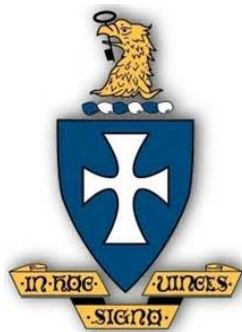


October 2023



Sig-Nificant News

Monthly Newsletter - October 2023
Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Fresno

FEATURED

REST IN PEACE, CAROL MCNEIL

Epsilon Eta's First Sweetheart

See President's Message Below

FRESNO ENDOWMENT AWARDS \$44,000

See Article Below

BROTHERHOOD OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

See Article Below

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

ALUMNI DUES/DONATIONS

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership

President's Message

Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)

My Brothers,

Our last opportunity to present Semi-Century Sig honors will be at our meeting on Thursday November 16, 2023. See the article below for details of these awardees. For those local, please plan to join us for the final 2023 meeting of the alumni chapter.

Plans are underway for our 2024 Alumni dinner meetings. We are working in hosting new faces of Fresno State coaches and leader as featured speakers. Mark your calendars for the third Thursday of each month, January – May and August – November.

As we approach the end of 2023, I ask you to look back and answer the question, “have I added new luster to the White Cross of Sigma Chi?” There is time to make that happen.

Finally, it is with a heavy heart and sadness to share the passing of the first Sweetheart of the Sigma Chi Epsilon Eta Chapter. Carol (Schofner) McNeil served Sigma Tau and then Sigma Chi during 1951/1952. She was married to Order of Constantine Oran McNeil T-52. Further details will be announced as they become available. Our prayers and spirit of the White Cross guide the McNeil family during this sad time.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Brad

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

(559) 287-1392

“Before the battle, Constantine saw a flaming cross in the sky and the Greek words, en toutoi nika (handed down in a Latin translation as in hoc signo vinces – in this sign you will conquer).”

Norman Shield Twenty-Eighth Edition, 1975-77

Housing Corporation Update

Contributed by John Ballenger (65-S)

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We are currently waiting on a bid to install a working sink and garbage disposal in the kitchenette area. Since we no longer have a chef, the boys are having to make do for themselves in the kitchenette area, and the sink will help us keep it clean.

At the end of September, my wife Susan and I hosted a Housing Corporation board appreciation dinner, including some special guests. Using the Oktoberfest theme, we grilled sausages, ate homemade potato salad and pretzels, and of course drank beer. These Brothers continue to contribute a great amount of time and energy in the support of our chapter.

It's Great To Be A Sig!

John Ballinger ('65-S)

Housing Corporation President



Front Row: Mike Patton '63-S, Evan Salander '12-S,
Back Row: Sergio Illic '87-F, John Ballinger '65-S,
Steve Coleman '78-F, Jerry Waters '62-F, Titus Moore '09-F,
Brad Fischer '78-S, and Gio Primavera '17-F
Missing Board Members: Mark Springer '09-F and
Grant Petersen '84-F

Active Chapter Report

Contributed by Nicholas Davis, Chapter Editor

We are now midway through the 2023 semester and it has been an exciting fall so far for the chapter. Rush was a success as we now have 15 pledges who are looking to join our brotherhood. Magister Trey Wood is eager to teach and show the newcomers the values of our fraternity and to mold them into good brothers.

On another note, Parent's Day will take place October 28, 2023 for homecoming. We welcome all parents and alumni who would like to come and support the house and enjoy the tailgate.

**In Hoc Signo Vincas,
Nicholas Davis, Chapter Editor**

FRESNO SIGMA CHI ENDOWMENT AWARDS \$44,000

*By Mike Patton, (63-S) - Order of Constantine, Significant Sig &
President of the Fresno Sigma Chi Endowment
mike@rmpatton.com*

Active Chapter Scholarship Chairman, Erik Barrera (21-F), helped coordinate the banquet which was held at The Old Spaghetti Factory on September 18, 2023. There were 29 undergraduate brothers, 16 future pledges and 8 alumni who attended. During the presentation, 12 Active Chapter brothers were given Certificates of Academic Excellence, and each will receive \$3,666 for the 2023.2024 school year for a total of \$44,000. The average CGPA for the 12 recipients is 3.43.

2023/2024 Scholarship Recipients



The recipients include **Erik Barrera (21-F)**, **Charlie Brown (22-F)**, **Nick Davis (22-F)**, **Tito Gomez (22-F)**, **Seth Karagozian (22-F)**, **Laith Khoury (22-F)**, **Cooper Lilles (21- F)**, **Logan Mann (20-F)**, **James Richardson (22-F)**, **Caden Shows (22-F)**, **Ryan Sloan (23-S)** and **Austin Tuell (21-F)**



EDUCATION / 2 weeks ago

Approved Tuition Hike Totals \$2,000 Over Five Years at Fresno State, Other CSU Campuses

Beginning in 2025, the amount and number of scholarships will gain in importance to our undergraduate brothers beginning in 2025. The California State University Board of Directors approved raising tuition 6% per year for 5 years.

Today the sticker price for a full-time student is \$6,974 for 2 semesters. Sticker price includes tuition plus additional mandatory fees.

Fees differ by institution and may fund library services, student gym facilities, student centers, technology resources and campus health centers

Under the schedule, the annual undergraduate tuition less mandatory fees for CSU will increase from the current \$5,742 to \$6,084 in the 2024-25 school year. The total would jump to \$6,450 the

following year, then to \$6,840 in 2026-27, then to \$7,248 and ultimately to \$7,682 in 2028-29. This compounded is a 33.7% increase.

The total cost is the sticker price, plus the cost of room and board, books and supplies, and transportation and personal expenses. At California State University, Fresno, the estimated total cost is \$22,891 for in-state students.

BROTHERHOOD OPEN CHI GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Evan Selander, (12-S)

Celebrate brotherhood at Riverside Golf Course on Friday November 3rd. \$125.00 per brother. For registration call Russell Pike (15-F) at (702) 680-5758 or Nick Sheehan (20-S) at (559) 392-9588.

Sigma Chi Alumni

Brotherhood ^{Open} GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration:

\$125 Per Person | Teams Of 3

Contact Russel Pihe (702) 680-5758 and Nick
Sheehan (559) 392-9688

November 3rd

Friday Noon Tee Off

11 am Check-In

Riverside Golf
Course

Sigs in the News

Nick Sheehan (20-S) started a new position as Project Manager at Woodside Homes

2022-23 DUES & DONATIONS

Contributed by Mark Scott (69-F)

Dues are \$50.00 and donations for 07/01/23 to 06/30/24 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 2023-2024 Dues Appeal Form Here](#)

Note: This chart shows the names of all Brothers who have paid dues received during the last 12 months, as of October 13, 2023.

1950's

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

1960's

Mike Alaga^{*}, *Alex Audelo*, *John Ballinger*, *Dave Barnes*, ***Greg Baxter***, *Don Beauregard*, *Tom Beggs*, *Dale Blickenstaff*, *John Borasi*, *Richard Bratz*, *Jim Calandra*, *Larry Calvino*^{*^@}, *Joe Chappell*, *Steve Crawford*, *Rob Crossland*, ***Tom Downing***^{***}, *Michael Elliott*, *E. Enns*,

Richard Fox, Dexter Hardcastle, **Colin Kelly**,
Bob Koligian, Gary Kuhl, *Ron LaRocca*, Jeff Linder,
*John Marinovich***, **Bill Matesso**, Ed Musolff*,
Rick Nelson*, Ron Nelson, Dan O'Brien,
Steve Pallios, **Mike Patton***, Wes Qualls**,
Gary Renner, *Art Renney*, **Dave Reuland**, Don
Ruiz, Dennis Schmal, Mark Scott@^*, Brian Stout,
Jack Tacchino, James Tatum, Ted Tuckloff,
Tim Vaux & Jerry Waters*.

1970's

David Arakelian, *Dick Arakelian*, Bill Arnold***,
Amos Bagdasarian, Pat Beggs, Bruce Berger,
Norm Bishop, Peter Britton, *Mike Chin*,
Gerald Chooljian, Steve Coleman, Mike Crowley,
Kenny Duncan, Russ Efirid**, Bruce Ekmanian**,
Ken Esraelian, **Brad Fischer**, **Jon Gallinetti**,
Mike Gallo, Bob Garavello, *Rodney Gavroian*,
Tony Guerriero, Doug Haas, Rob Hauser*,
Wade Hedrick, *Marv Helon**, Darryl Horowitt,
Jim Hutton, Larry Johnson, Kenny Jelacich*,
Rich Klopstein, Tom Licouris, *Michael Lynch**,
George Matoian, *Mark Pasculli*, Paul Porter,
Bruce Quan, **Bill Robinson**, Don Ruiz,
Mark Sanchez, Jim Sandrini, Glenn Scott,
Bill Smittcamp*^**, Bob Soligian^**, Larry Spikes,
Kyle Stephenson, Gary Trembley, Walt Trembley,
Bill Van Skike, Chris Visser*, Steve Vucovich^,
Kirk Wethey, Kevin Wren, Richard Wright,
Wayne Yamagiwa & *Chris Yocum*.

1980's

Joel Armstrong, Richard Bambauer,
Randy Garabedian, Marc Graham, Mike Green,
Alan Hansen, T.A. Heckel, John Hughes,

Marc Jason, Jeff Little, Brian Lockhart, Chris Morse,
Mike Price, Mike Riggs, Matthew Rowan,
Mike Rush, Doug Sampson & Darin Tockey.

1990's

Rob Bell, Brandon Cohrs, Kenneth Eynaud,
David Folly, Donny Gill, *Nathan Labiak* &
Preet Purewal.

2000's

Chad Calhoun

2010's

Jared Bertoni, Mike Colgate, Tyler Davies,
Dusty Lacefield & Donnie Mayjoffo.

Welcome our one-year complimentary membership,
Fresno State Class of 2023 – Trent Benevedes,
Christian Cruz, Travis Hansen, Tyler Hansen,
Bassel Khoury, Luke Karagozian, Adam Peters,
Seth Preheim, Victor Rosas, Christopher Sousa,
Matthew Tatum & Jordan Vasquez.

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

ALL HONOR TO HIS NAME

07/01/2023- 06/30/2024

(Click the Name for Obituary Information)

Robert D. Smith (54-F) June 21, 2023

Paul Hokokian (73-S) June 27, 2023

Gary Zarounian (75-S) July 12, 2023



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 details to follow.



PAST ARTICLES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

SEMI-CENTURY SIG MEMBERS 2023

The International Sigma Chi Fraternity proudly recognizes the following brothers as a Semi-Century Sig attesting to his membership of 50 years duration. At our Fall Alumni Chapter dinner meetings a certificate and lapel pin will be presented to the following Class of 2023 honorees.

Spring 1973: Kevin Crandell, Jake Gallinetti, Randall Haw, Duane Metzger, Charles Morehead, Bill Smittcamp & Steve Vucocich

Fall 1973: Gerald Chooljian, Mark Ducas, Bruce Ekmanian, Ken Esralian, David Hovannissian, John Hovannisisian, Mike Kaia, Tony O'Dell, John Savona & Brad Standring

All Honor to His Name - Paull Hokokian, 73-S Chapter Eternal

Our fall alumni dinner meetings will be a special time to recognize this Class of 2023 Semi-Century Sig members. Each will be recognized with a personalized certificate and lapel pin.

Contact us at fresnosigs1952@gmail.com if you are not listed and worthy of membership. Honors will be mailed in December for those not able to attend an Alumni Chapter dinner meeting.

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

<https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/newsletter-archive>

SAVE THE DATE

**November 2023 Alumni Chapter Dinner Meeting
Thursday November 16, 2023, 6:00 pm (PT)**

[Old Spaghetti Factory, Fresno](#)

No-host cocktails followed by dinner.

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

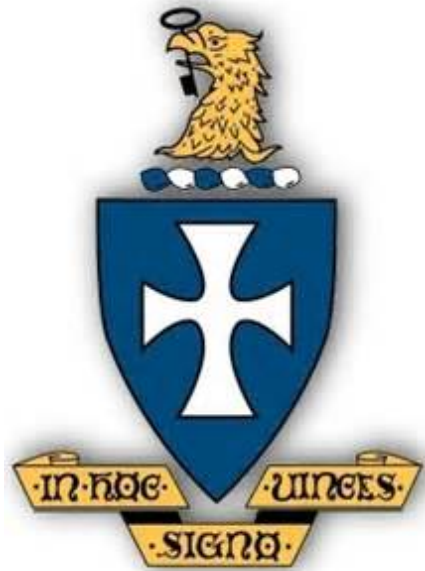
You can now make scholarship donations using our website.

<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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