

# *GAMMA-KAPPA OF KAPPA SIGMA*



## *SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER*



WITH SPRING SEMESTER NOW IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR, THE BROTHERS OF GAMMA-KAPPA HAVE NOW FULLY SET THEIR SIGHTS ON FALL RECRUITMENT. THOUGH WE WILL MISS AND CHERISH THE MEMORIES MADE WITH OUR NOW GRADUATED BROTHERS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING IN A HIGH-QUALITY NEW MEMBER CLASS THIS COMING FALL.



## ***GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT***

Mike Stanaro ('17) has been an invaluable contributor to the Gamma-Kappa chapter during his time at the University of Oklahoma. Through his four years in Norman, Stanaro served the chapter as Historian, House Social Chair, Recruitment Chair, and Grand Master of Ceremonies. When not fulfilling the responsibilities of the many chapter leadership positions he held, Stanaro remained heavily involved in trying to do what he could to support improving the chapter in almost every aspect. We are lucky to have had him as a member.

Stanaro was asked what drove him to be so involved in the chapter. He answered: "Growing up and seeing my dad interact with his fraternity friends 40 years later drove me to see the true purpose of a fraternity. Coming to OU I knew practically no one and saw Kappa Sig as an opportunity to be part of a chapter that I could grow for future groups of guys. It takes people to step up to grow and I don't shy away from leadership opportunities."

When asked how he would best describe his experience with the chapter in the four years he spent with it, Stanaro replied, "The past four years have been amazing but bittersweet. I have enjoyed making lifelong friends that I know I can count on and seeing the chapter grow into one of the TOP CHAPTERS on campus. I truly believe that we have the best guys on campus that care about each other and the growth of the chapter. I am sad, however, to not have accomplished everything I dreamed of in the four years—as life is fleeting—but I know the guys below me I have influenced will take the reigns and accomplish those dreams."

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To conclude, Stanaro was asked what he hopes to see for the future of the chapter, now that he has graduated. He answered: "We need to focus on trending upwards. Recruiting quality over quantity and keeping those guys involved with consistent chapter events. I would also love to see more alumni involvement and recognition of the hard work this chapter has done over the past years, working to grow into a top position. There is a lot of work involved in gaining campus recognition that goes unnoticed, including sacrificing a lot of time and money. I hope to be an example in the young alumni base of what it means to be an active alumni no matter where I end up job-wise. Any alumni reading this, I urge you to reach out to the chapter—however big or small. I know the guys would love to have you around more."

**"NOT FOR A DAY, OR AN HOUR, OR A COLLEGE TERM ONLY BUT FOR LIFE! A-B"**



Recruitment Chair Derrick Doggett

## FALL RECRUITMENT

Fall recruitment has officially opened, and the brothers of Gamma-Kappa have been hard at work trying to bring a high-quality new member class into the chapter this coming fall. Leading the chapter's efforts is Derrick Doggett ('19), who also helped lead the chapter's spring recruitment efforts. Aside from recruitment, Doggett has put countless hours into helping continue to build our chapter, serving several terms as the chapter's house social and mixer chair among many other forms of involvement. With his resume and passion for the house, we do not doubt that the chapter will do very well in recruitment under his direction.

When asked what made him want to run for Recruitment Chair, Doggett replied, "I decided to serve as Recruitment Chair for a second semester in a row because I want to bring the best new members possible to join our fraternity. I also feel that with it being fall 2021 our pledge class will be significantly larger than our former fall class. After being rush chair last semester I am now prepared for the bulk of things to do that come with being Fall Recruitment Chair."

Having put so many hours into helping improve our fraternity, Doggett was asked what drives him to be as involved as he is. He answered: "The main things that drive me to be so involved in the house are that I know that the only way we can succeed is if there are people that take positions that need to be taken. After joining the chapter and creating some of my closest relationships with everyone in my New Member Class, I want to be sure that our chapter will be around for years to come and always bring in the best guys."

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Doggett also elaborated on his hopes and expectations are for our next new member class: "Currently our hope for this fall will be around 70 guys. We are looking for guys similar to who we currently have in the chapter, people who are actively involved on campus as much as they are within our chapter. We are excited and working hard this summer for what is to come this fall."

To contact Doggett regarding recruitment or other matters, he can be reached through email at [derrick.j.doggett-1@ou.edu](mailto:derrick.j.doggett-1@ou.edu) or through his cell, **512-796-9453**

To open the link for recruitment registration, click [\*\*here\*\*](#)



Cole Miller ('18), shortly after arriving in Honduras

## ***GLOBAL BRIGADES***

Global Brigades is a student-led nonprofit health and development organization that travels around the world helping to develop rural communities. Their mission is to "inspire, mobilize, and collaborate with communities to achieve their own health and economic goals" (**source:** [globalbrigades.org](http://globalbrigades.org)). Brother Cole Miller ('18) (**Also known as "Sunshine" within the chapter due to being the 2nd member to go by the name "Cole Miller"**) recently traveled to Honduras for the summer as part of this program.

To elaborate on what he and the rest of the Global Brigades students will be doing, Miller stated, "We are going to be working alongside healthcare professionals to bring sustainable healthcare to rural communities in Honduras. We are splitting up into two groups and the communities we will be assisting are going to have physicians, optometrists, dentists, and pharmacists at the clinic so a full healthcare evaluation can take place. After the patients are seen we are in charge of 'charla', which is where we teach hygiene and give health packs to patients."

When asked what made him want to join Global Brigades, Miller answered, "I wanted to get involved in something that helps people who really need it. I volunteer in Oklahoma at no-cost dental clinics and really enjoy it, so I thought this would be a great way to give back."

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Having to travel so far from home for an extended period of time to take on these challenges, Miller was also asked what his initial thoughts are on the trip. Miller replied, "I was initially pretty nervous about the idea as I got closer to leaving. I've never left the country before so to do so during a pandemic is pretty nerve-racking. I then realized a little bit after that I'm not going on this trip to be comfortable and I'm going to be taken care of so there is nothing to worry about. I'm just happy to have this opportunity and also happy that this was able to happen—as last year it was canceled due to the pandemic."

We wish Cole the best on his trip and can't wait to hear about his experience when he gets back.

# **GAMMA-KAPPA GRADUATES**

- **Visha Amin**
- **Clayton Ayres**
- **Sam Blazenko**
- **William Bryant**
- **Cale Conrad**
- **Thomas Corr**
- **Graham Eaton**
- **Brett Ferris**
- **Braydn Hall**
- **Alec Holland**
- **Cory Jones**
- **Rafael Jaquez**
- **Keaton Meek**
- **Logan Miller**
- **Daxx Milligan**
- **William Cole Miller**
- **A.K. Natha**
- **Evan Perry**
- **Trent Robertson**
- **Mike Stanaro**
- **Riley Wilson**
- **Farhan Zakeri**

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