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XI XI CELEBRATES RETURN TO MIZZOU

Now the Real Work Begins

Sigma Chi, Xi Xi Chapter, and the University of Missouri joined in a rousing celebration at the banquet culminating our installation/initiation/rechartering activities on October 5. History was made and a final standing ovation erupted when Grand Pro Consul **Ryan Temby, Rutgers '90** signed the official recharter of Xi Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi at the climax of the evening.

Grand Praetor **Rob Westrich, St. Louis University '85** emceed the proceedings, and honored guests included Dr. Mun Choi, president of the University, Christopher Jefferson, director of fraternity and sorority life at Mizzou, and Des Robinson and Jorvis McGee, Sigma Chi Chapter Expansion. Brother Temby and other dignitaries addressed the assembled audience of 150 undergraduates, parents, alumni, and Sigma Chi International management staff and volunteers.

The event capped off a weekend of initiation activities and the investiture ceremony welcoming 50 new Brothers into the bonds of Sigma Chi brotherhood; it was a moment in our collective history that will be remembered proudly.

And now, the real work begins!

We have an active Chapter again at Mizzou thanks to the former Associate Chapter (Colony) and their five Founders and leaders—undergraduates who were attracted to Sigma Chi values and shared a vision of a rechartered Xi Xi Chapter. They were supported and guided in their quest by Sigma Chi International officers and staffers, dedicated alumni, and volunteer leaders from many Chapters.

They got us to this bright new day by doing everything right, and now we all must work together to keep it going forward in the same way!

THE ROAD AHEAD

Prepare our property and our Chapter to move back into our beautiful house at 500 S. College Avenue.

Organize alumni in advisory roles and responsibilities.

Serve as officers and members on the house corporation board.

Support our Chapter financially with ongoing donations and maintain financial stability.

Continue building positive relations with the university, Sigma Chi HQ, and the entire student community at Mizzou.

Always recruit new members who meet the high qualities and leadership potential that we stridently maintain.

We have been here before and are now reminded what it means to have an active Chapter we can all be proud of. We have also seen how quickly it can deteriorate and bring us to another demise. It can happen again unless we all pay attention and do the work necessary as alumni to guard well the standards.

We need to work together in a sustained effort for years and decades to get on top and stay there.

In the past, we have sometimes measured our success in the quantity of our undergraduate membership and the numbers pledging,



Five of the founders display the Chapter's charter with Kevin Deptula '01, Dave Knight '73, DJ Greiss, Jay Shields '76, and Sean McDowell.

initiating, and living in the house. Going forward, it will be measured by the quality of our Chapter members and their achievements in leadership, philanthropy, scholarship, and most importantly, the strength of their brotherhood!

Let's stay together in the sacred bonds of Sigma Chi and achieve greatly, Brothers.

IHSV,
Dave Knight '73

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CHAPTER GOALS

①

Achieve the No. 1 fraternity GPA at Mizzou in the fall 2024 semester and beyond

②

Maintain the “quality over quantity” philosophy in recruitment that has allowed us to go so far

③

Increase alumni involvement and engagement

Raising the Banner

UNDERGRADUATE UPDATE

It finally happened. On October 5, 2024, after two and a half years as an associate Chapter, Sigma Chi Fraternity granted a charter to the 50 newly initiated Brothers of Xi Xi Chapter at the University of Missouri. Surrounded by amazing alumni, family, friends, and the Brothers of Theta Iota and Theta Eta Chapters, we celebrated Xi Xi's triumphant return at an installation banquet shortly after the initiation ceremonies.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NIGHT WERE ENDLESS:

→ **John Qualy '70** sending in the \$5,000 winning bid for the pen that signed the Xi Xi charter over the phone from Kuala Lumpur.

→ **Tyler Thomas '25**, **Daniel Feiste '27** and **Adam Dickinson '25** each receiving Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter Scholarships.

→ **Harper Kissee '25** and **Andrew Hahs '25** receiving scholarships of their own courtesy of **Jim McFerrin '67** and **John Qualy '70**, respectively.

→ Grand Pro Consul **Ryan Temby, Rutgers '90** presenting four deserving undergraduate Brothers with Grand Consul's citations: **Tyler Thomas '25**, **Gregory Goetz '25**, **Kyle Milburn '26**, and **Frank Colvett III '25** each claimed one, while **Andrew Hahs '25** and **Nathan Fields '25** also received certificates of appreciation.



Xi Xi Consul Tyler Thomas '25 addresses the celebration banquet audience.

We would like to recognize all the alumni in attendance, especially those responsible for awarding the scholarships, donating, or helping plan and run our initiation. Your support means the world to all of us, and we can't thank you enough!

Even in the wake of these celebrations, the academic success of the Chapter has not slowed. We have maintained our focus on raising our cumulative GPA. The Sigs finished the spring 2024 semester with a 3.49, placing second overall among all 29 IFC fraternities on campus. Through constant encouragement, the implementation of a new program called “fantasy academics,” and not being afraid to hold his Brothers accountable when needed, Scholarship Chairman **Kolby Armon '26** has played a pivotal role in leading the Chapter to this accomplishment.

The rebirth of Xi Xi Chapter at Mizzou marks a proud milestone and the start of an exciting new chapter. Our initiation celebrates the dedication and brotherhood that define us. As we move toward our new home at 500 S. College Avenue in August and continue excelling academically, we remain committed to Sigma Chi's values of friendship, justice, and learning.

With the strong support of our alumni and the momentum set by our previous successes, Xi Xi is back and ready for a bright future.

IHSV,
David Crow '26



From left, Andrew Hahs '25, Tyler Thomas '25, Gregory Goetz '25, Kyle Milburn '26, Frank Colvett III '25, and Nathan Fields '25 proudly display their Grand Consul's citations and certificates of appreciation.



Kevin Ward '25, Kyle Milburn '26, and Teddy McAllister '25 enjoying a night they'll never forget.



Xi Xi Alumni Jeff Comparato '84 and Jefferson Moore '84 are all smiles during the event's programming.



From left, Jacob Deeter '26, Jackson Speed '27, Jason Burge '27, and Maxwell Hunt '28 applaud one of our many speakers.

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

Thank You, Brothers, Supporters, and Friends

We wish every Brother could have attended the installment/initiation/rechartering event the first weekend in October. It was thrilling, inspirational, celebratory, fulfilling—there just aren't enough words to do justice to its significance! There are many to thank for the work and support that got us to that glorious day, and we take this opportunity to acknowledge just a few.

- Grand Praetor **Rob Westrich, St. Louis University '85**, who was a key individual all along the path from the beginning, until now, and into the future.
- **Desmond Robinson, Tarleton State '15**
- **Jorvis McGee, Texas A&M-Kingsville '15**, and the Chapter Expansion team at HQ.
- Expansion Coordinator **DJ Greiss, Minnesota State-Mankato '17**, who was the first Sigma Chi to come to Mizzou and recruit.
- Consul **Harmon Colvett '25** and the five Colony Founders.
- **Sean McDowell, SLU '21**, the first Colony/associate Chapter advisor.
- **Kevin Deptula '01** and **Jay Shields '76** for coordinating a Colony advisory group of alumni.
- Xi Xi House Corp officers and board of directors.
- The Executive Committee: **Eddie Greim '99, Kirk Payne '12, Paul Courter '73**, and **Jeff Comparato '84**. Thank you, Paul, for the alumni communications and for raising donations, and thank you, Jeff, for restoring the Chapter's ritual items and the electric White Cross.
- **Mike Barnett '76** for leading the banquet planning
- Ritual Director **Michael Bertz, Miami '51** for a big job done well.
- Grand Pro Consul **Ryan Temby, Rutgers '90** for serving as Installing Grand Officer (and finding his way out of stormy Florida to preside over all the events, pin our 50 initiates, and sign our charter)!
- The Brothers of the Theta Iota (SLU) and Theta Eta (Rolla) for serving as the undergraduate Chapters for the initiation.
- The 10 alumni who conducted interviews with all 50 candidates.
- Every Brother who donated generously to fund the costs of the installment!

The greatest amount of thanks, credit, and congratulations goes to our new Sigma Chi Xi Xi Brothers!

They saw the vision of becoming Sigma Chis and bringing the fraternity back to Mizzou. They did the work to build the Colony, recruit, train, gain respect, grow together, stage the activities, meet all the challenges, and clear all the hurdles to make themselves individually and collectively worthy of being Sigma Chis and being installed as Xi Xi Chapter. All Honor to Their Names! Together, let's make the next era of Sigma Chi at Mizzou the greatest ever.

Chapter Eternal

John C. Loomis '58

Entered Chapter Eternal on September 11, 2024. John started in Sigma Chi at Washington University and later transferred to Mizzou. He was a 1954 graduate of Webster Groves High School. John was a marketing executive at Maritz for over 30 years. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Janet Ross Loomis, and sons Ross, Brian and Brad, who are also Xi Xi Sigma Chis.

James G. Jones '71

Entered Chapter Eternal in April of 2024. Jim was a lifelong resident of Kansas City and a graduate of Center High School. Jim also served in the National Guard.

All Honor to Their Names

SAVE THE DATE

The Xi Xi House Corp Board of Directors has called the Annual Meeting of Membership of the The Sigma Chi Fraternity of Missouri to be held 11 a.m. CST on Saturday, November 23, in Columbia, Mo. More details will be sent via email regarding time and location. During this meeting, we will elect the new board of directors for the term beginning in 2025 and update the alumni on chapter status, direction, and business. Contact **Dave Knight '73** at deknight59@gmail.com with any questions.



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**Research Proves
The Value of the Fraternity Experience**
Alumni finish their collegiate years ahead...

**Pledge Class Group Chat
When's Our Next Meetup?**
Seeing you in October was great. Let's do it again!

**Xi Xi Chapter at Mizzou
Are You Getting Our Emails?** !
It's easy to update your info!

✉ Send your preferred info to
updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com.

✉ Make sure your fraternity brothers
are also getting emails.

✉ My info is already up to date! Let's
start reading *The Tiger Sig*.

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All 50 newly initiated brothers proudly stand behind the new Xi Xi charter.



We Asked the New Members...

Why Xi Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi?

"Joining Sigma Chi was a no-brainer. The community and the alumni network are unmatched, and the guys are amazing!" –**Jack Schroeder '28**

"The recruitment process felt more involved than other fraternities that contacted me over the summer, and I liked everyone I met during events." –**Milo Freund '28**

"I had no intention of going Greek when I got to Mizzou, but I felt immediately drawn to every Sig I met. The atmosphere everyone created was extremely supportive and familial, and it was impossible not to continue with them. I feel we truly believe in the motto 'expect more.'" –**Maxwell Hunt '28**

"I chose to join Sigma Chi because I was drawn to the genuine kindness and sense of brotherhood I felt from the group. It was clear to me that these people were the kind of guys who not only shared my values but would always be there to support me, no matter what." –**Joel Otero '28**

**KNOW SOMEONE
WE SHOULD KNOW?
SUBMIT A RECRUITMENT REFERRAL!**

If you know a current or incoming student who could be a good fit for our brotherhood, please us send their contact information and your reasons for recommending them. Thank you for helping Xi Xi Chapter continue to grow!

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