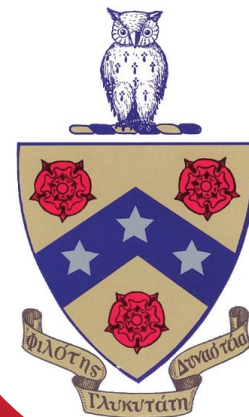


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UPSILON ALPHA EARNS TOP FRATERNITY AWARDS

The Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta recently honored its top chapters and Upsilon Alpha once more was selected in numerous categories. Our chapter continues to be recognized on many levels for outstanding achievements and again placed highly in this international competition.

The Annual Award Winners for the 2022 calendar year were announced this month and Upsilon Alpha placed 2nd for the Jordan Bowl, awarded to the undergraduate chapter which is judged to have achieved the highest comparative scholarship among the undergraduate chapters for the preceding academic year.

Upsilon Alpha placed 2nd for the Coon Plaque, awarded for the best chapter publication for the preceding academic year. We placed 3rd for the Brightman Trophy, awarded to the chapter which best demonstrates that "Phi Gamma Delta is Not for College Days Alone" by maintaining and improving relations between the chapter and graduate brothers. We also placed 3rd for the Condon Cup, awarded to the chapter which shows the greatest improvement in the areas of scholarship, extracurricular activities, and fraternity relationships.

Our chapter was honored for Standout Performances in two other categories. We received Honorable Mention for the Zerman Trophy, awarded to the chapter which excels in promoting the involvement of brothers in student government, the campus newspaper,



and extracurricular activities. We also received that honor for the Baker Cup, awarded to the chapter which most effectively focuses attention upon religious, ethical, and social service activities in its daily conduct.

For our overall successful achievements, Upsilon Alpha came in 4th for the Cheney Cup, awarded to the chapter demonstrating the greatest all-around efficiency in scholarship, fraternity relationships and general collegiate activities. We have won this prestigious award 5 times in our chapter's history.

Upsilon Alpha was recognized with a Certificate of Academic Achievement, awarded to the chapters who have achieved a chapter GPA higher than the all-men's average. We also earned another John Templeton McCarty Chapter Proficiency Award which recognizes all chapters that demonstrate efficiency in operations, maintain strong financial stability, adhere to Fraternity laws, and promote high standards of Phi Gamma Delta.

Congratulations to the men of the Upsilon Alpha chapter and to its graduate advisors for another outstanding year!

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President's Report



Dear Brothers,

It is with great pleasure that I report to you all on yet another successful semester at Upsilon Alpha. Our brotherhood grew to 111 active brothers with the initiation of 18 well-rounded young men from the Mu pledge class this past spring. These young men were the cream of the crop during recruitment and have already begun to take on leadership positions in the house. Our spring philanthropy was a success, as we were able to raise over \$14,000 through a live music event, volleyball tournament, social media competition, and multiple percentage nights, which we donated to the Foundation for Blind Children.

Outside of the house brothers continue to be involved leaders in the community. Two Fijis were selected to the prestigious Bobcat honorary (most of any Greek organization), with one serving as president. Fiji's serve as presidents of Alpha Epsilon Delta (National Health Preprofessional Honor Society), the Eller Ambassador Honorary, Commercial Real Estate Club, and Job Judo. We also have strong involvement in prestigious organizations such as Wall Street Scholars, Delta Sigma Pi, and the IFC executive board, among many other clubs and organizations.

We finished the semester strong academically, scoring a 3.365 GPA as a chapter, good for 2nd in the IFC only behind Delta Chi with 27 members. Our new member class had a 3.607 GPA, the highest of any new member class across all Greek organizations. Over summer, we sent two rising sophomores to the Leadership institute at our national headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky where they were able to learn skills that will prepare them for effective chapter management.

During this semester's fall recruitment, we had a 100% retention rate from rounds 7 to 4, as we invited 125 PNMs back, and all 125 placed us in their top 4. This was the first time an IFC fraternity had 100% retention rate from a round in the history of the University. Looking into the future, our philanthropy this year will span from October 4th-6th, and we are excited to be raising money for the Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children.

As I enter my senior year, I would like to thank this fraternity for all the memories, lessons, and lifelong relationships it has provided me. I truly have no idea where I would be as a man without this amazing fraternity and brotherhood, and it has been an absolute honor to serve my brothers as President. None of this success would be possible without the support and guidance of our amazing graduate brothers, and I look forward to seeing you all at homecoming and for another fantastic Frank Norris Pig Dinner. I am mighty proud to be a Fiji!

Fraternally,
Jack Wherty
Perge!





Gary Harper Inducted into Engineering Hall of Fame 2023

Upsilon Alpha Brother Gary W. Harper '71 was recently inducted into the University of Arizona College of Engineering Hall of Fame. This special honor recognizes alumni who have made significant contributions to their profession, the college, and society – from local communities to global economies. Distinguished alumni, faculty and friends of the College of Engineering have been central to its successes, traditions, and reputation.

Notably, individuals inducted into the Hall of Fame have met certain criteria such as being a professional or academic pioneer, company executive or founder, public sector senior leader, and engaged with The University of Arizona, College of Engineering, local community, professional societies, and various philanthropies. They also must be a 50-year, or greater, UA Engineering graduate.

Born in Phoenix, Gary graduated from Camelback High School before coming to the University of Arizona. His parents met at

the U of A while his father was getting his Mechanical Engineering degree and his mother a Business Administration degree. They were active with the University and, through their support and guidance, so was Gary.

“College was one of the best times of my life and my FIJI brothers were a big part of that experience. Being part of a chapter that held many leadership positions on campus helped mold me into the person I am today. So many memories!! I still maintain relationships with lots of FIJIs and, yes, Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone.”

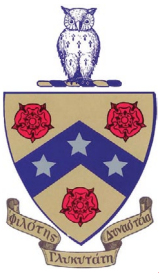
After graduating in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, Gary earned his Registered Professional Engineer license from the State of Arizona in 1977. He enjoyed a rewarding 40-year career in the electric utility business with Salt River Project (SRP) in Phoenix. Gary successfully managed positions in numerous areas: power generation, transmission, distribution, electric system operations and customer service. He provided leadership in various electric utility industry associations as well.

His early involvement with the University of Arizona included being a Board member of the U of A Foundation and Chairman of the Phoenix Alumni Association Board. That led to becoming Chair of the National Alumni Association Board. He is also a member of the Eller College National Board of Advisors. In 2003 Brother Harper won the Bear Down Award and, in 2015, the University of Arizona Alumni Achievement Award. He is also an Honorary Bobcat.

Currently Gary is a member of the College of Engineering da Vinci Circle which recognizes a member of the faculty with a one-time grant of \$10,000. He established the Gary W. Harper Mechanical Engineering Scholarship Fund and the Gary W. and Andrea C. Harper Athletic Endowment. He is a member of the UA Phoenix Engineering Alumni Council, the U of A President's Club, the Old Main Society, the National Leadership Board of the UA Foundation, and the Wildcat Club. He has been a season ticket holder for football and basketball for many years.

Gary enjoys bird hunting, fishing, golf, and spending time at his second home near Flagstaff. Since retiring from Salt River Project, he has enjoyed traveling with his wife, Andy, touring exotic destinations all over the world. Recently he was the U of A Alumni host for the Normandy 75th Anniversary tour commemorating D-Day.

Brother Harper...congratulations on your selection to the Engineering Hall of Fame!



Upsilon Alpha

Building Corporation Update

This has been a busy and productive year for your Building Corporation. We closed out the Building Excellence capital campaign, raising \$1.75 million in direct gifts to the UABC and to dedicated Upsilon Alpha chapter endowments at the Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation. We are debt free, in a position to make much needed improvements to the 20-year-old Fijihouse. We increased the scholarships endowment with establishment of the George Heidler Jr. '64 Memorial Scholarship and increased funding of the Upsilon Alpha Chapter House Endowment Fund (CHEF). Thank you to our Capital Campaign Committee Chair Deron Webb and all the board members and volunteers who devoted time and energy to the campaign during the last four years.

It is great to see the undergraduate brothers enjoying the fraternity experience at the Fijihouse. As we start the fall semester the house is fully occupied with 54 brothers living in the house. To prepare for this we implemented an ambitious list of capital improvement projects starting in May as the summer break started. This included replacement of the wood Vigas at the front porch which were worn out by years of exposure to the environment. It was difficult to source the materials and find a contractor willing to execute the work, however with "persistence" we completed the project as the brothers returned to campus.

Other projects completed include installation of a new safety railing adjacent to the sundeck; replacement of flooring in some bedrooms; replacement of some kitchen equipment including the Steamer and Flat Grill; repair of windows; cleaning and repairs of the air handler units in the bedrooms; replacement of the basketball court lights and deep cleaning of the house. We are also in a joint project with the chapter to replace the sundeck which will be completed during the fall semester. These improvements are all in keeping with our goal of providing the best fraternity house on campus for our undergraduate brothers to have a great college experience building lifelong friendships, pursuing

academic excellence, and serving our community. I would like to thank Vince San Angelo '62 for his tireless work on the house improvement projects and our Graduate Resident Advisor and Purple Legionnaire Trevor Henson '19 for coordinating and supervising all the projects. Thanks also to Alex Gray '22, Josh Hackmyer '22 and Jackson Phelps '25 for their hard work.

The best, and highest performing fraternity chapters nationally are those with dedicated support and involvement by graduate brothers. Our Upsilon Alpha chapter has been blessed with terrific alumni support through the decades. There are many ways to get involved. When you visit campus for athletic and other campus events, come see the house and meet the outstanding men of Phi Gamma Delta. We look forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming and the Pig Dinner. Not For College Days Alone!

Fraternally,

Jeff Mongan '83

UABC President

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<https://www.arizonafiji.org/campaign>



Grandmaster

Vince San Angelo

Vince San Angelo '62 was presented with a Grand Master sweater upon being designated a Grand Master in 4-wall handball in St. Louis for winning 10 or more national championships. Brother San Angelo won 12 National titles between 2004 and 2022 in venues such as Portland OR, Austin TX, Allentown PA, San Francisco CA, Atlanta GA, Fountain Valley CA, Chicago IL, Cincinnati OH, and St. Louis MO. He also won two World Championships in Edmonton and Calgary, a number of Marine Corps handball championships, and many regional/local tournaments. It took 18 years to become a Grand Master—an excellent example of a FIJI's "persistence." Brother San Angelo continues to play handball 3-4 times per week in Tucson.

Besides serving as a Purple Legionnaire, Section Chief, and long-time member of the Board of Chapter Advisors and UA Building Corporation, Vince has been awarded the Distinguished Fiji Award, a Certificate of Appreciation by the Archons in recognition of Outstanding Service provided to the Fraternity, a Citation for Distinguished and Exceptional Service to the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta and is a member of the Upsilon Alpha Hall of Fame. Way to go, Vince!



(L) Denis Hogan, U.S. Handball Assn. President, Vince, and (R) Matt Krueger, Executive Director, USHA.

New Leader Appointed Jeff Downey '83



The Archons recently appointed Jeff Downey (UCLA 1983) to serve as the new Section Leader for XXXIV. This section includes the undergraduate chapters at Arizona, Arizona State and Northern Arizona. Matt Marino (ASU 1985) retired after serving as our Section Leader (formerly Section Chief) since 2017.

Jeff has previously served the Fraternity as a Section Leader twice and as Purple Legionnaire for two different chapters. Additionally, Jeff has previously served on the Section Leader Executive Committee and is a former Archon Councilor. Jeff resides in Las Vegas, Nevada. While he does not live in Arizona, his work does require him to travel to the area.

Jeff's role is largely to support the existing graduate volunteers for undergraduate chapters in this region as well as spearhead the recruitment effort for vacant volunteer advisory roles. He is also a resource for our chapter and works hard to see that we have an active Purple Legionnaire, Board of Chapter Advisors, and House Corporation. Welcome, Brother Jeff!



Support Upsilon Alpha's Career Program

Upsilon Alpha is committed to our undergraduates and graduates for career success. We are currently hosting career panels 2-3 times per semester and connecting alumni and undergraduates for 1 on 1 or small group discussions. We utilize a professional Career Advisor, Pete Corrigan, who meets each semester with our members to provide career advice, as well as review their resumes and LinkedIn profiles. If you are willing to speak on a career panel, hold a 1 on 1 or small group career discussion, or offer an internship or full-time job opportunity, please reach out to Matt Noble at matt.noble@fngtucson.com or 520-990-3250. Thanks for your consideration.

Alumni Spotlight

Stephen D. Todd '72



A fourth generation Arizonan, Steve Todd was born in Tempe and grew up on the family farm where they grew cotton, alfalfa, barley, wheat, and sorghum crops. His grandfather was a leader in the development of the Salt River Water Project and his father spent 14 years in the Arizona State Legislature.



Steve always had an interest in animals and began raising calves when he was 9 years old. He was active in 4-H and FFA and, after graduating from Tempe High School, decided to enroll in the College of Agriculture at the University of Arizona.

Steve was trying to learn how to be a student and thought that he would put off joining a fraternity until the second semester. He then pledged Phi Gamma Delta and was initiated prior to his sophomore year. Becoming a Fiji was “the first time he truly felt like he belonged to something important, something that would change and alter his life.”

He actually learned how to become an academic student and found a place to take part in activities within the house that he'd never experienced. He was a ‘late-bloomer’ physically, so he never had the opportunity to play sports in high school. Playing intramural football and soccer for the fraternity was a tremendous experience and he began to take on leadership roles in the chapter. He chaired the Scholarship Committee and later was elected Senior Council President, responsible for training the next generation of dedicated Fijis.

Steve was selected to the U of A Collegiate Livestock Judging Team and traveled to major competitions around the country. He won the College of Agriculture livestock judging contest his junior year. As a leader on campus, Steve was selected as a member of the Traditions Committee and Bobcats, Senior Men's Honorary. In 1972, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture, with an emphasis on life sciences from the University of Arizona, with distinction.

Steve had intended to go to graduate school at U of A in the College of Agriculture as the faculty had given him an assistantship to attain his master's degree. The VietNam war was still raging, and he was drafted within 3 weeks of graduation. Steve enlisted in the Navy and reported to Aviation Officers School in Pensacola, Florida, intending to be a pilot. He was back in Arizona by mid-February as the draft had ended and was released like many others in the aviation pipeline.

In March of 1973 he married Melissa Bramsen, his college sweetheart, and had to rethink his future since their family farm had been sold to developers. Faced with ‘re-creating’ a future “with a new wife, a degree in Animal Science, and not much else,” Steve went into the banking business.

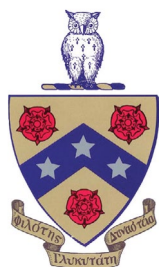
He started with Valley National Bank, where he occupied progressively responsible positions in commercial and agricultural lending. Next, he was regional vice president for United Bank. He then served in varying capacities for Citibank, eventually becoming president of First National Bank of Arizona. He served as senior vice president for Silicon Valley Bank prior to joining Capitol Bancorp, where he was named Chief of the Bank Financial Group. Acting as a virtual CFO, Steve helped manage all of Capitol Bancorp's 64 banks.

Throughout his career in banking, Steve had some fine mentors and learned that being engaged in the community and finding ways to give back were important to both personal development and responding to needs within the community. He was President of East Valley Hospice which eventually merged with non-profit Hospice of the Valley. Today he serves as Vice President and Trustee of the Otto and Edna Neely Foundation, meeting the needs of communities at the most basic levels of food, shelter, family care and safety, child advocacy and youth development.

When he lived in Tucson Steve was a member of Centurions, composed of prominent business leaders, and raised significant funds for various community interests and needs. He was also part of the Tucson Rodeo Committee. His support of the Phoenix Art Museum through the Men's Art Council led to a voluntary gig as business manager for the organization. He got to know all the members of the legendary Cowboy Artists of America and enjoyed going on their renowned trail rides. In 2005 Steve was named an Honorary member of the Cowboy Artists alongside Barry Goldwater, Eddie Basha, cowboy poets Red Steagall, Don Hedgepeth, and many others.

As an undergraduate in the Ag College Steve was awarded a scholarship that enabled him to stay in school, an acknowledgement that one of his professors recognized his academic growth and believed in his potential. Steve never forgot that experience and decided to pay it forward by establishing a College of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences scholarship to recognize students who are following a similar path. Recipients are identified by the faculty based on their progress and development as well as academic and campus activities. His hope is that one or more of those recipients will do the same to support future students down the road.

Steve and Melissa celebrated their 50th anniversary in March. They have two married sons and live on a small ranch in Tempe with 3 horses, a dog, and a cat. Interestingly, Steve's mug name at the Fijihouse was Tin Man, a perfect metaphor for representing the theme of humanity and the importance of having a heart. Brother Steve, you're an inspiration to us all!



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Homecoming Weekend

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

5:00 PM CASH BAR | 6:00PM PIG DINNER

Located at the Sands Club in the north end of Arizona Stadium (use Cherry Street Parking Garage across from the Sands Club.) Business Casual.

\$75/person

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

11:00 AM | BRUNCH WITH THE BROTHERS

Saturday events TBA (UofA vs. UCLA)

Depending on the game time we may have an afternoon pre-game event at the Rawls/Eller Lodge (Info. to follow at a later date).

Scan the QR code here for more details! →



<https://www.arizonafiji.org/events/homecoming-weekend-november-3-5-2023>