



2016 Chi Chapter
HALL OF FAME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016 PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Welcome...



TO THE 20TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME & MAN OF THE YEAR INDUCTION CEREMONY

The 20th 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 INDUCTEE IS:

Rich Adams II '83

2016 CHI CHAPTER MAN OF THE YEAR:

Ronald Tadashi Yara '66

Program



Welcome

Master of Ceremonies Mike Galt '82

Grace

Matt Siedentopf '13

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Distinguished Guests

Educational Foundation Board

Alumni Committee (AAA's)

House Association Board

Mike Galt '82

Undergraduate Recognition Scholarships

Lloyd Zickert '45

State of the Chi Chapter House Association

House Board President, Doug Kowert '60

State of the Chapter

Adam Hufford '12

Hall of Fame Induction

Rick Adams II '83

Chi Chapter Man of the Year

Ronald Tadashi Yara '66

Closing

Matt Galt '82



Brothers,

The Chi Chapter Educational Foundation (EDFO), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports educational programming and scholarships for the chapter, is proud to offer scholarships to our undergraduate brothers. Thanks in large part to increased giving by alumni, we were able to give a greater amount of scholarships than in recent years. The members of the EDFO board appreciate the dedication and support of our alumni network when it comes to supporting the chapter. At this year's annual banquet we ask again that you consider making a donation to the EDFO - additional information on how and where to donate can be found on our website (http://chikappasigmaalumni.org/fraternity_edfo/how-to-donate). Alternatively, feel free to speak directly with any member of the EDFO and we'll be happy to assist if you have any questions. Thank you again for your continued support!

AEKDB, Chi Chapter Educational Foundation Board
Lloyd Zickert, President | Matt Brozovic, Secretary | Brandon Hausauer, Treasurer
Rich Adams, Trustee | Steve Springer, Trustee

Scholarship Recipients:

Paul Johnson
Collin Schmid
Zach Schmid
Tommy Conner
Eddie Barks
Marcos Zatkulak
Patrick Ryan
James Koewler
Michael Cooper
Brian Dick
Jacob Tebbe
Adam Hufford

Chi Chapter Men of the Year

2000 Joseph Harshman '48
2001 Scott French '81 & 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

MAN OF THE YEAR

Ronald Tadashi Yara '66

Brother Ronald Tadashi Yara moved to Santa Clara, California in 1969, after graduating from Purdue with a degree in Electrical Engineering and had a short stint at McDonnell Douglas in Saint Louis, MO. He then worked as a design engineer for 4 years at Data Pathing, Inc., a startup doing factory data collection systems.

Yara continued his education, earning an MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Santa Clara in 1973.

Ron then spent a year at Raytheon Semiconductor and as an applications engineer, a year at Scientific Microsystems as a applications engineer before landing at Intel Corporation. Ronald was working there for 10 years from 1975-1984 in various product marketing and corporate marketing roles.

Yara left to do the first startup, Morton, in 1984, which lasted about 6 months before running out of money. Then co-founded Chips & Technologies in 1985 as VP of Marketing, with an IPO in October 1986. Left C&T in 1989 to co-found S3 Incorporated, a graphics chip company, as VP of Marketing. S3 had a successful IPO in March 1993. Remained at S3 in various general manager and corporate roles and member of the BOD before retiring in 1999.

Ronald came out of retirement in 2001 to join business partner to start Tallwood Venture Capital, a VC focusing on investments in early stage semiconductor startups. Brother Yara retired in 2009.

He is currently living in Carmel California with wife Margaret Eaton. "Besides cooking, photography and bike riding, I am spending time with Mid-Pacific Institute, working with the president on a new Immersive Technology Program (ITP), to incorporate VR (video and CG) into their digital arts program. ITP came out of a grant we made to the school last year to introduce 2 VR systems into the classroom.

"I am also working with Pulama Lanai (the management company set up by the island's owner, Larry Ellison, to manage the island) towards improving the public school on the island, Lanai High & Elementary School. I am also working with the MLTS (Most Likely To Succeed) project to bring awareness to the schools in Hawaii of the need to change how the classroom is structured in order to better prepare students for a rapidly changing work environment brought on by technology."

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Rich Adams II '83

Brother Adams was initiated into Kappa Sigma in 1983, a very exciting period for the chapter. With Chi celebrating its Centennial in 1985, Brother Adams was instrumental, serving as the "Pledge Pop" for Chi's model initiate, Dr. Stephen Beering. Rich held offices in the house including Pledge Educator and Grand Treasurer and was acknowledged as the most effective Grand Treasurer that any of his brothers from that era had seen. Brother Adams also met his future wife, Samantha, during his time as an undergraduate at Chi.

Brother Adams graduated from the Krannert School in 1985 with a BS in Finance. He had several offers from "Corporate America" but chose instead to join his father and sister, Mary, running the family business, RA Adams Enterprises, in McHenry, IL. During Rich's tenure at RA Adams, the business has grown substantially and is one of the largest trailer dealers in the Midwest today.

Brother Adams gives freely of his time serving on the Featherlite Trailer National Dealer Council, as the financial secretary for the Catholic Order of Foresters, and as a member of the finance committee at his parish, St. Mary's. After graduation Rich served as the AA for the Kappa Sigma chapter at Northern Illinois University. He is a current member of the Chi Education Foundation.

Rich and Samantha support many causes in and around their community by donating trailers to the Kiwanis Club Soap Box Derby, the local Little League and entrants in the many parades in Chicago. They are supporters of Maryville Academy in Des Plaines, IL, the Armed Forces Council of Chicago, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago, the Luminarts Cultural Foundation, the Chicago Engineer Foundation and the McHenry County 4-H and Farm Bureaus.

Brother Adams has been very generous in his support of Purdue University and Chi Chapter. He and Samantha are Lifetime John Purdue Club members. Rich has also made substantial donations to Chi Chapter during the reconstruction, recently for the Education Foundation funding drive and to help the Chi Grand Prix team.

Rich and Samantha have four children, Ben, Claire, Mark and Eric. Brother Adams is grateful for the lifelong friends he has made through Kappa Sigma and encourages Chi undergrads to get involved and hold an office while living in the house.

CHI CHAPTER

Hall of Fame

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

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or college term only... but for life.

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