



Sigma Alpha Epsilon CAL BETA NEWS

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South Seas Philanthropy

Last year, the brothers of the California Beta Chapter held the first South Seas philanthropy volleyball tournament since the COVID outbreak. Through their efforts, the chapter raised \$6,500 for the Greater Sacramento Chapter of the ALS Association and the continuation of vital research. The event will once again take place on April 28th of this year, where the brothers hope to pass this mark and continue to raise awareness about the cause.

Duck Dinner

The chapter was able to host their annual Duck Dinner, where alumni and actives gathered in celebration of the upcoming 'Big Game' against Stanford.



*Ahmad Anderson reminds
"the whole damn world: this
is bear territory."*

*Joe Starkey,
commentator of
"The Play," speaking
at Duck Dinner.*



Fall Senior Dinner '23

**The Senior Dinner will be held on
Friday, May 12th at 6:00 PM at
2722 Bancroft.**

All Seniors and their parents are invited. Underclassman and Board Members are also invited. The House Corporation will pay for the catered dinner provided by Grizzly Chefs.

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LETTER FROM THE Sebastian Harris '21 PRESIDENT

Hello all,

I'm excited to announce I'll be taking over as the Eminent Archon for our beloved California Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Thomas Senske, our previous EA, wrapped up in the fall and is now enjoying himself across the pond in Berlin— miss you, Timmy! I am a second-year undergraduate pursuing a degree in Economics and Legal Studies and plan to explore Europe this summer with a few other chapter members whilst taking courses at the London School of Economics.

As we conclude Rush for the 2022-2023 academic year, we happily announce the addition of fifteen new members to the brotherhood. Ranging from places like Hong Kong all the way to Newport Beach, we believe these gentlemen will have a great deal of experience and insight to bring to our chapter. Looking at you, Will Heckler! If you have any questions regarding the upcoming rush this Fall 2023, please feel free to reach out to our rush chair Zach Forbath, returning for his third season at the position.

Now onto those departing, as this spring semester wraps up we will have to say a bittersweet goodbye to a group of men who helped shape this place into what it is today. Sam Tilles '18, Tal Ferguson '21, Ryan Morris '19, Peter Wisnewski '19, Noah Bernstein '19, Zach Rosenberg '19, Mathew Ueberoth '19, Matthew Ramey '19, David Dangond '19, Hugh Roberts '19, Wyatt Grauman '19, Grant Person '20, Jack Casey '20, Joseph Glickman '20, Zach Taylor '21, Julian Clyne '21, and last and quite frankly least, Chris Fisher '19. While the chapter is proud to see the men you've become and more than excited to see the great things we know you'll accomplish, a small part of us wishes you didn't have to go. Phi Alpha gentlemen.

On a lighter note, we have really been able to get back on track this past year, hosting our first Duck Dinner since the pandemic as well as the luncheon with the classes of the 50s. To those reading this, if you ever have the time to make it out for one of these events or just want to stop by 2722 for a whiff of nostalgia, our doors are always open. After all, it is alumni like yourselves whose involvement in the chapter allows for something that has been so great for so many people to continue to be. I and the rest of the chapter cannot thank you enough.

Our chapter is always striving to better our community and further develop ourselves as men who embody the qualities our chapter was founded on. Our philanthropy event this year will be our annual South Seas volleyball tournament, where all the proceeds go toward the fight against ALS in honor of our former Eminent Archon Wyatt Grauman's father, the late Joey Grauman. Last year we were able to raise just over \$6,500 and, by our competitive nature, we hope to top that this coming April. If you have any ideas for community engagement, leadership and career development, or even just an enjoyable brotherhood event we love to hear from those who've been around the block a couple more times than us. My inbox is always open, feel free to reach me at sharris11@berkeley.edu.

Thanks for reading, we'll check back in once fall rolls around. Phi Alpha and Go Bears!

Sebastian Harris '21
Eminent Archon

Congratulations to Our Class of 2023 Graduation Seniors!

Noah Bernstein: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Jack Casey: Interdisciplinary Studies

Jackson Cavanaugh: Economics

Julian Clyne: Economics

David Dangond: Bioengineering

Tal Ferguson: Economics

Chris Fisher: Computer Science

Joseph Glickman: Business Administration with a Concentration in Global Management

Wyatt Grauman: Economics

Ryan Morris: Political Economy and Spanish

Grant Person: Legal Studies

Matthew Ramey: Molecular Cell Biology; Attending Columbia for Grad School

Hugh Roberts: English

Zach Rosenberg: Economics

Zach Taylor: Environmental Economics and Policy

Sam Tilles: English

Mathew Ueberoth: Environmental Economics and Policy

Peter Wisnewski: Economics and Chemistry

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Alumni– gifts to our foundation allow us to provide scholarships to students with excellence in academics, leadership, and service. Gifts to our educational institute (house corporation) enable us to continue maintaining our facility.

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Craig Walker '83

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Jake Harris '07

Ruben Munoz '13

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EVENT PLANS for Spring & Fall



Our Eminent Chronicler, Jack Dennis '25, runs our social media account. Feel free to reach out to him with any questions about upcoming events or helpful information for the chapter.

jack.dennis@berkeley.edu



We will be hosting our South Seas volleyball tournament again this April– follow us for updates on how to get involved in the fight against ALS. For our alumni, we will be hosting Duck Dinner again in the Fall. If you are able to attend, we would love to see you there. Senior dinner will be May 12 at the House.



GLIMPSE OF PAST AND PRESENT



Sam "Hammer" Wardwell '21 (left) F'17 and Tristan "Tweast" Wardwell '25 (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

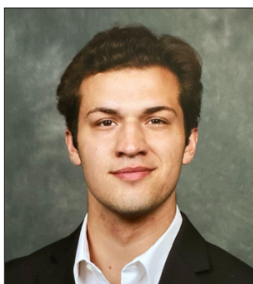


MEET SOME OF OUR UNDERGRADS



Joseph Glickman '23

Senior brother Joseph Glickman '23 got his AI startup into a second accelerator fund— this time winning additional investment funding through the Philips Innovation Award. He will also be traveling alongside Janet Napolitano to Washington D.C. to meet political figures and intelligence directors from different agencies.



Matthew Ramey '23

Matthew Ramey '23 is a 4th-year senior studying Molecular and Cellular Biology. Following his graduation, he plans to pursue a Master's degree in Public Health at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health.



Tom Dixon '24

Junior brother Tom Dixon '24 plays lock for the men's rugby team, helping in the team's 7-0 start as the boys look to make a deep playoff run.

Adam Hernandez '24

Adam Hernandez '24 is a third-year at UC Berkeley studying Political Science and Russian, with an emphasis on national security. Adam was born and raised in Southern California in a small town called La Verne. Prior to coming to Cal, Adam worked at Mammoth Mountain, traveled around Europe, and honorably served in the United States Navy. Adam joined the California Beta Chapter in Fall '20, finding the brotherhood to be parallel to that in the military. He has held several executive positions during his time in SAE, and is passionately involved in various school organizations such as Berkeley Republicans and Younglife Christian Students. Often referred to as the 'Dos Equis most interesting man in the world' and 'young Arnold' (due to his impeccable and natural physique), Adam spends his free time working on his motorcycle, indulging in anything aviation related, listening to country music, and becoming a better American each and every day. #Desantis2024.



Santi Cuevas '25

Santi Cuevas '25 is a second-year at UC Berkeley studying Political Economy with a concentration in Financial Economics. Born in Chile and raised in The Woodlands, Texas, Santi joined the California Beta Chapter in Fall '21. He has attributed some of his best memories to this tightly-knit brotherhood. Santi is involved in several organizations on campus outside of SAE— including the Latino Business Student Association, Berkeley Business Society, and Greeks Against Sexual Assault. Santi is a jack of all trades, boasting his multicultural excellence through a myriad of professional and casual endeavors, including, but not limited to, management consulting, playing carefully curated house music playlists, and undertaking a strict regimen of obscure vitamins and fish oils. Additionally, Santi enjoys lazy Sundays watching Formula One, going on runs, working out, and clam chowder.



ALUMNI UPDATE



Craig Walker '83

Craig Walker '83 graduated in 1988 with a degree in Social Studies, then later received his MBA from Georgetown as well as a JD from Berkeley Law. He and his wife Kate divide their time between Diablo, California, and Scottsdale, Arizona. They have three children: Alexandra (24), Austin (22), and Samantha (20).

Craig is currently the Chairman and CEO of Dialpad, Inc. Prior to the founding of this company, he was an attorney for both Brubeck, Phleger, and Harrison and Gunderson Deter, Principal of Headland Ventures (VC Fund), Sr. Director VoIP of Yahoo!, Founder, CEO, and Chairman of GrandCentral, and the Group Product Manager of Google Voice. Outside of work, he enjoys golf, pickleball, and tennis.

When asked what Cal Beta means to him, Craig answered, "I lived in the house every day I was at Cal— from rush to graduation. Meeting my PBs and living with the bros were both defining moments in my life. My best friends are still from the house. Figuring out how to get things done with 24 PBs who had wildly different opinions and personalities was a great learning experience."

His advice to undergraduates is as follows: "Don't feel like you have to have everything figured out at an early age. Enjoy school, enjoy friends... take classes you don't need but might think are interesting. When you start your career, nothing in the world beats hard work and persistence. Also, don't be an ass... be a True Gentleman. It really has great life lessons in it."

Finally, his favorite memories are, "South Seas and the volley ball tournament. They are tied. Every year they were the highlights and never disappointed."



Ted Bartlett '88

Ted Bartlett '88 graduated in 1991 with a degree in Social Science and City Planning and is a realtor, developer and the owner of Nob Hill Compass in San Francisco. Ted lives with his physician wife Donna and their daughters Jasmine, Tulane '27, and Millie, St. Ignatius Prep '25. Ted and family love the people, places, food, arts and lifestyle of living in our Bay Area metropolis. We will serve their delicious 2021 Napa Valley Petite Sirah + Syrah blend at our May 12, September 8 and November 17

dinner celebrations at 2722 Bancroft.

In early 2002 Brian Rogers '92 motivated us, and then Ted, Will Bartlett '94, Jeff Koblick '73 and Bill Rodgers '60 rebuilt our beloved house after it was "red-tagged" and declared uninhabitable by the City of Berkeley. We enjoyed the process and reopened in time for the Fall 2002 rush. In 2010 Ted was appointed by Mark Biestman '76 and Cal Head Basketball Coach Mike Montgomery (Long Beach State SAE) to assemble 65 Cal Alumni investors, including many from Cal Beta, to create and develop NCAA compliant student housing for the men's basketball team. For these two Cal community building accomplishments, Ted received his favorite two awards above.

For 15+ years Ted has been on Bob Leslie's '51 Hall of Fame Committee. On March 3, 2023 after an incredible Montana skiing retreat with 14- '86-'90 brothers, Ted's inspired nomination of our brother Michael Henry Maser '89 for our Hall of Fame Induction on Friday September 8, the night before Auburn at Cal, moved Bob Leslie '51 to offer Ted the opportunity to become the new Chairman of the Cal Beta SAE Hall of Fame. **Ted accepted with three conditions:** The current EA & Social Chairman are standing members of the Committee, the committee expands to capture all eras of our brotherhood, and we annually elect up to 10 members to our Hall of Fame. Bob confirmed and moved to Emeritus. **Thank you, Phi Alpha, and Go Bears Bob Leslie!**



ALUMNI UPDATE

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Josh Fisher '91

Josh Fisher graduated in 1994 with a degree in Economics and is currently the Founder and CIO of Tambridge Capital— a multi-sector investment firm. Josh has been investing in healthcare, tech, and consumer companies for over 20+ years, and has past experience with Pequot Capital, Citadel, RedMile, and PresPoint Capital.

Josh currently lives in Marin, CA with his wife Kara Fisher— also a UC Berkeley grad! Their children are Gia, 19, who is a freshman at UC Berkeley and on the D1 Beach Volleyball team, BJ, 17, and Elena, 15. Outside of work, he likes to coach his kids' sports, exercise, have date nights, go on family vacations, and volunteer— especially when mentoring young professionals through career navigation (www.thecolorwave.org).

To Josh, Cal Beta means the following: "I learned as much from smart, driven SAE brothers as I did in the classroom... their advice from what classes to take to how to get a job post-college was invaluable! I will always be thankful."

He gives this advice to current undergraduates: "Get experiences outside of the classroom, such as volunteering and part-time work, it will help you figure out life after college. Try to figure out what truly interests and excites you, but no one really knows at 22... enjoy the journey."

Josh's favorite memories with Cal Beta are "Finishing Hell Week, game days, road trips to USC and UCLA, Spring Break with the bros, having my younger brother in the house, afternoon bro hoops, working at Raleighs, sneaking into Henry's, \$5 at Manny's, late night TopDog, surviving as SAE President without any major issues, and meeting my wife at Cal. Go Bears!"



Brian Rogers '92

Brian Rogers '92 graduated from Cal in 1995 with a degree in Business Administration. After Cal, he obtained his CA Teaching Credential from St. Mary's College. He and his wife Katie live in Orinda, California with their four children: James, 15, Byron, 13, Hope, 10, and Andie Jane (AJ), 8.

Brian is the CEO and Executive Director of the Rogers Family Foundation. Outside of work, his favorite things to do are coach, golf, ski, and play tennis.

When asked what Cal Beta means to him, Brian said, "My time at Cal Beta was an incredibly rewarding time in my life. I formed life-long friendships, created life-long memories, did some things that I will never do again, and learned some things that I will use over and over again."

His advice for undergraduates is, "If you can, stay for at least 4 and 1/2 years and live in the house the whole time. My final semester at Cal was the absolute best and there was no reason not to live in the house— at no other time in your life will you be able to live like that— you will have plenty of time to get apartments later in life. Soak up the great times with your brothers in the house when you can."

When it comes to his favorite memories with Cal Beta, Brian said, "there's nothing like the volleyball tournament and South Seas! Life on the beach in Berkeley in the Spring!"

Thank you Bob "Noble" Leslie '51!

Bob "Noble" Leslie is passing the torch as Chairman of the Cal Beta SAE Hall of Fame to Ted Bartlett '88. Bob has been the Chairman of the Hall of Fame committee since its inception, helping to induct over 50 Cal Beta alums.

Bob picked up the nickname "Noble" when a pledge in honor of Founding Father- Noble Leslie DeVotie. He has been on the House Corp. Board for 30 years, and chaired the Cal Beta SAE 100th Anniversary celebration in 1993.

While at Cal, Bob lettered in track and cross country and was a leader in many Cal organizations including the ASUC Athletic Council, Order of the Golden Bear and California Club.

Bob then served in US Army in Korea for two years, returning to attend Boalt Law School and having a celebrated career as an attorney.

We thank Bob for all of his time and effort on behalf of Cal Beta. He will continue to serve on the House Corporation and you can thank him in person at Duck Dinner this Fall!



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Duck Dinner/ Hall of Fame

Friday, November 17 at the House

Big Game Weekend

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