

THE FIREMAN



The newsletter for alumni and friends of Gamma Theta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at Mississippi State University

Gamma Theta Looks Toward **100 YEARS**

Centennial Planning and Alumni Engagement

As we reflect on another successful semester at Mississippi State, the energy within Gamma Theta Chapter has never been stronger. From academic achievement to campus involvement and community service, our active brothers continue to uphold the high standards of Pi Kappa Alpha. Beyond just maintaining the status quo, the chapter is setting the pace on campus.

I am proud of our members, who consistently maintain a GPA above the all-men's average at Mississippi State, with several recently inducted into campus honor societies. Brothers also hold leadership roles within the Maroon Volunteer Center, IFC, and Student Government. PIKE remains at the forefront of student life at MSU. As we look ahead, our focus is shifting toward one of our greatest strengths: our alumni.

STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATION

This summer, the chapter will launch a comprehensive initiative to revitalize our alumni database. Our goal is straightforward but ambitious: to ensure we have a direct line of communication with every man who has worn the Shield and Diamond at Gamma Theta. Beginning in June, you may receive a call or email from an undergraduate as we work through the decades to verify contact information.

Accurate records are more than administrative housekeeping; they are the foundation of the lifelong brotherhood we pledged to uphold. We want to ensure no brother is left out as we enter one of the most significant periods in our chapter's history.



That urgency is driven by a major milestone. In spring 2027, Gamma Theta will celebrate its centennial anniversary and 100 years of excellence in Starkville. Planning will begin in earnest this year, and we want every generation represented. Whether you were initiated in 1967 or 2017, your presence will help make this celebration meaningful.

CELEBRATING YOUR LEGACY

We also want to do a better job of telling your stories. Please share updates on your personal and professional milestones, like marriages, births, career achievements, or other meaningful moments.

We are also looking ahead to the next generation. If you have children or grandchildren approaching college age, we encourage you to connect them with us for recruitment opportunities. The strength of Gamma Theta has always been rooted in its families, and we want the next century of PIKE to begin with the names we already know.

Please take a moment to reconnect, update your information, and share your news.

Fraternally,
Jay Cook '02



FALL EVENTS FOR GAMMA THETA ALUMNI

Pike Diamond Classic
Thursday, September 24



Alumni Event
Date TBD



The inaugural Diamond Classic, held on September 12, was a resounding success.

Gamma Theta's Spring Success

Gamma Theta continues to build on a strong foundation, marked by record recruitment, academic success, and meaningful campus involvement.

2025-26 HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcomed a record-breaking fall pledge class of 60 men, with 51 initiates
- Maintained a chapter GPA above 3.0, continuing a strong academic standard
- Hosted the inaugural Diamond Classic at Dudy Noble Stadium against Sigma Chi
- Supported food drives and participated in campus service initiatives
- Remained actively involved in sorority events and broader student life



Brothers volunteer and serve the community with Second Servings on March 30.



Brothers enjoy our latest alumni date party on October 24.

GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR

Looking ahead, the chapter has identified three primary areas of focus:

- **Recruitment**
We aim to surpass a 70-man pledge class. Alumni referrals are critical to this effort. Recommendations can be sent to gammathetapike.alumni@gmail.com, and all connections are appreciated.
- **Diamond Classic Growth**
Building on the success of the first event, the chapter aims to expand the Diamond Classic into a lasting annual tradition.
- **Greek Life Relations**
Continued emphasis will be placed on strengthening relationships across Greek life and the Mississippi State community.

Gamma Theta remains committed to sustained growth while upholding the standards and traditions of Pi Kappa Alpha.



Congratulations,

2026 GRADUATES!



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HELP US FOLLOW HIS **ADVENTURE**

From our Gamma Theta beginnings, every brother has embarked on a journey worth following. Do you know a fellow alumnus whose adventure inspires you? Share his name to abase@penningtonco.com with "PIKE MSU Spotlight Suggestion" in the subject line and, together, we'll celebrate the path he's taken!

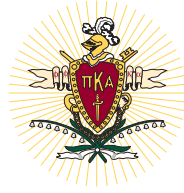
SUPPORT *Gamma Theta* IN 2026

Donate to the Endowment Fund

As Gamma Theta prepares for its centennial, your support directly shapes the chapter's future. Contributions to the 2026 campaign help fund scholarships, leadership development, and chapter initiatives that strengthen the undergraduate experience and sustain lifelong brotherhood.

Scan the QR code to visit
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and make your impact today
by investing in the next
generation of Pikes.





THE FIREMAN STATE

What's New with Gamma Theta

This issue of *The Fireman* highlights a strong year for PIKE at Mississippi State, including record recruitment and academic success. You'll also find updates on centennial planning, alumni engagement efforts, and how you can support the chapter in 2026. Take a few minutes to read the full newsletter and see how Gamma Theta continues to build for the future.

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Why They Chose Pike New Members Share What Stood Out

PARKER HAGER
Pensacola, Fla.

"Pi Kappa Alpha stood out to me because of our shared values in God, grades, and family. I felt welcomed right away and connected with the members."

COLTON MORRIS
Loranger, La.

"I was drawn to the brotherhood. It reminded me of being part of a football team, and I value the lifelong connections that come with it."

TUCKER TEMPLES
Dexter, Mo.

"From the beginning, Pike felt like home. I never wanted to go anywhere else. The guys made that decision easy."