniel Heady '07

Educational Foundation Board:

John Davis '62

Ed Grass '77

John Hanahan '87



Current Executive Committee:

GM – Will Hartnett '22

GP – Samuel T. Levy '21

GMC – Brent Bozich '21

GS – Hayden Toubia '22

GT – Andrew Swerczek '22

Alumni Committee:

Kansas DGM: Cory Sims '04

Chapter Alumnus Advisor:

Stephen Simmons '17
(Gamma-Nu at Washburn)



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