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## Celebrate the 2021 class of the Beta-Nu Hall of Fame!

The 7th annual Hall of Fame weekend will be held November 5 & 6, 2021.

Friday will consist of open house tours and the Hall of Fame Banquet. There will be a cocktail hour followed by dinner and awards. This year the chapter is honoring the 2021 inductees: **Dr. Steven Shockey '74, Scott Shirley '85, Thomas Meyer '87, Troy Coulter '92, and Ryan Heimke '01**. We will also be honoring the 2020 inductees **Thomas McCarty '68, David Dye '74, Greg Lombardo '92, Michael Cayse '02**.

Saturday, Nov. 6th, the chapter will be hosting a brunch at New Lodge, and a tailgate starting at 5pm in front of the stadium.

To RSVP and for more information please visit the website at  
<https://www.kappasigmauk.com/events/hall-of-fame-weekend-2021>

For any questions or clarity email Matt Noble at [matt.noble@fmgtucson.com](mailto:matt.noble@fmgtucson.com)

## 2021 Beta-Nu HOF Class

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**Dr. James Steven Shockey '74**  
Retired Partner and Surgeon of Commonwealth Orthopaedic Surgery

Steve Shockey was initiated into the Beta-Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma in 1974. After Steve graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science, ►



**Scott P. Shirley '85**  
Vice President, Marketing Operations & Chief Marketing Manager at Nissan North America Inc.

Scott Shirley was initiated into the Beta-Nu chapter of Kappa Sigma in 1985, and was an active ►



**Thomas W. Meyer '87**  
Vice President: Wealth Management Advisor at Fidelity Investments

Thomas Meyer joined the Beta-Nu Chapter in 1987 and did not waste any time getting involved and being a prominent leader in the chapter. Thomas graduated in 1990 as a University of ►



**Troy Coulter '92**  
Agent at State Farm Insurance

Troy is a '92 initiate of the Beta-Nu Chapter and 1995 graduate of the University of Kentucky. Troy succeeded in his academics as a student in the college of Agriculture majoring in Agriculture ►



**Ryan Heimke '01**  
Owner/President of Office Interiors Memphis

Ryan Heimke currently resides in Collierville, Tennessee where he lives with his wife, Meghan and his two daughters. He was initiated into the Beta-Nu Chapter in 2001 where he served as ►

# Beta-Nu Career Network

The new speaker series and career network are made possible thanks to financial contributions from alumni and parents via our career and leadership fund <https://uky.networkforgood.com/causes/17018-kappa-sigma-career-leadership-fund> and/or through job postings.

**Thanks in advance  
for your support.**

Beta-Nu is committed to creating leadership and career development opportunities for all of our members. Alumni can network with each other and with undergraduates taking advantage of the network to gain access to career planning tips, leadership development information, job board, and the mentor-mentee platform. It's a unique program only offered by Fraternity Management Group to advance the career needs and possibilities of our members.

Alumni, parents and undergraduates are encouraged to participate in the Beta-Nu Career Network. Learn more at <https://kappasigmauk.com/careers>, enter the password (betanucareers!) From there, you can:

- 1 Post jobs and resumes, and search for jobs.
- 2 Create mentoring profiles
- 3 Navigate through other key features.

## 2021 Beta-Nu HOF Class (Bios continued from front page)

**Dr. James Steven Shockey '74** | he continued with his education, graduating with a Doctorate of Medicine in 1982. Upon graduating from Medical School, Steve entered his surgical internship at Marshall University in 1982, General Surgery Residency at the University of Louisville in 1983 and Orthopaedic Residency in 1984, where he was named Chief Resident in 1987. Shortly after, Steve began his career as a Surgeon and Owner at Eastern Kentucky Bone and Joint Surgery in Pikeville, Kentucky in 1988, where he served as the Chief of Surgery from 1992 to 2002. Recently, in 2020, Steve retired from his profession as an Orthopaedic Surgeon, but continues to stay involved amongst the community of medicine and surgery, holding the position as Diplomat for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Steve is married to his wife Maria, and has 3 kids, Tyler, Evin, and Eric.

**Scott P. Shirley '85** | member and leader for the fraternity during his four years on campus. Scott graduated in the fall of 1987 from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering. After graduation, Scott began his career at Nissan where he has spent nearly 30 years holding a number of roles of increasing importance throughout Nissan's sales, marketing, and dealer operations. Today, Scott serves on Nissan's Global Brand Council and is the Vice President of Marketing Operations and Chief Marketing Manager. While Scott is a successful businessman and has excelled in his career at Nissan, he is also a husband to Valerie and father to two sons, Sam and Jack. Scott and his family currently reside in Brentwood, Tennessee where he stays involved in his community serving as the chair of a parent/patient support group for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

**Thomas W. Meyer '87** | Kentucky Fellow with a Bachelor of Business Administration and Finance and a minor in Economics. Today, Thomas continues to stay connected to the University by being an active member of the Alumni Association. Following graduation, Thomas began his career at Griffin Industries as an accountant and later employed by Fidelity Investments where he has worked for over 25 years. He is currently the Vice President and Wealth Management Advisor for Fidelity. Outside of work, Thomas is a husband to his wife Lauren and a father to three children: Jake, Ty and Luke. Following in the steps of his father, Kenneth Meyer, a member of the Epsilon-Delta Chapter at Northwestern University, Thomas holds Kappa Sigma and the chapter of Beta-Nu close, sharing in the bonds of the chapter and relatives.

**Troy Coulter '92** | and Economics. He also stayed involved within the University serving as a Student at Large. Troy has had a successful career from being a materials manager at Thomas Industries to becoming an agent at State Farm Insurance where he is currently working. Outside of his career, Troy also shines as a loving husband of his wife, Stephanie, and father to two kids, Eliza and Tristan. Troy continues to keep Kappa Sigma and the Beta-Nu Chapter close, financially supporting the building of the new house and staying in contact with fellow brothers.

**Ryan Heimke '01** | as the Grand Master for the chapter. Heimke graduated from the University of Kentucky from the College of Communications in 2005. After graduation, Ryan has had various sales experiences working at Metrex Research Corporation, Covidien, and Amgen. He is now the CEO and Owner of Office Interiors of Memphis. This gave him the opportunity to provide furniture for the Beta-Nu chapter house. In addition, he is the author of "My First Year of Fatherhood" where he shares the real and intimate details of what his first year of parenthood was like. In 2018, the Germantown Tennessee board of Economic Development appointed Heimke to congratulate him for his business and community involvement.

2021  
2022

## Key Chapter Leaders & Active Volunteers

### Executive Committee:

#### Grand Master

Ben Samson '19

#### Grand Procurator

Will Herman '20

#### Grand Treasurer

Jonathan Andrews '20

#### Grand Scribe

Chandler Caraway '19

#### Grand Master of Ceremonies

Connor Hoffman '19

### Advisory Board:

Joey Otcasek '17

Roger Baird '72

Leighton Dupree '15

Cody Harsman '17

Andrew Wade '10

### Alumni Association and Housing Board Corporation:

#### President

Bob Droste '76

#### Vice President

Michael Gray '77

#### Treasurer

Russell F. Tucker '71

#### Secretary

Jim Malone '80

# GM Report



Brothers,

I hope this correspondence finds you and your families well. While difficult times often bring taxing challenges, I find that they offer insight into the most important lessons life teaches us.

Looking back on this last year I would like to recognize and extend my congratulations to the 2019 Kappa Sigma Man of the Year, a '56 initiate of Beta-Nu, Jim Stuckert. Brother Stuckert exemplifies the principles Beta-Nu strives to instill in all our members and remains a beacon of what

one can accomplish with hard work, passion, and initiative.

For me it has been a great privilege to take the helm as grand master of Beta-Nu. As society transitions out of our new normal, I look to the future, seeking to build on past achievements, while prioritizing the expansion of our influence on campus. With the assistance of a dedicated Executive board and advisor team I have itemized three overarching goals for the forthcoming academic term:

I. Growing the chapter by bringing in a large, accomplished new class that demonstrates the values outlined in the Bononia Docet

II. Facilitating a stronger connection between current undergraduate members and alumni through a significant expansion of the career network, reinforcing the notion that Kappa Sigma is a brotherhood for life

III. Broadening the chapter's philanthropic efforts, increasing both the positive influence we can have on the University of Kentucky as well as our contribution to the Military Heroes Campaign

With the chapter's unwavering support I reject the notion of remaining idle in our success and look to further cement our position as one of the premier chapters of Kappa Sigma across the nation. Please have no hesitation in reaching out if you have any questions or concerns regarding the chapter. Moreover, if you wish to know further details about future events feel free to contact me anytime.

Best,  
AEKΔB  
Ben Samson '19  
Grand Master

## Get Involved in the Greater Kentucky KSig District

If you or a fellow alumni are interested, the Greater Kentucky District which contains UK, WKU, UofL, Morehead, EKU, IUS and Marshall U are looking for volunteers. For more information please contact Joey Otcasek at [1020jco@gmail.com](mailto:1020jco@gmail.com)



# OUR 2019 MAN OF THE YEAR

## Jim Stuckert '56



The delayed 2019 Kappa Sigma Man of the Year banquet was held at the University of Kentucky on April 17th honoring Beta-Nu brother Jim Stuckert '56. As an undergraduate, Brother Stuckert served the Chapter as Grand Procurator and Grand Master. After graduating with a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1960, Brother Stuckert returned to school and received an MBA a year later. During his professional career, Jim was responsible for equity trading at Hilliard Lyons prior to assuming the roles of Chairman and CEO in December of 1995.

Brother Stuckert has always valued his collegiate days and has found ways to volunteer his time to the University and to the Beta-Nu chapter. In 1976, Brother Stuckert was elected to serve as President of the University of Kentucky National Alumni Association and remains on the Board of Directors today. He also served as the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, and as Chair of the Finance Committee for five years. Brother Stuckert was inducted to the Alumni Hall of Fame at the University of Kentucky for his contributions in 1997.

As an Graduate Brother, Jim has remained active in Kappa Sigma by assisting in the founding of the Theta-Theta chapter at Western Kentucky University and the Mu-Eta chapter at the University of Louisville. For his dedication, Jim was awarded Kappa Sigma's A Greater Cause Distinguished Alumnus Award and was inducted into the University of Kentucky Fraternity and Sorority Hall of Fame. He credits the Fraternity with helping the development of his social, leadership and brotherhood skills. "I absolutely loved my pledge class, second semester of the 1955-1956 school year!" As for advice for undergraduates, Brother Stuckert stated: "Study Hard, work hard, have fun and learn to spend time wisely. Pay attention, be involved, and always be part of the solution-not the problem. Be a positive influence and appreciate what you have."





# Support Beta-Nu through our giving opportunities



## BECOME A BETA-NU REGULAR DONOR/INVESTOR

Now that Beta-Nu has gotten our young men into competitive housing, we are looking for donors (investors) to help us maintain a chapter of excellence. We want to ensure that we have funding to award scholarships, to provide educational programs, to maintain a successful Alumni Association, and complete facility upgrades as needed. You can give in one of three ways:

**Make a one-time or recurring** via credit card or check to the Housing Corporation and/or donation.

**Join our new 1901 Club** honoring our chapter founding as a donor to the House Corporation and/or University which is a monthly recurring gift donation via credit card. A monthly gift of \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more will make a difference in the chapter's future success. To set up donations to the chapter visit: <https://kappasigmauk.com/donate-now>

**Leave a Legacy** by providing charitable gifts which can help you meet your current philanthropic goals and extend your generosity well into the future. Planned gifts can also protect your assets, provide for your family, and guarantee you income for life. You can even make a significant impact through a gift that costs nothing in your lifetime (through a charitable bequest under your will).

There are several ways to support the Beta-Nu of Kappa Sigma House Corporation, but when you plan a gift as part of your overall estate and financial plans, you help the chapter expand the boundaries of scholarship and leadership.

Visit the chapter website to learn more: <https://kappasigmauk.com/leave-a-legacy>

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

We would like to thank all alumni who made a contribution from July 1st, 2020 to July 2021. We know this past year and a half have been difficult times for many but if you are interested in providing a gift to our House Corporation or University Building Fund, want to learn about how to provide scholarships through the Kappa Sigma Endowment Fund or the University, or want to learn more about how to Leave a Legacy with your estate, please contact Michael Gray at [graybear57@gmail.com](mailto:graybear57@gmail.com) or 919-624-4945 or Matt Noble at [matt.noble@fmgutucson.com](mailto:matt.noble@fmgutucson.com) or 520-990-3250

Charlie English '54  
Paul Patton '56  
James Stucker '56  
William Kaufman '59  
Bill Corum '63  
Ron Major '66  
Tom McCarty '68  
Tony Walker '68  
Glenn Galecki '69  
Thomas Gugliermo '71  
Russell Tucker '71  
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Jorge Pages '76  
Gary Ulmer '76  
John Augspurger '77  
Mike Gray '77  
Hank Robinson '77  
Paul Beargie '78  
Dave Bergmann '78  
Thomas Caywood '79  
Jim Malone '80  
Mark Jordan '81  
Oliver Spencer '81  
Carl Bisig '82

Shawn O'Conner '85  
Scott Shriley '85  
Michael Bowling '86  
Chenalt Morton '86  
David Carroll '87  
Thomas Meyer '87  
Daniel Bowling '88  
Daniel Heck '88  
Shon Libby '88  
Matthew Owens '88  
John Tucker '88  
Jeremy Bates '90  
Bill Erwin '90  
Jim Wade '90  
Brian Heck '91

Troy Coulter '92  
Michael Stacy '92  
David Wolfford '92  
Matt Mauller '93  
Jonathan Nalli '93  
Eric Fulcher '94  
Andy Hess '95  
Brandon Schadt '98  
Dale Berry '02  
Seth Brooks '02  
Mike Bash '03  
Timothy Burnett '07  
Zachary Lathram '07  
William Ellis '10  
Alex Malone '15

## VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers are the key to Beta-Nu's success. We are looking for alumni willing to join our team in these areas:

**Advisory Team:** help provide advice and guide undergraduate officers & chairmen in the running of the chapter.

**Alumni Association:** help in the coordination of the fall Beta-Nu Hall of Fame and Football Game Weekend and the Keeneland Alumni & Parent Weekend.

**House Corporation:** help in serving on one of our committees (Finances, Fundraising, Legal, Property Management & University Relations). Contact Michael Gray at [graybear57@gmail.com](mailto:graybear57@gmail.com) or 919-624-4945.

**Recruitment Recommendations:** provide a recruitment recommendation by filling out the following form: <https://www.kappasigmauk.com/rush-recommendation>



# WHAT ARE ALUMNI THEY DOING NOW?



**Ronald Major '66** Ronald Major was initiated into the Beta-Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma at the University of Kentucky in 1966. After majoring in political science and graduating in 1969 he became an attorney and worked as a managing partner at Hermanies & Major. Today, Ron is married to his wife Karen Major and lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.



**Tim McGowan '90** graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1994 as a member of the Beta-Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma. He served as the Guard, Scholarship chair, and PR chair throughout his membership beginning in 1990. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Landscape Architecture, Tim went on to receive his Associate of Arts in Culinary Arts/Chef training. Today, he holds the position of banquet chef at the Lexington Marriott city center in Kentucky is married to his wife Dana.

**Dr. Gary Brickler '67** graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1970 as a member of the Beta Nu-Chapter of Kappa Sigma '67 initiates. He held the position of scholarship chairman and majored in Zoology. Following graduation, he pursued a career in Veterinary medicine and eventually joined the U.S. Army becoming the Commander 109th MED DET. Gary is now married to his wife Susan and lives in Folsom, CA.



**Jesse Parrish '05** graduated from the University of Kentucky as a member of the Beta-Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma. He then went on to receive his Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law where he was part of the Moot Court Board. For the past 6 years, Jesse has worked his way up from Chief Financial officer, to president, to CEO of Blackhawk Mining Co. Today, he is married to his wife Anne and has two children Winnie and Eloise.

**Robert Bowling '78** was initiated into the Beta Nu-Chapter of Kappa Sigma and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Kentucky in 1980. After majoring in microbiology, he pursued a career in technology and holds the position of CEO at Telecom Decision Makers Inc. Today, Robert continues to live in Louisville, Kentucky married to his wife Martina.



**Dr. Bryan Payne '85** graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry in 1988 and went on to receive his Doctor of Medicine in 1992 and specialize in neurosurgery. He was initiated into the Beta Nu-Chapter of Kappa Sigma at the University of Kentucky in 1985. Today, he works as the Neurosurgery section Chief at SSLVHCS and as a Clinical Professor at LSU-NO. Along with his wife Kristen, Bryan continues to reside in West Virginia with his five children, Wallace, Rankin, Thomas, Amelia, and Cordelia.



**Stanley Shifferd '87** was proudly initiated into Beta-Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma in 1990 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in english language and literature. While a part of the Kappa Sigma Chapter, he was the Grand Master of Ceremonies, Social Chairman and lived in the house. Today, Stan is a full stack instructional designer who loves creating solutions to challenging training projects. He currently lives with his wife in Alameda, California and works as the senior instructional designer at Facebook.

**Zach Lathram '07** graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2011 with a degree in Hospitality Management & Tourism and was a member of the Beta-Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma since 2007. Today, he works as an experienced store manager at Sterling & Burke in Washington D.C. with skills in all aspects of hospitality, customer service, and sales satisfaction

**Shawn O'Connor '85** As an alumnus of the Beta Nu-Chapter of Kappa Sigma, class of 1989, Shawn graduated from the University of Kentucky and went on to become the Group VP/ Deputy Division Head-Metals for Toyota Tsusho America. Today, Shawn resides in Kentucky married to his wife Kelly and their four children -- Kara, Lainey, Nolan, and Caden.

**Alexander Nehrhorn '14** is currently residing in Chicago, Illinois teaching Social Studies in the Bloom Township District 206. During his time at the University of Kentucky he led the chapter as the Grand Master of Ceremonies, Philanthropy Chair and Social Chair and continues to stay connected with the brothers of the Beta-Nu Chapter.



# MEET A FEW BETA-NU UNDERGRADUATES



## Sam Adkins '19

Sam Adkins is a rising junior from Louisville, Kentucky graduating in 2023. Sam is pursuing a Computer Science Engineering degree with a minor in Mathematics. Sam is on track to graduate with highest honors and has been a member of the Dean's List every semester of college. Outside of school he enjoys golfing, playing soccer, and hanging out with brothers. Sam exemplifies the pillars of scholarship and fellowship, as he consistently displays academic excellence and strong character as a leader in our chapter.

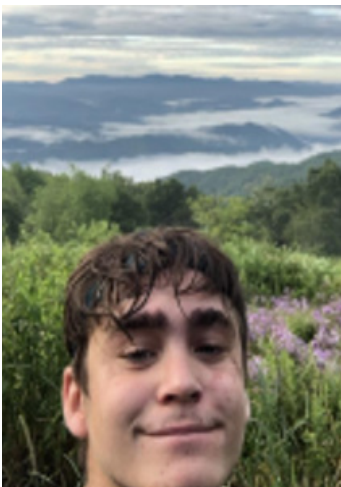
## Jonathan Andrews '20

Jonathan Andrews is a 2020 initiate from Prospect, KY. He will be graduating in spring of 2024 and is entering his sophomore year. He is studying Information Communication Technology with a minor in Computer Science. He wishes to work in the cyber security field after pursuing his degree. He currently holds the house position of treasurer. When talking about Kappa Sigma, Jonathan says "KS truly exemplifies the meaning of brotherhood. My chapter gives me a group of genuine guys I can always rely on, which is a significant characteristic in my eyes. Especially my big brother, John Solar. His advice to new members is "as cliché as it sounds, just be yourself. Don't try to mold your personality just to fit in; if you are being authentic, others will respect you!"



## John Solar '20

John Solar, a Spring '20 initiate, is a Sophomore pursuing a degree in Integrated Strategic Communications focusing on account management, and is simultaneously pursuing a minor in Philosophy. John is serving in his first position as Alumni chair and is excited to watch the Beta-Nu mentorship platform continue to grow and believes it is a great resource that everyone in the chapter should take advantage of. In his free time, John loves to go hiking, fishing, and frisbee golfing. John values his time outside and believes the hike up the mountain makes the view all that much better. John loves to travel and experience new places. "Coming from Atlanta, Georgia, it was tough to meet people, but this Fraternity helped me to find lifelong brothers. I couldn't be more excited to be a part of this Fraternity." John is very excited for this Fraternity to continue to grow and to be a part of this Fraternity, "Not for a day or an hour or a college term only - but for life."







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## SAVE THE DATE

Celebrate the 2021 class of the  
Beta-Nu Hall of Fame!

The 7th annual Hall of Fame Weekend  
November 5 & 6, 2021

### FRIDAY

Open House Tours  
Hall of Fame Banquet  
Cocktails, Dinner & Awards

### SATURDAY

Brunch at New Lodge  
Tailgating

RSVP and More Information

<https://www.kappasigmauk.com/events/hall-of-fame-weekend-2021>

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