



THETA CRESCENT

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THETA LAUNCHES NEW ALUMNI RELATIONS PROGRAM

How You Can Keep Connected to AGR

Whether we graduated two years ago or 20, a lot has changed since we became alumni. We've launched careers, moved, gotten married, started families—the list is endless. To keep us better connected and to maintain our AGR bonds, the board of directors is launching a new alumni relations program.

INTRODUCING THETA CRESCENT!

Since we know your busy schedule may not accommodate a trip to Columbia, we're bringing Mizzou to you! You'll receive two editions of the *Theta Crescent* newsletter each year. Inside this inaugural edition you'll find updates on the collegiate chapter, an interview with an alumnus, information on chapter events, and more. We're thrilled to begin the process of reconnecting AGR brothers from near and far.

IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATED?

Beyond our biannual newsletter, we're also focused on updating our alumni contact records. You might recall receiving a form this

past fall that asked you to confirm your contact information and to share what's new with you.

Don't remember receiving that form? Please let us know so we can keep our records current! Instructions are on page 4.

FOREVER AGR

No matter how many years have passed, we're all members of Alpha Gamma Rho for life. Alumni support is essential in maintaining our brotherhood, and we welcome support and volunteers at every level. By joining the board, writing a recruitment recommendation, or simply sending article ideas or personal life updates for the newsletter, you can play an important part in Theta's future. We look forward to bringing you the latest news from 602 S. College Avenue.

Faternally,
Jamie Triplett '89

President
Theta Chapter Board of Directors



Check out Theta Chapter's Star Wars-themed Homecoming decorations from this fall!



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Fall Football at Mizzou!



Alumni enjoy quality time together ahead of fall harvest at the annual Mizzou football game. From left: Mike Hanson '92, Steve Fairchild '89, Chad Triplett '91, and Tony Robertson '89.



Left: Theta brothers enjoy a beautiful game day connecting and supporting the Tigers to a 38-0 win over Buffalo. From left: Layton Schubert '24, Owen Reynolds '24, and Keith Farmer '24. Right: Undergraduates showcase their artistic talents ahead of the game. From left: Layton Schubert '24, Nate Robertson '24, Kabe Hamlin '24, Declan Weaver '24, Garrett Boedecker '24, and Keith Farmer '24.

2025 RECRUITMENT STATEMENT

Help Us Find Quality Men

We are very excited to take the reins as the recruitment chairmen for Theta Chapter in 2025. We have already started formulating our plans and making connections with potential new members and plan to assemble a committee that will have members from every part of the state. We are putting an emphasis on prioritizing quality young men who are hard-working and a good fit for Theta Chapter. It is our goal to use every possible resource to connect with potential new members.

We look forward to a great recruiting year!

If you would like to contact us about recruitment or help connect prospective members capable of meeting Alpha Gamma Rho's purpose and values, our contact information is included below.

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COLLEGIANS ENJOY A GREAT SEMESTER

Theta Chapter has had a successful fall semester. We initiated 18 high-quality members into our brotherhood. For this year's Homecoming celebration, we were paired with Pi Beta Phi and Tau Kappa Epsilon. After hard work from every brother, we finished first in a few categories, including campus decorations and float, with a third-place overall finish.

During Homecoming, we participated in many philanthropic events hosted by fellow MU Greek chapters. We also participated in CAFNR week festivities and the MU South Farm Showcase to continue to promote our positive presence on campus.

During Dad's Weekend, we held a trap shoot and cookout recruitment event for 2025 prospective members. The 2024 officer team and committees have been hard at work ensuring a smooth and organized transition for the 2025 officer team.

We also look forward to another great year as hosts of the AGR Classic Cattle Show in Chillicothe, Missouri, on February 7 and 9. As a reminder, alumni are always welcome to visit the house and engage with undergraduates!

Fraternally,
Tyler Vogler '24
Noble Ruler

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Hugh Baker
Agribusiness
Management
Memphis, Mo.

Nick Haines
Agribusiness
Management
Mexico, Mo.

Nate Robertson
Agribusiness
Management
Mexico, Mo.

Garrett Boedecker
Agricultural Systems
Management
Marshall, Mo.

Kabe Hamlin
Civil Engineering
Memphis, Mo.

Layton Shubert
Business Management
Gallatin, Mo.

Anderson Brown
Mechanical
Engineering
New Melle, Mo.

Slade McClauslin
Chemical Engineering
New Melle, Mo.

Nathan Stever
Agribusiness
Management
Columbia, Mo.

Guy Fairchild
Political Science
Mexico, Mo.

Cole Peters
Agribusiness
Management
St. Thomas, Mo.

Chase Thompson
Agribusiness
Management
Carthage, Mo.

Keith Farmer
Agricultural
Communications
Polo, Mo.

Owen Reynolds
Agribusiness
Management
Booneville, Mo.

Declan Weaver
Agribusiness
Management
Marshall, Mo.

John Fuhrman
Plant Science
Skidmore, Mo.

Gavin Rhode
Agribusiness
Management
Gower, Mo.

Matt Wilson
Communications
Amana, Iowa



FINDING HIS FRATERNAL FAMILY

Steve Barnes '80 on AGR Bonds, Career Success



Steve and his wife, Cindy.

As a young man at Mizzou, **Steve Barnes '80** followed in his father's footsteps by becoming an AGR brother. He and his best friend visited the house during senior year of high school, and Steve quickly found a place to call home while he prepared for his career beyond college.

THRIVING THROUGH THETA

"We were a family united against other fraternities in intramural activities," Steve said. He enjoyed the fun atmosphere and competitive nature of fraternity life, and AGR presented numerous bonding opportunities like pledge events and a senior weekend trip to K-State.

From day one, AGR began molding Steve into the man he is today through lessons in dressing for occasions, table manners, and more. Alongside his work as Rhomate advisor, Theta

Chapter membership provided the chance for Steve to become Ag Club president and Barn Warming chairman. "I believe that experience was instrumental in teaching me organizational and leadership skills."

CAREER VENTURES

Steve interned with Monsato during college and started working with the company after graduation. He later joined Akin Seed Company, followed by Advance Trading Company. By 2007, Steve started his own commodity brokerage business, Ag Marketing Partners. The company specializes in marketing risk management assistance and education for grain and livestock producers throughout the Midwest.

Nearly two decades later, he continues to oversee operations and financial decisions as the company's managing partner. Following the

2008 property market collapse, Steve ventured into real estate and is now involved in several hundred single-family residences and numerous commercial buildings.

"I have been blessed with mostly success in the careers I've been involved in. There have been a few failed tries, but nothing that couldn't be overcome. One of the most rewarding things in recent years was buying up most of a neighborhood that was one of the worst in the area based on violence, police calls, gunfire, etc., and completely transforming it into a very attractive middle-class place to live."

Steve has also co-owned Harpo's in Chesterfield with his son-in-law since 2014. For today's undergraduates, he advises them to make the most of career opportunities and

"I didn't have any brothers when I arrived in Columbia in 1979, but I soon gained several dozen."

work hard at whatever they pursue. Steve has enjoyed running into AGR alumni throughout his career, and he also urges students to prioritize their fraternal bonds.

PERSONAL LIFE

Steve is grateful to maintain AGR connections beyond college and get together with fellow alumni and their wives each summer. He and his wife, Cindy, have enjoyed several vacations with brothers, retaining lifelong bonds beyond their college years.

"My daughter recently had a health issue. Who would you guess I was getting calls from, offering support and prayers for me and her both? Yep, fellow AGRs."

Steve and Cindy have four daughters, two sons, and 11 grandchildren. They enjoy family time, spoiling their grandkids, traveling to new places, and attending live music events. "I love the motto, 'Life is short. Buy the tickets!'"

You can connect with Steve at steve.grainman@gmail.com.

2025 Officer Team Goals

1 **Improve** the efficiency of chapter, executive, and building association meetings.

2 **Delegate** more roles to keep everyone involved, heard, and developing as a potential leader.

3 **Grow** Alpha Gamma Rho's image on campus and build upon community relations.

Nominate a Brother for Alumni of the Year

Help Us Recognize Deserving AGRs

Do you know a brother who represents the promise and values of Alpha Gamma Rho in their life and career? Nominate him for the Alumni of the Year Award!

Complete the nomination form at missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4IovkS9P8mHTGwa with information about why this brother deserves recognition. Nominations will be summarized and presented to the Building Association for selection. You can also learn more about the award and see previous winners at the link or by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for helping us honor brothers who have made an impact.



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IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

As we strive to maintain our valued alumni network, it's essential we have your most current info on file. We understand that life is ever-changing, and we want to ensure you receive all our updates and newsletters promptly.

If you're reading the physical newsletter, we probably have your correct mailing address—but what about your email? Or maybe you're reading this digitally but haven't seen it in the mail?

In either case, there's a simple solution.

Just send your new info to updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com with the subject line "AGR MU Update." This will help us keep you informed about upcoming events and important news.

For our first newsletter, we'd also appreciate you reaching out to brothers you're still in contact with to make sure they've received a copy! If not, have them send their info to the email above.

Thank you for being a part of our Theta brotherhood and for helping us stay connected! Your information remains confidential and secure within our organization.

Check out more recent Theta updates inside in our new newsletter, *Theta Crescent*!



Brothers gather for the Theta Chapter Memorial Golf Tournament on June 22, 2024, at L.A. Nickell Golf Course.