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PHI KAPPA PSI ♦ CALIFORNIA DELTA CHAPTER ♦ SPRING 2014

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



ALUMNI SUPPORT ESSENTIAL FOR CAL DELTA'S SUCCESS

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It has been a great spring semester at California Delta. We have more than 90 members and welcomed 18 new pledges after completing spring recruitment. The undergraduates continue to build up the chapter, and we are excited about the progress they have made.

This spring, the chapter is under the leadership of President **Max Schultz '12**. On April 18, at Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena, the members will host their annual alumni charity golf tournament; benefitting the Kure It Cancer Research Foundation (www.kureit.org) founded by Cal Delta alumnus **Barry Hoeven '69**. If you'd like to be a sponsor or participate in the tournament, contact Max for more details at maxschultz.pkp@gmail.com.

Alumni support is critical for the success of Cal Delta. I encourage those of you who are local to get involved with the house corporation. We always appreciate new volunteers, as the management of our

house is our responsibility as alumni. You must be at least four years out of school, and willing to give up a few hours a month during the school year. I understand we all have busy schedules, but it's very rewarding to serve on the board and stay involved. Please contact me for more details.

The house corporation would like to thank every brother who has donated to the endowment fund over the last year. Through this we were able to provide \$85,000 in scholarships to the men of Cal Delta. I encourage you all to support Cal Delta into the future.

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Alumni and Undergraduates Celebrate 162nd Founders Day

The Los Angeles and Orange County alumni associations joined together February 23 in celebration with three Southland California Phi Psi chapters (California Delta-USC, California Kappa-UC-Irvine, and California Xi-California State University at Long Beach) in honor of the 162nd anniversary of founding of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

The banquet hosted more than 130 Phi Psi undergraduates and alumni in recognition of Founders Day and in special tribute to the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Phi Psi Creed, authored by John Henry Frizzel and Kent Christopher Owen. Past S.W.G.P **George Humphries, Oregon Alpha '50**, and **Steven Elliot, Ohio Alpha '60**, son of past SWGP **Robert Roy Elliot, Ohio Alpha '35**, were also in attendance.

Special guest speaker CEO Phi Kappa Psi Foundation **Ben Nicol, Indiana Epsilon '00**, was introduced by Phi Psi Foundation Trustee

Hank Marvin '56. Brother Nicol utilized the opportunity to update the large audience on the many accomplishments and impressive activities of our educational and charitable Phi Kappa Psi Foundation and also invited the assembled undergraduate chapter GPs to assist and read various passages of the Phi Psi Creed.

A special highlight of the evening was the annual AA's presentation of the **J. Robert Meserve, California Beta '34**, Outstanding Alumnus Award of Merit, including the posthumous presentation to **Ralph "Tiger" Haney '27**, which was read in family appreciation by one of his daughters, Nancy Haney Faner. Our special thanks to **Tommy Knuester '05**, who contacted Brother Haney's family for this special occasion.

We wish to especially thank our 2014 Southern California Founders Day keynote speaker, past N.I.C chairman **Robert Marchesani, IUP '79**, who spoke and shared life lessons within Phi Kappa Psi as reflected in our important Phi Psi



Creed. He expressed meaning to strive and help reach our potential as an individual, a student of a host institution, fellow chapter brother, life loyal Phi Psi alumnus, and Greek community mentor.

Robert accompanied my son, Jonathan, and I on the California Delta Chapter bus ride en route

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to the Founders Day celebration, and we all especially enjoyed the opportunity to talk to undergraduates, many attending their first Phi Psi Founders Day event.

Our very special thank you to Founders Day event chairman **Jared Smith, California Kappa '05**, past District Six archon, who helped to organize this special evening of Phi Psi spirit and fellowship.

Fraternally,
John Henebry '84



Thank You, Annual Donors

Through the generosity of 39 donors, \$6,525 was contributed to our fall 2013 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.

Contributors to the fall 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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Game day at the Colliseum.



Members of the fall 2013 pledge class.

CHAPTER HAS SUCCESS ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

The brothers of California Delta at the University of Southern California welcomed in 26 new brothers at the end of the fall semester. This pledge class had large shoes to fill with the 38 seniors who graduated last spring; the members of this pledge class have since become some of the most active members of our chapter, already holding leadership positions.

Philanthropy

We held one of our biggest Phi Psi 500s in chapter history. The event was held at the Belasco Theatre and featured D.J. Major Lazer. The 1,800 students in attendance netted over \$4,000 to benefit Kure-It, our longtime charity partner.

We are looking forward to our third annual Phi Psi golf tournament benefitting Kure-It, which will take place on April 18 at Brookside Golf Club in Pasadena. Not only does this benefit a great cause, but it also provides a great window of opportunity for our brothers to network with

the many alumni that play each year, forming relationships that have historically led to mentorships, internships, and jobs.

Academics

We distributed more than \$40,000 in scholarships during our scholarship dinner, which featured USC President CL Max Nikias as the keynote speaker.

Involvement

We enjoyed a plethora of events with our beloved sororities, highlighted by our fall formal in Las Vegas.

We are doing our best to continue our four-year win streak of the USC IFC Best House Appearance Award, having recently remodeled our living room, which now features a wraparound bar, LED TV, large couch, and a donated pool table from one of our many generous Phi Psi families.

Recruitment

This spring began with an outstanding chapter-wide recruitment effort, seeing more than 250 recruits through our doors and offering 18 bids. The spring 2014 pledge class is an extremely diverse group, including members of USC's football and water polo teams, some of whom hail from out of state and even abroad.

The brothers of California Delta strive for excellence in all aspects that a Phi Psi should emulate and are optimistic that we will strengthen our brotherhood as this school year continues.



Max Schultz '12

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Alumnus Makes Business Connections through Phi Psi

From his first meeting with the members of the California Delta Chapter, **Derek Leavitt '96** developed an immediate connection with Phi Kappa Psi. "The diversity and quality of the members is what attracted me to Phi Psi. It was great to be part of something bigger than myself while working toward a common goal."

Derek served the chapter as the social chairman and corresponding secretary. "I have great memories from my time living in the chapter house and made lifelong friendships."

Derek graduated with a bachelor's degree in architecture with a minor in business. He got his start working as an intern at David Jay Flood Architect and took on a full-time position there after graduating. After working in the field for several years, Derek and



business partner, **Christian Nàvar '96**, decided to start their own firm, Modative, a modern architecture firm that develops everything from small homes to commercial projects. "As undergraduates, Christian and I always talked about starting our own firm. When you are working for other people you don't always have the control over projects that you would like, which was a big motivator to start our own business."

He and his business partner used their Phi Psi network to help build their business. "When we decided to go into business, we looked to our friends who were business, accounting, and entrepreneur majors for advice. Our lawyer and accountant are both Phi Psis. Having friends who had already started a business, we were able to learn from them what worked and what didn't. We also had an uphill battle starting an architecture

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firm in our late 20s, as architecture is more of an 'older persons' industry. It was our connection to Phi Psi brothers and their parents who became our first clients. Without those contacts I don't know if we would have succeeded in those first years, but from that we were able to build a reputation and grow our business."

The connections he made through the California Delta Chapter extend beyond his business partners. "Being in a fraternity, especially with the diversity of members, you learn quickly how to deal and communicate with people of all personality types. I loved participating in the recruitment process, and it has been very beneficial to my professional success. A large part of my job is recruiting new employees and new clients, so knowing how to sell myself and our organization is important."

In addition to his business connections, Derek also stays in touch with many of his fraternity brothers regularly, and attends an annual ski trip.

Derek and his wife, Brianne, a Delta Gamma from USC, live in Santa Monica. They are big USC football fans and enjoy attending all home games. E-mail: dleavitt@modative.com

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Alumni News

Glen L. Dickey '57 lost his wonderful wife, Betty, to cancer last year and is busy adjusting to this new phase of his life. He plays tennis and golf and enjoys traveling and loves being a grandpa to eight grandchildren. E-mail: BGDickey@comcast.net

Benton H. Lamson '86 had a great visit with **Greg Bachli '86** in February in Northern California. He is managing the fraternity house at USC. He visited with a Nebraska Phi Psi friend in Florida in June before going on a Disney cruise with two other families. He looks forward to seeing everyone at the home USC games—he moved to section nine. He and his wife, Lori, live in Victorville, Calif. E-mail: bentonlamson@gmail.com

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