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WE'RE COMING HOME WITH A FRESH NEW START

*Building a Sustainable
Future for Xi Xi*

Your House Corp board and Xi Xi Chapter are busy with preparations to move back into our grand Chapter House at 500 S. College in August! As we make this transition, knowing we have made “comebacks” before, many alumni have asked a great question: “So what’s going to be different with Xi Xi this time?” The short answer is: a lot. Here’s what we’re talking about:

A NEW DAY

A fresh start with all new Brothers, involved alumni, and support from the University, Sigma Chi International, and regional Sigma Chi officers. Yes, we have had fresh starts before, but we have learned from them and are using what we learned to rebuild Xi Xi in a sustainable way.

A CHANGED UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Mizzou now has an administration that has proven to be very supportive of the Greek system over the last five years. A dynamic president and chancellor, Mun Choi, a new dean, and a new director of fraternity and sorority life. We have worked hard to build a relationship with all of them to be more collaborative and supportive.

A NEW GREEK SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

A strong and active fraternity alumni organization: The Mizzou Greek Alliance (MGA). We have been a part of this group for the last three years. Its purpose is to collectively improve fraternity relations and operations with the University. This is the strongest presence and force that fraternities have had at Mizzou in 50 years.

A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH SIGMA CHI HQ

New Sigma Chi International (HQ) support and resources. HQ staff and officers have been with us through every step in our comeback. They have put trained experts on campus to help recruit new members and advise the Chapter

development. Sigma Chi has the best leadership training program of all Greek organizations, and our actives have been enthusiastic beneficiaries of that training.

A NEW PERSPECTIVE

A revised perspective for Xi Xi alumni and undergraduate leaders. We have learned not to go it alone as just Xi Xi. To stay strong, we need to be aligned with Sigma Chi HQ, the University, and the campus community. Open communications, shared resources, and symbiotic relationships will build enduring strength.

A NEW XI XI ALUMNI ORGANIZATION

The HC focuses on the property and financing. Now we also have an Alumni Advisory Board to support the Chapter directly and guide it. These alumni Brothers are assigned to work one-on-one with the Chapter officers and are led by the Chapter advisor and the Regional Grand Praetor for HQ. This is a crucial separation of alumni involvement that will be much more effective and rewarding to our alumni who serve.

A NEW HOUSE DIRECTOR POSITION

A new house director role—an experienced professional property manager who, with the HC directly, is responsible for the physical operation of our property and the safety and wellness of the Chapter. The director will also develop and follow a short-term and long-term house maintenance plan to keep the systems and structure of the house in operational condition before breakdowns occur.

NEW FINANCING PURPOSE

We will not be raising money to remodel, expand, or rebuild the house. Yes, we need funding to keep the house in condition that we can be proud of. But our more crucial needs now will be to retire



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—HARMON COLVETT '25

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the mortgage, establish a “sinking account” to address any major repairs or replacements, and to rebuild scholarship funding to attract and retain the best and the brightest.

A NEW CHAPTER VISION

A renewed vision of our undergraduate Chapter dedicated to the values of Sigma Chi. They lead recruiting with an appeal to young men who want to become transitional leaders. “Quality not quantity,” is the mantra. Together, we are not trying to get as many members as possible. We will limit the number of undergraduates living in the house to the 50-60 range, which is much more manageable than the larger numbers we have experienced in the past.

THANKS FOR ASKING!

Thank you for caring enough to read this! What is not different is the proud and treasured history and tradition of Xi Xi. Change has been difficult, but the foundation of Sigma Chi at Mizzou remains strong and worthy of our efforts now and in the future.



IHSV,
Dave Knight '73

A FRESH START

JOHN SHEPPARD, IOWA STATE '16 EXCITED TO SERVE XI XI

While Beta Omicron Chapter faced its share of struggles, **John Sheppard, Iowa State '16** put in the effort through various leadership roles. He helped bring Derby Days back to ISU, and as a self-appointed alumni relations chairman, he worked hard to regrow alumni engagement with the Chapter.

FRATERNAL INFLUENCE

After college, John moved back home to St. Louis to focus on his career and family. In recent years, he found his way back to the fraternity through the St. Louis alumni group; now he's Xi Xi's new Chapter Advisor!

"Meeting devoted Brothers like **Dave Knight '73** and (Missouri Province Grand Praetor) **Rob Westrich, Saint Louis '85** helped me find my love for Sigma Chi again," John said. "I knew I wanted to get involved again but wasn't sure how. Then, when Rob sent out an email looking for a Chapter advisor, I instantly jumped at the opportunity."

John's father, **Fred, Iowa State '64**, helped instill in him the values of volunteering and giving back. John strove to embrace those even more after his father's passing, and reconnecting with Sigma Chi has helped him do exactly that.

A POSITIVE FUTURE

John's goal as an advisor is to help build Xi Xi into the Chapter he knows it can be, restoring it as a top fraternity at Mizzou. So far, the Brothers are proving they might not need his help with that.

"The undergraduates have really impressed me so far. From day one, I have seen nothing but the best from these young men and have no doubt they will continue to strive for excellence," John said. "The Chapter is in great hands with these Brothers, and I see them making Sigma Chi prominent on campus for many years to come."



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PERSONAL LIFE

John began his professional life as an officer for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department as well as the United States Army. He served eight years in the Army Reserves, including time overseas, until the end of his contract in 2024. He then made the switch to firefighter/paramedic and also teaches future EMTs and paramedics at St. Louis Community College. In his limited free time, John can often be found with his 5-year-old daughter, Avery, his fiancée, Kaitlyn, or playing ice hockey and hanging out with friends.

To connect with John or chat about the Chapter, you can reach him at jjsheppard93@gmail.com.



Congratulations, Seniors!

Best of Luck in Your Endeavors

Harmon Colvett

"Working at Boone Health with the ambulance service, continuing my master's in biological engineering, and going to medical school."

Nathan Fields

"I'll be working as a therapeutic nutrition inside sales representative at Abbott in Columbus, Ohio."

Greg Goetz

"I don't really have a lot of non-school stuff, unfortunately, because I'm getting paid in my program. I'm entering the molecular cell biology Ph.D. program at WashU in the fall."

Drew Hahs

"After graduation, my girlfriend and I are planning a two-to-three-week trip West to hike and see different national parks before I start working. Then, at some point, we'll move to where she chooses to go to law school, where I'll work remotely and continue taking my actuarial exams. I also go camping with my family every summer. That is pretty much all that is set and stone at the moment."

Harper Kisse

"The military."

Teddy McAllister

"I've reupped with the National Guard and will be fulfilling my duties as a Blackhawk mechanic as well as pursuing further schooling as a PT."

Liam Reddington

"Nothing at the moment. Still interviewing places."

Owen Bartle

"I haven't landed a job yet, but I plan to get my first tech job in IT or software engineering."

Hagen Tatarsky

"Taking a gap year and trying to go to med school."

Tyler Thomas

"I am working for the St. Louis Cardinals as a freelance video producer over the summer. In the fall, I am moving to Fort Myers, Florida, with my girlfriend, where I will be doing freelance real estate photography."

Kevin Ward

"Work as an activity operator at Copper Mountain Ski Resort."

Making Great Strides

XI XI GROWS THE BROTHERHOOD AND PRIORITIZES ACADEMICS

Our first full semester as an initiated Chapter has gone very well. All our hard work has finally paid off, as we will be moving back into the 500 S. College Avenue house in the fall.

Shortly after we held our first initiation, we were informed that we would be the Chapter to install Delta Tau Chapter at Westminster. This was a huge honor for us, as we had just gone through the same process and understood how special an installation is for a Chapter. On March 9, 2025, we successfully initiated Delta Tau. We couldn't have done this without our amazing kustos, **Jase DeCota '27**, for making sure this initiation went smoothly. We would also like to thank all the alumni who came out to support this initiation. They were the reason this was possible.

We also welcomed a pledge class of our own. **Aram Bugadov '27**, **Lucas Reaume '27**, **Lucas Bonnegent '28**, **Zach Ulrich '28**, **Noah Schuette '28**, **Jack Matteotti '28**, **Jake Studer '28**, and **Kadon Konecnik '28** were initiated on April 12, 2025. We would not have been able to do this without the efforts of our recruitment chairman, **Vincent Paino '27**. We thank him for finding these Brothers and making sure they fit the Jordan Standard.

On top of this, our magister, **Benjamin Boyack '26**, and assistant magister, **Simon King '27**, helped these guys through pledgship into brotherhood.

Even with these important initiations going on, Xi Xi Chapter is still focused on academics. We finished the fall 2024 semester with a 3.4 Chapter GPA, which placed us sixth among the University of Missouri's IFC. We are always striving for improvement, and our scholarship chairman, **Harrison Lingle '27**, has been holding multiple study hours a week for Brothers to go and get work done. We are striving to get a 3.5 Chapter GPA this spring semester.

Finally, Xi Xi Chapter was recognized with four top awards at the recent Mizzou Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL) Honors Night ceremony.



In hoc,
Kyle Milburn 2026
Consul



Consul Kyle Milburn '26 and Mizzou President Mun Choi at the 2025 OFSL Honors Night.



Brothers proudly displaying their OFSL awards. From left: Drew Hahs '25, Kyle Milburn '26, Mun Choi, and Harmon Colvett '25.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Lucas Bonnegent '28 | Greenwood, Mo.

Aram Bugadov '27 | Columbia, Mo.

Kadon Konecnik '28 | Fenton, Mo.

Sam Lockwood '28 | Columbia, Mo

William Markworth '28 | Prospect, Ill.

Jack Matteotti '28 | Webster Groves, Mo.

Brandon Morrison '28 | Columbia, Mo

Cooper Patton '28 | Fenton, Mo

Lucas Reaume '27 | Long Grove, Ill.

Noah Schuette '28 | Liberty, Mo.

Jacob Studer '28 | St. Louis, Mo.

Zach Ulrich '28 | Ozark, Mo.

Trent Wetherington '27 | Columbia, Mo

"I joined Sigma Chi to be a member of something bigger than myself and experience college through leadership and friendships."

—**Aram Bugadov '27**

"I wanted to find a brotherhood where I could be myself and grow as a person. I have already formed some of my strongest college relationships with my Brothers in the few months I have known them."

—**Lucas Reaume '27**

"I saw the real brotherhood and genuine friendship that the guys have. It isn't a 'frat' but actual relationships. There's also a high expectation for grades. After dropping a fraternity that embodied the opposite of what I stated above, I realized what I was looking for in a fraternity. Sigma Chi seemed like something that I would be interested in, so I went to several recruitment events and liked the guys and their values a lot."

—**Jack Matteotti '28**

"I wanted to get more involved at college and this fraternity aligned with my values. I got along with members of the fraternity really well."

—**Zach Ulrich '28**

Keep Our Connection STRONG

Update Your Contact Information Now

In this fast-paced world, staying connected matters more than ever. Help us maintain the bond that makes Sigma Chi special by updating your digital contact information while it's top of mind.

Your details ensure you receive the latest Sigma Chi news, event invites, and opportunities to reconnect with fellow alumni. Simply send your updated information to updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com with "SX Mizzou Email Update" in the subject line.

Thank you for helping us strengthen our Sigma Chi connection!



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WE'RE PUTTING OUT THE WELCOME SIGN!

Know Someone Who Should Be Here?

We're always looking for promising young men to bring into Xi Xi and would appreciate recommendations of men you know who would be a good fit.

Send their info to **Vincent Paino '27** at (314) 221-8866 or vincentpaino11@gmail.com. Please include their contact information, hometown, and college year.

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CHAPTER GOALS



1 Obtain 500 S. College Avenue for fall 2025.

2 Raise \$5,000 during Derby Days.
\$10,200 raised for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

3 Successfully initiate our spring 2025 pledges and install the Delta Tau Chapter at Westminster.

READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE !!