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PHI KAPPA PSI ♦ CALIFORNIA DELTA CHAPTER ♦ FALL 2015

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



CALIFORNIA DELTA POWERS INTO FALL SEMESTER

Undergraduates Successful in Recruitment Efforts, Chapter House Improvements Underway

Another successful year for the undergraduate chapter has given us great momentum heading into the new school year. A strong roster of around 100 members will again be led by **Duke Dalton '12**, and leaves us with a good chapter size as we approach fall recruitment and the onboarding of new members. We've been impressed with the character of Duke and the undergraduates we've met, and are proud of their recent successes in building the chapter.

ALUMNI EVENTS

The strength of the undergraduate chapter and its recruiting program has allowed the alumni board to focus some of our efforts on expanding interaction with alumni. We have a tailgate tentatively scheduled for the Utah game on October 24. Details surrounding this event and others will be communicated through e-mail. To that end, it's important that you have both your mailing address and e-mail address updated in the alumni database located at phikappapsi.com.

ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

I would like to encourage those of you who are local to get involved with the corporation board. We have many exciting near-term projects planned as we keep the house infrastructure competitive with new student housing initiatives. You must be

at least four years out of school and be willing to give up a few hours per month during the school year. Please contact me for more details.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

The corporation board would like to thank every brother who has continued to donate to the endowment fund. This has been a valuable source of scholarships to our members, and is a key recruiting tool for attracting the best USC has to offer. In addition to making over \$80,000 available in annual scholarships, the board will be making visible and continuous improvements to the house over the coming years. Since our remodel a decade ago, the house structure has been a source of pride for both undergraduates and alumni. These projects will ensure the house remains competitive given the expanded university options.

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How Phi Kappa Psi Influenced My Life

Greg Bass '84 Reflects on Positive Connections with California Delta Brothers

There are several ways for college students to get involved on campus, and for **Greg Bass '84**, it was to join Phi Kappa Psi. For many individuals, becoming a part of a fraternity expands one's social skills and provides them with an immediate group of friends, and this could not ring more true for Greg. One of his most memorable experiences in California Delta was the friendships that he created with upperclassmen and recent graduates of the chapter, whom often provided Greg with the maturity and responsibility he needed to

be successful in life after college. "Being a part of a fraternity is a significant time in your life, and a time in which your general character as a person is developing. Phi Kappa Psi played a huge role in my own personal development," Greg says. He is incredibly thankful for all of the powerful, lifelong connections that he developed with his California Delta brothers, and it is his hope that future men of Phi Kappa Psi will have the same opportunity to develop such strong relationships.

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Looking back on his undergraduate experience in California Delta, Greg wishes he could relive going to Saturday home football games for the university and going to the annual UCLA versus USC rival games held each year, as well the exchange parties that Phi Kappa Psi hosted with sororities on campus. Aside from the social aspect of being in the chapter, Greg expanded his leadership experience by taking on the offices of historian and secretary for Phi Kappa Psi.

As an alumnus, Greg stays connected with his California Delta brothers. Each year, Greg and his brothers host a Thanksgiving dinner in which everyone goes out and spends time sharing laughs and memories from their days in Phi Kappa Psi. "I can't emphasize how important it is to have a network of friends that you can rely on. And stay connected with this network; it becomes difficult later in life to maintain those connections," he says. Greg served as a member of the corporation board for three years in the mid-'90s, and enjoys having opportunities to attend alumni events and festivities for California Delta.

Greg works at Noble Solutions in the energy industry managing legislative and regulatory affairs. In his free time, he enjoys exercising, hiking with a group of neighborhood dads, and restoring vintage European automobiles, which includes working on early MG and Alpha Romeo vehicles. Greg and his wife, Liz, have three daughters: Lana, who is a freshman at the University of Oregon; Evie, who is a junior at La Jolla High School; and Sylvie, who is a sixth grader. You can contact Greg at greg.bass@earthlink.net.

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THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS

Through the generosity of 20 donors, \$2,545 was contributed to our spring 2015 appeal. The success and achievements of California Delta are directly attributed to the support and involvement of its members. The active brothers are grateful for and proud of the donations they receive from alumni.

Contributions to the spring appeal, as well as our Centurions, are listed below. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift(s), or we have mistakenly omitted your gift, we sincerely apologize. If corrections to your giving record are needed, please send them to Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, 924 Westwood Blvd., Suite 550, Los Angeles, CA 90024-2941. Your generosity is making a difference!

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Thank you, loyal alumni!





Eddie Roche '12, Cameron Parsa '12, and Cameron Seams '12 celebrate their last formal in Vegas together.



Dylan Drescher '14, Yon Medina '14, Lucas Dobbins '14, and Drew McMillan '14 enjoy Cabo San Lucas during spring break.

Phi Kappa Psi Maintains Excellence on Campus and in the Community

Undergraduates Raise \$10,000 in Philanthropic Efforts, Boost Recruitment Numbers

The California Delta Chapter at University of Southern California has been experiencing a great ride over the past five years. In a time when fraternities around the nation are taking a beating from external sources, Phi Kappa Psi continues to be a thriving, shining example.

Chapter Boosts Membership and Academic Efforts

The membership of the chapter is now over 120 members, with pledge classes of around 25 guys each fall and spring semester. We continue to improve our GPA and remain above the all-undergraduate average.

Over \$10,000 Raised for Cancer Research

This past year, we participated in many philanthropy events put on by other student organizations to help raise money for their causes. Beyond this, we raised over \$10,000 for Kure It, a nonprofit cancer research organization founded by a California Delta alumnus. As a member of IFC, we help to organize the "We Care" week at the University of Southern California. This week provides information, education, awareness, and fundraising to help combat this issue of sexual assault on our campus.

For the coming semester, we hope to broaden our impact on campus and in the Los Angeles community with more philanthropic projects, as well as create more structured governance within the fraternity.

Stay Connected with California Delta

Our scholarship dinner date is still being finalized, but we anticipate a dinner on par with our previous dinners. Homecoming week is November 7, and we will be hosting our first-ever ex-GP reunion cocktail party and dinner on November 6. Be on the lookout for e-mails containing more information.

As always, we love when alumni stop by the house to say hello, so feel free to drop by if you are in the area.



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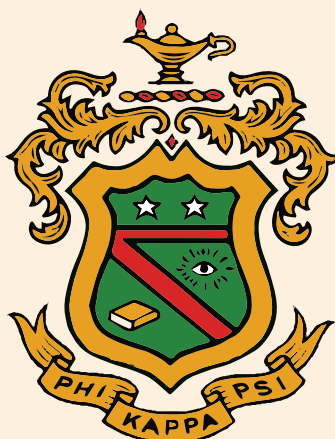
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ATTENTION: *This newsletter is intended for Phi Kappa Psi alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Southern California, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send his permanent address to abanner@penningtonco.com. Thank you.*

Alumni News

Leroy E. Cox '49 is motivated by Phi Kappa Psi because "it is the best house on the row with members who were and are the best leaders one could know." Leroy resides in Palm Desert, Calif. E-mail: rtlcox@earthlink.net

W. Terry Pearson '50 was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the USC Alumni Association and the Half Century Trojans. Terry served as president of the Half Century Trojans in 2011-12. He and his wife, Anne, live in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., and have two children, Beth and Jill. E-mail: pearsona5@gmail.com

Richard W. Jacobsen '63 was featured in a USC e-newsletter in June 2014 about his book, "Mission Mystique." Richard and his wife, Shirl, moved back to Solana Beach, Calif., in 2015.

Jon S. Mills '81 lives in Foothill Ranch, Calif., with his wife, Nancy. The couple has two daughters, Julie and Amanda. Jon's architectural practice

recently expanded into San Jose, Calif., and San Antonio, Texas. He is a member of the USC alumni association, board of governors, and a recent past president of the USC Architectural Guild. E-mail: cormills@cox.net

Mark A. Stevens '81 and his family are supporting the Neuroimaging and Information Institute at the Keck School of Medicine. Mark recently received the Asa V. Call Award from the USC Alumni Association. He and his wife, Mary, live in Atherton, Calif., and have three children. E-mail: markastevens7@gmail.com

Benton H. Lamson '86 has many fond memories of his time in California Delta Chapter. "I broke my leg during junior year, and the brothers kept me involved by picking me up and taking me to the house and classes when I couldn't get around myself." He and his wife, Lori, reside in Victorville, Calif. E-mail: bentonlamson@gmail.com

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