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## Collegiate Awards

### Man of the Year

The Fraternity recognizes an individual who has demonstrated all-around excellence in the area of Leadership, Chapter and Campus Involvement, and Scholarship.

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## Alpha Alumni Chapter Affiliates

The Fraternity salutes those Knights, who demonstrate a genuine commitment to the ideals of the Legion of Honor and whose pattern of performance is a worthy example for others to follow. The major emphasis in the selection of a recipient for the Alpha Alumni Chapter Affiliate Program will be evidence of performance in living an honorable life by upholding the ideals of Sigma Nu and in influencing others to do the same. Alpha Alumni Chapter Affiliate eligibility is limited to those brothers graduating within the academic year in which they are selected. The award winners below graduated between August 2021 and July 2022.

### **Temiloluwa O. Bolodeoku (Stanford)**

#### **Beta Chi #1509 / Alpha #680**

- 3.78 GPA in Electrical Engineering
- M.S. in Management Science and Engineering (December 2022)
- Chaplain, 2021
- Chairman of Diversity and Inclusion, Onboarding, and Social Committees
- IFC Advisory Board
- Chairman of the Greek Black Community Committee
- Committee Leader of the Stanford African Student Association
- Stanford Class of 2022 Commencement Speaker
- Mayfield Fellow: 1 of 12 selected for program in technology venture leadership
- Fisher Family Honors: 1 of 8 in Stanford honors program in Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law
- *“Temi is a man of character, devoted to his friends and family, and one who never shies away from stepping up and doing what’s right...he is widely considered a leader in the Black community at Stanford and a major contributor to the more inclusive and welcoming community.” – Adrian Adegbesan (Stanford)*

**Douglas W. Gray, Jr. (Southeast Missouri State)****Mu Kappa #446 / Alpha #681**

- 3.39 GPA in Cyber Security (3.82 SEMO GPA)
- Lt. Commander, 2020-2021
- Recruitment Chairman, 2020
- Alumni Relations Chairman, 2020-2022
- IFC Vice President of Judicial Affairs and Judicial Board Chief Justice, 2021
- Founding member and Bylaws Chairman of Iota Chi Society sexual assault prevention organization, 2019-2022
- Student Government Association Student Body Parliamentarian, Bylaws Committee Chairman, and Funding Board member, 2020-2021
- Order of Omega
- Founding Member and US Stock Market Committee Chairman of the Early Financial Development Association, 2019-2021
- Southeast Missouri State University Man of the Year Finalist
- *“Through his membership in Sigma Nu, Dougie found a spark of connection and brotherhood. This spark then consumed and ignited him into a conflagration of service, leadership, scholarship, and fellowship that has not only improved him from within but allowed him to better the lives of those around him. The metamorphosis of this young man has been truly inspiring to witness and is a testament to what Sigma Nu can do for its members.”* – Trae Mitten, Dean of Students, Southeast Missouri State University

**Reser R. Hall (Kansas)****Nu #2490 / Alpha #682**

- 3.74 GPA in Finance, with double minors in History and Political Science
- Commander, 2020-2021
- Recorder, 2019-2020
- Collegiate Grand Councilman, 2021
- Student Senate, Freshman Class Senator, 2018-2019
- Business Leadership Program, 2018-2022
- Business Honors Program, 2019-2022
- University Honors Program, 2019-2022
- Chancellor’s Scholarship recipient (32+ ACT, 3.85+ high school GPA), 2018-2022
- Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Finance and Portfolio Strategy, 2021-2022
- *“Balancing being a student and student leader is tough, and I work with students every day who work to balance and excel at both. What I admire about Reser is he truly saw both things as pieces of the other. For him, being a successful student also meant that he was learning outside of the classroom and challenging himself in new roles...I admired Reser’s sincere appreciation and dedication to his chapter and that he was never afraid to make the ‘unpopular’ decisions in order to do what was best for his chapter. He challenges peers to do better, to uphold their values, and be true to themselves. I can honestly say that I haven’t seen that in many students before.”* – Allison Schultz, Coordinator and IFC Advisor, University of Kansas Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life

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**John C. Hopkins (Arizona State)****Zeta Upsilon #1549 / Alpha #683**

- 3.70 GPA in Finance
- Chaplain, 2020-2021
- Alumni Relations Chairman, 2019
- Marshal, Brotherhood, Community Service, and Scholarship Committees
- IFC Greekfest Committee Chair
- Order of Omega Recruitment Chairman and re-founder of campus chapter
- Greek Review Board
- Collegiate Grand Councilman, 2022
- President, Pro-tempore, and Senator of ASU Undergraduate Student Government, 2018-2022
- President and Vice President of The Leadership Forum at ASU, 2018-2022
- Treasurer for Consult Your Community, 2018-2020
- Founder and President of XHunger at ASU, 2021-2022
- Trustees of ASU trustee, 2021-2022
- ASU President's Scholarship: 1 of 5 outstanding student leaders selected
- Most Outstanding Graduate of the Year finalist, 2022
- *"John is a steady, transparent, compassionate, and measured leader who has successfully navigated complicated issues with care for the larger community. He serves knowing that his goal is to elevate those who may lack voice and to hold himself and others accountable to the highest of standards."* – Joanne Vogel, Ph.D., Vice President of Student Services, Arizona State University

**Reed N. Peets (Mississippi)****Epsilon Xi #3091 / Alpha #684**

- 4.0 GPA in International Studies and Spanish
- Commander, 2021-2022
- Slate Committee Chairman, Fall 2021
- Candidate Marshal, Fall 2021
- Taylor Medal Recipient, 2022: highest academic honor, given to top 1% of University of Mississippi students
- Spanish Department Most Outstanding Student, 2022
- Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Delta Pi honor societies
- Croft Institute for International Studies, 2018-2022; Croft Institute Foreign Language Excellence Award: 1 of 3
- Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College student, 2018-2022
- Student Ambassador for College of Liberal Arts, 2021-2022
- Reformed University Fellows, 2018-2022; small group leader, 2020-2021
- *"Reed distinguishes as not only a natural leader but as an altruistic individual who leads by example. Truly – Reed is a premier example for all of our members of what can be accomplished when talent and ambition is combined with hard work and a good attitude."* – John Green, House Corporation President, Epsilon Xi Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity

**Jack S. Robertson (Southeast Missouri State)****Mu Kappa #447 / Alpha #685**

- 3.85 GPA in Secondary Education, Social Studies (B.S. Ed.) and History (B.A.)
- Commander, 2020-2021
- Chaplain, 2019-2020
- Order of Omega, Vice President, 2020-2021
- SEMO Academic Advising Committee, 2020-2021
- IFC Judicial Board and Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2019-2021
- Founding member of Iota Chi Society sexual assault prevention organization, 2018-2019
- SEMO Greek Week Steering Committee, 2022
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America, 2017
- Social Studies Teacher at Truman High School in Independence School District, Fall 2022
- *“Having worked with tens of thousands of students in my twenty-plus years in higher education, I can attest to the exceptional character, leadership, integrity, and achievement of this young man. Jack has repeatedly proven himself to be a person determined to excel in all his pursuits, while skillfully balancing his academic, leadership, and social commitments. There is no doubt that Jack personifies the values of Mu Kappa Chapter, Sigma Nu Fraternity, Interfraternity Council, and Southeast Missouri State University, and will graduate having left all entities better for his work for each.”* – Trae Mitten, Dean of Students, Southeast Missouri State University

**Seth T. Shirley (Auburn)****Beta Theta #3127 / Alpha #686**

- 3.94 GPA in Building Science
- Lt. Commander, 2021
- Recruitment Chairman, 2020
- Honor Board Chairman, 2021
- Thomas M. Lofton National Scholar: Sigma Nu Educational Foundation national scholarship recognizing academic excellence, leadership, chapter and campus involvement, brotherhood principles, and philanthropy
- Spring Break mission trips to Coast Rica (2019) and Nicaragua (2020)
- Chaplain of the Auburn War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen, 2022
- Onward Campus Ministry leadership team
- Sigma Lambda Chi, construction honorary
- Spirit of Auburn Founders Scholar (ACT 30-32, high school GPA 3.5+)
- *“Seth is a charismatic leader that his peers want to follow. His integrity is impeccable. His ability to connect with someone from any background is amazing. Seth could have obtained any leadership position on Auburn’s campus. He chose the ones in which he felt he could serve Auburn University and Sigma Nu the best. In each organization he was involved in his leadership always rose to the top, and he left it better than he found it.”* – Bill Boldt, Onward Campus Ministry

**Thompson H. Vipond (Arizona State)****Zeta Upsilon #1544 / Alpha #687**

- 3.64 GPA in Marketing (B.S. in Professional Sales) and Sports Business (B.A.)
- Commander, 2020-2021
- Recorder, 2019-2020
- Brotherhood and Family Weekend Chairmen, 2021-2022
- 1869 Club Director, 2019-2020
- Order of Omega, 2021-2022
- Greek Leadership Village Facilities Committee, 2020-2021
- IFC Fraternity Man of the Year, runner-up, 2021
- Team Captain for National Collegiate Sports Sales Competition, 2021-2022
- Sports Business Scholars, 2021-2022
- Student Body Senator of ASU Undergraduate Student Government, 2019-2020
- Secretary for The Leadership Forum, 2019-2020
- Hired by Ford Motor Company as a Zone Manager starting August 2022
- *"Thompson possesses the perfect package: incredible interpersonal skills, an ability to relate to others, high intellect, a commitment to 'getting involved and finishing,' and – perhaps above all – serving those around him."*  
John Dietrich, Senior Lecturer and Honors Faculty, Arizona State University Department of Marketing

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**Adam J. Wenzlaff (Colorado)****Gamma Kappa #2320 / Alpha #689**

- 3.65 GPA in Finance
- Commander, 2019
- Public Relations Chairman, 2018
- Sustainability Chairman, 2018
- IFC President, 2020-2021
- IFC Chapter President of the Year, 2019
- Greek Man of the Year, 2020
- Dean's Leadership Council, 2020-2021
- Beta Alpha Psi honor society for financial information students and professionals
- Leeds Investment Banking and Investment and Trading clubs, 2019-2022
- Chancellor's Achievement Scholarship, 2017-2021
- Art & Humanities Merit Scholarship, 2017-2019
- *"Adam consistently and reliably shows what leadership means in direct, practical, and courageous action. He faces up to – and steadily transcends – peer pressure; he knows that the best service he can give to his peers is to speak to them with honesty and forthrightness... For all his talents, achievements, and strength of character, Adam is modest and even humble, utterly free of over-confidence or arrogance. He is a master practitioner of searching for self-examination and self-appraisal... 'Any day you're not improving yourself,' I have heard him say, 'is a day wasted.' Plenty of people have proclaimed similarly high-minded principles. Adam lives them." – Patricia Nelson Limerick, Faculty Director for the Center of the American West and Professor of History and Environmental Studies, University of Colorado Boulder.*

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# Alumni, Advisor, & Volunteer Awards

## Alumni Chapter Officer of the Year

This award is given to the Alumni Chapter Officer who has shown through years of service a leadership contribution to the organization, development and programming by an alumni chapter, and collaboration with chapter and collegiate members.

### **David G. Schmidt (UCLA)**

#### **Epsilon Pi #738**

- Alumni Chapter Commander, 2019-present
- House Corporation President, 2016-present
- Chapter Advisor, 2015-2017
- Alumni Advisory Board Chairman, 2015-present
- Implemented UCLA Sigma Nu Scholarship Fund – increasing payouts to brothers 35% over prior year in the amount of \$290,817 in direct financial aid to collegiate brothers.
- 47 brothers received a spring scholarship in excess of \$1,000 and 29 members were awarded a \$750 credit for maintaining a GPA greater than 3.75.
- Increased junior and senior live-ins, with over 50% of tenants holding upperclassman standing.
- Guided collegiate chapter to two Rock Chapter awards.
- *“Brother Schmidt has been a consistent and passionate member of our alumni board for the better part of the last three decades. During his leadership we have rebounded from being placed on alumni receivership in 20014 to become a health Rock Chapter with over 100 brothers who represent Love, Honor, and Truth in everything they do. Dave’s charity of spirit and pocketbook have fostered a level of trust between brothers and alumni that is unprecedented in my 20 years of experience with the fraternity. He attends every meeting, hosts off-campus gatherings in his home, sponsors each event in some way or another, and makes himself available for every aspect of our operation.” – Brian Zirbel (UCLA)*



## Chapter Advisor of the Year

This award is given to a Chapter Advisor who through their years of service has been noted for their outstanding work and achievement offered to a collegiate chapter during the previous year. The Chapter Advisor of the Year is one who demonstrates a genuine commitment to the ideals of Sigma Nu and has modeled them through attendance at officer and chapter meetings, support for chapter goal setting and achievement, assistance in the development of special chapter events and programs, and support for *The Ritual* and its values.

### **J. Craig Frazier (Oklahoma State)**

#### **Epsilon Epsilon #1568 / Gamma Beta (Northwestern) Chapter Advisor**

- Alumni Advisory Chairman, 2013-2022
- Chapter Advisor, 2018-2022
- Grand Chapter Finance Committee, 2021-present
- Led Gamma Beta Chapter reorganization effort – recruiting, conducting candidate education, and initiating nearly 30 collegiate members – conducted exclusively by alumni.
- *“As Chapter Advisor, Craig has been instrumental in helping to streamline the operations of the Chapter, through helping facilitate officer transitions and strategic planning for the Executive Committee, all while still coordinating the operations of the Alumni Advisory Board (AAB). Within the AAB he developed a schedule of attendance of AAB members at chapter and facilitated AAB “office hours” so we had a presence within the house. When the Chapter moved to virtual operation during the pandemic, he quickly saw the need for a revised approach to advising and instituted a “touch point” system to try to keep a sense of brotherhood within the Chapter and with the AAB. As the Chapter was struck with mass disaffiliations, Brother Frazier sought various ways to keep the remaining active members involved and engaged. Despite his best efforts, the collapse of the Chapter and the change in the campus sentiment towards fraternity and sorority life required the AAB to take a different role in the Chapter this past year. Brother Frazier led this charge, organizing virtual and in-person recruitment open houses, coordinating alumni interviews with potential candidates, and organizing the alumni to support the reboot. Furthermore, he has spent the time to navigate the University administration to coordinate with the required offices, has been the point of contact with Headquarters, and has kept the AAB, and the Chapter in the loop with any developments. In this capacity Brother Frazier has gone above and beyond the role of simply advising the Chapter, but in laying the foundation for the future.” – Matt Kan, Gamma Beta Alumni Advisory Board*
- *“Since the day a group of students first communicated their interest in Sigma Nu to Craig, he worked tirelessly to rush a new candidate class. Craig organized a multitude of information sessions, bringing in other alumni to give each potential new member (PNM) genuine and unique perspectives of what being a Sigma Nu means. He was always transparent about the process and the challenges the fraternity faced returning to campus... Since handing out bids, Craig has organized and attended every candidate education session, adding his thoughts and advice to every lesson. He appreciates the academic rigor of Northwestern and builds flexible schedules, at times putting the time of the candidates before his own. During my time as Commander, he has been indescribably helpful and kind, sending me words of advice and encouragement constantly. He supports me in not just my work for Sigma Nu, but in my academic, athletic, and social endeavors as well. Craig demonstrates the highest levels of commitment to Sigma Nu, and of course, to Love, Honor, and Truth. He has been a great leader, teacher, and friend.” – Diego Guerrero, Gamma Beta Commander*

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## Division Commander of the Year

This award is given to the Division Commander(s) who have provided years of service to the organization and have had special achievements noted during the past twelve months.

### **Christopher W. Graham (Lamar)**

#### **Zeta Psi #454**

- Division Commander, South Central Division, 2009-present
- Zeta Psi (Lamar) Alumni Chapter Commander, 2007-present
- Zeta Psi House Corporation President and Chapter Advisor, 1999-2001
- Zeta Chi (Houston) Alumni Board of Receivers, 2017-2018
- Grand Chapter Appeals and Grievances Committee Chairman, 2021-present
- Zeta Chi (Houston), Mu Upsilon (Stephen F. Austin), Iota Theta (Southern Methodist) Affiliate member
- *"Brother Graham knows every Commander in his division and without skipping a beat, can tell you how each chapter is doing in the various areas of operations. He regularly communicates with chapter officers – checking the pulse of the chapter and sharing a best practice, idea, or inspirational message. Chris is sincere in his request of, 'How can I help you?' and he serves the role of Division Commander faithfully and honorably."*

## House Corporation Officer of the Year

This award is given to the House Corporation Officer(s) who, through years of service, has been noted for outstanding work in developing a plan for renovation, upkeep and maintenance of the chapter home and its property, and in collaboration with chapter officers, members, alumni, and university administration in maintaining chapter home and property.

### **Stanley A. Bugh (Oklahoma State)**

#### **Epsilon Epsilon #1458**

- House Corporation President, 2017-Present
- Alumni Advisory Board member, 1997-Present
- Led fundraising, project design, and construction oversight for new \$11 million chapter home – replacing 90-year-old chapter facility.
- *"As I reflect on all that Stan has done, the one quality that stands out is his character. Stan has a selfless attitude which is exemplified in his desire to lead by example and share his time and talents with others. Whether serving in a leadership role or as a participant, Stan always sets an example of how to treat others with dignity and respect. He is truly a role model not only for Sigma Nu brothers, but for all who have the privilege of crossing paths with him. Stan is a man of honor."* Neil Gilpin, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter Advisor

### **Frank W. Potts (Louisiana Tech)**

#### **Eta Zeta #465**

- House Corporation President, 2019-present
- House Corporation member, 2018-2019
- Led fundraising, financing, project design, and construction oversight for new \$2.5 million chapter home – replacing chapter home destroyed by a tornado.
- *"In addition to serving as our House Corporation's President, Frank has dedicated himself to the fundraising effort, coordinating financing, project design, and construction oversight. He has worked tirelessly and made unimaginable personal sacrifice to complete the project. He has accomplished all this while living over 500 miles away from Ruston, Louisiana. Frank's passion for the Chapter and project's success have been contagious and*

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*his indefatigable zeal undeniable. While it would have been easy to let our former house being destroyed by a tornado or the COVID pandemic be an excuse for not finishing, Frank used these events to motivate our team and see the project through.” – Jason Smith, Eta Zeta Alumni Chapter Commander*