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HALL OF FAME
CEREMONY

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HALL OF FAME 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!

2019 Hall of Fame Inductees

Mike Bunney '71

Pete Reed '72

Jim Sikes '78

We would not be here without many of your support and dedication, thank you!

We hope you enjoy your weekend and plan to make it back in the near future.



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Jack Bache '56

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MIKE BUNNEY '71

Mike Bunney graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1974. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Tulsa in 1981. He joined the Gamma-Kappa chapter of Kappa Sigma at the University of Oklahoma and was initiated in 1971. He held two office positions in Kappa Sigma while he was an undergraduate. He served as Grand Master and Grand Procurator.

After graduating from the University of Oklahoma, Mike began working for The Boeing Company. He was the Site Leader of Bowling in Oklahoma City and helped with the development of the 787 Dreamliner and Delta IV Heavy Lift Rocket Program Office. He worked for The Boeing Company up until 2008. In 2008, Mike became the Chief Economic Development Officer and worked this position until 2011. In 2011, Mike began working for the NORDAM Group as the Senior Vice President Support Services Corporate Office and worked here until his retirement in 2019. He was also a previous Board Member of Public Service. He worked for Tulsa Airport Authority, Tulsa Public Facilities Authority, Tulsa Industrial Authority, Metropolitan Tulsa Transit, Tulsa Airport Improvement Trust and Tulsa Parking Authority. Mike is currently on the board of Nowata Community Foundation. He is also a Chairmen of the board Onefire Holding Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Muscogee Creek Nation.

In many ways the Gamma-Kappa house was where Mike set out on his life journey. Since Jim came from a small town, it seemed like the place to spend the college years. It was a house, not a dorm or apartment but his home for three years. All of his college memories are connected there. It's the place where he found his brothers, his best man, and dated his wife who has been with Mike for forty-three years. All of the pledges were schooled on manners, how to dress and interact all because the patient effort of our beloved housemother. Since then, Gamma-Kappa has remained Mike's place to see his brothers and catch up at football games. He has been connected with Gamma-Kappa continuously for almost forty-eight years. It is a connection that he cherishes and one that has helped him to a successful career and a life of friendships.

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Mike wore a Kappa Sigma crest ring for many years after graduation. His career took him all over the world and the connections he made with Kappa Sigma brothers who spotted the ring were astounding. He found that membership in Kappa Sigma opened a door no matter where he went, and the help and camaraderie of Brothers is truly a lifelong affair, no matter where you are or where you were initiated. All of this came full circle for Mike at his daughter's graduation from the University of Virginia. The graduation was held on the lawn and they got there early to sit near 46 East Lawn. He watched his daughter graduate and was filled with pride thinking of all the Kappa Sigma brothers who lived there and helped build the world we live in. Being a brother in Kappa Sigma is something to be proud of. Kappa Sigma has an unbroken line of achievement and usefulness that is truly



PETE REED '72

Pete currently serves as the Manager of Veteran Services for LifeSpring Home Care. He has also agreed to serve as the Coordinator of the Oklahoma Veterans Pilot Program, an initiative by the governor to develop a new healthcare access and delivery system for the veterans of Oklahoma.

The pilot program is the first of its kind in the nation and has never been attempted. Pete is responsible for organizing over 200 statewide volunteers to assist in developing a program model and implementation plan that will allow Oklahoma Veterans to receive a broad range of healthcare services within 30 miles of the residence.

Pete also serves on the board of the Force 50 Foundation, an organization committed to organizing and coordinating veterans' services in the public and

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PETE REED (CONTINUED)

private sectors. Those services include, but are not limited to, educations, trainings, employment, benefits and more.

Pete began his career as Assistant to Governor George Nigh in 1979. He was the liaison of 33 health related agencies and recommended budgetary needs to the governor. In 1983, Pete became the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. At the age of 29, he was the youngest executive director of the nation. In 1986, he was named the top Director in the Nation for management and leadership. To this date, Pete is the youngest and only Oklahoman to receive this award.

In 1986, Pete resigned as Veterans Director and ran for the Office of Lieutenant Governor. After an unsuccessful bid, he continued his career by operating two Oklahoma Chambers of Commerce, managed a seven-state region for a national trade association and served as Director of the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office under Governor David Walters.

In 1996, Pete joined the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health. During a 16-year career, he served as the Assistant Director of Eastern State Hospital, Director of Norman Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center, Director of Lawton Community Mental Health Center and the Director of the Oklahoma Crisis Center in Oklahoma City. Pete also retired as a Major from the Oklahoma National Guard. He received the Army Commendation Medal, Distinguished Service Medal and Oklahoma Commendation Medal during his service career.

In addition, Pete has remained active in his private life. Some of his activities and accomplishments include: receiving an athletic scholarship in wrestling and baseball to the university of Oklahoma, recording and releasing his own music CD in 1989, receiving his certification as a personal trainer, obtaining a black belt in taekwondo at the age of 60, and at the age of 65 he took third place in the Master's Division of the qualifying tournament of the National Bodybuilding Competition.

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Pete has been blessed over the years with many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate and contribute to improving the cultural and social environment of Oklahoma. The cornerstones of any success he may have enjoyed have come from the lessons he learned from athletics, the discipline from the military, and the importance of honor and friendship he experienced as part of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. Specifically, the Gamma-Kappa chapter at the University of Oklahoma provided him an understanding of loyal friendships, the value of integrity, the importance of compassion, and the meaning of brotherhood. Throughout Pete's journey, no experience, no success, and no lesson learned has meant more to him than his life as a Kappa Sigma brother.

Pete would share the same advice with undergraduates that his father, another OU Kappa Sigma (1949), shared with him early in life. At the end of your journey, no one will remember the money you made or the power you yielded; but rather, you will be remembered for your character and the friendships you developed. Pete would advise the undergraduates of the Gamma-Kappa chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity that their journey from home began when they pledged this fraternity. They have already started forming friendships and developing the bonds that ultimately make them part of a very special brotherhood. They should build on those friendships and couple those bonds. Pete has come up with 4 P's to success. The first P is to be proactive and don't wait for an issue to turn into a problem. Try to get out in front of it, do your research, gather your facts, and develop a plan. The second P is to be persistent. You will have setbacks, losses, and defeats in your life. Do not ever quit or give up and learn from your mistakes. The third P is to be positive. Try to keep your cup half full and not half empty. Even in your worst defeats or setbacks there is always something you can find as a positive. The fourth and final P is to be patient. Time is not your enemy and whatever you're doing is worth doing well. Take your time and do it right because all good things come to those who wait patiently.



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JIM SIKES '78

Jim Sikes is the Branch Manager and Mortgage Originator for Highlands Residential Mortgage in Austin, Texas. He has helped over two thousand families buy homes. He is responsible for the recruiting and training of staff for the Austin branch. Jim enjoys giving back to his community.

From 2016 to 2017, Jim was on the Board of Directors for Austin Mortgage Bankers. From 2011 to 2016, he volunteered for Lake Hills Church Music ministry for Youth. Jim became the Men's Study Leader for Lake Hills Church in 2015 and is still volunteering for the church.

Jim held multiple positions in Kappa Sigma while he was an undergraduate at the University of Oklahoma. Jim started as the Pledge Class President in 1978. He was the Rush Chairman and Social Chairman in 1979. He held the Grand Scribe position from 1979 to 1980. He became the Grandmaster of the chapter for two terms, 1980 and 1981. Additionally, Jim was also part of the Inter-Fraternity Council in 1981 and was in the Top 10 Greek Men of the University of Oklahoma in 1981.

The Kappa Sigma fraternity has been one of the main influences in Jim's adult life (after high school), almost as influential as his parents and faith. He sees Kappa Sigma as a fraternal brotherhood designed by its founders to give young men a family away from home when they are in the middle zone of leaving home and leaving parent's guidance to living in the real world. This new family will continue the preparation your parents started for a life of contribution, growth and leadership.

As one of the largest fraternities to date, Kappa Sigma has been very successful in producing great examples of achievement including doctors, athletes, actors, statesmen and even vodka makers. For Jim, most of all, he values the great level of friendship displayed by the organization at all levels spanning from the local chapters and alumni boards all the way up to the national level and Grand Conclave. The officers for Kappa Sigma make a lot of difficult

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decisions, all in line with maintaining a high standard for all members. Jim believes in the structure and opportunities for young men to serve and learn great leadership skills as valuable to our youth today as it was for him and his generation back then.

As for Gamma-Kappa, Jim was fortunate enough to spend four unforgettable years growing up. Of course, thought he was all grown up pledging at age 20, but little did he know how much he would learn. He came into the chapter with nothing but desire and left with many things that have shaped his entire life. He is truly blessed with so many great lifelong friends that he can call his brothers. He learned leadership by being mentored by upperclassmen. He sought leadership positions within the chapter that taught him lessons that he carried through his life. He also witnessed a wonderful group of alumni, led by Gene Imke, guide them through a very tough time. Jim met his wife of 37 years while he was living at 1100 College. Ironically, she lived across the street at 1101 College. Faith is a major part of Jim's life. Although he was not a very good follower while in school, he had internal faith that was supported by his relationships in the house, and later, the realization that many of his brothers also had faith in the Lord.

From fraternal fellowship, Jim has gained close friends for life. From the leadership lessons, he has had a great career. He also gained a life-long best friend who is now his wife and the mother of his children. The "seeds of faith" planted in his college years have given way to "walk in the light of god". Jim advises undergrads to enjoy themselves while they are in college. Not that life isn't good after college, but you will never get these college years back. He advises to learn from upperclassmen that are doing well and on their way to success. They also need to learn to get along. College is a microcosm of the real world and they need to invest in their relationships now. Undergraduates should be gentlemanly and treat woman with respect because one day it will come back to you as a blessing. Jim also recommends starting a faith journey now. You might not think it's cool to talk about it now and that's okay. Jim was no different back then, but you can't imagine the gratification when you share with a brother only to find out they are on their own spiritual journey.



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PAST HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

C.A. Cameron	Jay Galt '62
John R. Brett Sr. '17	Bud Miles '62
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Jon Rex Jones '54	John A. Rieger '76
Jim Culwell '57	John G. Hester '81
Paul Austin '58	Robert Rutland '41
John Adams '59	James Emery '59
Gary Fuller '54	Gene Imke '59
Gerald Gamble '60	Scott Martin '92

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or college term only...
...but for life



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