



# 2022 Chi Chapter Hall of Fame

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# WELCOME

## TO THE 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

The 35th Annual Chi Chapter Hall of Fame Awards are presented by the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Purdue University. 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 Chi Chapter.

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 founding in 1885, Chi 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:

Michael Pritchett '61

Steven Funk '69

Vince Shissler '00

Omar Khayum '02



# PROGRAM

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## **WELCOME**

Peter Evers '09

## **GRACE**

Ethan Gick '20, GMC

## **DINNER**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Peter Evers '09

## **UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION**

Steve Springer '67

## **STATE OF CHI CHAPTER**

Andrew Sovik '21, GM

## **STATE OF ALUMNI ADVISOR'S ACTIVITIES**

Vince Shissler '00

## **STATE OF CHI CHAPTER HOUSE ASSOCIATION**

Doug Kowert '60

## **HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

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## **CLOSING**

Peter Evers '09

## HALL OF FAME

# Michael Pritchett '61



### **President & Founder of Pritchett Realty Corp**

Brother Pritchett graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Sciences in 1964. He continued his education earning a Master of Business Administration from Harvard University in 1966. Mike grew up in Hammond and graduated from Hammond High School. While at Purdue, Mike was active in student activities. He was elected President of both his Freshman and Sophomore class.

During his sophomore year Mike ran an unsuccessful campaign to be Student Body Government Vice President for his Junior year. He continued to participate in student activities by serving as the Chairman of the Interfraternity Council Judicial Board during his senior year.

Mike began his business career in commercial banking and then the real estate finance industry as a mortgage banker, specializing in loans and joint venture financing for commercial and industrial properties. In 1980, Mike followed his entrepreneurial spirit and founded Pritchett Realty Corporation, which has developed, owned, leased, and managed several office buildings in the part of Chicago's western suburbs known as the East-West Corridor. These buildings have proven to be good long-term investments.

Mike's favorite part of his business was real estate development, which gave him the opportunity to start with the vacant ground, and then conceive, finance, construct, and lease office buildings that will be at their locations for decades. He is pleased that his firm's developments continue to contribute positively to their communities.

Recently, his firm sold the remaining buildings in its portfolio. What comes next is to be determined.

Perhaps Mike's greatest accomplishment has been with his family. Mike and his wife Elaine have been married for 47 years and are the proud grandparents of two delightful little girls aged six and three. He enjoys his grandparenting duties and recognizes what a blessing it is to see these children establish their own personalities. To him, it brings back fond memories. Elaine and Mike live just about one mile from their daughter Susan and her family in Glenview, Illinois.

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# Steven Funk '69

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### Investment Manager for Funk Family Trust

Steven Funk graduated from Purdue University with an Honors Degree in 1972, before going on to receive his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from the University of Iowa in 1979 then completed his residency at Vancouver General Hospital in Oral Surgery.

During his time at Purdue, he was heavily involved on campus as well as in Kappa Sigma. He acted as the chapter's Vice President and Rush member and for his dedication and hard work, won the Kappa Sigma Scholarship Leadership award. He was also a Purdue Grand Prix driver and a varsity grappler.

After graduating, Steven began his career, which would soon see many accomplishments. Mr. Funk is now a patron of TED, a Special Envoy to British Columbia's film industry, and a founding Financier and Director of Unitus Capital, just to name a few. Additionally, he is a developer of the Refuge Air Ranch and founded Aspen Properties. He also served on the Innovations Board of X-Prize Foundation, was the former owner and chair of Imperial Parking, and co-founded the UP Conference and UP Partners Fund, investing in aerial mobility and transport.

Along with his dedication to his career, Steven is also consistently involved in his community. He has been a part of Augie's Quest for ALS, Alpine EMS, and the creation of the Community Support Fund for Alpine, Wyoming, Zajac Ranch, and Lake of the Woods Hospital Foundation. Additionally, Steven took initiative in microfinance and women's empowerment, Founding Race4Change. Furthermore, through the Osage Education Foundation, he provides annual college scholarships for two students.

Steven and his wife Shannon have five children, Nathan, Trevor, Morgan, Bennett, and Caroline, all with bright futures ahead of them.

To the current undergraduate Kappa Sigma brothers, Steven says, "See it and you can be it. Surround yourself with people better than you and you will gravitate toward them. Learn compatibility, cooperation, (and) compromise. Live and love life. Dance like no one is watching. Be intellectually curious. Explore, devote, resilience, (and) perseverance. For a farm boy from Iowa, all of this began to emerge, develop, and evolve at Chi Chapter, Kappa Sigma."

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# Vince Shissler '00



### Commercial Insurance Producer at The Mitchell Agency

Vince Shissler became a Founding Father of the Chi chapter in 2000, helping restore the chapter and the Kappa Sigma name on Purdue's campus. Heavily involved in the chapter as an undergrad, Vince served as the Grand Master of Ceremonies and the Social Chair for the chapter.

After earning a degree in liberal arts in 2004, Vince began his career as an educator before jumping into the insurance industry. Currently, Vince is a commercial insurance producer for the Mitchell Agency, an independent property and casualty insurance agency that has been serving clients throughout Indiana and the Midwest since 1885.

Although enjoying post-graduate life, the Chi chapter was able to successfully call back Vince in 2020. Vince became the alumni advisor for the chapter, a position he still holds today. For routinely going above and beyond, Vince was awarded both the Outstanding First Year Volunteer Award and the Outstanding Alumnus Advisor Award from Purdue in 2021. Additionally, he was nominated for Alumni Advisor of the Year from Purdue Fraternity, Sorority, and Cooperative Living, a division of the Office of the Dean of Students for the past school year.

Vince is also an avid volunteer within his community. He is a frequent volunteer of the Food Finders Food Bank, is a committee member of the Blue Jean Ball, which supports local food banks in the Lafayette area, and is a Home Delivery volunteer operator. Additionally, Vince is a Board Member of the Almost Home Humane Society, which serves more than 3,000 pets each year in Tippecanoe County, and is a volunteer and coach for the Greater Lafayette Regional Soccer Alliance.

As for what Kappa Sigma means to him and some advice for undergraduates, Vince had the following to say "From the first time that brother Conrad Hammond asked me if I would like to help start a fraternity, I have tried to the best of my ability to embody what it means to be a Kappa Sigma member. Of course, there were some ups and downs, but in totality, the lessons learned, advice received and given, have helped mold me into not

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# Vince Shissler '00

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only the brother, alumni, advisor, friend, but the husband and father that I am today. Chi has and will always have a special place in my heart. As Founding Fathers, we embarked on a very unique journey that not many other fraternity members get to experience. I enjoyed talking about our unique experiences throughout that time, especially with pledges and current brothers in my advisor capacity.

As for advice for undergraduates: First, go to class and study hard. This is why you are here. Everything else is a perk. Second, take smart risks and live life to the fullest. Tomorrow is not promised to you. Be grateful and joyous about what God has blessed you with. Lastly, you need to truly embody the "my brother's keeper" mentality. In today's society, it is very easy to become consumed by yourself and your own needs. You need to look out for one another more so than ever before because you never know what another brother is going through. Even the simplest check-in might go a long way in helping a fellow brother in need or just knowing that you care."

Vince and his wife Gretchen have two young children, Theodore, and Violet, and continue to reside happily in the Lafayette area.

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# Omar Khayum '02



### Vice President, TC Energy

Initially earning a degree with honors in computer science from Purdue, Omar Khayum has led an outstanding career. Accompanied by minors in mathematics and management, there was never a doubt Omar would become an exceptional leader. After graduating from Purdue in 2004, Omar earned his MBA from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business with concentrations in finance, economics, and entrepreneurship. He has put his talent and education to work, as he currently serves as the

Vice President of TC Energy, a leading natural gas and energy company based in Houston. Previously Omar got his start in the energy industry as a Managing Director at Constellation Energy before becoming CEO of subsidiary Annova LNG, a proposed terminal pipeline in Texas. In addition to his role at TC Energy, Omar is also the Co-Founder and Board Member of both Cognitive Concierge and the MemoryCare Corporation, two firms dedicated to cognitive wellness for those coping with dementia and other cognitive conditions.

During his time at Purdue, Omar was not only a Kappa Sigma but a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Kappa Psi, a premier business fraternity. Additionally, Omar was a member of the Mortar Board, an organization comprised of elite scholars who contribute positively to their community and are examples of constant leadership. As an alumnus, he also became a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, an exclusive international business honor society.

When looking back at his Kappa Sigma days, Omar said, "Chi and Kappa Sigma are the foundation of my collegiate experience and the source of my longest friendships. Kappa Sigma enabled me to take more risks and challenge myself while at school because I knew I always had a home to come back to.

To undergrads: Take calculated risks and keep an open mind and schedule so luck can find you.

Omar and his wife Becky have 3 wonderful children, Samantha, Leah, and Thomas in the greater Houston area.



# HALL OF FAME

## PAST INDUCTEES

### 2021

Walt Eversman PhD '56  
David Danner '67  
Kevin Lichterman '01

### 2020

Chris Monzel '87

### 2019

Mark McKechnie '86

### 2018

Jack Rozwat '80

### 2017

James C. Cloyd III '67

### 2016

Rich Adams II '83

### 2015

John Thatcher '67

### 2013

Mike Cline '84

### 2012

Sam Zimmerman '67

### 2011

Kent Pierce '51  
Matt Brozovic '82  
Tim Gonderman '83

### 2010

Seth Bogin '00  
Conrad Hammond '00  
James Shively '00

### 2009

Adam Fisher '59  
Michael Pursley '65  
Brad Edwards '83  
(2004 Inductee)

### 2008

Joel Bates '53  
Roger Mayes '66

### 2007

Dean Spencer '53  
Dale Kramer '58  
Frank Caputo '66

### 2006

Charles Aldag '52  
Sam Smith '58  
David Robinson '68  
Don Dunbar '81

### 2005

Mike Gray '54  
Dwight Abbott '55  
Bob Worrell '66  
Jeff Minner '81

### 2004

Allen Dickason '70  
Bradley Edwards '83  
Michael Griffin '90

### 2003

Ben Mottleson '45

### 2002

Daniel Evans '49  
Charles Benner '66  
David Derrick '66  
Samual Rich Tiller '83

### 2001

Gene Grotnes '48  
Bill Schulenberg '48  
John Haimbaugh '52  
John McCammon '62

### 2000

Robert Jones '61  
Charles Marshall '61  
John Prentice '66

### 1999

Robert Landis '30  
James Hunter '54  
Walt Richey '54  
Bruce Storm '56  
Eric Wenaas '59  
Michael Zachary '67  
Michael Eskew '68  
Jan King '68

### 1998

John Feinler '47  
Jack Houston '50  
Kenneth Appel '54  
Robert Schweikher '55  
Alan Crebo '60  
Walter Myers '61  
Ronald Yara '66  
Steven Beering '85

### 1997

Elmer Oliphant '11  
George Goodwin '27  
James Hill '31  
George Burnell '33  
Robert Keim '39  
Byron Anderson '45  
Lloyd Zickert '45  
Richard Freeman '47  
Robert Covalt '50  
Walt Houston '51  
Jerry Albrecht '54  
Gordon Binder '54  
Kenneth Bishop '54  
Daniel Meyer '55  
Russell Maier '56  
William Topercer '58  
Robert Sorensen '60

## CHIC CHAPTER

# MAN OF THE YEAR

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2000 Joseph Harshman '48

2001 Scott French '81

2001 Mike Galt '82

2002 Robert Sorensen '60

2003 Doug Kowert '60

2004 Eric Wenaas '59

2005 Jim Milner '79

2006 Joseph Harshman '48

2007 Stuart Williams '00

2008 Mike Griffin '90

2009 Lloyd Zickert '45

2010 Gordon Binder '54

2011 William Topercer '58

2012 Steven Beering '85

2013 Mike Eskew '68

2014 Charlie Marshall II '61

2015 Steven Springer '67

2016 Ronald Tadashi Yara '66

2017 Andrew Castor '84

2018 Jim Zeitler '65

2019 James Shively '00

2020 Michael Cline '84



# CHI CHAPTER UNDERGRAD UPDATES



*Beta Alpha Pledge class  
(currently at 25 members)*



*Annual blood drive with Versiti Blood  
Center of Indiana (20+ participants)*



*Jared Valentine 5K (5K in remembrance of Jared Valentine, our house mom's grandson.  
This was our 3rd and final year and we raised money for a scholarship fund and memorial bench)*



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**Not for an hour...a day...  
or college term only...but for life.**

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