



The BRUINS SIG NEWS

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

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Delta Eta's Next Chapter

THE CAMPAIGN TO REBUILD 459 GAYLEY

For most of us, 459 Gayley is more than an address. It is where we found the friendships and the footing that shaped the rest of our lives. For more than 75 years, it has been home to Delta Eta—and now it is ready for its next chapter.

The chapter's leaders, our alumni volunteers, and the Bruin Sig Foundation have launched the most significant effort in the history of our house: **a full renovation and expansion of 459 Gayley!** It is the largest investment ever made in this property, undertaken to preserve what we love about Delta Eta while building a home worthy of the young men who will call it theirs.

The years have asked a great deal of our house. Structural wear, water damage, and living spaces built for another era have left us straining to keep pace with the newer facilities and housing around campus. The renovation answers that directly with a home built to support scholarship, leadership, and brotherhood.

Plans call for a three-level, 15,000-square-foot chapter home for roughly 60 brothers, with renewed bedrooms, expanded dining, dedicated study lounges, and a chapter room plus a library, an executive conference room, and upgraded social spaces—every improvement designed to strengthen the undergraduate experience while honoring the traditions that made Delta Eta a leader at UCLA.

Our goal is \$9 million: \$6 million in philanthropic support, with the balance responsibly financed. **Thanks to the early generosity of our brothers, we have already raised approximately \$4.3 million**—this is real momentum and a clear signal of what this brotherhood can

do together. That investment will keep Delta Eta doing what it has always done best: drawing outstanding young men and giving them everything they need to thrive academically, personally, and as leaders.

As you read on, you'll meet the brothers who have stepped forward and see how this vision is becoming a reality. Every alumnus has a connection to 459 Gayley, and while early leadership gifts have given this campaign tremendous momentum, the gifts that come next—from brothers at every level—will be just as essential to preserving that experience for future generations.

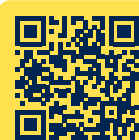
With your support, the next 75 years of Sigma Chi at UCLA will be every bit as meaningful as the last! Look for more info on how to pledge your support in the coming months.

Be sure to look for our interview with **Tracy Chalmers '83** in the next mailer, where you can learn more about his story and generosity toward our efforts!

In Hoc,
Harmon Brown '76
President, Bruin Sig Foundation

Don Harrier '82
President, Delta Eta Housing Association

Rob Santos '03
Secretary, Bruin Sig Foundation
and Delta Eta Housing Association



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PITCHING IN TOGETHER



Why Paul Hering '83 Joined the Cause

Paul Hering '83 was the first in his family to go to college, so the fraternity system was completely new to him. He decided to explore it, and after visiting Sigma Chi, his mind was made up. "Delta Eta brothers were welcoming, friendly, and fun, and it just seemed like a great fit."

To this day, Paul feels his Sigma Chi experience was at least as important as the academic side of his UCLA years. The chapter house helped him feel connected on a huge campus, and roles like Magister and Consul helped him build confidence while learning leadership and social skills. Even better than the memories Paul made while living in the house are the lifelong friendships he carries from Delta Eta 40 years later. ("I'm a pretty good sleeper too—a skill learned in what can be a rather loud and chaotic environment.")

Paul, like many fellow alumni, has led a successful life and career. His donation to Delta Eta is one of gratitude to an organization that gave him so much. By joining the campaign, Paul hopes future brothers receive the same opportunities for growth and success that past brothers afforded him.

"A renovated house will allow Sigma Chi to continue recruiting talented young men and thrive at UCLA," he said. "With some modest, widespread support from our alumni, we can easily accomplish this renovation. I ask my brothers to think about their time at Delta Eta and what it has meant to them—then consider paying that opportunity forward."

Paul, now retired, was a leader in the insurance industry for decades. As CEO of Barney & Barney, he helped transform the company into one of the most successful business insurance brokerages in the U.S. He then served as vice chairman of its parent company, Marsh McLennan Agency, and enjoys supporting his community as a member of several local and corporate boards. Paul's biggest pride is in his family; he and Susan have three children and four grandchildren, all nearby in San Diego.

"I am encouraged by the direction of Sigma Chi nationally, including its focus on leadership development," he added. "If we all come together as Delta Eta brothers, we can accomplish this much-needed renovation and tee up our future UCLA Sigma Chis for success."

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You can connect with Paul at paulhering1@gmail.com.

DELTA ETA REMEMBERS SCOTT BARTELL '93



Lawson Scott Bartell '93 passed away peacefully on July 3, 2026, after 55 years of a rich life devoted to his family, serving his community, pouring into others, and following his Lord and Savior.

Born September 3, 1970, in Bakersfield, California, Scott was the first child of Lawson and Lavella Bartell. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and their three children: Josiah, Zachary, and Addison.

Scott joined Delta Eta Chapter as a freshman in the fall 1989 pledge class, served as quaestor his junior year, and led the chapter as consul his senior year, graduating from UCLA summa cum laude. He earned his MBA and Juris Doctor at Pepperdine, where he also served on the Pepperdine Law Review.

After a few years of practicing corporate law, he turned his formidable intellect and gifted leadership skills toward the tech industry, ultimately serving as a senior director at Adobe.

While our worthy brother achieved remarkable levels of success in the traditional sense, Scott's legacy was his love for Jesus and the way his walk with God shaped every aspect of his life. He was a bright light—his grit, courage, energy, insight, vulnerability, contagious joy, servant leadership, genuine love for others, and deep faith in God will continue to inspire this side of Heaven.

He was the best of us, and the White Cross of Sigma Chi has gained new luster by his life.

All honor to his name.

In Hoc,
Brian Jones '91
Todd Pam '92

Thank You, Generous Donors

We appreciate the selfless alumni listed below who have been early contributors to our *Rebuilding 459 Gayley for Our Next 75 Years!* campaign. Their generosity is helping Delta Eta build strong momentum for our house renovation and expansion to maintain a premier fraternity experience at UCLA.

Donors contributing \$5,000 or more will be recognized on a permanently displayed brick outside of the chapter house. Gifts of \$1,000 or more will be recognized in campaign publications. If there is an error in your listing or your name is mistakenly omitted, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at jwhite@penningtonco.com to submit a correction.

Bulldog Barley Society

(\$1,000,000+)

Tracy Chalmers '83

Craig Nason Jr. Society

(\$500,000 to \$999,999)

John Wooden Society

(\$250,000 to \$499,999)

Paul J. Hering '83

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1947 Society

(\$100,000 to \$249,999)

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Harmon Brown '76

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Rob Carpenter '84

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(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

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In memory of

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Rob Santos '03

Casper Yen '12

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(\$10,000 to \$24,999)

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Conor Johnston '04

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(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

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Thomas F. Wuesthoff, D.D.S. '83

John A. Ireland Jr. '85

William T. Buchanan '86

Eric Quinn '99

Todd H. Van Horn '00

Ryan C. Lallas '01

Michael Torres '01

Ryan J. Wagner '03

BROTHERHOOD AT ITS BEST

Sigma Chi Thrives at UCLA

Delta Eta Chapter continued to excel this school year, displaying academic strength, philanthropic growth, and individual achievement. Our chapter GPA for the spring quarter totaled 3.61, ranking third highest among all fraternities on campus and reflecting our brothers' continued commitment to excellence in scholarship.



We are especially proud to share that former Consul **Parker Kinsey '26**, after being named LA Coastal Province Balfour Award recipient, was selected as one of three finalists for Sigma Chi's 2026 International Balfour Award. This is the fraternity's highest individual honor for a graduating brother. Parker traveled to the Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop at Bowling Green State

University for a final round of interviews preceding the naming of the recipient on August 1. While he ultimately didn't take home the top prize, having a finalist represent our chapter is a tremendous honor. Congratulations, Parker!

Philanthropically, an improved Derby Days campaign has put us on track to double our annual donations to the Huntsman Cancer Foundation since last year. Brotherhood and endurance were also on full display as more than six brothers took on the LA Marathon, representing Delta Eta across the city.

Recruitment remains a top priority heading into the fall. We are aiming to fill an incoming class of 40-50 new members, keeping our total chapter size around 160. Information on how to submit a recruitment referral can be found on the back.

It has been a year of steady growth across the board, academically, philanthropically, and individually. Delta Eta Chapter is well-positioned to prosper in the coming academic year.

In Hoc,
James DuPont '27
Tribune

Congratulations to the class of 2026!



Campaign Status at a Glance

As of August 25, 2026

Campaign Goal
\$6,000,000

Early Donor
Contributions
\$4,325,321

Early Donor Count
75

On average, a campaign like ours will need 20-25% of alumni to support with a one-time gift or pledge. Early donors have started us strong at 5%, and we can't wait to see how quickly that number jumps as we launch *Rebuilding 459 Gayley for Our Next 75 Years!*

Delta Eta Has Huge NEWS!



Your Sigma Chi brotherhood has launched a new capital campaign to renovate our beloved home at 459 Gayley.

Check the front page for information on the *Rebuilding 459 Gayley for Our Next 75 Years!* campaign and learn more about our vision for the fraternity's future at UCLA.

Rhett Selby '28, Lorenzo Miller '28, and Luca Angelini '28 enjoy a hometown sightseeing tour with Londoner Navik Mendis '28 during a break from their software engineering and finance summer internships in Berlin.



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Plant the Seeds



of Brotherhood

Growth often begins with someone seeing potential and choosing to encourage it. For a young man in college, that support can make all the difference.

If you know a young man who would make a great addition to Delta Eta, recommend him today! Send his contact info to **Julian Stassi '27** at (916) 317-0299. Please include his full name, high school, and phone number.

Chapter Goals

Double our Huntsman Cancer Foundation donations this year.

Grow active alumni engagement.

Improve our chapter GPA/academic standing to No. 1 on the row.



Our annual charity concert series, Live@459, featured rock band Sun Room and our talented house bands.