

# Upsilon Alpha Chapter Homecoming & Pig Dinner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

### welcome JPSILON ALPHA

Thank you for joining us for the annual Phi Gam tradition of the Frank Norris Pig Dinner, where we will celebrate the newest members of the Upsilon Alpha FIJI Hall of Fame!

Rob Dicus '63
Wainright Fishburn, Jr. '75
David Scholl '81
Scott Douglas '84
Jason Rowley '94

### Congratulations to our Owl Award Recipients

#### Gold Owl

50 years of initiated service

Awarded in 2022 for brothers Initiated in 1972



#### Silver Owl

25 years of initiated service

Awarded in 2022 for brothers Initiated in 1997



#### Welcome Master of Ceremonies leff Derickson '72

Doxology

**Buffet Dinner** 

**Greetings/Recognitions**leff Derickson '72

Ad Astra

Trevor Henson '19

**State of the Undergraduate Chapter**Brooks Fanger '23

Smith-Cheney Spirit Award leff Derickson '72

**State of the House Corporation**Jeff Mongan '83

Gold and Silver Owl Awards Jeff Derickson '72

**2022 Upsilon Alpha Hall of Fame Induction**Jeff Mongan '83

"Bringing in the Pig" 2022 Lambda Class

"An Exile's Toast"

J. Emery Barker '57

**Final Remarks**Jeff Derickson '72

"When College Songs"

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### Rob Dicus '63



Rob Dicus joined Phi Gamma Delta in 1959 and served as the Pledge Class President. A family affair, Rob's older brother Dick graduated from FIJI and UofA the prior spring and his younger brother, Paul, would join the chapter just after Rob graduated. While earning his bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts, Rob immersed himself in the University and the Fraternity. Rob was a member of the Wildcat freshman basketball team and an enthusiastic participant in the chapter's

intramural sports. He certainly left his impression on others as he was selected to multiple honoraries including Sophos, Chain Gang, and Bobcats. In 1962 Rob was elected President of the Student Union Activities Board and was named the Corresponding Secretary for Upsilon Alpha. Additionally, Rob was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in 1963, a nationally recognized award selecting outstanding seniors based on leadership ability, scholastic aptitude, community service, and extracurricular activities. A Wildcat for Life, Rob has been a long-time season ticket holder for both basketball and football. He is a member of the Phoenix Alumni Board and is a supporter of the Donna Swaim Studies Program within the Humanities College.

After graduating from the UofA in 1963, Rob attended dental school at Northwestern University earning his D.D.S. degree in 1967. He returned to Arizona and set up a General Dentistry practice in Scottsdale. As an upstanding citizen and respected professional, Rob has volunteered as a dental provider for underserved residents of Guadalupe, Arizona, and is a member of the philanthropic organization, Scottsdale 20–30 Club. He is also a member of the American Dental Association, Central Arizona Dental Society, and the Scottsdale Dental Study Club. Through

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the years Rob has also coached several youth basketball teams and was a volunteer coach for a state championship runner-up Chaparral High School softball team.

A constant recruiter of high school kids to both UofA and FIJI, Rob had the following to say about the chapter: "It is hard to put into words, but little did I know as an 18-year-old graduate of Ajo High School, that I would join a fraternity that would have such a profound effect on the rest of my life. Some of my best friends to this day are the young men that I met during my 4 years at Upsilon Alpha. For that, I am extremely grateful. I'm mighty proud to be a Fiji."

Rob and his wife, Kay, have one son, Brad, a 3rd generation Wildcat who graduated from UofA in 1994. They have two grandsons, Jake, and Luke, who continue to be the light in their grandparents' eyes.

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### Wainwright Fishburn '75



Wainwright Fishburn is a prominent venture capital lawyer and Global Chair of Cooley's Digital Health group. After graduating from the UofA with degrees in Economics and Political Science, Wain attended the UC Hastings College of Law.

Wain's practice emphasizes general representation of life science, technology and other operating companies that range from startup through IPO. His practice focuses on

corporate governance matters as well as mergers, acquisitions, strategic alliances, and intellectual property, licensing, and management.

As a recognized thought-leader, Wain is a frequent speaker at programs addressing industry issues, including at the International CES Digital

Health Summit, CNS Summit, Impact Forum, the Samsung: Health + Tech Conference and the Body Computing Conference. Wain chairs the Digital Health Track at the BIO International Annual Meeting as well. Due to his many accomplishments, Wain has been recognized as a leading attorney in numerous publications including recognition by The Daily Journal as one of California's top attorneys.

As both a founder and counsel, Wain has worked with venture capital-backed companies across a variety of fields. In the digital health sector, clients span across SaMD/regulated devices, remote care and delivery, genomics, consumer health and tech-enabled services. Wain also serves as Chairman of the Critical Path Institute, a public-private partnership created in part by the FDA, dedicated to integrating advances in the development pathway with a focus on advancing digital tools.

Wain is past Chairman of the NCI designated Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute, which uncovers the origins of disease and defines bold new strategies for achieving cures. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the UCSD Moores Cancer Center where he is afforded a clinical perspective on breakthroughs in precision medicine.

Wain is a co-founder of seven companies, two of which went public. Not bad for a former dishwasher at the Vineyard (now called Dirtbag's). Outside of his professional career, Wain is an avid cyclist and recently cycled 625 miles around the Cape of South Africa and Tour de France routes. He and wife, Debby, have two children, Wesley, and Virginia. They currently split time between NYC, Tucson & La Jolla.

"My fraternity years remain central to my character development and truly are 'not for college days alone,' said Wain. "I had a terrific pledge class where I learned that you are only as strong as your weakest link. I appreciated the diverse characters and views represented by our Fiji brothers. We respected the heritage of the local and national fraternity and held ourselves to the high standard that Fijis are gentlemen."

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### David Scholl '81



After pledging in 1978, David Scholl graduated from the University of Arizona in 1981 with a degree in Finance. Continuing his education, Brother Scholl earned an MBA from ASU in 1982. Subsequently he began his career in the real estate development business as a trainee at CB Commercial Real Estate before joining Westcor in 1984. When discussing his career David had the following to say, "I was lucky enough to join Westcor one year out of the MBA program

and learn the shopping center development business from one of the best companies in the industry. I spent almost 24 years at Westcor building office buildings, regional malls, neighborhood shopping centers and a golf course. Later I formed Vintage Partners with 2 other partners from Westcor and we developed smaller shopping centers for another 12 years. The real estate development business has been very good to me and my family, and I was lucky to get to work during the 35-year period from 1984 -2020. These were high growth years for Arizona, and they paved the way for a great career in the development industry."

Although David retired in 2020, he remains a pillar of the real estate development community in his local Phoenix area. He is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, the Urban Land Institute, and is a board member of the Scottsdale Bible Church. Additionally, David has served as chairman and board member for both the Valley Partnership, an advocacy group for responsible development, and the Fighter Country Foundation, a non-profit group dedicated to supporting the men, women, and families of Luke Air Force Base in Maricopa County.

David is a lifetime member of the UofA Alumni Association and consistent supporter of the Upsilon Alpha capital campaigns. As for FIJI, David stated "My four years at Upsilon Alpha were extremely important in shaping the man I have become. The lifelong friendships that were formed in those four years have never been duplicated in any other situation. Learning the meaning of "unity" and putting the needs of my fraternity brothers ahead of my own is a character trait that has served me well all my life. I sincerely believe that my 4 years in the fraternity have served me with more character building than the 4 years in academics at the UofA. I will always regard those years as some of the very best I have lived. I will maintain a high level of gratitude toward Upsilon Alpha all of the remaining days of my life."

David and his wife, Cindy (deceased), have 3 children: John (a UofA FIJI), Drew, and Carly. They also have five grandchildren.

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### Scott Douglas '84



Sabino High graduate Scott Douglas pledged Upsilon Alpha in 1981 following in the footsteps of his older brother, Chris. He would soon be joined by his younger brother, Matt, in 1983. While earning degrees in both Real Estate and Finance, Scott was extremely involved on campus and within the fraternity. After getting his toes wet by becoming the Graduate Relations Chairman, Scott served on the executive board as the Corresponding Secretary. Additionally,

Scott became very involved in the honoraries on campus, as he was a member of Sophos, Chain Gang (President), Blue Key, and Bobcats. A dedicated Wildcat, Scott stays involved with the UofA, serving as a board

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member for the University of Arizona Foundation and their investment committee. He also serves on the Banner Health Foundation Board.

After graduating in 1984, Scott began his career as a corporate loan officer, subsequently working on income property loans until 1992 when he received his MBA from UCLA. Scott then transitioned his career as an individual investor and acquired more office buildings than any buyer in the market in the South Bay of Los Angeles from 1997–2005. Scott then founded his firm, West Coast Capital Partners, which he still operates today. After selling 80% of his Los Angeles portfolio in 2010, Scott began acquiring numerous office, medical, and retail centers primarily in the Phoenix, Tucson, and Southern California markets. Currently, Scott owns over 50% of the "Class A" office buildings in Tucson, which are deemed the highest quality office spaces on the market. A pillar in the community, Scott is also actively involved with the Southern California Salvation Army and the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

When asked what Upsilon Alpha and Fiji means to him, Scott said "Lifelong relationships with diverse, successful and the most loyal group of friends I have ever known. Both personally and professionally, it has been as impactful as any organization with which I have been involved. For the brothers that are there now and those yet to come through, I hope the chapter stays strong and vibrant." Scott participated in a Career Panel recently, giving advice to our undergraduate Business majors.

Scott resides in Tucson with his wife Kristine, and has three children: Kendyl, Jake, and Trent.

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### Jason Rowley '94



Jason Rowley was born in Ohio but grew up in Tucson where he spcent summers on his grandparent's cattle ranch near Tubac. After graduating from Salpointe Catholic High School he attended the University of Arizona where he was initiated into Upsilon Alpha in 1989. He immediately got involved in campus and fraternity activities and served as Chapter President in 1993-94.

Brother Rowley earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1994 and joined the United States Navy after graduation. He considers that experience one of the proudest and most formative of his life. He worked as an intelligence analyst with the Commander 3rd Fleet Intelligence Division until his honorable discharge in 1998. He then returned to the University of Arizona to pursue his law degree, graduating in 2001.

Jason began his career with the law firm of Snell & Wilmer in Phoenix, and while there, represented the Phoenix Sun's current ownership group in their acquisition of the club in 2004. At Snell, his practice included private and public mergers and acquisitions, complex real estate transactions, securities regulation, entity formation, commercial contracts, and general business law.

After serving as General Counsel, Chief Operating Officer, as well as its Senior Vice President, Jason is now entering his eleventh season as Suns Legacy Partners President and Chief Executive Officer and his 16th year overall with the organization. As President & CEO, Jason is responsible for managing all business operations of the NBA Phoenix Suns, the WNBA Phoenix Mercury, Footprint Center, Sports and Entertainment Service, LLC, the Legends Entertainment District, and affiliated entities.

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Brother Rowley is involved in numerous charitable and civic organizations. He serves on Greater Phoenix Leadership, the Thunderbirds, the Board of Directors of Phoenix Suns Charities, the Board of Downtown Phoenix, Inc., the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute for American Democracy Board of Directors, and a number of other entities, including the American Heart Association. He was named the 2011 Father of the Year by the Phoenix Father's Day Council.

Jason has been a frequent speaker at the U of A Law School and a number of other University of Arizona organizations over the years. He and his wife, Kristin, have three children: Abigail, Lucy, and Grace. When asked what Fiji means to him, Jason said that it was "a memorable undergraduate experience and friends that have lasted a lifetime."



### **DOXOLOGY**

Bless our fraternity,
Heaven grant thy peace;
Lead on to victory, Her strength increase!
Long may our Delta reign in unity.
O, guard and save our dear fraternity!

### WHEN COLLEGE SONGS

When college songs and college lays, Are faded with their Maker's day; When Sol's swift wheels have made us old, And college life's a tale that's told,

> Phi Gamma Delta, still to thee, Our hearts will turn, eternally. Phi Gamma Delta, still to thee, Our hearts will turn, eternally.

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