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CHRIS HARRISON NAMED KAPPA SIGMA MAN OF THE YEAR

The Supreme Executive Committee selected Theta-Psi's own and host of ABC's hit shows "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette," Chris Harrison as the 2019 Kappa Sigma Man of the Year. They welcome you to join them in Oklahoma City on September 14, 2019 to celebrate this momentous occasion for Chris and Theta-Psi.

Chris is a 1990 initiate of Theta-Psi. He began his television career by covering local sports in Oklahoma City. The Dallas native came to Oklahoma City University on a soccer scholarship and then made the natural transition to sportscasting with a local station. During his six years there, he worked his way up the ranks from part-time sportscaster to weekend sportscaster. He also had the opportunity to cover hard-news stories, including the 1995 bombing tragedy at the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, an event that profoundly affected his perspective on life and career.

A visit to Los Angeles in 1999 for an audition for a horse racing network led to a permanent move. Later that year, Harrison landed the job as host of HGTV's "Designer's Challenge," which was consistently one of the network's highest-rated shows. In 2001, he became host of ABC's hit romance/reality series "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette." He also has hosted ABC's popular reality show "Bachelor Pad," the all-star reunion from previous seasons of "The



Brothers gather with Chris Harrison '90 this past spring.

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MAN OF THE YEAR

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

The Man of the Year weekend features multiple activities, which brothers and their spouses/significant others may enjoy.

Friday, September 13

- 4:00pm** - Reception at the Chapter House
- 5:30pm** - Cocktail Reception & Dinner at Social Deck and Dining (1933 NW 23rd St.)

Saturday, September 14

- 9:45am** - Kappa Sigma Classic at Lincoln Park West Course
- 6:00pm** - Man of the Year Banquet

RSVP Today! For questions contact MOTYBanquet@OCUKappasigma.com.

BANQUET DETAILS

Saturday, September 14, 2019

The Skirvin Hilton Hotel | One Park Avenue | Oklahoma City, OK

6:00-7:00 PM - Cocktail Reception

7:00-9:30 PM - Man of the Year Dinner & Program

Individual Dinner Tickets | \$70 per person (early registration)

Table of 8 with preferred seating | \$750 per table

Dress code is Business Attire, coat preferred.

Please make your banquet reservations online by filling out our RSVP form at www.ocukappasigma.com Ticket Prices are \$70 each until August 30, 2019. After the deadline passes prices go to \$85 each.

Hotel reservations available at The Skirvin Hilton Hotel with a special \$159 rate, while available. Call 405-272-3040 and use code KAPPA or book online via www.ocukappasigma.com

KEY CHAPTER LEADERS AND ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS 2018-2019

Executive Committee

Matthew Moelling '16, Grand Master

Sam Moore '13, Grand Procurator

Evan Couch '17, Grand Master of Ceremonies

Nick Atkins '17, Grand Scribe

Jace Jordan '17, Grand Treasurer

House Corporation Board

Danny Phan '09, House Corporation President

Chris Martin '87, Vice President

Rafael Barrera '11, Secretary & Treasurer

Advisory Alumni Board

John Riesenbergs '07, Alumnus Advisor

James Biscone '10, AAA - GP

Andrew Holder '08, AAA - GMC

Danny Phan '09, AAA - GS

Camal Pennington '07, AAA - GT



Alumni and undergraduates meet with Chris Harrison '90 at the Chapter House.

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Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette," from 2010 to 2012, and its hit successor, "Bachelor in Paradise," since 2014. Additionally, Harrison hosted the live after-show "After Paradise," with author and "Bachelor" franchise enthusiast Jenny Mollen, in 2015.

Harrison continues to advance in the entertainment industry through a variety of professional endeavors. He is the host of the nationally syndicated game show "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," for which he received his first ever Emmy nomination in 2018 for Best Game Show Host. He joined the popular long-running franchise beginning with its 14th season in the fall of 2015 while remaining the host of the "Bachelor" franchise. Harrison also has co-hosted ABC's live coverage of "The Miss America Pageant" from 2011 to 2017. Additional hosting credits include "Emmys Red Carpet Live" at the 2012 Primetime Emmys®, ABC's 2011 "American Music Awards Red Carpet," live television coverage of the final championship rounds of the

GM REPORT



Throughout the 2018-2019 academic year, the Theta-Psi Chapter of Kappa Sigma recorded many notable honors and awards. We won the Homecoming sweepstakes for the second year in a row and plan to continue that trend as it is a great honor among Greek organizations at Oklahoma City University.

Our service and philanthropic efforts have been well represented both on and off campus. We aspire to continue to expand our reach into the community. Brother Jace Jordan '17 was named Interfraternity Council President and we are very excited to see the leadership he can exemplify in that position. Furthermore, during the annual Campus Leadership awards, Theta-Psi was very well represented, winning the Greek Chapter of the Year award. Additionally, I was able to take home both the Greek Member of the Year award and Greek Scholar of the Year to help represent Kappa Sigma.

In addition to these honors to the chapter, we have witnessed impressive and continuous involvement in numerous organizations across the Oklahoma City University campus. Brothers are deeply invested and involved in the Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society, Student Government, Miracle Marathon, debate team, and sports teams, including the rowing and cross country/track teams. It is also worth mentioning the amount of success among brothers in the performing arts and various productions at Oklahoma City University this past year. A striking number of brothers shined on stage in numerous University productions in musicals, operas, plays, dance shows, and orchestral performances. With evolving change occurring at this time in the chapter's history, we also received notice that one of our alumni, Brother Chris Harrison '90, was named the Kappa Sigma Man of the Year. This is a great honor for Chris and the chapter is very excited for the ensuing events and festivities. I can say with confidence that we have the opportunity to make this upcoming semester one of the best we have seen in awhile and really push the chapter to new heights. With much excitement and anticipation for the changes coming to Theta-Psi, I believe our members are ready to embrace the change together and continue to make Kappa Sigma the best it can be.

2010 "Scripps National Spelling Bee" on ABC, ABC's 2008 "American Music Awards Red Carpet Live!" and "Road to the 60th Primetime Emmy Awards," ABC.com's daily coverage leading up to the 2008 Primetime Emmy Awards.

In a departure from his many broadcast endeavors, Harrison turned to the written page, as he penned his first book – an emotional and suspenseful novel entitled "The Perfect Letter." It was published by Harper Collins in May 2015.

The versatile Harrison has done his fair share of acting as well, with roles in the popular television series "Alias," "The Practice," "Six Feet Under" and "Sabrina the Teenage Witch." His feature-film appearances include "Bounce," "Showtime" and portraying himself in the comedy "Date Movie."

In his spare time, Harrison still plays soccer and has become addicted to golf. He has developed a great appreciation for the weather and lifestyle of Southern California, and spends as much time as possible outdoors with 17-year-old son, Joshua, and 15-year-old daughter, Taylor.

GLIMPSES OF THE PAST & PRESENT



(Above, left) Tailgating Jimmy Buffet in Dallas on June 8th, 2019

(Above) OCU Alumni Reception in Dallas, 2019
 Pictured (left to right) Jonathan Lopez '07, Darryl Plunkett '82, Donna Plunkett (Duster), Tad Perryman '84, Anthony Burkhart '90, and Kyle Wallace '12

(Left) Theta-Psi's Second Pledge Class, 1977



THETA-PSI TO START NEW CAREER NETWORK



Theta-Psi is developing a new career network for alumni and undergraduates to participate in. Here is how you can help:

- 1 Join Kappa Sigma, Theta-Psi Chapter on LinkedIn where we can provide career opportunities and advice.
- 2 Let us know if you are willing to take a call from another alumnus or undergraduate regarding your career field.
- 3 Tell us if you are willing to sit on a career panel at the Chapter House in the fall or spring each.

Contact Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgtucson.com or 520-990-3250.

THETA-PSI VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are the key to Theta-Psi's success. We are looking for alumni willing to join our team in these areas:

Advisory Team

Help provide advice to undergraduate officers & chairs in the running of the chapter.

Alumni Association

Help in coordinating the fall Theta-Psi alumni & parent events.

Campaign Support

We are looking for alumni willing to help us in our efforts to raise the funds to build a new house.

House Corporation

Help in serving on one of our committees (Finances, Fundraising, Legal, Property Management & University Relations).

Contact Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgtucson.com or 520-990-3250.



HELP WITH NEW HOUSE THROUGH PRODUCTS & SERVICES

As we make plans for a raising the funds to build a new house, we are also looking for alumni who might own or work at businesses that could donate or provide reduced costs for construction materials & subcontractors, equipment, furnishings, landscaping, etc.

Contact Danny Phan at dphan91@gmail.com or 405-684-0624.



ALUMNI UPDATES

John Beaver Jr. '88

John lives in Edmond, Oklahoma. He has two children: Parker (21) and Jack (16). He works for Gexpro, a division of Rexel USA Inc. as a District Manager. He recently joined some of his brothers in Austin, TX in celebration of John Bieri's ('88) 50th birthday and in Dallas to see Brother Jimmy Buffett perform.

Reverend Fernando Rivera '07

Fernie and his wife, Suzy, live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is the Lead Pastor of Mid City Church, which is a satellite of First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge. After a ten-year process that began at Oklahoma City University, he was ordained in June as an Elder in Full Connection in the United Methodist Church.



Reverend Fernando Rivera '07 and his wife

Jeff Poulin '08

Jeff currently lives in Washington DC. In 2019, he founded Creative Generation, an organization that works to inspire, connect, and amplify the work of individuals and organizations committed to cultivating the creative capacities of the next generation. Additionally, he was recently appointed as adjunct faculty at Carnegie Mellon University in Fall 2018 and he regularly speaks across the country and around the world on the topic of arts education, including representing the U.S. at the World Alliance for Arts Education in Frankfurt Germany in October 2019.

Ryan Schwartzman '09

Ryan and his wife, Emily, live in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He works for Walrus Audio as a Purchasing and Inventory Administrator.

Dr. George Bohannon '67

George is married and lives in Los Angeles, California. He is a proud member of the Theta Psi Chapter founding class.

Christopher Johnson '83

Chris and his wife, Doris, live in Pilesgrove, New Jersey. They have four children: Danielle (29), Erica (24), Vaughn (23) and Ali (22).

Jeffrey Gifford '85

Jeff and his wife, Kari, live in Houston, Texas. He is the Vice President of Genesis Energy.



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Charles Nease '76

Charles lives in Cedar Creek, Texas. He has 3 children: Misti (43), Marni (38) and Malachi (26). Charles is retired from Chevron Phillips Chemical Company after 38 years. He recently hosted a weekend golf outing for vintage Theta Psi brothers from 1971 to 1982. The event took place in Cedar Creek and 26 brothers participated. Some of the brothers had not seen each other for over 40 years!



ALUMNI PROFILES

DREW WILLIAMSON '87



Brother Drew Williamson '87 was born and raised in Noble, Oklahoma. Growing up, Drew was a three time Oklahoma Coach's Association All-State Golfer, and later attended Oklahoma City University on a golf scholarship. As an undergraduate, not only was he a member of Kappa Sigma, but he also played on the varsity golf team for three years. Within the Theta-Psi Chapter, Drew actively stayed involved by serving as Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Rush Chairman. He graduated from

OCU Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in business, with a concentration in finance and economics.

Currently, Drew serves as a Senior Vice President with UBS Private Wealth Management. His duties include advising high net worth and ultra-high net worth families, corporations and institutions, and is a Certified Financial Planner and Certified Private Wealth Advisor. In 2018, Drew was named to Barron's Top 1200 Advisors. Before serving at UBS, he was employed with Merrill Lynch's Global Wealth Management Group for 26 years, and was also a branch manager for both Merrill Lynch offices in Oklahoma City for seven years. Within the company, he was also named Resident Director of the Year in 2003 and 2005, and in 2004 he was named MVP for a three state region that had over 1,500 employees.

Drew has been appointed by Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System. In addition to this role, he actively stays involved in the community by holding roles as President of OCU's Alumni Board of Directors for two years, OCU's Alumni Volunteer of the year in 1997, and was on several other university boards and committees over the last 20 years. In 2017, Drew established the Meinders Scholars Fund at OCU, which benefits a variety of students at the Meinders School of Business.

When asked what Kappa Sigma and the Theta-Psi Chapter mean to him, Drew states, "What Kappa Sigma means to me is hard to put into words, but it's even harder to describe what my life would be without the fraternity. I cannot imagine what it would be without the lifetime of memories, friendships and great things that have come to be either directly or somehow related to Kappa Sigma. I can think of no greater influence on my life when I was in college, and the friendships that followed me to this day. Kappa Sigma is a brotherhood in the truest sense. We are all connected by a special bond that never ends and permeates our lives in many ways. It's been a special part of my life for well over 30 years, and I know it always will be. I'm looking forward to an even stronger connection in the future, as I attend conclave for the first time this year, and seeing many of my brothers back at OCU in September."

JOHN BIERI '87



The Theta Psi Housing Corp's 90's Decade Chairman is John Bieri. John is pin number 224 and was a 1988 initiate of Theta Psi. He graduated OCU in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in Business. While at OCU, he met and eventually married his wife of 26 years, Terri. He is a father of two children, Josh who is 22 and Avery who is 17. John was employed for 21 years at ITW working his way up to Vice President of Sales. He left ITW 2018 to become Vice President of Sales of Unarco, a Berkshire Hathaway

Company. In his free time he enjoys time with his family at his cabin at Yost Lake, going on family snow skiing trips in Colorado and New Mexico, attending OSU football games, and traveling with his pledge brothers on golf trips and on brother's trips. John is active in the community as well. He has been on the Board of Directors for Yost Lake Country Club as

their Treasurer for six years, on the YMCA board of directors for three years raising money for their swim program to honor his dad's years of service in physical education, and has been committee chairs on booster clubs for both Owasso High School Varsity Tennis and Owasso High School Varsity Pom to support his children's passions. He is excited to be a part of the housing corp and thinks that it is a worthwhile project that is long overdue!



MEET THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MATTHEW MOELLING '16 GRAND MASTER

Matthew is a junior Biology major with minors in Environmental Science and Chemistry from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He aspires to serve the Theta-Psi chapter to the best of his ability as Grand Master, increasing the efficiency of the chapter, and further propelling us in a positive direction. He wishes to utilize the strengths of each and every brother to accomplish goals and make Kappa Sigma the best it can be. Improving ourselves as individuals, contributing to the community on and off campus, and striving for national recognition and success is something we continuously seek to achieve.

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SAMUEL MOORE '13 GRAND PROCURATOR

Samuel is a senior studying Economics and Finance from Huntsville, Alabama. Samuel is now serving as the Grand Procurator and has previously served as the Grand Scribe. He looks to put the chapter in the best position possible for years to come, focusing on long term goals to better future generations of the Theta-Psi chapter.

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EVAN COUCH '17 GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Evan Couch is a sophomore Music Theatre and Vocal Performance double major. He joined Kappa Sigma because he was inspired by the level of maturity and respect the brothers achieve with their hard work and zeal. As the GMC, he wants to bond the Theta-Psi chapter through effective Pledge Education and ritual study. An individual connection with every brother is most important.

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NICK ATKINS '17 GRAND SCRIBE

Nick Atkins is a sophomore Music Theatre major with a minor in Lighting Design from Waco, Tx. He hopes that in his position of Grand Scribe, he can show both the chapter and the OCU community the potential Theta-Psi has to dominate the campus, academically and in the Oklahoma City community.

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JACE JORDAN '17 GRAND TREASURER

Jace is a junior Cell & Molecular Biology major from Poteau, Oklahoma. As Grand Treasurer and the Interfraternity Council President, he hopes to set new chapter standards for A Greater Cause and Champion Quest, proving once again that Kappa Sigma is the best fraternity on campus.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CONCLAVE

Brothers of the Theta-Psi Chapter had the privilege to attend the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Kappa Sigma. The event took place at our International Headquarters in Charlottesville, Virginia this past July. Grand Master, Matthew Moelling ('16), Grand Procurator, Samuel Moore ('13), Grand Treasurer, Jace Jordan ('16), and Associate Vice President of Recruitment, Kendall Havern ('17), all had the honor of representing the chapter during business meetings and interactions with over 2000 brothers throughout the week. Samuel Moore said, "Standing in front of 46 East Lawn, the founding of Kappa Sigma in America, was an unforgettable memory. To stand where the five friends and brothers stood to create our order was an emotional experience for everyone present."

Grand Master Matthew Moelling ('16) received the John Ryan Leadership Award. This award is given to the top 25 undergraduate brothers in Kappa Sigma on the basis of academic achievement and leadership roles both on and off campus. We are so proud of the example he sets to our undergraduates and for being the role model of success that is a Kappa Sigma. Housing Corporation President, Danny Phan ('09), was also able to attend. We appreciate his dedication to Theta-Psi and the order. Brother Jonathan Lopez ('07) was named Outstanding Alumni Advisor of the year for his service to the Theta-Omega chapter at University of Texas at Arlington. Brother Danny Phan said "Kappa Sigma is the greatest fraternity, and with what the guys learned this Conclave, Theta-Psi is going to take the next steps to continue that legacy".

The attendees plan to take the enthusiasm from Conclave and carry it into the Fall to dominate the Oklahoma City University Campus.





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Don't Miss the Kappa Sigma MAN OF THE YEAR Weekend As We Honor Chris Harrison '90

September 13-14, 2019

Friday - Reception at the House and Dinner at Social
Saturday - Golf and the Man of the Year Banquet

RSVP

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