

BETA CHI COLUMNS



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EMBRACING BROTHERHOOD

Autumn Alumni Update

During this year's Homecoming, we proudly inducted **Thomas Sonderman '82**, CEO of SkyWater Technology, and **Dan Lumma '86**, president of Kiewit Engineering, into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame. The evening was expertly hosted by **Paul Fleischut '82**, who ensured it was both thoughtful and memorable (special thanks to Paul for his dedication to making the evening a success!). Both inductees shared insights about the invaluable experiences they had as undergraduate members and how those experiences shaped their professional journeys. Congratulations to both Thomas and Dan; you make us proud!

At that banquet, several members from the class of 2014 spoke about

lifelong friendships they forged at Kappa Sigma, highlighting these relationships as one of the most rewarding aspects of their time in the fraternity. Building these connections requires effort, especially as we navigate busy lives filled with work and family commitments; however, taking the time to reconnect with your pledge Brothers is truly worthwhile.

Our members have a variety of options for spending their leisure time. Engaging in exercise is a positive way to utilize spare time, and we are excited to announce that construction on the new weight room has begun! The walls are up and painted, mirrors have been installed, and we are currently awaiting the arrival of flooring and equipment. We

are grateful for a significant donation from **Thomas Sonderman '82**, which will help complete this project. Thank you once again, Tom! The young men are eagerly looking forward to the facility's completion.

The alumni of Beta-Chi continue to provide invaluable support to the Chapter each year. Your contributions, both in dues and donations, directly assist members facing financial challenges and enhance their educational opportunities. Your generosity makes it possible for us to offer these essential resources.

Fraternally,
Robert Hoffmann '78
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Let's Get Together!

Just days prior to Homecoming, the **class of 1974** gathered in St. Louis for their 50-year reunion.

"The bulk of the **1975 pledge class** traveled to Rolla to enjoy Homecoming!" —**Mark White '75**

The **class of 1978** held their annual reunion at Table Rock Lake in August.



It was a fantastic reunion for '86 Beta Chis! From left: Dan McKean, Eric Nokleby, Dan Lumma, Alan Hopkins, Brian Ash, Tim Litsch, David Auernheimer, and Mike Hill.

"In September, our 1986 pledge class had a weekend reunion at the stunningly awesome lake house of **Dan Lumma '86** at Table Rock Lake. It was great to see eight of the guys, many I hadn't seen in over 35 years—lots of laughs and great memories. Big thanks to Dan for spearheading the event and hosting us." —**Brian Ash '86**

The **2014 pledge class** returned to Rolla this October to celebrate their 10-year reunion. Members (14 to be exact) made the trip from across the country to celebrate a decade of brotherhood at this year's Homecoming. They visited the renowned Rolla establishment, Alex's Pizza, on Friday night. Alex's has hosted Big Brother nights for Beta-Chi for years, so it was a nostalgic venue. The brothers ended their night by playing beer die and singing along to "Mr. Brightside."

REUNION RECAPS

On Saturday, the brothers dressed up and commemorated their time in college during the Homecoming dinner at Beta-Chi. **William "Reed" Davis '14** delivered an inspirational speech and reminisced on his pledge class's time at Missouri S&T. The brothers enjoyed a fantastic dinner and exchanged stories with the undergraduates well into the early hours of the next morning.

—**Ryan Howe '14**



The 2014 pledge class reuniting for a weekend of camaraderie.

FORGED BY THE FRATERNITY

Dan Lumma '86 on Career Success and Hall of Fame Induction

College life offers a unique blend of academic and social experiences for aspiring young men. **Dan Lumma '86** found his ideal environment for growth at Missouri S&T through Kappa Sigma. The Brotherhood is now honoring Dan with his induction into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame.

BUILT BY BETA-CHI

Dan has nothing but praise for the Beta-Chi Brothers he met while exploring Fraternity options, especially appreciating their commitment to both academics and activities. As a collegian, he valued the camaraderie developed through St. Pats, Greek Week, house events, and simply spending time with the brothers. "They were a great combination of good guys who liked to have fun while also having a level of intensity about school."

During college, Dan served Beta-Chi as assistant treasurer, treasurer, and Grand Master. His fraternal service taught him leadership and discipline as he balanced Chapter responsibilities with his academic workload.

"When I graduated and started working, I felt comfortable taking on more responsibilities because I knew I could handle it. I attribute this confidence to the combination of both the rigor of S&T and activities at the Chapter House."

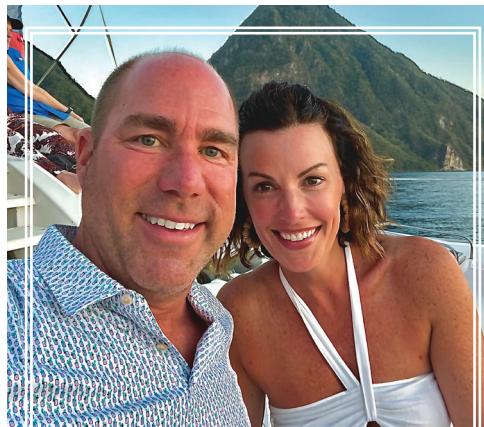
ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

Dan's career began in 1990 when he joined Bibb and Associates as a design engineer. Following Kiewit's acquisition of Bibb in

1998, Dan's strong work ethic led to increased responsibilities, culminating in his role in expanding Kiewit's engineering business.

Dan became Kiewit Engineering Group's first division manager. Over the years, he has led the integration of 3,500 employees into the company, contributing to Kiewit's growth into one of the North America's largest construction and engineering organizations.

"Our group now includes design and engineering staff serving the power, oil and



"Kappa Sigma definitely had an impact in shaping me as a leader and has contributed to getting me started in my career."

gas, industrial and water, and infrastructure markets, as well as a workshare office in Mexico that supports all of these areas."

Dan currently serves as president of the Kiewit Engineering Group.

KAPPA SIGMA CONNECTIONS

From Beta-Chi bonds to friendships with college bandmates, Dan stays in regular contact with S&T alumni from his undergraduate years. He will host his first pledge Brother reunion this September, with at least a dozen alumni traveling from across the country to reconnect in Missouri.

As a 2024 Beta-Chi Hall of Fame inductee, Dan is honored to be recognized alongside other esteemed alumni from one of Kappa Sigma's top Chapters. He has been chosen as the keynote speaker for the occasion and is excited to discuss Kappa Sigma's significant impact on his life.

"I look forward to sharing how Kappa Sigma and Missouri S&T have shaped me both as a leader and an individual. I hope my message will resonate with and inspire the current Chapter members."

Dan and his wife, Katie, have a blended family of six children who keep them busy. They often enjoy time at their place on Table Rock Lake. In his free time, Dan likes to play guitar and travel. You can connect with him at dhlumma@gmail.com.

Congratulations, Scholarship Recipients!

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- Cameron Sisk '24
- Alexander Tracy '23
- Henry Wilson '22

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- Wade Arnzen '22
- Kyle Kiefer
- Otto Ottiger '23

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Michael Lamping Hart '22

White Columns

- Nathan Kiger '24 (\$725)
- Alexander Nguyen (\$600)
- Timothy O'Shaughnessy (\$600)

- Vincent Pizzurro '24 (\$725)
- Cameron Sisk '24 (\$750)
- Caelyn Wood (\$600)

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We are sincerely grateful to the loyal donors who have contributed \$27,825 to the annual fund in 2024 (so far!). Beta Chi Chapter could not thrive without gifts and support from Brothers of all eras. If there is an error in your listing, please reach out to our campaign coordinator at dbettenhausen@penningtonco.com.

It's not too late to add your name to this list! Celebrate the season of giving with a new or renewed donation to the Beta-Chi annual fund or Educational Foundation. Scan the QR codes on page 6 to visit our giving portals and help future generations of Kappa Sigmas continue to thrive.

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Fifty Years of Brotherhood

..... “... from east to west, from sea to sea, we come from near and far...”

In the spirit of the Kappa Sigma song, members of the 1974-75 pledge class gathered in St. Louis on October 24 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their pledging semester. Of the original 21 members, two were unable to attend and four, **Bruce Bowermaster '75**, **Don Brown '75**, **Matt Curran '75**, and **John Moles '75**, have entered Chapter Celestial.

Meeting at the Trainwreck Saloon in Westport on a Thursday evening, the group of 15 quickly fell back into their familiar camaraderie of Brotherhood, using long-forgotten nicknames to become reacquainted and share their experiences since graduation. Attendees included: **Bill Alt '75** and **Mark Gredell '75** from Texas, **Dave Ausmus '75** (and Robin) from Macon, Mo., **Ted Bestor '75** (and Carol) from California, **Russ Brazeal '75** from Springfield, Mo., **Mike Clark '75** from Ohio, **Bruce Dunlevy '75** from Kentucky, **Steve Ernst '75** and **Steve Svatek '75** from Colorado, **Mark Suellentrop '75** from Louisiana, and **Mark White '75** (and Monika) from North Carolina. Local brothers included **Ron Acker '75**, **Mike Rapisardo '75** (and Janet), **Bob Simpson '75**, and **Jim Zaloudek '75** from St. Louis. Missing were **Bob Arasmith '75** and **Randy Mason '75**.



From left: Brothers Dunlevy, Svatek Gredell, White, Bestor, Alt, Acker, Zaloudek, Rapisardo, Suellentrop, Simpson, Ausmus, Clark, Ernst, and Brazeal at their 50-year reunion.

By the end of the evening, conversations about meeting again had already begun! The next day, some of the group met at Top Golf, while a couple of the Brothers visited the Chapter House. On Saturday, a few headed to Rolla for Homecoming, and by Sunday, most were on their way home.

Alumni Updates

Robert T. White Jr. '66 spent six years in marine construction along the gulf coast. Afterward, he switched to chemical and service sales for boilers, cooling towers, and industrial wastewater. He has traveled in the U.S. and Canada extensively and currently resides in Wildwood, Mo. Email: rwhite.rw@gmail.com

Stewart A. Scott '71 misses and fondly remembers the great times he had at Beta-Chi. “The time has passed way too quickly,” he said. “The pledge class of 1971 needs to find a way to get together and renew the memories. Fifty years used to seem like forever; now we are part of that legacy.” Stew lives in Grain Valley, Mo. Email: scottslpl@gmail.com

Mark R. White '75 shared that COVID-19 helped him retire completely, as he refused to use Zoom or host webinars. He and

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

William G. Demzik Sr. '55 – September 24, 2024
Leroy F. Manor '57 – April 29, 2024
Anthony D. Pezza '58 – June 25, 2024
Dennis Dreyer '60 – January 10, 2023
Daniel J. Bantle '71 – December 18, 2022
John O. Moles '75 – September 24, 2024

Monika are full-time fun seekers and are active at their churches in Florida and North Carolina. Mark still plays guitar on the praise teams and teaches the younger players.
Email: mwhitewnc@gmail.com

Thomas R. Gredell '76 is still working in Jefferson City, Mo., but nearing retirement. He and Carla celebrated 45 years of marriage in August 2024. Their last grandchild is now two years old, and both Thomas and Carla's health is still good. He is looking forward to seeing more Brothers around soon! Email: tomg@ger-inc.biz

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE KAPPA SIGMA MEMORIES?

“First place 1965 St. Pats Parade float.”
—G. Michael Curran '63

“The great intramural teams we had! Party weekends. Watching scary shows in the TV room. Popcorn on late nights. Study hour breaks. PB and jelly.”
—Stewart A. Scott '71

“Being in a family of guys that cared about me!”
—Mark R. White '75

“Simply hanging out and having each other's back as we made it through school!”
—Thomas R. Gredell '76

“Getting to know new pledges. Greek Week.”
—Lt. Col. Michael W. Smith '78

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Caden Bargas | Plainfield, Ill.
 Tyler Clausen | Crest Hill, Ill.
 Braydon Cook | Norborne, Mo.
 Colin Daniel | Saint Jacob, Ill.
 Aiden Hubler | Pinckneyville, Okla.
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 Carson Meyer | Sedalia, Mo.
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 Paul Neaf | St. Louis, Mo.
 Vincent "Vito" Pizzurro | Troy, Mo.
 Jarret Prins | Blue Springs, Mo.
 Cameron Sisk | Poplar Bluff, Mo.
 Claude Sliger | Wentzville, Mo.
 Zen Thurman | Springfield, Mo.
 Kyle Weeks | Gladstone, Mo.
 Ethan Young | Fenton, Mo.



KEEP MOVING *Forward*

UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER CONTINUES TO EXCEL

The chapter has had yet another successful and positive year. This summer Beta Chi won yet another FACE award—now 19 out of the past 20 years. Ten Brothers went to the leadership conference in NOLA to receive the award and hangout on Bourbon Street. We're already preparing for how we'll win the next one.

The biggest change to the Chapter House has been the weight room. With all brand-new custom equipment and the expansion into the project room (pictures to come on social media). The project room for the most part has moved outside to the shed.

We had another successful year of rush, with 25 new members. Congratulations goes to **Tyler Trueman '22, Jack Holm '22**, and the rush team on all their hard work

Another major focus has been on academics. Our scholarship chairman, Jack Holm, has

been doing a lot to try to change things for the better. This semester we had a fantasy football-inspired draft for teams with the highest GPA. **Michael Lamping '22** and his team ended up having the highest average GPA at midterm (3.36). We've been working on getting approval from house corporation on a GPA based scholarship for the future.

This past Greek Week, we earned second place among big houses and third overall. It just wasn't our year; however, the future looks bright for us and not so much for other houses. We've had a lot of success recently in intramurals with our softball A-team winning the championship. The DG4L softball team finished the season with a 4-1 record as well. Additionally, our flag football A-team came in second place.

Regarding philanthropy and service, **Roger Hausmann '23** and **Matt Harmon '24** have been hard at work making sure everyone is getting their dollars and hours accrued. We've been doing a lot more events on campus, including selling root beer floats. Finally, we will be capping off the year with our White Columns Clean Up where we clean White Columns Drive all the way to the end of the street.

Thank you, alumni, for all you do to help us. We hope to see you at the Chapter House again soon!

Fraternally,
Tim Guccione '21
 Grand Master

CHAPTER GOALS

1

Earn a GPA above
the all-men's average

2

Win FACE in 2025

3

Fill the house by
fall 2025



Brothers enjoy formal in Chicago.



KAPPA SIGMA GOLF OUTING

June 7, 2025, at 1 p.m.
Paradise Valley Golf Club



HELP BETA-CHI GROW!

Submit a Recruitment Referral

Do you know a current or incoming student who would be a good fit for our Brotherhood? Send us a recommendation! Contact **Nolan Bohannan '23** at (636) 312-4023 or nrbgfn@mst.edu with the potential member's name, contact information, and your reasons for referring them.

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