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Gamma-Chi News

Fall 2018

Current School Year update

Message from our
Alumni Relations Chairman,

Anthony Renteria:

Hello Alumni! I am currently a Junior studying Social Work. I have been active in Kappa Sigma for three semesters now, and I cherish all the memories that I have already made, as I strive to make the Gamma-Chi chapter better every day. One of our goals is to inform our alumni of what is going on in our chapter, to increase participation, and to develop closer bonds with our alumni.

If I were to describe our new Executive Committee in one word, I would say: Determined! This new E.C. is full of ideas and experience, and are determined to see Kappa Sigma rise at Kansas State University. As for our committee chairs, we are seeing several younger guys stepping up, and are willing to work with our executive committee to improve our chapter. Overall, we are very excited with the direction that our fraternity is headed, and we will continue to improve in the areas where we need to.

In order for us to continue our success, active participation is key, not only inside the chapter but also outside. As we were once all told, "Kappa Sigma is not just for a college term only, but for life.

We, as Brothers of the Gamma-Chi chapter of Kappa Sigma, have to live up to that standard so we can continue passing on traditions and memories. If any alumni would like to be more involved, or if you have questions, please contact me at:

anthonyrenteria@ksu.edu.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to meet up and get to know each other.

A.E.K.D.B

-Anthony Renteria '17

Kappa **KΣ** Sigma

The 2018—2019 school year is off to a great start. And it's all about RUSH !!!

"Fall Rush" is well underway, with a goal of signing 40 men. With the new, shorter pledge periods mandated by nationals (60 days), we will be signing two pledge classes for the fall.

ALUMNI—Do you ever wonder how you can help the chapter out? RUSH is a great way to directly impact our chapter's success at KSU.

We want to increase our numbers of legacies! If you know of a young man already at KSU or who will be attending KSU in the future, please send his contact info to our rush chairman:

Lucas Scott

Phone:

E-mail:



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kappasigma_ksu Paintball rush event was a blast. Got to spend some quality time with brothers and PNMs. We aren't stopping till we get our 40 man pledge class! #rushkappasigma #AEKΔB

Major Chapter Events - Fall 2018 - Alumni Welcome!

Home Run Derby! October 6th

This will be our inaugural charity event, and will be our primary annual philanthropy event in the future, with proceeds benefiting Kappa Sigma's national military charities. Alumni are welcome to participate, help the chapter members in running the event, or to be a sponsor.

Alumni Tailgate!

October, 2018
KSU vs

And of course....

Our 100-year Celebration!
June 6th - 9th, 2019
Manhattan KS
See enclosed flyer

Founder Day Dinner December 10th, 2018

Manhattan-area alumni will be personally contacted by one of our chapter members, with an invitation to attend our alumni dinner to celebrate our national founding. The 10th is a Tuesday, so we are looking at having it on that date or the prior weekend.

Kappa Sigma Leadership Conference New Orleans LA, July 2018

A major factor in getting our semester off to a great start was the leadership conference, attended by five of our Chapter officers & committee chairs in July. Workshops provided valuable information for improving our Rush & Pledge Education Programs. Our "Finest Hour" Banquet was a fantastic way to celebrate the fact that Kappa Sigma is now the largest fraternity in the world.. This was the largest gathering ever for Kappa Sigma, with over 1,800 Brothers in attendance



L— R: Logan Payne (GM), Lucas Scott (Rush), Matthew Hockersmith (studying abroad), Justin Hockersmith (AA). Not pictured: Anthony Renteria, Austin Gray

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Recap of the past school year and beyond



Fall 2017 got off to a great start, with a 19-man pledge class. 17 are pictured here after a welcome dinner with our House Mom Stacy Schaefer

Football Tailgates!



Dad's Weekend



Annual Alumni Tailgate



Formal House Mom Dinners



Fall 2016— The chapter thanks Mike Gardner (left), for his 5+ years and countless hours as Alumnus Advisor, and welcomes new AA Justin Hockersmith '83 (right)



Homecoming 2017
Chapter members after one of the many Homecoming Week Competitions



During a recent chapter meeting, the chapter welcomed guest speaker Dr. Cliff Rone, with KSU Counseling Services, who talked to the chapter about substance abuse and mental health issues.

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Chapter Formal 2017

Held on the Manhattan Discovery Center's Rooftop venue



Scholarships!

The Gamma-Chi Charitable Gift Fund continues to provide scholarships to chapter members each semester

Past three semesters:

- Jacob Meyer '14, Mound City MO: \$350, \$500
- Matthew Champagne '14, Manhattan: \$725, \$600
- Matthew Hockersmith '17, Olathe KS, \$600
- Jeffery Anderson '15, Manhattan: \$550, \$550, \$500
- Brandon Williams '15, Overland Park KS, \$475



Chapter Composite 2015—



Jake Meyer '14 spends summer in Peru

Construction of wind turbine provides first-ever electricity for village family

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This summer, Gamma-Chi Brother Jacob Meyer spent a month in Trujillo, Peru devoting his time to serving an NGO called the WindAid Institute. During his month in Peru, Brother Meyer spent 8-10 hours a day, 5 days a week in a workshop (pictured below) building a small-scale wind turbine. With the rest of his team at WindAid, Brother Meyer transported this turbine over 350 miles north to the small fishing village of Playa Blanca. This village has little infrastructure, with few paved roads leading to it, no electricity, and little running water. In Playa Blanca, the WindAid team installed one 500W turbine for a family of four to power the home's indoor lighting as well as a place to charge their cell phones. In addition, Brother Meyer's team wired the home and provided maintenance on several other turbines that had been installed on previous visits.



When asked about what he learned from the trip, Brother Meyer said, "During my time in Peru, I learned how much we take basic things for granted back home. Things like clean drinking water and indoor lighting are luxuries that many people around the world have to go on living without. "I feel blessed to have been given the opportunity to lend my talents and abilities to improve the lives of some of these people."



"My team spent 8 hours in a hot 20'x20' shack with no ventilation, which housed this family of four, doing wiring to get the lights set up. The rest of the team had finished their install by 5:30pm, but my group stayed until almost 9pm to get those lights on. When they finally did, the way that the mother's face lit up made all my effort so worthwhile. Seeing the gratitude in her face is what service is all about to me. I want to thank my friends, my family, and my Gamma-Chi Brothers for all of the support they've lent to me in making this happen."



If you want to learn more about the WindAid Institute and their projects, visit www.windaid.org.