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NIC FOUNDATION HONORS DICK KRUSE

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Dick Kruse (KS '63), an alumnus of FarmHouse International Fraternity will be honored with the **NIC Foundation's Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year Award**. The NIC Foundation is the educational foundation for the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC). Dick was nominated by the FarmHouse Foundation – a very special thank you to the eight FarmHouse alumni and Dick's daughter who wrote letters of support for his nomination.

This esteemed award is presented to an individual or family with a proven record of exceptional generosity who, through direct financial support, has demonstrated outstanding fraternal and charitable responsibility, and whose generosity encourages others to take philanthropic leadership roles within the Greek community on a national and/or international level. Over 100 fraternity and sorority foundations, such as the FarmHouse Foundation, can nominate an individual for this award.

Dick was unanimously selected by the NIC Foundation for his generosity to FarmHouse including being the Foundation's largest donor, hosting numerous FarmHouse gatherings in his homes, serving as a Foundation Trustee for six years, being a resource and leader to numerous FarmHouse conferences, and mentoring undergraduates. Most uniquely and in an incredibly generous manner, Dick is in the process of donating fully-restored antique tractors to each FarmHouse chapter. When complete all FarmHouse chapters will receive a tractor delivered personally by Dick. His passion is to take a tractor to each chapter so he can meet the members, see their home and learn more about their chapter. After the tractor is delivered, he donates it directly to the chapter. In turn the chapter must store it, maintain it and is challenged to sell, auction or raffle it off to raise funds in support of their individual academic and leadership programs. He is committed to completing this philanthropic project and won't stop until each FarmHouse chapter has been a recipient of one of his prized possessions and has the opportunity to take on his philanthropic challenge.

"I have had a chance to work with many generous individuals during my tenure with the Board, but Dick Kruse is truly in a class by himself," said Ryan Downs (NE '88), FarmHouse Foundation Chairman. "Dick has been exceptionally generous with his time and financial contributions to the Foundation. His contributions have helped FarmHouse Fraternity deliver some of the most innovative

and effective undergraduate leadership programming in the nation, and have also helped to improve housing, upgrade technology and provide other educational programming for thousands of members. Our organization would not be where it is today without Dick's support. Over the years, Dick's generosity, passion for the organization and energy have inspired many others to get involved in leadership roles and fundraising. His positive attitude and adoration for FarmHouse are contagious. I am proud to consider Dick a friend and FarmHouse brother."

An entrepreneur, venture capitalist and CEO/owner of Kruse Enterprises, Dick Kruse is a farmer first and at heart. He's been farming since 1965 and when he's not leading one of his 4 companies, you can find Dick on a combine or tractor on one of his farms. He has land and livestock interest in three states – Indiana, Kansas and Oklahoma. His current passion is his nylon carpet recycling business, which he co-owns with his daughter, Kasey. Dick, his wife Katie and their family reside in Indianapolis, Ind.

To Dick's surprise, he was told of this exciting news at the Foundation Alumni Dinner during the Fraternity's 46th Biennial Conclave in early August in Columbus, Ohio. He will be officially honored with this prestigious award at the NIC Foundation's Awards of Distinction Dinner on August 27. The Awards of Distinction Dinner will be held in conjunction with NIC Foundation's The Foundations Seminar, a three-day conference for national fraternity and sorority foundation staff, held in Indianapolis. Foundation Executive Director, Allison Rickels, will co-chair The Foundations Seminar.

If you would like to share your congratulations with Dick, you can email him at kruseibb@yahoo.com.

The FarmHouse Foundation is a 501(c)3 public educational foundation supporting the educational and leadership programs of the Fraternity as well as providing scholarships to individual members for academic achievement. FarmHouse International Fraternity is a men's international agriculturally-related fraternity founded in 1905 that seeks to build men intellectually, spiritually, socially, morally and physically. FarmHouse is located on 35 campuses throughout the United States and Canada, with 1,300 undergraduates and 25,000 living alumni.

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