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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

We are excited to introduce the first edition of the Kappa Rho Chapter Alumni Newsletter. Our goal with this newsletter is simple: to keep our alumni community connected to the chapter, to share the progress our undergraduate members continue to make, and to continue to strengthen this family we are all a part of.

Over the past quarter, the chapter has been focused on strengthening brotherhood, developing leadership, and continuing our commitment to service and campus involvement.

Through this newsletter, we hope to provide a window into what the chapter has been working on, from philanthropy and campus engagement to chapter achievements, and even give alumni the chance to contribute and give back to Kappa Rho. Most importantly, we hope it serves as a bridge between our active chapter and the alumni network that continues to support and shape our future.



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

This quarter was another strong one for the chapter, marked by leadership, brotherhood, and friendly competition. We were proud to see our President, Erik Longoria, recognized as Ivy Man, an honor that reflects his outstanding leadership and commitment to the values of Sigma Nu. The Ivy Man award is given to the winner of a talent show for the Women's Heart Health Philanthropy hosted by Alpha Phi sorority.

The chapter also found success in IFC athletics, taking home wins in both Ultimate Frisbee and Dodgeball, showcasing the teamwork and competitive spirit of our members.

Off the field, our executive board participated in a team-building activity on the UC San Diego obstacle course, strengthening communication and camaraderie among the chapter's leadership. These accomplishments highlight the continued growth and unity of our chapter as we continue to grow.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

August Dyess KP 338

Augie Dyess came to UCSD as a biology premed student and in his sophomore year found his place in Sigma Nu. After rushing, he rose through the ranks to serve as both Lieutenant Commander and Eminent Commander, leading a chapter of nearly 100 members through the full complexity of college life. It was, by his own account, the most formative experience of his time at UCSD.



After graduation, Augie made a pivot into the business world. Over the past 20 years he has built a career spanning operations, strategy, and go-to-market leadership — founding his own consulting firm, Locomotio Inc., and co-founding Shoely, a custom footwear technology company. Running has remained a constant throughout, and a group of fellow Kappa Rho alumni now make an annual trip to Las Vegas to run the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon together, a strong example of how the brotherhood formed in college never dies.



Today, Augie lives in San Diego with his wife Camie and their two children, Rhetta and Finn. He has been actively involved as an Alumni Advisor since the launch of the first-ever Kappa Rho Alumni Advisory Board earlier this year, attending monthly chapter meetings and working closely with a strong new Exec Board. He has been a monumental resource for our active chapter, making a positive impact in virtually every aspect of our brotherhood. We are grateful to have him in our corner as we continue to build the future of Kappa Rho.



ACTIVE SPOTLIGHT

Luca Schenck KP 923

A brother we want to give a spotlight to this quarter is Luca Schenck, KP 923, a fourth-year Mathematics and Computer Science major at UC San Diego.

During his time at UCSD, Luca has taken advantage of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, and has been a pillar for this chapter. Academically, He has spent time teaching kids how to code, helping introduce younger students to technology and problem-solving skills, and also completed a project management internship where he developed valuable professional and leadership experience.

Outside of academics and professional development, Luca enjoys staying active and making the most of San Diego's lifestyle. His hobbies include golfing, surfing, and practicing jiu-jitsu.



As Luca reflects on his time in Sigma Nu, including two years on the executive board, he recognizes how important the chapter has been in shaping who he is today. He credits the fraternity with helping him become more confident and secure in himself through the friendships and life experiences it provided. In particular, he was inspired by older members of the chapter who served as role models, showing him that dedication and ambition can coexist with enjoying life and building strong relationships.

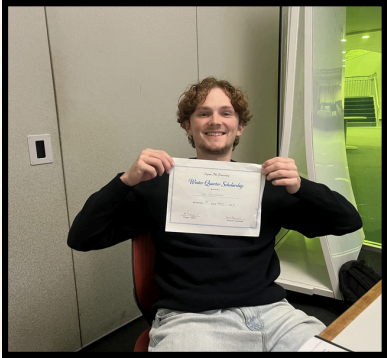
As Luca transitions into alumni status, he hopes to give back to the chapter by staying involved and supporting the next generation of brothers, continuing the cycle of mentorship and example that helped shape his own Sigma Nu experience.

Luca plans to move to New York after graduation, and begin an extremely promising career in Tech sales for IBM. All the best to him, and we know he will govern his life with a high sense of love, truth, and honor.



KAPPA RHO ALUMNI FUND

We are excited to share an important update from the Kappa Rho chapter of Sigma Nu at UC San Diego, the establishment of the Kappa Rho Alumni Fund, a scholarship fund created by alumni, for the brothers who carry our chapter forward today. For those of you who have not heard, this fund has already made a tangible and formative impact on this chapter.



This year, we are proud to announce that Kai Christman, Prahlad Achar, and Bryce Arikawa, and Daniel Gallardo are the first four recipients of the Kappa Rho Alumni Fund scholarship. They received this scholarship due to their commitment, hard work, and character for this chapter. This fund gives them the ability to continue to contribute to Kappa Rho. Their commitment to the chapter and to their studies at UCSD exemplifies exactly the kind of brotherhood this fund was created to support.

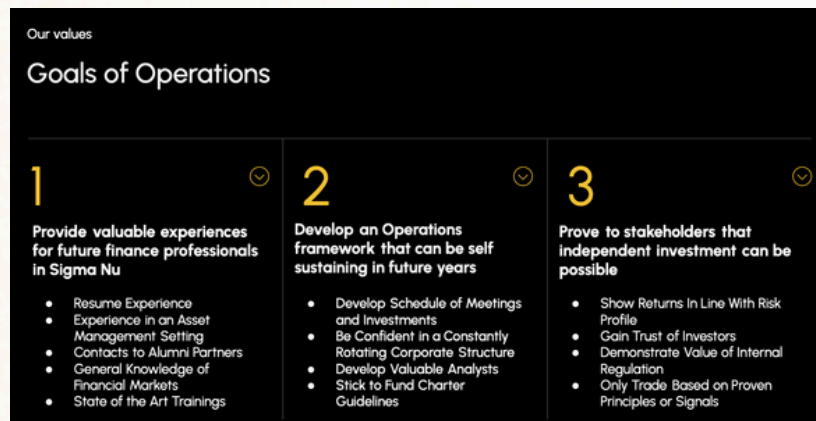
This quarter, the Kappa Rho Alumni Fund was put to work in another exciting way, funding an executive team-building obstacle course for our chapter's leadership. Designed to challenge our executive members physically and mentally, the event pushed brothers to communicate under pressure, lead with urgency, and trust one another.

This is what the Alumni Fund was built for. When donor dollars are invested directly into the development of our members, it not only enhances their active chapter, but sets up Kappa Rho for a success future. Thank you for all your support!



KAPPA RHO PAPER TRADING FUND

We are proud to share that the Kappa Rho chapter is in the process of establishing the Kappa Rho Paper Trading Fund, a proposed initiative that would give our brothers hands-on experience managing a simulated investment portfolio modeled after the Kappa Rho Legacy Foundation's Scholarship Fund.



This fund would target a 7% annual return through long-only positions in equities and fixed income, with no derivatives and no short-term trading. The vision is ambitious: starting with \$10,000, the fund aims to grow to \$50,000 or more over time, with the long-term dream of making Sigma Nu a cost-free fraternity for every member.

The proposed structure mirrors a real asset management firm, with brothers filling roles as sector analysts, portfolio managers, risk managers, and operations leads. The goal is to create a genuine professional development experience — one that builds resumes, develops financial market knowledge, and prepares our brothers for careers in finance and asset management. To make this vision a reality, we are actively seeking alumni support.

The proposal calls for 2 to 6 Alumni Advisors who would serve as mentors and industry guides. If you have a background in finance or investing and are interested in helping shape this initiative from the ground up, we would love to hear from you.

PHILANTHROPY REPORT

This February, members of Sigma Nu partnered with Delta Gamma and Rebuilding Together San Diego (RTSD) as part of the 2026 National Rebuild Event at Chollas Mead Elementary School. It was an incredible opportunity for our chapter to give back to the San Diego community while working alongside organizations committed to creating lasting impact.



During this year's rebuild event, our members rolled up their sleeves and contributed to several improvements across the campus. Volunteers assembled a new storage shed, built picnic tables and benches with umbrellas, restored and painted existing tables, constructed new planters, cleared debris and weeds throughout the grounds, planted an apple tree, and installed fresh mulch across the garden areas. These efforts helped strengthen an already meaningful space that supports both education and community well-being.



DONOR RECOGNITION

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Cameron Thomas, KP 569, who generously donated professional speaker equipment to the chapter this quarter. Thanks to this contribution, we were able to host a live music event that brought the chapter together for a great night of music, connection, and community.

Events like this help strengthen the bonds within our brotherhood and create memorable experiences for both active and guests. We are incredibly grateful for alumni who continue to support the chapter in meaningful ways, and this donation is an amazing example of how alumni involvement can directly contribute to the growth and strength of this brotherhood.

CLOSING MESSAGE

Sigma Nu has given each of us a foundation built on honor, truth, and personal integrity. As alumni, we have both the opportunity and the responsibility to give back to the organization that shaped us. We invite you to stay involved, stay informed, and continue to represent this fraternity with pride.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Affirmation of Knighthood Ceremony - May 31st, 9pm

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Senior Sendoff - June 3rd, 7pm

HOW YOU CAN GET

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