

GAMMA XI GAB

Gamma Xi Chapter of Sigma Nu



Brothers, the Fall semester is starting off strong already as it is already almost halfway completed. The Gamma Xi Chapter is happy to announce the accomplishments of the Spring 17' Semester with you. The Chapter achieved an overall GPA of a 3.167! That was enough to put us as 6th in fraternities and 9th on campus! We initiated two new members into our brotherhood, ΓΞ 1573 Kyle Brandel and ΓΞ 1574 Joshua Nelson. This semester we have 10 strong candidates who are very excited to join our traditions here at the Gamma Xi Chapter. There are currently 46 active members and 10 candidates living in the main chapter house, 10 members living in the annexes, and 5 members living out of house. In addition, there are 8 actives on Co-Op this semester, which brings the total of active members to 79 guys.

The Gamma Xi Chapter is still involved on campus whether it be leadership positions in other organizations or undergraduate research. Around 70% of the total house is in another organization. We are very proud of all of our leaders and a few keynotes are; ΓΞ 1525 Joseph Dooley is the VP External in IFC, ΓΞ 1550 Lucas Bayne is the Greek Week Games Chair, ΓΞ 1500 Chris Moore is the President of the CCF Chapter on campus, ΓΞ 1532 Ian Pittwood is the President of the Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity, ΓΞ 1533 Al Bialczak and ΓΞ 1539 Jakeb Baldrige are the Treasurer and VP 2 of Order of Omega respectively. We are trying to uphold the good Sigma Nu name on campus. As a continuation to on campus recognition, we are bringing in a guest speaker on October 16th, Dennis Gillan, to MST to speak about a growing issue in society today, Suicide Awareness. The men here at Sigma Nu are looking forward to sharing his experiences with the community and hoping that his words bring light to this rising issue.

As tradition, we are starting the off year strong in Intramurals as we are currently in 1st place after winning the first few IM's of the year. Last year we may have finished in a respectable second, but as you know, that is not going to keep us down as we strive to become number 1 again. We have a strong, athletic group of guys that I have no doubt will help push us to this goal.

This year we are working hard to have many great fundraisers to support our national charity St. Jude's. We have already had our 3rd annual BBQ and we raised roughly 520 dollars! We have a few more events in the works for the rest of the semester and into the beginnings of next semester.

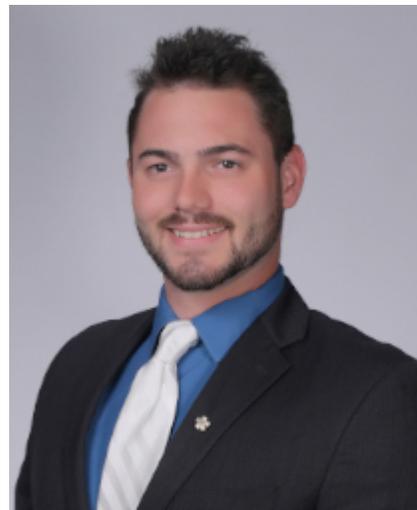
This year we are hosting the annual homecoming events here in Rolla! We already have over 20 alumni confirmed in coming down and we are looking forward to meeting and sharing stories with everyone that attends.

As usual, all of the men in the ΓΞ chapter thank you for all of the help and support that you have shown us over the years. Without your support this chapter would not be a lifelong brotherhood, but just a house to live in while in college. Using our core values Love, Honor, and Truth, we will continue to strive to be 1st on campus and 2nd to none!

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. My email is amc6zd@mst.edu, or by call or text at 314-604-6514. I look forward to hearing and meeting from everyone that shows up for Homecoming this year.

Fraternally,

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The Creed

To Believe in the Life of Love,
To Walk in the Way of Honor,
To Serve in the Light of Truth,
This is the Life, the Way,
And the Light of Sigma Nu -
This is the Creed of our
Fraternity

The Principles

To govern each act by a high
sense of Honor.
To bind together all members
by ties of true and lasting
friendship.
To protect, assist, advance, and
encourage each other by every
honorable means.
To have plans for guidance and
unity in action.
To propose, discuss, and agree
upon these plans at meetings.

Major Officers:

Eminent Commander
Austin Czerniewski '1523'
Lieutenant Commander
Ian Pittwood '1532'
Treasurer
Michael Shields '1543'
Recorder
Al Bialczak '1533'
Marshal
Nick Pashos '1517'

Alumni Chairman

Zac Hauser '1551'
zjhkd6@mst.edu

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER'S REPORT

This semester I was thrilled to be reelected as Gamma Xi's Lieutenant Commander. Since there is not Pursuit of Excellence paperwork to complete this semester, I am focusing on revising our by-laws, judicial, and transition systems.

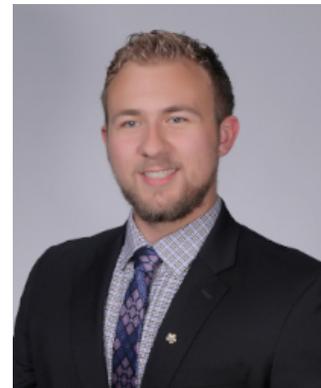
Early this semester we received back our chapter's Pursuit of Excellence results for the 2016-2017 academic year and I am proud to say that we have achieved above all of our National Fraternity standards for chapter performance. This year we received one acceptable rating, three good ratings, 5 very good ratings, and one excellent rating.

I implemented many of the changes that I envisioned for delegation, goal setting, and committee meetings last semester so this semester I moved into some new territory. Over the Summer I reviewed our chapter by-laws and made a list of amendments and revisions that I believed we should make based on changes in our chapter's needs over time. Over the course of the first half of the semester we have presented many of these changes to the chapter and enacted many of them. I have also created a new transition e-document for officers to log the various details of their duties over time. The idea behind these documents is for officers to update them once a semester with any notes about how their duties have changed or any projects they were working on during their time in their position. I piloted the e-document transition with the positions of scholarship and IT last semester and it seemed to work well in preventing the loss of information semester to semester. The last project I have planned for this semester is to create an official operating policy for the Judicial Board of Gamma Xi. Currently the rules of J-Board and our fine system are very loose or lost to time. By creating an operating policy for judicial proceedings, I feel that we can create a more streamlined process for hearings and fines to help keep each other accountable to our chapter's rules.

We have a lot of stuff going on besides our changes in our operations. Our brotherhood feels very tight knit this year and we currently have a candidate class of ten looking for entrance into our brotherhood. This coming weekend we will be having our annual brotherhood retreat at our brother Patrick McLain's family's Strut and Rut cabin in Illinois. Then in two weeks we will have our homecoming celebration with alumni at our chapter home. I am excited for these events and more in one of my last semesters as an active member of the chapter.

On behalf of our active chapter, thank you all for taking the time to read the GAB. If you have any question for me, my email is ihpyr4@mst.edu. I hope to see many of you at Missouri S&T's Homecoming festivities this year.

Ian Hunter Pittwood, ΓΞ 1532
Senior, Computer Engineering



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ALUMNI CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the sun sets on my tenure at the helm of the Gamma Xi Alumni Chapter (GXAC), I can't help but reflect on our accomplishments over the past 24+ months. For starters...we FORMED (or I should say RE-FORMED)! In early 2015, former Alumni Relations Chair Brother Jason Reed ΓΞ 1476 spearheaded an effort seeking enthusiastic alumni to re-form an Alumni Chapter for Gamma Xi. By Homecoming 2015, a group of alums had an established set of bylaws, finalized a slate of officers for the initial electoral ballot and received approval to renew the GXAC charter by the High Council of the Sigma Nu National Fraternity.

Since re-forming, the GXAC has taken strides to ensure that active members remain engaged with Gamma Xi beyond their college years. We developed a "Decade Director"-style governance structure that extends to multiple generations of Gamma Xi alums, to ensure that the GXAC board's outreach efforts included a diverse cross section of Brothers. With the steadfast leadership of Brother Jack "Tiny" Phillips ΓΞ 770, we actively participated with the planning and execution of RollaFest 2016, which included dozens of alumni and actives alike. Collegiate Candidates received an introduction to the GXAC through a personal welcome letter expressing our support for their efforts to become active members. Each semester, we sent congratulatory letters to recent graduates and encouraged them to stay connected with the Active Chapter during their professional working years. Finally, at the end of November 2016, I was presented with an opportunity to speak with the Fall 2016 Candidate Class. We had a fantastic open dialogue about what it means to be a Sigma Nu and how they can use their experiences as a candidate to make campus and chapter house life better for themselves and future Gamma Xi's. We discussed topics such as leadership, brotherhood, walkouts, personal responsibility, and even shared some "when I was a pledge," stories.

It was truly an honor and privilege to serve as your Gamma Xi Alumni Chapter Worthy Eminent Commander for these past 2 years. I want to thank the GXAC Board Members and Decade Directors for their hard work and dedication. I have every confidence that Brother Tyler Herrell ΓΞ 1464 will continue to lead the Gamma Xi Alumni Chapter by developing programs that continue fostering alumni involvement, engaging the active members and supporting the candidates' journey into the Legion of Honor.

Hi-rickety-whoopy-do, what's the matter with Sigma Nu?
Hallabaloo, Terrikahoo, Gamma Xi of Sigma Nu!

***** Save the date for the 3rd Edition of RollaFest, scheduled for August 4-7, 2016 in Rolla, MO. *****

Fraternally,
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Worthy Eminent Commander
Gamma Xi Alumni Chapter
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CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

AAVG (Advanced Aero Vehicle Group)

Nick Pashos, ΓΞ 1517
Austin Foutch, ΓΞ 1518

AEI (Architectural Engineering Institute)

Jake Danielson,
Candidate – Vice President
Jacob Palazzolo, ΓΞ 1494

AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics)

Austin Foutch, ΓΞ 1518

Air Force ROTC

Luke Allison

ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)

Brandon Queri, ΓΞ 1504
Jason Barth, ΓΞ 1508
Drew Lewis, ΓΞ 1521
Eli Hlinak, ΓΞ 1526

Baja SAE Design Team

Al Bialczak, ΓΞ 1533

Band

Chris Moore, ΓΞ 1500 –
Wind Symphony
Jacob Nall, ΓΞ 1502 -
Percussion

Blue Key Honor Society

Jason Reed, ΓΞ 1476 –
OGS Chairman

Greenburg Scholar

Chris Moore, ΓΞ 1500

Honor Academy

Chris Moore, ΓΞ 1500
Zeph Conrad, ΓΞ 1519

IEEE

Jason Reed, ΓΞ 1476 –
Fundraising
Ian Pittwood, ΓΞ 1532

IFC (Interfraternity Council)

Joe Dooley, ΓΞ 1525 –
Alumni Rep
Lucas Bayne, ΓΞ 1550 –
2nd Year Rep, VP Riskman
Jonathan Thomas, ΓΞ
1562 – 1st Year Rep

Jazz Band

Jake Danielson,
Candidate – Trombone

Kappa Kappa Psi

Jacob Nall, ΓΞ 1502 –
President
Jake Danielson, ΓΞ 1542

KMNR Radio

Joel Thorne, ΓΞ 1477 –
Roadshow Director

Lacrosse

Chris Moore, ΓΞ 1500 -
Treasurer
Rob Wymore, ΓΞ 1527

Marching Band

Jacob Nall, ΓΞ 1502 –
Section Leader

Orchestra

Joe Ponticello, ΓΞ 1524 -
Bass

Order of Omega

Al Bialczak, ΓΞ 1533
Jakeb Baldrige, ΓΞ 1539

OURE (Opportunities for Undergraduate Research Experiences)

Ian Pittwood, ΓΞ 1532

Pi Epsilon Tau

Jordan Quante, ΓΞ 1506

Sigma Alpha Pi

Jacob Palazzolo, ΓΞ 1494
Chris Moore, ΓΞ 1500

SPE (Society of Petroleum Engineers)

Jordan Quante, ΓΞ 1506
John Barron, ΓΞ 1507
Tommy Tabacchi, ΓΞ
1509

Student Council

Drew Lewis, ΓΞ 1521
Eli Hlinak, ΓΞ 1526

Student Diversity Program

Drew Lewis, ΓΞ 1521

TIES (Technical Innovators and Entrepreneurs Society)

Connor Wolk, ΓΞ 1487

Volleyball

John Barron, ΓΞ 1507

Water Polo Club

Joe Pace, ΓΞ 1487 –
President

Joe Dooley, ΓΞ 1525

Wrestling

Joe Ponticello, ΓΞ 1524

MARSHAL'S REPORT

With the start of the new school year brings a new round of freshmen eager to be Sigma Nu's. This semester we only had 14 open spots in house, and our Rush chair was able to fill them all. We had two legacies join this year: Andrew Thomas the son of $\Gamma\Xi$ 1010 Jon Thomas, and Rory Margherio the younger brother of $\Gamma\Xi$ 1462 Ethan Margherio. While we started at 14 pledges, they unfortunately did not stay there long. We had one leave due to family issues, one because he was uninterested in Fraternity life, and two got blackballed. This sadly means that we only have ten pledges this semester. They are a close group of guys, and many of them have great character. While they still have plenty of work left in pledge semester, I am confident each of them has what it takes to become a Sigma Nu.

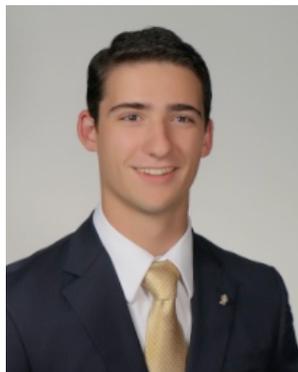
In addition to the regular duties of the Marshal, my assistant marshal and I have taken a special interest in developing the educational and professional skills of all our pledges this semester. The first week of school, the scholarship chairman and I had a LEAD session with the pledge class to prepare them for their first semester of college. We talked about how to form good study habits, time management, and organizational skills. We also gave them some sage advice that we'd been given and some that we've learned. Recently we held a career planning and resume writing workshop for the pledges so that they could prepare for their first career fair. Even though it is rare for a freshman to be able to secure an internship; it is important to start thinking about how to build a professional resume and give them the experience of talking to a recruiter.

I have received much help from both of my Assistant Marshals, $\Gamma\Xi$ 1526 Eli Hlinak and $\Gamma\Xi$ 1551 Zac Hauser, as well as our Scholarship Chairman, $\Gamma\Xi$ 1518 Austin Foutch, who have all helped me monitor the progress of the pledges. We all routinely check on them during study hours and have even had to wake a few up for class. By frequently checking in with them, we've been able to offer guidance, inform them of campus resources, and occasionally provide homework help. Taking a more active approach that is focused on education will help these young men succeed in their first semester and in the rest of their time as students. I am happy to say that we've seen great progress in all the pledges, and I am excited to help them complete their journey to initiation!

Fraternally,

Nick Pashos, $\Gamma\Xi$ 1517

Senior, Mechanical Engineering



ALUMNI CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

With being reelected as Alumni Chairman I looking forward to work with all of you to continue increasing our relationship. It is my goal to ensure that you know what is going on in the house, and for the chapter to hear what you have to say about how we are leading our house. To make goal possible my committee and I will be updating the Gamma Xi All Active, All Alumni spreadsheet; by the end of the semester I hope that most of you will be called, emailed or written to by someone in the house. Please respond with all of your updated information if you are contacted.

As most of you know Homecoming will be in two weeks from now during the weekend of October 28th. This year we will be having an Alumni social around noon, with a full Alice and BBQ.

Please email me back if you will be attending homecoming. I hope that most of you will be able to join us during Homecoming. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the House please contact me at zjhkd6@mst.edu or (847) 946 8341.

Zachary Joseph Hauser, ΓΞ 1551
Junior, Chemical Engineering



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CHAPLAIN

As Chaplain, I would like to congratulate our two new initiated members, ΓΞ 1573 Kyle Brandel and ΓΞ 1574 Joshua Nelson! We have had a rise in brotherhood in the past few semesters, in no small part thanks to our recent Chaplains. A great part of this rise has been our Brotherhood Retreats. Due to this, attended our second annual Brotherhood Retreat this past weekend, on my farm in Illinois with an attendance of around 90%. We did various brotherhood building including some gun shooting, Lead Sessions, cheering our brother ΓΞ 1573 Paul Neinhiser, and we did some service events.

With the Blues starting up their season we plan on having some brotherhood events up in St. Louis. Homecoming is just around the corner, a great time for the entire house to come together. I hope to see most of you when you come down to join us for a great fun filled homecoming.

If you have any questions or suggestions on ritual or brotherhood events, feel free to contact me at pdm356@mst.edu

Patrick McLain, ΓΞ1552

Junior, Petroleum Engineering



RECRUITMENT

As the end of the semester comes near we shift our focus to spring recruitment, and the upcoming PRO season. With a few empty spots in the house currently, we have the luxury of being able to build a small to medium sized candidate class for the spring 2018 semester. With upcoming recruitment events, and interest in Greek Life on the rise, we are confident we will be able to build a class of quality men who share our values and will contribute to the House.

With recruitment becoming much more competitive between fraternities, we are preparing for the next fall recruitment season as well. Updates are being made to our PRO Day recruitment information packets and recruitment board graphics, which will provide parents and potential new members with up to date information on the benefits of our Fraternity. Having the basic work done prior to the spring semester will help ensure that the next Recruitment Chair will be able to focus all of his energy on seeking out men who share the values of our brotherhood.

As always, we appreciate input from you in finding quality men who share the values of the Gamma Xi Chapter of Sigma Nu. If you know any young men who are attending or will be attending Missouri S&T, please contact me at btbgz8@mst.edu.

Benjamin Burris, ΓΞ1561

Sophomore, Chemical Engineering



SCHOLARSHIP

During the Fall of 2017, the scholarship committee will be dedicated to improving the scholarship program, pushing our members to continue to work hard with their academics, and follow up Sigma Nu's outstanding performance during the Spring of 2017 with an even better overall GPA. Last semester, Sigma Nu scored an incredible overall semester GPA of 3.167! This score was better than the All Greek, All Fraternity, and All Male scores at Missouri S&T. We have set a very ambitious goal of improving the overall GPA to a 3.2 for the Fall of 2017. The scholarship committee plans on achieving this goal by advertising the Learning Enhancement Across Disciplines (LEAD) program and the Student Success Center located in Toomey Hall, revamping our online file system, organizing the files in our Library, and much more! Please wish us the best of luck as we continue pursuing our passions at this very difficult university!

Austin Foutch, ΓΞ1518
Senior, Aerospace Engineering

