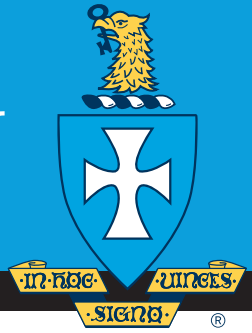


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House Corporation Annual Meeting Update

The annual meeting of Alpha Theta Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity Inc. was held at the chapter house and online on Sunday, November 17, 2024.

The board is always looking for alumni interested in helping guide the chapter and maintain the house. Specifically, the corporation is looking for:

- **Alumni House Manager:** Advise and assist the undergraduate house manager with the upkeep and repair of the physical plant of the chapter house.
- **Alumni Risk Manager:** Advise and mentor the undergraduates as they navigate the risks of life as a modern college student and help them grow into responsible young adults.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please reach out to Mike DeLaus '82 at mike.delaus@alum.mit.edu.

House Corporation 2025 Meetings

All corporate meetings take place at the chapter house and may be attended remotely by video conference. All alumni are welcome, in person or virtually. Please contact the clerk, **Mike Gibson '13**, at m_gibson@alum.mit.edu for details on joining online.

Board of Directors
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
5:00 pm ET

Board of Directors
SUNDAY, APRIL 27
5:00 pm ET

Board of Directors
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
5:00 pm ET

Annual Meeting
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
5:00 pm ET

Reflections and New Beginnings: A Consul's Look at Fall Traditions and Brotherhood

by **Patrick Haertel '26**



Patrick Haertel

As the air lowers to crisp chill and the days become shorter and shorter, some things remain largely the same. Every night after spending the day on campus immersed in the workload of MIT, Sigs make an almost ritual crossing from Cambridge to Boston across Harvard Bridge. As the sun sets on your right, you look out to the city covered in a golden hue. It's a walk that never gets old. As you cross the Charles River, you are guided by smoots running the length of the bridge. This year, as you near the Boston side, a new smoot comes into view. Exactly 53.2 smoots from Boston lies a new marker, the Sigma Chi Crest painted in blue and old gold. The graduating class of

2024 left this mark as an ode to the Sigma Chi house at 532 Beacon Street, which we all love so dearly.

As the class of 2024 moved on from our home at 532 Beacon, we began preparations to welcome a new class of Sigs. Work Week saw improvements across the house from refinishing the front door and the dining room tables, to painting rooms, and building a new modular stage. Fall recruitment quickly followed. We had the pleasure of meeting so many outstanding young men, 19 of whom we would welcome into our brotherhood. This class is tied for the largest class in Alpha Theta history. Each and every one of them exemplifies what it means to be a Sigma Chi.

As we progressed into the peak of the semester, a new class brought a surge of enthusiasm throughout the

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2025 HOUSE CORPORATION

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house. Amidst midterms and psets, our social events on Saturday have been as good as ever. Traditionally, Tea and Cookies remain a staple on Wednesdays, whether large or small.

The brothers have even picked up some new hobbies. The addition of a ping pong table to the music room has become a staple for brothers looking to have some fun during the week. Even our house chef, Andre, will partake in the occasional game after house dinner.

As I write this, the semester's end is near. The Class of 2028 has officially been initiated, comprising 19 remarkable gentlemen. We had an unforgettable Sweetheart Formal, complete with a great dinner, ice skating, traditions back home, and, of course, an all-deserving sweetheart. The spirit of Sigma Chi is alive, and I am excited for what the future holds. For these reasons and many more, I am always proud to be an Alpha Theta Sigma Chi.



Sweetheart Formal 2024.

The Class of 2025



The class of 2025: Michael Higgins '25, Steven Henry '25, Elie Cuevas '25, Sanjay Long '25, Jack Grier '25, Ben Sheres '25, Tom Hogan '25, Kade Killeen '25, Collin DesRoberts '25, CJ Tummings '25, Spencer Lin '25.

Record-Breaking Fall Recruitment: Sigma Chi Welcomes 19 New Brothers

by **Ryan Espinoza '27**



Ryan Espinoza

Fall recruitment 2024 was one for the ages. The Alpha Theta chapter reached new heights with a pledge class of 19 young men (tied for the largest pledge class since 1945)! Like years past, rush began with Kresge Kickoff and house tours. During our tours we showed off the beautiful 532 Beacon Street and offered delicious brisket, cornbread, and more to potential new members (PNMs) and brothers alike. This was only the beginning of a successful rush for the Alpha Theta chapter.

The first couple of days of rush drew attention from all sorts of people across campus. On our beach day, we had PNMs across nine different sports. Following beach day, Sigma Chi's Tiki Takedown party was a massive success, drawing even more interest to the Sigma Chi brotherhood. As exciting as this was, it meant the brothers were put to work this past fall. Meetings covering the PNMs took hours as we meticulously



The pledge class of 2028 at the Nightmare on Beacon Street Halloween party: Justin Wang '28, Brady George '28, Kristoff Spellén '28, Ittai Kohavi '28, Jerry Liu '28, Izaan Rizvi '28, Jacob Dell '28, Jaden McKee '28, Keegan Brady '28, Pavan Yeddnapudi '28.

discussed each of them to ensure they met our standards for brotherhood. As rush pushed forward we continued some classic events like Hot Ones, the Boat Cruise, our first Tea of the semester, and finally Gyu-kaku bid dinner.

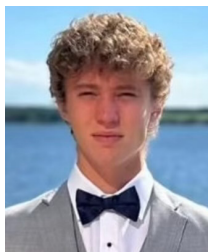
My first rush was an exhausting, but rewarding, experience. The long nights of review were draining, but resulted in an amazing pledge class that I am now proud to call brothers. In the end we decided

to give out 25 bids, 19 of which were accepted. Five bids were accepted at 8:00 am on Saturday (the exact minute a PNM could accept a bid).

Not only did this experience bring new members to the fraternity, but it also brought the brothers closer together. Rush wasn't easy, but it was something we did together as a brotherhood. I couldn't be happier with our new pledge class and I look forward to next year's rush.

Freshman Spotlight: From Rural Roots to MIT Dreams

by **Keegan Brady '28**



Keegan Brady

My name is Keegan Brady '28, and I come from the town of Auburn, New York. Growing up in a rural area has instilled in me a genuine appreciation for the opportunities and diversity that MIT provides. I'm excited to embrace the possibilities here and connect with others who share my passion for learning and growth. For me, this journey is not just about academics; it's about building meaningful relationships.

I am currently a mid-distance runner on the MIT men's track and field team, and I'm eager to engage in a variety of clubs and activities on campus that resonate with my interests. I'm focusing on a major in mechanical engineering with a concentration in management. While I'm unsure where this path will lead me, I am

committed to giving back to my community and honoring those who have supported me along the way. I know that I wouldn't be where I am today without my family, mentors, and supporters.

Outside of running and academics, I enjoy spending time outdoors, especially engaging in water sports or skiing. Being in nature provides a refreshing break from everyday life and offers a sense of adventure. I also have a strong interest in personal investments and finance. This passion challenges me intellectually and inspires me to make informed decisions about my future. Balancing my outdoor pursuits with my interest in finance helps me maintain a well-rounded perspective on life.

I'm eager to see what the future holds, and my experience at MIT over the past two months has been truly rewarding.



FALL 2024 UNDERGRADUATE OFFICERS

Patrick Haertel '26

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William Cruz '26

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Romulo Delgado-Gonzalez '26

Risk Manager

Isaac Dobie '27

Annotator

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Delgado-Gonzalez '26**

Recruitment

**Lachlan "Lucky"
Deignan '26**

Magister

Preston Ogunwumi '27

Kustos

**Dalton Rice '26
Diego de Lope '27
Merlin Gogolin '27**

Social Chairmen

**Kyle Heinz '25
Parker Spann '26
Preston Ogunwumi '27**

Brotherhood Chairmen

Isaac Dobie '27

House Manager

Brotherhood on and off the Court: Sigma Chi Basketball Bonds at MIT

by **Wyatt Mowery '27**



Wyatt Mowery

Ever since I arrived at MIT, the brotherhood of Sigma Chi has meant a lot to me. I've formed deep bonds with people I likely would have never met without the fraternity. For the 13 Sigma Chi brothers who are also on the basketball team with me, these connections are even more meaningful. We would have naturally grown close as teammates, but our shared experiences off the court, whether it be late-night pset sessions, social events, or simply hanging out in each other's rooms, have allowed us to build a chemistry, communication, and trust that go far beyond what's possible in practices alone.

Being in the house together lets us hold each other accountable in a unique way, pushing each other to become both better players and better people. There's always a brother willing to join you for an extra shooting session, a workout, or a reminder to stay focused for an upcoming game or exam. These small moments of support make celebrating wins together that much sweeter, especially when our non-basketball brothers show up to cheer us on. Losses are easier to handle as well, knowing that when we walk off the court, we're going home to a group of people who understand and support us. A lot of the strength of our team comes not from our ability to shoot

or dribble, but from the bonds we have formed as both teammates and brothers.

There are plenty of people who have responded to me telling them I play basketball at MIT with shock that we even have a team. There are plenty of people who question how athletes at MIT justify the extensive time commitment being a member of a sports team takes up here. For me, the connections that are formed makes it worth it. If all you do while you're here at MIT is put your head down and work, you miss out on a lot of what makes MIT such a unique place, which is the people. Years after I've graduated, I probably won't remember how to diagonalize a matrix, but the people I've met and the bonds I've formed will last with me forever, and the most special of those are the ones I've made with my teammates and brothers.



Wyatt Mowery '27 playing basketball of the MIT Engineers.

Inside the Game: A Summer with the Memphis Grizzlies' Basketball Operations Team

by **Tim Minicozzi '26**



Tim Minicozzi

Coming off of a 2023–24 season filled with injuries, the organization has high hopes to return to their place atop the NBA's Western Conference, where they finished second in the 2022–23 season. As an intern, even during the quiet months of the summer, I could distinctly feel this passion and optimism among staff and players alike. Every member of the front office team brought with them both a love for the team and a passion for their role in helping drive its success, resulting in a fun yet focused environment. Additionally, the office that I worked in overlooked the team practice facility, and I was able to see draft workouts and players workouts, which helped give me a cool behind-the-scenes look at NBA players and coaches and how they operate.

As a member of MIT's varsity basketball team who has played basketball for as long as I can remember, and a computer science (6-3) major with a passion for analytics, working

This past summer, I had the amazing opportunity to work as an intern with the Memphis Grizzlies Basketball Operations team.

in sports analytics for an NBA team was a dream come true for me. The summer certainly met and exceeded my highest expectations. The front office team made me feel immediately at home within the organization, being on call whenever I needed help, hosting group dinners at the office, and playing pickup games in the practice facility after hours.. Plus, the work that I was tasked with completely aligned with my interests, allowing for a productive summer where I was able to truly dive into my work.

In my role as a basketball analytics intern, I was tasked with multiple projects throughout the summer, but there was one main research project on which I spent most of my time.

Although I was asked to not disclose many of the details of my projects, my main project centered around evaluating

young NBA players in the hopes of providing insights on how players' careers tend to develop, given their early career attributes and performance. Although my projects were fairly independent, I was given amazing supervision, and it was an honor to work alongside the folks in the front office. At the end of the summer, I created short presentations to document my work that were given to front office staff members and scouts.

I greatly enjoyed my time working with the Grizzlies organization, and it really opened my eyes as to the importance of working in a supportive, passionate, and hard-working environment.

While I am still uncertain of exactly what my future holds, I will most definitely be considering sports analytics as a possible path.

Go Grizz!



The Future of Our Historian's Reports

by **Dan Craig '03**

One of the delights of visiting the chapter house at reunions is reading through old historians' reports of times past at Alpha Theta. When the chapter house was emptied in preparation for the 2014 renovation, the archive of reports was packed up for safekeeping at the home of John Piotti '83 in Maine. John has brought some of these back to the chapter house for subsequent reunions, but the number of reports in delicate condition keeps growing as they age.

We propose an effort to restore and digitize our archives. We are seeking alumni who would be interested in helping organize or fund such an effort. If you are interested, and I know at least a few were from conversations at the 141st reunion last year, please contact Dan Craig '03 at drccraig@alum.mit.edu.

Senior Reflection: A Journey of Brotherhood and Growth in Sigma Chi

by **Kade Killeen '25**



Kade Killeen

Sigma Chi has defined so much of my time at MIT that it feels surreal to reflect as if I'm near the end. I may be a senior, but I don't feel "finished" with Sigma Chi; this place and the brothers here have impacted me in ways that will continue long after graduation.

Like many others, I was hesitant at first. My early days were filled with uncertainty, yet the warmth and mentorship of the older brothers quickly dispelled any reservations. They took me under their wings, guiding me through the whirlwind that is MIT. Their welcome made me realize what an incredible place Sigma Chi is, and I'm grateful to each of them for setting such a positive example. Originally, I thought joining Sigma Chi would be a chance to expand my network and connect with people I might never have met otherwise. But, it did that and so much more.

Throughout my time here, Sigma Chi has been a rock, especially through the ups and downs of college life. Our senior class has faced many challenges together, and I feel an unbreakable bond with these brothers who have stuck by each other's side. Together, we didn't just overcome obstacles; we soared beyond them, growing and learning along the way.

This fraternity has taught me invaluable lessons about collaborating with others, disagreeing with respect, standing up for what's right, and building deep, unconditional bonds that words alone can't fully capture. The lessons are countless, but at the heart of it, Sigma Chi has shown me how to be part of something larger than myself. Here, I learned the power of community, how listening and supporting one another leads to strength. Sigma Chi has been a place of accountability, growth, and compassion, and those values are things I will carry forward (in addition to good ol' friendship, justice, and learning, of course).

The memories we've made together: where do I even begin?

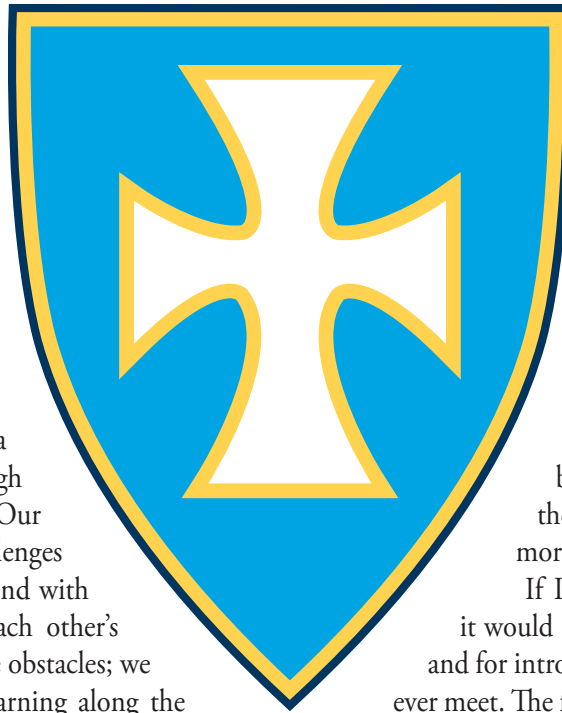
Big moments like ring delivery and reunions are milestones I'll carry with me forever. But it's the smaller, everyday moments that have been just as meaningful: the laughter during rush meetings, the pre-dinner shenanigans, late nights spent together in the library, and celebrating birthdays in the bar. From Sundays watching NFL games in 3LF to dressing up as WWE wrestlers for senior Halloween with my brothers, each of these moments, big or small, has been unforgettable. I feel incredibly lucky to have shared these years with some of the best people I know.

As a senior, my hope is to leave Sigma Chi stronger than

I found it. We're thrilled about the incoming pledge class and are doing everything we can to ensure they, too, will experience the full rewards of Sigma Chi. My classmates and I have made a dedicated effort to pass down traditions (the dinner bells, the songs, and so many others), but beyond tradition, we aim to inspire younger brothers to fully invest themselves in this fraternity. Sigma Chi has transformed us, and we want that for everyone who follows. Our legacy, I hope, will encourage future brothers to give their all, knowing that the more they put into the fraternity, the more they will get in return.

If I could thank Sigma Chi for one thing, it would be for being my family away from home and for introducing me to some of the best people I'll ever meet. The fraternity has given me a family in a way I never expected, and for that, I'm endlessly grateful. Looking forward, I know these experiences will shape me, whether in friendships, work, or life in general. The values of accountability, mentorship, and community that Sigma Chi instilled in me are things I will carry into every aspect of my life.

As I move on from MIT, I carry with me the memories, lessons, and lifelong friendships I found in Sigma Chi. Joining this fraternity has been one of the best decisions I've ever made, a true highlight of my time at MIT. I'm deeply honored to be part of this brotherhood, and I know the values and bonds I've formed here will continue to shape who I am long after my college years. I am proud to be an Alpha Theta Sigma Chi, now and always.



Tsacoyeanes and Tourgee Stepping Down as Alumni House Managers

by Dan Craig '03

Bill Tsacoyeanes '82 and **Jerry Tourgee '76** stepped down as alumni house co-managers in September after caring for the house and mentoring the house managers and workweek managers for four years, including the tumultuous time during the pandemic. Bill volunteered for the role in February 2020, not knowing that in a few months the house would be vacated of actives, and he would be one of the few people who would be able to set foot in the house for a year. During that time, Bill set the chapter up using AirTable to track projects, maintenance history, vendors, sources, manuals, and other items. He managed the wainscoting and front-stoop repairs. And, he spent countless hours at the house making repairs large and small, on windows, doorknobs, dishwashers, bathroom partitions, and more.

Jerry Tourgee '76 joined Bill as alumni house co-manager in 2022. Among other projects, Jerry helped repair lighting fixtures, and improved the electrical system to support the increasing number of e-scooter and e-bikes. Even after formally stepping down, Bill and Jerry have continued to volunteer their time and skills, most recently repairing a number of broken dining room chairs.

Bill and Jerry set the bar high for what it means to be an alumni house manager. But their tour also brought into view the evolving experience of undergraduates at the Institute. When living in the dormitories as freshmen, students are not

responsible for the maintenance of the physical plant, and are not even allowed to make repairs and modifications. Upon moving into the house, they must reverse habits completely while under increasing time pressure of academics, athletics, extracurriculars, and career effort. Taking proper care of a 125-year-old house is a lot of work, and work that must be sustainably shared by the undergraduates and the alumni.

The chapter and the corporation are exploring options for how to best maintain the house without burning out the alumni and actives doing the work. This may involve professional property management provided by the FSILG Cooperative, which some other houses use.

While Bill and Jerry have stepped away from the alumni house manager role, they both remain involved with the chapter, and will continue to advise and mentor both the undergraduates and future alumni house managers. If you are interested in helping maintain our beautiful house, please contact **Mike DeLaus '82** at mike.delaus@alum.mit.edu. You will have lots of support from a very dedicated board and past officers.

Thank you Bill and Jerry for all your tremendous hard work! Your efforts have kept 532 Beacon Street the wonderful home that we all know and love, and ensured it will continue to be for future Alpha Thetas.

Remembering Fletcher Hosmer '53



Martha Hosmer, daughter of the late Fletcher Hosmer '53, found her father's name listed on the chapter website and wrote to us to share a little bit about his life and legacy.

E. Fletcher Hosmer '53 passed away on October 6, 2021 at age 92 in Peterborough, New Hampshire, surrounded by family. He was in sound mind and good spirits until the end. I don't think he'd like a big write up about his life. He was an investment banker in New York City, primarily with First Boston Corporation. Eager to strike out on his own, he retired one week after he turned 55. His passion was working with children, which he did for decades as a volunteer math teacher in the New Hampshire public school system. He was a talented golfer, expert skier, and dedicated gardener. He was devoted to his wife, Caroline, who passed away in 2020; and is survived by two daughters, three grandsons, and two great grandchildren.

Here he is at 90, being goofy with mums from his garden. Charming and handsome, as I'm sure all Sigma Chis are!

ALPHA THETA ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES



John J. McAllister '57

Retirement is great, fun with family & friends.

William W. Rowe '75

After 44 years practicing medicine, William retired in Dec. 2023. "I spent most of my career as an interventional cardiologist in northwest Washington, then later in Montana. For the last five years I have been a traveling doctor, combining my medical practice with flying my plane. Now retired, I enjoy spending time with my wife and kids, grandkids and dog. Also, light plane flying, hiking & skiing and other outdoor activities."

Peter R. Lippitt '78

has recently retired, along with his wife, Lynn, who retired in February 2024. He and his wife still live in Milford, New Hampshire, their hometown for the past 30-plus years. They are still in the process of launching their children, Gabe (27) and Russ (25), who are both working and

struggling to find affordable places to live. "Planning on traveling, reading and playing games in retirement," Peter says. "Loved the ATh class gathering at Tom Faust last year and reconnecting with many brothers from my era."

Samuel T. Towell '00

"This January, I was elected by the Virginia General Assembly to serve as one of the three judges who manage the Virginia State Corporation Commission," Samuel writes. "The SCC is an independent branch of the State government charged with regulating public utilities, insurance, state-chartered financial institutions, securities and railroads, among others."

Andrew Pierson '12

Andrew just welcomed his second child, Eliza, and is currently moving from New Haven, Connecticut to Madison, Wisconsin. "All are invited to visit!" He adds that he is currently unemployed and seeking any and all Sigma Chi networking help.



DECEASED

We regret to announce
the deaths of the following alumni:

HAROLD M. NEFF JR. '46

May 9, 2024

RICHARD A. AKEMANN '71

March 18, 2024

PAUL M. RAEBURN '72

April 18, 2024

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Send your personal updates, accomplishments, adventures, and photos to our account manager, Karie Allison, at kallison@elevateims.com, or simply fill out the back of the enclosed gift form and return it in the mail.

We want to share it in the next issue of the *Beaver Sig*!

