



# Sigma Alpha Epsilon CAL BETA NEWS

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## Parents Weekend Recap:

The weekend of October 6th our chapter hosted its annual parents weekend dinner and tailgate. It was a great opportunity to see familiar faces but also welcome the families of our sixteen newly initiated members, we could not be happier to have you all. A special thanks to our Alumni Chair Tristan Wardwell and his mother and father for helping set the dinner up, and a special thank you to our social chairman Tanner Kenin for putting together the tailgate.



## Duck Dinner

On November 17th our annual Duck Dinner was hosted at 2722 Bancroft. It was a great success, with over 100 current members and alumni present. The evening began with appetizers and a silent auction of Cal memorabilia, followed by a delicious dinner and a speech from our keynote speaker, Cal Hall of Fame member and Super Bowl Champion Doug Brien '90. Finally, Brien and fellow Cal Beta legend Randy Scott were both inducted into the Cal Beta Hall of Fame. Everyone had a great time, and it was an excellent way to renew Cal Beta's oldest ongoing tradition. We hope to see you all next year.



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## LETTER FROM THE Sebastian Harris '21 PRESIDENT

Hello all,

My name is Sebastian Harris and I am wrapping up my second term as the Cal Beta Chapter President. I am a junior studying economics and will be interning with Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation out of their New York office this summer of 2024. As I wrap up my time as president I would like to thank all active members, alumni and parents for their support in keeping this chapter as great as it is and paving the way for those to come after them. A special thank you to Jeff Koblick and the rest of the Housing Corp. for keeping 2722 Bancroft Way a place where individuals can grow and prosper.

Much has happened since our last newsletter. Firstly, we inducted sixteen new members in the fall, all of whom we believe to be exemplary individuals that embody the qualities of the True Gentlemen. The families of the current and new members were able to meet at our annual parents weekend event, where we held a formal dinner, fundraising event for house improvements and additions and a tailgate prior to the Bears taking on Oregon State's Beavers. We want to thank all that attended and donated, we greatly appreciate all that you do for the members of our family here at Cal Beta.

In an effort to rebound from last year's season, Cal Basketball brought in two time NBA champion Mark Madsen to fill the head coaching position. We were fortunate enough to host an event where Madsen spoke about various changes being made within the program and how they plan to flip the script from last year. You guys have all of Cal Beta's support, and we hope you get it from anyone reading this newsletter as well. Go Bears !

The Chapter hosted its annual Duck Dinner event this fall with a great turnout by Alums and Students. Cal Beta alum, recent Cal Hall of Fame inductee and Super Bowl Champion Doug Brien '90 was honored at this event for his many notable accomplishments. Randy Scott '76, Vice Chairman of Newmark and one of Cal's biggest supporters of Cal Athletics who provides housing for the football and basketball athletes, was also inducted into the Cal Beta SAE Hall of Fame. Duck Dinner is one of our longest standing traditions and always a great opportunity for active members and alumni alike to learn from each other about the old and the new.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this letter and stay engaged with our chapter. The next letter you receive will be constructed by a new leadership council, but rest assured the newer members of this house are young men we have no doubt will take the organization to new heights. Enjoy the new year and Go Bears !

Phi Alpha,  
Sebastian Harris '21  
Eminent Archon



# CHAPTER UPDATES



Here are a handful of the improvements made to the house with the money donated from parents weekend. Starting with the active member's favorites, we were able to completely revamp our front room with the addition of a pool and foosball table. This photo is really the only time you won't see four or more brothers down here at any point in the day. We were also able to install a new ice machine and filtered water bottle filler. Thank you to all the folks who donated to help improve our living space, we sincerely appreciate it.

## COACH MADSEN EVENT

Upon hearing the news of Cal Basketball signing coach Madsen, Randy Scott '76 reached out to him to have him speak at the chapter house. While the speech and event was held at our house, it was open to the entire Greek and undergraduate community. Players from the team were present as well. As we all know, Cal Basketball is looking to rebound from last year's season. Coach Madsen believes an integral part of a successful program is involvement from the student body and that's what he hoped this event would accomplish. Undergraduates and Cal alumni alike were invited to hear him speak about his goals for the season, how he and the team plan to accomplish them and how we as the Cal community can be a part of the rebuilding of Cal Basketball. Overall it seems to be a positive first step in getting HAAS Pavilion full and was a great chance to make a strong connection between the Greek and athletic communities at Berkeley.



## NEW MEMBERS



The California Beta chapter inducted sixteen new members this fall, special thanks to our rush chair Zach Forbath '20 for bringing in such an amazing group of young men. We are very excited to welcome our new brothers with open arms, and hope that they too will make their mark on this house and one day the new members they have the privilege of inducting as well. We have no doubt that the future of Cal Beta is as bright as ever.





# GLIMPSE OF PAST AND PRESENT



Sam "Hammer" Wardwell '17 and Tristan "Tweast" Wardwell '21 (right).



Art Wardwell '81 (center) has been heavily involved in alumni advisory with the chapter. Both of his sons (above) are members as well.



Former EA Gavin Janis '18 and current EA Sebastian Harris '21. Gavin Janis graduated last Spring.



South Seas in the 70s, versus now.



125th Anniversary Celebration.



2011 Duck Dinner.



# MEET SOME OF OUR UNDERGRADS

## Gabe Vigeland '22

Gabe Vigeland, hailing from Newport Beach, California, is a Senior brother here at SAE Cal Beta Chapter. Gabe joined in the fall of 2022 after transferring from his community college. At his community college Gabe achieved his associates degree in Mass Communications where he was a part of two honors societies while graduating with a 3.8 GPA. Gabe is now a Media Studies Major in the college of Letters and Science with a focus in Digital Studies. Since joining the house in Fall 2022, Gabe has been involved in and outside the fraternity. In spring 2023, he held the Philanthropy Chair position which is in charge of our fundraising and donation to charities and causes. Gabe organized and was in charge of our annual South Seas Volleyball Tournament event which raised money to donate research to ALS in honor of our former president's father, the late Joey Grauman. He also created the merchandise for the house which regarded Mothers Weekend shirts and T-shirts for South Seas. Outside the fraternity house Gabe works full time with the UC Berkeley football team and an assistant equipment manager working 30 hour weeks while enrolled in 18 units of school academically. Gabe says that to him, the Cal Beta Chapter is equivalent to family. He says that the community Cal Beta has created feels like home knowing that his brothers will be a part of his life forever. He enjoys getting to live in the house and getting to see his brothers everyday whether hanging on the back sun deck or in the classroom there's always someone there a part of the day. Gabe's advice for future members is to be an active member in the house and be a brother hero to everyone. Do your best to be yourself because every member brings a quality to the house that is special and important. After graduating in Spring 2024, Gabe plans on returning back to New York City after an internship with Rolling Stone Magazine at their headquarters from this past summer in 2023. Gabe has plans to be a Marketing or PR executive in the future.



## Amin Hussain '23

Amin Hussain '26 is a second year at UC Berkeley studying economics and data science. Born in London and raised in Karachi, Pakistan, Amin joined the California Beta Chapter in Spring '23. After graduating he plans on going into investment banking and hopes to work in New York or San Francisco. He has attributed some of his best memories to the chapter and has said that the brotherhood has given him a home away from home. He is currently on the Executive Board and serves as the Risk Chair. Apart from the Chapter, Amin is involved in the Pakistan Students Association and International Students Association. In his free time you'll usually find him watching sports, working out for way too long, or playing poker. His advice to all the new members and future members of this house, is "Make the most of the best 4 years you'll have in your life with the people you'll be able to call your brothers for life. Phi Alpha."







# ALUMNI PROFILE



## NOAH BERNSTEIN & HUGH ROBERTS '19

Noah Bernstein and Hugh Roberts '19 likely wouldn't have been able to guess the future that lied ahead when they were randomly assigned as freshman-year roommates at the University of California, Berkeley. Now, just four years later, these Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers have completed their degrees and are hard at work as co-founders of their daily fantasy sports app, Locker.

Locker allows sports fans to compete against one another in real-time, predicting the actions of players on the field on a drive-by-drive basis. Contestants are presented with their options at the beginning of each play and earn points based on their own correct predictions in combination with the odds of their favored players. These contests are currently free-to-play while Locker is in its Beta phase – lasting for half of an NFL game before the top 20 percent of participants are paid predetermined prize amounts. Noah and Hugh have plans to shift the app to a flat-rate, pay-to-play model and expand to all other major sports leagues in the United States.

With Locker being their fourth co-venture together, Noah and Hugh's mutual passion for entrepreneurship has been a driving force for their success. "We immediately leveraged our shared interests to get involved in several start-ups and network as undergraduates. Now we're up to fifteen to eighteen people working for us and are in the process of finishing up our app's second round," said Noah of their career journey, "Being able to leave college already working on our project was very rewarding."

SAE's strong brotherhood played a substantial role in Noah and Hugh's growth as both business partners and friends. When asked about how the chapter helped build their relationship, Hugh said, "We really bonded through the process of becoming new members together, just being in the house for four years allowed us to share so many experiences while learning and growing. It truly brought us closer together." Both brothers were incredibly involved in leadership positions, with Hugh serving as President and Vice President and Noah fulfilling the roles of Social Chair and Education Chair.

Speaking directly to any current or future undergraduates, Noah has the following advice: "Start meeting people and asking questions. You don't need to be graduated from college to start working on something." Hugh, in agreement, also emphasized the importance of taking advantage of your professional relationships through the chapter. "SAE has a really strong alumni network – especially at Berkeley. Talk with your chapter advisors and get to work."

# GALLERY



## WAYS TO GIVE



## SUPPORT CAL BETA THROUGH GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### LEGACY GIVING

Please consider leaving a legacy with Cal Beta that helps us fund housing upgrades, career and leadership programs, and scholarships in areas you would like to impact. Learn more about Cal Beta's Leave-a-Legacy Program at <https://www.saecalbeta.org/leave-a-legacy>.

### DONATE NOW

<https://www.saecalbeta.org/donate>

### LEGACY GIVING

Please contact Matt Noble at [matt.noble@fmgutucson.com](mailto:matt.noble@fmgutucson.com) or 520-990-3250 if you are willing to speak on a career panel this spring (February-April) or to hold small group or one on one career conversations with an undergraduate.

### SEND US YOUR RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

If you have a recruitment recommendation for us us peals complete this form: <https://saecalbeta.org/rush-recommendation>.



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career discussion, or sit on a career panel this  
spring to support the undergraduate chapter.

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