

## THE UNCOMMON FRATERNITY

For nearly a century, FarmHouse Fraternity has stood out among the crowd of college Greek-letter fraternities. Our name has always set us apart - it's something our Founders and the 24,000 men who have since followed take great pride in.

Since our founding at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1905, the Central Objective of FarmHouse has been Building the Whole Man. Here are a few ways our chapters live that out:

### INTELLECTUAL

- Academic mentors (advisors/big brothers)
- GPA incentive programs
- Study skills and time management sessions

### PHYSICAL

- In-house athletic tournaments (3-on-3 basketball, sand volleyball, softball)
- FH intramural sports teams
- Compete in sorority philanthropy athletic events

### SOCIAL/MORAL

- Formals
- Hay rides/ barn parties
- Etiquette seminars with sororities

### SPIRITUAL

- Chapter bible studies
- All-chapter church outings
- Growth in your faith

In today's fast-paced world, FarmHouse remains steadfast to the ideals set forth by our Founders and strives to progress as a values-based fraternity.

## ALCOHOL-FREE CHAPTER HOUSES

This is possibly the most unique aspect of FarmHouse among fraternities today. By tradition and action of FarmHouse Conclaves, the presence and consumption of alcoholic beverages is not allowed in FarmHouse chapter houses or on property. Legal off-age consumption is allowed at off-property FarmHouse events under certain circumstances and is the individual members' choice.



### DID YOU KNOW?

As FarmHouse men, we count among us Nobel Prize winners, Pulitzer Prize winners, governors, U.S. Congressmen, entertainers, actors, doctors, lawyers, Hall of Fame football coaches and scientists who are credited with developing new breeds of wheat, corn, and rice, thereby saving millions of people in Third World countries and Asia.



**100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** - 530 FarmHouse men and guests gathered at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., for the Fraternity's Centennial in April 2005. Proclamations and letters were received from U.S. President Bush, the Canadian Prime Minister's Office, and the U.S. House of Representatives.

## FRIENDSHIP

College is a time in a student's life when friendships form with those who share common values and goals. Along with that, FarmHouse men strive to recognize the need to be knowledgeable of social skills, practice good sportsmanship, and be held responsible by one another for social, moral and physical actions. Accepting friendly, constructive criticism from a FarmHouse brother is viewed as developing maturity. College lasts four (or maybe five) years - but friendships through FarmHouse last a lifetime!

## NO HAZING

FarmHouse is opposed to hazing of any kind. We have a saying in FarmHouse, "You can't build men by tearing down boys." No one is asked to compromise his morals, religious beliefs, or values.

## SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE

Our scholastic emphasis is backed by a record showing nearly every FarmHouse chapter at or near the top scholastically on campus.

At FarmHouse we believe nothing should stand in the way of your education, so we strive to create an atmosphere that promotes scholarship.

*"We have four sons who are members of FarmHouse, and we were glad to see it. We know at FarmHouse they were surrounded by good quality people, polite and respectful young men who really cared about them and were a good influence upon them... It was their 'home away from home.' Through FarmHouse our sons have made really good friends from all walks of life and this has helped to broaden their horizons." - Kelly and Irene Tobin*

## JOINING THE FARMHOUSE FAMILY

The recruitment period offers the chance to meet the men of FarmHouse and learn what membership in the Fraternity is all about. New membership is by invitation of the local chapter to participate in:

- Becoming familiar with FH history, principles and ideals;
- Learning local chapter and campus history;
- Developing friendships with fellow members;
- Exhibiting responsibility.

New Member Education is designed to help you become a productive member of FarmHouse. The criteria of acceptance into membership varies to some extent from chapter to chapter, but generally includes above average scholarship, good moral character, promise of service/leadership, and a positive reflection of our values.

To assist you during your new member period (and all your years in the chapter), each of our chapters can turn to chapter advisors, alumni association members and local alumni for guidance. Additionally, about half of our chapters are fortunate enough to have housemothers to turn to for guidance and support.

A FRATERNITY WITH VALUES...

FAITH AMBITION REVERENCE MORALITY HONESTY OBEDIENCE UNITY SERVICE EXCELLENCE

## WORKIN' HARD...

### Giving back to the community

Many of our FarmHouse chapters regularly take home the campus community service/involvement awards. FarmHouse men have always taken great pride in organizing and assisting in campus and community-wide service projects.

### Philanthropies

Many of our chapters also organize their own campus-wide philanthropies each year. Here are a few examples:

- Halloween Carnival that draws 3,000 kids and parents each year;
- Chapter collected 16,000 pounds of food for local food bank;
- Hair auction raised more than \$2,000 held to support brother diagnosed with leukemia.



## PLAYIN' HARD...

### Hanging out with the brothers

FarmHouse is not all about studying though. Our chapters put a lot of emphasis on building strong bonds of brotherhood between members and on being active in the Greek community. That's often accomplished through brothers-only events and events with sororities and other fraternities on campus.

#### BROTHERHOOD

- Float/canoe trips
- Holiday skiing trips
- All-chapter retreats
- Hunting/fishing trips
- Spring break trips
- Camping trips
- Intramurals

#### SOCIAL

- Date parties
- Dinner exchanges
- Band parties
- Founder's Day activities
- Alumni events
- Homecoming
- Greek Week

*"FarmHouse is much more than a fraternity to me- it's a way of life. The values and ethics that are incorporated within our organization help me to strive to be a better man. FarmHouse has provided me with the opportunity to meet some of the greatest people I have ever met, and I feel very fortunate to be able to call them brothers."*  
- Nick Kauffman, Nebraska Chapter

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAVEL

FarmHouse provides you with a number of opportunities to travel throughout North America, visit other FarmHouse chapters, and meet FH brothers from other chapters in some exciting cities at our international conventions and leadership conferences.



Our biennial Conclave, FarmHouse Leadership Academy and Regional Leadership Conferences provide many opportunities for members to see the international scope of the Fraternity and develop friendships that will last a lifetime.

All of the conferences are either fully or partially funded through alumni contributions to the FarmHouse Foundation.

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As a FarmHouse man you will be encouraged to become involved with campus activities to broaden your leadership experiences, so long as your scholarship is not sacrificed.

Our chapters are self-governing and provide many opportunities to take on leadership roles. You will develop skills in running effective meetings, managing a budget, speaking in public, motivating others and building interpersonal relations. These skills are directly transferable to careers beyond college.

Leadership opportunities are offered on the regional and international levels. In FarmHouse, you can develop leadership skills that will help you in college and throughout life.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our membership includes a distinct group of more than 20,000 men, many of whom are employers or executives looking to hire men with the qualities and high standards our members aspire to.

A few of the opportunities available as you make that transition from high school into the "real" world through FarmHouse International and many of our chapters include:

- Leadership conferences featuring career development programs;
- Job assistance links through the FH Web site;
- Great opportunities and guidance for developing your own personal career network;
- Resume preparation assistance;
- Mock job interviews;
- Alumni mentoring programs.

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