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# 2007 CHI CHAPTER HALL OF FAME



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Purdue University  
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# Welcome.....

## TO THE 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HALL OF FAME & MAN OF THE YEAR INDUCTION CEREMONY

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The 11<sup>th</sup> 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:  
**Dean Spencer '53, Dale Kramer '58,  
Frank Caputo '66**

Chi Chapter Man of the Year:  
**Stuart Williams '00 (Mu-Eta, Louisville)**

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# Program

## Welcome

*Master of Ceremonies Mike Galt '82*

## Grace

*Grand Master of Ceremonies J. D. Barnes '05*

## Introduction of Alumni Leaders

Educational Foundation Board

House Board of Directors

Alumni Committee (AAA's)

*Resident Advisor Stuart Williams '00*

## State of the Chi Chapter House Association

*House Board Vice President Scott French '81*

## State of the Chapter

*Adam Harker '06 (Nu, William & Mary)*

## Undergraduate Recognition Scholarships

*Educational Foundation President Lloyd Zickert '45*

## Hall of Fame Induction

*Dean Spencer '53 - Presented by: Arnold Cooper '52*

*Dale Kramer '58 - Presented by: Bob Sorensen '60*

*Frank Caputo '66 - Presented by: Chuck Benner '66 & Allen Dickason '66*

## Chi Chapter Man of the Year

*Stuart Williams '00 - Presented by: Mike Griffin '90*

## Closing

*Master of Ceremonies Mike Galt '82*



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## *Dean Spencer '53*

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Brother Spencer is the president of Ad-Venture Media, which includes the WWEG/WBIW/WQRK Radio Network.

Lester Dean Spencer enrolled in Purdue University in 1953 to pursue a degree in electrical engineering and was initiated into Chi Chapter in November of that year. As an undergraduate at Purdue, Dean was busy both in the fraternity, where he served as assistant house manager and editor of the Chi chapter alumni newsletter, as well as on campus where he was in both Eta Kappa Nu, an electrical engineering honorary, as well as Scabbard and Blade, a military honorary.

He also met his future wife, Barbara, a Chi Omega, when the Kappa Sigs and Chi O's were singing at the Presbyterian church.

Dean received his degree in 1956 and worked several jobs, including serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Sill in Oklahoma, working as a sales engineer at Allen-Bradley, Co., and in power sales and industrial development for Richmond Power & Light.

He designed and built WQRK FM in 1975 and WPHZ in 1991. He founded Ad-Venture Media in 1988, which includes WBIW in addition to WRQK and WPHZ.

Brother Spencer is active within the industry, as a past president of the Indiana Broadcasters Association and is a member of the Society of Broadcast Engineers. He is also active in the community, serving as president of United Way, president of the Lawrence County Aviation Board, director of Bedford Federal Savings Bank, director of Bedford Chamber of Commerce and Mitchell Chamber of Commerce, president of the Bedford Kiwanis Club, and many other organizations.

He is also involved with Purdue as a member of the Purdue President's Council,

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John Purdue Club, and the County Extension Board.

Even juggling professional, civic, and university commitments, Barbara and Dean still find the time to visit with their children, Stuart, Susan, and Scott, and to spoil their grandchildren. Brother Spencer also enjoys taking some time to relax by flying his 1948 Cessna 170.

“Chi really changed my life. Many meaningful friendships were established and a great fellowship. I have many fantastic memories of my time at Chi.”

## *Dale P. Kramer '58*

Kramer served the majority of his career with ShopKo Stores headquartered in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He started with them in 1971 and watched it grow from \$30 million with 11 stores to over \$2 billion and over 250 stores. The company went public on the NYSE in 1991. He served his last 10 years as chairman, president, and CEO. He has extensive experience in private and public markets. As a hobby he is a part-owner in a private consulting firm.

Brother Kramer enrolled at Purdue in 1958. “The four years spent at Purdue were arguably the most relevant four years of my life,” he recalls.

“The academic experience was a major challenge, moving from high school in a small Midwestern town to a major university. To acquire academic excellence or maximize my quest and thirst for knowledge, I quickly found it was difficult, challenging, demanding, and requiring a great deal of self-discipline. However, it was exciting and rewarding as I grew with knowledge. The interaction with professors and graduate students was so positive that I strongly considered going to graduate school and considered a teaching career at the college level and living in the academic environment. In retrospect, I wish I would have extended my



studies for an additional year or two to broaden my academic skills.”

Dale spent a decade working at Walgreens, first as a pharmacist, later as a store manager, then as a drug merchandiser.

Kramer joined ShopKo Stores, Inc. in 1971 to lead the company in development of its strategic entry into health care. ShopKo opened its first pharmacy in 1971 and was the first mass merchant to do so. In 1978, ShopKo opened its first full service optical center. In 1982, a full service optical lab opened to service the eye care centers. Health Services represents 15% of its revenues and close to 30% of ShopKo profits.

Kramer took over as president and CEO of ShopKo Stores, Inc. in 1991, and led the strategic repositioning of the company with his “Vision 2000” plan, which successfully positioned the company for favorable financial results in the 1990’s.

A pharmacist by education, he implemented a successful retail health care strategy, which culminated in the creation of ProVantage, Inc., a prescription benefit management company which started in 1993 and grew to \$1 billion in revenues before going public in 1999. ProVantage, Inc. was eventually sold to Merck in 2001.

Professional accolades that Dale has earned include receiving the National Discounter in Service to Community Award in 1995, being named Discount Store News Retailer of the Year in 1996, as well as his 1999 induction into the Discount Store News Retail Hall of Fame, alongside the likes of Sam Walton (founder of Wal-Mart) and Richie Cunningham (Founder of K-Mart).

In addition to professional success, Brother Kramer has offered his leadership and experience to the community, serving on the Board of Directors for Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin, and the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement Northern Wisconsin. He has served on many other school boards and was active with both the Special Olympics and Golden Apple.



Dale has two daughters and enjoys spending time with them, as well as fishing, golfing, scuba diving, and “trying to play bridge.”

Looking back at his time at Purdue and Chi Chapter, Brother Kramer reflected, “While the academic experience was extremely gratifying, it was the social and interpersonal skills, the importance of teamwork, and learning that in life there is something bigger than you as an individual, and being a part of that was truly important.”

“It was the development and reshaping of my personality, resetting personal values and the importance of establishing personal and team goals. Being part of a team, learning the importance of teamwork, and most of all taking pride in being part of the team was bigger than life. Making friends and brothers for life.”

“There is no question this was the most important aspect of the entire educational process. This came from Kappa Sigma. The Kappa Sigma experience was critical to me in preparing me for many challenges that were coming in my life both professionally and personally. Unquestionably, Kappa Sigma was the most relevant part of the most relevant four years of my life.”





## *Frank Caputo '66*

Brother Frank Caputo is the director of Pharmacy at the Ashtabula County Medical Center in Ashtabula, Ohio.

Frank enrolled in Purdue in pursuit of a degree in pharmacy, pledging Chi Chapter in 1965. "The Dago," as he was known, managed to walk the line between academic and social growth, earning Dean's List honors as well as serving the fraternity as the social chairman. He graduated with his degree in pharmacy in 1970.

His career in the pharmaceutical industry has included tenures as the vice president of sales for Quality Care Pharmaceuticals, director of Pharmacy at Western Reserve Care System, national systems consultant at IVAC Corp – where he earned top five in sales and Diamond Presidents' Club honors – and as director of Pharmacy at Trumbull Memorial Hospital.

He is also involved in the League of Intravenous Therapy Education Speakers Bureau, has served as a guest lecturer for the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, and as the president of the Trumbull County Pharmaceutical Association.

Brother Caputo has also worn many hats outside the pharmaceutical arena. He tried his hand in the culinary arts, serving as owner and chef for Caputo's Italian Ristorante and vice president of the Lakeland Athletic Club.

Kappa Sigma has also benefited from Frank's experience. He served as the alumnus advisor for the Epsilon-Rho chapter at Kent State University.

Frank is married to Helen Terwilliger-Caputo and has two children, Tracie Lenox and Stephen Terwilliger.

When asked about Chi Chapter and what it meant to him, he reminisced that it "was not a house, but a home away from home," and that it was responsible for the development of many "lifelong friendships and brotherhood, as well as lifelong memories."



## MAN OF THE YEAR

*Stuart Williams '00*

Stuart Williams was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. He attended the Speed School of Engineering at the University of Louisville and majored in mechanical engineering. He pledged the Mu-Eta Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity during his first semester in school, in the fall of 2000. During his co-op, Stuart traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico to work for Sandia National Laboratories in the Micro Analytical Systems group where he investigated sensor detection capabilities for explosives and chemical weapons. While in Albuquerque, Stuart associated himself with the Delta-Zeta (University of New Mexico) chapter of Kappa Sigma and assisted then-WGP Kevin S. Kaplan. Upon returning to Louisville, Stuart became the grand procurator of the Mu-Eta chapter and completed his bachelors and masters degrees with highest honors, finishing at the top of his class with a cumulative G.P.A. of 4.0. It was during this time that he met his fiancée and Kappa Sigma sweetheart, Sara Clemons. During his graduate semesters at the University of Louisville, Stuart became assistant alumnus advisor and assistant district grand master.

Stuart finished his masters degree in the summer of 2005 and attended Purdue University the following fall semester to pursue a PhD in mechanical engineering with a concentration in microfluidics. At Purdue, Stuart associated with the Chi chapter of Kappa Sigma by being their residential advisor, assistant alumnus advisor, and member of the Housing Board. He has received two scholarship fellowships during his academic career at Purdue including the Laura Winkelman Fellowship for Doctoral Studies and the prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Scholarship. Stuart will be traveling to Southampton, England this summer to continue his research at the University of Southampton. He plans on graduating by the Spring 2010 semester and will continue to play an active role in the Chi chapter of Kappa Sigma.



## *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 (posthumously)  
2007 **Stuart Williams '00**

## *Hall of Fame*

### 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  
Steven Springer '67



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

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