



The BRUINS SIG NEWS

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

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BROTHERHOOD OF CHAMPIONS

Delta Eta Thrives with Alumni Support

UCLA's men's team had a tough March, but the women went wire to wire and brought home a national championship banner. If you watched that final without getting a little fired up, that's hard to explain. It was one of the biggest moments in Westwood in years, and they earned every second of it. Go Bruins!

On another national stage, you may have spotted a familiar name behind the plate. If you've tuned into MLB games or the World Baseball Classic recently, **Bill Miller '89** has been umpiring at the highest level of the sport as a strong representation of Delta Eta on the diamond.

Closer to home, our annual fundraiser supporting the children of brothers we've lost to cancer has wrapped up with its strongest showing to date. **David Angulo '93** deserves much of the credit for that success. He put in significant effort to drive this campaign, and the results speak for themselves. You'll find an interview with David later in this newsletter. This effort reflects the best of what it means to be a Sigma Chi. If you haven't contributed yet, there's still time! Please consider donating at bit.ly/sigma-chi-support and sharing the link.



The undergraduate chapter continues to excel across the board, from its standing at UCLA to the size and quality of its pledge classes and recognition from Sigma Chi. At the same time, today's undergraduates are entering a genuinely difficult job market. Entry-level roles are harder to secure, hiring timelines are longer, and many are doing everything right but still facing setbacks. Our network as fraternity brothers has made a measurable difference through mentorship calls, internship referrals, and even a few full-time offers that have come directly from alumni.

We need more of that support. If you have an open role, an internship opportunity, or can spare 30 minutes to speak with a junior about your career path, please reach out. I'll make the connection, and it doesn't have to be a major commitment. Often, a single conversation can change the trajectory of a job search.

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Nader Pakfar '95, Mark Hammerberg '92, Damon Lewis '94, Larry Longenecker '93, and Darin DeRenzis '96 attend a UCLA basketball game.



The Greatest March Madness Tradition

BRACKETOLOGY SUPPORTING BROTHERS' FAMILIES



The Isom family.



The McClure family.



The Samuelson family.

When **Kevin McClure '93** passed away from cancer in 2015, it was a devastating loss for the Delta Eta community.

"Everybody loved Kevin," said **David Angulo '93**, who manages our alumni's annual March Madness fundraiser in Kevin's honor. "He was smart, he was a good athlete, he was funny—everybody just loved spending time with him." At the time of Kevin's diagnosis, David never imagined how Kevin's legacy and love of sports would bring Sigma Chi brothers closer together.

UNITED BY THE WHITE ROSE

Kevin looked forward to the NCAA men's basketball tournament in 2015 to help him pass time during chemo. Members of his pledge class and others included him in a bracket tournament—what Kevin didn't realize was the other participants entered the pool to donate to help cover treatment expenses. An email chain of about 30 brothers grew to nearly 150, with \$112,000 raised before the championship game.

The winner's prize would be to tell Kevin and present the money. A group of brothers, including finalists **Nate Ballard '92** and **Scott Bartell '93**, joined Kevin and his family to watch the championship. After the game, the brothers began recording video to reveal to the McClures the bracket pool's true purpose. Kevin and his wife, Yvonne, were overwhelmed with gratitude. As David recalls, "Kendrick [their son] didn't know what the heck was going on, but he does now!"

Kevin and the brotherhood enjoyed one final outing together in September 2015, traveling to Las Vegas for the UCLA vs. UNLV football game. More than 80 brothers enjoyed a weekend including golf, a steak dinner, and a UCLA victory. Kevin entered Chapter Eternal that October, and Delta Eta alumni honored him with a White Rose Ceremony at his celebration of life.

As next year's tournament came around, David thought: "*That was a good start, but Kendrick needs to go to college—and it's on us.*" The reunited bracket pool raised around \$20,000 for Kendrick's 529 savings plan, and brothers decided to make it an annual tradition. In time, the group expanded to support the children of two more fallen brothers, **Mike Samuelson '90** and **Nick Isom '99**. The original email chain now sits at nearly 300 alumni.

BROTHERHOOD LIKE NO OTHER

David is continually amazed how the brothers show no signs of donor fatigue year after year. "Whenever March comes up, I hear from countless guys: 'When are we opening this up again?' Everyone is chomping at the bit."

Not every brother fills out a bracket; some are just happy to donate. Regardless, the fundraiser has rallied a passionate Sigma Chi community, with more and more classes holding reunions and get-togethers—and fantasy football leagues, of course.

The group has raised between \$15,000 and \$20,000 each year, splitting the funds between the three families. The difference in 2026? The Samuelson family will no longer accept money because Mike and Michelle's daughters, Shelby and Sabrina, are both out of college.

"Both Kendrick McClure and Alexandra Isom are seniors in high school, but as any of you know who have kids in college, you NEVER have too much," David wrote to the email chain in February. "College is insane these days, so I think we are still good contributing to them."

David isn't certain what will happen with the fundraiser once the remaining children earn their degrees, but he is proud and thankful for what they've accomplished together. Each family will put their kids through college debt free, knowing how loved and respected their fathers and husbands were.

"The impact on our relationships—not only with these families but also with each other, is profound," he said. "We are all so much closer because of Kevin and have an amazing network of brothers supporting one another. Our brotherhood isn't fleeting; it evolves, and it never stops being inspiring."

The 2026 March Madness pool raised \$20,859 for the McClure and Isom families. To learn more about the event, you can reach out to David at dsangulo@gmail.com.

"[Alex] is hoping to pursue her passion for film and go to film school. As such, this money will be put to good use immediately. It is incredibly touching that Nick's Sigma Chi brothers have done this for Alex for so many years. Please be sure to thank them from the bottom of our hearts!" —**Marcie Fitzsimmons (Isom)**

Words of Gratitude

"Please know that this blessing is shaping Kendrick's future in ways that will echo for generations. And one day, when he walks across that college stage, every single one of you will be part of that moment." —**Yvonne McClure**

"We are super grateful, as always, and it is just such a kind and generous thing for you all to do. I want all the Sigs to know how much it helped us over the years—just taking off some financial stress and also getting the good feeling of support and love." —**Michelle Samuelson**

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Updates from the Undergraduates

Delta Eta Chapter has had an exciting and eventful year, marked by strong brotherhood, meaningful involvement, and notable achievements both on and off campus.

A central focus this semester has been strengthening the bond among brothers. That effort has taken shape through a range of brotherhood events, from high-energy outings like our trip to Sky Zone to more relaxed gatherings. These shared experiences have brought us closer together and reinforced the unity that defines our chapter.

Spring break offered many brothers the opportunity to travel and create lasting memories around the world. Groups visited destinations including El Salvador, Peru, and Sayulita, Mexico. Whether surfing along the coast, exploring historic sites, or simply enjoying time together away from campus, these trips highlighted the adventurous spirit of our brotherhood.

Back on campus, Sigma Chi has remained active within the Greek community. Several brothers participated in the Mr. Greek philanthropy event, representing the chapter while supporting a meaningful cause. Their involvement reflects our continued commitment to service and community impact.

We are also proud to recognize a major athletic accomplishment.

Andrew Spencer '29 and **Alex Heenan '28** recently won a national championship in water polo, which speaks to their dedication, discipline, and competitive excellence. Their success is a point of pride for the entire chapter.

In addition, former Consul **Parker Kinsey '26** has been named the LA Coastal Province Balfour Award recipient and is now under consideration for the International Balfour Award.

Looking ahead, Delta Eta has a full slate of events and initiatives planned. We will continue building on our brotherhood momentum while expanding our involvement in philanthropy, campus activities, and social programming. With strong leadership and an engaged membership, the chapter is well-positioned for continued success.

This semester reflects what it means to be part of Sigma Chi: brotherhood, growth, and excellence. We are proud of what we have accomplished and look forward to what lies ahead.



The fall 2025 pledge class gathers for a photo after initiation.



There's no better way to spend an evening than a DJ set in the Malibu Hills.



Sky Tjapkes '29, Dylan Foster '29, Nico Mastrippolito '29, Nigel Palalay '29, Will Shilling '29, Sam Jacobsen '29, Bradley Roesler '29, and Miles Murray '29 on the back deck before a date party.



John Anderluh '29, Heath Carbone '29, Matthew Sasso '29, Nico Mastrippolito '29, Owen Piepszak '29, Xander Tsintikidis '29, Burke Johnson '29, and Sam Kolovyansky '29 visit El Salvador for spring break.



What's Next for Delta Eta

This issue of *Bruins Sig News* highlights the momentum building across our brotherhood, from meaningful alumni impacts to our thriving undergraduate chapter. As you read, keep an eye on the bigger picture: **we're preparing to share some exciting news with you later this year!** This summer will mark the next step forward for our chapter, and we're excited to bring you along for what's ahead.



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Bryan W. Bayer '88 recently celebrated 30 years of marriage and is excited to welcome his first grandchild following his daughter Kelly's marriage in 2024. His younger daughter is currently in nursing school. He lives in Long Beach, Calif. Email: bbayer6487@gmail.com

Jonathan G. Duarte '91 has built three companies in the recruiting and HR tech space and has authored an unpublished book titled "*Referrals Get Hired!*" He is happy to share strategies for leveraging referrals with fellow brothers. He resides in Truckee, Calif. Email: jonathanguarte@gmail.com

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Thomas P. Nugent '93 shares his appreciation for the chapter's continued communication and alumni connection over the years. He

recently attended initiation, where he was impressed by the size and strength of the new pledge class. His youngest son, **Nick '29**, transferred from SDSU and has since become a Delta Eta member, continuing the family's legacy. Thomas resides in San Diego. Email: tpnugent@sbcglobal.net

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Have an update you'd like included in the next edition of *Bruins Sig News*?

We'd love to hear from you. Send your news (an alumni gathering, a career milestone, a move, a family update, or anything worth celebrating) to rob@bruinsig.org. Know a brother with a story worth telling? We're always looking for brothers to feature in upcoming issues. If you have a nomination and are willing to make the introduction, reach out to Rob at the same address and we'll take it from there.