

## Philanthropy:

Our chapter's philanthropy concert is in September at The Blue Note. \$24,000 was raised last year for Welcome Home, a shelter for homeless veterans. We participate in the philanthropies of many fraternities and sororities.



## Social Activities:

Sigma Nu participates in socials, formals, and other events throughout the school year such as Homecoming, Greek Week, tailgates, brotherhood paintball, and intramural sports. Fall 2023 events: Dad's Weekend, "Sig Nu Years", Homecoming with Alpha Phi, football tailgates, White Rose Formal in Nashville. Spring 2024: Mom's weekend, Greek Week, visit Sigma Nu National at VMI in Lexington, VA.



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Good luck with recruitment and we hope to speak with you soon.

**View the house tour video:**  
[sigmanumu.com/recruitment](http://sigmanumu.com/recruitment)



**Sigma Nu Fraternity**

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## Sigma Nu Rho Chapter

University of  
Missouri - Columbia



Recruitment  
Fall 2023



## Introduction:

With 2,700+ members since our local founding in 1886, Rho Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity has an extensive 137-year history at the University of Missouri. Our core values are *love, honor, and truth*, and our vision is *excelling with honor*. We emphasize our commitment to academic excellence and leadership development. Our Chapter will prepare you for a successful, enjoyable college experience during which you will form bonds with your brothers that last long after graduation.

This pamphlet provides more information regarding our 170-man chapter, with 70 living in a new \$6M house. Don't hesitate to contact the officers listed on the back for more information.



## History

Three cadets at the Virginia Military Institute founded Sigma Nu during the Reconstruction period after the Civil War. The system of physical abuse and hazing of underclassmen at VMI inspired James Frank Hopkins, Greenfield Quarles, and James McIlvaine Riley to form the "Legion of Honor," or Sigma Nu, a non-hazing fraternity; a radical departure from the times.

Over the past 150 years, Sigma Nu has grown into one of the largest fraternal organizations in the world. Over 230,000 men have been initiated into Sigma Nu from over 275 chapters all over the United States and Canada.

Rho Chapter was the 16th charter granted by Sigma Nu and the second fraternity at the University of Missouri-Columbia. George R. McVey came to Columbia in the first week of January 1886 with the expressed intent of forming a new chapter. In its 137-year history at the University of Missouri, Rho Chapter has never had its charter revoked, the only fraternity on campus with this distinction.

On January 26, 1886 the first five members of Rho Chapter were initiated. While the group still felt some hesitation about revealing their actions, the five charter members and McVey decided to parade down Broadway wearing the badge of the fraternity to show their commitment to Sigma Nu. Thus began Rho Chapter's glorious history.

## Academics

At Sigma Nu, academic achievement is the highest priority. Our scholastic chairman assists the entire Chapter, especially new candidates, to achieve full potential by helping with selection of courses, study skills, and other academic concerns. Disciplined, daily study hours insure a smooth transition for new members from high school into a collegiate atmosphere. A Speed-Reading course is provided.

**Overall House GPA:  
Consistently Above 3.1  
Spring 23 Candidates: 3.37**

## Sigma Nu Facts

- 11<sup>th</sup> oldest active  $\Sigma$ N chapter in the U.S.
- $\Sigma$ N is 3<sup>rd</sup> largest fraternity at MU.
- Mizzou 4<sup>th</sup> largest  $\Sigma$ N chapter.
- Rho Chapter raised tens of thousands of \$ for charities.
- LEAD Leadership Ethics Achievement Development.

