

# BETA-CHI COLUMNS



KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY AT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | FALL 2019

## FACING NEW CHALLENGES HEAD-ON

### *Kappa Sigma Rises to the Occasion*

Every summer, we spend significant effort reconditioning our facility so everyone comes back to a clean, fresh Chapter House. This summer we cleaned rooms and carpets, waxed floors, and painted the interior. We also replaced more than 60 chairs, 16 mattresses, some furniture, some A/C units and tack boards, and repaired ceilings and walls. I want to thank **Ron Acker '75** and **Jackson Pence '15** for leading this effort. It is a huge yearly undertaking to keep our facility in great shape.

Next year, our planned projects include major renovations of the dining room and weight room.

This past year, the university changed the rules for Greek recruitment. MST imposed substantial financial penalties on students for leaving the dorms after certain dates and gave Greek organizations little notice to plan for this. I am proud of how Beta-Chi rose to the challenge and changed our recruitment plan. As a result, we have one of the largest

pledge classes on campus. Congratulations to our recruitment chairman, **Phil Daugherty '17**, on his successful efforts.

This fall we will induct **Eric Norman '60** and **Ketan Patel '00** into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame, which occurs each year at Homecoming. We will also honor the life of **Patrick Beasley '14**. Both Ketan and Patrick unexpectedly passed away this year.

I look forward to seeing you at one or more of our events. Christmas Happy Hour in December, the June golf tournament, and Homecoming are all great times to catch up with your Brothers.

A.E.K.Δ.B.,

**Robert Hoffmann '78**

President

Alumni House Fund Association

## 2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

### ERIC NORMAN '60

The countless hours of research that **Eric Norman '60** has conducted as the president of Norman Clinical Lab since 1985 has been well-documented. Eric's main claim to fame is launching a urine test for B12 deficiency that was more accurate than the blood test and went on to be used around the world.

Numerous colleagues, professors, and role models have pitched in to Eric's success throughout his career. One group Eric is particularly thankful for is the Kappa Sigma Beta-Chi brotherhood. The pillars of fellowship, leadership, scholarship, and service positioned Eric to be successful in and out of the lab.

"We all studied pretty hard," Eric said. "With the friendships I made, I've kept in touch with a number of people over the years. It was a good school and the camaraderie kept us studying, so it benefited me later in life."



Eric had a good impression of Kappa Sigma from his older brother, who was a member of the Fraternity for two years at the University of Missouri. Since the dorms were full at Missouri School of Mines when Eric was accepted, he stayed at the Beta-Chi Chapter House during recruitment week and went on to live there for the next four and a half years. Eric represented Beta-Chi well academically and in intramurals.

"I competed in intramural boxing and won three championships," Eric said. "I played bridge and we won the intervarsity bridge championship. I enjoyed mixing with the Brothers, getting together and building friendships."

The service pillar is firmly instilled in Eric through his faith and work in the community. He has served as a deacon in the Baptist church for the past 42 years. Eric has been on nine multi-week mission trips to Africa, seven to

Uganda and two to Ghana. He has also been a loyal supporter of the Boy Scouts.

One of Eric's recent honors is a testament not only to his research, but his overall character. In 2018, Eric received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. Eric has remained humble in everything he has accomplished.

"I've just tried to put Jesus Christ first in my life. I kind of got more active in church when I got out of college," Eric said. "I've just tried to serve God and other doors have opened."

Eric and his wife, Claudia, have happily shared nearly 46 years of marriage. They are the proud parents of five children and enjoy spending time with their six grandchildren.

You can connect with Eric at [b12tester@aol.com](mailto:b12tester@aol.com).

# A BLUES AND BELOVED BETA-CHI BROTHER

## *Ketan Patel '00 Lived Out Kappa Sigma Values*

The St. Louis Blues' victory over the Dallas Stars in game one of the second round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs was bittersweet for the multitude of Blues fans who were close with **Ketan Patel '00**. When "Gloria" played and fans joined in singing "When the Blues go marching in," Ketan was not in Enterprise Center leading the celebration. The win came just four days after Ketan entered Chapter Celestial at the age of 38.

"At the Blues games, Ketan was not just another fan in the stands. He was part of the experience of going to a Blues game, especially for anyone within earshot of section 307," **Ryan Bequette '02** said. "The people that sat behind us would oftentimes bring their daughters, and I'm convinced that those girls didn't come to see the Blues. They came to see Ketan and shout 'Let's Go, Blues!' with him. Between periods, if you were an opposing team's fan, you quickly learned to avoid section 307 or suffer the wrath of Ketan and his never-ending supply of boos."



Ryan Bequette '02 holds up Ketan.



Ketan and Andy next to the Al MacInnis statue outside of Enterprise Arena, home of the St. Louis Blues.

Attending Blues games with his Kappa Sigma Brothers was among Ketan's favorite things to do. As the Blues went on to win their first Stanley Cup in franchise history, Ketan was on the forefront of the minds of his Beta-Chi Brothers and several other Blues fans. Just hours before the Blues upended the Boston Bruins in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Finals, @StLouisGameTime, the Blues SB Nation affiliate, tweeted, "Today I'm thinking about our first head vendor, John Nicolay, who died in July 2013, and my friend, @k10patel, who died this year. And all the other Blues fans we've lost who would be loving every minute of this."

Ketan's loyalty to the Blues and the Beta-Chi Chapter were one in the same. The larger-than-life personality that Ketan brought to Beta-Chi played a huge role in the success of our Chapter.

"There is no question that without having Ketan in my life, things would be very different for me. I wouldn't have joined the brotherhood of Kappa Sigma, where I've met some of the best friends I will ever know," Ryan said. "In joining Kappa Sigma, I probably partied a little too hard and studied too little, so my career path could have looked very different. With a different career path, I wouldn't have met Alexandra and have the family I have today. Ketan, directly and indirectly, has had a profound impact on my life, and I could never thank him enough for that."

While reading the end of Ketan's eulogy, Ryan acknowledged that Ketan was someone who earned the privilege of wearing the Star and Crescent. Ketan was a gentleman, a man of honor and courage, a man of zeal, yet humble, an intelligent man, a man of truth, one who tempers action with wisdom and, above all else, one who walks in the light of God. **Andy Allen '96** said that Ketan was as much a part of his Kappa Sigma Brothers' families as his own.

"Even though his time was cut short, Ketan certainly made his mark on all of us here today," Ryan said. "Ketan was a friend, a co-worker, a mentor, a brother, a son, a godfather, a teammate, a husband, a clinically diagnosable St. Louis Blues fanatic, and he was my Big Brother."



Ketan Patel '00 with his wife, Purvi, and goddaughter, Scarlett Allen, who is the daughter of Andy Allen '96.



Ketan with goddaughter Scarlett.



From left: Ketan, Matthew Hopkins '94, and Andy Allen cheer on the St. Louis Blues during the 2017 Winter Classic against the Chicago Blackhawks at Busch Stadium.

# GENEROUS ALUMNI, WE THANK YOU

## More Than \$13,000 Raised So Far in 2019

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual program. Alumni who have contributed thus far to the 2019 appeals are listed by initiation year under the appropriate giving levels. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma, University of Missouri Science & Technology, P.O. Box 442100, Lawrence, KS 66044-2100. Thank you, again, for giving back to the Chapter—it truly does make a difference!

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## CHAPTER CELESTIAL

**Harold "Bud" Burke '50** entered Chapter Celestial on June 4, 2019. **Bill Ricketts '58** writes, "Bud was a Mizzou cheerleader who could get the entire stadium roaring. He was famous in Missouri."

**Ronald E. Reinke '62** entered Chapter Celestial on April 11, 2019, in Springfield, Mo. Ron worked in the automotive industry after serving as a captain in the Air Force at Kirtland Air Force base in Albuquerque, N.M. He had several hobbies over the years, including motorcycles, cameras, sailing, reading, and Corvettes. Ron is survived by his wife, Brenda; two daughters, Valerie and Kellie; a son-in-law, Tony Manasseri; two grandsons, Roman and Brock; two siblings, Anita Nagel and Glenn Reinke; and several nieces and nephews.



*Beta-Chi delegates pose next to one of the cudgels the chapter donated to Kappa Sigma International Fraternity. This sits at the entrance to our International Headquarters.*

## BETA-CHI WINS BIG AT CONCLAVE

### *Preparing for a Strong Fall Semester*

Beta-Chi is wrapping up one of its most successful recruitments. With the closing of Opening Week, Beta-Chi received 32 signed bid cards. As you have read, the university implemented a system that penalizes members moving into Greek houses after certain dates throughout the summer, requiring a revamp of our recruitment procedures. This aided us in remaining the most dominant fraternity on campus. With this large pledge class, Beta-Chi has put into motion the expansion of our weight room, which will draw in new members.

On July 8, delegates of Beta-Chi attended the 72nd biennial Grand Conclave in Charlottesville, Va., to celebrate our 150th anniversary. This was the first time Conclave was hosted at our headquarters, and the event was truly astounding. Beta-Chi was pleased to accept many awards in philanthropy, service, and ritual.

As the fall semester begins, Beta-Chi's focus is on improving scholarship and winning Greek Week. We will unveil a new scholarship program to aid in the improvement of overall Chapter academics. As for Greek Week, preparations have been in the works since mid-spring. Beta-Chi looks forward to bringing home another Greek Week win in the upcoming months.

The end of the spring semester was an incredibly difficult time for the Brothers of Beta-Chi with the loss of Brother **Patrick Beasley '14**. Undergraduates and alumni of Beta-Chi have since raised more than \$7,000 to fund a Mining Scholarship in his name. The Chapter would like to thank everyone for all their support and contributions in this remembrance of Patrick.

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*Congratulations to the five brothers who achieved a 4.0 GPA last semester! Keep it up.  
Pictured: Alex Drake '18, Joe Distler '17, Joey Schultz '17, and Jose Padron '18. Not pictured, Matthew York '16.*



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# Save the Dates

## October 4-5

### Kappa Sigma 2019 Homecoming and Hall of Fame Celebration

A reception will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 4, with beer and wine provided. Saturday will include lunch and tours, a reception starting at 5 p.m., and the celebration at 8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$50/person (no charge for those who contribute at least \$250 in 2019 annual dues). Register by September 20 at <http://beta-chi.com>.

For questions, contact Homecoming Chairman **Jack Wrocklage '19** at [Jdwyg9@umsystem.edu](mailto:Jdwyg9@umsystem.edu).

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES 2019

**Dr. Eric Norman '60**

**Ketan Patel '88** – In Loving Memory

Emcee: **Ryan Bequette '02**

## December 27

### Beta-Chi Christmas Happy Hour

Llywelyn's Pub in Webster Groves, 5:30 p.m.

## June 6, 2020

### Golf Tournament

Paradise Valley Golf Club



## WELCOMING THE NEXT GENERATION OF BETA-CHI *Fall 2019 Pledge Class*

Brenden Bebie	Jason Martin
Clayton Boehm	Alexander Masterson
Mason Coleman	James McPheeters
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