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Thanks to Nick Lambert  
(PC '18) for the photos of  
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# Editor's Note

Brothers,

I hope this message finds you and your families' well. I am happy to be a part of the second edition of our Beta Alpha Newsletter. We touch on a lot of different topics in this edition, all of which have their significance; however, I'd like to highlight a particular theme you will find apparent. It's the importance of leadership. Our organization has been blessed to have, cultivate, and maintain strong leaders for many decades. No organization can be successful without them, and with them there is no limit to what we can accomplish together.

The leadership of our alumni sets the tone and the expectations for our new brothers entering the order. Think about it, every four years (sometimes 6.5 years, it's a hard school) we have a completely different cast of characters running the active chapter. How do we continue to thrive with this much turnover?

Well as we all know our brotherhood doesn't end at graduation. It's a lifelong commitment that our alumni take seriously by unselfishly offering up their time and resources to benefit the next generation of young men embarking on life's journey. I'm going to share a piece Brother Ed Schmidt made to me on this topic:

"When we go to province council it amazes me how some of the chapters there don't see any of their alumni. It's a scary thought because I think having alumni presence for a chapter motivates them to do well simply because it's human nature that you don't want to do anything that would disappoint those who have gone before you. It's human nature that if you have a group of clear thinking individuals running an organization and you report to an alumni group who is concerned with their well-being, it's only natural they'll want to work harder."

It's crucial we recognize those alumni who have come before and have helped lay the foundations of success. Beta Alpha has many notable alumni that have put in a lot of effort toward bettering our organization and we plan to spotlight each one. Today we're talking about Ed Schmidt and Tim Bradley. Two brothers we're very lucky to have.

Now although we're highlighting two specific brothers in this edition (and will continue to highlight more in upcoming editions), it's important to realize that our success isn't based solely on the commitment and efforts of just a couple brothers. We all can and most of us do have a positive influence on the chapter. Our alumni base as a whole is engaged. We wouldn't be able to give tens of thousands of dollars toward scholarships for our undergrads without the alumni support. No way just a couple alumni could have built/renovated a house for the actives once in the 60's and then a second time in the 10's. We have reliable assistance every year in recruitment efforts throughout the spring and summer months.

And in my humble opinion, the biggest impact our alumni make is one of the simpler things many of us do once or twice a year - visiting the chapter during St. Pat's and Homecoming (and anytime in between). Merely talking to our brothers to share your experiences, offering support, and celebrating are so critical to the health of our chapter.

So in addition to honoring Ed and Tim today, we are also honoring all our alumni who offer their time as they're able. Thank you.

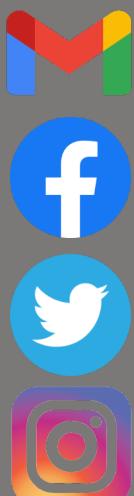
Fraternally,

Jack Conroy



**Jack Conroy**  
PC '14

“A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.





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# BAAA Update



**Joe Studer**  
PC '16

**Want the next issue of The BAAA Journal delivered right to your inbox? Click [here](#) so we can learn how to contact you!**

Brothers, Friends, and Family of Beta Alpha,

It's been an interesting first year for BAAA. As an organization, we were founded to be a center point for our alumni, helping to enrich the Beta Alpha alumni experience and carry our brotherhood throughout our post-college lives. At our first meeting in December of 2019 we had lavish dreams of new events: barbecues, happy hours, opportunities for all alumni to share and connect after leaving Rolla. Don't get me wrong, we still have all those plans (and more), but in the past year we've had to be a bit more creative in our attempts to reach those goals. Some have been moved to the backburner, but we've found a few new ways to connect, some of which we probably never would have considered in other circumstances. The most obvious of which you're reading right now, (our quarterly newsletter we started in the fall). We have also started our unified push on social media (the links to which are on the left hand side of this page). However, there's also been quite a bit going on behind the scenes that we're happy to announce (along with a few things still in the works).

Last October we had the pleasure to present our progress to the SELF board, along with what we've got in the works for the next ten (10!) years - and since then we've only kept up the work. We're happy to announce that BAAA is in the process of taking ownership and control of the Chapter's website ([mst-ka.org](http://mst-ka.org), more updates coming soon) a move that leverages the skills of both our actives and alumni to save the chapter thousands of dollars a year, and provides a great learning experience at the same time. As an organization we've also doubled in size in the past few months, enabling us to provide new ways for alumni to stay actively involved. We have brought in more writers for the Journal (see their contributions in the following pages), added more developers for the chapter website, and grown our social media and involvement teams. With all that growth, we are still looking for more active contributors and fresh ideas to continue on in our mission of bringing alumni together. If you're interested in helping, or just want to hear about what other things we have in the pipeline, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Best Wishes,

Joe Studer

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**Jim Hennessey**  
PC '83

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Beta Alpha has been very fortunate to have strong alumni support of our scholarship programs. We typically offer about \$55,000 in scholarships each Homecoming. About half of this amount comes from endowed scholarships and half is from direct giving. Endowed scholarships are when an alumni makes a sizable donation to the University, normally through the Golden Shillelagh organization. (The minimum donation amount is \$25,000) The interest from that money is available for yearly scholarships. Direct giving scholarships come from yearly donations to the BAEF. For example, if you gave \$500 to the BAEF for scholarships, 100% of that money would go into a pool of scholarship money to be awarded at Homecoming.

As with many things in 2020, our ability to raise scholarship funds was impacted by the pandemic. Primarily this is because we did not have a Homecoming scholarship banquet. This banquet is our only planned fundraiser and brings in nearly \$20,000 each year. I would also invite younger alumni to get in the habit of giving a little each year. The minimum amount we like to give as a scholarship is \$1000, so a \$250 or \$500 donation goes a long way towards filling a scholarship to an undergraduate brother.

There are two ways to give. First, you may write a check and mail it to Beta Alpha Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1884, Rolla, MO 65402-1884. Brother Sowers owns the PO box. Second is to give via PayPal on our website, [www.baedu.org](http://www.baedu.org). When you give this way, you have the option to choose to give the same amount yearly. This can be a powerful way to contribute year after year without having to remember. As always, your support is greatly appreciated!

Best,  
Jim Hennessey

# BAEF

## Your Help Needed for Scholarship Donations

### 2020 Scholarships

**Total Awarded: \$55,010.00**

**Recipients:** 31

**Chapter GPA:** 3.34

# Endowed Scholarship Recipients



**Brayden Desmond**  
*Marjorie and Billy Browngard*



**Tyler Gass**  
*Ted Weise*



**Leo Hager**  
*Kent Lynn*



**Nick Lambert**  
*Ted Weise*



**Graeme Moore**  
*Wolf*



**Matthew Muehler**  
*Ed and Marilyn Schmidt*



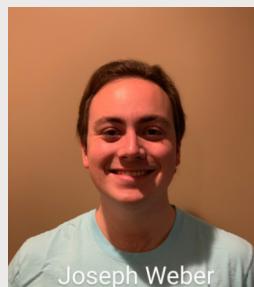
**Cole Phinney**  
*Harold Chernoff Memorial*



**Tyler Schmidt**  
*Russell Perry*



**Cooper St. John**  
*David and Lynda Malone*



**Joseph Weber**  
*Doyle and Suzanne Powell*



**Cody Wedemeier**  
*Karl Moulder Memorial*

## Not Pictured

James Heath (*James R. Sowers*), Ian Jones (*Vernon McGee*), Alexander Lohr (*Willard and Kay Jenkins*), Sean Poth (*Ken and Maelou Baxter*), Charles Wieberg (*Humbert and Norma Sfreddo*)

# Ed Schmidt

## Beta Alpha Legend

By Jack Conroy

Since he first began helping around the house in 1973 Ed Schmidt has been a rock of the Beta Alpha Chapter. Moments into meeting Ed you understand his character: humble, deliberate, and sincere in the way he interacts with others. In the late 80's both his character and assistance were formally recognized when he was entrusted to be the next Beta Alpha Alumni Advisor. Even after stepping down from the position in 2017 Ed continues to be the first line of support to the chapter as a local alumnus. Ed is also a member of BAEF and SELF having played a key role in the expansion of the annual scholarship donations from \$250 in 1962 to \$50,000 today; as well as the house renovation in 2014. Recently I had a chance to catch up with Ed, the man who has helped guide half a century of Beta Alpha brothers through their time in college and beyond.





We went to the beginning, where Ed talked of growing up in Florissant and graduating from Ferguson High School in '61. He enjoyed wrestling and staying active in high school, and decided to attend Missouri S&T (MSM or Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy at the time) after a recommendation from a well-spoken chemistry professor at an engineering day in downtown St. Louis.

Soon after committing to S&T, a couple of KA brothers Tracy Boyer and Don Mason from North County set up an appointment to meet with Ed and his parents about rushing the fraternity. They made a great impression so Ed signed on. As Ed then put it, "the rest is history." During his time in school there were several experiences that have helped shape him into the leader he is today...

**"Ed, if you don't get your grades right you're not going to be flying in this man's army. You'll be walking in this man's army."**

1964 - a defining year for Ed Schmidt. A junior attending Missouri S&T, like many students even today, Ed was struggling to keep his grades afloat. He had been put on academic probation two semesters in a row, and his grades still hadn't improved. At this time, S&T allotted two chances to improve your grades before dismissing students for poor academic performance. Unfortunately for Ed, he had already used up his two chances. The Director for the School of Engineering, Dr. Dudely Thompson, sent word to Ed that he was to see him in his office immediately. This was it. Ed knew he was getting kicked out of school and Dr. Thompson had the responsibility to conduct the formality.

As he was walking toward Dr. Thompson's office, Ed began to grasp the consequences of his situation. He was up against a lot of the same pressures many young people today face - two parents who would be very disappointed in his failure. His dad had already expressed frustration with his son after he switched his major twice (once from chemistry to electrical engineering and again from electrical engineering to mechanical engineering). Ed was amongst the first generation of his family to attend college adding additional layers of both familial pride and expectations..

To top it off there was even more at stake. The Vietnam War was well underway and

escalating. MSM was a land grant college, so each student had to take at least two years of ROTC. There was also the option to take four years through an advanced ROTC program, where you would graduate as an officer for the United States Army. With the draft ongoing everyone, including Ed, knew where they were headed after college.

When Ed entered Dr. Thompson's office, no time was wasted, "You know Ed, if you leave school you're still in this man's army but you won't be an officer. You don't need a degree to figure out which is better. I know you can do better than this. I'm going to give you one more chance to come back to school as a full time student but you better buckle down and get your grades where they need to be." Ed was relieved that he was being granted another chance to prove himself. But before Ed was completely out of the woods, he was called in by

Colonel Taylor who was aware of Ed's situation. Colonel Taylor gave Ed another talk where he delivered his famously repeated line, "Ed you need to get your grades right or you're not going to be flying in this man's army, you'll be walking in this man's army."

Young Ed had several mentors while attending college. One of his mentors was Colonel Glenn R. Taylor, Professor of Military Science at S&T. Colonel Taylor was a KA alumni who spent a considerable amount of his free time providing guidance to the active members of the fraternity. In fact, it's important to note that Colonel Taylor's son, Porter Taylor, was one of Ed's closest friends at the house. He spent a lot



Ed and his wife Marilyn receive an award at the chapter house.

of time with the Taylors, Colonel Taylor and Mrs. Taylor were like a second pair of parents to him. Colonel Taylor recommended Ed join the advanced ROTC early on in his collegiate career so he did. The thought was it would be better to go in as an officer than drafted as a civilian. The Army ROTC also had an aviation option that he could apply for if he qualified. Ed was interested in flying planes so the aviation training was the path he chose and hoped to complete.

Both Dr. Thompson and Colonel Taylor were KA alumni who provided invaluable support and guidance to the students at S&T. Their words to Ed during a difficult time in his life are words he's never forgotten and a story he enjoys retelling. Ed was grateful to have mentors at the school who believed in him and held him to a higher standard.

As you could have guessed, Ed did buckle down and passed every semester following those encounters completing his B.S. in mechanical engineering.

Ed will tell you, "These alumni were absolutely the driving forces behind my dedication to KA and good fraternities. I'm confident I would not have finished my degree if it were not for Kappa Alpha. We all go through periods at that age and at that school where you get down on yourself or down on what you're doing and think maybe you should go another direction. And I can't begin to tell you the number of stories I have from a variety of alumni who visited the house regularly not to scold us, but just to share with us their experiences and nudge us in the appropriate directions. And still have a good time of course. Our advisor in those days was Karl Moulder, his picture hangs in the house. He was a professor at the school and spent a lot of time with us. Another brother who spent

a significant amount of time with us was Advisor and Chiles Province Commander Russ Perry."

Ed had made a commitment to serve in the army starting in fall of 67' so when he graduated in January of 67' he only had about 6 months to work as an engineer. While Ed was trying to figure out where he was going to work, one of his classmates Jim Hunter (later a province Commander for the West) reached out to him. Jim had been working with Mobay Chemical out in West Virginia. Jim suggested Ed interview with them until he went on active duty so he did and was hired, Mobay Chemical of course knowing Ed's commitment to the army. The alumni network proving quite helpful.

Following his stint at Mobay chemical, Ed served in the Army as a pilot. He did 1 year of training and then was sent to Vietnam in 1969 where he flew with the 20th engineering brigade for basically an entire year nonstop - 364 days to be exact. An incredible feat. Ed returned home and completed his service in 1970.

At this point he was hooked on aviation so

**"As you could have guessed, Ed did buckle down"**

wanted to stay in that field. He looked into commercial airline aviation but the field was oversaturated with pilots making it difficult to find a job.

While Ed was searching for a job, he received a call from another Brother Ted Weise.

Brother Weise had recently accepted a job with Fed Ex based in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was one of their first employees (employee number being #23). Fed Ex had some sales positions open so brother Weise suggested Ed apply for the job. Ed did apply, interviewed, and was accepted; however, after six months Ed realized sales was not his passion.

Ed knew he wanted to get back to flying so he called up the head of the flight school at Rolla who ran the training for the army aviators, Lee Maples. Lee conveniently had a position open for a tanker pilot so Ed went to work for him for a couple years.

He and Lee Maples worked together for a few years until the charter and tanker business dried up. Although down on their luck, Lee had a strong feeling that the air freight business could be profitable and one that he and Ed could excel. In 1973 they formed Baron Aviation based at Rolla National Airport in Vichy, Mo. In 1975 fate brought Federal Express back into Ed's life. FedEx's business had outgrown the capacity of their air fleet and they were soliciting other cargo air carriers to supplement their own. Ed traveled to Memphis and bid on a route. They were awarded a contract and began what continues to be a fruitful relationship for both parties.

Baron Aviation is located fifteen minutes from the KA house. Because of this Ed would stop by the house from time to time to just say hi and of course join in some of the celebrations. Ed had been very involved during his time at S&T. He had served as recruitment chair and vice president for the chapter along with his involvement with IFC and advanced ROTC. He was a great resource for the active members for many years. When thinking back on it Ed said, "I always thank my lucky stars

that I was here and able to do that. It can be hard if you're not close by. Still there are lots of ways to help a chapter if you live here in town or not. Alumni support is important for any chapter."

Throughout the 70s, Ed started to take on more responsibility. Brothers Karl Moulder and Russ Perry would ask Ed to help out on a variety of tasks. "When Brother Moulder, passed away, Brother Perry looked to me for



more help, and I was happy to do it. I was single at the time so when I wasn't flying planes I was helping out the house. It was as much fun as it was work."

Ed officially took over as the alumni advisor in the mid-late 80s. Ed said when he first took over, "I did my best to encourage the chapter to get away from some of the things that made a mess that others had to clean up. In the late 80s and early 90s guys were buying lumber and building what they called lofts. They couldn't keep the rooms clean. So to change that I got some help from the fire insurance people - they said they weren't going to insure

us anymore because the windows were blocked and they couldn't get out of the room if there was a fire. So I informed the students that they couldn't keep living that way. They needed to have bunk beds and in a particular location so we could be insured. Now I wasn't fibbing to the brothers, but I was taking full advantage of the fire insurance. I had a local carpenter build new bunk beds for all the brothers and those bunk beds lasted all the way up until the renovation of the house (in

Ed, along with Jim Hennessey and Bill Nance, at Convention in St. Louis.



2014). That put some more order back in the rooms." This was a classic Ed story. Ed was smart, caring, and knew how to get things done. The brothers may not have appreciated it, but they knew Ed always had their best interest at heart.

A couple decades later there were what Ed dubbed the "hot tub days". Ed started off by saying, "You're familiar with the brothers who were in the house around the early 2010s. Not saying those were my toughest years but those were some of the most memorable years. The pledge classes around then had some pretty active imaginations. One day I come over and

there's a giant makeshift swimming pool and a hot tub in the backyard. Of course I made them take it all down seemed like a potential safety hazard. But honestly nothing I ever had to lose a lot of sleep over, just changing times and ideas. And of course the older you get, the less tolerant you get. That's why it's good you have an alumnus advisor (Jim Hennessey) now who's close to the age. Now some of the really wonderful years were when the chapter put a string of Marshals together. There's nothing like being at convention and your chapter (out of 120+ chapters) is awarded the top prize. It makes you like a proud parent. We are one of the most decorated chapters in the order."

Ed is right we are one of the most decorated chapters and we owe a lot of that to the alumni before us who have set high expectations. Ed's guidance and continued support has been crucial. We have him and so many alumni to thank for their time and dedication. As the interview was concluding I asked Ed he's been up to these days.

"I bought a farm a few years ago, my nephew who works here locally helps me with it. We've been running a cow/calf operation. I still maintain my position as President of Baron Aviation. So between work, running the cattle operation, I've been staying busy. What I really miss is stopping by and having lunch with the active chapter. I still coordinate with the house managers when mechanical issues arise. I look forward to joining the chapter for lunch this semester."

Like Ed said, at one point or another we all need some inspiration and guidance. And that's what our brotherhood provides. I encourage the young men of the chapter to take full advantage of lunch with Brother Ed Schmidt. Few chapters have men like Ed available to them.



**John Destefano**

<b>Pledge Class:</b>	PC2k16	<b>Major:</b>	Electrical Engineering
<b>Location:</b>	Lusby, Maryland	<b>Title:</b>	Technical Advisor
<b>Employer:</b>	Founders Legal   UNH IP Law Class of 2024		
<b>Chapter Involvement</b>	Merchandise Committee		
<b>Campus Involvement</b>	President of BBQ Club, Missouri Miner		

<b>Pledge Class:</b>	PC2k16	<b>Major:</b>	Chemical Engineering
<b>Location:</b>	Kansas City, MO	<b>Title:</b>	N/A / Sandwich Artist
<b>Employer:</b>	N/A / Panera Bread		
<b>Chapter Involvement</b>	Recording Secretary (III), Sergeant-at-Arms (VIII)		
<b>Campus Involvement</b>			



**Connor Dolan**

# Fall 2020



**Ashton England**

<b>Pledge Class:</b>	PC2k17	<b>Major:</b>	Civil Engineering
<b>Location:</b>	Independence, MO	<b>Title:</b>	Project Engineer
<b>Employer:</b>	Powell CWM		
<b>Chapter Involvement</b>	Marshall (IX), House Manager		
<b>Campus Involvement</b>	Institute of Transportation Engineers, Engineers Without Borders		

<b>Pledge Class:</b>	PC2k17	<b>Major:</b>	Civil Engineering
<b>Location:</b>	Festus, MO	<b>Title:</b>	Project Engineer
<b>Employer:</b>	Missouri Department of Transportation		
<b>Chapter Involvement</b>	Historian (V)		
<b>Campus Involvement</b>	Fraternal Order of Leaders		



**Thomas Herrmann**

<b>Pledge Class:</b>	PC2k16	<b>Major:</b>	Mechanical Engineering
<b>Location::</b>	St. Charles, MO	<b>Title:</b>	N/A
<b>Employer:</b>			N/A
<b>Chapter Involvement</b>	House Manager, Brotherhood Chair, Recycling Chair		
<b>Campus Involvement</b>	Miner Motorcycle Design Team, ASME, Water Polo Club		



**Jacob Kannady**



**Douglas Ryterski**

<b>Pledge Class:</b>	PC2k16	<b>Major:</b>	Engineering Management
<b>Location:</b>	Chesterfield, MO	<b>Title:</b>	Project Engineer
<b>Employer:</b>			LS Power Development, LLC
<b>Chapter Involvement</b>	Greek Week Ultimate Frisbee (Co-Captain)		
<b>Campus Involvement</b>	Club Roller Hockey (Treasurer), Minor Motorcycle Design Team (Co-Founder), Mentoring Makes a Difference		

# Graduates

<b>Pledge Class:</b>	PC2k15	<b>Major:</b>	Mechanical Engineering
<b>Location::</b>	Imperial, MO	<b>Title:</b>	N/A
<b>Employer:</b>			N/A
<b>Chapter Involvement</b>	Recruitment Chair, Greek Sing Chair, Pink Week Chair		
<b>Campus Involvement</b>	Missouri Miner University Newspaper (Advertisement Manager & Business Manager), Miner Motorcycle Design Team (Power Train Lead)		



**Landen Smith**



**Cody Witt**

<b>Pledge Class:</b>	PC2k15	<b>Major:</b>	Engineering Management
<b>Location:</b>	Leasburg, MO	<b>Title:</b>	N/A
<b>Employer:</b>			N/A
<b>Chapter Involvement</b>	Marshall (IX), House Manager, Philanthropy Chair		
<b>Campus Involvement</b>	Student Union Board		

# Bradley Way: A New View For Campus

Doran Grieshaber (PC'15)



Brother Bradley (PC '73) and his wife Kay. Photo by Moira Photography

While we all know that Missouri S&T is one of the best engineering schools around, let's face it; most people coming down I-44 probably drive right past without even knowing it's there. This past December, brother Tim Bradley (PC '73) announced that he and his wife, Kay, will be donating five million dollars to Missouri S&T to help change that. This donation will make the Bradleys the lead contributors to the campus' Arrival District project. The Arrival District is part of S&T's overall plan to transform University Drive into a more prominent entrance to the school as well as increase ease of access to the campus from Bishop Avenue. The renovated University Drive will connect I-44 to a campus common area through a series of landscape and building projects, and will be renamed Bradley Way. In a recent press release, Chancellor Mo Deghani had this to say about their donation: "We are deeply grateful to Tim and Kay for this vote of confidence in Missouri S&T and our future. The Bradleys have been strong supporters of scholarships, our Petroleum Engineering program,

and Kappa Alpha fraternity for many years. Now they have stepped forward as the first donors to support a major project that will give our university, the Rolla community, and visitors to our campus a true front door to S&T". This will be a major part of the Move Rolla Transportation Development District, a joint venture between Missouri S&T, the city of Rolla, Phelps County, and Phelps Health to improve travel around the area.

While this is Tim's single largest supporting effort to Missouri S&T, it is certainly not his first. He has stayed heavily involved with the school since graduating from UMR with his degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1977. He is a member of the Board of Trustees at both Missouri S&T and a former trustee at the Magellan International School in Austin, Texas, he was inducted into the Academy of Mines and Metallurgy in April 2013, and he and Kay are both members of the Order of the Golden Shillelagh. He was also a speaker at the December 2019 commencement. Tim and Kay also established a graduate student fellowship in Petroleum Engineering and supported Finish Line scholarships

for students nearing graduation. The two have also, of course, been major supporters of our annual KA Homecoming scholarships and the renovation of the Beta Alpha chapter house. All in all, Tim estimates that he has donated roughly 2.5 million dollars to the campus in the past, primarily split between the Petroleum Engineering department and KA. I was able to sit down and talk with Tim about what inspired him to make his largest donation to the school yet, and what drives him to stay involved.

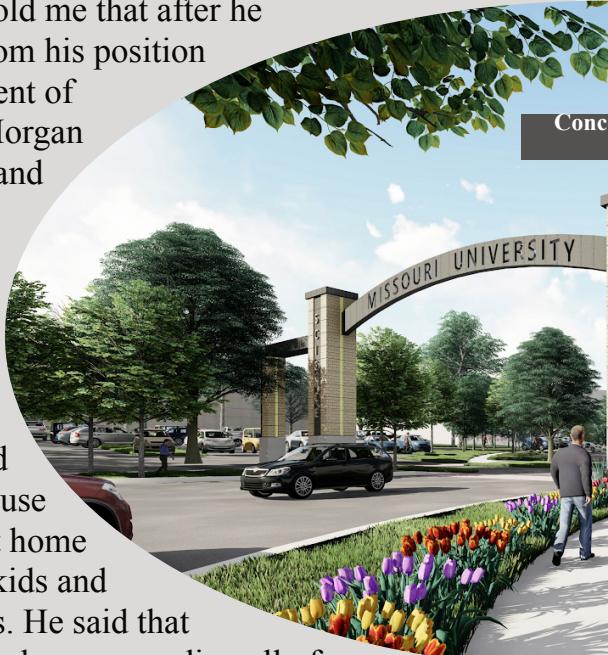
Tim told me that after he retired from his position as President of Kinder Morgan CO2, he and Kay bought some property in Austin, Texas and built a house and guest home for their kids and grandkids. He said that when they began spending all of this money on themselves, they decided to adopt an idea from the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church they attended while living in Houston. For every dollar they spent on themselves building up their property, they would donate an equal amount to a worthy cause.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, he said he has known about the Arrival District plan for quite a while now, and was excited to be a major backer on the project. While in a Zoom meeting with Chancellor Deghani, Vice Chancellor of University Advancement Joan Nesbitt, and Tory Verkamp, the Assistant Vice Chancellor of University of Advancement, Tim was provided with details on multiple directions the project could go. There were initially two options that would cost three million dollars each. The first was to build a tunnel under University Drive that would end near Havener Center, and the second was to build a

more grand entrance to the school. Joan then told Tim that there was another option that would require a larger donation, but would both renovate the walking path along University Drive and create a more grand entrance to the campus. He immediately jumped on the third option, telling me, "Beta Alpha has always been a leader in The Order and on this campus, so being a lead investor in the Arrival District was something we snapped at. I wanted to be a leader because I think the Arrival District is an important project for the identity of this campus. I've seen plans evolving with the Board of Trustees and I wanted to be a major part of that". When I asked what had drawn him to this project in particular he said, "I didn't have a car at

Rolla until my senior year of school. I walked that path from the Beta Alpha house to campus nearly every day for three years, so I jumped at the opportunity to donate to something I could relate to personally. Most of my previous donations have been to more personal causes like the Petroleum Engineering department or to Beta Alpha, so I felt this was an opportunity to donate to something that would benefit everyone".

Whether you know it as Missouri School of Mines, UMR, or Missouri S&T, we all know that it has long been one of the top engineering schools in the country. S&T has been gaining its deserved notoriety in the last few years, most recently ranked as the number one public university for pursuing an engineering degree by the college rankings site College Factual. With the help of brother Bradley's donation, the school can now have a face that matches its reputation.



Conceptual designs of the Arrival District.  
Source: S&T Campus Master Plan



# Chapter Eternal

## Charles “Stu” Ferrel



The roll of the chapter has been called, and one has failed to answer. May he answer that heavenly summons to life everlasting!

Our friendship with him had, as its incentive, the challenge of climbing higher. Even as the knights of old despised that which was low, and readily cast aside those things which hindered them in scaling the heights of greater things, so did we, along with our brothers, endeavor to strengthen one another in order that we might achieve some higher plane in mortal life.

- Excerpts from the Chapter of Sorrows

Gentlemen I have some sad news to share regarding one of our Brothers, Stu Ferrell. He passed away November 22nd, 2020 after weeks of battling covid.

Stu was an active Alumni who visited often for homecoming and St. Patrick's day. He will be missed.

One of Stu's pledge brother's Bill Steinkamp has some nice words to offer below and a full link to Stu's obituary can be found [here](#).

"I first met Stu (a.k.a. "Tex") as we moved into the house as pledges in the fall of 1960. Almost immediately became close friends. As pledges that fall we were required by the active chapter to participate in the upcoming intramural competitions. Don't remember what I was supposed to do, but "Tex" was assigned to sign up for the boxing tournament since he was tall and lanky. He thought to be accepted by the athletic department, he would mention that he had done some "Golden Glove" stuff back in Texas. He was immediately rejected! Of course he had zero boxing experience and luckily saved himself a beating!" One of Bill's favorite memories of Stu was that Stu "would always have to play Roy Orbison's 'Candy Man' on the Jukebox when we went to the diner in Newport after midnight!" Another song that would make appearances often was "Stu's favorite song back in 1960, which was Johnny Cash's 'Five Feet High and Rising.' We kept up with each other over the past 60 years. Gonna really miss his friendship."

-Bill Steinkamp

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Congratulations to Matt Giacobbe (PC '14) and his fiancée, Danielle Duello, who got engaged this February at the New Hampshire Ice Castles!



Jared Hanisch (PC '15) and his fiancée, Becca Abrams got engaged in Cancún this January, congrats!

Jake McConnell (PC '10) and his wife Chandler welcomed their son, Alaric Harper, to the world!



Left to Right: Josh Davis, Jake McConnell, Chris Siebert, Paul Rosemann (PC '10) at the wedding reception and one year anniversary for Brother McConnell and his wife Chandler.



Congratulations to John DeStefano (PC '16) and his fiancée Skye McKinnon, who got engaged this December at their home in Maryland.

## Upcoming Reunions

The pledge classes of 1959, 1960, and 1981 are currently planning reunions for the upcoming homecoming.

## Gateway Alumni Chapter BBQ

Being hopeful with Covid precautions we have set our Annual Family BBQ & Recruitment Picnic for Sept 19th. This has traditionally been a great event where we have been able to collect brothers that span multiple generations and pledge classes from several chapters for some great summer fun and fellowship.

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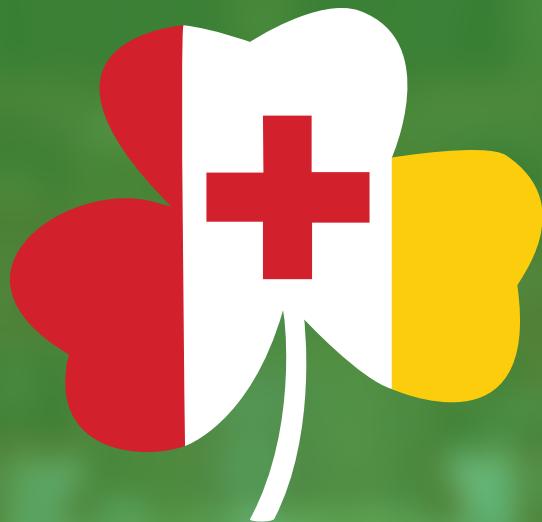
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