Warrensburg, MO—GAMMA (Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol) at the University of Central Missouri announced the February Spotlight on Academics winner and welcomed new Greek members last month in the bi-annual GAMMA New Member Social.

Eric Minda of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) was awarded the GAMMA Spotlight on Academics honor due to his passion for Greek life and outstanding academic performance. Minda currently serves as the Vice President for TKE and the Treasurer for the UCM Interfraternity Council. Minda has worked hard to earn placement on the Dean’s List for four semesters while at the same time putting in numerous hours toward a private flight license. Nominating brother Casey Stundebeck stated that Minda, even though busy with his own studies, always takes time to help brothers with assignments.

Each member selected for the academic spotlight receives 100 GAMMA points toward their chapter as part of GAMMA’s “Gold Star Award”, an incentive program for fraternities and sororities encouraging educational and alcohol programming. The fraternity and sorority earning the highest point total over the school year receive the award.

GAMMA also encourages the Greek community to excel academically during the GAMMA New Member Social. This semester’s program was held on February 11. During the educational event, new members of social fraternities and sororities learned about the importance of being Greek and academic success. Members enjoyed guest speaker Josh Welch, Assistant Director for Residence and Greek Life, as well as a trivia game testing their knowledge of Greek Life at UCM and alcohol safety.

GAMMA is a national organization affiliated with BACCHUS, a peer educator network founded in 1975. The organization focuses on health and safety initiatives. For more information, visit http://www.bacchusgamma.org or call Kelly Waldram Cramer, Marketing Manager for Housing and Greek Life, at 660-543-8121.