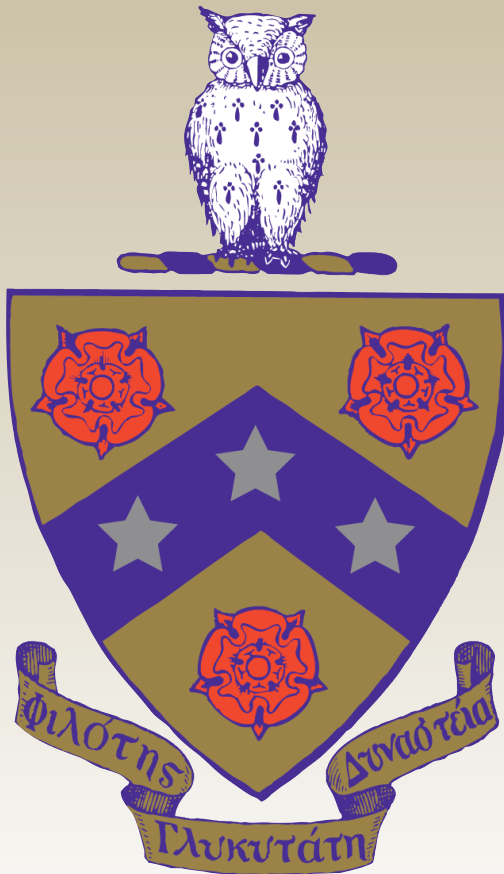

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Distinguished Lambda Graduates

**Lambda Chapter
Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity
DePauw University**



Greencastle, Indiana
Saturday, April 7, 2018



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WELCOME

Will Harsha '19

Chapter President

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Douglas Mitchell '70

House Corporation Co-President

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Buren McCormack '30

Tom Grooms '66

Eric Wolfe '04

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



DISTINGUISHED LAMBDA GRADUATE AWARD

The Distinguished Lambda Graduate Award honors those graduate brothers of Lambda Chapter who best exemplify the core values of the fraternity: friendship, knowledge, service, morality, and excellence.

Each year, graduate brothers nominate other Lambda graduate brothers for recognition with the Distinguished Lambda Graduate Award. Nominees may be living or Ad Astra. Nominees should have demonstrated involvement with, and support for Lambda, Phi Gamma Delta, DePauw University, community involvement, and life achievements.

Founded on June 24, 1856, Lambda Chapter is the oldest continually operating chapter of the International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta. The Distinguished Lambda Graduate Award recognizes graduate brothers who have contributed to Lambda's rich history and traditions by their example.

Recipients bring distinction to the Lambda Chapter, Phi Gamma Delta, and DePauw University. Their time, talents, dedication, and resources further the ideals of the fraternity with their lifelong commitment to excellence. Each recipient is a credit to our valued brotherhood. Each is a constant reminder that Phi Gamma Delta is “not for college days alone.”



BUREN McCORMACK '30

Buren McCormack's career spanned a number of decades, in which he was considered most notable in helping shape *The Wall Street Journal* into one of the most respected newspapers in the nation. During that time he also served as second in command of Dow Jones & Company Inc., a member of DePauw University's Board of Trustees, and was the recipient of numerous DePauw and literary awards.



During his 40 years with Dow Jones, Mr. McCormack saw *The Journal* grow from a readership of less than 30,000, principally in the financial community, to a national newspaper with circulation of 1,300,000, the second largest newspaper in the United States. A brilliant reporter and distinguished editor, Mr. McCormack moved into general management, and, among other contributions, personally set up the production organization, which enabled *The Journal* to achieve simultaneous publication from nine plants located coast to coast.

He began as a reporter at *The Journal* shortly after graduation from DePauw. He held a number of editorial positions, and was named managing editor in 1948. Three years later, Mr. McCormack was named executive editor of Dow Jones Publications and News Services.

He was appointed treasurer of Dow Jones and Co. Inc., the publisher of *The Journal* in 1955, and was given the additional titles of vice president and general manager, and editorial director.

After a period as vice president and general manager and a member of the board of directors, Mr. McCormack was elected executive vice president and chairman of the executive committee in 1966, placing him second in command

of Dow Jones & Company.

His contributions to the nation, his profession, and his alma mater were recognized over the years in many ways. In 1961, he was elected DePauw's Alumnus of the Year and was also the 21st recipient of the coveted Old Gold Goblet, awarded each year in recognition of "eminence in life's work and service to alma mater."

During his acceptance speech, Mr. McCormack cited three "elements of successful living," which he stressed were qualities of character that the DePauw seniors should seek. He described these elements as confidence—the ability to meet any situation and deal intelligently with it, diligence—the willingness to tackle a job and stay with it until it gets done, and excellence—which you can achieve through confidence and diligence.

He also received an honorary Doctor of Literature degree from DePauw in 1963. He became a DePauw Trustee in 1969.

Buren McCormack was an associate of the late Bernard Kilgore '29, chairman of the Dow Jones Board, who also made significant contributions to *The Journal*. Mr. McCormack was the chairman of a journalism counselor program at DePauw in honor of Mr. Kilgore, also a Lambda FIJI at DePauw. Improvements were made to the publications building and outstanding newspapermen have been brought to the campus under the counselor program.

Mr. McCormack served as national president of Sigma Delta Chi, the journalistic society founded at DePauw in 1909, and was president during the period in which SDX expanded outside the United States.

Born in Jamestown, Indiana, Mr. McCormack got his first sniff of printers' ink at age five by hauling *The Jamestown Press* one block from the printing plant to the post office. His family moved to Crawfordsville when he was 9, and he became a carrier for *The Crawfordsville Journal* and *Indianapolis News*. While attending DePauw on a Rector Scholarship, he served all four years on the staff of *The DePauw*, becoming news editor his senior year. He also wrote for *DePauw Magazine* and *The Yellow Crab*, a humor magazine, and was a varsity tennis player.





THOMAS GROOMS '66

“Continuing Lambda’s Legacy was an opportunity for me to express my gratitude for the pivotal role Lambda played in my life. When I became a FIJI, I suddenly had not the one brother I had always wanted but 70. They became my new family and formed my new home. This immersive



living experience helped me discover who I was, to become self confident, learn to love myself, and to care for and appreciate others. A lifelong bond was forged with my class that is as heartfelt and meaningful to me today as it was more than half a century ago.

As a beneficiary of the new house, I felt it was my duty to help provide not only a safe and secure environment for the brothers but an ennobling one—a visual representation of who we are, what we value, and what we hope to become. To this end, I championed to keep the vision for the ground floor expansion intact and create a positive first impression—an inviting welcome and symbol of openness to all. I am proud of the south wing addition, a gift from my class, particularly the library/meeting room. This space will allow the fraternity to reach out to the DePauw and Greencastle communities and host educational and social events. This and the other improvements will enhance the quality of life at the house and help ensure Lambda’s continued viability and success.”

A commitment to service has led Tom along a circuitous route that has engaged his talents in many diverse fields—national government, global environmental conservation, and business community development. His journey has been driven by friends and colleagues who believed in him and his faith, or what brother Doug Smith '68 calls “marrying the mystery.”

Tom was born in Blue Island, Illinois, the only son of a prominent family. Service and duty were instilled in him at an early age. He excelled in his academic

studies, was elected to class offices, and became the announcer at high school football and basketball games. He was an Eagle Scout and received his God & Country award by the age of 14.

Tom came to DePauw in preparation for going to law school. During rush, he felt an immediate affinity for the FIJI brothers and decided it was the only fraternity for him. It was the only fraternity he put on his preference list. Tom says being a FIJI made his four years at DePauw one of the happiest periods in his life.

After graduation, Tom went to the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., to focus on international law. During the summers, he interned at the prestigious Chicago law firm of Winston, Strawn, Smith & Patterson. This coveted position was secured due to the recommendation of then-Lambda housemother Martha Keenan to a close friend, who was a senior partner in the firm. As an undergraduate, Tom—ever the dutiful and reverent Boy Scout—had garnered her respect and admiration, as he would many others in his journey.

After law school, a recommendation from his tax professor landed Tom a job in the legislation and regulations division of the Internal Revenue Service. At the time, there was widespread public condemnation of the tax laws. Wealthy individuals were avoiding paying taxes, and Congress sought to enact a tax reform bill. Tom wanted to be part of this effort. When the tax bill was passed, it was the most extensive overhaul of the internal revenue code in the nation's history.

Two years later, in 1971, Tom took a giant leap of faith and moved to India. This decision was a watershed in his life. He fell in love with Indian architecture, art, and crafts. To share his passion and newfound knowledge, he started a design service catering to Americans living in New Delhi. Word of his accomplishments spread, and he was hired to renovate the American Library and Cultural Center in Kathmandu, Nepal. The success of this project propelled Tom to move to New York and earn a degree in environmental design—an interdisciplinary degree in architecture, interior design, and industrial design—at the Parsons School of Design.

Just as he was ready to renew his design career, Tom received a call from a good friend he had made during the six months he had worked in Kathmandu. The friend was chairman of the board of the Ocean Conservancy (formerly the Center for Environment Education) and appealed to Tom to become the executive director. The nonprofit organization was a major advocate for healthy ocean ecosystems and the protection of threatened marine life.

Not wanting to disappoint his friend and challenged to help this worthy cause, Tom said yes. Five years later, after raising more than \$12 million (\$32 million in

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THOMAS GROOMS '66, CONTINUED

2018 dollars), Tom was hospitalized with bleeding ulcers and resigned from the conservancy to recuperate. A year later, he accepted the position as director of conventions and tourism with the District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce (formerly the Negro Chamber of Commerce), eventually taking on the position of acting executive director. At the chamber, Tom focused his energy on increasing the number of minority-owned businesses in the nation's capital.

A call came again in 1986, this time from a longtime friend he had met at Parsons. The friend offered him the position of manager of the Federal Design Improvement Program at the National Endowment for the Arts. The job entailed reviving a moribund program to improve the quality of design in all areas of the federal government—from graphic design to urban design to architecture. Tom relished the opportunity to improve the public realm. He successfully revived the program, becoming manager of the quadrennial Presidential Design Awards. During this period, he was instrumental in helping the U.S. General Services Administrative (GSA) establish a Design Excellence Program to improve the quality of federal buildings.

In 1995, his colleague and counterpart at GSA asked him to come to the agency to help strengthen and expand the Design Excellence Program. Tom took over managing the program and, in so doing, helped change the course of federal architecture. Garnering numerous national awards, the program has been replicated by the U.S. State Department for the design of U.S. embassies, and the New York City Department of Design and Construction.

In 2005, Tom was promoted to director of the design excellence and the arts division at GSA. As director, he was responsible for the Design Excellence program, Art in Architecture Program, and the Fine Arts Collection.

Now retired, Tom continues to live in Washington, D.C., with his partner of 35 years, Rodger, a professor at American University. They married in 2011 and have two children and six grandchildren

Tom's successful personal career clearly meets the standard of excellence that accompanies the Distinguished Lambda Award, but this is only part of the reason for this highly deserved award. Over the last two years, Tom has been an invaluable contributor to the *Continuing Lambda's Legacy Campaign* and the eventual successful completion of Phase 1 of the FIJI house renovation project. During that time, Tom has been deeply involved in building planning, architectural advice, mentoring fundraising efforts, and providing a generous amount of his own personal funds and time for the project. Lambda FIJI simply could not have done it without him.



ERIC WOLFE '04

Eric Wolfe is the owner and managing broker of Prime Real Estate Group, a boutique real estate brokerage located in Greencastle, Indiana. His brokerage specializes in residential real estate in Putnam County and the metropolitan Indianapolis area, but also provides services for property management and light commercial, investment, farm, and multi-family property sales. He is currently ranked the number one broker in Putnam County and has been ranked number one in the Greencastle market for the past three years. He was recently named by *Indy Real Producers Magazine* as one of their top 200 brokers in central Indiana for his sales volume.



Eric and his wife, Dr. June Javens-Wolfe, own Northwood Property Group, a real estate investment company with both residential and commercial holdings, including several historic buildings in downtown Greencastle.

Previously, Eric served as assistant director of student life and a Greek life coordinator at DePauw University, where he oversaw the university judicial processes for student organizations, coordinated first-year programs, and advised nearly every fraternity and sorority chapter at DePauw during his tenure. As a student at DePauw, Eric interned for U.S. Senator Evan Bayh in his press office on Capitol Hill, and while a senior at DePauw, Eric was the youngest candidate in the state to run to be Indiana's District 44 state representative.

Eric has been honored by the Indiana Humanities Council with the Governor's Award for Tomorrow's Leaders and the National Points of Light Foundation as a Daily Point of Light for his service work. He is a member and past officer of many organizations, including the Rotary Club of Greencastle (past president), Temple

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ERIC WOLFE '04 , CONTINUED

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Eric lives in Greencastle, Indiana, with his wife, June, who works at Eli Lilly & Co. and is a DePauw graduate and Delta Zeta. They are the founders of the Wolfe Family Endowment at the Putnam County Community Foundation, where they give annual grants to local charities.

Eric graduated from DePauw in 2004 as a communication arts and sciences major and was involved in many organizations on campus. He met his wife, June, at DePauw in his first days on campus while attending the first year student ice cream social on the steps of Lucy Rowland Hall. Eric moved into the FIJI chapter house his sophomore year and spent a semester in Washington, D.C.

Eric's undergraduate affiliation with Phi Gamma Delta was during a period of drastic change and growth for the chapter, which had just reorganized. He joined the Beta Deuteron pledge class, which was the first FIJI pledge class after reorganization and only had six members. The chapter was still under trusteeship and had a dry chapter house—something many of the new recruits liked about FIJI.

As a pledge brother, Eric served as pledge class president and as the chapter's community service and philanthropy chairman. In his sophomore year, Eric was the recruitment chairman and aided the chapter in bringing in a large quality pledge class. After recruitment, Eric became the chapter treasurer and then was elected chapter president at the end of his sophomore year. He later served as pig dinner chairman and on the Lambda Chapter's 150th Anniversary Committee.

Eric's undergraduate tenure saw many changes within the chapter. The undergraduates earned possession of the charter and were no longer under trusteeship, the chapter received its alcohol-free housing exemption, a graduate mentoring program and board of chapter advisors was established, and the chapter grew from 16 members to over 50 members.

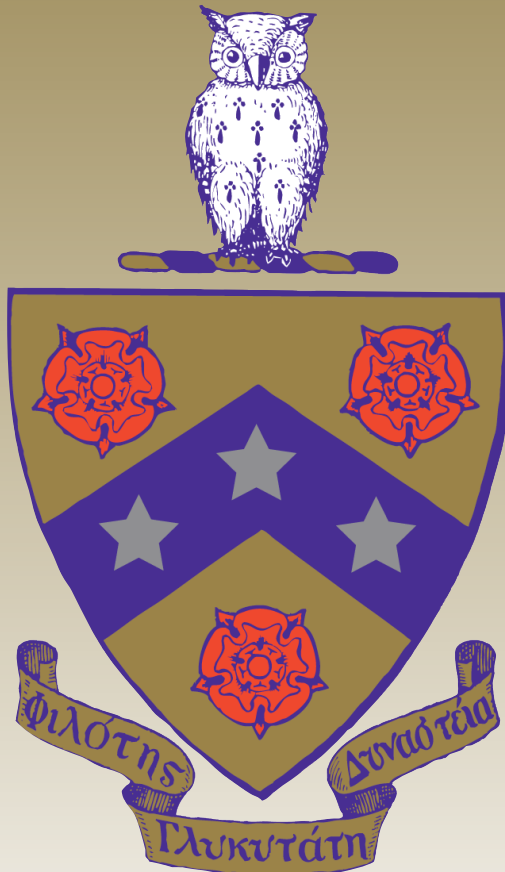
After graduation, Eric served the Lambda Chapter as its Purple Legionnaire for six years, and was also an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Chapter Advisors. He represented FIJI in the first few years of DePauw's Greek Life Advisory Council, along with other brothers from the house corporation. Eric has attended several Ekklesiae, FIJI Academies, and Indiana State Days—as both an undergraduate and graduate brother.

Eric's service to Lambda FIJI has been extensive over the 14 years since graduation. During that time, he has been invaluable as the Lambda House

Corporation and Board of Chapter Advisors’ “boots on the ground,” dealing with any issue small or large when a FIJI graduate was needed there *right now*. He has willingly helped Lambda deal with a variety of issues, both good and not so good, day and night and, most recently, has helped with a variety of chores involving the FIJI house renovation. His obvious loyalty and love of FIJI has been an invaluable asset to us all.



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