

March 20, 2023



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Monthly Newsletter - March 2023
Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Fresno

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WINE TASTING - TICKETS AVAILABLE

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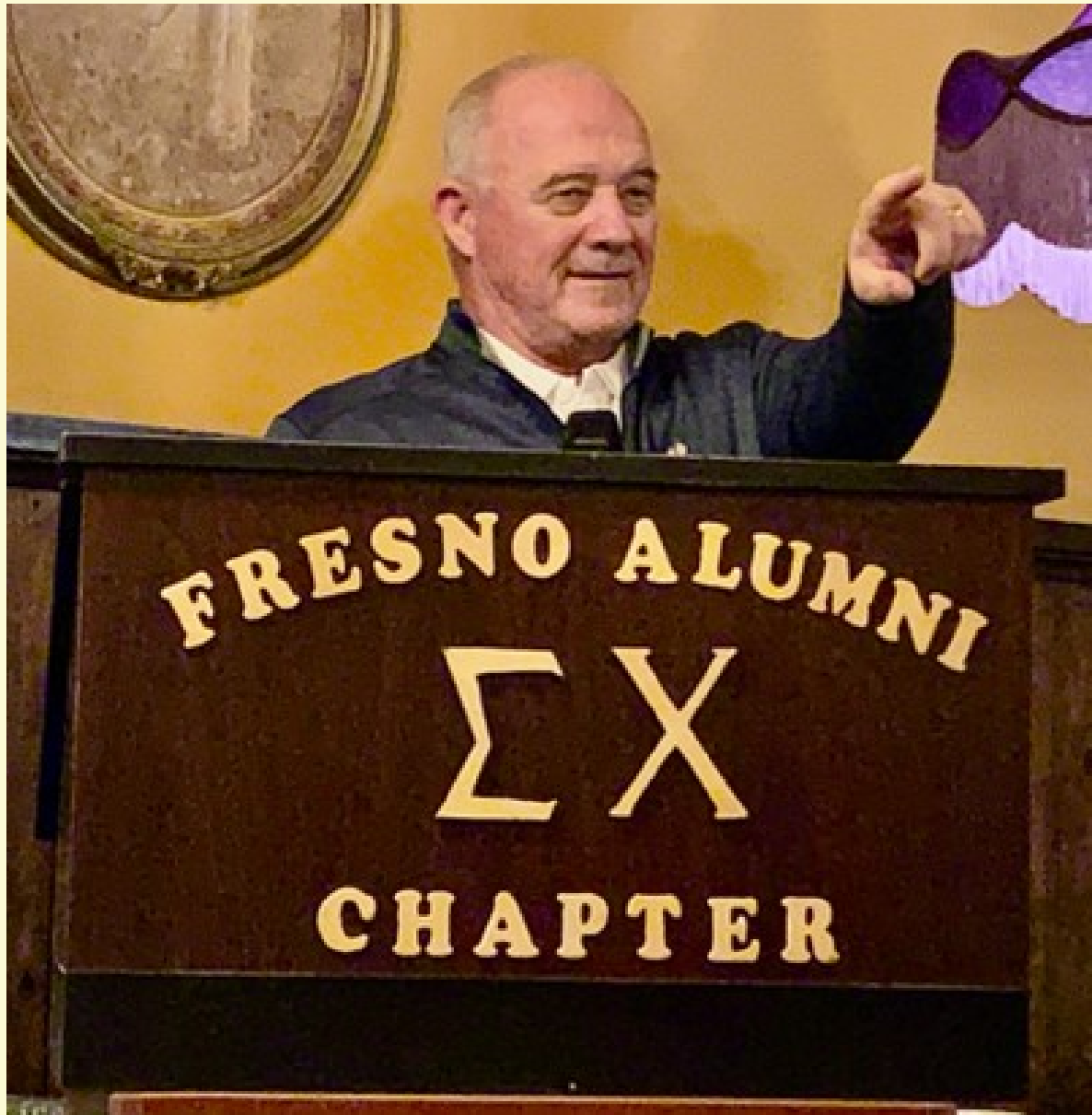
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President's Message

Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)

My Brothers,

On March 16, Coach Jeff Tedford joined over 60 brothers and discussed Fresno State football, the transfer portal and the name, image and likeness challenges facing today's college football. He compared the similarities of the football program and the fraternity who fundamentally mold young people to be better citizens.



Most important he shared how impressed he was with the alumni chapter. That people could stay connected over the years and come together with the focus higher education by providing scholarships for students. He further commented

that the 105 football players has an average 3.3 G.P.A.

Please join us on Saturday March 25 at 8:00 am at the Epsilon Eta Chapter House to celebrate our Spring Initiation. Call me if you need help gaining access. You can witness once again The Ritual and your connection in ensuring that we add new luster to the White Cross of Sigma Chi.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Brad

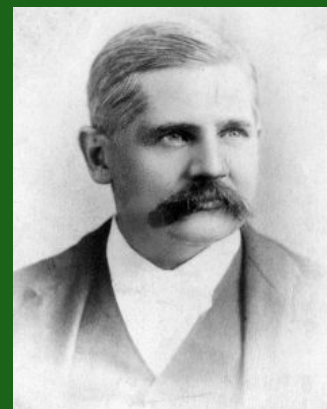
Brad S. Fischer (78-S)
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Significant Sig
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“Brother Sigmas, we belong to a society worthy of our highest regard and warmest affection. We are united in the strong and enduring bonds of friendship and esteem.”

Isaac M. Jordan, Founder



**2023 SIGNIFICANT SIG
MIKE GALLO**



It is with great pride that we announce that Epsilon Eta's **Michael D. (Mike) Gallo** (70-F) has been named a Significant Sig. Mike will be invited to attend the 84th Grand Chapter in Toronto, Canada on June 22-25, 2023.

Brother Gallo is a third-generation farmer and businessman, born and raised in Livingston, California. He attended Merced College and then transferring to Fresno State, where he majored in enology and viticulture.

Mike grew up working on his family's farm, which his father established in 1946. He learned every job from the bottom up, and after college, he managed the family's vineyards. In 1979, he and his father launched, first the Joseph Gallo Dairy and then in 1982, the Joseph Gallo Cheese Plant. In 1984, after the cheese plant was built, the Joseph Farms cheese brand was developed.

In August 1995, the Joseph Gallo Dairy was named

by Successful Farming as the nation's largest dairy. The Joseph Farms Cheese brand has earned numerous domestic and international awards for its cheese.

Today, with Mike Gallo as CEO, Joseph Gallo Farms focuses on cheese and protein production. The whey protein plant produces an ingredient used by many health and nutrition companies. In recent years, Joseph Gallo Farms has also expanded into the growing of California almonds.

A special thanks to Brother **Kenny Jelacich** (70-F) for single-handedly putting together the information required for the successful Significant Sig submittal. Kenny married Mike's sister, former Sweetheart of Sigma Chi Linda Gallo who reigned during the 1973/1974 school year. Kenny also has worked with Mike at Joseph Farms since his graduation from Fresno State.

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Housing Corporation Update

Contributed by John Ballinger (S'65)



I hope following these “atmospheric rivers” that you and your families have escaped any damages and are safe. I’m from the Bay Area and I’ve never seen anything like it. Neither has our fraternity house!

We had several leaks and some damage. The leaks have been addressed and will be need to repair some sheetrock and paint. A huge shout-out and thank you

to brother Scott Morse, President of Carrol David Distributing. He has on a numerous occasions assisted us with our window problems, repairs and replacements. We had a major window leak several storms ago. Our board is extremely appreciative of Scott's responses to our requests!

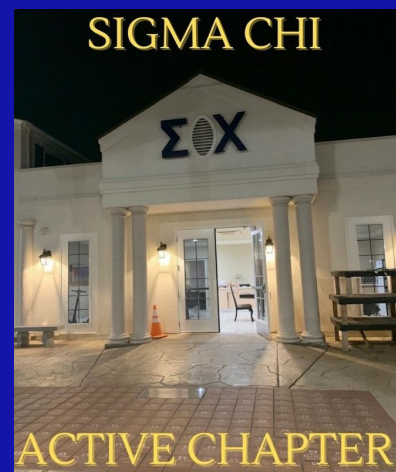
One important note is that we are down to only 14 actives living in the house. There will be discussions with the current officers regarding plans to increase that number. A shout out also to brothers Tom Barham ('67 F), and pledge brothers Jack Williams and Matt Wittkins ('66 F) who all gave me a call this week.

In Hoc, "and it's great to be a Sig!"

John Ballinger ('65 S)
Housing Corporation President

Active Chapter Update

Contributed by Nicholas Davis, Chapter Editor



March has been a busy month for the Epsilon Eta chapter. This month we participated in Delta Zeta's philanthropy which benefited the American Society for Deaf Children. The philanthropy featured the Delta Zeta Rose Bowl, a flag football tournament, which provided a great time for all who watched and participated. We also are currently participating in

Delta Gamma's Anchor Slam philanthropy and are looking to win. On top of these philanthropies, we have begun preparation for our philanthropy, Derby Days, which will raise money for Valley Children's Hospital and the Huntsman Cancer institute. On another note, the Spring 2023 pledge class of 2 is nearing initiation. Magister Anthony Reynoso is ensuring that these two pledges will make great brothers and bring new luster to the White Cross. We look forward to welcoming these two into our Fraternity on Saturday, March 26th at 8:30 AM. We look forward to welcoming these two to as many alumni as possible, as being surrounded by many great men will surely make the experience even more meaningful and memorable for all.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Nicholas Davis
Chapter Editor

ALL HONOR TO HIS NAME
MICHAEL J. AVILA (94-F)

Brother Michael J. Avila (94-F) entered the Chapter Eternal on February 13, 2023, in Thornton, Colorado.

[LINK TO MEMORIAL PAGE](#)



Fresno Sig Frank Puccio Named Assistant Dean



Frank Puccio (01-S)

On March 6, 2023, brother Frank Puccio (01-S) was named Associate dean of Division of Continuing and Global Education at CSU Fresno. Frank will work under leadership of brother Scott Moore (14-S).

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Brother Pasculli Donates to 2023 EX Wine Tasting



Mark Pasculli (81-F), owner and wine maker for Rolling Hills Vineyard in Eagle, Idaho, was contacted by wine committee member and well-known wine connoisseur, Sergio Ilic (87-F). Mark graciously donated (6) bottles of his world-class wines. We tasted several of Mark's wines during last year's wine committee meetings comparing them to well-known and much more expensive Napa Valley wines, and they held up beautifully.

Click the link below to find out more about Mark's Rolling Hills Vineyard, and how to order direct from the winery.

[***Click Here for Article***](#)

A Text from a Scholarship Recipient

A few weeks ago we received this text from a member to the Active Chapter:

Hello Mr. Patton this is Erik Barrera Fall 21. I know this is kind of late but I wanted to thank you for the certificate. It is really cool to have something that I can frame up and show my parents on how the Sigma Chi fraternity is advancing my interests in school. The

scholarship money was very useful towards being able to get some of my rent paid and other school supplies needed. Thank you again and hope you have a great day!



In addition to the \$2,000 cash scholarship, each recipient received a Certificate of Academic Excellence. The purpose of the certificate is exactly what Erik stated, to provide each recipient with something he can show his parents and display in his room at the Chapter House. The certificates are presented in a glass and wooden frame that can sit on a table or be hung on a wall.

7th ANNUAL WINE TASTING
APRIL 22, 2023

Contributed by Mike Patton, 63-S

ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 125 PARTICIPANTS

The event will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The wine committee is composed of brothers **Greg Baxter** (67-S), **Rob Bell** (95-F), **Larry Calvino** (69-S), **Steve Coleman** (78-F), **Sergio Ilic** (87-F), **TA Heckel** (82-F), **Tom Licouris** (70-F), **Titus Moore** (09-F), **Jim Norquist** (69-F), **Mike Patton** (63-S) and **Mark Springer** (09-F).

Our website is ready to take your reservation and credit card payment of \$50/person, just click the link below:



[Click Here for Website](#)

then click “BOOK NOW” at the bottom of the page.

You can also mail a check to Fresno Sigma Chi Endowment, P.O. Box 7803, Fresno CA 93727-7803. If mailing a check, please note your guest’s name on the check so we can prepare a name tag.

Your payment for the event may be tax deductible

2023 Silent Auction Items to Date

Two (2) Belmont Memorial Plots

(Donated by Greg Baxter)

Palm Springs Time Share

(Donated by Greg Baxter)

Christmas Tree Lane Fire Truck Ride

(Donated by Greg Baxter)

\$100 Meat Market Gift Certificate with Titanium BBQ Tool Set

(Donated by Larry Calvino)

Scotch, Cognac and Bourbon, to pair with Sig Decanter set

(Donated by Larry Calvino)

Lunch (for 6 People) with FSU President Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval

(Donated by Brad Fischer)

Three Engraved Sigma Chi Decanter Sets

(Donated by Tony Flores)

Afghan by Heckel

(Donated by T.A. Heckel)

Six (6) Bottles of Norman Shield Varietals

(Donated by Sergio Ilic)

Fort Washington Country Club Golf for 4 Persons with Cart

(Donated by Sergio Ilic)

Sam's Deli Wine Tasting (Chris) for 4 persons

(Donated by Sergio Ilic)

Sam's Deli Wine Tasting (Nick) for 6 persons

(Donated by Sergio Ilic)

**One (1) Night Bass Lake Getaway, Sunset Cruise
w/Breakfast & Lunch for 8**

(Donated by Dusty Lacefield)

Las Vegas Raiders Tickets

(Donated by Tom Licouris)

Sun Mountain Sporting Clays (200 Targets)

(Donated by Tom Licouris)

**Grizzlies Suite for 12 persons
with 3 parking passes**

(Donated by Tom Licouris)

Fleming's Restaurant

\$50 Gift Certificate

(Donated by Tom Licouris)

Manhattan Restaurant

\$100 Gift Certificate

(Donated by Jim Norquist)

SABOR Mexican Restaurant

\$100 Gift Certificate

(Donated by Mike Patton)

**Pebble Beach Beat-the-Heat Weekend for
8 persons with host**

(Donated by Mike Patton)

San Francisco 49ers Tickets

(Donated by Bill Smittcamp)

Cambria Beach House for 1 Week

(Donated by Warren Williams)

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MEMORIAL BRIDGE PROJECT



Plans continue to name a memorial bridge on Highway 41 at Alluvial Avenue to honor Order of Constantine, first Epsilon Eta Consul, Ambassador **Phillip V. Sanchez** (52-T). More to follow in the months ahead

All Honor To His Name

Click on underlined names for links to tribute pages

Michael J. Avila (94-F), February 13, 2023

Jerry Evangelho (58-S), August 6, 2022

Lance David Hairabedian (82-F) October 20, 2022

Stephen J. Huffman (71-F), November 15, 2022

Richard E. Leach (64-S), December 7, 2022

Don Ormsbee, (66-S), November 20, 2022

Clair Ridge, (52-T) November 9, 2022

Robert Russell, (54-S), April 17, 2022

Melvin Carlos Upp (52-T), July 8, 2022



Consider a memorial donation to the White Rose Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made from our website, <https://fresnosigsalumni.org> or sent directly to the Fresno State Alumni Association:

<https://fresnosigsalumni.org/donation>

Sigma Chi White Rose Memorial Scholarship Fund
% CSUF Alumni Association
2625 E Matoian Way, SH124
Fresno, CA 93740

2022-23 Dues and Donations

Dues are \$50.00 and donations for 07/01/22 to 06/30/23 are being accepted.

Online payments can be accepted today at:

www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership

Checks payable to the Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Fresno can be mailed to PO Box 7803, Fresno, CA 93747-7803.

[Download 2022-2023 Dues Appeal Form Here](#)

Dues and donations support our activities, events, newsletter production and distribution. Dues also allowed us to host five Active Chapter Brothers at our monthly meetings, provide Sigma Chi branded graduate stoles, support Derby Days, recruitment and other unplanned situations.

Current Alumni Members List

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

(as of March 11, 2023)

1950's

Homer Potts 52-T; ***Tony Flores***,
Bob Buckenberger, Jim Green^{^*},
Byron Justus, Joe Monachello, *Frank Small**,
Ron Weiner, Leo Wilson & Norm Winslow.

1960's

Mike Alaga, John Ballinger, Tom Barham,
Dave Barnes, Greg Baxter, Don Beauregard,
Tom Beggs, Dale Blickenstaff, John Borasi,
Richard Bratz, Marv Broderson, Jim Calandra,
Larry Calvino^{*^@}, Steve Crawford, Rob Crossland,
Tom Downing, Michael Elliott, E. Enns,
Richard Fox, John Garcia, ***Colin Kelly***,
Bob Koligian, Gary Kuhl, *Ron LaRocca*,
Buck Levis, Jeff Linder, *John Marinovich***,
Bill Matesso, Rick Nelson^{*}, Ron Nelson,
Jim Norquist, Dan O'Brien, ***Mike Patton****,
Wes Qualls^{**}, Gary Renner, Dave Reuland,
Don Ruiz, Dennis Schmal, Mark Scott^{@^*},
Jack Tacchino, James Tatum, Ted Tuckloff,
Tim Vaux & Don Witzansky

1970's

David Arakelian, *Dick Arakelian*, Bill Arnold^{***},
Stephen Bachand, Amos Bagdasarian, Pat Beggs,
Bruce Berger, Peter Britton, *Mike Chin*,
Steve Coleman, Mike Crowley, Kenny Duncan,
Russ Efird^{**}, Bruce Ekmanian, Ken Esraelian,
Brad Fischer, ***Jon Gallinetti***, Mike Gallo,

Bob Garavello, *Rodney Gavroian*, Tony Guerriero**,
Doug Haas, Wade Hedrick, *Marv Helon**,
Jon Hollenbeck, **Darryl Horowitz**, *Jim Hutton*,
Kenny Jelacich*, *Rich Klopstein*, Tom Kusaka,
Tom Licouris, *Michael Lynch**, *Mark Pasculli*,
Paul Porter, Bruce Quan, **Bill Robinson**,
Mark Sanchez, Jim Sandrini, Glenn Scott,
Bill Smittcamp*^**, Bob Soligian^**, Larry Spikes,
Kyle Stephenson, Gary Tremblay, Chris Visser*,
Steve Vucovich^, Kirk Wethey, Kevin Wren,
Richard Wright & Wayne Yamagiwa

1980's

Joel Armstrong, Tim Ganatta, Randy Garabedian,
Michael Green, Alan Hansen, T.A. Heckel, Don
Heckman*, John Hughes, *Mark Jason*, *Justin
Kempton*, Jeff Little, Brian Lockhart, Chris Morse,
Mike Price, Mike Riggs, Matthew Rowan, Mike Rush,
Doug Sampson, Darin Tockey & Les Walker.

1990's

Brandon Cohrs, Pat Geil, David Folly, Jeff Hibbard,
Darryl Horowitz, *Nathan Labiak*, Preet Purewal & Billy
Purewal.

2000's

Chad Calhoun, *Aaron Encinias*, Matt Helon
& Titus Moore.

2010's

Jared Bertoni, Tyler Davies, David Dickstein, Dusty
Lacefield & Scott Moore

One-Year Complementary Membership

Welcome to our one-year complimentary members from the ***Fresno State Class of 2022***:

*Jordan Ayerza, Sham Batth, Taj Gill,
Raj Johal, Nolan Long, Connor Martinez,
Matthew Morillas, Gio Primavera, Christian Reta,
Gabe Rodrigues, McKay Romero & Nick Sheehan.*

**Order of Constantine, Significant Sig
Headquarters Award**

Consuls who served Epsilon Eta

+ Chapter Eternal

* Plus \$0-\$50, donation Alumni Chapter

**Plus \$51 -\$150 donation Alumni Chapter

***Plus \$151 or more donation Alumni Chapter

^ Donation Endowment Fund or White Rose Memorial Scholarship

@ Donation to the Housing Corporation

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HISTORY OF THE WINE TASTING

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EPSILON ETA 100 YEARBOOK AVAILABLE

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LET'S TALK CLOVIS: THE HONORABLE PHILLIP V. SANCHEZ - By Peg Bos

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ARGUMENT FOR THE GREEK SYSTEM

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NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

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Have openings and would like the Alumni and Active Chapter Brothers to take advantage of them? Email us at fresnosigs1952@gmail.com and we'll get the word out!

SAVE THE DATE!

7th ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENT
APRIL 22, 2023

At the home of John and Susan Ballenger
(See Above for Details)

ALUMNI DINNER MEETING

April 2023 Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting
Thursday April 20, 2023, 6:00 PM
Old Spaghetti Factory - Fresno

ALUMNI DINNER MEETING

May 2023 Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting
Thursday May 18, 2023, 6:00 PM
Old Spaghetti Factory - Fresno

Speaker - K.C. Chen
Former Chair, Finance & Business Law,
Craig School of Business
and
Chief Investment Officer
R. Stephen Heinrichs Trading Room

Visit our events calendar for other upcoming activities:
<https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/events>

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

FACEBOOK – SIGMA CHI ALUMNI – FRESNO STATE
<https://www.facebook.com/FresnoStateSigmaChi>

LINKEDIN – FRESNO STATE SIGMA CHI PROFESSIONAL NETWORK
<https://linkedin.com/groups/13688055>

SIGMA CHI REACH OUT App

Sigma Chi has created a mobile device App for Active and Alumni members. Topic include Get



Help Now; Law Enforcement & First Responders; Alcohol and Drugs; Prevention Education and many others. Look in your mobile device store for the following App.

For those iPhone users: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/sigma-chi-reach-out/id1472427192>

Sigma Chi Scholarship & House Corporation Donations

You can now make scholarship donations using our website.

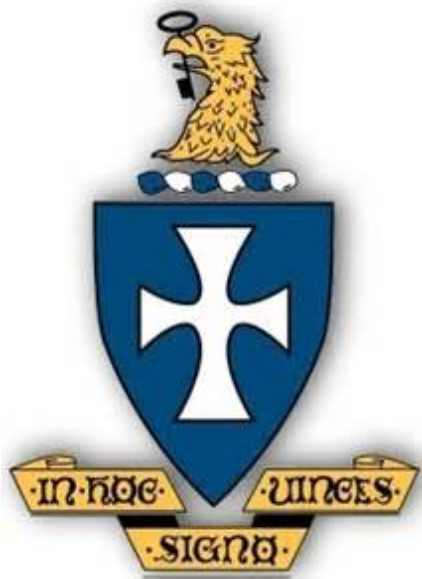
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