

Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority Alpha Psi Chapter at University of Missouri



LOCATION

Columbia, Missouri

DESCRIPTION

28,414 sf Residential Sorority House

COMPLETION DATE

August 2017

CONSTRUCTION COST

\$7.5 million

CLIENT REFERENCE

Julia Hill, ZTA Housing President

CONTRACTOR REFERENCE

Reinhardt / Wilson, A Joint Venture - Jerry Daugherty
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Zeta Tau Alpha's existing sorority at the University of Missouri no longer met the Chapter's needs. ZTA selected SOA to design a new sorority house for the University of Missouri Alpha Psi Chapter that would "wow" students and impress alumnae. They decided early on to tear down the existing structure and replace it entirely with a modern & efficient facility.

The new sorority house is three stories above grade with a basement occupying approximately two-thirds of the building footprint. The building is designed to house 86 women, plus a house director. Programmatic spaces include: two front parlors, a spacious dining room, chapter room, new commercial kitchen, along with generous bathroom, laundry room & lounge spaces on each of the dormitory floors.

Among the most important design elements to the client were the front porch and the entry foyer. ZTA's previous house had a small entry with a fairly low ceiling; the new building features a gracious porch and a two-story entry foyer with a curved stair to make a grand first impression.

In addition to aesthetics, long-term efficiency and maintenance were critical to the client. While ZTA did not request a geothermal system at the project outset, after reviewing HVAC options presented by SOA and the mechanical engineer, ZTA decided to invest in ground-source geothermal, which increases the building's efficiency and reduces operating costs.

The project's timeline was aggressive; the combined design and construction time was 21 months. Diligent coordination with the contractor enabled the new sorority house to open in time for the start of the fall 2017 semester.

