

Gamma-Kappa Chapter | Kappa Sigma Fraternity



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Gamma-Kappa HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022



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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!

2022 Hall of Fame Inductees

Hugh G. Buck Adams '64

Ernest Nalagan '86

Trey Richardson '87

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.



PROGRAM

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Jack Bache '56

INVOCATION

Brock Bossert '21

INTRODUCTION

House Mom - Vicki Cash

DINNER

REMARKS FROM JACK BACHE '56

HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION

Don Whiteman '69

CHAPTER UPDATE

Kurt Edmonds '19

DENNY BARTELL AWARD

Bob Tracy '55

CLOSING



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HUGH G. BUCK ADAMS '64

Businessman, Oilman, Rancher

Buck grew up in Guthrie, Oklahoma, the quintessential Norman Rockwell small town of the 1950s. He felt fortunate to pledge Kappa Sigma when he enrolled at Oklahoma University and made deep, sustaining friendships which continue to have a genuine impact on his life. He served Kappa Sigma as Grand Procurator and Grand Master during junior and senior years, and also as House Manager and Houseboy. He was a member of the Inter-Fraternity and President's Councils, made Dean's Honor Roll, served on various Student Senate committees, and was a Distinguished Military Graduate through Army R.O.T.C.

Adams graduated from OU in 1967 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a minor in Psychology. He then served in the United States Army as Battery Commander, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 7th Artillery 32 Army Air Defense Command, in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Following military service, Adams entered the stockbroker training program of Merrill Lynch Pierce, Fenner, and Smith, with three months in Merrill's office in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and three in New York City. He is grateful for "the invaluable education in business gained in my four years with Merrill that has benefited me throughout my life." He later spent three years with a regional municipal bond broker in Oklahoma City.

Buck became fascinated with the oil business and began working as a petroleum landman, forming H.G. Adams Inc, an Oil and Gas Lease Brokerage. At that point he also enrolled in the MBA night school program in what is now University of Central Oklahoma. He went on to be president and owner of Froggy Bottom Furniture Company and president and managing partner of Guthrie Abstract and Title company. He currently owns Buckhorn Cattle Company, Adams Properties

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with numerous commercial real estate investments, and Serendipity Production Company, LLC. Buck also served as a stockholder on the board of Oklahoma State Bank, Guthrie, for over a decade as vice-chairman until its sale in 2012.

Brother Adams has been actively involved with the Gamma Kappa chapter as an alumnus, providing financial support and serving as a member and vice-president of Kappa Sigma House Board/Foundation. He reflects on the fraternity's meaning to him, "Kappa Sigma has had a very positive impact on my life. The brotherly friendships made over the years, and sustained even at 78 years of age, are because of the brotherhood we share.

"In my travels I have met many Kappa Sigma brothers and there is a special bond. Many were mentors in my younger years. One in particular was our Alumnus Advisor Guy Steele who was most influential during my time in the Kappa Sig house. We maintained a long friendship until his passing some years ago. Many of our brothers have set a high standard for our brotherhood. One that I had the pleasure of meeting was Senator Bob Dole from the State of Kansas. He attended a function at our original House some years ago and I was in attendance as an alumni supporter. He spoke of his appreciation of Kappa Sigma that was very impressive and made me proud to call him a brother.

"There are too many other Kappa Sigma brothers to list who make me proud. Simply put, being a Kappa Sigma from the Gamma Kappa Chapter has been a true blessing to Buck Adams."



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ERNEST NALAGAN '86

Self-Employed Attorney at Law

Ernie Nalagan graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1995 with a Juris Doctor degree, after previously completing his BA in Public Administration and Affairs and minors in Geography and History in 1990. After leaving school, he held a variety of positions before opening his own practice. These include being an Assistant Public Defender for Robert Ravitz, Oklahoma County Public Defender, an Associate Attorney for Charles R. Rouse and Associates, an Of Counsel Attorney for the Law Office of Tuan Khuu, and working with the Juvenile Division Family Treatment/Drug Treatment Court for Oklahoma County. His loyalty to clients and determination has been seen by many, as he was awarded Criminal Defense Attorney of the Year in 2005 for the Juvenile Division. He was also awarded Outstanding Performance in the Oklahoma Family Court on behalf of clerks in Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, Chi Omega Fraternity, and Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, as well as the American Jurisprudence Award for Juvenile Delinquency.

As an undergraduate, Brother Nalagan served as Scholarship Chairman for the Gamma-Kappa chapter, and was a part of Pi Alpha Lambda and the Asian American Student Association at OU. He also served as Alumni Advisor post-graduation. Ernie has held and continues to play a very active role in his community, joining the efforts of St. John's Project Gabriel in Edmond, OK, Habitat for Humanity, Good Will of Oklahoma, and more. He has acted as a Volunteer Attorney for Oklahoma Lawyers for Children and an Input Advisor for Parents Helping Parents, as well as being part of the OU College of Law Alumni Association.

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When asked what Gamma-Kappa and Kappa Sigma mean to him, Ernie stated, “The Star and Crescent led me to discover what a gentleman means after undergrad. I am who I am because of my brothers.” Reminiscing about how Brother Paul Robert “Bob” Moore hunted him down and guided him through life since the age of 17, Brother Nalagan explained how “A*E*K*Δ*B made me realize that God is guiding His will with my life to be zealous yet humble to my loved ones, 5 law interns, 33 college clerks, and over 10,000 or more children in the past 33 years. My last words in chapter in 1990 were ‘I cannot just thank one brother because all of you have made me who I am.’”



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TREY RICHARDSON '87

Managing Partner at Sagac Public Affairs & GR Pro

Trey Richardson studied political science, journalism, and history prior to his graduation in 1989 from The University of Oklahoma. As an undergraduate, he served Gamma Kappa as house manager for two terms. His commitment to the chapter continued immediately following graduation when he worked as alumni advisor, assisted with rush activities, and more recently as fundraising chairman for the development of the new chapter house and education foundation.

Trey is managing partner of Sagac Public Affairs and GR Pro, national companies providing political consulting solutions to Fortune 100 corporations, national trade associations and political groups. He is a leader of numerous social-welfare organizations including Modernize Oklahoma, Foundation for Economic Prosperity, Advancing Freedom, and Secure Oklahoma.

Trey began his career during college in the political division of the Oklahoma Republican Committee where he led field operations. He continued this path leading the political operations for the National Association of Realtors where he transformed the group into the largest political committee in the country. From there, he went onto finance operations for the 2000 and 2004 Bush/Cheney Presidential campaigns and the Republican National Committee. Over the course of his career, he has led finance and strategy teams for more than 100 presidential, congressional, gubernatorial, and legislative candidates throughout the U.S. For his work, he and his firms have been recognized with 100 national advertising and television awards and Trey is named one of the "Top Political Leaders in America" by industry publications. He has also received numerous awards for government affairs programming from

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the American Society of Association Executives. Professionally, he serves in various leadership and volunteer positions for the American Association of Political Consultants, Association of Fundraising Professionals, American Society of Association Executives, National Association of Business PACs, Public Relations Society of America, Oklahoma State Chamber, and American Heart Association.

Trey divides his time between Oklahoma City and Washington, D.C. Along with his wife Jeri, they have two college-age daughters. He notes that “Gamma Kappa and Kappa Sigma transformed who I am as a person by building my confidence. During my undergraduate years, I became an outgoing leader and expanded relationships across campus, business, and political communities. The strong and immediate support system formed around common goals and aspirations among Gamma Kappa members eased that transition and allowed me to take risks and pursue accomplishments I never thought possible.”



HOUSE CORPORATION BOARD

Jack Bache '56- President & Treasurer
Buck Adams '64- Vice President
Bob Tracy '55- Secretary
Don Whiteman '69- House Manager
Scott Carpenter '88 - Director

Zac Cowger '18 - Director
Tim Dighton '88- Director
Carson Pressgrove '17 - Director
Pete Reed '72- Director
Stan Young '71- Director

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD

Chris Meyers '63 - President
Warren DeKinder '82

George Schutz '81

UG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kurt Edmonds '19 - Grand Master
Brock Bossert '21 - Grand Procurator
Gilbert De Cardenas '21 - Grand Master of Ceremonies
Colby Dawson '21 - Grand Scribe
Drew Espindola '21 - Grand Treasurer
Mark Anderson '21 - Grand Master of Housing



PAST HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

C.A. Cameron	Chris Meyers '63
John R. Brett Sr. '17	Royce Hammons '65
Paul X. Johnston '17	Richard Holmes '69
James B. Eskridge '18	Phil Thomas '75
Calvin W. Hendrickson '42	Bob Tracy '55
John W. Johnston '43	Jerry Sheets '76
Guy M. Steele '46	Hans Mize '86
C. B. Cameron '47	Ryan Butts '98
Edward A. Eskridge '47	Mickey Fentriss '57
Jere W. McKenny '47	Peyton Carnes '52
William E. Durrett '49	Jack Bache '56
Thomas R. Brett '50	Robert Moore '61
A.V. Jones '50	Steve Owens '67
Denny Bartell '51	John A. Rieger '76
William C. Wantland '53	John G. Hester '81
Jon Rex Jones '54	Robert Rutland '41
Jim Culwell '57	James Emery '59
Paul Austin '58	Gene Imke '59
John Adams '59	Scott Martin '92
Gary Fuller '54	Mike Bunney '71
Gerald Gamble '60	Pete Reed '72
Jay Galt '62	Jim Sikes '78
Bud Miles '62	

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a day...
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...but for life



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