



THE MISSOURI ALPHA BURNAM BOYS BRIEFING

Official Newsletter of the Missouri Alpha Chapter
of Phi Delta Theta at the University of Missouri–Columbia



Merry Christmas House Mom Pam Brook

I WOULD LIKE TO START by wishing you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous healthy new year. This has been a very hectic and busy semester. You are truly all amazing to me for all that you managed to accomplish. I take such great pride in all of you. There is nothing more I could wish for all of you but success in your chosen course of study.

Christmas is said to be a time for sharing and joy and a season for love. To

make good on that notion I would like to share my love and sincerity. I have been truly blessed to have you guys at my side. I love your laughter, your zest for life, the joy you find in the smallest of things. The camaraderie in your brotherhood and most of all your integrity. Once again I would like to wish you merry Christmas and all the best in the new year.

Smiles and sunshine always,
Mom Pam



MOLDING THE NEXT GROUP OF YOUNG MEN: 32 Phikeia Hope to Become the Greatest Versions of Themselves

THE THREE TO FOUR WEEKS

that I held this position were more than I could have ever asked for. I'm more than confident that after guidance from three extremely different leaders in Stein, Maher, and myself that these kids are ready to be Phis. Sure, they grew from day 1 to the final day. But even from the start of their last week to the end, what I see in this group is pure, complete brotherhood.

There's that part in the Phikeia Oath that gets me every time: "...to transmit the fraternity to those who follow after,

not only not less, but GREATER than it was transmitted to me." Well, that's exactly what we've done. These young men are the future, and they're only going to keep making this fraternity greater. Let's learn from them just as much as they're learning from us.

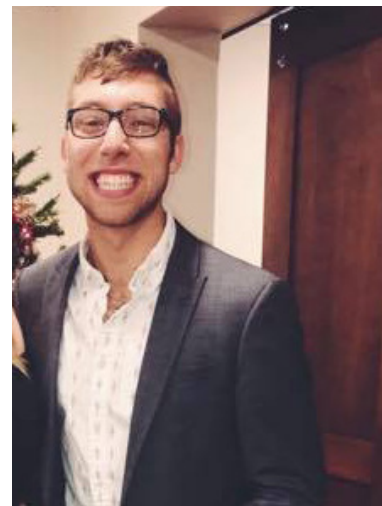
Yours in the Bond,

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OUR 32 PHIKEIA:

Adam Kerwood, Andrew Gammon, Andy Pogue, August Windau, Ben Frailey, Peyton Myrick, Blake Horner, Blake Wigen, Brendan Maloney, Bryan Prichard, Caleb Biggs, Chandler Benkendorf, Chase Heim, Clifton Wilkerson, Paul Atkins, Galen Bacharier, Andre Lising, Jackson Holiman, Jack Vuagniaux, Hunter Pendleton, Jacob Detering, Kaivon Tajkarimi, Kenan Elzoobi, Luke Bauer, Matt Rockey, Nick Yost, Jack Hulse, Riley Girardier, Sean Riggs, Doug Reynolds, Will Beerly, Will Morris

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

A Successful Semester of Growth and Sound Learning

LOOKING BACK on this semester as this year draws to an end, I can say one thing for certain: This has and always will be a learning experience. As college students, our top priority will always be sound learning, and for this reason I am proud to announce that our chances for repeating our standing as the top fraternity in GPA is seeming extremely likely. To all parents, I ask that you congratulate your sons on not only the incredibly hard work they have put into this semester, but also for their great contributions to Mizzou as a whole.

I have never met a better group of men, and I could not be happier to call them my brothers. To break down some statistics, in this past semester alone, we

have placed in top 5 for Homecoming on our first attempt, been awarded the IFC award for excellence in academics, conducted countless successful community service projects, and we are now nearing initiation for our pledge class of 32 new members.

I encourage all members to take a moment to relax, recuperate and prepare for another successful semester. To all of our alumni, parents, and anyone else who has been cheering us on from the sidelines: I thank you from the bottom of my heart and encourage you to expect great things from this group of men.

Yours in the Bond,
Maxwell Keeter, Chapter President



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A SEMESTER OF HIGHLIGHTS:

Our First Homecoming, Top House and More in Fall '17

This semester, MO Alpha Phis worked hard to embody the three cardinal principles of Phi Delta Theta. In their pursuit of Sound Learning, Moral Rectitude and Friendship, they achieved some notable marks:

- Top 5 in our first Homecoming
- Interfraternity Council award for Excellence in Academics
- Hosted our inaugural Burnam Bash — our main philanthropy event for the ALS Association
- Recruited more than 30 young men, 32 of whom hope to become initiated early in the spring semester
- Volunteered at multiple community service events, such as Adopt-A-Highway cleanups, local ALS 5k Walk and the local VA Hospital
- “Adopted” a miracle child for the annual MizzouThon, a dance marathon in April that supports local children
- Held our first Executive Board elections
- Welcomed and hosted Phis’ fathers for our first Dads Weekend in September
- Provided countless house tours to alumni who haven’t yet seen the newly-renovated Burnam Road residence
- Signed up for the It’s On Us Mizzou pledge for campus sexual assault awareness



LETTER FROM THE HOUSE MANAGER:

11 New In-House Members and a New House Manager

AS THE SEMESTER comes to an end, my job as House Manager turns to a new list of duties that will not only set the house up for success but also our current and new incoming members! As House Manager, my duties and responsibilities are sometimes endless as there's something new to do everyday. If it's ordering cleaning supplies for the house, assigning weekly cleaning duties, or the most important job — ensuring the house doesn't burn down, I keep my hands full.

Over the past year, I have seen what it's like to manage the property without a House Director (Mom), coordinated and ensured 60 members signed up and paid to live in our beautiful house,

and dealt with a plethora of property improvements. Over this next semester, while I transition into the new role of Secretary, I will be training a new member into the House Manager role. With full confidence and the promise to transcribe the fraternity better than it was transcribed to me, the next House Manager will bring greatness to our second semester of the '17-'18 school year as we welcome in 11 new in-house members who are part of the 32-person Phikeia class.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns!

Yours in the Bond,
Chandler Fry, House Manager



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62 Phis and Phikeias will live in the MO Alpha house, located at 101 E. Burnam Road, for the spring '18 semester. That is nearly a full house — full capacity is 67. They'll enjoy perks of the newly-renovated home, such as the courtyard, complete with a freshly-painted basketball court and a stone fireplace.

LETTER FROM THE PARENTS CLUB COORDINATOR: Looking Forward to Moms Weekend and Sustained Relations

TO ALL MO ALPHA PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS,

I would personally like to thank all of you for your support of our chapter. From my perspective, when I started this role last year I didn't think that there would be much support from parents or that this role would have much success. For chapters all around the country this role doesn't exist because of the lack of support from Parents Club, but I am happy to say that the support for our chapter is strong and growing with every new member. Over the past semester the Parents Club grew and so did this role. Because of this newfound support, throughout winter break I am creating goals and plans for my role as well as a pathway for success for the club. For all supporters, know that your support — whether big or small — is cherished and appreciated throughout MO Alpha.

Over the past semester the Brothers of MO Alpha have hosted our first Dads Weekend with a huge turnout for that event. I would like to thank all of the parents that came to Columbia for that weekend; I learned a lot from that and

have had a lot of input on how to make that weekend better for next year! Next semester we are planning another Moms Weekend for early March. This year should hopefully be rain-free, and the itinerary will be finalized in the first weeks of the spring semester. That would wrap up the remainder of parent-related events for the semester. My goal going forward is to have more than one event with parent involvement per semester.

Aside from all the support we get through the Parents Club, I would like to personally thank the Parents Club President Jana Silvio for all of her work with the organization and myself. She is a vital part of connecting the house with the parents and the overall success of the club. An actual mother of a member, she is making sure that Moms Weekend will genuinely be fun and enjoyable and is helping with the planning of events so it is better than last Spring.

My role within the chapter is to be a connection link between the chapter and parents, therefore I am always available for questions, comments, and concerns from parents and supporters. I welcome



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all feedback from parents and encourage parent involvement within the club. Just as I am planning for the next semesters and years, I am also looking forward to the future of the Parents Club and am always looking for ideas for better parent involvement within the chapter.

Happy Holidays,
Cole Kelley, Parents Club Coordinator

LETTER FROM THE NEW ALUMNI SECRETARY: Connecting You to Current Members, Future Plans and More

TO ALL ALUMNI,

My name is Drew Pilewski, and I am your new alumni secretary for the upcoming year. I am a junior journalism student from a western suburb of Chicago called Riverside. I signed Phi Delt last September, and I was initiated with the re-founding class this past April.

I was part of the team that ensured we could make Founders Day happen last spring, and I hope to continue this tradition. I am really excited to get some alumni events planned for the Spring semester. I want to make sure we choose events and programs that would be a

good time for both alumni and current members of Missouri Alpha. However, I can't do this on my own. Despite the fact we may be separated by distance, I would love any and all suggestions you have for events we could organize to either build better alumni-student relations, or just have some fun.

Please feel free to reach out to me at ajpilewski@gmail.com. Thank you, and I hope to be in contact again soon.

Yours in the bond,
Drew Pilewski, Alumni Secretary



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ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE MU COMMUNITY: Missouri Alpha Phi's are Involved on Campus and in Columbia

Missouri Alpha is involved in a number of campus organizations, such as:

- Summer Welcome
- Camp Kesem
- Mizzou Alternative Breaks
- Missouri Students Association
- MizzouThon
- Rocking Against Multiple Sclerosis
- Alumni Association Student Board
- Camp Trulaske
- Trulaske College of Business Ambassadors
- Chancellor's Leadership Class
- Mizzou Student Foundation
- It's On Us Mizzou
- Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy



PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS: MO Alpha Historian Documents A Classy Group of Phis



NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD:

A Few New Faces Will Join the Executive Board Going Forward

President

Max Keeter



Keeter will retain his role as the chapter's main leader. He's done a phenomenal job thus far of organizing a whole new group of young men and leading them based on the three Cardinal Principles.

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Recruitment

Chase O'Neal

Regan O'Connor

O'Neal, who assisted new students in making their transition to Mizzou as a Summer Welcome Leader, will be joined by O'Connor in recruiting potential new members.

O'Neal

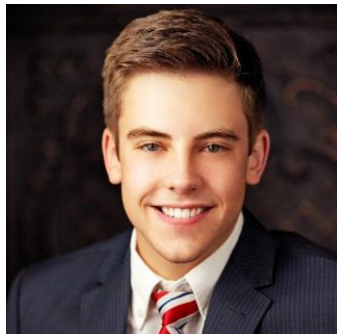
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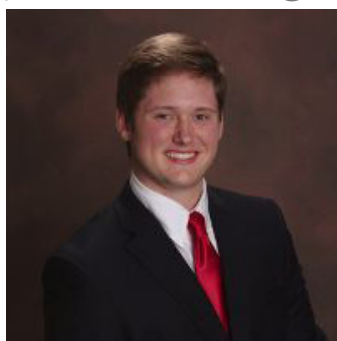


Davis, who served as MO Alpha's treasurer the past year, will make a smooth transition. He hopes to make the position more effective in coordinating officers and holding them accountable.

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Risk Manager

Justin Yarbrough



Yarbrough looks forward to handling any risk that may come MO Alpha's way. He hopes to educate all members and Phikeia on the fraternity's rules and procedures in order to take precautionary steps.

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Warden

Chris Rehagen



Rehagen served as MO Alpha's chaplain for the past year. Going forward, he will ensure actives adhere to Phi Delt's values and principles. He has selected members for the spring Judicial Board.

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Secretary

Chandler Fry



Fry has led the charge in ensuring the Missouri Alpha house is full of Phi Delts, doesn't burn down and kept in pristine condition at all times. He'll surely carry over his skills into his new role.

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Treasurer

Thomas Garlick

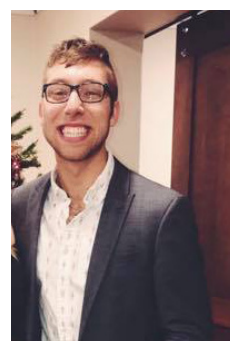


Garlick served as MO Alpha's fines officer for the past year. Going forward, he'll work with Marbury & Eagle, CAB and Housing Corp. to ensure the fraternity's financials are handled properly.

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Phikeia Educator

Chase Mueller



Mueller, who hopes to one day be a teacher, is gaining valuable experience as an educator as he leads the Alpha class and future classes of Missouri Alpha. He has big hopes for the Phikeia!

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