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Phase II of Xi Xi Fundraising Campaign Kicks Off

Please Make Your Pledge Today

Brothers, let me try to put this to you as clearly as possible. Sigma Chi at Mizzou needs your help. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see that we have everything going for us as a chapter in the best ways possible. But we still have a financial problem, and we need you to step up and make a pledge now to put our fundraising campaign over the top.

The situation is this: we are carrying a long-term debt on the house that cannot be managed at the current rates and in keeping with reasonable house bills to the undergraduate chapter. Almost all the debt is over 10 years old and is leftover from the huge renovation project at 500 S. College Ave. over a decade ago.

Now we need to upgrade some of the older structural and major systems in the house, and we need to reduce our debt and build a capital reserve fund to tackle these critical projects in a fiscally responsible way that will help prevent or limit future debt. If we reach the fundraising goals, we can build a prudent plan to accomplish that.

We also need to rebuild the Sigma Chi Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund to attract and incentivize bright new leaders to our brotherhood.



John Qualy '70, Dave Knight '73, Sigma Chi International Grand Consul Ryan Temby, Rutgers '90, and Mizzou President Mun Choi addressed the gathered crowd from the dais at the official house dedication in November 2025.

Keep an eye out for some major news on Phase II of the campaign in the next month!

Over 70 of our alumni brothers have already reached deep and made their five-year pledge to help us off to a positive start. With \$937,177 pledged so far, we are over 70% of the way to reaching our base goal of \$1.2 million, but we're only 60% of the way to our stretch goal of \$1.5 million, which is really where we need to be.

To kick off Phase II of our campaign, we are making a big ask of all alumni now.

Please make your donation to Xi Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi through a five-year pledge. You can donate directly to the house fund or make your donation to our Educational Foundation, which is tax deductible. You can also donate by making a gift of appreciated stock or other

securities to get a deduction and avoid capital gains taxes.

Of course, larger donations are extremely helpful. But donations of any amount make a difference. If every alumnus donated \$1,000, we would reach our goal. If you can donate \$250, \$500 or \$1,000, consider making it annual for each of five years.

Thanks for your consideration of the meaning and importance of Sigma Chi at Mizzou, and for your loyalty to our chapter.

Visit donatexixi.causevox.com

or scan the QR code to make your pledge to donate, and please do it soon. If you have any questions, contact **Dave Knight '73** at deknight59@gmail.com.

IHSV, Brothers!



Left: Our most senior Xi Xi alumni attended the official house reopening and dedication ceremony in November 2025. From left: Edward Matheny Jr. '43, Larry McMullen '54, and John Walker '60.

HOUSE UPDATES

AWARD-WINNING HOUSE CORPORATION, HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Your Xi Xi Chapter House Corporation Board of Directors recently received the **Outstanding House Corporation Award** from the Sigma Chi Fraternity Board of Grand Trustees for 2025. The award is granted **“For demonstrating excellence in the house corporation best management practices.”**

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to our brothers who have served and continue to work for our chapter by serving on the board and contributing to the great work in managing our building and property at the highest levels of competence.

Early donations to our fundraising campaign that have already come in have enabled some critical improvements to our property, including:

- Painting – extensive exterior and interior painting over multiple areas
- Plumbing – repair and replacement of second-floor drains, pipes, sink baskets, and filters
- All-new mattresses and mattress covers
- New internet fiber service for the whole house
- HVAC – equipment repairs and replacements, including compressor and fan motor
- Sidewalk – repair, replacement, and grinding to level and bring up to city code

WELCOME, New Members!

Nathan Boyack
Cole Covert
James Estrada
Thomas Exposito
Grant Franklin
Michael Lanyon
Connor Long
William Meise
Andrew Roche

Andrew Santiviago
Christopher Schudy
Landon Smith
Lucas Thieraf
Charles Tully
Brendyn Van Houten
Noah Windsor
Ian Wiseman
Matthew Zegart

Grateful for Sigma Chi

Why Joe Saracini '19 Continues to Give Back

Joe Saracini '19 sought a true brotherhood bond at Mizzou, and he found that in Sigma Chi, where he gained lifelong friends and developed into the person he is today.

Beyond those connections, being a third-generation Sigma Chi made the fraternity experience even more special. He grew up hearing his father, grandfather, and uncles talk about the brotherhood and has appreciated that familial bond over the years.

That bond, and Joe's desire to pass on experiences like his own to other Xi Xi members, has motivated him to give back to the chapter. "I think it really matters and makes a difference, and it's what keeps me involved."

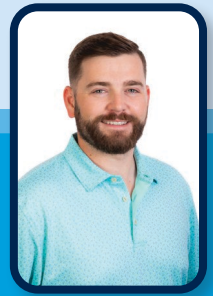
Joe is a member of the House Corporation Board of Directors, which has been fulfilling and educational. "It has definitely helped me better understand not just Greek life at Missouri, but also Greek life as a whole."

He enjoyed meeting the undergraduate brothers at a work day in summer 2025. "I got to see in my eyes what we're working with as far as our active chapter, and how proud and excited I am to have them lead the new charge."

Joe also works with the recruitment chairman and a few other undergraduates alongside his father's college roommate, **Bryan Dempsey '83**, ensuring there is a consistent line of communication between alumni and undergraduates.

"During my time, I feel like we had a disconnect between the alumni and the students. I think it helps the undergraduate chapter more to have a better connection with the alumni, so that's what we've been working toward."

Joe shared that staying involved with Sigma Chi as alumni creates an opportunity for everyone. "It's important for many reasons. You can still hang out with some of your friends and get to meet new people, but it definitely creates lifelong experiences, and has a lot of benefits involving future jobs, future success, and just plain help if you need it."



It's a Small World

"When I was starting out in sales a couple years back, I didn't have too much to talk to people about. I was trying to figure out how sales worked and got on the topic of college with a lot of people. Every month, without fail, I talked to someone and it turned out they're a Sigma Chi from another university, or were married to a Sigma Chi, or just related to one. It's kind of a small world, and definitely something that will benefit you and help you in the long run."

"My friend invited me to an event, and I really liked all the guys. After that, I was interested in learning more about the fraternity and all the brothers. I talked to the recruitment chairman at the time; he had a lot to say about his experiences with the fraternity, and it really moved me. So I decided to join and I never regretted that decision."

–Noah Windsor '27

"I became interested in Sigma Chi when I met a fraternity brother at an event that people of our degree went to. After that, we ran into each other a few more times; he started talking to me about being in Sigma Chi, and he invited me out to meet some of the guys. I went and did that and loved everyone I met—they are a bunch of great people. I looked into more of what the fraternity was and everything it stood for, and it perfectly lined up with how I designate myself and how I live my life. That's how I decided I wanted to be a Sigma Chi."

–Will Meise '28

Why We Joined

MIKE SEDA '97 ON SIGMA CHI'S LASTING IMPACT

When Mike Seda '97 arrived at Mizzou, he was searching for more than a degree. "I knew I wanted to be part of something bigger than myself." Introduced to Sigma Chi by a close high school friend serving as recruitment chairman, Mike found "a group of men grounded in shared values, accountability, and genuine friendship." He said Xi Xi felt like home almost immediately, and joining became one of the most meaningful decisions of his college years.

Life at 500 S. College Ave. shaped him in lasting ways he "didn't fully appreciate at the time," he said. Living alongside men from diverse backgrounds but united by shared principles taught him leadership, responsibility, and the importance of surrounding himself with people who challenge and support him. The mentorship he received from older brothers—and later offered to younger members—instilled the value of lifelong brotherhood. "Nearly three decades later, many of my closest friendships were forged in that house and remain a constant in my life."

Professionally, Mike's path, influenced early by his mother's career in the field, led him into health care



IT'S OUR TURN



"OUR GENERATION BENEFITED FROM THE STEWARDSHIP OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US. NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO ENSURE THAT THE TRADITION CONTINUES."

leadership. Although he began as a pre-med student, he pivoted to health care administration, earning a Master of Health Administration and a Master of Business

Administration. He started his career within the MU Health System before moving to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he served as CEO of a hospital within a large health system. There, he saw how innovation—particularly telehealth—could expand access to care in rural communities.

Today, Mike has returned to Columbia, where he lives with his wife of 24 years and their two daughters. One daughter is in her second year at Mizzou,

while the other is a junior in high school. He now serves as Executive Director of the Tiger Institute for Health Innovation, a partnership between MU Health and Oracle—a role that allows him to combine leadership, strategy, and technology. Outside of work, he enjoys CrossFit, playing trumpet, traveling, and spending time outdoors with family and friends. Remaining connected to the University while watching his daughter create her own college experience has been especially meaningful.

His commitment to Xi Xi has remained steady. "The brotherhood didn't end at graduation," he said. Serving as house corporation president felt like a natural way to give back during a pivotal moment for the chapter. "The house is more than a building; it is the foundation of our brotherhood experience," he said. Supporting the *Reigniting Our Tradition of Leadership* campaign is, for him, an investment in future generations. "Xi Xi helped shape who I am," Mike said. "Our generation benefited from the stewardship of those who came before us. Now it's our turn to ensure the tradition continues."

You can reach Mike at michaelseda@hotmail.com.

MAKE YOUR FIVE-YEAR PLEDGE TODAY

Xi Xi Chapter is stronger than ever, and ensuring an even stronger future depends on alumni support. Together, we can preserve our house, pay down debt, and rebuild our Sigma Chi Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund—all toward the investment in the next generation of leaders. Join your brothers who have already committed and help us reach our \$1.5 million goal with a five-year pledge. Your contribution will make a difference! Visit donatexixi.causevox.com to make your gift today. Thank you for your support of Xi Xi.



XI XI CHAPTER



REIGNITING OUR TRADITION OF LEADERSHIP

HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR SIGMA CHI FAMILY!

Our deepest gratitude goes to our remarkable brothers and friends who've committed to *Reigniting Our Tradition of Leadership*. Your generosity echoes the spirit of our cherished fraternity, ensuring its enduring legacy. Together, we've already achieved more than \$937,177 in pledges—a testament to the strength of our bonds.

As we embark on this transformative journey, we invite all alumni to join us. No gift is too small, and pledges or continued gifts are truly appreciated.

Donors of \$1,000 and above will be recognized in appropriate giving categories in all campaign publications unless otherwise requested. Pledges of \$5,000 and above will be displayed on a permanent donor plaque at the house.

If you notice any discrepancies in your gift listing, we sincerely apologize—please contact our campaign coordinator at jwhite@penningtonco.com. Thank you for shaping the future of Sigma Chi!

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT A GLANCE

AS OF MARCH 18, 2026

GOAL: **\$1.5 MILLION**

TOTAL RAISED: **\$937,177**

EARLY DONORS: **72**

Jordan Standard Council *(\$250,000 and above)*

Your name here!

Norman Shield Council *(\$100,000 to \$249,999)*

John M. Qualy '70

In memory of

William E. Qualy and
James M. Qualy,

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in Xi Xi Sigma Chi

In honor of

Brother and Mentor

Larry McMullen '54

Jay O. Shields '76

1896 Council *(\$50,000 to \$99,999)*

John Walker '60

In memory of

Ken Lambert '60

Michael Schmidlein '83

Robert "Chip" Toth '83

In honor of

Larry McMullen '53 and

Brian O'Rourke '83

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William D. Beil '83

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Chris Depperman '83

Michael D. Basler '85

Julie and Michael Seda '97

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David Knight '73

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Scott Nebergall '73

Joel H. St. John '83

Hopie Brooks '84

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Timothy J. Hatfield '84

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Nathan E. Burnett '99

Berry B. Brooks '17

Morgan Salisbury '18

Sigma Chi



Sigma Chi brothers in Marching Mizzou. From left: Will Markworth '28, Luke Matson '27, Harrison Lingle '27, and Noah Schuette '28.

MAKING STRIDES

Sigma Chi Celebrates Spring Achievements

A little over a month into our second semester, we already had some major accomplishments and have things to look forward to. At the very beginning, we congratulated our newly appointed executive members, including **Harrison Lingle '27**, our annotator; **Aram Budagov '27**, our pro consul; and **Luke Matson '27**, our consul. All of them are very excited and eager to play a bigger part within Sigma Chi and use their new roles to help us become a better and more prominent fraternity at the University of Missouri-Columbia.



Brothers doing a road cleanup. From left: Simon King '27, Harrison Lingle '27, Luke Matson '27, Carson Kienzler '27, Noah Schuette '27, and Will Markworth '27.



Sigma Chi celebrating Dad's Weekend with actives and alumni in November.

Meanwhile, we are proud to announce that two of our seniors have made the Top 10 in Greek Royalty. After going through interviews and competing with many other seniors from all parts of the Greek community, **Kyle Milburn '26** and **David Crow '26** are both very proud of this achievement. When asked about how he felt being part of the only fraternity to have two of its members in the Top 10 this semester, David said, "It gives me a lot of pride in my chapter, in my Greek experience, and how everything here has shaped me. I really hope Kyle and I are able to inspire other people to follow suit. In my second-round interview, I actually wore my chapter badge to the interview. The fact that we are the only Greek organization with two people on Top 10 makes me very proud to be a Sigma Chi." Needless to say, we are all proud of this big accomplishment and rooting for one of them to be crowned king.

In hoc,
Luke Matson '27
 Consul



WHO WILL CARRY THE TORCH? SEND US YOUR MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS

From one generation to the next, our brotherhood endures through those willing to continue our Xi Xi traditions. Who do you know with the resilience, leadership, and honor to carry our brotherhood's torch into the next generation?

Help us find the young men who will honor our past and shape what comes next. Send their info, including how we should contact them, their hometown and year in school, and why you think they'll fit right in with Sigma Chi, to **Lucas Bonnegan '28** at (573) 510-9445. Send their info, your relationship to them, their high school activities, and anything else that shows how they measure against the Jordan Standard.

We're beginning Phase II of the



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campaign! Find updates and statistics inside.



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CHAPTER GOALS

- 1 MAINTAIN A HIGH GPA AND AIM FOR TOP FRATERNITY GPA.
- 2 BEAT LAST YEAR'S RECORD OF RAISING \$10,000 FOR DERBY DAYS.
- 3 HAVE ONE OF OUR SENIORS WIN GREEK WEEK ROYALTY AS PART OF OUR CONTINUED EFFORT TO EXPAND GREEK RELATIONS ON CAMPUS.

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COLUMBIA | APRIL 25

Xi Xi Foundation
Scholarship
Banquet

KANSAS CITY | MAY 6

O'Neill's Restaurant
and Bar
Leawood, KS
6-9 p.m.

ST. LOUIS | MAY 7

Elks Club
Ladue, MO
6-9 p.m.

Our leaders have scheduled three big alumni events for this spring that you won't want to miss! In addition to the return of the Xi Xi Foundation Scholarship Banquet in Columbia, there will be a barbecue in both Kansas City and St. Louis in May with two

purposes: get our alumni together for a great time and host new recruits to come and learn about Sigma Chi at Mizzou.

Use the links below to sign up for either or both events, and watch for more information in your inbox.

KC EVENT: my.cheddarup.com/c/alumni-bbq

ST. LOUIS EVENT: my.cheddarup.com/c/alumni-bbq-27789



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