

# Missouri State SIG



## WELCOME HOME!

THANKS TO YOU - ETA KAPPA ALUMNI - WE NOW HAVE THE PREMIER FRATERNITY HOUSING FACILITY AT MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY!



FOUNDERS ROOM



DONOR WALL

"Our Legacy, Their Future." is the message that appears on our donor recognition wall at our new Sigma Chi Chapter House.

## GRAND OPENING and CHAPTER HOUSE DEDICATION

**JULY 13, 2023** – Dr. Dee Siscoe, Vice President of Student Affairs at Missouri State University spoke at our luncheon addressing Sigma Chi alumni, active members, and friends in celebration of the Grand Opening of Eta Kappa Chapter's new Sigma Chi House.

Next to our life-long friendships we value so much, our chapter house is our most important asset. That's where our future leaders emerge to pursue their education and build lifelong friendships of their own. Our chapter house can be an anchor for our alumni when they return to celebrate their time at Missouri State University.

Being able to 'pay-it-forward' for current and future undergraduate Sigma Chi members while still being around to witness the impact is one of the most meaningful forms of giving. The message that our new chapter house sends to Missouri State should not be lost. Sigma Chi is a strong Fraternity and we're investing in our future. We will continue to have Sigma Chi alumni who financially support Missouri State and make the University proud by what we achieve in life.

And the message this new house sends to our active chapter should not be lost. We are providing current and future undergraduate brothers with a new home because we know how important the

chapter house was to us as undergraduates and we recognize the positive impact of Sigma Chi on our lives.

Sigma Chi International representatives who attended in support of Eta Kappa Chapter included Garnett Haubelt, Grand Trustee; Rob Westrich, Grand Praetor for Missouri Province; Ren Gilmore, Associate Director for Chapter Support; and from the Constantine Housing Initiative: Robert Shock, treasurer and Andrew Hillman, property services manager. Brother Haubelt led the Dedication Ceremony and shared his congratulatory and encouraging remarks as well as those from Grand Consul, Bob Wilson.

Our new 'first-class' Chapter House located on Kimbrough Avenue adjacent to campus, offers apartment style living coupled with useful first floor amenities for residents, active members, and guests. This 22-man housing facility places Sigma Chi as a leader among campus Greek organizations.

**Our new sustaining fund campaign message: Our Legacy. Their Future. Proud to be a Sig! says it all as we build momentum for a brighter future for Sigma Chi at Missouri State.**



**Marc Buncher '93** is President and CEO of Siemens Mobility of North American and is responsible for more than 4,000 employees and 30 facilities across USA.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT SIGNIFICANT SIGS

MARC BUNCHER '93 and TED MELFI '94  
HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY SIGMA CHI  
INTERNATIONAL AS "SIGNIFICANT SIGS"

### Significant Sig Award

As one of the Fraternity's highest honors, The Significant Sig Award recognizes those alumni members whose exemplary achievements in their fields of endeavor have brought great honor and prestige to the name of Sigma Chi. Sigma Chi Fraternity has recognized more than 1,900 brothers since the award's introduction at the 1935 Grand Chapter. Alumni in any profession, occupation, or philanthropic endeavor who meet the highest level of achievement are eligible for consideration.



**Ted Melfi '94** is a writer, director and film producer who co-wrote and directed the movies *St. Vincent* and *Hidden Figures* for which he received an Oscar Nomination for Best Picture and Best Adapted Screenplay.

## CHAPTER UPDATE SIGMA CHI – FALL OF 2023

### HOUSE CORP NAMES RESIDENT CHAPTER HOUSE DIRECTOR



Todd Scroggins, Eta Kappa Chapter alum and founder of Sigma Chi Omega Colony in 2014 has been named on site Resident Director.

Todd is from Joplin, MO and most recently worked in Los Angeles with ICM Partners and The Walt Disney Company holding Celebrity and Influencer Partnership positions across entertainment and tech companies. For fall semester, Todd will coordinate efforts with our property manager, Amanda Loveland of JNM Realty Group, and our undergraduate member House Manager, Aaron Switzer to ensure that Chapter House operations comply with policies set forth by the University, Sigma Chi Risk Management Foundation, and our House Corporation.

As volunteer Resident Director, and Sigma Chi alum, Todd will not only assist residents but also serve as liaison among our Chapter Advisory Board for all active members to assist with the development of the Fraternity's successful operation.

### ETA KAPPA EDUCATION FUND OFFICERS NAMED

Welcome new Eta Kappa Education Fund Officers Troy Branch as president and Dennis Donnelly as treasurer. We look forward to Troy and Dennis' leadership to build on the solid foundation established for this alumnus sponsored support organization that provides tuition scholarships, educational programs and leadership enhancing resources and events.



Troy Branch, President



Dennis Donnelly, Treasurer

### GLENN SILER AND BOB HOLTkamp STEPPING DOWN AS OFFICERS

Many thanks to Glenn Siler (L) and Bob Holtkamp for their leadership and commitment to bringing Eta Kappa Education Fund to life as president and treasurer of our charitable fund. These two Eta Kappa Brothers celebrate 50+ years of friendship in Sigma Chi and their service as Eta Kappa Fund volunteer directors made all the difference!



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### OCT–DEC 2023

**November 5th**  
First Phase of Chapter Officer Elections

**November 10th**  
Fall Fest Chapter Philanthropic Event

**November 12th**  
Second Phase of Chapter Officer Elections

**November 18th**  
Thanksgiving Break Begins

**November 21st & 22nd**  
Chapter House & Apartment Inspections  
*Conducted by JNM Realty- Property Manager*

**November 27th**  
Classes Resume

**December 2nd**  
New Chapter Officer Orientation – Transition

**December 7th**  
Fall Semester Classes End

**December 9-14th**  
Final Exams

**December 15th**  
Alumni Matching Fund Donations Deadline

**December 15th – Jan 15, 2024**  
Winter Break

#### JAN-FEB 2024

**January 1st**  
Monthly & Semester Chapter House Rent  
Payments Due for Spring 2024

**January 12th**  
Semester Chapter House Rent Single  
Payments Final Due Date

**January 16th**  
Spring Semester 2024 Classes Begin

**February 2024 – 25**  
Academic Year Semester Residents for  
Chapter House Enrolling Begins

## O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?

**Help us reconnect! If anyone has recent contact information for one or more of these brothers from your era, please help us reconnect with these Eta Kappa Sigs so we may ensure they receive our newsletters and updates on events. If you know their email, USPS address or phone number, please submit their contact information via the online form on our new website at [sigmachimostate.com/alumni/update-your-information/](http://sigmachimostate.com/alumni/update-your-information/)**

Harry Hutchinson '71

Derrell Mitchell '74

Larry Catt '76

Doug Hesterly '87

Dustin Stokes '99

Matt Miller '12

Ron Dewlin '72

Dave Strader '75

Tom Brockmann '76

Mark Borella '89

Scott Emery '99

Geoff Stanford '14

Tom Schultz '73

Dan Raines '75

Dennis Williams '77

Mark Manion '90

Brandon Gillette '00

Derek Bernier '15

Chris Marcum '73

Rick Sanders '76

Greg Jones '77

Richard Walters '93

Scott MacDonald '01

Jeremy Schmidt '16

Barry Hammond '73

Carrell Sanders '76

Jim Hamilton '77

Thomas Ferguson '93

Brad Gittmeier '03

Andrew Ludwig '16

Ted Sykes '74

Barry Kiesel '76

David McQueary '82

Scott Wehr '95

Chris Welch '04

William Secules '19

Greg Paffrath '74

Cameron O'Dell '19



**Thanks to those 95 Alumni and friends who contributed to  
the Foundation for the Future of Eta Kappa Campaign.**

**Below are the commemorative plaques that appear adjacent to apartment entrances  
in honor of Brothers who have passed on to Chapter Eternal.**

**ALL HONOR TO:**

**John Curtis, Terry Poelling, Mike Emery, Rick MacDonald, John Jaszczak,  
Brian Conner, Kent Nentwig, Geoff Wolf, Joe Melfi, Tom Cies.**



**THE PLEDGE CLASS OF SPRING 1971 MADE A GENEROUS DONATION  
TO CELEBRATE BEING THE FIRST PLEDGE CLASS FOR ETA KAPPA:**

**Derrell Mitchell, Roger Noe, Gary Hermann, Keran Lemons, Dan Noteis, Don Brinker, Chuck Champion,  
Ted Sykes, Don Mignerone, Jean Hollenberg, Darryl Bueker; Magister: John Schekorra.**



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[WWW.SIGMCHIMOSTATE.COM](http://WWW.SIGMCHIMOSTATE.COM)



HOME PAGE

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**ALUMNI > UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**

We encourage alumni to provide their current contact information via the simple online form to stay in communication and reconnect friendships. We are also asking that those knowing the contact information of another brother to use this form to add the information as well. A list of Eta Kappa alumni with outdated contact information is noted with our new O Brother, Where Art Thou? section. Alumni who have current contact info for alumni brothers, please help by updating via our website.



UPDATE YOUR INFO  
[sigmachimostate.com/  
alumni/update-your-information/](http://sigmachimostate.com/alumni/update-your-information/)

**ALUMNI > NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE**

On this page you will find an archive of past Eta Kappa Sig newsletters.



NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE  
[sigmachimostate.com/  
alumni/newsletter-archive/](http://sigmachimostate.com/alumni/newsletter-archive/)

**DOCUMENTS**

Newly added to this page is a Sigma Chi Guidebook. This Guidebook is a helpful resource to acquaint alumni, potential new members, parents, and friends with Sigma Chi at Missouri State University. You will also find an archive of House Corp Highlights newsletters and lease documents on this page.



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## SCHOLARSHIPS – FALL 2023 ALUMNI AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Eta Kappa Education Fund has awarded two scholarship awards for Fall 2023, with a combined total of \$5,000, to the following Eta Kappa active members:



Joseph Keck



Aaron Switzer

## Connect With SIGMA CHI Online



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SigmaChiAtMissouriState](https://www.facebook.com/SigmaChiAtMissouriState)



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2023 FALL PLEDGE CLASS



# Missouri State SIG

OUR LEGACY.  
THEIR FUTURE.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION  
RESPOND BY 12-15-2023

## AS WE APPROACH THE END OF 2023, HERE ARE THOUGHTS REGARDING CERTAIN CHARITABLE GIVING STRATEGIES

### Donate as One-Time or Recurring Charge

Our website now links to a donor platform that allows donors to register and donate to their preferred Sigma Chi at Missouri State supporting fund: House Corp, Eta Kappa Education Fund, and/or new MSU Student Housing Assistance Corp (MSU SHAC), (exclusive to Eta Kappa Chapter).



Scan the QR code to be directed to the donation page that explains the three options for support:

1. House Corp directly;
2. MSU SHAC Charitable Fund supporting the Chapter House;
3. Eta Kappa Education Fund supporting Tuition Scholarships and leadership programs.

### Donate a Portion of Your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

After age 72 you may be required to take minimum distributions from your IRA or 401K. You may elect to send a portion of all your RMD to a qualified charity. Our two Charitable Funds, Eta Kappa Education Fund and MSU SHAC, meet those qualifications. Donating to these funds eliminates the need to pay income taxes on the proceeds – which would otherwise be taxed. This can be a good

way to support our Sigma Chi students at Missouri State. In addition, these funds can be used for matching fund programs when applicable.

### Donate Appreciated Stock

Donating appreciated stock to MSU SHAC can be a great way to give back and save on taxes. When you donate appreciated stock, you can deduct the fair market value of the stock on your taxes (without recording the sale), even if you have held it for many years and it has appreciated significantly in value. This can be a much larger deduction than if you simply donated cash. To donate appreciated stock, you will need to contact Chuck Champion or Jim Griggs, House Corp officers directly. Collectively we can contact your broker to determine the best method to accomplish this request. There are a few things to keep in mind when donating appreciated stock:

- The stock must have been held for more than one year to qualify for the charitable deduction.
- The deduction is limited to 30% of your adjusted gross income (AGI).
- Generally, for our purposes limited to publicly traded companies.

As always, consult your tax expert to confirm that these options prove to be tax efficient ways to support Sigma Chi at Missouri State University.

Giving back is a vital part of Sigma Chi's and Eta Kappa Chapter's heritage and it can take many forms. Some Eta Kappa alumni donate their valuable time and expertise to mentor younger brothers, while others provide financial support. A select few of our Chapter alumni do both.

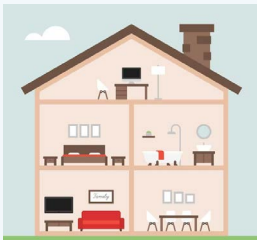
### Your Support is Crucial to our Alumni Legacy our Future Active Chapter

No matter how you choose to give back, your support is crucial to our alumni legacy and to the future of our active chapter. There are too few Eta Kappa alumni stepping up to support our Chapter. We have over 1200 Eta Kappa Brothers initiated over the years with less than 100 of those actively participating with their time or financial support. We can do better, and we will.

Thanks to 95 donors, we have delivered on the promise of building a new chapter house. While there is cause for celebration of this accomplishment, we have significant challenges ahead to sustain the successful operation of our new Chapter House.

Missouri State student resident policy requires students to complete 27 credit hours before they can live off campus. Unlike most university fraternities that look to incoming freshmen to fill a chapter house, we must rely on sophomores/juniors as potential residents. Right now, there are 15 rent paying Sigma Chi residents living at our new 22-man capacity Chapter House.

**HELP THE HOUSE CORP PAY OFF \$127,000 installment loan for Chapter House and apartment furniture, TV monitors, internet wiring and security system installation.**



Eta Kappa has a new charitable fund that exclusively supports our Chapter House operation and undergraduate student housing scholarship program. Tax deductible donations can now be made to MSU SHAC to support our housing initiative.

MSU SHAC president John Schekorra and treasurer Doug Schmidt along with board directors, Keran Lemons, Tim Loudis and Brayden Venatta have volunteered their time managing this new Eta Kappa alumni organization.

If the tax-deductible feature for an end of year donation is not important, the option of a gift to Sigma Chi House Corp SPG MO will be a welcomed means of support.

Donations made now through December 15th, 2023 will be matched to double your donation.

## MSU SHAC FUND

(RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS)

**Tax Deductible.** The MSU SHAC Fund can receive tax deductible gifts to this project. Gifts to the foundation are 100% tax deductible to the donor and will be utilized to support this new house. The foundation is recognized under section 501 c 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Federal Taxpayer Number: 85-1682189.

**I Have Donated to the MSU SHAC FUND the Following Gift:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





# OUR LEGACY. THEIR FUTURE.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION  
RESPOND BY 12-15-2023

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Print this page. Write on the facsimile check below the amount to be matched by an anonymous Eta Kappa alumni. Indicate on the facsimile check if you are paying by personal check or you have submitted your donation online. Your donation amount and the facsimile amount should be the same amount. Further instructions at the bottom of this page.

**DOUBLE THE DOLLARS – SUSTAINING  
DOUBLE THE PROGRESS FUND**

**MEET THE CHALLENGE**



Pay to the  
Order of: MSU SHAC

\$

**FACSIMILE – NON-NEGOTIABLE DOLLARS**

☐ Match amount indicated on blank facsimile check

☐ Personal check enclosed ☐ I paid my donation online

*Sigma Chi MO State Alumni*

**Matching Challenge Donor**

## DOUBLE THE DOLLARS – DOUBLE THE PROGRESS

1. Either by personal check, or the online donation method, write/indicate the amount you are personally donating. Scan QR code at the bottom for online giving.
2. On the above facsimile check, write the amount to be matched by anonymous Eta Kappa alumni. Indicate on the facsimile check if you are paying by personal check or you have submitted your donation online. Your donation amount and the facsimile amount should be the same amount.
3. Mail this printed page with the facsimile check filled in, and mail along with your personal check to the address below. If your donation was made online, please still mail the facsimile check.

### MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

MSU SHAC

### MEMO:

Matching Challenge

### MAIL BOTH CHECKS TO:

Sigma Chi Mo State, PO Box 7291, Overland Park, KS 66207

### ONLINE GIVING:

Gifts can be made online to the MSU SHAC Fund at:

<https://msushac.causevox.com> (or scan QR code)



**SCAN QR CODE  
TO BE DIRECTED  
TO OUR ONLINE  
GIVING PAGE**

**DEADLINE: DEC 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**