

BETA-CHI HONORED ALUMNI

2024

THOMAS SONDERMAN '82 AND DAN LUMMA '86

2023 Dan Conway '82 Scott Stewart '90	2009 Tom Gresham '59 Ken Arnsmeier '70 Pat Knoll '70 Richard T. Bradley '84	1999 Howard Casselman '44 J. Barry Sheldon '78
2022 Michael Murray '02	Fall 2008 Mike Meyer '71	1998 Clarence Philips '56 Williams Anderson '59 Malcolm Barber '61 Barry Romine '64 June Thompson Jr. '64 Stanley Choflet '80
2021 Steven J. Malcolm '67 Anthony X. Drumm '81	Saint Pat's Spring 2008 Ira "Dick" Phillips '58 Mike Woldman '61 Pat Owen '73 Tom Smith '77 Jim Von Behren '80 Jim Telthorst '81	1997 Donald Beurlein '58 Wayne Ruck '58 Paul Shy '58 Charles Becker Jr. '60 William Wagener III '72
2019 Eric Norman '60 Ketan Patel '00 (<i>In memory</i>)	2006 Ted Fielder '62 Glenn Mabie '76 Greg Raymer '83	1996 John Smith '48
2018 Robert Wright '56 Bill Meister '73 Stephen Hoffmann '02 Grant Mabie '02	2005 John Evans '49 J. Derald Morgan '59 Michael Lally '80 John Remmers '81	1995 Randall Moyle Jr. '47 William Demzik '55 Ryamong Behrens '65 Donald Bourne '67 Robert Hoffman '78
2015 Ken Staab '76 Steve Ederle '84	2004 Steve Sieckhaus '84	1994 Edgar Telthorst '47 Bill Sullivan '57 Charles Wagner '58 William Kirchoff '60 Phil Corbin '80
2013 Walter Knecht '45 Bill Turner '61 Jeff Melcher '79 Ed Bradley '81 Pete Joyce '92	2003 Robert Dietz Jr. '41 Theodore A. Ruppert '49 Jerry Borman '56 Rich Manning '74 Mike Wrob '78 Paul Fleischut '82	1993 Robert Bay '44 William Gammon '44 George Mabie '48 Robert Glaser '58 Bill Ricketts '58 Clinton Clark '60 Gene Kalhorn '63 Leonard Koederitz '64 Gary Forsee '69 William Kroeger '72 Mark Sullentrop '75
2012 Fred Niemeier '92	2002 Mike Burns '58	
2011 Terry Mills '58 Mark Drumm '74 Dave Perry '74 Ron Acker '75 Bill Alt '75 Mark White '75 Tom Gredell '76 Ed Jantosik '76 Brian Grant '78 Paul Demzik '80 Dave Smith '80 Bill Kovacich '82	2001 Lance Killoran '69	
	2000 Andy Tayon '77	

Welcome to the 121th Beta-Chi Anniversary and Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony

The Beta-Chi Hall of Fame Awards are presented by Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Missouri University of Science & Technology. Conceived as a means of honoring our alumni for outstanding achievement and service, these awards have become an integral part of our tradition at Beta-Chi.

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 November 3, 1903, Beta-Chi Chapter has seen many Brothers rise to positions of prominence.

Congratulations to those who have been awarded this honor!

**THIS FALL'S HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ARE:
THOMAS SONDERMAN '82 AND DAN LUMMA '86**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

PAUL FLEISCHUT '82

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

LUNCH – 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

BETA-CHI HALL OF FAME BANQUET

6 P.M. – SOCIAL HOUR

7 P.M. – DINNER

7:30 P.M. – CHAPTER REPORT

7:45 P.M. – HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

8:15 P.M. – GOOD OF THE ORDER

8:30 P.M. – CELEBRATION

*All activities will take place at the Chapter House.

THOMAS SONDERMAN '82



As an only child, **Thomas Sonderman '82** experienced quite a change when Kappa Sigma gave him a family of 100 Brothers. Tom previously planned to pursue his chemical engineering degree at Washington University in St. Louis before his close friend **Martin Berutti '81** invited him to a summer pledge party at the Beta-Chi Chapter House. "I knew immediately it was the place to go."

Tom believes the fraternal experiences at S&T are truly unique compared to other schools. When he visited campus last year and walked down Pine Street, the thrilling memories of St. Pat's with his Brothers came flooding back. Tom spent much of his college years between campus and Monsanto, where he worked as part

of a generous scholarship. Coming home to Kappa Sigma gave him camaraderie while teaching him to work with different personalities and learn first-hand how an organization functions.

"The Navy SEALs have a term called extreme ownership: when you sign up, you deliver," Tom said. "Or when you're young and in a Fraternity, you learn the consequences if you don't." The parties and projects Tom and his Brothers worked on together provided a truly foundational experience as they prepared to graduate and do great things in the world.

Filling a Need

At Monsanto, Tom discovered his interest in semiconductors and went on to work in manufacturing at AMD. He worked his way up through leadership, including when AMD's manufacturing operation transformed into GlobalFoundries. As that industry started moving overseas, Tom saw a need for American-based skills and resources; this brought him to SkyWater Technology, where he has served as CEO since 2017.

SkyWater is a U.S.-based, investor-owned "pure play" semiconductor business, creating tech for diverse domestic tech fields including the biomedical industry. Competing with overseas sources was an uphill battle before the pandemic drove the need for domestic manufacturing. Tom and his colleagues were also major advocates for the CHIPS Act (signed into law in 2022), which helped reverse a decades-long decline in American chip manufacturing.

When Tom gave S&T's commencement address in December, he shared one of his favorite pieces of advice: never be satisfied with where you are in life. "I say that even now as a CEO, having never imagined I'd be here." Tom is excited to see how SkyWater grows with the world around it as tech such as AI continues to evolve. "You can't ever rest on your laurels in this industry."

Brothers for Life

Tom's son, also an only child, is in a fraternity at the University of Minnesota; Tom is glad to see him, too, build his own lifelong relationships. He's also proud to have his close friend **Paul Fleischut '82** as his son's godfather, as he keeps Tom updated on all things Beta-Chi and S&T. Always eager to help a fellow Brother, Tom is in regular contact with **Jeff Heger '82** and helped mentor his son through his graduate degree. "When it comes to the brotherhood, I never have to think twice," he said. "Those college years were some of the best of my life."

Tom lives in Apple Valley, Minnesota, and can be reached at thomas.sonderman@gmail.com.

DAN LUMMA '86



College life offers a unique blend of academic and social experiences for aspiring young men. **Dan Lumma '86** found his ideal environment for growth at Missouri S&T through Kappa Sigma.

Built by Beta-Chi

Dan has nothing but praise for the Beta-Chi Brothers he met while exploring Fraternity options, especially appreciating their commitment to both academics and activities. As a collegian, he valued the camaraderie developed through St. Pats, Greek Week, house events and simply spending time with the brothers. "They were a great combination of good guys who liked to have fun while also having a level of intensity about school."

During college, Dan served Beta-Chi as assistant treasurer, treasurer, and Grand Master. His fraternal service taught him leadership and discipline as he balanced Chapter responsibilities with his academic workload.

"When I graduated and started working, I felt comfortable taking on more responsibilities because I knew I could handle it. I attribute this confidence to the combination of both the rigor of S&T and activities at the Chapter House."

Engineering Excellence

Dan's career began in 1990 when he joined Bibb and Associates as a design engineer. Following Kiewit's acquisition of Bibb in 1998, Dan's strong work ethic led to increased responsibilities, culminating in his role in expanding Kiewit's engineering business.

Dan became Kiewit Engineering Group's first division manager. Over the years, he has led the integration of 3,500 employees into the company, contributing to Kiewit's growth into one of the North America's largest construction and engineering organizations.

"Our group now includes design and engineering staff serving the power, oil and gas, industrial and water, and infrastructure markets, as well as a workshare office in Mexico that supports all of these areas."

Dan currently serves as the President of the Kiewit Engineering Group.

Kappa Sigma Connections

From Beta-Chi bonds to friendships with college bandmates, Dan stays in regular contact with S&T alumni from his undergraduate years. He will host his first pledge Brother reunion this September, with at least a dozen alumni planning to have traveled from across the country to reconnect in Missouri.

As a 2024 Beta-Chi Hall of Fame inductee, Dan is honored to be recognized alongside other esteemed alumni from one of Kappa Sigma's top Chapters. He has been chosen as the keynote speaker for the occasion and is excited to discuss Kappa Sigma's significant impact on his life.

"I look forward to sharing how Kappa Sigma and Missouri S&T have shaped me both as a leader and an individual. I hope my message will resonate with and inspire the current Chapter members."

Dan and his wife, Katie, have a blended family of six children who keep them busy. They often enjoy time at their place on Table Rock Lake. In his free time, Dan likes to play guitar and travel. You can connect with him at dhlumma@gmail.com.