



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & PARENTS TO THE KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY!

The Gamma-Chi (Kansas State University) Alumni Association of Kappa Sigma Fraternity would like to welcome you and your parents to our Chapter at Kansas State University. Kappa Sigma is focused upon the Four Pillars of **FELLOWSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP** and **SERVICE**. As a values-based men's fraternity, Kappa Sigma strictly forbids hazing and fosters meaningful college experiences by offering progressive membership, development and education. The Alumni Association's main purpose is to support the Gamma-Chi chapter while ensuring that the members meet their individual goals during their KSU experience.

Some key points about our chapter are:

- Established nationally (in USA) on December 10, 1869 at the University of Virginia.
 - ~ Our origin can be traced back to Bologna, Italy to the year 1400.
 - ~ Largest College social fraternity with over 200,000 living members including over 17,000 undergraduates.
 - ~ More than 300 chapters and colonies located throughout the United States and Canada.
- Established on June 7, 1919, at Kansas State University.
 - ~ The "Shamrocks" affiliated with the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.
 - ~ Since Kappa Sigma was established at KSU 1,727 young men have been initiated into the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.
- Special Recognition of members in 2025-2026:
 - ~ Members extracurricular activities include: KSU Student Governing Association, Engineers Without Borders, KSU Swim Club, Associated General Contractors, Engineering Student Council, Country Dancing Club, Robotics Club, FSL Ambassadors, University Honors Program, Bakery Science Club, Rising Leaders, Asian American Student Union and several other groups.
 - ~ Overall Chapter Fall 2025 GPA was 3.25.
 - ~ 14 Undergraduates had a 4.0 GPA in the Fall.
 - ~ Homecoming Winners in 2012, 2024
 - ~ Won Zeta Tau Alpha's charity event, Big Man on Campus Philanthropy Week.
 - ~ At this year's Interfraternity Council Award Banquet, Kappa Sigma members won Excellence in Wellness award, Purple Circle award, Chapter Advisor of the Year and finalists for: Chapter President of The Year, Influential Leader of the Year, Impactful Senior of the Year and House Mother Runner-Up.
 - ~ Chapter raised over \$32,000 toward philanthropic causes as well as completed over 3,783 hours of community service.

- Scholarship Items
 - ~ Scholarship Programs.
 - Nationally (3 Gamma-Chi brothers received one of these national scholarships last year)
 - Gamma-Chi Chapter issues 10 different types of chapter affiliated scholarships (see attached program). \$41,365 was awarded to Gamm-Chi members during the 2024-2025 school year. \$32,500 for the Fall of 2025.
 - ~ House Scholarship program.
 - Each member has a designated study area in each room with a desk, chair, bulletin board and Idresser.
 - Six designated Common Study Hall areas totaling 2,960+ square feet
 - New Member's grades are monitored and checked weekly to verify that they are progressing positively. Study Hall hours are from M-T 8-10 pm until initiation and will continue if grade checks indicate a need.
 - Active grades are checked periodically and if below 3.0 Study Program will be developed in align with the Chapter Scholarship Program.

- Housing for the 2026-2027 school year will be at 1930 College Heights, Manhattan, Kansas. Key Points for College Heights:
 - ~ Originally built in 1961.
 - ~ Houses typically 54 men.
 - ~ No sleeping Dorms. Two-man rooms with a closet, desk, dresser and twin XL lofted bed for each student.
 - ~ Our House Mom is Stacy Shaffer. She has her own accommodation in the house and attends many of the chapter's activities.
 - ~ The 2026-2027 Fall/Spring Semester Housing Rate is \$3,100.00 per semester. Meal Plans are directly with the KSU Dining (see information in Housing Contract). The Parlor or Out of House rate is \$350 per semester. Refer to the Payment Options in the Housing Contract and select one.
 - Meals are not included w/above fee and students will select individual meal plans directly with KSU Dining. Cold Breakfast items are available every day and include such items as cold cereal, fruit, toast, etc...
 - Housing Rate includes renter's insurance by Kunz Insurance Agency, Wi-Fi, all basic utilities, etc...
 - ~ The house is an Alcohol (except for approved events), Drug and Weapon Free facility.
 - ~ Sanctioned functions may be allowed upon University Board and Alumni Board Approval.
 - ~ Chapter semester dues are \$600.00 per semester and are controlled by the chapter for their use.

- Move-in/out Key Points
 - ~ Move-in for current actives is August 13th, 2026, and August 15th for New Members. This allows time for orientation and serenades practice prior to classes commencing for the Fall Session.
 - ~ Room assignments are to be coordinated with the Executive Council (EC) lead by the Grand Master. A point system focusing on grades and chapter participation is used to assign Rooms to current Members. At check-in rooms will be assigned to New Members.
 - ~ At check-in a room check list will be utilized. This is filled out in the presence of the undergraduate and an EC member/Alumni. Each roommate will be issued a room key at that time.
 - ~ Move-out is 3 days after the last official KSU session. A check-in/out form is utilized.

- Financial Items:
 - ~ Greek Capital Management is utilized for all invoicing (no paper invoices) and payments. Financial items (invoices and payments) can be found on their portal site, both the parents and undergraduates have access to the member's account.
 - ~ Invoicing for the Fall Semester is typically on 7/1, and first payment is due on 8/1. Spring Semester is on 12/1 and the first payment is due on 1/1.
 - ~ Be sure to check the Payment Plan that you will be utilizing on the Housing Contract. For first time members living in the house, a \$500 deposit is due upon contract execution but no later than prior to moving into the chapter house. Deposit and Executed contracts are mailed to Mike Gardner as described in the Housing Contract.
 - ~ Invoices may either be paid on-line (a 3.25% credit card fee will be added to cover this method), Pay-Pal (3.25% percent fee is applicable) in the Greek Capital Management portal or Mail to the following:
 Payments are to be made as noted to: Kappa Sigma Fraternity C/O Greek Capital Management, Attn: Jeremy Greenburg. Mailing address: Greek Capital Management, Attn: Jeremy Greenburg, PO Box 41027, Bethesda, MD 20824. He may be contacted at jeremy@greekcapitalmanagement.com or phone (202) 558-7717. Please allow at least 2 weeks to meet the deadlines.

- Social Opportunities.
 - ~ Sorority Serenades (usually week prior to fall semester start), Homecoming Week (Fall semester), Paint the Ville (Fall semester) Family Day, Mom's Weekend (Spring semester), Dad's Weekend (TBD Fall 2026).
 - ~ Spring Formal, date parties, Brotherhood activities
 - ~ Collegiate Intramurals.
 - ~ Facebook (Kappa Sigma at Kansas State University), Instagram (kappasigma_ksu), website (kappasigmaksu.com), Parent Club's Facebook (Kappa Sig parents (Gamma Chi)-KSU)
 - ~ Campus groups sponsored charity events.
 - ~ Kansas State University sports, cultural events, etc...
 - ~ Alumni events – Alumni Football Tailgate (September 19, 2026), Chapter Open House (September 19th, 2026) Pig Dinner Weekend (Spring Semester), Founder's Day Celebration (Fall Semester).

- Extra items that can enhance the new member's living experience in the chapter house (if applicable).
 - ~ Suit & tie for formal attire events (required).
 - ~ Mattress cover for a Twin XL mattress (required).
 - ~ Twin XL sheets, bedding and pillow (required).
 - ~ Clothes hangers (required)
 - ~ A fun attitude (highly recommended)
 - ~ Toiletry caddy and personal hygiene items.
 - ~ Bath towels (required).
 - ~ A small personal fan for the room.
 - ~ Shower shoes (recommended).
 - ~ Room decorations that help personalize his living space.
 - ~ Small nightstand (1 foot average) for phone, alarm clock, etc. next to bed (recommended).
 - ~ Laundry basket and detergent.
 - ~ A willingness to give back to others.

The Alumni Association is confident that your experience will be an excellent one! We can't wait for you to get started. In case you or your parents have any concerns during the 2026-2027 academic year, do not hesitate to reach out to any of the following:

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We look forward to meeting you soon. Go Wildcats!! Go Kappa Sigma!!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Gardner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mike Gardner
President
Gamma-Chi Alumni Association