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THE NEXT CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI AT MIZZOU

XI XI ANNOUNCES \$1.5 MILLION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Last fall, we celebrated a new beginning for Xi Xi as our chapter returned to the University of Missouri. This was only possible through the hard work and dedication of our undergraduate members, alumni volunteers, and our collaboration with the university and Sigma Chi Headquarters. Nearly a year later, our brotherhood is thriving with 60 members who are devoted to excellence and leadership in the chapter, academics, campus, and community.

As we continue to reestablish Sigma Chi's presence as a leader on Mizzou's campus, we are focused on our present and future. Our mission is to equip the next generation of Xi Xi brothers for success in the modern world, and by doing so, ensure our legacy and tradition thrive.

HOW DO WE ACHIEVE THIS?

We've launched the *Reigniting Our Tradition of Leadership* capital campaign—honoring our rich heritage and writing the next chapters in our Xi Xi history.

We are thrilled to build on our momentum over the last year with a fundraising goal to help us:

- Restore our chapter house at 500 College Ave. into a space where young men can develop as leaders and create lasting bonds. Our home is at the root of our brotherhood, and we plan to improve it beginning with the Fall 2025 semester. These include much needed repairs, maintenance, system upgrades, and paint and plaster to make it shine again.
- Replenish Xi Xi's educational scholarship fund so we can continue to recruit quality men into our growing chapter and recognize members for their achievements and contributions to Xi Xi and beyond.
- Pay down chapter bank debt to reduce the burden on annual expenses and create a reserve fund to ensure our financial stability.

OUR NEW SIGMA CHI CHAPTER IS MODELED TO BE SUSTAINABLE FOR THE LONG RUN.

Our lessons learned from the past challenges we have faced have helped us to create a strong foundation for our current and future success. This is a critical time in our history. Xi Xi's future success hinges on the support of committed brothers and alumni, support from the university, Sigma Chi International, the Mizzou Greek Alliance, and our professional property manager—all who are ready to work together to create a strong future for the chapter.

With that, we need the investment and support of our alumni across generations to help our vision, our shared success, become a reality.

Early commitments from 51 alumni have already raised over \$800,000! This is an impressive start, but we need your assistance to reach or exceed the amount we need so we can achieve the goals outlined to the left. In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information detailing the project, the campaign, and ways you can help.

This is a time to reflect on your Sigma Chi experience. Remember the impact this brotherhood has had on you, and imagine how this chapter can and will change the lives of young men and our future brothers. It is our hope that you will join us in investing in the current and future success of Sigma Chi at Mizzou.

Thank you for your belief in the Xi Xi chapter and the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

In hoc,
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XI XI CHAPTER
REIGNITING OUR
TRADITION OF LEADERSHIP

THANK YOU, EARLY DONORS

We extend our immense gratitude to the individuals listed below whose generosity has propelled the launch of the *Reigniting Our Tradition of Leadership* campaign. Your early contributions are the cornerstone of our ambitious goal, setting a powerful precedent for success, and your commitment to our shared values exemplifies the true spirit of brotherhood. We are profoundly grateful for your role in laying the foundation for a vibrant and enduring future.

If you are looking for the opportunity to add your name to our growing list of donors, please keep an eye out for upcoming information. We can't wait to have as many brothers as possible on our list!

Donors of \$1,000 and above will be recognized in appropriate giving categories in all campaign publications unless otherwise requested. Pledges of \$5,000 and above will be displayed on a permanent donor plaque at the house. If there is an error in your listing, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at jwhite@penningtonco.com to submit corrections.

Norman Shield Council **(\$100,000 and above)**

John M. Qualy '70
 In memory of
 William E. Qualy and
 James M. Qualy,
 Blood Brothers and Brothers in
 Xi Xi Sigma Chi
 In honor of
 Brother and Mentor
 Larry McMullen '53
 Jay O. Shields '76

1896 Council **(\$50,000 to \$99,999)**

John Walker '60
 In memory of
 Ken Lambert '60
 Michael Schmidlein '83
 Robert "Chip" Toth '83
 In honor of
 Larry McMullen '53 and
 Brian O'Rourke '83

500 College Council **(\$25,000 to \$49,999)**

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 Richard S. Olszewski '78
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 In memory of
 Scott Nebergall '73

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 Judy and Phil Walters '59
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 Hal Saunders '52
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 Michael Effertz '87
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CAMPAIGN STATUS AT A GLANCE

AS OF AUGUST 4, 2025

GOAL: \$1.5 MILLION

TOTAL RAISED: \$859,425

EARLY DONORS: 54

Xi Xi Council **(\$2,500 to \$4,999)**

John W. Robinson '76
 Michael G. Rehme '79
 Bill Corbett '81
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 Morgan Salisbury '18

GROWING AS BROTHERS

SIGMA CHI CONTINUES REBUILDING AT MIZZOU

For our annual Derby Days week, Xi Xi chapter raised over \$10,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Our brothers truly went above and beyond by dedicating their time during the week to achieve this goal. The amount raised exceeded our expectations, and the whole week ended with success and a fantastic gala. This year's Derby Days also served as an important showing of Sigma Chi's involvement in the community, both on and off campus.

This spring, Xi Xi held its first independent initiation in years, during which we welcomed eight new members of our own—as well as a member of the Delta Tau chapter. The initiation was overall a great success, and the few faults will serve as lessons to make future initiations even better.

Our chapter has been making many strides this summer to find upstanding young men, across all of Missouri, who are worthy of Sigma Chi. With many recruitment events being held across both KC

and St. Louis (and more individual efforts in smaller areas), we have already extended bids to many. Several potential new members have accepted bids this summer, and we are expecting our recruitment efforts to bear even more fruit in the coming weeks.

Xi Xi reached an incredible 3.41 chapter GPA this spring, which was the third highest among IFC fraternities at Mizzou. The chapter was even nominated for Fraternity of the Year, further illustrating our successes in 2024-25.

Looking to the future, a huge focal point for our chapter will be the transition into the chapter house, and we are extremely excited to make it our home once again. 500 S. College Avenue will serve an important role as a cornerstone to connect Brothers and host important events and chapter meetings.

In hoc,
Kyle Milburn '26, Consul



Above: Brothers go line dancing on campus. From left: Jackson Speed '27, Harrison Lingle '27, Luke Reaume '27, Ben Boyack '26, Luke Matson '27, and William Markworth '28. Right: Zach Ulrich '28 plays intramural soccer for Sigma Chi on Stankowski Field.



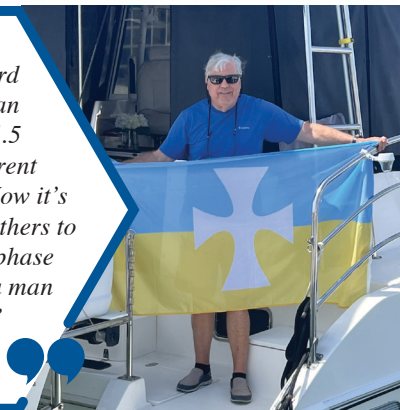
Sharing the Sigma Chi Impact

WHY THE OLSZEWSKI BROTHERS ARE INVOLVED WITH XI XI

When a high school friend introduced **Mike Olszewski '76** to Sigma Chi, he was drawn to its true brotherhood and felt at home. While establishing strong connections with his brothers, Mike fondly recalls attending social events at the house and football weekends. He developed leadership skills as Consul, a position in which Mike was honored to serve in 1975. "The house was struggling financially that year, but with the help of several key officers, we became financially stable."

"The campaign board has secured more than half of our goal of \$1.5 million during the current phase of the campaign. Now it's time for the rest of our brothers to step up during the next phase and make a pledge. Be a man of good character."

—Mike



That year, his younger brother, **Rick '78**, followed in his footsteps and joined Sigma Chi. "I recall being so impressed when I attended the Sid Weber barbecue in St. Louis and met many alumni from all over the country," Rick shared. "The strength of the friendships and brotherhood made my decision easy."

"It was so special and emotional to be able to pin the White Cross on Rick as my blood brother and as Consul," Mike said.

In addition to his experience as a new member, Rick remembers having a blast during Derby Days and mixers at the house and hosting alumni for football weekends. He gained discipline as a member, which helped him in his academics. "The solemnity of our chapter meetings and taking on leadership responsibilities in the chapter was fulfilling."

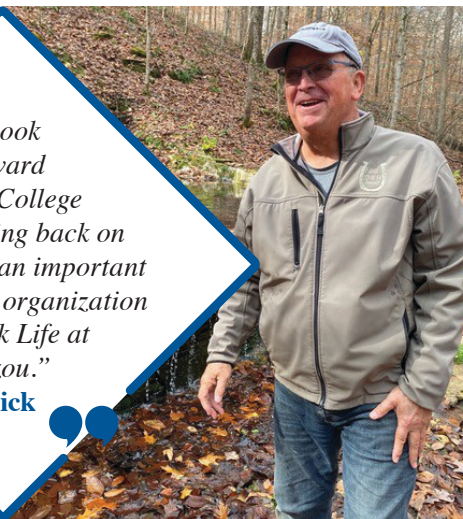
Upon graduating, Mike and Rick both immediately got involved with Sigma Chi as alumni, but their involvement waned as they moved around for their careers.

At the request of **Dan Slickman '77**, Mike got involved on Xi Xi's Educational Foundation Board. "After my retirement and with Xi Xi's needed return to 500 College, I felt it important to reengage to make sure Xi Xi continues its long tradition of leadership and presence at Mizzou."

Throughout his life, Rick has always appreciated the instant bond between Sigma Chi brothers, which has benefited him professionally and personally. "After Xi Xi lost its charter for the second time, I must admit I lost confidence in the chapter. But when I saw the effort being made to bring Xi Xi back to Mizzou and the tremendous engagement, commitment, and involvement of the alumni leadership, I was inspired to participate and support this effort."

"I look forward to 500 College Avenue being back on campus and an important and engaged organization in Greek Life at Mizzou."

—Rick



Both brothers serve on the *Reigniting Our Tradition of Leadership* capital campaign board. Although there is some skepticism from brothers about Xi Xi's sustainability, because of the commitment from alumni to Xi Xi's return to Mizzou and their support of the campaign, Rick and Mike are confident of the chapter's success.

The brothers themselves are proud supporters of the campaign. "Xi Xi was such an important part of my life that I wanted to share that impact with the rest of my brothers. I also wanted to make sure that the Sigma Chi and Xi Xi experiences of leadership development, scholarship, social opportunities, and true brotherhood are available to the next generation of men at Mizzou," Mike said.

They encourage their brothers to join the effort. "Our experience at Xi Xi and Sigma Chi paved the way for us to be successful in life. Young men today need the strength of the fraternal system, and Sigma Chi is the pre-eminent fraternity in the country," Rick commented.



CHAPTER GOALS

1
MAINTAIN OUR HIGH GPA AND PUSH FOR THE TOP FRATERNITY GPA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

2
FILL THE CHAPTER HOUSE WITH AT LEAST 50 BROTHERS.

3
WIN HOMECOMING IN THE FALL AND BREAK OUR DERBY DAYS FUNDRAISING RECORD IN THE SPRING.

4
WIN THE PETERSON AWARD FOR CHAPTER EXCELLENCE.



Simon King '27 plays his guitar near the chapter house.

You can connect with Rick at rickolszewski@bellsouth.net and Mike at mikeolsz@aol.com.



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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Lucas Bonnegent
Aram Budagov
Kadon Konecnik

Jack Matteotti
Luke Reaume

Jacob Studer
Noah Schuette
Zach Ulrich

Incredible NEWS!

The undergraduate chapter of Mizzou, Xi Xi of Sigma Chi, just received the prestigious Sigma Chi Peterson Award for chapter operational excellence. Xi Xi was one of just 74 chapters to be recognized for this award.

HELP XI XI REGROW!

*Send Us Your
Recruitment
Recommendations*

As alumni work to restore the chapter's infrastructure, our undergraduate members are working just as hard to bring in new Sigma Chi brothers. Recruitment is the lifeblood of every fraternity, and referrals from alumni like you are a great way to help the brotherhood grow!

DO YOU KNOW OF AN INCOMING FRESHMAN

WHO IS A QUALITY MAN? Reach out to Recruitment Chairman **Vince Paino '27** at



Brothers meet potential new members during a frisbee golf recruitment event at Harmony Bends.

vincentpaino11@gmail.com or (314) 221-8866 and tell us why you think they'll be a great addition.

Please include the following information (as applicable):

- Name, year/grade, high school, phone number, Instagram handle.
- Extracurricular activities/leadership/honors.
- Academics (GPA).
- Your connection/relationship.