

Gamma-Kappa
Hall of Fame

2010



THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
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Welcome.....

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Gamma-Kappa Hall of Fame Awards are presented by the Gamma-Kappa Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Oklahoma. Conceived as a means of honoring our alumni for outstanding achievements in their careers and/or service to the community/fraternity, this award will become an integral part of our tradition here at Gamma-Kappa.

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 Gamma-Kappa Chapter has seen many brothers rise to positions of prominence. Congratulations to those who have been awarded this honor!

2010 Hall of Fame Induction

Bill Wantland '53

Gary Fuller '57

John Adams '59

Bill Wantland '53

William C. Wantland was born April 14, 1934, in Edmond, Oklahoma. He grew up in Seminole, and graduated from Seminole High School as Valedictorian in 1952. He also took classes at Seminole Junior College, then located in the High School, and was a member of the 1952 Junior College National Championship Debate Team.

He attended the University of Oklahoma from 1952 until 1954, and was initiated into the Gamma Kappa Chapter of Kappa Sigma in 1953. He had been the Pledge Scholar of Kappa Sigma, a member of the OU Debate Team, and a member of the Pe-et Society as one of the ten outstanding Freshmen at OU. He graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1957, as Valedictorian there, a member of the Debate Team, and All Hawaii Oratorical champion. He was co-editor of the 1957 Yearbook. He later attended Oklahoma City University College of Law, graduating in 1964 with a Juris Doctorate. He was President of the OCU Law School Alumni Association



in 1968, and was named as an Outstanding Alumnus of OCU in 1980. In 1976, he earned a Doctorate of Religion from Geneva Theological College in Tennessee.

He was employed by the FBI for 5 1/2 years, then worked for the Insurance Company of North America in the Claim and Legal Department. He then entered private law practice in Seminole as a partner in the firm of Bishop & Wantland. He served for 8 years as Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court of Seminole, being chosen President of the State Conference of Municipal Judges. His Court received the American Bar Association award for the most advancement in the Administration of Justice of any Court in America in towns of 10,000 or less. He also received the Supreme Court award for Law and Order.

While in the law, he was ordained to the ministry of the Episcopal Church, and served congregations in Seminole, Holdenville, Ada, and finally Oklahoma City. In 1980, he was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Eau Claire, covering Northwest Wisconsin. He served there until his retirement to Seminole in 1999. He taught Probate Law at OU for ten years, and later taught Canon Law at Nashotah House Seminary in Wisconsin for 26 years. He is a Citizen of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and served as Attorney General under 4 Principal Chiefs.

In his retirement, he has been appointed Chief Magistrate of the Court of Indian Offenses for the Seminole Nation, and has been elected President of the City Council of Seminole, and Vice Mayor. He also serves as Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth. He and his wife Jan have 8 children, 25 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Members of Kappa Sigma in his family include his grandfather (who was a member of the first Gamma Kappa Pledge Class in 1906), his father, three uncles, his brother, two sons, one son in law and a grandson.

Gary Fuller '57

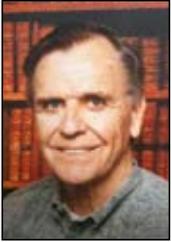
Gary Fuller is veteran transactional attorney whose expertise and noteworthy achievements in the areas of corporate, tax and estate planning law have earned him recognition in three of the nation's most prestigious publications, The Best Lawyers in America (Corporate, M&A, and Securities Law), Oklahoma Super Lawyers and the Chambers USA Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business (Corporate/M&A – Tax). In the latter, he garnered specific recognition for his familiarity with the tax implications on complex transactions, particularly mergers and acquisitions.

In addition to having lectured extensively to lawyer groups on tax planning subjects, Gary has also been an instructor at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. He is also the author of "Fixing Oklahoma's Insurable Interest Laws," 78 Oklahoma Bar Journal 1271.

Prior to receiving his Master of Laws degree, Gary served as an attorney in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Air Force.



John Adams '59



John Edward Adams was born 5-20-39 to Dess and Erby Adams and died 2-9-2010.

He graduated from Northwest Classen High School and the University of Oklahoma where he proudly served as President of Kappa Sigma Gamma Kappa. John served as a 1st Lt. in the U. S. Army. He began his career as a stockbroker with F.I. Dupont and trained on Wall Street. He was affiliated with numerous brokerage firms before he founded Adams, James and Foor and the company had a very successful IPO history. He then started a family-owned investment company, Meridyne and raised capital for multiple startup businesses.

John beamed integrity, devotion and courage. He was a poet, artist, and a historian and had a great sense of humor. He deeply loved his family, friends and Jesus. Together he and his wife, Kaye, authored "The Savior's Miracles". John was friendly, compassionate, a good sport and he loved studying data and playing games.

John was very loyal to his Kappa Sigma fraternity and he worked with the alumni as President of the Housing Corporation to raise money and oversee improvements to the house and its operations. He really enjoyed the camaraderie of his alumni group as well as the boys in the house. He worked many hours on behalf of the brotherhood.

John was active with Kiwanis, OKC Chamber of Commerce, St. Luke's United Methodist Church Board of Directors, Oklahoma City Museum of Art Omelette Committee, Innovation to Enterprise and he served as a judge for The Governor's Cup.

John is survived by his wife, Kaye, and their son, Chris and daughter, Renee.

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Jay Galt

John Brett '17

Paul Johnston '17

James B. Eskridge '39

Calvin Hendrickson '42

Gy Steele '46

Edward A. Eskridge '47

Jere W. McKenny '47

Bill Durrett '48

Tom Brett '50

A.V. Jones '50

Denny Bartell '51

Jon R. Jones '54