

April 20, 2023



# **SIG-NIFICANT NEWS**

*Monthly Newsletter - April 2023*  
*Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Fresno*

## **FEATURED**

**SCHOLARSHIPS INCREASE TO \$3,000**

**SEE ARTICLE BELOW**

**WINE TASTING TICKETS - LAST CALL**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**<https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/events>**

**ALUMNI DUES/DONATIONS**

**July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023**

**[www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership](http://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership)**

## **President's Message**

**Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)**

**My Brothers,**

**We are preparing our final Spring Alumni Chapter meeting on May 18 with speaker, K.C. Chen,**

former Chair of the Finance & Business Law Department at the Craig School of Business. He is also the Chief Investment Officer of the R. Stephen Heinrichs Trading Room. The room is named for Significant Sig and Chapter Eternal Brother Steve Heinrichs (65-F).

Dr. Chen will discuss Brother Heinrichs involvement with the trading room and key elements of this hands-on student experience. Thank you to our dues payers. Part of your support allows us to purchase Sigma Chi graduate stoles. We have 10 Active Chapter Brothers of the Class of 2023.

Also, it is time for college offers taking place across the country. Please send us contact information if you know a young man worthy of the White Cross. We will get him in contact with a Recruitment Chair at the closet Active Chapter.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Brad

Brad S. Fischer (78-S)  
Cal State - Fresno 1981  
Significant Sig  
President

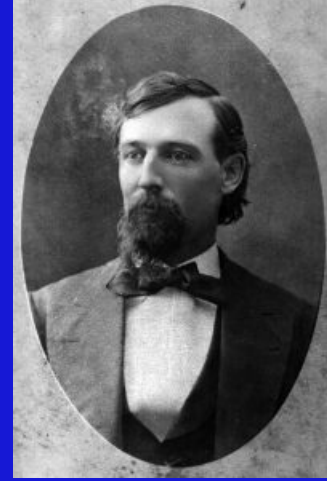
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**“Nothing so much tends to promote friendship as the free and mutual interchanging of one’s**

thoughts, hopes and fears with one in whom we can confide.”

**Franklin Howard Scobey, Founder**



## **ENDOWMENT BOARD APPROVE INCREASE IN SCHOLARSHIP SIZE**

*By Mike Patton, (63-S) Order of Constantine & Significant Sig  
Chair of the Endowment Board*

On April 14, 2023, the Fresno Sigma Chi Endowment board of directors approved increasing the amount of each scholarship from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per undergraduate brother who qualifies. According to Fresno State Alumni Association officials, a \$3,000 scholarship is considered a “premier” scholarship which surpasses almost all others. Tuition, books, and fees cost each student about \$8,800 for a two-semester year, so the scholarships make a big difference.

## ***SIGS IN THE NEWS***

***Nick Sheehan (20-S)***

A Fresno apartment sale went for more than \$300,000 a unit. The 49-unit Birch Commons at 1850 E. Birch Ave. sold for \$14.75 million. Dustin Ilic and Nick Sheehan of the Visintainer Group represented the buyer.

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

# **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](http://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.***

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## ***Current Alumni Members List July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 (as of March 11, 2023)***

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### ***1950's***

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

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### ***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

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## 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

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## 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.*

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## **1990's**

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

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## **2000's**

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

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## **2010's**

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

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## ***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.*

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### **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

# 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

Charles Edward Tucker (75-S), December 27, 2020





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

## ***Housing Corporation Update***

***Contributed by John Ballinger (S'65)***



Spring is here and that means we are nearing the end of another school year. We currently have 14 active brothers living in and expect to add to that number this fall.

We recently refurbished and painted the basketball post, fabricated a new support bracket, and installed the new glass backboard and rim. We also had to repair the entrance gate, as well as spackle and repaint some walls that experienced damage from the recent rains.



This month's shout out goes to the Antelope Valley Fab Four. The son of brother Ron Wilcox ('67 F) was married with his brother in law, Pete Eliopoulos ('67 F) by his side. In attendance were pledge brothers Pat Felde and Dave Rader ('68 F). Congrats Ron!

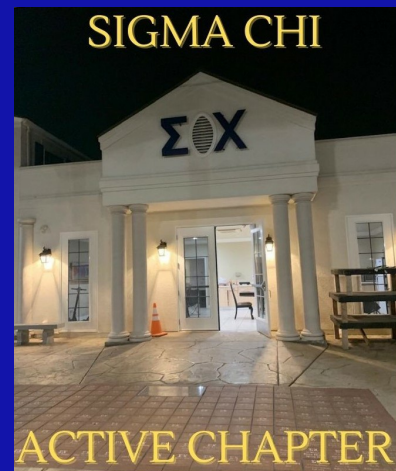
See the rest of you at the Wine Event!

In Hoc,

**John Ballinger ('65 S)**  
Housing Corporation President

# Active Chapter Update

*Contributed by Nicholas Davis, Chapter Editor*



April has been a great month for the Epsilon zeta chapter. To start, we are proud to say we were winners of the Delta Gamma Anchorslam Philanthropy. We had a clean sweep, winning the Philanthropy as a whole, and winning the basketball tournament and 3 point competition. Our A and B team faced off in the championship game, further solidifying our dominance. On another note, Derby days is around the corner and each sorority and their coaches have started selling ads and preparing for the philanthropy. We look to raise a lot of money for Valley Children's and cancer research. Recently we had our elections, and have named new faces to important positions. New Top 5 positions include Seth

Karigozian (F22) as Consul, Humberto Gomez (F22) as Pro Consul, and Trey Wood (F20) as Magister. These men are ready to excel in their new positions and bring new luster to the White Cross.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

**Nicholas Davis**  
**Chapter Editor**

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

***7th ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENT***  
***APRIL 22, 2023***

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

### ***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***

### ***ALUMNI DINNER MEETING***

***August 2023 Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting***

***Thursday August 17, 2023, 6:00 PM***

***Old Spaghetti Factory - Fresno***

**Visit our events calendar for other upcoming activities:**

***<https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/events>***

# 6th Annual Fresno Sigma Chi Wine Tasting April 22, 2023, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

At the home of Susan and John Ballinger  
9846 N Yorktown Drive  
Fresno, California



[Click Here for Website](#)

Click on the link above, 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 since our endowment is a 501c3.

## 2023 Silent Auction Items to Date

Premium Wine (Rich Barsanti)

(2) Belmont Memorial plots (Greg Baxter)

Palm Springs time share (Greg Baxter)

Christmas Tree Lane fire truck ride (2) (Greg Baxter)

\$100 GC at Meat Market w/ titanium BBQ tool set (Larry Calvino)

Scotch, Cognac and bourbon to pair with Sig decanter set (3) (Larry Calvino)

Lunch (6 person) with FSU President Dr. Sandoval (CSUF) (Brad Fischer)

Engraved Sigma Chi decanter sets (3) (Tony Flores)

Wine package (T.A. Heckel)

Fort Washington CC golf for (4) persons w/carts (Sergio Ilic)

Sam's Deli lunch/wine for (6) persons (Nick) (Sergio Ilic)

Rolling Hills Vineyard (6) Bottles of wine from Mark Pasculli (Sergio Ilic)

1-night stay for up to (8) guests.at new, 6-bedroom Bass Lake cabin, sunset cruise on Bass Lake, dinner and wine, breakfast and morning cruise (Dusty Lacefield)

Grizzlies suite for (12) persons, (2) parking passes, shirt & Bobble Heads (Tom Licouris)

\$50 gift card at Fleming's Restaurant (Tom Licouris)

FSU football w/ 4 RED seats & (4) pre-game sideline passes (Tom Licouris)

Sun Mountain sporting clays certificates (\$150) (Tom Licouris)

Hunting package - Yeti style ice chest (\$150), shotgun shells (\$50), camo hat/wool socks, antique decoy, knife, ear muffs (\$100) (Tom Licouris)

\$100 gift card at Manhattan Restaurant (Jim Norquist)

\$100 gift card at Sabor Cocina Latina & Bar (Mike Patton)

Pebble Beach beat-the-heat weekend for (8) persons with host (Mike Patton)

In Hoc Napa Valley Wines (Mike Patton)

(4)-day Shaver Lake condo (2) (Mark Sanchez)

(6) Club Level 49er tickets (Bill Smittcamp)

Vacation week at Cambria beach house (Warren Williams)

Last year's proceeds from the entree fees, the silent auction and the raffle totaled \$24,059 which went into our Fresno Sigma Chi Endowment held by the Fresno State Alumni Association. Our endowment has \$48,000 available for scholarships for our undergraduate brothers for the 2023/2024 school year. Epsilon Eta has the largest local chapter scholarship program in the Greek world.

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## **Last Chance for Silent Auction!**

**New this year.** Beginning on April 1, you are able to bid on the silent auction on our auction website,

<https://www.32auctions.com/sigalumniwinetasting2023>

You can “buy now” for a few items, and bids will be received online until April 21. We will then print the bid sheets and bring them to the wine tasting to continue the auction. If you are not attending the wine tasting and if you really want a particular item, you are advised to bid your best offer prior to the close on April 21 to minimize your chances of being outbid at the wine tasting.

*Preview Special: Brothers who place an online*



*Silent Auction bid before the online auction closes at midnight April 21, will have their names placed in a box. We will draw one name from the box and the brother whose name is drawn will receive 5 "free" tickets for our Wine Card Raffle" to be held at the Wine Tasting on Saturday April 22rd. Good luck!*

**Click Here to enter auction and register with your email & cell phone. Be sure to check the box "Send me outbid text notifications."**

<https://www.32auctions.com/sigalumniwinetasting2023>

**Please remember.** 100% of the proceeds of the entry fees, raffle and silent auction go to our endowment. All expenses for the event are donated by our brothers, so we have zero overhead. Essentially the money raised is for the education of our undergraduate brothers and to provide long-term financial stability for the House Corporation. We hope you will not bid on the silent auction items with the goal of getting a "deal," but instead will bid the items up to make your purchase have its greatest impact on our chapter.

## **PAST ARTICLES**

*That you may have missed...*

### **FRANK PUCCIO NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN**

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### **MIKE GALLO NAMED SIGNIFICANT SIG**

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### **TONY FLORES NAMED 2023 TOP DOG**

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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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## JOB OPENING POSTING BOARD

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

## 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.

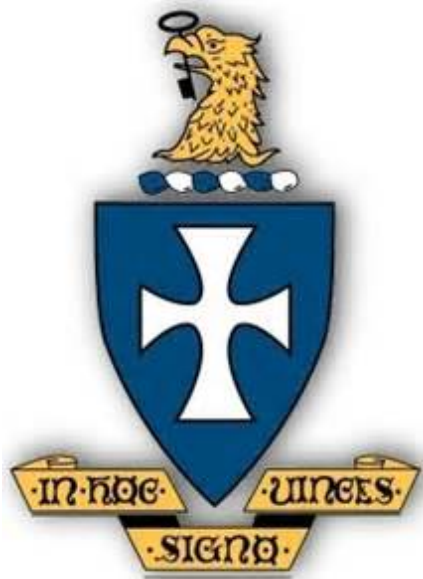
<https://fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership>

## ***Sigma Chi's Highest Honor***

Visit our website to view the list of honorees of the Order of Constantine, Significant Sig and Seven Lights Alumni Award.

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