

Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity Parent's Packet 2025-2026



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Professional Development Program

Overview

Our professional development program was inspired by the national fraternity and designed by active members at Missouri University of Science and Technology (MST). We felt it was important to share valuable information with each other and utilize the many different resources available to us through the fraternity, campus, and community. By providing members with services and opportunities, we have created an atmosphere where young men can learn, have fun and prepare themselves for professional life after college, all at the same time. This program consists of three parts; major officer skills development, resume reviewing, and internships and co-ops.

Major Officer Skills Development

When one leaves college, their experience as a leader may be lacking. Through the professional development program, our major officers sharpen their skills of working in a large multifunctional team, efficient project management, professional communication, and being a firm and inspirational leader. Through a structured peer review process, a Phi Kap leaves their major office and college and enters their career with a few extra years of wisdom.

Resume Reviewing

Every college student should have a respectable resume. Without one, finding a job is much more difficult. Some students take this for granted and do not know how to effectively create a resume employers will notice. Using techniques learned through the national fraternity, campus, and real-world experience, our members can help your son perfect his resume. We started doing resume critiquing five years ago and our members will agree that this service has been one of the most helpful and informative. Creating a professional resume is the first step to a successful career.

Internships and Co-ops

Professional experience is very important to any college student, especially those entering engineering fields. Today, it is essential to have job experience relevant to your field **before** you graduate college! Phi Kappa Theta realizes this trend and provides its members with the atmosphere and tools they need in order to develop important professional skills that will help them land good jobs. The following is a list of companies and locations that Phi Kaps have accepted internships and co-ops with over the past few years.

| Company | Location |
|---|-----------------------|
| NASA | Huntsville, Alabama |
| Boeing | St. Louis, Missouri |
| Anheuser Busch | St. Louis, Missouri |
| Caterpillar | Aurora, Illinois |
| John Deere | Waterloo, Iowa |
| General Motors | Defiance, Ohio |
| Wal-Mart Distribution | St. James, Missouri |
| Pepsi Bottling Group | St. Louis, Missouri |
| General Electric Co. | Nogales, Mexico |
| Burns & McDonnell | Kansas City, Missouri |
| NGA (National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency) | Bethesda, Maryland |

| Company | Location |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nucor-Yamato Steel | Blytheville, Arkansas |
| Conoco-Phillips | Roxana, Illinois |
| Ameren UE | Fulton/St. Louis, Missouri |
| Killark Electric | St. Louis, Missouri |
| Smith-Goth Engineers, Inc. | Springfield, Missouri |
| Barry-Wehmiller Design Group | St. Louis, Missouri |
| Alton Steel, Inc. | Alton, Illinois |
| Strickland Engineering | Jackson, Missouri |
| T G Missouri | Perryville, Missouri |
| Kenai Refinery of Tesoro | Tesoro, Alaska |
| Doe Run Company | Sweetwater, Missouri |
| Delta, Inc. | Cape Girardeau, Missouri |
| Shea-Kenny | Los Angeles, California |
| Connors Drilling | Juneau, Alaska |
| Smith & Company Engineering | Cape Girardeau, Missouri |
| Delta Companies | Cape Girardeau, Missouri |
| SSR Granite Construction | Sacramento, California |
| Cargill De-Icing Technology | Cleveland, Ohio |
| Fred Weber | St. Louis, Missouri |
| Gulf Interstate Engineering | Houston, Texas |
| Archer Engineers | Lee's Summit, Missouri |
| Martin Marietta Materials | Paducah, Kentucky |
| Solae LLC | St. Louis, Missouri |
| Rinker Materials | Augusta, Georgia |

Academics

Since Phi Kappa Theta is a collegiate organization, academic success is one of our most important principles. Creating an environment that hinders academic success would threaten our very existence. It does the fraternity no good to harbor members that do not perform well academically. We constantly strive to maintain a high level of academic success in order to ensure our organization lives on.

Chapter GPA

Spring 2024 **3.366 GPA**
3rd among 18 fraternities

Overall Cumulative **3.506 GPA**
1st among 18 fraternities

Scholarships

Our fraternity provides many scholarship opportunities for members locally and nationally. The following is a list of scholarships offered:

Local

New Associate Member Scholarship
New Initiate Scholarship
4.0 GPA Scholarship
Servant Leaders Scholarship
Brian Burford Memorial Scholarship
Matteo A. Coco 66' Scholarship

National

Academic Excellence Award
Excellence in Leadership Award
Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute Scholarship

Competitive Pricing

Unlike what you may have heard, fraternity life is very affordable, especially here at Phi Kappa Theta. Throughout the years, we have remained competitive with other campus housing options. Below is a table comparing housing costs.

| Cost (Annual Basis per Man) | Comparison | | | 2025-2026 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | PKT | TJ North & South | RC & UC | |
| Room | \$ 8,239 | \$ 7,888 | \$ 8,880 | |
| Meal Plan (15 meals/week) | \$ 2,969 | \$ 4,250 | \$ 4,250 | |
| Total | \$ 11,248 | \$ 12,138 | \$ 13,427 | |
| Cost / 8 th | \$ 1,406 | \$ 1,517 | \$ 1,678 | |

Our meal plan includes accessibility to every meal cooked in a buffet-style serving with all leftovers being stored in the commercial walk-in refrigeration unit. This also includes our steward providing food on the weekends. The kitchen within the house is a commercial-sized meal-prepping area that allows for 24-hour use.

As you can see, we are currently offering competitive pricing compared to other campus housing options and we plan to keep it that way. The \$11,248 annual figure above includes room and board, 15 meals per week, laundry, cable TV, wireless internet, network printer, and many other amenities.

Payments can either be made at the beginning of each semester, which includes a discount for paying early, or monthly payments throughout each semester. New Associate Members will be charged a one-time Associate Member Fee of \$75. All future fraternity dues are included in board bills and initiation fees are covered by scholarships.

Letter from the Recruitment Chairman

Dear Parents:

Hello, and congratulations on sending your son to Missouri S&T. This is a great school, and the education he receives will be top-notch. I would like to thank you for taking the time to review this packet and giving Phi Kappa Theta a chance. It is natural and completely normal to have reservations and questions about fraternity life, and this packet is designed to answer the most frequently asked questions by parents. I am sure you will have many more questions, but I will be more than happy to answer them.

This is my third year recruiting members to this fraternity and I have talked to many parents. Some hated the idea of their son joining a fraternity, and some were practically moving him in for us. Despite the differences in opinions, all parents have a few things in common. First, they have questions. Second, they always feel more comfortable after meeting some of the members and seeing the house. Finally, and most importantly, they want what is best for their son. I am proud to say that Phi Kappa Theta is a great organization that has made thousands of students' collegiate experiences enjoyable and foundational for their futures.

As a member here, I have developed many skills that have been and will continue to help me succeed in my college and professional careers. I have accepted three engineering internships during my time here. One thing each interview and internship had in common was the opportunity to apply my leadership and social experience from my fraternity to my place in a professional team and to my work.

I am not asking you to jump on board right away. Fraternity life is not for everyone, and our fraternity isn't the fraternity for everyone. However, I ask you to consider our fraternity as a viable option for your son. Please take some time in the next few months to get to know us a little better. In the end, you and your son will be able to make an informed decision. I hope you find that we can offer your son a unique experience. Once again, thank you for taking the time to review this packet, and I look forward to meeting you sometime in the near future.

Sincerely,

Alex Vance
Recruitment Chairman

Contact Information

Phi Kappa Theta would like to invite you and your son to visit our fraternity house and ask any questions that you may have. Your feelings and input are a vital part of your son's decision regarding where to live at MST. The following list of names and addresses are a variety of active members, alumni, our chapter advisor, and members' parents. Please take advantage of these resources and feel free to contact them anytime, as they will do their best to answer any questions you might have.

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<https://www.phikaps.org/> (National Website)

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