

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PERMANENT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



George P. Kalv, Gamma Beta '47, has made history by establishing the first named permanent fund within the Theta Tau Educational Foundation. Over the last couple years, Brother Kalv has contributed substantial sums to the Foundation that have been set aside in a separate fund in his name to finance the scholarships for student members of Theta Tau in perpetuity. A portion of the interest/investment income from that permanent fund will be used to advance these scholarship goals for our Fraternity, thus preserving the principal in the fund. Since the establishment of the Foundation in 1998, scholarship funds have come from the annual operating income of the Foundation. These scholarships will, of course, continue; however, the George P. Kalv Fund, and ones like it established in the years ahead, will enable a greater level of support for engineering students across the nation.

The **Iota Beta** permanent fund was made possible through contribution of proceeds from the sale of the chapter house on McNichols Avenue in Detroit by the McNichols House Corporation in 2007. By agreement at the time the fund was established, the Foundation gives precedence to applicants from a Catholic University (like the University of Detroit Mercy) and other students attending a college/university in the state of Michigan. It is hoped that when Theta Tau is able to reestablish at the University of Detroit that this fund will be used solely to benefit student members of that chapter.



The **Simon Ramo**, Lambda '33, Permanent Fund was established by this internationally renowned scientist, engineer, and Theta Tau Alumni Hall of Fame Laureate. Dr. Ramo, a founding member of the National Academy of Engineering, held 25 patents by the age of 30. In the latter half of the 20th century, he led the development of microwave and missile technologies. For half century, he was one of the (if not, the) nation's key advisors on science and technology. The IEEE Ramo Medal is named in his honor and his engineering honors and achievements are simply too numerous to list. He remained active until the end of his life, advising and teaching graduate students at the University of Southern California. In 2014, he became the oldest person to receive a patent at age 100 (at a much earlier point in his life, he had also been the youngest person to receive a patent). He passed away in 2016.

The **William S. Johnson**, Rho '42, Permanent Fund was established in 2009 via bequest from his estate. Brother Johnson served his nation as an aerospace engineer in the US Air Force and was responsible for the air transport command in the China-India-Burma Theater during WWII. He received the Asia Pacific Ribbon and Bronze Star for service. He received his BS in Aeronautical Engineering from North Carolina State University and subsequent degrees from the California Institute of Technology and the Southern Methodist University. His professional employment included work for General Dynamics and the Chrysler Corporation Space Division.

The **Robert L. Miller**, Omicron '41, Permanent Fund was established in 2009 by this Alumni Hall of Fame Laureate, engineer, and entrepreneur. Bob is founder of Prime Plastics in north ern Ohio, and former directors of the Corrugated Plastic Tubing Association, and Society of Plastic Engineers, and is author of multiple technical papers on extrusion and corrugation techniques. Bob received his Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Iowa. He was Akron Engineer of the year and helped found the Chemical Engineering Department at the University of Akron. Bob has attended many Theta Tau national meetings and has served on the Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Committee.



J.B. "Bert" Ladd is the retired founder and CEO of Ladd Petroleum Corp. He earned a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from KU in 1949. Ladd enrolled at KU in 1942 but placed his college aspirations on hold during World War II. After being honorably discharged as a first lieutenant from the U.S. Army Air Corps, he returned to KU to finish his degree. Upon graduation, Ladd found employment with a firm that would later become Texaco. In 1957, Ladd joined Consolidated Oil and Gas as its vice president of operations but left to spend a year working in Citibank's new loan group that served the international and domestic petroleum industry. In 1968, he formed Ladd Petroleum Corp., which by 1973 had achieved significant industry stature and about 5,000 shareholders. Ladd Petroleum merged with Utah International, which subsequently was acquired by industry giant General Electric in 1976. Ladd continued to work as president and chairman of Ladd Petroleum until he resigned in 1979. He has remained active in the petroleum industry and corporate world and serves as a director of Whiting Petroleum Corp., which he helped found 25 years ago.



The **Jeremy G. Chan**, Tau Gamma '08, Permanent Fund was created in 2010 by Jeremy's family, friends, and brothers in his memory. A charter member of our chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, Jeremy passed away in an accident in 2010. This fund was created to provide a scholarship in his honor remembering Brother Chan, a man of both quiet wisdom and effervescent kindness. Jeremy's excelled academically in mechanical engineering to earn membership in Tau Beta Pi and Pi Tau Sigma. He likewise rose to overcome obstacles as co-chairman of Tau Gamma's first rush and then as mastermind of the chapter's formative pledging programs. He continued to play an important role advising new generations as the Colony became Tau Gamma Chapter in 2008, and played on Theta Tau's intramural soccer championship team that year. After graduating *magna cum laude* in Mechanical Engineering & Applied Mechanics, Jeremy kept visiting the chapter glad to reap the spirit and joys of brotherhood he helped create. Jeremy applied his skills to the work of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest health-focused philanthropy. He is dearly missed by his friends, co-workers, and brothers.



C. Jeff Kellogg, Beta '66, endowed a scholarship fund in 2013. It is granted to the student member of Beta Chapter at Michigan Tech with the highest GPA in a semester. The winner commonly has a 4. Jeff served for many years on the Beta House Corporation Board. He is currently President -Floor Coverings International. Professionally, he has developed, built, and managed residential and commercial properties - managing residential communities totaling 75,000 sites. He has developed and built light industrial subdivisions and buildings. His building and managing experiences have been focused in Michigan and Colorado.



James D. Cote, Beta '62, created this scholarship fund in 2013 to award deserving members of Beta Chapter at Michigan Tech. In 2015, Jim was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame for service to his professional and the fraternity. He served the Beta House Corporation as Treasurer and President demonstrating true H&T spirit during his 8 years on the House Corporation resulting in a new house for Beta Chapter. Brother Cote had a distinguished career with GM starting as an engine design engineer and retiring as Chief Engineer of Medium Duty Commercial Trucks. In 1986, he served as an executive engineer creating a new Truck Safety and Crashworthiness group which installed the first air bag in a GM Truck.

He received honors from Owens Corning & Society of Plastics Institute in 1980 and also holds a patent for an Engine Hydraulic Governor. Brother Cote professional affiliations includes SAE, MTU Presidents Club, University of Missouri Industrial Advisory Board, and US Truck Manufacturers Association.

