



The DUCK CALL

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Chapter Recognized as Sweepstakes Finalist Record-Setting Pledge Class Fuels Growth Despite COVID-19 Challenges

When our last newsletter was released last spring, the University of Missouri had just suspended operations and requested all students to return home. The future was uncertain, and the financial implications were daunting. The battle against COVID-19 is still day to day, but so far we are weathering the storm. Much of the spring and summer was spent planning for what seemed to be endless possibilities.

In August, we rolled out our COVID-19 plan. It aligns with the university's Show Me Renewal Plan that relies heavily on member expectations for personal hygiene, social distancing, wearing masks, and daily symptom reporting. As a result, things look very different these days. Move-in was staggered over several days to limit crowding, formal recruitment was 100% virtual, and several rooms were set aside to serve as quarantine space. Visitation is extremely limited, even for out-of-house members and parents. Additionally, our dining and cleaning protocols were revised and enhanced and chapter meetings are almost totally online. Along with the procedural changes, we also made investments in a number of critical items. A significant upgrade was made to the Wi-Fi for better online access. We also invested in hand sanitizing stations, Plexiglas shields in the dining area, and enhanced cleaning capabilities.

Despite these challenges, we began the fall semester with 134 members, up 43 from last fall's total of 91. A combination of in-person and virtual recruitment events were held during the summer and netted 26 new associate members. We then added another 26 members during formal recruitment for a total of 52. It was a very different experience, but our recruitment team handled it well. We gained quality young men with GPA and ACT scores in excess of the university averages of 3.5 and 26, respectively. Importantly, only two freshmen will live in the chapter house this fall in comparison to 21 last year. That sets us up nicely for future years as we will not be reliant on freshmen to fill the house.

Delta Upsilon International Fraternity held its annual leadership conference in a virtual format on September 20. The chapter received multiple awards, including recognition as a Sweepstakes Finalist as one of the top seven overall DU chapters in North America. For a complete list of awards, see page 2.

This year will surely be one of ups and downs as all of society deals with this pandemic. Rest assured, we have a plan that we will follow every day. With your continued support, we will build a solid foundation for the future of Delta Upsilon at Mizzou.

Faternally,
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LOOKING AT THE POSITIVES MISSOURI CHAPTER WELCOMES 6 NEW INITIATES & 52 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, CREATES CHAPTER LINKEDIN ACCOUNT

As football returns, let us reflect upon the joys that fall brings. Whether it is game days, Homecoming, or the fall foliage, this is an exciting season. As students, we look forward to the opportunity to catch up with Fraternity brothers and reflect upon our summer memories. While this semester will be much different than those of old, I wanted to let you know how the chapter is adapting to the new world we find ourselves in.

Recruitment, social events, the associate member process, and most activities have been altered. Despite this, I am proud of the changes the chapter has implemented. Our recruitment team, with assistance from Delta Upsilon International, held numerous Zoom calls over the summer and successfully navigated a virtual formal recruitment. Formal recruitment, an emerging option for incoming freshmen, brought in over 400 participants. Our recruitment team was able to sign an impressive class of 52 new associate members. While this achievement is incredible, it has challenged our member educator, **Quinn Lowery '22**, to create an adaptive plan for their associate member program.

We incorporated Zoom calls, created small teams within the new member class, and implemented other strategies to follow Mizzou's guidelines. We strive to create the best experience for our members because, as we all know, the Fraternity experience is unmatched. Each day is another day to build a stronger brotherhood. We look forward to creating memories in a new way this semester.

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LOOKING AT THE POSITIVES

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As I end my term, I wanted to briefly discuss my future plans. It has been a great past two years on the chapter’s executive board, but I’m excited to go abroad next spring and study in Manchester, England. As I leave my position, it will be exciting to see how the chapter develops with your support. Missouri Chapter has great potential to become the best Greek organization on campus and the best DU chapter in the nation. To involve more alumni, we have created a Missouri Chapter LinkedIn account, as detailed later in this newsletter. I hope all of you can join to foster an even better brotherhood for our undergraduate brothers. Thank you for all your support, and I look forward to connecting with you in the coming months and years.

Fraternally,
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ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATS



New Associates: 52
 St. Louis Area: 30
 Kansas City/St. Joseph Area: 11
 Missouri (Other): 3
 Chicago Area: 2
 Out of State: 6
 Freshmen: 50
 Sophomores: 2
 Legacies: 3
 ACT Score of 30 or Higher: 6
 Average High School GPA: 3.64
 Average ACT Score: 26

MISSOURI CHAPTER AWARDS



- Sweepstakes Finalist (A “Top Seven” Overall Chapter)
- Recruitment Award (Second highest number of new associate members)
- One of five chapters receiving recognition for “Character” programming
- One of five chapters receiving recognition for “Friendship” programming
- One of five chapters receiving recognition for “Operational” programming
- **Patrick Finnane '22** was elected to the Undergraduate Advisory Board (UGAB) representing province four
- **Jack Bell '22** received a McQuaid Scholarship.



Welcome, New Members

Brian Ahr Fenton, Mo. Rockwood Summit	Connor Evans St. Louis, Mo. Lindbergh	Jack Klassen Lee's Summit, Mo. Blue Springs South	Brennan Rushing Wentzville, Mo. Timberland
Matt Austell Lee's Summit, Mo. Lee's Summit West	Dillon Flynn St. Louis, Mo. Clayton	Josh Krneta Shiloh, Ill. O'Fallon Township	Tony Sirna Kansas City, Mo. Rockhurst
Trey Backues Lee's Summit, Mo. Lee's Summit West	Joey Galloway St. Louis, Mo. Vianney	Will Mason St. Louis, Mo. Westminster Christian Academy	Stayton Smith Kansas City, Mo. Rockhurst
Chris Bathon High Ridge, Mo. Rockwood Summit	Connor Gast* Cabot, Ark. Cabot (Cousin Cody Gast, Oklahoma '23)	T.J. McNulty St. Louis, Mo. Vianney	Drew Stone Springfield, Mo. Kickapoo
Jacob Bednar Kansas City, Mo. Rockhurst	Matthew Geijer Frankfort, Ill. Lincoln-Way East	Cole Mezrah Tampa, Fla. Community School of Naples	Dylan Stover St. Peters, Mo. Francis Howell Central
Jack Branding St. Louis, Mo. Lindbergh	Stevie Gerecke Dardenne Prairie, Mo. Fort Zumwalt West	A.J. Mitra Leawood, Kan. Rockhurst	Nate Sudholt High Ridge, Mo. Vianney/Missouri Baptist
Jack Breheny St. Louis, Mo. Vianney	Cam Gosselin Barre, Vt. Spaulding	Max Mock Webster Groves, Mo. CBC	Will Swetnam* Kansas City, Mo. Liberty (Cousin William Brooks Crawford, Kansas State '19)
John Bresmer St. Louis, Mo. St. Louis University High School	Jake Greer St. Louis, Mo. Webster Groves	Evan Naemura Cary, N.C. Highlands Ranch	Austin Tinsley Poplar Bluff, Mo. Poplar Bluff
Jason Brittingham Poplar Bluff, Mo. Poplar Bluff	John Gregory St. Joseph, Mo. St. Joseph Christian	Dylan Nguyen St. Louis, Mo. Vianney	Austin Waldhoff Effingham, Ill. Effingham
Zach Caylor Easton, Mo. East Buchanan	Bryce Guttman Lake St. Louis, Mo. CBC	Teddy O'Neill Kansas City, Mo. Rockhurst	Nick Weppner Kirkwood, Mo. Vianney
Jacob Craig St. Louis, Mo. Vianney	Gabe Holley Bentonville, Ark. Bentonville	Eric Peasel St. Peters, Mo. Francis Howell Central	Jackson Winkler O'Fallon, Ill. O'Fallon Township
Evan Delapaz Wheaton, Ill. Glenbard West	Andrew Hylton* Maryville, Ill. Collinsville (Father Ralph Hylton '93, Uncle Wade Hylton '88, and brother Isaac Hylton '23)	Britton Robertson O'Fallon, Mo. Fort Zumwalt West	Christian Wright St. Louis, Mo. DeSmet Jesuit
Dominik Dutton Cottleville, Mo. Francis Howell Central	Griffin John St. Louis, Mo. Vianney	Noah Roleke St. Louis, Mo. DeSmet Jesuit	
Jacob Estrel Lake St. Louis, Mo. Timberland			<i>* Legacy; relative in parentheses</i>

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO OFFICIALLY CLOSE DECEMBER 31

As we have shared throughout 2020, we are preparing to close the books on our previous capital campaign at the end of this year. The last of the forecasted pledge payments are scheduled for December, so we are asking that any past due pledge payments be brought current by that same time. We will use the total dollars received from each donor to prepare the permanent plaque and room naming rights (those who have committed and paid \$2,500 or more will be recognized in the appropriate society level).

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Thank you to all who have fulfilled your pledges and to those prepared to honor their remaining balance with a final payment. Please watch your mailboxes for a last-call letter. This will be a mailing to all alumni to confirm their capital campaign commitment, payment status, and donor plaque listing. Any final contributions and responses to that letter will be needed by December 31. From there we will finalize the donor plaque recognizing our qualifying contributors—which will hopefully include you!

Pledge Payment Status

As of September 16, 2020

Total Committed
\$3,044,979

Payments Received
\$2,764,263 (91%)

Remaining to Collect
\$280,716



You're Invited!

Join Missouri Chapter's LinkedIn Group Today

More than 100 years of brothers have gone through Missouri Chapter's doors. The active chapter has made it a goal to network with alumni who came before them. Many undergraduate brothers are seeking full-time jobs or internships in the near future and could use your help. Our brotherhood will only become stronger if we take this effort to connect with one another.

To join the group, simply follow this link: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12460408>



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ATTENTION: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Missouri, this newsletter is intended for you. He will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send his permanent address to alehr@penningtonco.com. Thank you.

Alumni News

Graham T. Helmendach '59 entered Chapter Eternal on May 23. Graham was born in Jefferson City, Mo., and attended Jefferson City High School where he met his future wife, Carol Jane Woodson. They were married for 60 years. In addition to Delta Upsilon, Graham was a member of the ROTC and University debate team. After graduation he served in the US Army as an artillery officer, rising to the rank of captain. Following his service, he took his work, family, and civic duties very seriously. He was a man of faith and served the local churches he attended using his vast business background.

John Twitty '75 was chosen as the new general manager and CEO of the Missouri Public Utility Alliance. His appointment was effective on August 1. John was formerly head of Springfield's City Utilities. Email: johnrtwitty@gmail.com

Mike Wilcox '92 was elected as mayor of Glendale, Mo., in April 2019. He is also the owner of St. Louis Caster + Equipment, which distributes material handling equipment. Email: mike@stlouiscaster.com.

The pledge class of 1988 gathers for a Labor Day get-together.

