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ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT MATTERS

ALL HANDS ON DECK

The very good news to report to all Xi Xi alumni is that the journey to return to active status at Mizzou has made the “battleship” turn. We are steaming ahead! We now have an active house corporation board of 15 directors, a separate and equally active Alumni Advisory Board, and an Associate Chapter (Colony) of 31 terrific undergraduates with a strong Chapter Advisor.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

We have also established a new working spirit of collaboration with Sigma Chi International and the new Director of the Mizzou Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. We joined the new Missouri Greek Alliance along with many other fraternities, providing us access to best practices, education, university administration dialogue, and collaboration to improve the Greek experience at Mizzou.

By design and alignment around the common goal of creating a new and better Chapter, we are building an alumni organization that is less house corporation-centric. This allows the house corporation to focus on our house, property, and finances while serving as the landlord so that the alumni advisors can work directly with the Chapter officers and Chapter operations. With the new alliances and an open collaborative approach, we are not going this alone. Not now, not in the future.

What we need now is you!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

There are more opportunities now to be an engaged Xi Xi alumnus. In the coming months and years, we will need new directors, advisors, volunteers on committees, event chairmen—and yes, donors—as we do have a need for fundraising. To the right, you will see “88 Ways Alumni Can Engage.” I urge you to find one or more ways to stay, or get back to being, involved. Keep your Sigma Chi spirit of Brotherhood strong! There is no doubt that you will find it rewarding—I have.

You are connected to Sigma Chi and the Xi Xi Chapter as a brother and always will be! Now activate that connection to help build young men into brothers we can be proud of.

A great place to start would be to get together with other Sigma Chis in your area, and we can help you find them. I hope to hear from you soon to get back in engaged because the benefits of Xi Xi Chapter didn’t end after graduation.

In hoc,
Dave Knight '74
House Corporation President
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88 Ways Alumni Can Engage

Do Your Part for Sigma Chi

Xi Xi alumni are the backbone of our proud Brotherhood. Without you, there would be no legacy of Sigma Chi at Mizzou, so it’s crucial that we continue strengthening our bonds as our Chapter looks ahead to the future.

Do you know the 88 ways you can stay involved with Sigma Chi, long after your college years? These engagement opportunities range from social, professional, ritualistic, and many other ways to do your part for our fraternity.

We urge you to visit sigmachicago.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/88ways.pdf to read the entire list of all 88 ways you can do your part as an alumnus. Here are just a few we recommend:

- Contribute to the Mizzou Sigma Chi Foundation and its educational programs
- Attend a Monday evening associate chapter meeting and meet our new undergrads
- Provide undergraduates with career advice
- Help lost brothers update their contact information
- Communicate with your initiate class brothers about visiting or helping out the chapter. We can help you find them!

Chapter Goals

1 Raise \$10,000 for Huntsman during Derby Days

2 Get 80% of the Chapter to apply for a Sigma Chi scholarship

3 Have 25 accepted bids during fall 2023 recruitment

4 Continue work to ensure installation in 2023

Newly Elected Officers

**Don't Hesitate to Reach
Out—and Follow Us!**

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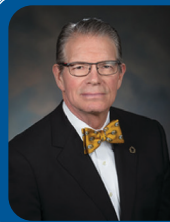
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Brotherhood Transcends Time

JOHN QUALY '70 IS A PROUD ALUMNUS

John Qualy '70, otherwise known as "Quals," is our spring 2023 alumnus spotlight. The 2017 Significant Sig winner came to Mizzou in 1965 and was initiated in 1966.

FINDING XI XI

"The reason I pledged Sigma Chi was because of two guys from high school, **Steve Goggin '68** and **Mike Ewing '68**," says John. "There was a connection. I loved the Norman Shield, the cross, the eagle, and 'In this sign, we will conquer.' I connected with all that."

After being initiated along with 13 other members, which was a third of the original pledge class, John felt he was part of a band of brothers. A bond that was stronger than most because of the Sigma Chi connection.

As a freshman, John was a member of the freshman baseball team, a pre-med major, and a Harry Tidd Scholarship Award winner (an award he only knew he had won when a man showed up at the house with a check for \$100). But while spending time at the legendary Heidelberg, John saw journalism professors and teaching assistants interacting with students outside of class. As a result, he felt inspired to switch to the School of Journalism.

EDUCATION BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

"I learned more at The Heidelberg than I did in class." This led him to switch to the School of Journalism, thanks to **Tom Marchel '68**, who said it was his best bet. Meanwhile, John and his other brothers faced the Vietnam War and military conscription, otherwise known as the draft.

"The Vietnam War became part of the environment in college. They're drafting people out of college. They're showing the body count on TV."

After receiving notices from his draft board that he was getting close, John and 10 other Sigs went to Kansas City and enrolled in the Army Reserve, which was a six-year obligation. This led to having to do another year at Mizzou and taking some classes in intercession.

One of those classes was an advertising sequence class, where John had to put together ad campaigns for companies in the newspaper. "I went out on a Friday afternoon to Wood Link Fence Company, and I proposed an advertising campaign in the Columbia Missourian. By God, the guy bought the whole thing."

LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT

John pursued a career in financial services, starting at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. as a financial representative in 1971 and retiring as



John and Kathy Qualy with their grandchildren.

a managing partner after 40 years in 2011. John enjoys spending his post-career time with his family—but not losing to his wife, Kathy, a former Rice University point guard, in pop-a-shot.

"It's very humbling, so much so that I don't play her anymore," John admits. He and Kathy have three children, Jamie, Josh, and Madison, and five grandchildren. The youngest, Windsor, was born this past December.

John is also active within the Mizzou community. In 2019, John was honored by the Mizzou Alumni Association as a distinguished alumnus. He supports the Tiger Scholarship Fund and Mizzou NIL. He is also involved with the College of Human Environmental Sciences as a Dean's Strategic Leadership Council member.

When he is not in St. Louis, John and his family are often in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, enjoying the company of their five dogs, whom are all rescues and have various health issues.

John loves keeping up with Mizzou sports, exercising, reading, and enjoying the beautiful settings of the outdoors. "I am amazed at what God has created," he said. "I don't know what I do all day, but it takes me all day to do it."

John, who still wears his Sigma Chi ring, says his favorite part about the brotherhood is the lasting connections it has brought him. The value of connections inspired John Qualy to establish a leadership and educational scholarship in honor and memory of his brothers, **Bill Qualey '74** and **Jim Qualy '79**, who have gone to the Chapter Eternal. "To this day, there are probably 30 guys across the country. And let's say we haven't seen each other for two years. You see them, boom, it's like we haven't ever been apart. And that transcends time."

John hopes to see leadership from fellow alumni to help get back and keep the Xi Xi house on campus.

A HUMBLE LEADER

Tyler Thomas '25 on Brotherhood, Band, and Business

Newly elected Consul **Tyler Thomas '25** is our spring 2023 Sig Spotlight.

Tyler, one of the original five members of the Chapter, has served as Pro Consul and Tribune for the past year. Having two critical positions can be challenging and time-consuming; nevertheless, Thomas says he enjoys it.

“There are some challenges,” says Tyler, “but I find that every day, persevering and pushing through that makes me a better person and develops more skills for the real world.”

NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

The St. Louis native says being Pro Consul has been rewarding, as he has been able to steer his vision of a Chapter he helped found, but the Tribune position is more his style. “I’m a people person, so getting to connect with alumni is less of a job and more of a privilege.” Through the Tribune position, Tyler has had the opportunity to connect with Xi Xi and Sigma Chi alumni in the Columbia area.

Being one of the five original members also means a lot to Tyler. He enjoys getting to build the fraternity and putting his twist on things, and he is grateful to be doing it for Sigma Chi.

“Different temperaments, talents, and convictions—that was really attractive to me because, my whole life, I’ve been trying to bring together different types of people ... just trying to be more inclusive and a force for unification rather than divisiveness. And I thought we could be that kind of presence within Greek life.”

A MARCHING MAN

When Tyler is not busy with two executive board positions, he often practices with Marching Mizzou, where he plays tenor saxophone.

“I was one of the better players and marchers in my high school band, but you get here, and everyone was the best marcher in their band, so that was a bit of a humbling experience. Especially because I am not doing anything music related for studying, so I’m surrounded by these people who are always getting



Tyler performing with Marching Mizzou.

better. That forces me to get better, and that’s something I like about it.”

Tyler and Marching Mizzou had the opportunity to perform in Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade this past November. This was the second national parade Thomas had marched in, the first being the Rose Parade when he was in high school.

“It was nice being able to represent Mizzou on a global stage,” Tyler shares.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Though Tyler lives a busy life with Sigma Chi and Marching Mizzou, he still finds time to be a resident advisor in the dorms. He is also an avid frisbee player and St. Louis Cardinals fan, and he plays the piano.

Oh, and he owns a t-shirt business.

Tyler is the founder and CEO of Live Sexy Inc., based out of St. Louis. He designs t-shirts and sells them on campus and online. It isn’t the most time and cost-efficient business, he admits, but Tyler has made sales in over five states.

Tyler is excited about his future as Consul. He says it is an honor to be elected by his Brothers to be the external face of the Chapter.

“I am most excited to connect with others around the campus and community and to show off the incredible things we are doing with Sigma Chi.”

Alumni News

Paul Courter '72 and partners formed Perfect Golf Event to help charities plan more successful golf fundraising events. In nine years, organizations have raised more money by utilizing perfectgolfevent.com to make a website that attracts players and sponsors to their event. Paul’s program streamlines the planning and management of charity golf events. Clients range from national organization like Folds of Honor, the American Cancer Society, and Boy and Girls Clubs of America to alumni groups including many fraternities, booster clubs, and local non-profits. Perfect Golf Event’s focus on education separates it from any competition. They have over 150 education videos on their YouTube channel on how to organize, manage, and promote a golf event.



Mike Olszewski '76 flies the Sigma Chi flag during his voyage.

Michael Olszewski '76 completed his 6,000-mile circumnavigation of the Eastern U.S., known as America’s Great Loop, onboard his 44-foot power catamaran EXPERIOR. Olszewski and his sweetheart “admiral” Cindy “crossed their wake” on March 24, 2022, in Punta Gorda, Fla. The two-year trek included cruising down the Southwest Florida coast, across Florida through the Okeechobee Waterway, up the East Coast, and through New York Harbor (quite an emotional experience). They proudly flew the Sigma Chi flag from EXPERIOR on several occasions. Mike’s experience at Mizzou, Sigma Chi, and Xi Xi certainly helped him prepare for this amazing challenge.

The Xi Xi Nu pledge class (fall 2011) has had quite an exciting year. **Doc Halliday '15**, **Johnny Hoffman V '15**, **Hunter Holman '15**, **Alex Lindley '15**, **Dominic Martinez '15**, and **Chuck Wilson '15** each walked their sweethearts down the aisle this past year.

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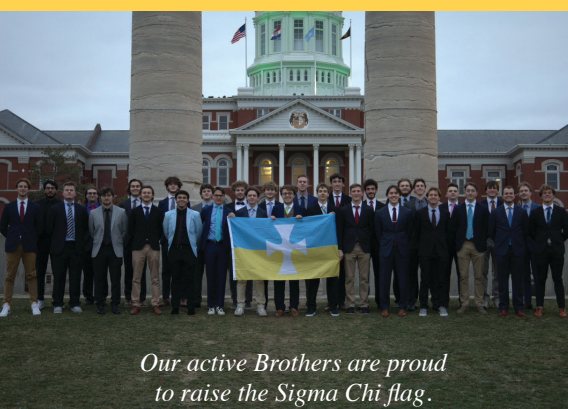
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Thank you for helping us stay connected!

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



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Super Bowl Squares. Through the campaign, we raised \$2,059 for the associate chapter's installation process.



Our active Brothers are proud to raise the Sigma Chi flag.

Important Dates

Derby Days
April 24-28

Alumni Meet-and-Greet
May 1 at 6 p.m.



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GROWING IN NUMBERS

Seven New Brothers Added Following Spring Recruitment

Our brotherhood gained seven new Brothers following the completion of spring recruitment and Preparation for Brotherhood. **Adam Dickinson '25, Andrew Hahs '25, Ben Preheim '25, Andrew Cooper '26, David Crow '26, Thomas Hart '26, and Tate McDaniel '26** all completed the necessary steps to be voted into the Chapter in early March. These new Brothers bring our total to 31.

"I chose Sigma Chi because of the Brotherhood and values that are instilled in this fraternity," said Tate McDaniel.

BECOMING BROTHERS

The pledges had to complete a five-week online module and discussion-based course to be welcomed into the Chapter. Throughout the process, they learned about the pillars of Sigma Chi, the seven founders, and the seven values. They were helped through this process by their Magister, **Nathan Fields '25**.

"The Preparation for Brotherhood process is made very easy as Magister when your pledge class is eager to learn about the fraternity and what it truly means to be a Brother of Sigma Chi," said Fields. "Facilitating discussions with this group was great, as these men loved talking about Sigma Chi's values and how they play a role in their everyday lives.

Their curiosity and dedication from day one impressed me greatly, and I couldn't be more thankful for their enthusiasm to prove they have what it takes to join our order."

Though the process is long and much work is needed on the pledge's side, they were happy to complete it. "Preparation for Brotherhood was a time that reassured me of my decision to become a Brother," Tate added. "I am glad to have been through the learning process."

GROWTH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Chapter room continues to grow with the new members, and the Brothers are excited to continue adding new initiates.

"Having the new initiates at Chapter is extremely gratifying, especially with many of them accepting nominations to run for positions on our executive board in their first Chapter meeting," said Nathan Fields. "The classroom we run Chapter out of continues to fill every few months, and the new faces provide new perspectives and experiences that enrich our growing Brotherhood."

Work has already begun to ensure a successful fall recruitment by Recruitment Chairman **Canon Dew '26**.