

BETA-CHI HONORED ALUMNI

2025

TODD OPPEAU '90 AND JASON HOLSCHEN '94

2024

Thomas Sonderman '82
Dan Lumma '86

2023

Dan Conway '82
Scott Stewart '90

2022

Michael Murray '02

2021

Steven J. Malcolm '67
Anthony X. Drumm '81

2019

Eric Norman '60
Ketan Patel '00 (*In memory*)

2018

Robert Wright '56
Bill Meister '73
Stephen Hoffmann '02
Grant Mabie '02

2015

Ken Staab '76
Steve Ederle '84

2013

Walter Knecht '45
Bill Turner '61
Jeff Melcher '79
Ed Bradley '81
Pete Joyce '92

2012

Fred Niemeier '92

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

2009

Tom Gresham '59
Ken Arnsmeier '70
Pat Knoll '70
Richard T. Bradley '84

Fall 2008

Mike Meyer '71

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

2006

Ted Fielder '62
Glenn Mabie '76
Greg Raymer '83

2005

John Evans '49
J. Derald Morgan '59
Michael Lally '80
John Remmers '81

2004

Steve Sieckhaus '84

2003

Robert Dietz Jr. '41
Theodore A. Ruppert '49
Jerry Borman '56
Rich Manning '74
Mike Wrob '78
Paul Fleischut '82

2002

Mike Burns '58

2001

Lance Killoran '69

2000

Andy Tayon '77

1999

Howard Casselman '44
J. Barry Sheldon '78

1998

Clarence Philips '56
Williams Anderson '59
Malcolm Barber '61
Barry Romine '64
June Thompson Jr. '64
Stanley Choflet '80

1997

Donald Beurlein '58
Wayne Ruck '58
Paul Shy '58
Charles Becker Jr. '60
William Wagener III '72

1996

John Smith '48

1995

Randall Moyle Jr. '47
William Demzik '55
Ryamond Behrens '65
Donald Bourne '67
Robert Hoffman '78

1994

Edgar Telthorst '47
Bill Sullivan '57
Charles Wagner '58
William Kirchoff '60
Phil Corbin '80

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

Welcome to the 122nd 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:
TODD OPPEAU '90 AND JASON HOLSCHEN '94**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

FRED NIEMEIER '92

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

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.

TODD OPPEAU '90



Looking back on his college years, **Todd Oppeau '90** was honored to join a Kappa Sigma pledge class that led to Beta-Chi Chapter's resurgence at Missouri S&T. Here, he reminisces on his fraternal development and the Brotherhood's impact on his life ahead of his induction into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame at Homecoming 2025.

"I originally joined because of positive impressions during recruitment with members like **Bob Fischer '87**, **Dan Lumma '86**, and others," Todd said. One of his favorite Kappa Sigma memories came from walkout weekend with a younger pledge class, visiting New Orleans for a fun but exhausting few days

of Brotherhood. "I am certain we had more fun on the trip there and back more than the actual things we did while there."

Todd's service in undergraduate leadership roles helped him gain a better understanding of Fraternity operations. He learned lessons in accountability and personal responsibility that have stuck with him for life, and Todd credits Kappa Sigma for helping to prepare him for challenging situations in his career after graduation.

Todd worked as a project engineer for St. Louis Bridge Company upon graduating college, then worked for a mechanical contractor under the management of former alumni advisor **Phil Corbin '80**.

"I chose to make my long-term career at Black & Veatch Corporation in Kansas City. From starting in 1999 as a design engineer to discipline lead, engineering manager, then project manager and now director of the PMO and a position as an executive officer, it has been a journey."

Todd enjoys having a career that rewards him based on knowledge learned over the years and applied through project execution and he also values the career connections made along the way.

"The college experience has changed dramatically since I graduated, and consequently, so has the business world. But there is no substitute for hard work, and there has probably never been a better time to be able to showcase yourself and stand out amongst your peers."

Reflecting on his induction into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame, Todd is grateful for the Kappa Sigma alumni who have provided excellent examples of leadership and lifelong devotion. Through his Fraternity connections, Todd recognized importance of forging meaningful relationships and having a positive impact on others in his life.

"I admire how Brothers can remain such good friends over the years and over great distances. Some pledge classes stay very close to each other, and I know they would do anything for each other or a Brother—I have seen it in action."

Todd is grateful for his Beta-Chi Hall of Fame honor and continues to cherish his connection with the Chapter at Missouri S&T. He and his wife, Amy, live in Spring Hill, Kansas. They have two children, August and Gracie, who are attending KU. You can connect with Todd at tsoppeau@gmail.com.

JASON HOLSCHEN '94



When **Jason Holschen '94** was recruited to Kappa Sigma by **Jason Hudson '91**, he appreciated the diversity of thought and backgrounds in Beta-Chi. As a new member, Jason had the opportunity to be a part of the 90th anniversary celebration.

"I still remember all the work it took to get the house looking great, socializing with alumni, and getting the house chores done the next day to make sure the house looked great once again."

Jason began his leadership journey at Rolla and Kappa Sigma, serving as Chapter president, IFC president, and leadership roles in several other organizations throughout his collegiate years.

Becoming the university's first Homecoming king near the end of his college career was the culmination of his years of leadership and involvement.

The lessons Jason learned through these opportunities shaped him to be a strong leader later in life. "I was able to experiment and fail many times and learned how difficult it is to keep everyone happy. It is impossible, so the next best path is to stay true to your principles and lead from a place of understanding, empathy, and humility."

Early in his career, Jason and his wife had the opportunity to live and work in the UK for two years when the company they worked for decided to open a new office. "Despite neither of us having a passport, we raised our hands and became two of the six people selected to open a London office."

After receiving his MBA, he worked in a corporate strategy role at Emerson Electric before transitioning into operating roles in a few divisions of the company. Later, Jason reached out to his best friend from Beta-Chi, **Fred Niemeier '92**, who put Jason in contact with some key contacts within IDEX, where Jason continued his career.

"It came from knowing Fred, having that personal relationship as well as the professional capabilities that came with working for a large company like Emerson that set me up on the path I am now." Knowing Fred also played a role in Jason joining his current company, Arrowhead Engineered Products.

Jason is honored to be inducted into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame during Homecoming. "I had no idea how I got nominated. Who put my name up? There was somebody, somewhere along the way, who I've made an impact on their life, or at least a very positive impression, who thought I was worthy of this honor."

Jason and his wife, Valerie, a Kappa Delta whom he met through the Interfraternity Council, have been married for 26 years. They have two daughters, Catrina, who will be attending Ole Miss this fall, and Audrey, who will be a high school senior.

"A pivotal experience we had as a family took place in 2020," Jason shared. "For five years, we planned to take a year off work and homeschool our daughters as we traveled the world. Unfortunately, COVID interrupted those plans, but we were still able to travel. We purchased a truck and travel trailer and managed to camp in 45 of the 50 states during that year away from home."

In his free time, Jason enjoys traveling, CrossFit, and being involved in his daughters' club and high school soccer. You can connect with him at jholschen@gmail.com.