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*Bobby Hummel '25
(left) with University
of Missouri President
Mun Choi at our Sigma
Chi Faculty Event.*



*Delta Associate
Chapter in front of
the Columns.*

OUR TIME IS NEARING

Updates on the Rechartering Process

Good news! We've made thrilling progress in the past six months with thanks to your Delta Associate Chapter at Mizzou, your Xi Xi house corp., the Colony Alumni Advisory Committee, and the great resources at Sigma Chi International!

This summer, we completed major HVAC update at 500 S. College Avenue under the able direction of **Jeff Comparato '84**. The entire building was re-piped with copper piping in the ceilings and walls, which were then repaired with new drywall and paint. Although this was costly and required additional financing, it should prevent the past problems that would lead to even more expensive repairs and equipment replacements.

Jeff continues to direct all additional maintenance and repair work to keep our Chapter House in good shape—both for our current tenants and for our Chapter when Xi Xi is ready to move back in! We owe Jeff a big round of snaps and our thanks for continuing to manage this workload.

The Associate Chapter officers continue to strive for the requirements set out by Sigma Chi International (HQ) to become eligible for reinstallation, including their initiation and

rechartering. Most recently, their leadership group attended the Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop, Sigma Chi's premier leadership training workshop; they are currently updating the Chapter's website as well (another requirement). Soon they'll be able to submit a final application to HQ for reinstatement. Consul **Tyler Thomas '25** and the exec committee lead the way.

During fall recruitment, the associate Chapter signed 10 new pledges for the fall semester. Members emphasized quality over quantity and plan to recruit another class this spring. The Colony Advisory Committee, led by Chapter Advisor **Sean McDowell, Theta Iota '21**, continues to support these young members and help them move forward in the right way. Co-Chairman **Kevin Deptula '01** has played a significant role in leading this group as well.

The Xi Xi news is all positive, and the momentum is growing. I would love for you to join in the effort; contact me at any time to learn more.

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Do We Have Your Digital Contact Info?

If you're reading this, hopefully we have your correct mailing address. But what about your email or phone number?

We want to be able to stay in contact with all our Brothers; having a complete list of emails is essential to doing that!

Please send your preferred email to our communications coordinator at updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com with "Sigma Chi Mizzou Email Update" in the subject line, and we'll make sure we have you on our list!

Thank you for helping us stay connected.

*Don't worry—your email is safe with us!
We do not share your info outside of our
organization.*

Just Getting Involved

From Mizzou to KC, Nathan Willet '18 Shares Lessons in Leadership

As student body president, **Nathan Willet '18** wanted to help Mizzou heal from the many issues surrounding the 2015 protests and bring back a positive message. He had the full backing of his Xi Xi Brothers when he decided to run.

"We wanted students in Greek life to be heard and not to let the negative claims go unchallenged," he said. "I saw so much good at Sigma Chi and throughout the Greek community, and those stories weren't being told." Enrollment at Mizzou, which decreased during the protests, has returned to ideal numbers as well.

Nathan was drawn to Sigma Chi by Xi Xi's impressive history on campus, including many notable alumni who built a tradition of excellence. The student body election was one of many ways the Chapter proved to be a supportive brotherhood. "The Brothers, and roles like house manager, helped me grow as a leader."

BRINGING NEW PERSPECTIVES

Nathan's leadership endeavors didn't end at Mizzou—in August, he began his first four-year term on the Kansas City City Council, representing District 1. He is the youngest councilperson elected from Northland, Kansas City, having won his general election on June 20.

"The point of the city government is to support our neighborhoods, support law enforcement, and make sure you have good constituent services," Nathan said. He aims to pursue those on behalf of the next generation and buck the trend of young people not getting politically involved. Nathan's campaign team knocked on over 10,000 doors, and he won every precinct in the district on election day. "People don't really want a controversial candidate; they want people they can trust, who know their neighborhoods and will fight for them."

"I saw so much good at Sigma Chi and throughout the Greek community, and those stories weren't being told."

Since graduating, Nathan has also worked as a teacher, starting with math at KC's Central High School through Teach For America. His presidency at Mizzou included a seat on the strategic enrollment management committee, which opened his eyes to the struggles of both rural and urban students in the state. "Teach For America allowed me to jump right in and see things firsthand, and I was proud to help raise the school's test scores in algebra."

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Since the pandemic, Nathan has taught in the Park Hill School District of Kansas City; he now teaches part-time alongside his City Council duties. He also keeps up with the KC Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi and is grateful for mentors like **Larry McMullen '53**, **Johnny Walker '60**, and **Dan Slickman '77**.

"Don't be afraid to get involved and make connections on campus—that strengthens you as well as our fraternity," Nathan suggests for today's Brothers. "You don't want too much on your plate, of course, but finding one or two things outside of Sigma Chi can make a difference. And lean on your Brothers for advice and wisdom; having even a few people to believe in you and give you confidence is important."

When Nathan isn't at work, you'll find him woodworking or enjoying Mizzou and KC sports. You can also reach him at nwillett14@gmail.com.

Shaping Our Own Future

ASSOCIATE CHAPTER GETS INVOLVED ON CAMPUS

Brothers and their lovely dates at the 2023 Derby Days Gala, which marked the end of the fundraiser.



Our Delta Associate Chapter continues its work toward reestablishment here in Columbia. Four members attended the Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop in August, where our Chapter earned certificates to aid in the recharting.

Along with that process, our Chapter had its first formal recruitment: one of our top priorities going into the new school year. The Chapter brought in 10 potential new members from informal and formal recruitment.

"I can't wait to aid in the development of the next class of brothers," Magister **Adam Dickinson '25** said. "My passion is teaching, and in my role as Magister, I know that this group already understands what it means to be in Sigma Chi."

VALUED TRADITIONS RETURN

Looking back, our brothers wrapped up the 2022-23 year strong, hosting events like Parents Weekend for their first time. Parents were treated to a cookout, a Mizzou softball game, and good food from Gunter Hans and The Heidelberg.

For their first Derby Days, our associate members learned how to raise money and promote the Huntsman Cancer Research Institute.

Monday included a telethon in which members reached out to loved ones, friends, and Xi Xi alumni to ask for donations.

Tuesday included a Pay-to-Pet event in the quad: on their way to class, students passing by could donate money to play with dogs for a little while!

Wednesday's event was Trivia Night, where sororities and other fraternities competed in trivia on the history of both Sigma Chi and Mizzou.

To end the week, the Chapter hosted a Gala in Bourbon, Missouri, where members brought dates to celebrate.

In the end, we raised \$5,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Research Institute.

As I write this, Delta Associate Chapter is excitedly preparing to compete in its first Mizzou Homecoming in October! We all look forward to what's in store for the rest of the fall, and we hope alumni will reach out in any way to show support as we aim to reestablish the Xi Xi Chapter at Mizzou.

In hoc,
Tyler Thomas '25, Consul



Nathan Fields '25 gets pied to help raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Research Institute during Derby Days 2023.

Seizing New Opportunities



How Evan Langdon '24 Found Sigma Chi

Few people can say they spent their summer ziplining out of a Blackhawk one week and working a desk job the next, but that is precisely what **Evan Langdon '24** spent summer 2023 doing.

The history and political science major spent the first part of his summer at the Army Air Assault School in Fort Benning, Georgia. There, Evan learned about air assault operations with the Army's helicopters, culminating in his ziplining adventure.

After training, Evan returned to his hometown of Kansas City, where he spent seven weeks interning for a solar panel company. At the end of those seven weeks, Evan finished his summer in Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he completed a 35-day training prerequisite for anyone hoping to be commissioned into the Army.

Evan's summer adventures are a product of his time in the Army ROTC program at Mizzou. He is also a member of the Missouri National Guard.

"It's something I have always wanted to do, and it's been very fulfilling," Evan said. "I don't want to work in an office my whole life."

JUMPING IN THE DEEP END

With ROTC requiring a lot of early mornings and late nights each week, Evan still makes time for Sigma Chi. Being one of the founders of the soon-to-be reestablished Chapter, Evan has seen a fraternity grow around him.

"It's been awesome because I didn't have to insert myself into a Chapter and have to mold into their culture," Evan said. "Here, you're watching the culture build around you."

Welcome, New Members

Josh Allen '27
Benjamin Boyack '27
Jase DeCota '27
Daniel Feiste '27
Olin Guillote '26
Jordan Jenkins '26
Matthew Mincemeyer '27
Vincent Paino '27
Elijah Preheim '27
Gus Schumacher '26

"I was looking for a genuine brotherhood and friendship; Sigma Chi is exactly that."

"The Brothers I met were genuine and cared about one another. It was clear they were an actual brotherhood."

"Sigma Chi is a great community that I can fall back on when I need it. Everyone treats each other as a brother, which is very special to me."

Evan caught the initial wave of the rechartering his sophomore year and always wanted to be a part of Greek life. He jumped right in and has become a respected voice over the past year and a half, serving as questor and public relations and marketing chairman.

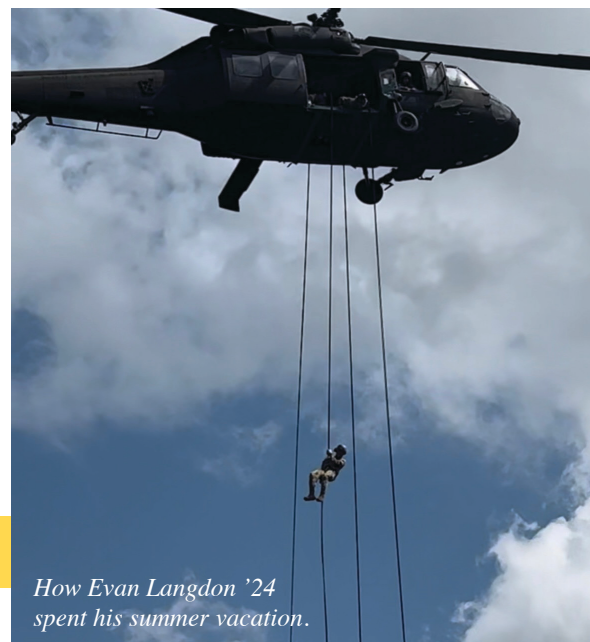
"Questor was hard because you have to wrangle people for their dues, which is always an issue, but I had a fun time doing PR&M. It allowed me to work on the creative side."

A PIVOTAL MOMENT

In his limited free time, Evan enjoys skateboarding, longboarding on the MKT Trail, and driving around his manual Ford Focus ST. He is also a talented tennis player and hopes to represent Mizzou's club tennis team this semester. However, representing the University of Missouri was not something Evan always planned to do. With his parents attending the University of Kansas and growing up a big KU basketball fan, Evan planned to attend Kansas.

"I was all enrolled at KU; I even had a dorm set up there. But right at the peak of COVID, my mom got laid off, and since I live on the Missouri side of Kansas City, I had to rethink everything," Evan shared. "I decided in-state was a better option and I went with Mizzou—and honestly, it was a great decision. I've had a blast here; even though it was the school I grew up 'not liking,' it has been an awesome experience. I don't regret anything."

With his time in Columbia wrapping up, we can all agree that Evan made two great decisions: attending Mizzou and helping recharter the Sigma Chi fraternity on its campus.



How Evan Langdon '24 spent his summer vacation.

SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Meet-and-Greet

November 3 at 4:30 p.m.

Our Associate Chapter is hosting an Alumni Meet-and-Greet at The Heidelberg, which should be easy for all Xi Xi alumni to find!

Plan now to be in Columbia to meet the new pledge class, Associate Chapter officers, and active members. They are enthusiastic about meeting more alumni face-to-face and getting to know you. They will also update us on the rechartering progress and the schedule for reinstallation and initiation!

This will not be a fundraising event.

This is an exciting time for Xi Xi on the road back to Chapterhood. The fall colors should be glorious for the drive to CoMo, so bring along some alumni and let's get to know our future Brothers!

Contact Tribune **Liam Redington '25** at liamcredington@gmail.com or (314) 312-8718 for more details.



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Who Can You Recommend?

You've perhaps heard the saying that recruitment is the "lifeblood" of fraternities. Nowhere is this truer than at a new, emerging chapter or a rebuilding one like ours; we need to find the best young men at Mizzou to build a brighter future for Xi Xi.

If you know any current or incoming students who may be Sigma Chi material, please let us know! Send their name, contact information, and any other worthwhile details to Recruitment Chairman **Canon Dew '26** at canonc dew@gmail.com or (816) 510-3801.

***Thank you for helping
Sigma Chi grow.***

A Local Alumni Milestone

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, ED MATHENY '43!

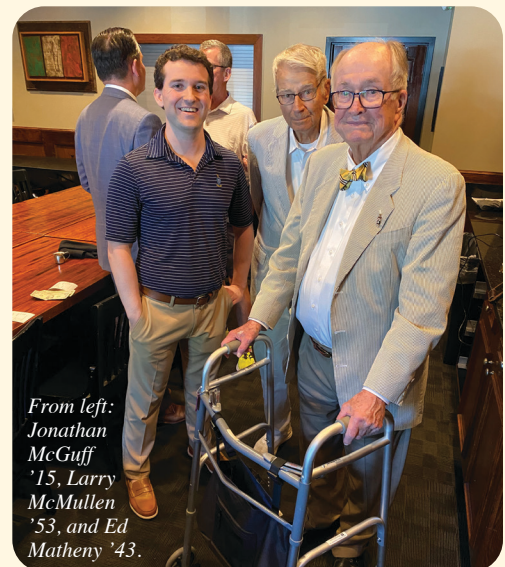


Sigma Chi alumni in Kansas City gather to honor Ed Matheny '43.

This fall, the Sigma Chi Kansas City Alumni Chapter held a special luncheon to recognize Brother **Edward T. Matheny Jr. '43** on his 100th birthday. Alumni presented Ed with a Sigma Chi military pin and a letter from new Grand Consul **Bob Wilson, Fort Hays '81**.

Alumni from nine different chapters attended this milestone event:

- Xi Xi (Missouri)
- Alpha Xi (Kansas)
- Beta Kappa (Oklahoma)
- Beta Theta (Pittsburgh)
- Delta Tau (Westminster)
- Delta Upsilon (Kansas State)
- Eta Iota (Embry-Riddle)
- Theta Gamma (Drake)
- Zeta Tau (Fort Hays)



*From left:
Jonathan
McGuff
'15, Larry
McMullen
'53, and Ed
Matheny '43.*

Thank you, Kansas City Alumni, for honoring our Brother—and happy 100th, Ed!