



# Robert Ellis '84

*Has been elected to membership in the*

## *Beta Phi Hall of Honor Class of 2023*

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Robert Ellis '84 earned his degree from the University of Arizona in 1984, majoring in Economics with a Finance minor. Now the senior advisor for AvAir, LLC, he and his wife Melissa live in Paradise Valley and have four children together: Parker (29), Mandy (27), Payton (22), and Kyler (19).

Robert founded AvAir in 2000, creating a worldwide distributor of aircraft parts and components with offices in Ireland, Mexico City, and Sao Paulo, Brazil. This company services the commercial aviation industry with over three-thousand global customers and revenues now exceeding \$250 million annually. Their main facility is located in Chandler, AZ, and maintains an inventory valued at \$500 million. "AvAir has been recognized over the years as one of INC 500's fastest growing companies," says Robert of his success, "Recently we were named the number one aircraft parts distribution company by Airline Economics magazine."

Robert is heavily involved both in his community and as a Sigma Chi alumni. A frequent donor/volunteer for various charities and conservative political groups in his area, he is a past recipient of the Significant Sig award, a mentor for active Beta Phi members, and established the Ellis Family Foundation Scholarship. This grant was founded in memory of Brother John Henkel '84 and funds the annual Beta Phi dues for two brothers as selected by the chapter.

During his undergraduate career, Robert served as Assistant Magister, Alumni Chairman, and the elected Beta Phi representative for the UA's Interfraternity Council. "I can honestly say that Pledging Beta Phi was one of the best decisions of my life," he says of what the chapter means to him, "Being mentored by so many outstanding individuals sharing the ideals of the Jordan Standard was a springboard to my development as a young man and later my career."