

# ALPHA KAPPA PSI

## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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### ALUMNI WELCOME NOTE

Happy Fall Alumni! I am very excited to get in touch with and meet many of you throughout this semester. As of this week, our alumni database for the Upsilon Chapter sits at just under 3000 members. Some further updates regarding the chapter include: we are still currently the largest Alpha Kappa Psi chapter in the world; we gained our world title several semesters ago as Alpha Kappa Psi was launched in some European Countries. The roster stands at over 250 members with 17 executive board members, many of those holding committees under their positions, along with several other committees within the chapter. Our investment committee meets weekly to maintain our stock portfolio of more than \$11,000 which is the largest stock portfolio of any chapter in the world, as well. Our Homecoming Committee is also in full gear this semester gearing up for homecoming; our chapter participates actively in the homecoming festivities and competitions on campus in the "organization" category with activities including: skit,

parade, 5K Run, Blood Drive, Decorate the District and many others.

We have some great things planned for the upcoming semesters with regards to our Alumni, and events we hope you will be equally excited to participate in. This semester one of our largest Alumni events will take place in Kansas City. Plans are currently being developed for an inter-chapter alumni tailgate with the kU Chapter at the long awaited MU/ kU Football Game. The game will be taking place in Kansas City at Arrowhead Stadium this year and will of course be one of the biggest games of the year. At this time I do not have any concrete plans for the event, however, if you are interested in attending the game, and possibly the Alumni Tailgate please contact the Mizzou Football box office to purchase tickets at 1-800-CAT-PAWS. I am working with the Regional Director, Derek Hunter, the Kansas City Alumni Chapter, and members of the kU Executive Board to organize the event and hope to report plans as soon as possible.

We are also in the process of possibly planning a spring Alumni Golf Tournament and Banquet. This would be a great opportunity for Alumni to come back to Columbia for a day of golfing and brotherhood would end with an evening banquet celebrating our chapter. I would appreciate feedback as to whether any of you would be interested and willing to participate in this type of event.

Again, I look forward to getting to know all of you in the upcoming semester. I am also open to any other suggestions for event you would like to see during the upcoming semesters. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions at

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Go Mizzou! Alyson Thompson



# Fundraising

As V.P. of Fundraising for the fall semester, I have set a goal of raising \$8,000 for the fraternity. We hope to achieve this goal through working home football and basketball games, and other events on campus such as concerts at Mizzou Arena. Also, I hope to develop a type of "Fundraising Mentorship" program in which people that are interested in taking over the position in the future,

would have an opportunity to be in charge of an event and get a more hands-on feel of everything going on around them. Not to forget, I also look forward to working together with the V.P. of Alumni Relations, Alyson Thompson, in planning a Alumni Reconnect golf tournament for next semester.

Cory Kooman ~ VP of Fundraising

# Membership

The semester began with our customary Rush Booth during the first week of school, there; we collected more than 100 applications for membership. Initial cuts were made based on basic requirements and pledge interviews have already been conducted. The rush class stands, as of right now, at 65 rushees as of this week's Rush Smoker. The Smoker was a huge success this semester as we had all of our faculty advisors in attendance to lend advice to the incoming pledges. We also had the pleasure of hearing from Nathaniel Laroche, former president and Alumni of the chapter; Nathaniel and his wife Stephanie, who is

also alumni of the chapter, drove in from St. Louis to offer a motivating message to the entire chapter!

We are ecstatic to continue through the pledge semester looking for the best possible candidates for our organization. Plans for the semester include: Pledge BBQ, Venture Out (experiential education), a day trip to a Corn Maze, Pledge Rec Sports Teams, and of course a semester full of Service and Professional Development Seminars. We look forward to developing lasting relationships and partnerships with the pledges throughout the coming semesters-the future of the fraternity is a bright one!  
Kate Tuggle & Carl Specking  
VP of Membership

# {State of the Chapter}

It's hard to believe that the semester is only in its third week! Our chapter got off to a great start and already it feels like we've been at it for months. I can see such excitement within the chapter and the Executive Board for the direction that we're heading and what we'll accomplish in the upcoming months.

Personally, I've made it my goal to be an open, available, and responsive President. We received great feedback from last semester's members about what does and does not work and I hope to create an environment that encourages that feedback to continue. I want brothers to see their suggestions go into effect and know that their comments are not unheard. I've already implemented some minor changes to the way we handle attendance and announcements to make meetings run more efficiently. We've also brought a "suggestion box" into the meetings to further

facilitate communication between the chapter and the Executive Board.

As far as other improvements, I'm working closely with Executive Vice President of External Relations Brian O'Connell to explore the possibility of moving to a year-long Executive Board. We'll be holding a focus group later this semester to figure out the benefits, challenges, and specifics. I am also going to try to establish an endowment with the Heritage Center, which will provide us with a small revenue stream that we can turn into a scholarship or put toward another charitable cause.

A real spirit of involvement is surging through the chapter this semester. Our brothers are energized and ready to make a lasting difference in the future of this chapter. I envy those who are just starting the pledge process; there couldn't be a better time than now to join Alpha Kappa Psi!

Andrew Richardson ~ President

# [Professional Development]

This semester, I want to give professional development a bit of a facelift. Instead of the typical night of having someone speak to us for thirty minutes and then give us the chance to ask questions, I want to have the night be an interactive experience from which we can truly learn something. One way this is happening is by utilizing General Mill's "Ultimate Job Search Organizer." These spiral bound booklets will be handed out to members a week before Ken Bertha, our speaker from General Mills, comes to speak to us. Members will have a chance to look over the materials and be ready to hear and interact with what Mr. Bertha has to say. We will also be bringing in speakers from Macy's, who have been a favorite in the

past. Something I am currently working on is a workshop night, which will be a night for members to have options of different professional development workshops to attend: how to properly dress for interviews and other business situations, writing a resume and cover letter, and proper dining etiquette, among others. I would also love to bring some alumni back to speak to the chapter, and I think it would be great to have alumni be a part of the workshops. Even if alumni would like to come for a different night to speak to us, I would love to hear from them. If any alumni are interested, please feel free to contact me at [alphakappapsi.profdev@gmail.com](mailto:alphakappapsi.profdev@gmail.com).

Erica Proehl ~ VP of Professional Development