



Upsilon Alpha Chapter
Homecoming
Pig Dinner
& Fiji Hall of Fame
Inductions

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

welcome

UPSILON 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!

Bill Wheeler '60

Jim Boice '71

Bob Nation '72

Curt Dunshee '82

Deron Bocks '86

Congratulations to our Owl Award Recipients



Gold Owl

50 years of initiated service

Awarded in 2024 for brothers initiated in 1974

Silver Owl

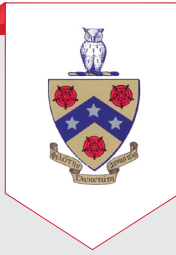
25 years of initiated service

Awarded in 2024 for brothers initiated in 1999

Bronze Owl

10 years of initiated service

Awarded in 2024 for brothers initiated in 2014



Welcome
Master of Ceremonies
Jeff Derickson '72

Doxology

Buffet Dinner

Greetings/Recognitions
Jeff Derickson '72

Ad Astra
Trevor Henson '19

State of the Undergraduate Chapter
Tomiwa Oke '25

Smith-Cheney Spirit Award
Jeff Derickson '72

Maj. General John Renner Memorial Scholarship
George Renner '67

State of the House Corporation
Jeff Mongan '83

Gold, Silver & Bronze Owl Awards
Vince San Angelo '62

Upsilon Alpha Fiji Hall of Fame Induction
Jeff Mongan '83

"Bringing in the Pig"
2024 New Initiates

"An Exile's Toast"
Curt Dunshee '82

Final Remarks
Jeff Derickson '72

"When College Songs"

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Bill Wheeler '60



Bill Wheeler '60, a name resonating with achievements and contributions, embarked on a journey marked by dedication and excellence. Born into a world of possibilities, Bill's story began in the heart of academia, at the University of Arizona, where he laid the foundation for a remarkable career and a life filled with purpose.

With a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy earned in 1960, Bill graduated poised to make a difference. His collegiate journey was not merely about academic pursuits but also about fostering connections and building lifelong bonds. As an undergraduate, he immersed himself in campus life, leaving his mark through involvement in organizations like Sophos and Traditions, and fraternity activities that bonded him closely with his peers.

After graduation, Bill's thirst for knowledge and ambition led him to Arizona State University, where he pursued an MBA in 1971. Other post graduate education included Marketing at Columbia University, Organizational Behavior at Northwestern University, Finance at Penn's famous Wharton School, and Negotiations at Harvard/MIT. Armed with advanced knowledge in business administration, he was ready to tackle the corporate world with a blend of pharmaceutical expertise and managerial acumen.

Bill's career trajectory was nothing short of impressive. He began his professional journey at Eli Lilly and Company, where he cultivated his skills and rose through the ranks. His tenure at Lilly saw him assume various roles, from associate in field sales assignments to director of marketing for US corporations. His contributions to the pharmaceutical industry were recognized early on, earning Bill acclaim as an outstanding young sales representative. He worked at Eli Lilly his entire professional life.

In 1982, Bill's career took a significant turn as he assumed the role of Field Sales Director for major hospitals in Chicago, marking the beginning of his ascent into executive leadership. Over the years, he held pivotal positions in national marketing for hospitals, group purchasing organizations, and major healthcare

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corporations, leaving an indelible mark on each organization he served. He also managed various endeavors in international sales and was a National Advisory Board Member. Contributing significantly to the company for such a long period, Bill eventually retired in 1997.

Bill's professional achievements were complemented by his commitment to community service and philanthropy. A devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, he served as a financial advisor and lent his expertise to numerous committees. His altruistic spirit extended beyond religious circles, as he volunteered with organizations like the United Way, embodying the values of compassion and generosity. He has served on the Advisory Board for the National Employers Group and also as an officer in the U.S. Air Force Medical Service Corps.

Amidst his professional and philanthropic endeavors, Bill remained deeply connected to his alma mater and fraternity, Upsilon Alpha of Phi Gamma Delta, where he was initiated in 1957. Bill claims "my fraternity brothers remain my best friends today." His contributions to Fiji went beyond financial support, as he maintained close ties with his fraternity brothers, cherishing the memories of his college years and the friendships forged during that time. As a charter member of the College of Pharmacy Advisory Board at the University of Arizona, he remained actively engaged in shaping the future of his field.

For Brother Bill, life was not just about climbing the corporate ladder or amassing accolades; it was about leaving a lasting legacy of integrity, compassion, and service. His journey from a young graduate to a seasoned executive was defined by his unwavering commitment to excellence and his dedication to making a difference in the lives of others. As he entered retirement, his legacy continued to inspire generations, a testament to the enduring impact of a life lived with purpose and passion. Bill and his wife, Patty, have two sons and live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Jim Boice '71



Dr. James Bryan Boice '71 is a retired pathologist with an impressive career and a strong commitment to his community. Born in Phoenix, Arizona, Jim attended West Phoenix High School where he served as Student Body President. After graduating in 1967, he entered the University of Arizona and pursued a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. During his time there he achieved scholarship with high distinction and was honored with memberships in Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, both prestigious academic honoraries. Jim also received the Chain Gang Award for being the outstanding junior man and the Robert Logan Nugent Award for being the outstanding graduating senior.

Brother Boice was actively involved in various campus organizations including Sophos, Chain Gang, Bobcats, and the Student Union Activities Board (SUAB), where he served as Vice President. But perhaps his biggest accomplishment was being a member of Phi Gamma Delta where he held the positions of Rush Chairman and Chapter President. In recognition of Upsilon Alpha's exceptional achievements during his tenure, our Chapter was awarded the Cheney Cup in 1971 as the 'best Fiji chapter in the nation.'

Continuing his pursuit of knowledge, Jim attended the University of Utah Medical School from 1971 to 1975. He excelled academically and was chosen President of his graduating class. Jim completed his internship and residency at the Naval Regional Medical Center in San Diego specializing in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology. He obtained board certification in these fields and became a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. His dedication to his profession led him to become a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists. He is an active member of several professional societies including the American Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the Butte-Glenn Medical Society.

During his career, Boice served as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy, working at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He held various positions including Assistant Professor at the Uniformed Services Medical

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School. He later became a Liaison Pathologist at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Quantico, Virginia.

From 1981 to 2016, Dr. Boice practiced as a pathologist in Chico, California. He was a member of the Pathology Services Medical Group, a founder of Medlab Services, and made significant contributions to the Chico Community Hospital where he served as Director of Lab and later, as Chief of Staff. He served on the Governing Board of Enloe Memorial Hospital and as Staff Pathologist at Feather River Hospital, Colusa Community Hospital, Glenn Medical Center, Gridley Orchard Hospital, and Chico Rehabilitation Hospital.

Boice's dedication to his community is evident through his involvement in various organizations. He is a founder of Golden Valley Bank and has been a benefactor for the Torres Community Center, the Enloe Hospital Foundation, the Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center, the Chico Community Scholarship Association, the Renewal Center, and Habitat for Humanity.

Jim is married to Tucson native Sally Bland-Boice, a Registered Nurse Practitioner specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Together they have 3 sons: Braden, a Radiologist, Paul, a Registered Nurse, and Alex, a Mechanical Engineer. Jim and Sally are also blessed with 3 grandchildren: Austin, Olivia, & Vienna.

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Bob Nation '72



Although originally from a small town in southern Illinois, Bob Nation graduated from Rincon High School in Tucson and proudly became a Fiji pledge in the fall semester of 1968. While at UArizona, he was a member of the Varsity Wrestling Team, several SUAB committees, and served as Sophomore Class President. As a senior he had the unique experience and honor to work as an assistant in Vice President Marvin D. "Swede" Johnson's office, which gave him great respect for our University. He was also

selected as a member of Sophos and Chain Gang men's honoraries.

Upon graduation and having participated in ROTC, Bob was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and went on active duty in 1972. He became an Army aviator and served overseas in South Korea in an Assault Helicopter Company. In this

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assignment he had various leadership positions and was selected to attend the Fixed Wing Multi-Engine Qualification Course (FWMEQC) upon his return to the States. He subsequently served as Flight Operations Officer in a small flight detachment in Denver, Colorado until 1979.

Released from active duty, Bob pursued a career as an airline pilot, first with Ozark Airlines, followed by TWA and then American Airlines. He flew as a Captain on MD-80 and Boeing 727 aircraft until retirement with American Airlines in 2006. While progressing in his civilian career, he maintained a reserve status in the Army and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel with 23 years of service. Among other things he served as a Personnel Management Officer on the General Staff for active-duty field grade officers. Since retiring, he did some volunteer flying for Wings of Hope which included a medical mission to Peru.

In 2007 Bob was asked to run for City Council in Chesterfield, Missouri and was elected to 3 two-year terms, after which he ran for Mayor in 2013. He is now serving his third 4-year term. Chesterfield is fortunate to be served by two of the largest and highest-ranked school districts in the state and is now the second largest municipality in St. Louis County. It is a vibrant and growing community that has experienced significant progress in recent years and boasts high assessed property valuations. The city is about to embark on a 2-billion-dollar redevelopment of an obsolete mega-mall that will become a mixed-use downtown focal point for the area.

One of the achievements Bob is most proud of is the passage of HB 1561 in 2016, which modified the State Statute that dictates a fairer distribution of sales taxes throughout St. Louis County. This was accomplished by working with the State Legislature and the help of lobbyists. Bob says that "having had this experience, I have learned a lot about local government and how we serve our residents and businesses."

Bob has always maintained that his association with Phi Gamma Delta has been a positive influence and an important part of his life. From time to time, he recalls our motto: "Friendship, the sweetest influence" which seems to be a comforting guiding concept. He also believes that Phi Gamma Delta is "not for college days alone" and returns to Tucson frequently for Homecoming. His brother Scott (Arizona '75) and son Rob (Indiana '03) are also Phi Gams.

Bob has been married to Louise since 1980. They met when they were both active-duty Army and remained in the Army Reserves, retiring as Lieutenant Colonels. They have 3 married sons (Rob, Andy & Chris) and six grandchildren.

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Curt Dunshee '82



Curtis J. Dunshee '82 was born in Kansas City and lived there until his family moved to Tucson in 1974. He went to Amphi High School and lettered in tennis all 4 years. After graduating in 1978, Curt chose the University of Arizona because "it was the least expensive school to attend with decent academic credentials."

He pledged Fiji that fall and was initiated in early 1979. Brother Curt was elected Recording Secretary as a junior and then Chapter President as a senior. Upsilon Alpha nearly won the Cheney Cup that year, finishing in third place. Curt enjoyed intramurals and remembers winning championships in tennis, speedball and soccer. A major highlight was winning the penalty shootout against the Pikes to secure the championship match win in soccer. Curt was the goalie. He claims that "Fiji gave me the foundation to achieve my life goals and friends to share the journey."

Active in extracurricular activities, Curt was selected to the men's honoraries Primus, Sophos, Chain Gang, Blue Key and Bobcats. He was also selected Outstanding Junior Man. Due to his outstanding academics, he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest scholarship society in the United States. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, Curt was admitted to the University of Arizona College of Medicine. He did so well academically that he was selected to the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society.

After graduating from medical school, Curt completed an internship in General Surgery at the University of California, Irvine. He also did his Urology Residency there before returning to Tucson to set up his medical practice in 1993. He has been in private practice with Urological Associates of Southern Arizona ever since then. Curt specializes in numerous areas including prostate cancer, laser surgery, stone disease, and bladder cancer.

Dr. Dunshee served as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at UArizona, Chairman of the Division of Urology at St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson, Chairman of the Laser Committee at Carondelet Hospital, Chief of Surgery at St. Mary's Hospital, Chairman of the Executive Management Committee at the

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Northwest Surgery Center, and the Board of Trustees of Northwest Hospital, Tucson.

His professional affiliations include the American Urological Association, American College of Surgeons, Pima Medical Society, American Board of Urology, American Medical Association, Arizona Urology Specialists, and Advanced Clinical Therapeutics. As a board-certified surgeon who has passed a rigorous evaluation of his education, training, professional qualifications, surgical competence, and ethical conduct, Curt has earned the post-nominal title FACS (Fellow of the American College of Surgeons).

Married to Beth Goss (Chi Omega '84) since 1986, they have 2 children, Keara and Patrick, and two grandchildren. Curt enjoys spending time with his family, playing tennis whenever he can, and keeping his yard free of pack rats.

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Deron Bocks '86



Deron Paul Bocks was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and lived there until he was 14, when his family moved to northern California. He attended Campolindo High School in Moraga, CA, where he played baseball and football with current UofA baseball coach Chip Hale. Deron played junior college football in northern California in the fall of his freshman year and then transferred to UofA in an attempt to play football for the spring semester. Unfortunately, he was injured in a scrimmage late that spring which cut his football career short.

That fall he was faced with quite a bit of extra time on his hands, so he decided to see what fraternity rush was all about. Deron pledged Upsilon Alpha in the fall of 1983 and served as Pledge Class President. While in the house, he also served as Pledge Trainer, Hasher, Graduate Relations Chair, and Spring Fling Chairman. He now serves the local Fraternity as a member of the Upsilon Alpha Building Corporation Board as well as the Capital Campaign Committee.

During his time at the UofA he was active on campus as well, serving on the Interfraternity Council, ASUA Senate, and Arizona Traditions Committee, while

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also playing 2 years of Rugby. He graduated in 1986 with dual bachelor's degrees in Finance and Marketing.

Following graduation Deron began a career in Corporate Investment & Real Estate Banking with Bank of America in San Francisco. While there he led teams that raised capital and orchestrated Mergers & Acquisitions transactions for some of Silicon Valley's most prominent firms.

After 11 years with BofA, he founded a private equity firm focused on acquiring residential golf properties, which prior to successfully exiting the portfolio to a strategic buyer in 2002, owned 21 courses across a 7-state region. His private equity success was followed by a return to his banking roots, when he served as founding President & CEO of two nationally chartered commercial banks in Arizona, both of which still operate today.

Since "retiring" from his bank President & CEO role in 2014, Deron has orchestrated the acquisition of two private golf clubs in Arizona and founded CapMatrix LTD, a full-service capital markets advisory firm where he continues to serve as President & Managing Partner. He also participated as an integral part of the team that launched a new community bank in Scottsdale.

In addition to numerous corporate and advisory boards on which he participates, Brother Bocks is also very involved in the local community with business and charitable organizations. He holds board positions with YPO International, Urban Land Institute, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Phoenix Children's Hospital Foundation, Valley of the Sun United Way, and Arizona Leader Force.

Deron currently resides in Scottsdale with his wife Julie (UofA AEPi '87), and is the proud father of two adult sons, Brady (UofA Alpha Sig '18) and Davis (UofA Sigma Chi '19).



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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.
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