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MISSOURI EPSILON CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA • SPRING 2012



Missouri Epsilon Announces Capital Campaign to Construct State-of-the-Art Facility

\$807,815 Committed from Loyal Brothers

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of April 20, 2012

Goal
\$1 Million

Total Raised to Date
\$807,815

Number of Contributors
76

Percent Participation
13.61%

Our home at 1107 East Elm has impacted the lives of more than 500 young men who have been initiated into Missouri Epsilon of Phi Delta Theta. It is where we became men. It is a support system that provided lifetime friendships, growing lessons, social opportunities, and simply fond memories. We all gained from our Missouri Epsilon membership. Many of us can say it helped form who we are today.

The Chapter House has served us well. However, time has taken its toll and we must provide our undergraduate men with a safe, comfortable, and up-to-date living facility, we must rebuild. A monumental effort, expense, and sacrifice have allowed us to significantly extend the useful life of 1107 East Elm. We are all excited about this unique time in MoEp's history and want to share our plans with you now.

\$1 Million Needed to Create First-Class Facility

At the advent of this campaign, a small group of alumni studied our long-term housing options and developed a solid strategy to provide a facility that will meet the needs of our undergraduate brothers well into the 21st century.

To this end, architect **Brian Kubik '91**, consultants, and Phi Delta Theta alumni were engaged to develop a needs assessment, architectural plans, and fundraising goals. These diligent efforts have produced a \$1.4 million comprehensive plan to create a first-class residential facility and to ensure the continuity of the legacy that each of us helped build.

Proposed plans for our new home include 11,409 square feet, occupancy and parking for 27, a fire-safety sprinkler system and security features, conveniences of modern technology and wireless Internet access, heating and air conditioning systems, an updated Chapter room, kitchenettes, and plenty of common spaces.

Missouri Epsilon Needs Your Support

Now that the quiet phase of our campaign is complete, early commitments from 76 dedicated Missouri Epsilon alumni and friends total more than \$807,000. As we move into the next critical phase of this campaign, we seek support from our entire alumni base to complete this project on time—tentatively August 2013—and on budget. In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information
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"To Do What Ought to Be Done..."

THE CAMPAIGN FOR MISSOURI EPSILON



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, BROTHERHOOD KEEP TRAVIS WEBB '91 TIED TO MOEP

By his junior year, **Travis Webb '91** was a successful student, established in organizations on campus, but missing something important. After working a summer in the orientation program alongside members of Phi Delta Theta, he realized it was brotherhood.

"I was hooked when I saw the strength of the relationships and the fun those guys were having." He also recognized how well rounded Phi Delt was compared to other fraternities on campus. "Phi Delt was recognized as a group of guys who were smart, athletic, well liked, and involved on campus, not because every individual was well rounded, but because a diverse group created a strong fraternity."

Now an alumnus living in Denver, Travis serves as managing partner for Colorado-based BKD CPAs and Advisors. Though separated by distance, he remains involved with the Fraternity and campus, serving as a campus alumni coordinator and on the university's presidential selection committee. While still in Springfield, he served as the house cor-

poration treasurer and chapter advisor. After relocating to Indianapolis in 2001, he reestablished the Phi Delt alumni club that still operates today. When he heard about the plans to rebuild the old Chapter House, Travis jumped to give back to the Chapter that had given him so much.

Having lived at 1107 East Elm, Travis recognizes the impact a house makes in creating brotherhood. A state-of-the-art facility will draw the highest quality men to join Phi Delt. His enthusiasm for the *To Do What Ought to Be Done* campaign can be seen through not only his gift but also the time he is dedicating to the cause as campaign treasurer.

Travis serves a variety of Denver area civic and charitable organizations. Your best chance of finding him is skiing or hiking on a mountain, at the Missouri Valley basketball tournament each year, at the Vegas blackjack tables, or traveling around the country for work or with friends and family. E-mail Travis at twebb@bkd.com.

THANK YOU, LOYAL DONORS

We are deeply grateful to the 76 Brothers listed below for committing \$807,815 to the "To Do What Ought to Be Done..." capital campaign. This generosity demonstrates that these men recognize the importance of ensuring the future of the Missouri Epsilon Chapter.

Commitments are still needed from our alumni to achieve our goal and complete this major project. If an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please notify our campaign consultant at (785) 843-1661.

FOUNDER'S SOCIETY

(\$100,000 to \$149,999)
Travis Webb '91

ROBERT MORRISON SOCIETY

(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

OXFORD SOCIETY

(\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Richard and Sandy Nieman

In memory of
Jeffrey Nieman '87
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In memory of
Jeffrey Nieman '87
Kevin Elliott '85
In memory of
Jeffrey Nieman '87
Dennis M. Bauer '86
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Charlie Horsey '88
John Gillardi '89
Scott W. Hunt '90

Greg Lauman '89
Thomas W. Hartnagel '90
Ian Miller '90
Mark Dalton '93
In memory of
Brian Akabane '94
Jason Crockett '95

TRIPLE CROWN SOCIETY

(\$15,000 to \$24,999)

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(\$10,000 to \$14,999)

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Chris Stovall '88
Joseph S. Passanise '89
John Betts '90
Mike S. Malek '89
Darren Barnhouse '92
In memory of
Brian Akabane '94
Matthew Chambers '93

Kivanc "KiKi" Dikmen '93

James M. Brandenburg '94

In memory of
Brian Akabane '94
Kris Hiestand '94
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Brian Akabane '94
Tyler VanHoutan '94
In memory of
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Brad Walters '94
In memory of
Brian Akabane '94

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(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

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Joe Thomason '88
Brian O. Blazer '89
Dwayne Fulk '89
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In memory of
Brian Akabane '94
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In memory of
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Justin S. Gay '94
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Brian Akabane '94
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Brian Akabane '94
Aaron C. Ellis '96
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Brian Akabane '94
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Brian Akabane '94
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(\$1,000 to \$4,999)

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Sean Brinker '08
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(\$500 to \$999)

Ivan Hess '02
Steve Crain '07

BROTHERHOOD SOCIETY

(Up to \$499)

Kyle Nieman '06

Missouri Epsilon Announces Capital Campaign

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detailing the project and the ways in which you can help.

We would also like to thank the 150 brothers, parents, friends, and undergraduates who attended our Founders Day event on April 21. A wonderful time was had by all as we celebrated Missouri Epsilon and announced the news of our capital campaign. Every attendee seemed truly excited about what the future holds for our great fraternity.

As you know, the "To Do What Ought to Be Done..." campaign is not just about securing our future, it is also about honoring our storied past. Thanks to the alumni who came before us, we all had the opportunity to join Missouri Epsilon and be a part of something special. There is little doubt that each of us will forever owe a debt of gratitude for the unique experience and opportunities that the Fraternity provided, not to mention the lifelong friendships that we gained. This campaign presents us with a significant opportunity to give back at a time that matters most.

Yours in the Bond,
Campaign Chairmen
Patrick Zimmerman '87
Joseph Passanise '89
Thomas Hartnagel '90

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Richard and Sandy Nieman

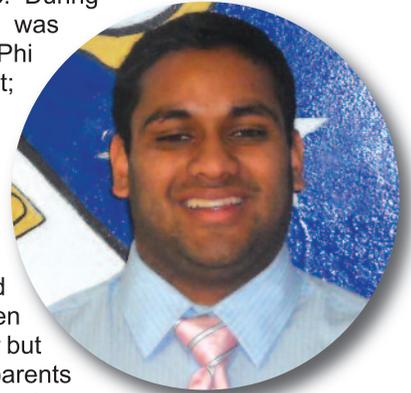
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UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENT AIMS TO MAKE ALUMNI PROUD

Spotlight on Greg Laury '10

When **Greg Laury '10** left his all-men Catholic school in south St. Louis, he knew he wanted to attend a university that would allow him to step out of his comfort zone, so he chose Missouri State. During recruitment, he visited each fraternity but was most impressed with the brotherhood at Phi Delt. One year ago Greg pledged Phi Delt; today he is the Chapter president.



"I was nervous to be president, being one of the younger guys," admits Greg. "Everyone has been great though. The older guys are really backing me up." Brotherhood is very important to Greg. Greg was born in India and adopted by his parents, Mike and Kathy, when he was 11 months old. He has an older sister but never experienced brotherhood until his parents enrolled him in St. Mary's Catholic School. "It was a small school, but we all had each other's backs. The same is true at Phi Delt. Everyone really cares about one another." It's that caring that led his brothers to recognize Greg's leadership abilities elect him as president.

Greg has taken the position and run with it. "We're focusing on grades right now and holding everyone to a high academic standard." The executive board began to realize how all officers needed to step it up, and the outcome has been impressive. "We are all coming together and working hard to stand out on campus to show alumni that we are a strong chapter."

Alumni perception is important to Greg, as he recognizes the investment they're making in the Chapter House he calls home. "We are blown away at how much alumni care about MoEp. An updated Chapter House will really attract quality new members," states Greg.

Greg is majoring in business management and hopes to graduate in May 2014 to pursue a master's degree in healthcare management. He has always wanted to help people and intends to work at a hospital. E-mail: laury23@live.missouristate.edu

Chapter Ends 2011 on a High Note

• *Academics, Philanthropies, and Intramurals Finish Strong*

Full 2011 proved to be a significant semester. The Chapter put in countless hours at the library, ranking fourth on campus with a G.P.A. of 3.01. The fall 2011 pledge class worked hard to understand the history of Phi Delta Theta and 19 Phikeia were initiated in mid-January. We are all looking forward to a great semester and building on the success of the fall.

Annual Soccer Tournament Raises \$1,000

In the fall MoEp held the annual Phi Delt/Sigma Kappa soccer tournament and participated in Adopt-a-Street. In addition, everyone helped set up Relay For Life. All the events raised \$1,000 and went to the ALS Association.

Undergraduates Dominate Intramurals

Intramurals have been a big success this year. We placed fourth in hockey, were

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WEBSITES

Missouri Epsilon
<http://www.missouriepsilon.com>

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MOEP BY THE NUMBERS

Our chapter members and new initiates are achieving great things within their community and at Missouri State University. Just look at a few of our outstanding numbers!

New Initiates Are Making a Strong Impact on Campus

- Two new initiates are members of Phi Eta Sigma, the national honor society for first-year college students who achieve a 3.5 G.P.A.
- Five members (or 26%) have received some form of scholarship.
- One is on the hockey team.
- Five made the Dean's List their first semester.

All Our Chapter Members Are Excelling at Missouri State

- Two brothers play varsity sports.
 - One lacrosse one hockey
- Four brothers are in honor societies.
- Fourteen brothers received scholarships.
- Two brothers served on the Inter Fraternity Council this academic year.
- Thirteen brothers made the Dean's List in the fall.
- One brother is in his second year of ROTC. He is ranked MSII.
- The chapter received the Outstanding Academic Programming award from MSU during Greek Week.
- Year to date, the brothers have donated over \$1,400 to ALS.
- The Eric Westacott Foundation received a chapter donation of \$500.



Attention: This newsletter is intended for Phi Delta Theta alumni and parents. If your son is still attending Missouri State University, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.



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very competitive in football, won Greek Frisbee golf, and had a solid season in football. We will make the playoffs in basketball. We are very excited—soccer started in March, and the team is looking to build on the momentum from last season, in which we placed second to Pike. This year's soccer team is looking to be very strong and hopes to surpass Pike when the season is over.

hood. Still, we realize that we are collegiate men and have made grades our number one priority. The active Chapter of Missouri Epsilon would like to thank you for your work and contributions toward the new house. We welcome all alumni to stop by the Chapter House.

Yours in the Bond,
Greg Laury '10
President

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We are planning more activities for philanthropy, community service, and brother-