



The BRUINS SIG NEWS

DELTA ETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

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Brotherhood on the Road CELEBRATING CONNECTION AND HONORING “BULLDOG” BARLEY

It's been a rollercoaster football season for the Bruins, but one thing has remained steady: the bond among Delta Eta brothers. While Rose Bowl crowds have been smaller this year, those who do make it out have been having an absolute blast while reconnecting over tailgates, swapping stories, and soaking up the California sunshine.

Several brothers have turned the season into a travel adventure, meeting up at away games from Northwestern to Indiana and beyond. The football has been unpredictable, but the camaraderie has been rock solid. Whether it's a quick handshake in the stands or a full weekend reunion with families and friends, these gatherings remind us that Sigma Chi brotherhood extends far beyond the chapter house or college campus. As one alumnus joked, “Win or lose, it’s the perfect excuse for a road trip.”

Amid the laughter and reunions, we also pause to honor a man whose presence defined Delta Eta for nearly seven decades: **Dick “Bulldog” Barley ’54**, who recently entered the Chapter Eternal. Though not a Delta Eta initiate,



Jeff Griffiths '91, Dan Crossman '91, and Michael Marerro '91 visit Sigma Chi International Headquarters before a game.

Bulldog became one of us in every way that mattered, serving as a chapter advisor, mentor, and constant source of wisdom and patience since 1957.

His beloved wife, Evelyn, shared words he wrote just a few years ago: “I’ve had a great life. Thanks to friends, family, and Sigma Chi for contributing to my success.” Bulldog’s

devotion helped shape our chapter into what it is today. He was truly one of a kind, and we will miss him dearly. All honor to his name.

In Hoc,
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A strong turnout of Sigma Chi brothers gathered to honor Richard “Bulldog” Barley ’54. Pictured: Jim Lawson of the Sigma Chi Foundation, Matt Marshall '03, Marty Cohen '74, Gene Erbstroesser, Alpha Upsilon '70 (former chapter advisor), Rob Santos '03, Branden McBirney (chapter advisor), Kevin Bidekamp (president of LA Sig), and Henry Sauceda (a board member of Daniel Williams Cooper Inc.).

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Richard “Bulldog” Barley ’54 – July 28, 2025
In celebration of Brother Barley’s remarkable impact, lasting tributes are being established to honor his lifelong devotion to Delta Eta and Sigma Chi. One such tribute is the Dick “Bulldog” Barley Scholarship, which is nearing endowment. This scholarship will ensure that future brothers benefit from the same support and encouragement he gave so freely.

You can make a tax-deductible contribution at donate.sigmachi.org/bulldog.



HOLDING OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE

How Sigma Chi Helped Tom Wuesthoff '83 Grow

libraries, go to office hours, and don't come back until the work is done.

I started to do as Ron suggested (more like “ordered”), and what do you know? My grades started to improve. I have him to thank for my 3.0 GPA, and ultimately for getting accepted to my top-choice dental school; his advice helped me perform well there too. The fact that he cared enough to try to help a freshman pull his head out and not blow his future always stuck with me.

I got my act together in college, but graduating with a 3.0 was not going to get me to dental school by itself. I took a solid six months to study for the dental admissions test and placed in the 98th percentile. For my interview at UCSF, I decided to be honest when I got the anticipated question: “Which student are you: the B student from your GPA or the A student from your test score?”

I told my interviewer that I truly believed myself at that time to be the A student—which I certainly was not as a freshman. I told him about my Sigma Chi experience: how much I valued it and how it molded me as a person. I said that if I had to redo college, I wouldn’t change a thing; I was a better person from my time at Sigma Chi and wouldn’t trade that for a higher GPA. That must have been impactful, because I was accepted! (Not to brag, but after such a low entrance GPA, I graduated at the top of my class with a 3.98.)

I’m proud of my career as a dentist, especially the past six years. I currently work in the

Eastern Sierra corridor at a Native American community clinic, helping the local area as well as many low-income residents.

My greatest pride, though, rests in my 35-year (and going strong) marriage to Cathy; we have four wonderful boys. TJ (Tom Jr.) is a diesel and hydraulic mechanic in the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Jake served in the Army as a sniper, was in the 1st Cavalry Horse Detachment, and is becoming a Washoe County Sheriff’s Deputy in northern Nevada. Twin Erich is in his third year of medical school, hoping to go into either orthopedic surgery or emergency medicine. Twin Luke is an RN working in the ICU at Carson Tahoe hospital in Carson City, Nevada. They are all wonderful young men, and I am extremely proud of them.

Living in Mammoth Lakes, California, lends itself to lots of days on the mountain in the winter! I still enjoy golf, and Cathy and I love traveling and seeing live music.

THE DELTA ETA LEGACY

Of course, I am still proud of my Sigma Chi membership. I enjoy telling people about all the wonderful things that happened in my time at Delta Eta, setting people straight on what fraternities are all about. Social media has helped me keep in touch with brothers, and Delta Eta has been fantastic at keeping alumni informed. It’s always fun to see brothers and friends from college up here in Mammoth Lakes.

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CHAPTER GOALS

1. Grow fundraising events, deepen community partnerships, increase service participation, and continue initiatives such as the concert festival, cold plunge event, hospital partnerships, and call-a-thons.

2. Enhance brotherhood through intentional programming, retreats, wellness initiatives, and mentorship pairings between new initiates and active brothers.

3. Support brothers in gaining admission to UCLA’s top business and pre-professional clubs and securing competitive internships through workshops, interview prep, and alumni networking.



Some of our 2025 seniors celebrate after graduation.

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, AND BROTHERHOOD

Updates from the Undergraduates

Delta Eta Chapter continues to uphold the highest standards of Sigma Chi through excellence in academics, campus leadership, philanthropy, and brotherhood development. This year marked one of the most impactful periods in our recent history, defined by major accomplishments and meaningful contributions to both the UCLA campus and the greater Los Angeles community.

Most notably, the chapter successfully initiated 50 new brothers in one of the largest and most selective pledge classes in Delta Eta's history. This expansion brought total membership to 130, officially making us the largest fraternity at UCLA. Our newest brothers have already demonstrated strong commitment to our values through their leadership, scholarship, and service.

Delta Eta was honored to receive the Blue Peterson Significant Chapter Award and to be recognized as a Top 10 Chapter out of 240 Sigma Chi chapters in the Annual Report. This distinction reflects our excellence in campus

involvement, ritual execution, philanthropy, leadership development, and overall chapter operations.

Academically, the chapter continues to lead by example. Last spring quarter, Delta Eta achieved the highest GPA on the row and has consistently remained in the top five each quarter since. This success is supported by structured study programs, peer mentorship, and a culture that prioritizes academic accountability and personal growth.

Our presence on campus remains strong, with brothers involved in more than 75 organizations and many serving in key leadership roles. To further promote professional success, the chapter launched a structured career advancement program to help members gain admission to UCLA's top business and pre-professional clubs and to secure competitive internships in finance, consulting, technology, and related fields.



Delta Eta joins Once Upon A Room to decorate hospital rooms at Reagan Children's Hospital. Pictured: Prem Kollu '26, Jacob Verde '27, Josh Lande '28, Kalani Caetano '27, Toby Harris '26, Jack Honsberger '28, Chase Nearn '26, and Matt Swanbeck '27.

Philanthropy remains a core pillar of our mission. This year, Delta Eta organized a concert-style fundraising festival supporting Palisades fire recovery efforts, partnered with Reagan Children's Hospital, and hosted a wellness-focused cold plunge philanthropy event. Additional initiatives, including call-a-thons and collaborations with local Westwood businesses such as Fat Sal's and Rocco's Tavern, further strengthened our community engagement and outreach.

As Delta Eta continues to grow in size, influence, and impact, our chapter remains firmly committed to the timeless values of Friendship, Justice, and Learning. This year's achievements reflect a proud tradition of excellence and lay a strong foundation for continued success in the years ahead.

In Hoc,
Parker Kinsey '26
Outgoing Consul

ALUMNI NEWS

Gary T. Rudd '65 is not yet completely retired as he still manages commercial property. He still plays tennis but leads a quiet life otherwise in Palo Alto, Calif. Email: garyrudd51@gmail.com

Scott A. Smith '70 is still practicing law in Newport Beach, Calif. He has four adult children who are all Bruins and all married. He also has 10 grandchildren. Email: scott@smithandsusson.com

Eric W. Sims '75 is still working to support others in Aliso Viejo, Calif. Email: simsinsuranceservices@gmail.com

John H. Greiner '09 still gets together with eight other Delta Eta brothers regularly. "My Sigma Chi friendships are lifelong for sure!" John lives in Carlsbad, Calif. Email: jgreiner@ucla.edu

Michael R. Rice '09 married a fellow Bruin and former Alpha Phi member. They still try to get to games and are in touch with many Delta Eta brothers from their home in Rancho Mission Viejo, Calif. Email: mikericedds@gmail.com

WHAT'S INSIDE?

In this issue, Delta Eta celebrates one of its most successful recruitment years yet and honors the life and legacy of **Dick "Bulldog" Barley '54**. Catch up on alumni updates and chapter achievements and see how the spirit of Sigma Chi continues to thrive at UCLA!



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Nico Wallitt | San Francisco, Calif.
Matthew Yegian | Oakland, Calif.

WHY THEY JOINED SIGMA CHI

"I joined Delta Eta because of the strong character of each brother and the quality of the brotherhood they create." —Brady Edwards

"I chose Sigma Chi because I am inspired by the professional drive and ambition of its members. I know this environment will help me grow, reach my goals, and push my personal aspirations forward." —Sam Jacobson

"Sigma Chi was the place where I had the most genuine conversations during recruitment. I could really see myself having an incredible experience with the guys in the house." —Miles Murray

THE KIND OF MAN YOU'D STAND BESIDE

THINK OF THE MEN YOU'D TRUST
IN YOUR CORNER—THE ONES WHO...

- SHOW UP
- LEAD BY EXAMPLE
- MAKE OTHERS BETTER

THAT'S THE KIND OF MAN WE'RE
LOOKING FOR TO JOIN DELTA ETA CHAPTER.

If you know a young man who fits that description, we want to meet him! Please send his info to **Toby Harris '26** at tobyjamesharris@gmail.com so we can get in touch and show him what our brotherhood is all about. Be sure to include his name, year in school, email, and why you think he'll be a good fit.