

ALPHA-SIGMA CHAPTER • KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY



ALPHA-SIGMA HALL *of* FAME

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HALL *of* FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY



PURPOSE: To honor and recognize those brothers whose contributions and service have brought honor to the Alpha-Sigma Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Honorees are selected as role models to motivate and inspire active members of the Chapter and make those members proud to be part of an organization that helps develop such a prestigious group of brothers.

ELIGIBILITY: Any initiate of Alpha-Sigma is eligible for selection, whether living or deceased. Contributions and/or service may encompass activities while in school, business, government, military, sports, non-profit organizations, the arts as well as service to the Chapter as an alumnus.

Kappa Sigma is a national fraternity with great pride and a tradition of excellence that our many distinguished alumni have served to enhance throughout the years. The Alpha-Sigma Chapter has seen many brothers rise to positions of prominence. Congratulations to those who have been awarded this honor.

HALL *of* FAME AWARDS BANQUET

TONIGHT WE CELEBRATE OUR BROTHERS!

DOORS OPEN & RECEPTION

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME REMARKS & RECOGNITION

Walt Shuler 1975 Initiate
Active Chapter Remarks

7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Dinner

7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

HALL OF FAME PROGRAM

8:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

CHAPTER CELESTIAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Tom Perdue '60

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Henry Eckhart '51, J. Richard "Dick" Greer '51, Jeffery Shaw '65,
Robert Lowrie '65, Wayne Rickert '66

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HENRY ECKHART

ALPHA-SIGMA 1951

Henry was born in Columbus in 1932 and graduated from Columbus North High School in 1950. He pledged Alpha Sigma Chapter in the fall of 1950 and was initiated in the spring of 1951. Brother Eckhart graduated from The Ohio State University in 1954 with a B. Sc. Business Administration, followed by a Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1958.

Brother Eckhart has maintained a successful private law practice from that date to the present except for a two-year period (1971-1973) when he was appointed by then Ohio Governor John J. Gilligan to serve as Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Brother Eckhart, as well as other members of his family, have long been active in Columbus and Ohio politics. His grandfather, Henry E. Worley, was mayor of Columbus (1929-1931). His uncle, also named Henry Worley, was an Alpha Sigma initiate as was Brother Eckhart's younger brother and 2014 Celestial Hall of Fame inductee, Jay "Pete" Eckhart. An award of monetary value honoring the uncle continues to be made to an active chapter member based upon involvement in campus activities and exemplary brotherhood.

Brother Eckhart served as past treasurer of the Alpha-Sigma Chapter's Alumni Association in the 1960's, during which time he developed a member directory. He is a past District Grand Master (1972-73) and a continuous loyal supporter of Alpha Sigma. Claudine is his wife of 54 years and they have two grown children and one grandchild.

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J. RICHARD “DICK” GREER

ALPHA-SIGMA 1951

Brother Greer pledged Kappa Sigma along with Henry Eckhart and 2 or 3 other high school classmates. Dick points out that he was active with Alpha-Sigma Chapter from 1951 through '54 even though, "I did not hold any offices. Still, I got involved in everything."

Greer became a US Air Force man and served as a pilot from 1955-58. He flew B-25's and once on an 'extra trip' he flew President Dwight Eisenhower's Aero Commander with his pilot on a 2-day junket but without "Ike" aboard. While stationed in Washington D.C. he rented a house from Dr. Floyd Riddick, 2nd Parliamentarian of the U.S. Senate. Brother Greer got to meet President John F. Kennedy in the Senate dining room while with Dr. Riddick.

In 1962 Brother Greer started Dick Greer Builders, building apartments and office buildings which he kept and operated. He was a board member of the Building Industry Association (BIA) in 1967. In 1968 the Columbus Apartment Association was formed for which he served as its president. Greer was asked by then Ohio State Senator Don Woodland to write the Tenant-Landlord legislation for the State of Ohio. Fellow 2017 Alpha-Sigma Hall of Fame Inductee Henry Eckhart '51 and Ron Beavers from the State assisted in the creation of bill passed by the Ohio Senate that is still in use today.

In 1982, at 50 years old, Brother Greer started a 35 year career in sport car racing forming Dick Greer Racing, sponsored by Wendy's. Incredibly, Dick won his first Daytona 24-hour Race and also the IMSA-GTO Professional Championship 9 years later. "For the IMSA Championship we raced 12 times and were on the road about 168 days. The Championship was in doubt until the last race of the year at Delmar. Our races were live on ESPN. Also in '91 I raced 8 times in the SCCA series."

His trophy cabinet includes the following winning Daytona 24-hour in class (1991, 92, 93, 2002), Sebring 12-hour in class (1993), IMSA Pro GTO Championship (1991) and SCCA U.S. Majors Championship (2013).

Brother Greer has helped Alpha-Sigma chapter when it needed help the most. He delivered the full renovation of the House Mother's suite in the Chapter House in the late 70s that brought Mom Weise aboard. "I did the rehab of the house mother's room since I'm in the building business. The house mother job was big. Everything had to be removed and replaced anew. My guys and I put the room all back together and ready for move in 'on me.'" Brother Greer is a large participant in today's RISE TO THE CHALLENGE Capital Campaign to renovate "The House on the Hill".

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THOMAS PERDUE

ALPHA-SIGMA 1960 - CHAPTER CELESTIAL

Brother Tom Perdue, originally from Huntington, WV, came to Ohio State as a football and baseball recruit. He started for the Buckeyes for three years as an offensive and defensive end. He was an academic All-American in football and was an All-American in baseball. On the gridiron he became the first person to be elected captain during his Junior year, though Coach Hayes wouldn't let him serve until the following year, when the team went on to win the national championship. Coach Hayes also selected Tom to sit beside Eleanor Roosevelt at a dinner gala in Columbus.

On the diamond, his sophomore year he had the highest batting average in the nation. He once got himself benched after missing a bunt sign and hit a home run instead. He also once got into a fight with Mike Ditka, then playing for Pitt, trying to protect John Havlicek, who was playing baseball after his basketball days at OSU.

Tom married Ann Traumehauser after completion of his senior year, with Coach Woody Hayes as his best man. He was signed by the Cincinnati Reds and assigned to their minor league team in Tampa before Hayes brought him back to Columbus to help coach the '62 football team and finish his undergraduate work in Business Administration.

Brother Perdue went into teaching and coaching at Vinson High School in Huntington, four years later moving to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to serve as a loan officer in a bank before heading to Washington, Georgia to build a Christmas Tree farming operation. He eventually returned to Ohio to work in landscaping. He also wrote some books that were scripture-based that still can be purchased online.

Perdue was named to the Ohio State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988.

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ROBERT LOWRIE

ALPHA-SIGMA 1965

Bob was born on September 18, 1945 in Painesville, OH and attended Painesville Riverside High School. Bob attended Ohio State University from 1963 to 1967 and received a BS in Finance. He was initiated at Alpha-Sigma of Kappa Sigma in 1965 where he served as Grand Treasurer for two years.

Upon graduation, Brother Lowrie served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970. In that time frame he became stationed in the Republic of Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. It was in this service to his country that Bob received the Bronze Star Medal for Service.

In the private sector Brother Lowrie became a National Bank Examiner for the U S Treasury Department (Comptroller of the Currency) for 6 years. He followed suit by working in commercial banking from 1976 to 2003 with Indiana National Bank, National Bank of Detroit, First National Bank of Chicago and Bank One (all subsequently purchased by J P Morgan Chase) rising to the level of Senior Managing Director of Corporate and Investment Banking.

Bob is a past president of Community Hospitals Foundation of Indianapolis, and a past board member of Community Hospitals of Indianapolis. He is a founder and past president of Indiana Bulls Baseball, a leading national amateur youth baseball program since 1992.

Among Kappa Sigma alumni, Brother Lowrie volunteers as co-chairman of the current RISE TO THE CHALLENGE Capital Campaign alongside Bros. Ron Harris and Bob Weltlich. Bob is also newly elected to serve as a board member of the Alpha Sigma of Kappa Sigma Education Foundation formed in 2014.

He has been married to his wife Carolyn since 1972 and they have two sons, Doug and Jeff, and three grandchildren.

"Kappa Sigma is all about getting to know, appreciate, respect and love a diverse group of young men who become brothers for life. We had different personalities. Different likes and dislikes. In spite of, and probably because of, all of our differences everybody else became more important than me. My fraternity experience had a huge and lasting impact on my interpersonal skills necessary to be a good undergraduate fraternity brother as well as later in life to be a better husband, father, volunteer, friend and banker."

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JEFFERY SHAW

ALPHA-SIGMA 1965

Brother Shaw graduated from Ohio State with a BA in Journalism in 1969. While writing for the Ohio State Lantern, he was recipient of several journalism awards. However he is best remembered by brothers as "Sloopy" with The Ravens band, singing & playing sax on campus and at colleges statewide.

Following graduation Jeff became Ohio State's Coordinator of Special Events, working with notable speakers Bob Hope, Neil Armstrong and Barbara Walters. While Assistant Director of OSU News Services, he handled media relations at the 1971 Rose Bowl. Jeff helped write and produce a TV series on higher education with CBS News Correspondent Charles Kuralt as on-camera host.

In 1972, he founded Jeffery Shaw Communications, Inc, a public relations and advertising agency in Columbus. Jeff soon added Shaw Video Communications, a production firm that expanded into Dayton and Cincinnati. Jeff became a national pioneer in the use of video evidence and taped testimony for trial and legal applications. He also started one of the country's first broadcast news monitoring services, providing clients with reports documenting news coverage.

Jeff remained connected to Ohio State, serving on advisory councils, providing script writing and video support while also serving as an adjunct faculty member and speaker. For 23 years, Brother Shaw shared his skills with Kappa Sigma as its alumni newsletter editor, homecoming chairman, vice-president and alumni association president.

During the 2001-2003 recolonization of the undergraduate chapter, Jeff responded to Brother Victor Baker's call and returned to assist with communications for the colony and to reorganize the alumni association. Alpha Sigma became a chapter in 2004. Jeff remained in this role 6 more years providing support for Vic's successor as president, Steve Tumblin. In 2003, Jeff and Brother Mark Stier started the Kappa Sigma Christian Fellowship, a group of brothers meeting monthly to share concerns, discuss the Bible and faith-based books while also providing support and encouragement for brothers and widows in times of need.

"Little did I know when I pledged Kappa Sigma in December 1964 that the fraternity and its members would become an integral part of my life for the next 50+ years!" Jeff and his wife Pat have three married sons, Dan, Mike and Bill, and 8 grandchildren.

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WAYNE RICKERT

ALPHA-SIGMA 1966

Brother Wayne Rickert enrolled at The Ohio State University and quickly found Kappa Sigma to his liking. The fraternity membership found it liked Wayne's determined attitude.

Wayne was initiated in 1966 and immediately found his skill-sets matched with what was most needed at the chapter. As he puts it, "I believe I was one of only a few who had tools and knew how to use them." Brother Rickert was appointed House Manager soon after initiation and held it through to his graduation in 1968. During that same period, he was tapped as the Kitchen Steward in 1967 which enhanced Wayne's belief the importance of serving the brotherhood.

Brother Rickert earned his BS from Ohio State and got his MBA from Xavier in 1972. Wayne soon began a career in mortgage loan servicing with Nationwide Life Insurance Development. New employment with Equity Properties Development and Pizzuti Development ensued. The lure of creating a small business then put him alongside Brother Victor Baker to form IRI Management in '84 eventually leading to his own company in 1986, Rickert Property Management, Inc., sold some 29 years later.

While starting a family and building a career Wayne was always volunteering for Kappa Sigma. His early commitment from 1977 – 86 was to serve among other brothers on the Alumni Board of Control. Brother Rickert was also a board member of the Kappa Sigma House Company serving an unbelievable 42 years which included 10 years as its president.

Wayne is a proud member of First Community Church and has been active in church missions throughout his 48-year membership. He also occasionally plays trombone with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, Lake Placid Sinfonietta and Kings Brass.

Brother Rickert proudly declares, "Kappa Sigma led to many close friends during the time I was in college and many of those men and others from classes before and after me have become close friends over the past 50 years. It has been fun to look back and see how the fraternity was instrumental in my career path and social life."

PAST HALL *of* FAME INDUCTEES

2016 INDUCTEES

John Hyde Dunlap, Jr. '25

John B. Simpson '63

PAST INDUCTEES

Harley Brilsford '95

Roger Hauck '56

Charles Burkett '95

Preston McMurry '56

Dora Burkett '95

Glenn Davis '58

Renick Dunlap '95

David Schumaker '61

Ernest Riggs '95

Robert Meyer '62

Charles Sprague '95

Gregory Lashutka '64

George Hoskins '09

Victor Baker '65

Russel Means '14

Rick Postle '67

Donald Hoskins '15

Tom Stewart '70

William Guthrie '29

Daniel Janki '88

Thomas Kohr '38

Herschel "Butch"
Meredith '28

Charles Csuri '41

Sam Swope '44

Ted Kohr '41

Tom Moody '48

H. Frederick Krimendahl '47

James R. Beatley, Jr. '59

Paul Ebert '51

Robert Weltlich '63

Victor Irelan '53

Terry Ruggles '65

Jay "Pete" Eckhart '54

Michael Colley '55

THE STAR & THE CRESCENT



*“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.”*

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or college term only... but for life.

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