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SIGMA PI

ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER

Brothers,

With the holiday season upon us it's a perfect time to reflect on all our brotherhood is thankful for. First and foremost, thanks to the coordinated efforts of our alumni, our marketing company, and the chapter, we welcomed in a strong new member class for this Fall. Furthermore, AIEF rolled out their scholarship program and awarded their first round of scholarships last Spring. Lastly, we added even more volunteer directors to the AIBA and AIEF boards.

In October we enjoyed a fantastic Homecoming celebration, welcoming more than 50 of our brothers back to Missouri S & T and the new house that we are all proud to call home. Alumni enjoyed reminiscing over scrapbooks, playing yard games with each other and dining together while we raised money to endow scholarships. It was fun to see the many generations of Sigma Pi's pose for class pictures and toast from their alumni mugs.

I can't recall a time where I've seen more dedicated alumni involvement with Alpha Iota. The success of the undergrads, AIBA and AIEF are all connected and with the current coordination efforts I believe we are seeing the best of what these organizations represent.

We all have a lot to be thankful for and I believe I speak for many of our brothers, calling Sigma Pi my home 25 years ago was instrumental in preparing me for life. It means a lot to our alumni to return home over Homecoming and celebrate with others a lifetime of brotherhood.

Sincerely,

Kurt W. Steinmann AI 820, AIBA President

6 things to consider

From the Alumni Director
Jeffrey W. Mockaitis AI 817

- 1 Homecoming 2021 was a great time. Over 50 alumni participated in activities and we had a great time. Thank you to the undergraduates for being such wonderful hosts. 2022 Homecoming will be bigger and better.
- 2 Please go to www.sigmapi-mst.org and look at the newly designed website. It is beautiful and has a section specifically for alumni.
- 3 While at the www.sigmapi-mst.org website, on the Alumni dropdown menu navigate to "Update Alumni Contact Information." Send in your full contact information so that we can make sure our information is complete. Remember, if you aren't getting emails from the Alpha Iota Chapter, it is because we don't have your email address.
- 4 Once you've updated your contact information, click on the "Donate To Sigma Pi" button at the top of the page. You can quickly follow the links to online giving portals for both the:
 - a. Alpha Iota Building Association (donations cover housing costs and are not tax deductible)
 - b. Alpha Iota Educational Foundations (donations contribute to scholarships for undergraduates and are tax deductible)
- 5 Sigma Pi Fraternity turns 125 years old on February 26, 2022. Make plans to attend the Sigma Pi Convocation in August 17-20, 2022 in San Antonio, TX to celebrate the 125th anniversary.
- 6 I Believe in Sigma Pi ...

AIEF Thankful for a Successful 2021

The Alpha Iota Educational Foundation had a productive year, and here are the highlights:

- Awarded nearly \$19,000 in grants to high achieving undergraduate brothers
- Granted \$24,000 to the Undergraduate Chapter to defray the cost of operations related to scholarship activities in the house
- Created and awarded the Rich and Ruth Swanson Memorial Scholarship to incoming freshman (\$5,000)
- Created and awarded three Dr. Richard Miller Scholarships to incoming freshmen (\$4,500)
- Worked with the Vidal family to award the Andrew Vidal Memorial Scholarship (\$3,000)
- Donated white boards and a new printer to the house (\$5,000)
- Received \$400,000 from the Rich and Ruth Swanson trust
- Received notice of a \$20,000 gift from the Frank Woodbury estate
- Received pledges of \$30,000+ for the Dr. Richard Miller Scholarships
- Held Spring and Fall Scholarship dinners with the Chapter to highlight the importance of scholarship
- Received notice from several alumni that AIEF is now part of their formal estate planning

AIEF was part of a great Homecoming 2021 weekend. We plan to make a new tradition of holding Scholarship dinner the Friday night of Homecoming. We thank John Berger for his speech in tribute to his wife Sue at the AIBA meeting. John talked about the love and special times that he and Sue shared while they were dating at the house. John asked all in attendance to remember the true meaning of Chivalry. Beyond purely treating women with respect, he reminded us that Chivalry is simply putting others ahead of yourself. I believe this is a message

that should be amplified both within and outside of the fraternity, and it is an idea that AIEF will be emphasizing in future scholarship events.

Thanks to all who have contributed to AIEF. Currently, we are trying to raise another \$40,000 to endow the Dr. Miller Scholarship. Donations to AIEF are tax deductible and can be made easily by going to the www.sigmapi-mst.org website and clicking on the "Donate to Sigma Pi" button at the top of the page. We are also giving away Alpha Iota Sigma Pi hats to encourage donations. Remember: your contributions to AIEF are tax deductible and are used for scholarship and educational activities.

AIEF would also ask that you begin to consider your own estate plans and charitable giving, and ways that you may be able to put the AIEF into those plans. The impact of estate donations can have a tremendous impact on the lives of many within the undergraduate community at Missouri S&T and can help support and sustain Alpha-Iota for future generations of Sigma Pi men.

We request your patience as we transition from the Capital Campaign. Note that you may continue to receive donation reminders based on pledges to the Capital Campaign. New pledges for AIEF will be handled separately by Troy Ganson and Truman Heartland. We will do our best to send timely reminders of pledges, but please be patient during this transition.

Please contact Mike Munsell (314-807-1516) or Troy Ganson (816-876-4943) if you have any questions or would like more information about AIEF's programs, donations and volunteer opportunities. Current AIEF officers and advisors: Mike King, Jeff Ostermann, PJ Weber, Bernie Ebert, Larry Cook, Troy Ganson as financial advisor, Jeff Mockaitis as alumni communications director and Bob Niehaus as chief fundraiser.

“There is never a dull moment in the house, always someone to talk to or someone to go out and do something with. - **Logan Mattson**

Alumni News

Bob Niehaus (1968) & **Larry Cook** (1994) - joined the Alpha Iota Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

Troy Ganson (2004) is now Financial Advisor to the AIEF Board.

Mike Little (2014) has joined the Alpha Iota Building Association. Mike and his wife Jaime gave birth to their son, Waylon Robert, on September 15, 2021

Peter Doran (2020) has begun volunteering for the chapter to assist the undergraduates with networking and employment opportunities within the alumni brotherhood.

Wayne Laufer (1967) was recognized by Missouri S&T as a 2021 Alumni of Influence

Jeremy (2010) and Abby Morris relocated from Kansas City to the St. Louis area.

Justin Hart (2023) was awarded the "J. Stahl Endowed Sigma Pi Endowed Alumni Scholarship", begun by

Joe Stahl (1969) to reward and recognize Sigma Pi undergraduates in Computer Science



Watch our latest Alumni video at
<https://vimeo.com/sigmapi/alumni>

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



Pictured from left to right:

Joe Simon, Lake St. Louis, MO - '25
Elliot Weiler, Lake St. Louis, MO - '25
Brendan Leuthauser, St. Charles, MO - '25
Wyatt Barnett, Valley Falls, KS - '25
Logan Mattson, Germantown, IL - '25
Louis Obermark, Labadie, MO - '24
Aidan Weaver, Kansas City, MO - '25
Douglas Moloney, Barnhart, MO - '25

John Paul King, Belleville, IL - '25
Jack Lackman (Legacy), Washington, MO - '25
Brining Mulkey, Cuba, MO - '25
William Gleeson, Washington, MO - '25
Drake Bentley, Oakville, MO - '25
Vincent Milford, Arnold, MO - '25
Luke Bartlome, Arnold, MO - '25
Jayce Billington, Arnold, MO - '25
Jarrett Ely, Houston, MO - '25

Chapter Officers

Jacob Brownfield - Sage
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Sam Ross - Second Counselor
Alexander Martin - Third Counselor
Tyler Willis - Fourth Counselor

Caleb Cummings - First Counselor
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Jacob Kunes - New Member Educator
Brandon Barbato - House Manager
Jack Skinner - Recruitment Chairman
Jrsynf@umsystem.edu
Evan Williams - Past Sage

Graduating Seniors

Name: Evan Williams
Major: Information Science Technology
Hometown: St. Louis
Plans after college: Looking for work

Name: Austin Ly-vu
Major: Computer Engineering
Hometown: Imperial, MO
Plans after college: Looking for work

Name: Tarun Pasupuleti
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Hometown: Fenton, MO
Plans after college: Looking for work

Name: Sourya Mogallapu
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Hometown: Fenton, MO
Plans after college: Looking for work

Chapter Report

With less restrictions from the pandemic, Alpha Iota was excited to return to how things were before covid. \$1,400 has been raised through Adopt-a-Family, Tournaments, and other fundraising events, and Alpha Iota have chosen the Rolla Mission as our philanthropy organization to donate to. 750 community service hours have been put in this semester through highway cleanups, park cleanups, mentoring, and other services.

Alpha Iota was excited to finally work with Th!nk Tank to recruit the next generation of brothers. When the fall semester came, we were able to welcome 17 new members to the brotherhood. 5 members achieved a 4.0 GPA in the spring semester. With the generous donations of alumni, AIEF was able to give out over a dozen scholarships that totaled over \$16,000 for academic success as well as success within the fraternity. Our alumni are also endowing the school for future Alpha Iota members. Alpha Iota was also elected Rolla Business of the Year for the 3rd year in a row and inducted to the Rolla Business Hall of Fame. Alpha Iota was also able to welcome down over 70 alumni and their families to Homecoming for the first time in 2 years.

Alpha Iota is looking to further improve itself both academically and internally. We are excited and looking forward to the spring semester. We look forward to the many events we have planned for the spring and can't wait to welcome you back to the chapter house. We hope to see you then!

Fraternally,
Jacob Brownfield '22, Sage

“ I have met some of my best friends and colleagues within the chapter house. - **Wyatt Barnett**

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Homecoming 2021



60s/70s alumni and wives telling stories



John Lackman and his son Jack



Socializing out on the back patio



60s/70s alumni and spouses

First Row: Wayne Laufer and Dick Johnson

Second Row: Denny Heisler, Fred Bondurant, Joe Ostermann, Bill Bishop, Bob Niehaus, Lee Meyer, Joe Stahl



Recent Alumni (last 11 years)

First Row: Connor Chadbourne, Garrett Schuster, Mike Drewel, Jeremy Morris, Owen Van de Reit, Levi Lamming, Joey Haley, Tyler Bartholow, Alec Belue

2nd: Nathan Kunz **2nd Row:** Kyle Govro, Luke Goring, Justin Carlsen, Blake Folta, Tristan Blake, Mason McGavock, Sam Gard, Jack Moore, Thomas Ziervogel



80s/90s/early 00s

First Row: Jeff Mockaitis, Larry Cook, Jeff Ostermann, Jeff Tottleben, Brian Kratz, Kurt Steinmann, John Flake

2nd Row: Troy Ganson, Ron Ross, John Lackmann, Mike Munsell



The Undergraduate Active brotherhood



2 distinguished alumni engaging in a social game Socializing out on the back patio



Donate any amount to AIEF by January 31, 2022 and receive a Sigma Pi hat.

Please visit sigmapi-mst.org to give.

Whether you choose to give once or make an annual gift, your generous donation is an investment in the future of Sigma Pi at Missouri S&T. Each dollar will go toward the betterment, growth, and support of undergraduate members so they may continue cultivating the brotherhood you've known and loved since the beginning.

The Alpha Iota Building Association

The Alpha Iota Building Association (AIBA) is the housing corporation that owns the chapter house in which undergraduate members live. Donations to this organization support the mission of paying off the mortgage and maintaining the beautiful structure in support of these undergraduates. Donations are not tax-deductible, but they are greatly appreciated!

The Alpha Iota Educational Foundation

The Alpha Iota Educational Foundation (AIEF) is the 501(c)3 charitable organization that supports the undergraduate chapter. Donations to the AIEF are tax-deductible and support several programs including scholastic-based financial grants, scholarships, and much more.



New honorees for 50 years of service to the fraternity



3 Generations of pledge family: Ron Ross, Mike Munsell, Jeff Mockaitis



Joe and Judy Ostermann in conversation with fellow alumni.



Members of AIBA Board: Sam Gard, Jeff Ostermann, Kurt Steinmann, Jeff Mockaitis, Jack Moore (not shown: Jason Dohrmann and Chris Brannan)



60s/70s alumni and spouses



Active brothers

“Diverse with hobbies, majors, academics, and just in general. You are able to learn something new every day from someone new. **-Jack Lackman**

“ Someone is always there to support and help with academics or any college activities when needed.

- Brining Mulkey



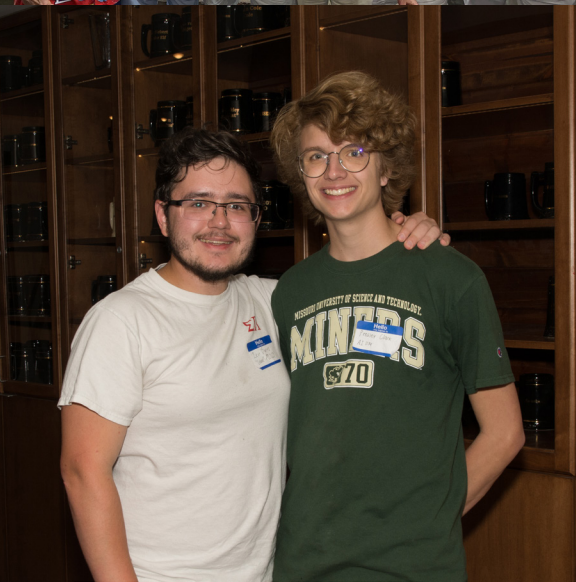
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Upcoming Chapter Events

Sigma Pi Fraternity 125th Founder's Day
February 26, 2022

St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs
Saturday, June 4th at 1:20pm
Organizer - Jeff Mockaitis

St. Louis Cardinals at Washington Nationals
Saturday July 30th at TBD
Organizer - John Flake

56th Biennial Sigma Pi Convocation, San Antonio, TX
August 17-20, 2022

