



Gamma-Omicron Biannual Hall of Fame

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2018
THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

welcome

GAMMA-OMICRON

The biannual Gamma-Omicron Chapter Hall of Fame Award is
presented by the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity
on Friday, September 28th, 2018



HALL OF FAME AWARDS BANQUET



WELCOME

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Nick Lombardi '03, House Corporation President

INVOCATION & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Tyler Toman '17, GMC

DINNER

STATE OF THE CHAPTER

De'Riece Burse '17, GM

HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION

Cory Sims '04, Alumnus Advisor

HOUSE UPDATE

Nick Lombardi '03

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nick Lombardi '03

2018

HALL OF FAME

GAMMA-OMICRON HALL OF FAME 2018 INDUCTEES

Tom Robinett '69

Paul Wilbur '77

Davis Rooney '79

Jeffrey Bragalone '81

David Van Eekeren '88

PAST INDUCTEES

Kappa Sigma Fraternity Man of the Year

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

Chapter Man of the Year

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



**The Gamma-Omicron
Hall of Fame**

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
Loyd 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

John Redmond '31
James Hitt '32
C. H. Cowell '34
Albert Speath '34
Howard Engleman '38
Frederick Murfin '38
Louis Ward '38
William Murfin '39

INDUCTEES

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Tom Robinett '69

Brother Tom Robinett from Leawood, KS was initiated into Kappa Sigma in 1969. He graduated with a B.S. in Secondary Education in 1971 from University of Kansas and J.D. in 1983.

Robinett served as the Grand Master of Ceremonies, Grand Scribe and IFC Representative during his undergraduate years.

While at University of Kansas, not only was he involved in leadership roles within Kappa Sigma but he also was on the Track and Field and Rugby teams.

Tom Robinett has worked with many companies through the years including American Academy of Family Physicians as General Counsel; Applebee's International as Associate General Counsel; and lastly Lewis, Rice & Fingersh as a partner. Today, he is the Vice President of Public Policy and Advocacy for Overland Park Chamber of Commerce.

Tom is widely involved in his community and is recognized for his many leadership roles. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Menorah Medical Center and was the Past Chair. He serves on the Board of Directors of United Community Services of Johnson County which includes serving on the Executive Committee and as Chair of the Public Policy Committee. He serves on the City of Overland Park Planning Commission as chair. He is on the advisory board for Vibrant Health which is formerly known as Wyandotte Community Health Center. He is also on the Board of Directors of Gamma Omicron, Inc. as the past treasurer. He has previously served as a member of the Kansas House of Representatives; the City of Leawood City Council; the City of Leawood Board of Zoning Appeals; the 2000 Johnson County Charter Commission as treasurer; the REACH Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors as chair and treasurer; the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as the secretary and



treasurer; the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee as a chair; the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Kansas State Affairs Committee as a chair; the Saint Luke's South Hospital Advisory Committee; the Johnson County Public Policy Council as a chair; the Johnson County Business Leadership Council; the Leawood Chamber of Commerce as a chair; the Johnson County Mental Health Governing Board as a chair; the Kansas, Inc. Strategic Planning Task Force as a chair, the Church of the Nativity Stewardship Commission; Church of the Nativity Legacy Society Committee as a chair; Saint Thomas Aquinas High School Parent Guild Advisory Council; Holy Spirit Catholic School Parent's Association as president; the Holy Spirit Catholic Parish as the Co-Athletic Director; as youth basketball and soccer coach, and was a Member of the BSA Heart of America Council Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

As an alumnus, Brother Robinett has been served not only as a member but as a previous Treasurer for the Gamma-Omicron, Inc., Board of Directors. He was a campaign donor and volunteer during the major house renovation. He has been able to give back to the community as well as Kappa Sigma because of his involvement with Gamma-Omicron. He states, "I believe strongly that if you are going to be a part of something or some organization, you should be an active participant and strive to be a leader." Robinett was able to instill the four pillars as keys to his life; fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service. Robinett says, "They are foundational things that I have strived for beginning as a pledge and thereafter throughout my life. I made life-long friends at Kappa Sigma. I really began learning about leadership and service, two keys to my life since college. Being a member of Kappa Sigma also helped me gain maturity and grow as a person."



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Paul Wilbur '77



Brother Paul Wilbur, from West Bloomfield, MA, was initiated into Kappa Sigma in 1977. He graduated in 1980 with a B.S. in Business Administration as well as an MBA, with an emphasis in finance. After getting his MBA, he completed Executive Education activities at Michigan State University, MIT and Center for Creative Leadership.

Paul served as the Social Chairman of the fraternity in 1978 and as an alumnus he was a campaign volunteer and donor when we completed the major house renovation.

After graduating from KU's MBA program in December of 1981, Paul began to be heavily involved in the Automotive industry and holding multiple positions in numerous functional areas until excelling to the top of DaimlerChrysler in 2002. He decided to part with the automaker position and pursue a CEO role at a Tier 1 Automotive supplier and continue to advance his knowledge and experience from a supplier's perspective. He has received patents for engineering products, awards for new designs and internal awards at Chrysler and from outside third parties. He is proud to be a part of the five consecutive yearly awards won for Best Place to Work in Michigan at the Tweddle company.

Brother Wilbur is an active member on the Detroit area American Cancer Society, on the Cattle Baron's Ball Board of Directors, which raises over \$1 million per year for research support in finding the cure of cancer. He is also actively involved in his local church and has been a past trustee, as well as an Alexis de Tocqueville member of the United Way where the company works very actively in the community on a large number of philanthropic activities (from Habitat for Humanities, ACS Relay for life, Make a Wish, and numerous other local charities). As an alumnus, Brother Wilbur has contributed to the building campaign. He has worked with Bob Eaton '59 at Chrysler and Alan Mulally '64 at Ford, two brothers he met through associations with Kappa Sigma.

Paul's experience with Kappa Sigma Fraternity "has given him new bonds that will last a lifetime. Going a different direction than my biological brother's fraternity was an excellent decision for me because I was able to find a home where the men were genuine and respectful leaders who held academics high and were still able to equally balance social activities. Those fond memories have helped shape me to hold high values, stay humble and have true appreciation in life. I'm grateful for the unique men that were bonded in Gamma-Omicron, because I never doubted my decision to join the brotherhood that stood out to him with genuine, diverse and supportive men."

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Davis Rooney '79



Brother Davis Rooney from Hays, KS was initiated into Kappa Sigma in 1979. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics in 1982, and in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science in Business, Accounting and Business Administration with a concentration in Computer Science.

He was very involved in the Gamma-Omicron Chapter and served as Treasurer for all four years. He stepped into the position as a freshman when the chapter was struggling financially and was able to put the chapter on the right financial path, with the help of other Grand Masters.

His involvement during his collegiate years were not only in Kappa Sigma but in other organizations on campus. While at the University of Kansas, he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society, as well as a member of a business honor society, Beta Gamma Sigma.

Over the years, Davis has taken his leadership skills and knowledge from his degrees to four companies. He worked at Arthur Andersen as part of the Computer Audit Specialty Team, as a Business Systems Consultant, and as the Audit Division's Manager. Then working for Aquila, Inc. as a Division Controller, then as a Director Finance and Accounting, and finally as Director Resource Planning and Commodity Analysis. He then worked at Kansas City Power and Light as the Manager of CEP Business Operations. Today, Davis works as the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Sunflower Electric Corporation.

As an alumnus, Davis was the Treasurer of the Alumni Board as well as a donor and volunteer to the campaign to renovate the house. He has been able to share the brotherhood with six family members. His father and uncle were the first in his family to join Kappa Sigma; his three brothers Michael, Fredric, and Patrick followed with him as fraternity brothers; and also, his cousin, George is a Kappa Sigma the Gamma-Gamma Chapter.

Davis is grateful for what Kappa Sigma has given him throughout his years. Rooney states, "Gamma-Omicron is a place to build friendships, find mentors, and develop leadership skills." Kappa Sigma presented opportunities and learning lessons from men of all grades as well as alumni. I was able to build my leadership skills during my leadership role as Treasurer in Kappa Sigma which helped strengthen my leadership abilities throughout my entire career."

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Jeffrey Bragalone '81



Brother Jeffrey Bragalone, from Dallas, TX was initiated into Kappa Sigma in 1981. Bragalone was heavily involved in the Gamma-Omicron chapter; he served as Treasurer and Breakfast cook.

Brother Bragalone received a Bachelor of Arts, honors program, 1984 from the University of Kansas. He also received his J.D., with honors, from the University of Texas School of Law in 1987, where he was a member of the National Moot Court team, the Benton Moot Court team, and was selected to the Order of Barristers.

While at the University of Kansas he was in Mortar Board honor society, Owl society, as well as Omicron Delta Kappa's National Honor Society. His involvement in honoraries played a large part in Bragalone's leadership and scholarly characteristics. He received the Chancellor's club scholarship in 1980. Through Kappa Sigma, he was awarded the Scholarship-Leadership Award.

In 1997, Jeff was a recipient of the "Most Outstanding Young Lawyer" Award for Dallas County. In 2000, D Magazine recognized Bragalone as "40 Under 40" Best Lawyers and since 2006 he has been recognized as one of the "Best Lawyers in Dallas" by D Magazine, in both Business Litigation and Intellectual Property Litigation. Jeff was selected to Best Lawyers in America, 2016-2018, in Intellectual Property and Commercial Litigation and has been recognized as a Texas "Super Lawyer" for the past 15 years, from 2003 to 2018, as selected by Texas Monthly Magazine and Texas Law & Politics. Brother Bragalone is a founder of Bragalone Conroy PC in Dallas, Texas. Jeff has a nationwide complex commercial litigation practice, with an emphasis on patent and intellectual property litigation matters and technology related cases. His wide variety of experience has helped him with his professional success.

Jeff is President of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Theater Center, and has been a trustee of the Theater Center Board since 2012 and was privileged to take the stage at the 2017 Tony Awards Ceremony at Rockefeller Center in New York City, where the Dallas Theater Center was awarded the 2017 Regional Tony Award. Since 1988, Jeff has volunteered as part of the Dallas Bar Association's Bar None Production Company, which raises money for the Sarah T. Hughes Diversity Scholarships in Texas. In 1998, Jeff was honored to receive the "Justice Award" from the North Texas Legal Aid Society for his leadership of the Homeowners' Rights Strike Force of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers. Jeff and his wife Mickie formed the Bragalone Foundation in 2011, a donor-advised fund administered by the Communities Foundation of North Texas, which donates to various local and national charitable organizations.

Jeff says, "The principles of Kappa Sigma - fellowship, leadership, scholarship, and service - have continued to guide me throughout my professional life. Since law

school, I have endeavored to use my legal training to help those who could not afford legal services, and to benefit others." Since being a collegiate member of Kappa Sigma, he has reconnected with his fraternity brothers. Lastly, he thanks Kappa Sigma and his brother for four incredible years that prepared him to be a great father, husband and man. Brother Bragalone says, "Those years gave me a solid foundation on which to base my life."

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

David Van Eekeren '88



Brother David Van Eekeren from Western Springs, IL was initiated into Kappa Sigma in 1988. He graduated in 1991 from the University of Kansas with a BGS in Economics and graduated from graduate school in 1994 from Loyola University with a MBA in Finance.

David served as the Kitchen Manager during his undergraduate years in Kappa Sigma. As an alumnus David was a campaign volunteer and donor when we completed the major house renovation.

He has worked for Land O'Frost his entire career. Straight out of college, Van Eekeren began to learn the business from the ground level from working in the Searcy Arkansas manufacturing plant. After, he moved into several management roles within operations, sales, marketing, business development and was promoted to the role of President in 2008. In 2011, Dan Van Eekeren was promoted to be CEO and President role and still holds the position today.

Van Eekeren is involved in a wide range of organizations and clubs. Today he serves as a board member of North American Meat Institute and in 2013 joined the Chicago chapter of Young President Organization. From 2008 to 2011, he served on the Board of Governors for Olympia Fields Country Club, was a Vistage member from 2008 to 2013, and also was a part of The Loyola Family Business Next Generation Leadership Institute from 2002 to 2004.



*"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."*

a special

THANK YOU

Housing Corporation Board:

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Robert Hagg '98

Mike Helbert '70

Tom Robinett '69

Daniel Heady '07

Brian Harrison '05

Educational Foundation Board:

Ed Grass '77

Lloyd Hanahan '56

John Davis '62

Executive Committee:

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Grand Treasurer – Mason Uhrig '17

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