

BETA CHI COLUMNS



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BETTERING BETA-CHI

Why Alumni Support Matters

RECOGNIZED EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the undergraduate Chapter for again winning the coveted FACE award. FACE, the Founders Award for Chapter Excellence, is the highest award given by our Kappa Sigma National Fraternity. Only 30 of 300 Chapters receive this award each year.

SUMMER HOUSELIFT

Every year, the house corporation leads an effort to clean, patch, paint, and repair the house over the summer. Active members living in the house are required to completely vacate their room to allow the work to be done. It has been 11 years since our last major renovation, and the house is showing some wear. This summer, we replaced the cabinets and countertop at the breakfast bar in the dining room, replaced the last two electrical panels that were from the original house, and purchased new chairs for the dining room.

ACADEMICS

Congratulations to these Brothers who achieved a 4.0 GPA last semester:

D'Tanyon Maxwell '18, Dalton Jayaraj '21, Cal Greiner '21, Keelan McPheeers '20, Eric Wilhelm '19, Nick Kelsch '19, and Noah Evans '18. Nice work!

RECRUITMENT

The university has recently built new dorms and set policies in place to ensure they get filled. Despite these challenges, our recruitment team, led by **Evan Ratermann '18**, recruited one of the largest classes on campus this

summer with over 30 new members. This is quite an accomplishment! Thank you, Evan.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A substantial number of students leave the university after their first year due to finances. The Beta-Chi Educational Foundation is working with the university to expand our financial aid scholarships. The Beta-Chi Educational Foundation will place \$50,000 into a university-managed fund, and the university will match this with another \$50,000. This fund will be invested by the university, and the proceeds will be available to our members in financial need. **If you would like to support these financial aid scholarships, which directly benefit Beta-Chi active members, please donate here: tinyurl.com/BetaChiFoundation.**

THANK YOU, ALUMNI!

I'm always impressed and thankful for the generous support of our Beta-Chi alumni! We are all grateful for the Beta-Chi alumni for their continued support of the Chapter and our undergraduate members.

Thanks again. We are looking forward to another great year.

Fraternally,

Robert Hoffmann '78

Alumni House Fund President

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Pledge class of '78 reunion at Tablerock Lake. From left to right: Joe Feldmann '78, Kathy Shelden, Mike Smith '78, Judy Laschober, Shari Feldmann, Lisa Good, Kathy Smith, Mike Wrob '78, Jenny Grant, Brian Grant '78, Mary Hoffmann, John Laschober '78, Barry Shelden '78, Alyson Hall, Robert Hoffmann '78, Brian Hall '80, Jim Morrissey '79. Not pictured: Jim Vonbehren '80.

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Honoring the Brotherhood

Hall of Fame Inductee Michael Murray '02 Shares How Kappa Sigma Shaped His Life

Beta-Chi Hall of Fame recognizes Brothers who exemplify what it means to be a Kappa Sigma and have vital skills such as fellowship, leadership, scholarship, and service. Beginning in 1998, the Hall of Fame houses over 60 Brothers and adds anywhere from one to 15 men per year. This year, **Michael Murray '02** will join this honorary list of men.

"I have always kept my head down, doing the best I can do," Mike said. "Knowing I am being seen and noticed is a great honor."

EXPANDING HIS EXPERTISE

When Mike arrived at UMR, he didn't know anyone and chose to go through recruitment since the lack of community in the dorms made the college experience less enjoyable.

"At a Kappa Sigma event, I met a bunch of good guys that were smart and fun to hang out with," he said. "I felt like I instantly gained a large group of friends and people I could count on."

Kappa Sigma guided Mike through college by helping him succeed academically and gain valuable life skills. Kappa Sigma also provided opportunities to develop Mike's leadership skills and gain practical experience outside class work.

"I took most of my classes with Brothers from the Fraternity, and we spent many long nights studying and prepping for tests."

While at the house, Mike took on more and more senior positions, including steward and treasurer, where he grew in confidence and even planned the Homecoming activities his sophomore year. "Beta-Chi gave me a foundation to grow on and continue growing my leadership skills."

UTILIZING SKILLS

"My experience as treasurer and that real-world experience of working with books and watching cash flow was a great launching point into founding a company."

For the last five years, life has been a

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whirlwind for Mike as he founded Ageto Energy. Ageto's mission is to make renewable energy simple by using the Ageto ARC Microgrid Controller to coordinate and optimize solar, energy storage, generators, and the utility. Mike is responsible for business development, operations, and thought leadership within his company.

"I knew, while I was at UMR, that I wasn't going to be a design engineer—programming and AutoCAD were not my strong suit—but business and sales have always been more interesting to me," Mike shared.

PASSIONS AND HOBBIES

As an avid cyclist, Mike can be found on a bike many weekends. "I have been elevated as a team manager for the First City Cycling Team, a group of roughly 100 members that includes several national champions." He is responsible for planning team camps, including to Fruita and Crested Butte, Colorado.

In the winters, Mike tries to get to destinations like Steamboat Springs, Vail, and Breckenridge to ski—he averages about 10-15 days of skiing a year. "Outside of sports, I am a keen cook and baker, and part of a wine club who meets once a month."

You can congratulate Mike on his Hall of Fame induction or connect with him at mikelmurray@gmail.com.

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

Thomas E. Smith '48, a proud Beta-Chi Kappa Sig, entered Chapter Celestial on March 3, 2022. Tom is survived by his loving wife Samantha, son Brian and wife Linda, son David and wife Deborah and daughter Debbie, as well as three granddaughters and eight great-grandchildren.

Tom was a long-time resident of Glenview, Ill. From 1976 to 1983, he was president of the Glenview Board of Trustees. He practiced law in Chicago from 1956 to 2008 and was a founding partner in 1974 of the Chicago intellectual property law firm, Lee and Smith (later Lee, Mann, Smith, McWilliams, Sweeney and Ohlson), which merged in 2001 into Barnes and Thornburg.

Tom chaired the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law from 1994-95 and was President of the National Inventor's Hall of Fame Foundation. He was a Director of the American Intellectual Property Law Association and was editor of the "AIPLA Selected Legal Papers." He was also chairman of the Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Law Section of the Illinois State Bar Association. He is listed in "Who's Who in American Law."

In 1948, Tom earned his bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from the Missouri University of Science and Technology (then the University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy), where he joined Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma. He earned his J.D. in 1956 from George Washington University Law School, where he was a member of the Board of Editors of the George Washington University Law Review.

Maxwell Right '18 entered Chapter Celestial on July 20, 2022. Beta-Chi recently learned of Max's tragic passing during his graduation trip to South Dakota. Max's brother, **Oliver Right '20**, is currently an undergraduate Brother in Beta-Chi. The Chapter extends thoughts and prayers to the Right family.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Grand Master
Michael Schwetz '19

Grand Procurator
Lucas Arias '20

Grand Master of Ceremonies
Padraig Quinlisk '20

Grand Scribe
Caleb Greiner '21

Grand Treasurer
Richmond Tran '19

Inner Guard (Risk)
Alec Brinkmann '21

Outer Guard (Scholarship)
Tim Guccione '21

Assistant GMC
Colin Skaggs '20

Assistant GS
Shalim Andrade '21

Assistant GT
Gary Yerby '19

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AIMING HIGH

Our New Fraternal Goals

After a very strong spring semester, the Brothers of Beta-Chi are looking to do even more. We put in the work and had the pleasure of seeing the results but are not yet happy with our success.

FACE AND GREATER CAUSE AWARDS

This summer, four delegates from our Chapter had the pleasure of traveling to Denver for the National Leadership Conference and accepting the Founder's Award for Chapter Excellence (FACE). We also received the Greater Cause award for service hours, which requires completing over 100 hours of service per man for the year. The Brothers of Beta-Chi now want to achieve the Founder's Circle (top 2% of Chapters that win FACE) for the 2022-23 academic year.

SUCCESSFUL RECRUITMENT

Toward this effort, Beta-Chi has the largest class since fall 2016. We currently have 31 men that have pledged themselves to our beloved Fraternity, all thanks to Recruitment Chairman **Evan Ratermann '18**. This class marks a turning point in Beta-Chi history as we move forward into bigger and better achievements and cement ourselves as the greatest Fraternity at Missouri S&T.

This year, we plan to do more in every respect. Our Chapter goals are higher than they've ever been, and the Brothers of Beta-Chi fully intend on surpassing them.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

This semester alone, we will complete at least 50 hours of



Left: Brothers Richmond Tran '19, Alec Brinkmann '21, Michael Schwetz '19, and Shalim Andrade '21 accepting a Greater Cause for Service Hours Award at the 2022 National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado. Right: Beta-Chi Brothers and guests enjoying a float trip on the Huzzah over the summer.

community service and \$250 of philanthropy per man.

ACADEMICS

Our Chapter will achieve an average GPA greater than 3.25, and there will not be another Kappa Sigma Chapter more ritually proficient than Beta-Chi.

EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS

Beta-Chi has numerous events planned throughout the year for service, philanthropy, recruitment, and Brotherhood. But our largest events, and the ones we are most excited for, keep the Brothers and alumni of Beta-Chi coming back. We start the fall semester off with Greek Week, which we won last year, and plan to do so again. After Greek Week, we kick off our Father's Weekend, followed by Buffet Bash the weekend after. The Brothers of Beta-Chi are most excited for Homecoming weekend, October 21-23, which will be coupled with our annual Oktoberfest philanthropy event on Friday, October 21.

Planning for next semester, we are well on our way to completing our cudgel and competing in the St. Patrick's Day competition. Additionally, we will have our annual philanthropy fish fry and our Audubon Trail cleanup event.

Beta-Chi could not be more excited to take on this academic year and smash all of the goals we have set before us. This will truly be a year that will never be forgotten in Beta-Chi history.

Fraternally,
Michael Schwetz '19
Grand Master



Our fall pledge class of '22.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Matthew Chilson
Kansas City, Mo.

Ethan McGuire
Fenton, Mo.

Cooper Cobb
Salina, Kan.

Cole Minton
Riverside, Mo.

Will Epperson
Desloge, Mo.

Luke Mueller
Wildwood, Mo.

Cam Essner
Scott City, Mo.

Noah Myers
St. Peters, Mo.

Brock Hatfield
St. Louis, Mo.

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St. Peters, Mo.

Chris Holland
High Ridge, Mo.

Sam Nix
Lee's Summit, Mo.

Jack Holm
Gladstone, Mo.

Otto Ottiger
House Springs, Mo.

Devin Horn
House Springs, Mo.

Josh Pesek
Harrisonville, Mo.

Xander Killbreth
Kansas City, Mo.

Patrick Porter
Kansas City, Mo.

Kolton Kness
St. Charles, Mo.

Dylan Powell
Eureka, Mo.

Jack Knoesel
Wildwood, Mo.

Andrew Renaud
St. Louis, Mo.

Riley Kramer
Festus, Mo.

Tyler Trueman
Fenton, Mo.

Michael Lamping
Fenton, Mo.

Henry Wilson
Springdale, Ark.

Corey Luaders
Arnold, Mo.

Aaron Wilzbach
Salem, Ill.

Wesley Marten
Centerview, Mo.

Glen Wohlgemuth
Wentzville, Mo.

Kegan Maynor
Kansas City, Mo.

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*Send Us Your
Recruitment Referrals*

Do you know a young man attending Missouri S&T who would be a great fit for Kappa Sigma? Please send any recruitment referrals to **Tim Guccione '21** at (636) 385-0893. Referrals should include the student's name, hometown, major, and contact information.

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Why They Chose Kappa Sigma

“Kappa Sigma was the perfect place for me. Never in my life would I imagine such an amazing group of men to be around. Joining here was one of the best decisions in my life!”
—**Kegan Maynor '22**

“To find a Brotherhood and build connections for the rest of my life.” —**Chris Holland '22**

“Because there's not much to do in Rolla, and I wanted to join a Brotherhood that would allow me to experience new things and find ways to have fun in Rolla.” —**Michael Lamping '22**

You Are Invited!

HOMECOMING 2022

Please join us **October 21-22**
for Homecoming.

We will be honoring Hall of Fame inductee **Mike Murray '02**.

Saturday, October 22, at 6 p.m.,
at the Hall of Fame Banquet.

RSVP to Rueben Long at:
email: rml3qn@mst.edu
phone: (816) 615-3835

*Cost is \$50 for alumni and
free for undergraduates.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING LOYALTY

\$16,685 RAISED BY ALUMNI TO DATE IN 2022

We appreciate everyone who has chosen to support our annual program. Alumni who have contributed so far to the 2022 appeal 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. Thank you, again, for giving back to the Chapter—your support secures the future of not only the organization, but of our Beta-Chi Brothers to come as well.

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