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CALIFORNIA DELTA CHAPTER OF PHI KAPPA PSI - SUMMER 2026

The Alumni Corporation Board has officially reclaimed the chapter house at 642 W. 28th Street, marking an important step forward in the return of Phi Kappa Psi to USC. As California Delta continues its path toward rechartering, the undergraduates are focused on three priorities: growing membership, building a strong and organized chapter structure, and reestablishing a meaningful commitment to service and philanthropy.

This is where alumni can make a real difference. In my role as alumni chapter advisor, I have been in regular weekly contact throughout the spring 2026 term. These young men are motivated and committed, but they cannot rebuild California Delta alone. They need alumni mentors who can offer guidance, encouragement, accountability, and practical support.

Over the next year, one of our most important goals is to establish a broader alumni advisory team. We are looking for alumni willing to support chapter officers, mentor committee leaders, help with recruitment strategy, advise on philanthropy and service, support academic and career development, and provide the experience and leadership that helps a young chapter mature. This does not require a major time commitment from every volunteer, but it does require alumni who are willing to stay engaged.

Some alumni may not be familiar with the current Greek life landscape at USC. Today, there are two different fraternity systems



Ready to celebrate at the initiation dinner. From left: Jake Bonora '26, Mario Claborn '25, Koko Haboian '25, Jamaris White '26, Shubaan Sridhar '25, Keoni Kazan '26, Chris Chen '25, Liam Nguyen '26, and Vahe Zobian '26.

operating around campus. USC IFC is the university-recognized council for affiliated fraternities. Chapters in USC IFC operate as Recognized Student Organizations and are subject to university policies, oversight, event rules, conduct processes, and expectations related to health, safety, hazing prevention, alcohol use, and student accountability.

university rules and oversight but less access to the benefits and institutional legitimacy of university recognition.

For Phi Psi, choosing to remain affiliated with USC involves tradeoffs. Affiliation brings more rules and more restrictions, but it also demonstrates that Phi Psi is committed to responsible, transparent, values-based leadership.

Our return to USC is about more than reopening a house. It is about rebuilding California Delta the right way, and we are asking alumni to help guide that effort. If you would like to learn more about the advisory roles we are building, or discuss where your experience may be most helpful, please contact me.

The University Park Interfraternity Council, or UPIFC, is an independent council made up of fraternities that disaffiliated from USC beginning in 2022. These chapters generally operate outside USC's formal recognition structure, giving them more independence from



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A Better Fraternal Culture

RECRUITING EXCEPTIONAL MEN

California Delta strives to recruit young men who have the vision for creating a new legacy. Starting a new foundation is scary for a lot of students, but those who possess truly striking leadership qualities are stepping up to the plate. **Liam Nguyen '26**, who joined us from another fraternity, learned more about the Phi Psi USC colony and realized how multifaceted we are. His previous fraternity knowledge, combined with his ability to adapt to the IFC, has improved our structure while also bringing a refreshing take on fraternity life.

One of our new members, **Jake Bonora '26**, had friends in Greek life but felt that other fraternities operated uncouthly. Jake was excited to join and help build a foundation while also offering his business connections. His father is the VP of business development for the popular trading card company Upper Deck.

Phi Psi aims to connect with students of all facets and backgrounds, tapping into areas of USC that other fraternities have not reached. Our focus on leadership and diversity has led to successful social events and new connections within the student body.



As we return to campus, we strive to connect with our strong alumni network, highlight our diversity, and promote the growth of Phi Psi's rich legacy at USC. We are also building relationships with other Phi Psi chapters—including California

Theta, California Kappa, and Kansas Alpha—and we hope to connect with them more this fall.

This summer, I was at an arcade in Kansas City, 30 minutes away from my hometown. There was a group of people wearing suits, and I struck up a conversation. Turned out they were Phi Psi brothers at the University of Missouri! We were shocked and ecstatic at how small the world is. As a Kansan attending college in Los Angeles, Mizzou is three hours from my hometown, and I have never been to Columbia, Missouri—so the odds of me knowing someone there are slim. It goes to show how nationwide and friendly Phi Psi is. We now have a relationship with Missouri Alpha despite none of us ever visiting their campus.

This fall, I can't wait to extend California Delta's brotherhood even more through recruitment week.



Liam Nguyen '26 and Keoni Kazan '26 at our second social event of the spring.



Amici,
Mario Claborn '25
President

THANK YOU, GENEROUS BROTHERS

We Value Your Support

Thank you to the following brothers for contributing \$2,300 to California Delta so far in 2026! Your support helps build a strong future for our newly reestablished chapter, allowing us to make house upgrades and more. We appreciate your commitment to our brotherhood and look forward to more alumni joining this list before the year comes to a close.

W. Terry Pearson '50
G. Wayne Graveline '60
Robert C. Bishop '62
James P. Warmington '62
Roger C. Wesley '62
Dianne Earl Champlin '63
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Jon K. Swedlund '78
C. Fred Wilcox '82
Scott C. Torrence '84
Christopher Holloway '85
Michael E. Kite '91

SIM SARNA '96 ON CAREER HIGHLIGHTS, BROTHERHOOD

"Phi Psi helped me understand that leadership isn't about authority—it's about trust," **Sim Sarna '96** shared.

As the founder and CEO of Cloud10 Media, a nationally recognized podcast network with more than 100 shows, Sim's leadership philosophy and path to entrepreneurship began in the Phi Psi house.

Sim was drawn to Phi Psi's values-driven brotherhood. "California Delta Chapter had guys who were serious about building something meaningful with their lives, and that resonated with me. I wanted to be around people who pushed each other to grow—academically, professionally, and personally—and Phi Psi felt like that environment from day one."

Sim reflects on his California Delta experience as a "crash course in entrepreneurship and organizational management." In addition to budgeting, recruiting, planning events, and resolving conflicts, "I learned how to rally people around a shared vision, manage personalities, and think long-term about growth and reputation." These experiences gave him the tools he needed to build his business.

"I've always been drawn to media and storytelling," Sim shared. "Podcasts in particular felt like a powerful way to build community around ideas and voices that might not otherwise have a platform. I saw an opportunity to create something independent, nimble, and creator-focused—and Cloud10 Media was born from that vision."

Working with talent in entertainment, sports, and culture has been exciting. Sim shared, "The most rewarding part has been building a team and culture that values creativity, integrity, and long-term relationships."

When he's not sharing stories, Sim is listening to them. Outside of work, he genuinely enjoys podcasts. He is passionate about football and basketball and is involved in the sports collectibles world. You can also find him traveling, enjoying restaurants, and spending time outdoors with his family.

"My wife and our two sons are my foundation," he shared. "Entrepreneurship can be intense, and having a supportive family makes everything possible. Watching my kids grow and beginning to share parts of my professional world with them has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life." Sim also enjoys teaching at USC's School of Dramatic Arts. "Mentoring the next generation of creators keeps me energized and learning."

AN ENTREPRENEUR BUILT AT PHI PSI



"I'm grateful for the role Phi Kappa Psi played in my development. The lessons in leadership, loyalty, and lifelong brotherhood continue to influence how I approach business and life."

Sim has remained close with his Phi Psi brothers over the years. "We've stayed connected through group texts, alumni events, weddings, and now even our kids' birthdays. As we've all grown into careers and families, the conversations have evolved, but the loyalty hasn't changed."

You can connect with Sim at sim@cloud10.fm.

Welcome, New Members

Jake Bonora
San Diego, Calif.

"The supportive and caring nature of the brothers. Additionally, Phi Psi has an unmatched alumni network who clearly illustrates their love for the fraternity. I believe I can contribute to the return of Phi Psi as we look to create our own legacy."

Keoni Kazan
Peninsula, Calif.

"Because of the brotherhood and the doors it opens professionally. I wanted to be part of something bigger than myself and build relationships that go beyond the classroom and carry into my career."

Liam Nguyen
Los Angeles, Calif.

"I was drawn to the idea of brotherhood that fraternities offer, and being in the founding class of a chapter at a school like USC was something I never imagined I would get to experience."

Jamaris White
Titusville, Fla.

"I wanted to experience brotherhood with like-minded individuals and help shape a fresh fraternity. I want to expand and hone my skills as a leader, broadening my worldviews to become the best me. One of the best ways to do this is by becoming a Phi Psi."

Vahe Zobian
Glendale, Calif.

"I believe in brotherhood, service, and becoming the kind of man who uses his purpose to uplift others. As I pursue a future in law, I hope to serve with integrity, defend those who do good, and hold wrongdoers accountable wherever injustice exists."



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ALUMNI HALL OF FAME AWARDS

Saturday, September 26
Includes Brunch and Tailgate



Barbecue
Friday, October 2
Chapter House

Alumni Gathering
Friday, October 3
Location TBD

More details to come by email.

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Make a Gift Today

As Phi Psi rebuilds at USC, we must work together to ensure a strong return and a thriving future. Alumni contributions are one way to support the brotherhood from afar as California Delta enters a new era.

Making a gift today will help fund essential house projects and communication

efforts to keep our alumni connected. To donate, scan the QR code to visit caldeltapkp.causevox.com. To learn other ways you can contribute, open to page 1.



Thank you for staying connected to California Delta!

ALUMNI NEWS

Bill Hatch '53 is the original owner of a beautiful 1957 Corvette. "On August 12, I will be entered into Guinness World Records for the 'Longest Ownership of a Vehicle from New.' At age 94, I hope to live that long!" Bill lives in Carlsbad, Calif.

Bob Allan '55 is a real estate developer and active inventor. He lives in La Jolla, Calif., and is working on two large, proposed San Diego communities. Email: boballan1@mac.com

M. Carter Shrum '56 retired in 2012. Carter and his wife, Suzanne (a fellow Trojan), live in Prescott, Ariz., and plan on returning to SoCal soon. Email: cshrum37@gmail.com

Gordon C. Morrow '58 is happily doing chores on his daughter's hunter/jumper training farm in Eagle, Idaho. Email: gcm451939@gmail.com

Peter A. Maves '60 practices clinical psychology with a specialty in treating complex trauma and mental conditions (principally dissociation). He has worked in tandem with his wife, an art therapist. Peter recently served as president of the International Society for the Study of Trauma and

Dissociation. They live in Longmont, Colo. Email: petermaves@aol.com

Donald J. Norquist '61 is a 1966 graduate of the Keck School of Medicine of USC. He lives in Pasadena, Calif., and is an avid fan of USC football. Email: donnorq@aol.com

Robert "Bud" Bishop '62 is retired and living in Pasadena, Calif. He has three sons in Southern California. Email: bishopaimm@aol.com

Mark J. Petruska '82 and his wife live in Louisville, Ky., where they have a substantial European car collection. Email: markpetruska@hotmail.com

Timothy S. Schrager '83 lives in Atlanta, Ga., and volunteers with Open Doors Atlanta, Atlanta Affordable Housing Fund, the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, and the Jewish Federation of Greater ATL. Email: tim@perennialproperties.net

Tim A. Dudek '86 lives in San Diego, Calif., and works in the family electrical contracting business. He is an avid golfer and traveler and is in touch with many Phi Psi brothers. Email: timddk@yahoo.com

Ben Lamson '86 is semi-retired in Las Vegas, Nev.; his wife retired three years ago. His daughter is playing lots of softball, singing, and playing guitar, and his son is starting to look at colleges. Ben is currently the president of his son's school board. Email: ben@bluestarsocal.com