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MISSOURI EPSILON CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA • FALL 2011

## PHI DELTA THETA EXCELS ON MISSOURI STATE CAMPUS

*Chapter Focuses on Recruitment, Alumni Events*

### Missouri Epsilon Honored with Awards from General Headquarters

The Chapter has been making tremendous strides in their quest to return to their rightful place as the top fraternity on the Missouri State campus. We were recently recognized with the following awards from General Headquarters: Gold Star (one of 25 chapters), Community Service Citation, Hayward S. Biggers Ritual Award, and an honorable mention for our website ([www.missouriepsilon.com](http://www.missouriepsilon.com)). The Chapter also had the fourth highest GPA on campus last fall.

### Chapter Focuses on Facility Upkeep

While campus is assisting in the growth of Greek life overall at Missouri State University, the chapters having the most success are newer chapters with new or majorly renovated houses. As the Chapter has stepped up their game over the past few years, alumni from across the country are coming together to help assist the collegians in ensuring the living facility reflects the quality of men that occupy it.

### Fall Recruitment a Huge Success

Actives held events during the summer months in both Kansas City and St. Louis to help with fall recruitment. **Tom Hartnagel '90** hosted an event at his home in Chesterfield, Missouri to discuss rush strategies and support the undergraduates in their rush efforts. Inside, Morgan Mitchell, chapter president, will share more details on their successful rush. Alumni who attended the rush preparation party included **Matt Raithel '00** and **Sean Brinner '08**.

### Join Us for Homecoming and Founders Day

I, along with other dedicated alumni, am getting more involved with the Chapter affairs in order to ensure the Fraternity is transmitted in ways not only not less, but greater than it was transmitted to us. We would love to see you at the upcoming Homecoming celebration on October 29 or at our Founders Day on April 21, 2012.

Yours in the Bond,  
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*1990s-era Phis in front of 1107 East Elm at 2010 Homecoming.*

# Missouri Epsilon Undergraduates Carve Path of Success

*Strong Recruitment and Philanthropy Propel Phi Deltas into Fall Semester*

Phi Delta Theta is proving to be one of the top fraternities on the Missouri State campus. With the help of alumni, we boosted our recruitment numbers and our philanthropic efforts remain top-notch.

### MoEp Focuses Philanthropies on ALS

We hosted our soccer tournament, along with Sigma Kappa, on September 10-11. In the past, this has been a great tournament, in which we raised a substantial amount of money for ALS, and this year proved to be the same. The Chapter also participated in the ALS walk in Springfield on September 17. As usual, we had a number of members volunteering and participating in the walk.

### Large Recruitment Class

The Missouri Epsilon Chapter launched into the fall semester with a great recruitment period with over 35 bids confirmed with the university, and several are still pending. With these numbers we are in the top three as far as largest recruitment class.

### Undergraduate Leadership Turns Sights to Academic Excellence

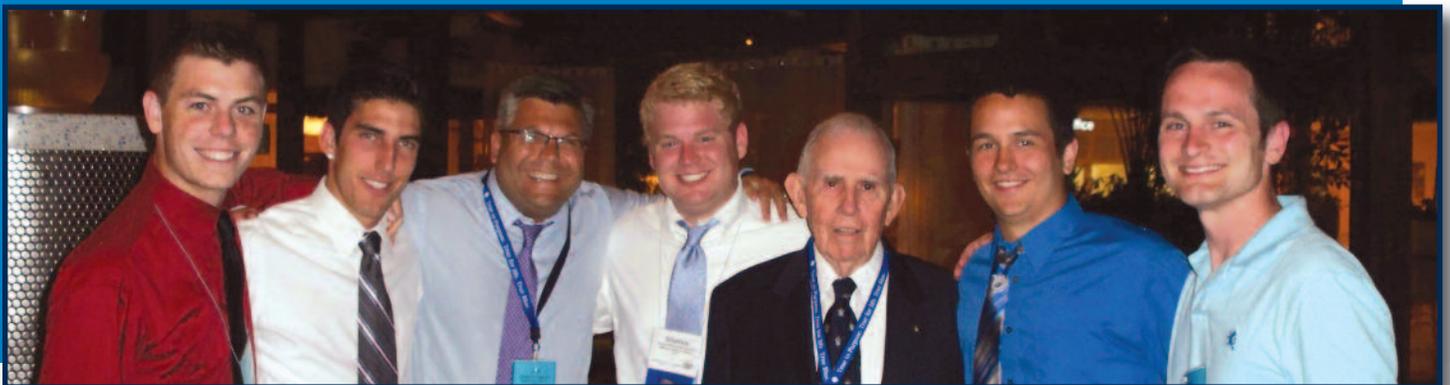
Our scholarship chairman is working on developing a new plan for the chapter to improve upon our academic standings. Each of the new officers is beginning to understand his position better and things within the chapter are running quite smoothly.

On behalf of the chapter, we are thankful to our alumni for providing the framework and being the rock of MoEp's ongoing success and achievements. Please know that you're always welcome to stop by the house when you're in town. We look forward to seeing you at Homecoming!

Yours in the Bond,  
**Morgan Mitchell '10**  
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## WELCOME, NEW PHIKEIA

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| Alex Brewer     | Nick Morris      | Dan Mischel      |
| Jacob Schonhoff | Max Browne       | Tim Reichert     |
| Luke Jowett     | Jamal Hoffman    | Nick Vitale      |
| Brad Lux        | Tommy Scaly      | Taylor Jones     |
| Matt George     | Zach Mackay      | Nick Sahuri      |
| Brett Lux       | Drew Hildebrand  | Ryan Schroeder   |
| Logan Hercules  | Alex Palazzolo   | Mitchell Temming |
| Nick Goebel     | Chuck Bley       | Erik Brewer      |
| Mitch Gangloff  | Spencer Robinson | Zach Fagas       |
| Mike Makhamreh  | Chris Williams   |                  |



*Undergraduates and alumni with Robert Morrison III at the 2010 convention in Orlando. From left: Tyler O'Leary '09, Nick DiStefano '08, Joseph Passanise '89, Shamus McDonough '08, Robert Morrison III, Sean Brinker '08, and Matt Raithe '00.*

## Staying Involved with MoEp from Michigan

### Spotlight on Kelly Brownsberger '97

Like many MoEps in his pledge class, **Kelly Brownsberger '97** attended Missouri State with the intent to graduate with a B.A. in computer information systems. That major led him to his career with CSG International, and has taken him from the Phi Delta house at MO State to St. Louis, Chicago and, now, Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Despite his moves, Kelly has made it a point to stay involved with Phi Delta Theta at Missouri State.



"When life sets in and family and career take 110% of your time, it's very hard to [stay involved]," said Kelly. "But try to do what you can, even if it's only a phone call to a few of your pledge class brothers." Kelly has struggled to stay involved with MoEp from states away and especially now with two daughters (Addison, who is 15 months, and Hannah who is due in December). Despite his time crunch, though, Kelly has made a point to stay in contact with the fraternity that helped him so much. "I remember being an undergrad-

uate Phi and I often felt alone with some of the challenges we were facing with the chapter. A little support goes a long way."

For now, Kelly's support comes in the form of staying in touch with his brothers: **Dan Ramler '97**, **Bob Byrd '97**, **Brian Jaeger '96**, **Andy St. Clair '96**, **Eric Speh '95**, **Denny Hunter '97**, **Chuck Sutton '93**, and **Tyler VanHoutan '94**. He also made it a point to visit the house on Founders Day in 2010. Looking back on his time as an undergraduate, Kelly knows it's imperative to show his support to the active members. "The men of Missouri Epsilon had a profound impact on me."

When Kelly isn't working, parenting with his wife Amanda, husbanding, or helping around the house, he's strumming on his guitar or trying to catch every Chiefs, Rams, and Missouri Tigers football game. E-mail Kelly at [kelly.brownsberger@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.brownsberger@gmail.com).

## MOEP ALUMNUS TAKES UNDERGRADUATE LESSONS TO LONDON

### Spotlight on Dennis Bauer '88

**Dennis Bauer '88** belonged to one of the first pledge classes at Missouri Epsilon. During his undergraduate years, Dennis had no idea that the lessons learned in Phi Delta Theta would be put to good use later in life.

"We learned a lot of things in those early days that I still use in my current job—leadership, how to build consensus to get things accomplished, and administration," said Dennis. "It's funny how all the wisdom our chapter advisors imparted on us (or tried to) came to be true." Dennis holds these truths to be clear in his position of managing director with Barclays Bank, PLC.

As an early active member of MoEp, he recalls shaping the chapter's own standards, while maintaining the long-standing tradition of Phi Delta Theta. "I'm so proud when I hear that grades and sports have remained important parts of Mo Epsilon culture, just as they were over 20 years ago."

Until two years ago, Dennis and his family, wife Michele and twin daughters Elizabeth and Madison, lived in New York City, where Dennis was working for American Express. Now, the Bauer family is in London, England. "It has been a great adventure living overseas. We love the city and being able to travel through Europe so easily, but I do miss Monday Night Football." Though separated by distance, Dennis stays in touch with several of his brothers from his undergraduate years. "The time we spent together, building something we care so much about, created friendships that will last a lifetime." To contact Dennis e-mail him at [dennis.bauer@barclaycard.co.uk](mailto:dennis.bauer@barclaycard.co.uk).



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# Homecoming 2011

On October 29, beginning at 11 a.m., find us at Bearfest Village, across from the stadium for our annual Homecoming tailgate.

The tailgate is free, but the price of game tickets may vary. No RSVP is required.

We will see you there!



Alumni enjoying a great Homecoming 2010. From left: Travis Webb '91, Kris Hiestand '94, and Chris Freeman '92.



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## Mark Your Calendars for Our Founders Day Celebration on April 21, 2012!

More details to follow. Please field all questions to Morgan Mitchell at [Mitchell08@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:Mitchell08@live.missouristate.edu) or Tyler O'Leary at [Oleary90@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:Oleary90@live.missouristate.edu).

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