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Letter from the President

Greetings fellow Tigers! Fall is in the air, the football Tigers are 4-0, freshman enrollment is at an all-time high, and your Kansas City Chapter is off to a strong start for the 2008-2009 year. It's a great time to be a Tiger!

Several members from our Chapter Board of Directors recently attended the Alumni Leaders Weekend activities in Columbia. I can tell you that, as a KC alum, you have a lot to be proud of! The Chapter continues to stand as a model chapter and a shining example of Tiger pride. We can't keep this positive momentum without members like you! I strongly encourage you visit kctigers.com and get involved – there is something for everyone!

This issue of *Tiger Tales* is packed with exciting news, including:

- The Chapter once again achieved Columns status, and was recognized by the Mizzou Alumni Association
- The annual Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction surpassed all previous records for attendance and fundraising
- Chapter member Blake Pryor was honored for his outstanding contributions to MAA
- The Scholarship Committee awarded \$53,000 in scholarships to 25 local students
- Watch parties for upcoming Tiger football road games and the 2009 Homecoming blood drive

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve you as Chapter president this year. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact any of the executive team members in the directory below. This is *your* Chapter and we value your feedback!

Go Tigers,
Pat Shelley



Kansas City Chapter members receive the Chapter's eighth consecutive Columns Award at the 2008 Leader's Week awards ceremony. The Columns Award is the highest honor given by MAA. It is given to chapters that focus their support for Mizzou through alumni activities including student recruitment, membership promotion, special events, volunteer recognition, diversity programming, and more. Last year, in support of this program your KC Chapter hosted more than 30 events and activities that drew more than 2,000 participants.

Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction has Another Record-Setting Year!

The annual Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction was a roaring success! This long-standing Kansas City tradition was held on Friday, August 22 at the John Knox Pavilion in Lees Summit. The Mizzou Kids Zone was back by popular demand and a

new addition to the event, wine tastings provided by the Missouri Wine Council, was a big hit with guests.

With more than 120 featured items, the excitement of the live and silent auctions brought in a record \$38,000 in proceeds that will all be used to benefit the Chapter's scholarship fund efforts. "The picnic has become a signature event for the Kansas City Chapter," says event chairman, Larry Finkemeier. "Our local alumni and friends came out in record numbers to help support our fundraising efforts and give back to the Kansas City community."

Special thanks to Brancato's Catering for provided a delicious barbecue dinner, the Marching Mizzou Alumni Band for entertaining the crowd with its favorite tunes, and to Kansas City's own Larry Moore for serving as master of ceremonies!



Pryor Receives 2008 G.O.L.D. Award Honor

Each year, the Mizzou Alumni Association recognizes outstanding volunteers at the Leaders Weekend held in Columbia. One award, which honors young alumni, is the Graduates of the Last Decade, or G.O.L.D. Award. *Tiger Tales* is proud to have one of its own, Blake Pryor, as the recipient of a 2008 G.O.L.D. Award.

Pryor is a 2002 graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law, and serves as an attorney with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City. He is a member of the firm's pharmaceutical and medical device division, focusing on product liability, class action and complex litigation. A native of Boonville, MO, Pryor and his wife, Kelli, got involved with the KC Chapter shortly after moving here in 2002. He quickly became a star within the organization, serving on the Board of Directors, as Tiger Ball chair and as a member of the picnic committee; implementing a digital auction system for both events; and has been instrumental in maintaining and upgrading the Chapter Web site.

Congratulations, Blake, and thanks for your dedication to the Chapter!



Kansas City Chapter Awards \$53,000 in Scholarships

What many local alumni may not know is that all net proceeds from the Black & Gold Tiger Ball and the Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction directly benefit local

scholarships through the Alumni Scholars Program, as well as the Tiger Scholarship Fund. This year, the Chapter proudly awarded \$53,000 in scholarships to 25 local students at its July board meeting and barbecue held at Loose Park.

More than 140 students submitted applications, with an average ACT score of over 27 among scholarship recipients (well above the state and national averages). "The Kansas City Chapter has a proud tradition of honoring its best and brightest local students who want to continue their education at Missouri's flagship university," says Melodie Powell, scholarship committee co-chair. "The caliber of our local students is simply outstanding, and continues to grow. We are excited to be able to help these 25 seniors realize their dream of attending Mizzou."

Local Watch Parties - Cheer on the Football Tigers!

The Kansas City Chapter social committee has some great watch parties planned for the upcoming Tiger football road games. Show your MAA membership card and get great deals!

October 18 – Mizzou at Texas

Lew's Grill and Bar, 7539 Wornell Rd. KC MO. Drink specials and show your MAA card for free spinach dip. Memberships are available for non-members.

November 15 – Mizzou at Iowa State

Westport Flea Market, 817 Westport Rd., KC MO. Drink specials for MAA members. Memberships are available for non-members.

Attention Parents!

If your son or daughter is heading to Columbia next fall, there are some new, important dates and procedures to note:

- Effective for the 2009 academic year, **the university's general scholarship applications must be completed online**. A mail-in form will not be available. Applications must be submitted by December 1, 2008 at <http://scholarships.missouri.edu/>. (The chapters scholarship application is separate and is due February 1.)
- Housing information will be distributed in March. Applications for housing may be submitted online, at which time dormitory, room and roommate selections may also be completed. **Please note: housing applications may not be submitted unless the student's \$150 enrollment fee has been paid in full, and you must have the student's ID and password to access the site!** Visit <http://reslife.missouri.edu/future> for more information.
- For admissions information, or to apply online, visit <http://admissions.missouri.edu/>.

Roll Up Your Sleeve for the 2008 Homecoming Blood Drive

Support the spirit and tradition of the Homecoming Blood Drive Project in Columbia, by participating in the Kansas City and Topeka Chapters' Homecoming Blood Drive. Six participating Community Blood Centers will be accepting donations for the Homecoming effort over 11 days. The number of units collected will be counted towards Columbia's total number and will be used to support 75 hospitals in the Western Missouri/Eastern Kansas area.



Donation Days and Times:

Saturday, October 11th & 18th - 8:00am-Noon (at all locations)
 Monday, October 13th & 20th - 8:00am-6:00pm (at all locations)
 Tuesday, October 14th & 21st - 8:00am-6:00pm (at all locations)
 Wednesday, October 15th & 22nd - 8:00am-6:00pm (at all locations)
 Thursday, October 16th & 23rd - 8:00am-6:00pm (at all locations)

Friday, October 17th - 8:00am-12:00pm (at all locations)

Donation Locations:

4040 Main Street
Kansas City, MO 64111

1124 W. 40 Highway
Blue Springs, MO 64015

7265 N. Oak Trafficway
Gladstone, MO 64118

1463 E 151st Street
Olathe, KS

Times Square Shopping Center
10568 Metcalf Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66210

800 SW Lane
Topeka, KS 66606

Please bring a picture ID when donating, let the receptionist know your **donor code is CBJF (or that you are donating for the Mizzou Alumni Association)**, and eat before you donate. Any other questions regarding donating please check the website www.savealifenow.org.

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events!

October 11-23 – Homecoming Blood Drive at Community Blood Center locations around Kansas City (see above)

October 18 – Mizzou vs. Texas Watch Party – Lew's Grill & Bar, 7539 Wornell Road

November 15 – Mizzou vs. Iowa State Watch Party – Westport Flea Market, 817 Westport Road

November 28 – MU-KU Pep Rally at the Power & Light District

Your Kansas City Chapter Leaders

Involvement from Kansas City area alumni is what makes this organization a model for other alumni chapters around the country. If you have any questions, or if you'd like to get involved with a committee, please contact any of the leaders at the email addresses above.

President – [Pat Shelley](#)

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Second Vice President (Tiger Ball) – [Bill Fialka](#)

Third Vice President (Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction) – [Blake Pryor](#)

Fourth Vice President (Scholarships) – [Kristen Marshall](#)

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