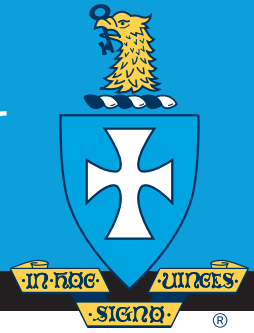


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2025 MIT Commencement and Tech Reunions

May 30, 2:00-5:00 pm

Coming back to MIT for your class reunion this year? Drop by 532 Beacon Street for an open house on Friday afternoon. Light refreshment provided.

Seasons of Brotherhood: A Spring Update from the Consul

by **Michael Kubera '26**



Michael Kubera

As fall gave way to spring, we were quickly reintroduced to true Northeast winters after two unusually gentle ones. Despite the grip of a particularly volatile and snow-heavy season, the brotherhood has remained vibrant. Carrying the momentum of a rewarding fall semester, much has remained the same. Tea and Cookies has held strong, our annual spring retreat and campus preview weekend activities have been prepared, and our pro consul still cannot beat our chef at ping pong.

The 19 outstanding men initiated in the fall have started to establish themselves within the fraternity, and their impact is beginning to be felt. Many of these brothers have already begun to hold positions and are seen at the house regardless of the day of the week.

One rich addition has been the new tradition of brothers giving presentations about their backgrounds and heritage, commencing when

Rome Delgado-Gonzalez '26 shared about his Mexican heritage. This semester, Izaan Rizvi '28 and Pavan Yeddanapudi '28 gave a joint presentation about India, and once the weather clears, I'll be holding a crawfish boil and sharing a bit about my Texas roots.

The philanthropy chairs have been diligently working in our sustained desire to facilitate the return of Derby Days and establish it as a significant community wide event at MIT. With the help of a new partnership and sponsor, Monster Energy, we plan to hold Derby Days this May. Thus far, we have received a commitment from numerous fraternities and sororities to participate in the activities, and hope to further grow this support.

Our relationships with the broader community remain strong, and as we emerge from short, dark, frigid days into the lively and pleasant Boston spring, our outlook is as bright as the season ahead. With renewed energy, deepening bonds, and a continued commitment to both tradition and innovation, we look forward to the months to come. For these reasons and many more, I am always proud to be an Alpha Theta Sigma Chi.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:00 pm ET

Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5:00 pm ET

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.



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Philanthropy Update: Alpha Theta Sigma Chi Springs into Service with Derby Days and More!

by **Hanem Koregema '28, Philanthropy Chair**



Hanem Koregema

The brothers of Alpha Theta Sigma Chi have hit the ground running this semester with a heightened focus on philanthropy and community engagement. With the arrival of spring, we are excited to prepare for the return of our flagship charity event, Derby Days, and expand our efforts to serve the greater Boston area.

This spring, Derby Days is back in full force as a three-day celebration of giving back, friendly competition, and campus-wide involvement, all aimed at raising funds and awareness for a charitable cause. One day of the event will be a carnival-style festival, complete with grilled food, games, and team competitions. The goal: bring the community together for a day of fun while supporting a great cause.

Another day will focus on donation milestones. As we reach each fundraising milestone, brothers will take on a series of humorous and embarrassing challenges, all documented and shared across social media to boost engagement and drive donations even higher, as no challenge is too outrageous in the name of charity.

Additionally, Derby Days will contain a day of action, rallying support to volunteer at a local Boston

charity. We are currently working to connect with organizations in need of hands-on help, ensuring that our efforts extend beyond financial contributions to real-world impact. All proceeds raised during Derby Days will go directly to charity, reinforcing our commitment to service.

As the semester continues, we are actively seeking more ways to support our community. Our philanthropy chairs are exploring ways to engage with local nonprofits and charities in the Boston and/or Cambridge area, offering the strength and energy of our brotherhood to assist wherever we can make a difference. This spring, the Alpha Theta Sigma Chi Chapter is not only aiming to raise funds but also create lasting change, both on campus and beyond. With Derby Days and other service opportunities ahead, we look forward to continuing a semester centered on giving back and living our values through action.



A team of brothers and friends of the House at Derby Days.



Dodgeball at the Derby Days philanthropy event.

Freshman Spotlight: Zach Starr

Serving Up Success with Squash and Sigma Chi

by **Zach Starr**



Zach Starr

My name is Zach Starr, I am a first-year student from Dover, New Hampshire, which is only about 90 minutes north of campus. Some of my hobbies include hiking, skiing, watching movies, and enjoying good weather. I have played competitive squash my whole life and am currently on the team here at MIT. I am undeclared but plan to major in Course 6-4 (artificial intelligence and decision making) and am currently doing UROP research in the Media Lab's biomechanics department.

The transition to college was something that I had anticipated since the beginning of my last year of high school, yet finally attending university, especially at a place like MIT, was overwhelming at first. In such a fast-paced and goal-oriented environment, I felt adrift in a sea of everything new, and spent my first few months on campus searching for anchors to keep me grounded. Part of this was the squash

team, getting to know my teammates better and competing alongside them created a bond that I have been very fortunate to enjoy throughout the winter season.

Additionally, joining and becoming more involved with Sigma Chi has created a great community for me, centered around shared values of excellence and brotherhood. At first, I was extremely uneasy at the prospect of joining a fraternity. I was nervous to join a pledge class of students that I liked but did not know too well. Luckily, my time as a brother of Sigma Chi, albeit short thus far, has been just as fun and rewarding. I have grown to appreciate not just the exhilarating moments and events throughout the semester but also making a real bond with the guys in my year and throughout the house as well. I recently picked up the job as our Intramural Sports Manager and have really enjoyed bringing the fraternity together to compete in volleyball and basketball games, much like I do with the squash team. My time at MIT has already been unforgettable, in large part thanks to Sigma Chi.

Qué Guay! A Madrid Memoir

by **Diego de Lope '27**

Ham tastes better when it's called jamón. As I savor my tostada piled high with jamón serrano and queso manchego, my host family fires off questions in rapid, enthusiastic Spanish, kicking off our first dinner together. Our conversation swiftly blossoms into a lively exchange, evoking memories of laughter-filled meals with fellow Sigs back at 532 Beacon St. Only this time, I'm halfway across the globe in Madrid, wrapping up an amazing first day teaching machine learning to high school students through MISTI Global Teaching Labs.

Amid trading stories and laughs, I excitedly exclaim, "Qué padre!" an instinctive Mexican expression meaning "how cool!" My host family immediately bursts into a chorus of laughter; to them, the phrase is delightfully foreign. They promptly introduce me to their own colorful equivalents: "Qué guay!," "Qué chulo!," and even "Qué guapo!"

Each expression feels refreshingly new to my ears and succeeds in transporting me back to our culture-sharing nights in the fraternity library: evenings where Brother Romulo Delgado-Gonzalez and I showcased Mexican slang and treats, and newly initiated Brothers Pavan Yeddanapudi and Izaan Rizvi hosted a full-on Indian feast. Even the simple moments, like running into Brother Lucky Deignan in the third-floor bathroom (home to the best showers in the house, no contest) as he entertains me enthusiastically in Spanish, flash through my mind.

Apart from solo sunset runs weaving through El Retiro's sculpted cypress trees and weekend excursions to Andalusia's breathtaking mosque-cathedrals, the highlights of my time abroad were undeniably social. There's nothing quite like going out for tapas and a refreshing cañita with newfound friends, postponing

sleep to enjoy spontaneous adventures, and eagerly rallying to do it all over again the next day. Reflecting on my days in Madrid, I know I'll cherish my time as a Sig in the house the same way, grateful for the opportunity to create plenty of "Qué guay!" memories among strong arms.



Diego de Lope '27 seeing the sights in Madrid.

Senior Spotlight: From PNM to Proud Senior

A Journey Through 532 Beacon

by **Ben Sheres '25**



Ben Sheres

I still remember the first time I set foot in the house. I was whisked from the bar to the library to 5LB whilst being introduced to a coterie of new faces, new friends that would soon be my brothers. Even then, before rush had even begun, I was struck by just how welcoming they were to a complete stranger.

I was flattered that the president took the time to shake my hand and learn my name. I spent the rest of the evening on a couch in 2LB, in awe of 2 seniors and a sophomore free-style rapping. In the following three months, I would go from PNM to pledge to brother. As the older brothers became my friends, the awe continued as my respect for them grew and they came to be my role models. They were the TA to give a lab checkoff, the buddy to share a meal with, the general to lead the charge into a Saturday night of debauchery, and the confidant to offer personal advice. By the time the class of '22 was graduating in May, I could not imagine who would fill their shoes.

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ALPHA THETA ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES



Terrence J. Sweeney '75

Eight grandkids so far! Great fun; more to come? Still surviving rainy Seattle. Another year or two 'til retirement.

DECEASED

We regret to announce the deaths of the following alumni:

DOUGLAS W. MCIVER '57

March 26, 2020

CLEYON C.O. YOWELL '53

November 7, 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*!

Social Update: From Mardi Gras to Wall Street – A Semester of Social Wins

by Keegan Brady '28, Ryan Espinoza '27, and Merlin Gogolin '27



Keegan Brady



Ryan Espinoza



Merlin Gogolin

The start of the semester came with its fair share of challenges, but that did not stop us from bringing the heat. Despite logistical hurdles, unpredictable weather, and last-minute scrambles, we worked together to ensure our social calendar remained as electric as ever. With brothers stepping up and getting creative, we have built a semester full of unforgettable nights, with plenty more to come.

Our first major social event was our Mardi Gras Cocktail Party, where guests were welcomed into a world of gold, good vibes, and an incredible live set from Good News!, who delivered despite their lead singer battling an illness. Paired with an ΣK mixer, the

night set the tone for the rest of the semester's events.

Next came The Wolf of Beacon Street, a rager where brothers and Theta guests embraced their inner Wall Street wolves. The house was filled with good vibes, as we kept the good times rolling.

And, of course, we could not let St. Patrick's Day pass without going all out. Our St. Paddy's Banger with ΣK was one for the books, filled with green everything, high spirits, and a packed dance floor. Whether you came for the Irish cheer or just the Guinness, the night was pure, unfiltered fun.

We have some legendary events planned for the coming weeks. Our annual Wedding Mixer with Alpha Phi is coming up soon after Marmon, a day that always sends the house into overdrive. And with more themed parties scheduled, we are keeping the energy high.

As the semester goes on, we will be sure to continue our streak of fun, safe events.



Sigma Chi dance floor on St. Patrick's Day.



Brothers at the St. Patrick's Day Party
(Left to right: Lucky Deignan '26, Jerry Liu '28, Ittai Kohavi '28, Maddox Brandenburg '28).

Senior Spotlight: (Continued from page 3)



Class of '25 on spring break in Jamaica.

Now I am one of those seniors. I have been the TA giving brothers lab checkoffs, shaken every wide-eyed freshman's hand as Consul, and charged into countless Saturday nights with my brothers by my side. Still, it feels like time has unceremoniously slipped away, and before long I will be vaulted into the "real world". It is impossible to forget the endless laughter, good times, and nights dancing in the bar. In the past year alone, I have made memories with active brothers and alumni alike on the West Coast, East Coast, and in the Midwest as well as in seven different countries. As I have looked for a job, I have been helped by Alpha Thetas from the class of '83 to '24. I have come to the same realization as every senior before me; this is not the end, not even close. That first day I set foot in 532 Beacon, I never could have imagined how much the house and its inhabitants would come to mean to me. As I prepare to graduate, there is not a doubt in my mind that the younger brothers are ready to step up and fill our shoes. And, as I found, just because we will not live next door anymore does not mean we are not always around and always proud.

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