
2005



**GAMMA-OMICRON
HALL OF FAME**



University of Kansas

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CREST ROOM, THE CHAPTER HOUSE



Welcome.....

TO THE 14TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME AWARDS BANQUET

The 14th Annual Gamma-Omicron Hall of Fame Awards are presented by the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Kansas. Conceived as a means of honoring our alumni for outstanding achievements and service, this award has become an integral part of our tradition here at Gamma-O.

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. Since its beginning on May 18, 1912 the Gamma-Omicron Chapter has seen many brothers rise to positions of prominence.

Congratulations to those who have been awarded this honor!

This year's Hall of Fame Inductees are:

**Tony Witt '50, Rick Sarmiento '65,
Larry Walter '69, and Cliff Rovelto '75.**



PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks

Fred Green '61

Greetings from the Grand Master

Grand Master Nick Lombardi '03

Chapter Man of the Year Presentation

[Presenter]

Academic Achievement Awards

Presented by Alumnus Advisor Steven Slaughter '99

2005 Hall of Fame Induction

Tony Witt '50

Rick Sarmiento '65

Larry Walter '69

Cliff Rovelto '75

Closing Remarks

Fred Green '61



Tony Witt '50

Anthony H. Witt, Jr., was an incredibly involved student during his undergraduate days at the University of Kansas. He pledged Kappa Sigma and was initiated in the spring of 1950. With the fraternity, he participated in their football, basketball, and volleyball programs. During his freshman year he was also recruited to tryout for KU basketball team. He was recognized as Distinguished Military Student in ROTC in 1952, and Distinguished Military Graduate also for ROTC in 1953. When he graduated with his BS in Business Administration in 1953, Anthony worked in the US Army as a Commissary Officer in Washington D.C. After serving his two years, he went to work for the family farm. He is currently retired, but has spent his entire professional life managing the Witt Farm Company in Russell, Kansas, with his brother, Cecil E. Witt.

During his many years in Russell, he has been prominent within the community. Anthony was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, and in the Church where he spent 4 years on church council. Perhaps due to the fact that he and his wife had four children within 5 years, he also found himself a member of the school board for eight years, two of which he was the President.

Anthony says his days as an active in the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma were "a great experience to prepare a young man for life." He still sees some of his fraternity brothers on a regular basis, and has stopped by the house on numerous occasions while attending KU football games. His continued involvement with the fraternity does not stop there. Anthony was intent on sharing the Gamma-Omicron experience with the men in his family and can be credited with recruiting and getting pledged one brother, six nephews and one son.



Rick Sarmiento '65

Richard D. Sarmiento praises the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma for offering him a sense of belonging and security during his college years at the University of Kansas. He says the fraternity “taught him much including - social skills, brotherhood, and achieving goals.” Since receiving his BA from KU in 1967, he has lead an extremely successful and nontraditional existence, dipping into various endeavors and certainly achieving many goals along the way.

Initially Richard began in the military. He was a pilot for the United States Marine Corp. and served in Vietnam. Once finishing his tour he returned to the US and worked with Hyatt Hotels. During his employment with Hyatt he was recognized as Manager of the Year, but Richard was not content working for someone else and decided to branch out into his own ventures.

In 1985, he opened a small boutique called White House, selling all white women’s clothing and accessories. This proved to be a bold, but lucrative business concept. Ten years later, he opened another shop, this time carrying apparel in shades of black, called Black Market. With both stores operating successfully, Richard decided to combine the two under one roof in 1997, as White House/Black Market. There are now 178 of these stores which were acquired by Chico’s Inc. in September of 2000. After the acquisition, Richard remained CEO of White House/Black Market for a while, but his entrepreneurial spirit kicked in again and he was soon onto his next venture. This time he dipped into film and is currently the Founder, President, and CEO of Sarco Films Inc. Aside from manning the executive aspects of the company, he is also credited as film producer for company.

Despite his busy professional life, Richard has made it a priority to remain active in community activities. He is a member of the local Rotary



Club in Stevensville, Maryland, where he currently resides. In addition, he is a member of the CEO Club of Baltimore and has been on the Board of Directors for the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. His time has been donated to the KU and Kappa Sigma as well. He was on the KU Chancellor's Fundraising Committee, and was more than happy to donate to the Kappa Sigma House Reconstruction Fund.

Larry Walter '69

Judge Lawrence Steven Walter began his education at the University of Kansas in 1968. During his time at KU he was initiated into the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma, for which he would become Vice-President in 1971. Lawrence was also on the KU Fencing Team and represented the University at the NCAA National Fencing Championships in 1970. In 1972, Lawrence received his Bachelor of Arts Degree, graduating with honors in English.

The education did not end there. Lawrence continued on to the University of Michigan to pursue his M.A. which he completed in 1973. His next academic step was attendance at the University of Cincinnati where he would go on to attain his Law Degree.

Since 1986, he has fully submerged himself in law. He held positions with the well known publishers, Harper and Row, as Publishers Representative in New York City. Later he would become partner at Sebaly, Shillito & Dyer, L.P.A. As an attorney, he is a member of the American Bar Association, Ohio Bar Association, and the Dayton Bar Association. In Dayton he has given his time and expertise to the Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project. He has also served as Chair for the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Committee and found himself involved with the Real Estate Law Committee.



His immersion in both bankruptcy and real estate, led him down various paths. In the realm of real estate, Lawrence found himself working with Union Township on the Board of Zoning Appeals in Butler County, Ohio. He served as Chair and Vice-President from 1989-1996. The Union Township Board of Trustees would later award him a certificate of appreciation for outstanding service and dedication in establishing the first Board of Zoning Appeals for the Township.

Though working with real estate and being recognized for his service was an honor, it seems Lawrence favored working in bankruptcy law. He is certified by the American Board of Certification as a Business Bankruptcy Specialist, and has been a Bankruptcy Judge since 2003. He is currently employed by the US Courts as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

In addition the aforementioned volunteer work with Union Township, Lawrence was a Board Member of the Rotary Club, also in Union Township from 1994-1995. Interestingly, he worked with the Sierra Club too, and was the founder and lead instructor for their sea kayak instructional program.

He is living in Dayton, Ohio today with his wife Christena, with whom he has three sons, Drew (24), Brent (21), and Christopher (18).

Cliff Rovelto '75

As a freshman at the University of Kansas, Cliff Rovelto pledged the Gamma-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma. He was initiated in 1974. As an active he served as Rush Chairman for two years, and



as Grand Master of the fraternity. Kappa Sigma honored him with their Kappa Sigma Undergraduate Scholarship as he pursued his Bachelor's Degree in Education, and the Phi Epsilon Kappa Honor Society recognized him for his academic achievements as well.

Upon graduation from KU in 1978, Cliff took the lessons he learned from the fraternity about organization, work ethic, loyalty and perseverance to his new job at McLouth High School as the Head Coach of Cross Country and Track and Field. This is where he began his soon to be highly regarded career in sports.

After three years at McLouth, Cliff found himself back at the University of Kansas, this time as an alumnus working as Graduate Assistant Coach. He remained in this position for two years until becoming Assistant Women's Coach for track and field, and eventually the Interim Head Women's Track and Field Coach from 1987 - 1988. During his time in these positions he was honored with the United States Women's Track Coach Association Service Award.

The awards did not stop there. In 1988, when Cliff moved onto Kansas State University from KU, taking a position as Head Track and Field Coach, his career exploded. He has been awarded NCAA Midwest Regional Coach of the Year five times, Big 12 Coach of the Year two times, not to mention NCAA National Coach of the Year.

Cliff is accredited as a USA Track and Field Level II Instructor. He has been a four time Team USA Coach in International Competition, which includes the 2003 and 2004 World Championships. He also gives his time to the Special Olympics and the Boy Scouts of America. He says, "the values that Kappa Sigma stands for have helped shape his life and continue to serve him well."

Cliff currently resides in Manhattan, Kansas, with his wife Karol, and continues to serve as the Head Track and Field Coach at Kansas State University.



“The Star and Crescent shall not be worn by every man, but only by him who is worthy to wear it. He must be a gentleman...a man of honor and courage...a man of zeal, yet humble...an intelligent man...a man of truth... one who tempers action with wisdom and, above all else, one who walks in the light of God.”



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Hall of Fame Inductees:

Tony Witt '50
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Chapter Man of the Year:

Daniel Klein '03

2004

Robert Guthrie '55
Kenneth Payne '55
John Davis '62
Charles Squire '62

2003

Richard Guthrie '59
Roy Knapp '59
William Textor '59

2002

Walter Cole '50
Richard Mai '50
Cecil Edward Witt '52
Bill McEachen '52
Edgar B. Grass III '77

2001

U.S. Armed Forces Memorial

Fred C. Campbell '12
Don B. Fullmer '32
Charles F. Pierson '36
John D. Keeling '39
Earl G. Lowe, Jr. '40
William H. McCrum '40
Francis B. Smith, Jr. '41
Herbert S. Finney '42
William H. Fountain '42
John E. Strand '42
John E. Sorem '48
Samuel W. Simpson '57
Larry E. Martin '58
Lloyd M. Willson '59
Jack C. Connell '62



2000

Richard Nelson '44
Jay Markley '51
Jerry Palmer '59
Richard Davis '60
David Mackenzie '61

1999

Reed Hoffman '41
Harry Callahan '42
Frank Darden '45
Warren Andreas '49
Noel Rooney '53

1998

Robert Gould '63
David Evans '64

1997

Raymond Calene '20
Thomas Bertelsen '59
Danforth Austin '65

1996

Frank Godding '40
Harry Hutchens '45
Richard McClain '53
Jerald Pullins '61
Alan Mulally '64

1995

Lawrence Ochs '42
Harlan Ochs '47
Kenneth Ochs '49
Donald Ochs '50
Lloyd Hanahan '56

1994

Kenneth Rankin '28
Elis Cave '29
Harry West '29
Rich Lyon '34
John Heisler '41
Roger James '42
Wallace Foster '46
Henry Buck '53
Fred Green '61

1993

Robert Ferris '34
George Godding '39
Paul Bartsch '55

1992

John Redmond '31
James Hitt '32
C. H. Cowell '34
Albert Speath '34
Howard Engleman '38
Frederick Murfin '38
Louis Ward '38
William Murfin '39



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

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