



Sigma Alpha Epsilon CAL BETA NEWS

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New Chancellor Rich Lyons

We are incredibly proud to share that Sigma Alpha Epsilon's very own Rich Lyons '79 was announced as the next Chancellor of UC Berkeley on April 10th of this year. Rich is a member of the Cal Beta Hall of Fame, and is the first undergrad alumnus in nearly 100 years to be named chancellor.

Even though he was only recently named Chancellor, Rich has always been an active member of the campus community. He joined Cal Beta in 1979, and graduated with high honors in 1982. He then joined the Berkeley faculty as a professor of economics in 1993, and served as the Dean of the Haas School of Business from 2008 to 2018. He was named the school's first ever Chief Officer of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in 2020.

We were fortunate enough to have Rich speak at a career panel last spring, where he was able to share his wisdom with the many aspiring business majors in the house. We are proud to carry on the legacy of Rich and look to him as an inspiration as to what members of this house can become. Congratulations and Phi Alpha Rich.



Annual South Seas Party

This spring, the brothers of SAE held another successful South Seas philanthropy volleyball tournament. Through their efforts, we managed to raise \$1,600 for the Greater Sacramento Chapter of the ALS Association in honor of our former Eminent Archon Wyatt Grauman's father, the late Joey Grauman. It was great to be able to support such an important cause while also having a great time. We are honored to carry on this tradition, and look forward to hosting it again next year.

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LETTER FROM THE Zak Robertson '22 PRESIDENT

Hello all,

My name is Zak Robertson, and I am excited to announce that I will be taking over as the Eminent Archon of the California Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. I am a sophomore from Newport Beach, CA studying Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and I previously served as both Eminent Deputy Archon and Eminent Recorder here at Cal Beta. Before I begin, I would like to give a special thank you to Sebastian Harris, our previous EA, who's experience and advice have been invaluable as I adjust to this new position. I'd also like to thank all the active members, alumni, and parents for their continued support, for without them none of this would be possible. And finally, thank you to Jeff Koblick and the rest of the Housing Corp. for taking care of 2722 Bancroft, a place that is so important to all of us.

This spring, we inducted six new members to the Brotherhood of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, all of whom we believe to exemplify the traits of the True Gentlemen. We are proud to call them brothers and excited to see what they can accomplish as members of this house.

We hosted a plethora of events this semester, including our annual South Seas volleyball tournament and party, which was a great success. We were able to raise \$1,600 for the fight against ALS, a cause that is incredibly important to us. We always look forward to having sand, waterslides, and of course, palm fronds, and can't wait for next year. We also hosted our annual mom's weekend, which was a great time. The mothers of current and new members enjoyed a weekend of dinner, bowling, and mimosas. My mom is already looking forward to the next one.

As we reach the end of another great spring semester, we will unfortunately have to say a bittersweet goodbye to our graduating seniors. Nick Cicero '19, Ryan Kendrick '19, Zach Forbath '20, Logan Pence '20, Callum Janis '20, Christian Stec '20, Adam Hernandez '20, Jackson Oxner '21, Laurence Allen '21, Jeshua Gustafson '21, Liam Webster '21, Raj Shah '21, Jeff Ambriz '21, Phillipe Wiederkerhr '21, Tom Dixon '21, Gabe Vigeland '22. Thank you all for being great friends, mentors, and inspirations to me and the rest of the house. I can't wait to see all that you accomplish. Congratulations and Phi Alpha.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and for continuing to support Cal Beta. I am so fortunate to be able to represent such a great group of individuals that I get to call brothers, and none of it would be possible without the help of such great alumni and parents, so thank you once again. I look forward to checking in again next fall. Until then, Phi Alpha and Go Bears!

Zak Robertson '22
Eminent Archon

GRADUATING SENIORS



Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors! While we will miss you all, we are incredibly excited to see everything you accomplish. We're so thankful of everything you have done for this house, and we will strive to carry on the legacies you have left here. Congratulations, thank you, and Phi Alpha gentlemen!



Christian Stec

Major: Data Science and Economics

Jackson Oxner

Major: Cellular and Molecular Biology

Evan Weigold

Major: Environmental Economics and Policy

Callum Janis

Major: Economics

Tom Dixon

Major: Economics

Rajat Shah

Major: Business Administration

Logan Pence:

Major: Economics

Ryan Kendrick

Major: Psychology, Minor in Creative Writing

Phillipe Wierdeker:

Major: Bioengineering

Nick Cicero:

Major: Data Science and Economics

Adam Hernandez:

Majors: Political Science and Russian

Zach Forbath

Major: Political Economics

Gabe Vigeland

Major: Media Studies

Liam Webster

Major: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Jesh Gustafson

Major: Industrial Engineering and Operations Research and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

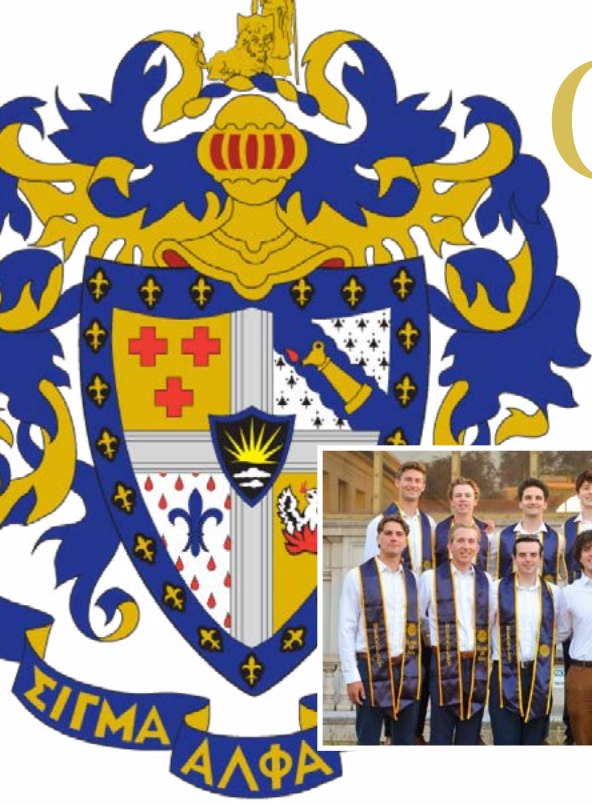
Laurence Allen

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Tommy Senske

Major: Economics and Data Science

CONGRATULATIONS!



GLIMPSE OF PAST AND PRESENT



Our Graduating Seniors



The brothers at Haas Pavilion supporting Jack McCloskey '22 and the rest of the Golden Bears



Duck Dinner



Our Spring Formal



Our newest classes, Fall '23 and Spring '24





MEET SOME OF OUR UNDERGRADS

Ron Akaishi '22

Ron Akaishi is currently a third-year student at UC Berkeley hailing from Hong Kong who joined the house in Fall 2022. He is majoring in Economics and Data Science, and will be interning at Franklin Templeton as an Investment Analyst this summer. His extensive financial knowledge has served him well as the current Eminent Treasurer of Cal Beta, where he is in charge of all of the chapter's finances. Ron is also involved on campus as a member of Berkeley Consulting, though it isn't as cool as he makes it seem. When asked his favorite thing about being a brother of SAE, he said "I really feel a brotherhood here. Everyone has their own unique backgrounds but we all ultimately get along well, and I've definitely met some of my closest friends here." Ron's advice for future members is to take advantage of all the opportunities that come with being a member of this house, and to enjoy your time here because it goes fast. In his free time, you might find him playing poker, scoring tap-ins for our intramural soccer team, or having dinner in San Francisco. A fun fact about Ron is he is fluent in three different languages: English, Japanese, and Mandarin. If you are lucky enough to see him around the house, make sure to say hello since you never know when you will see him there again.



Toto "Darius" Petrides '23

Say aloha to our resident Hawaiian brother Toto "Darius" Petrides. Toto is a junior from Honolulu, Hawaii, studying Political Economics. He joined the house in Fall 2023 after transferring here from UC Irvine. As a transfer student, he found that joining SAE was a great way to meet new people with similar interests. Toto has two favorite memories as a member at SAE. The first is meeting the new Chancellor Rich Lyons on campus and getting to ask him about what the house was like in the 80s, as well as steps he's taken after graduation to get to where he is now. The second is our South Seas Volleyball tournament, which he said is a lot of fun, and reminds him of the sandy shores of south Oahu. Toto is currently working on getting his pilot's license, as he wants to be a pilot after graduating from Berkeley. A fun fact about Toto is his dog Forrest has won brother of the week for a record-setting eight weeks in a row, narrowly beating out Jack Dennis this past week to secure the title. Being from a place as far away as Hawaii, Toto said it's easy to get homesick, but SAE has been like a second home for him, and he is proud to call his fellow brothers not only his friends but his family too.





2024 Hall of Fame Inductees



Gary Sherrer '76

Gary Sherrer '76 graduated from The University of California, Berkeley in 1978. Now a self-employed criminal defense attorney but has previously served in both the Solano District Attorney's Office and the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office as a deputy district attorney. Gary is also very active in the sports community throughout Alameda, California.

Gary is a proud sponsor for multiple sports leagues throughout Alameda. A few of the programs he sponsors include Alameda Little League, Alameda Youth Soccer, and Alameda Youth Basketball. Gary is also a member of the Official Eastbay Basketball Officials Association, Official Contra Costa Basketball Officials Association, and official Northern California Lacrosse Officials Association.

Gary was an active member of the UC Berkeley campus during his undergraduate career and obtained his B.S. in Political Science in 1978. He was also the senior manager for the University of California, Berkeley Men's Basketball team from 1976 to 1978. He also currently serves as a chapter advisor for California Beta.

Gary considers his time in SAE a pivotal part of his development as a young man. He goes on to say; "My membership in SAE, more specifically Cal Beta, provided me an avenue to grow as a person, a support system and encouragement to become an active and valued member of a community. I have life long "brothers" for whom I have a deep love and commitment. There is not a member of my pledge class for whom I would not immediately respond to a call for advice for immediate assistance. The SAE corner stone of being a 'True Gentleman' serves as a basis for living my life and provides excellent guidance to all the young men committed to SAE."



Jeremy Fiance '16

Jeremy Fiance started The House Fund in 2016, as the first-ever VC fund focused on Berkeley startups. Since then, The House Fund has backed over 100 startups, that have raised over \$5B in follow-on financing, including 7 unicorns and 20+ exits to the likes of Apple, Google, Meta, & Tesla.

While at Berkeley, Jeremy proved the campus' startup potential, co-launching 5 initiatives, including Kairos Society Berkeley and Free Ventures, student groups that increase access to entrepreneurial resources, which sparked over 50 startups that raised \$50M by the time he graduated.

With that in mind, Jeremy is dedicated to strengthening Berkeley's startup community and equipping Berkeley founders with the tools needed to build great businesses, and keep the community strong and thriving.

Outside of the technology and startup world, Jeremy is a black belt in Tang Soo Do, table tennis gold medalist, USA Lacrosse All-American, amateur cartoonist, live music enthusiast, Cal Beta Fall 2010 alum, and die hard Cal fan.

Jeremy says Cal Beta SAE means: "Brotherhood. I met some of my best friends in the world, and made unforgettable memories, at Cal Beta SAE. The best ships are friendships, especially during South Seas." Also, his advice to undergraduates is to "step outside your comfort zone socially, academically, and professionally. Push yourself to the limit to learn everything you can, discover the kind of man you want to become, and find your purpose in life."

PA & Go Bears!

CAL BETA

Career Network

We are continuing to develop our career program to benefit undergraduates, and we are looking for alumni & parents willing to participate in one or more of the following areas:

- Hold a 1 on 1 career discussion with an undergraduate.
- Speak with a small group of undergraduates interested in your career field. This could be in-person or via Zoom depending on your availability.
- Speak on a career panel with a few other alumni/parents. This could be in-person or via Zoom depending on your availability.
- Let us know about internship or full-time job opportunities with your employer.

Please email matt.noble@fmgtucson.com and let him know how you can help. We will then be back in touch with further details.

Lost Alumni

We do not have a mailing address for the alumni below. Please email fmgoscarperez@gmail.com with any address, email, or cell phone information you have. For a full list of lost alumni see our website page here: <https://www.saecalbeta.org/lost-alumni>.

Colby Anderson '70
John D'Elia '72
John Kay '72
Robert Manolakas '72
Edward Snyder '72
Steven Collins '73
Steven Hahn '73
John Buckley '74
Jack Schwartz '74
Daniel Green '75
James Ballard '77
Peter Howes '77
Kevin Burke '79
Nicholas Ware '79
Samuel Williams '79
Timothy Dietrich '80
John Forsman '80
Bradford Hubler '80
Matt Macy '80
Brett Trauthen '80
Michael Valli '80
John Baer '81
Jeffery Hyde '81
Jeffrey Kimball '81
Michael Merrick '81
Kirk Vukasin '81

Robert Owen '82
John Hermes '84
David Barnett '85
Peter Nagle '85
William Underwood '85
Gregory Brown '86
Joseph Ferguson '86
John Indart '86
Mike Miller '87
Steven Hartry '88
Craig Mitchell '90
Frank Gonzales '91
Jeffrey Moloughuey '93
Brett Mickael '94
Matt Currie '95
Bende Toth '96
Todd Ball '99
Mitchell Anderson '00
Michael Melby '00
Brian Schultz '00
Samuel Woodhams-Roberts '00
Jake Zwierzycki '00
Shawn Aslani '03
Sagar Patel '04
Gary Soiseth '05

Christopher Vorpahl '05
Alexander Wilner '05
Nate Floyd '06
Carl Nash '06
Patrick Mais '07
Christofer Bustamante '08
Mihir Kshirsagar '09
Stivi Vangadio '09
Jai Toor '10
Stephen Kaiser '11
Blake Kelly '11
Samy Labbouz '11
R. Scott McRoskey '11
Garrett Miller '11
Eric Wieser '11
Geoff Gibson '12
Cody Gomborg '13
Tucker Kahn '13
Luis Angulo '17
Auston Locke '17
Ben Orem '18
Romain Priour '18
Marcus Shankland '19

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

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LEGACY GIVING

Please contact Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgtucson.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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**SAVE
THE DATE**

Cal Beta Parents Weekend: October 18th-20th
Cal Beta Duck Dinner: November 22nd

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