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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/events

ANNUAL DUES/DONATIONS

July 1 2026 to June 30, 2027 Dues Cycle is Open
Annual Dues $60.00
July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 Supporters Listing Below
www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership

President's Message

Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)



Worthy Brothers:

Our final alumni chapter dinner was held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, and featured Dr. Julie Olson-Buchanan, Dean of the Craig School of Business at Fresno State. Brothers also heard an update from Sean Egan, son of **Richard Egan**

(77-F), on the fraternity's expansion at the University of Nevada, Reno. Continued financial support is still needed.

I was honored to present the Senior Ceremony to nine brothers at the formal chapter meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026. In total, 17 undergraduate brothers will graduate in 2026. Your dues help provide these graduates with special 2026 EX stoles to wear with pride at commencement. We also previously presented a Sweetheart of Sigma Chi graduation stole to our 2025/2026 Sweetheart, Katelyn Malavé.

Thank you to **Steve Smith** (80-F), our first local Ritual Coach volunteer. Steve is leading a group of alumni working with our undergraduate brothers to strengthen the Ritual experience, and our Epsilon Eta Chapter needs your help. If you would like to join this cause please email us at *fresnosigs1952@gmail.com*

Wherever you live and whatever role you serve in, your presence strengthens your community. We are reminded that the world expects more from a Sigma Chi than from other men. How do you measure yourself against that standard? May good health be with you, and healing prayers with those facing challenges.

Friendship, Justice, and Learning

In Hoc Signo Vinces,

Brad

Brad S. Fischer (78-S)

Order of Constantine & Significant Sig
Cal State - Fresno 1981
President

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"It was the Founders' belief that a fraternity that has members of "different temperaments, talents and convictions" will thrive better than the fraternity that has members who are alike".
The Norman Shield 46th Edition

www.sigmachi.org/history

DR JULIE OLSON-BUCHANAN

Dr Olson-Buchanan delivered a very positive message at our May alumni event on what the Craig School of Business at Fresno State is doing to prepare graduates for the new AI environment. This includes a revision to the core curriculum. A robust Q & A followed her presentation.

Key Student Learning Outcomes of the new curriculum are:

- Be Adaptable, Creative and Innovative
- Apply Digital Fluency and Data-Driven Decision-Making
- Cultivate a Global Perspective and Cultural Awareness
- Demonstrate Responsible Leadership Through Commitment to Ethics, Sustainability, and Wellness
- Be able to Communicate and Collaborate Professionally

- Integrate Business Knowledge into Applied Experiences

Also attending was Kenyeih Williams, Director of Development for the Craig School and provided a raffle prize item for the evening.

A photo below was taken with the dean and brothers who are School of Business alumni.



(left to right: Richard Egan (77-F), Norm Bishop (77-F), Larry Spikes (75-F), Order of Constantine & Significant Sig Brad S Fischer (78-F), Kenyeih Willams, Dr. Julie Olson-Buchanan, Order of Constantine & Significant Sig John A Flores (56-S), Seven Lights Jerry Waters (62-F) & Gary Renner (62-S)

SEAN EGAN UPDATES ALUMNI ON SIGMA CHI EXPANSION AT UNR

Sean presented an update to alumni at our May dinner event. He and fellow Sigma Chi Associate Phi

Chapter members at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) hope to be initiated in Fall 2026.

They have various milestones to meet set by the fraternity and having 30 members ready for initiation is a primary one. Also, they have very few alumni in the greater Reno area and considering this is a new chapter there are no prior UNR Sigs.

Financial support is critical to their success. Thank you to those who have donated in the past. I ask you and others to continue your support.

Donations payable to Sigma Chi Reno and can be sent to:

Sigma Chi Reno
c/o Chris Wilbus
7050 Poco Bueno Circle
Sparks NV 89446

If needed, their Tax ID is 41-3737278



HOUSING CORPORATION ARTICLE

Contribued by John Ballinger (65-S)

The spring semester has come to a close! We had a large number of graduates this year. Approximately 16 active brothers set sail to make their mark in the world. A number of those were living in the house, so with their exit we have 8 remaining in the house this summer.

This months “shout out” goes to Brother Clark Londquist (S ’65) of Roseville, California. Clark and I were pledge brothers, and we were reunited by chance on an Inner-island Coastal Waterways cruise off the southeastern coastline. It was a wonderful coincidence!! Cheers to you Clark!

Our renovation project to the front of our house is waiting for a rebid on several items. Hopefully it will begin within the next two weeks. This is a reminder that it is not too late to make a contribution to the cause. The project will have to be totally funded by alumni support.

Here is how you can help:
Donations can be made to the **Sigma Chi Fraternity Housing Corporation** at:
https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/donation

You can mail checks to Fresno Sigma Chi House Corp at PO BOX 25723, Fresno CA. 93729. Also, our Venmo account is: @SigmaChi-HousingCorp

In Hoc,

John Ballinger (’65 S)
House Corporation President

FUN SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

At our wine tastings, several brothers donate the use of their second homes such as Warren Williams (Cambria home), past Chapter Advisor Dusty Lacefield (Bass Lake cabin) and Order of Constantine Mike Patton (Pebble Beach home). These are important items that make bidding fun.

Next year we look forward to bidding on Ken Blom’s condo on the island of Kauai. Ken, we need a photo. Do other brothers have vacation homes to donate?



Bass Lake



Pebble Beach



Cambria

Other brothers donate products that they and their companies make, and when a brother makes something, it becomes special to us.

Examples are past consul Mark Pasculli's wine from his Rolling Hills Vineyard located in Eagle, Idaho, Grand Praetor Dave Keller's wine from his father-in-law's winery, Robert Young Estate Winery, and Significant Sig Mike Gallo's and Kenny Jelacich's contribution of aged cheddar and olive oil both of which are given to family members and not sold to the public. This year brothers Phil Parnagian and Ken Esraelian donated two cases of table grapes.



Joseph Farms Olive Oil and Cheese



Fowler Packing Table Grapes



Rolling Hills Vineyard Wines

2025-2026 DUES & DONATIONS

Contributed by Mark Scott (69-F)

Dues are $60.00 and donations for 07/01/25 to 06/30/26 are being accepted.

Online payments can be accepted today:
Click Here for Membership Information

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

Note: Dues Appeal Form for 2026-2027 is now available:

Download 2026-2027 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 April 20, 2026.

1950's

Jerry Bender, *Bob Buckenberger,* Butch Charlebois, ***Tony Flores****, ***Jim Green****, Rodger Jensen***, Byron Justus, Joe Monachello, Homer Potts, Rich Rose, Dante Simi***, *Frank Small**, Ron Weiner, ***Leo Wilson**@ & Norm Winslow.

1960's

John Ballinger***@, Dave Barnes, *Greg Baxter*, Don Beauregard, Tom Beggs, Dale Blickenstaff, *Richard Bratz*, Lindsay Brehm, Marv Broderson***@, Larry Calvino*@, *Joe Chappell*, Steve Crawford, Rob Crossland, Larry Dorsey*, ***Tom Downing****, Pete Eliopulos, Michael Elliott**@, Elwood Enns, John Garcia, *Richard Harris*, Greg Johnson, ***Colin Kelly****, Bob Koligian*, *Ron LaRocca*, Jeff Linder, *John Marinovich***@, Bill Matesso, Fred McPherson, Ed Musolff**@, Ron Nelson, Jim Norquist, Dan O'Brien, ***Mike Patton****@, Wes Qualls**@, Gary Renner, Art Renney@, ***Dave Reuland,*** Don Ruiz@, Dennis Schmal***@, Mark Scott***@, Brian Stout***@, Jack Tacchino, James Tatum, James Underhill, ***Tim Vaux***@, Jerry Waters*** & Don Witzansky.

1970's

David Arakelian***, *Dick Arakelian*, Bill Arnold***, Steve Bachand, Amos Bagdasarian, Bruce Berger, *Norm Bishop*, Peter Britton, *Mike Chin*, Gerald Chooljian, Mike Chooljian, Steve Coleman, Mike Crowley**@, Kenny Duncan, Richard Egan***, Bruce Ekmanian, Ken Esraelian*, ***Brad Fischer****, ***Jon Gallinetti****, Bob Garavello, Rod Gavroian, Tony Guerriero*, Doug Haas, Rob Hauser, Wade Hedrick, *Marv Helon***@, Darryl Horowitt, *Jim Hutton**, Kenny Jelacich**, *Rich Klopfstein,* Larry Johnson, Tom Kusaka, Tom Licouris, Mitch Long, *Michael Lynch*, George Matoian,* ***Dana McManus****, Robert Morrow, George Neves, Larry Paris,* Paul Porter***@, Bruce Quan, ***Bill Robinson***, Mark Sanchez***, Jim Sandrini, Glenn Scott, ***Bill Smittcamp****,* Larry Spikes, Kyle Stephenson, Mark Talens, Bob Teague, Serge Tomassian, Gary Trembley**, Walt Trembley, Bill Van Skike, Chris Visser***, Steve Vucovich, Kirk Wethey, Kevin Wren, Richard Wright & Wayne Yamagiwa.

1980's

Joel Armstrong, Mike Falgo, Barry Foley, Randy Garabedian*, T.A. Heckel, John Hughes, Frank Huttlinger (San Diego St.), Sergio Ilic, *Marc Jason*, Justin Kempton, Jeff Little, James McCorkle, Bill Miller, Chris Morse, Mike Price, Mike Riggs, Matthew Rowan, Mike Rush, Doug Sampson, Matthew Simonian, *Steve Smith* & Kraig Thomas.

1990's

Rob Bell, Brandon Cohrs, Kenneth Eynaud, David Folly, Marc Forth, Donny Gill, *Nathan Labiak*, Davindar Mahil, Sam Mann, James McCann, Robert Paley & Preet Purewal.

2000's

Chad Calhoun, *Aaron Encinias,* Joe Hart, Matt Helon *& Mike Sandrini.*

2010's

Mike Colgate, Christian DeFendis, Zachary Gavroian, Dusty Lacefield, Scott Moore & Samuel Slosman.

Welcome our one-year complimentary membership, Fresno State Class of 2025 – Eric Barrera, Caleb Gretlein, Jordan Martinez, Anthony Reynoso, Andy Stewart, Austin Tuell, William Ventura-Hernandez.

***Order of Constantine, Significant Sig,* Headquarters Award**
Consuls who served Epsilon Eta
**** Plus $0-$50, donation Alumni Chapter***
*****Plus $51 -$150 donation Alumni Chapter***
******Plus $151 or more donation Alumni Chapter***
@ Donation to the Housing Corporation

SIGS IN THE NEWS

Gayle Nelson, spouse of **Ron Nelson** (65-S) passed away peacefully on April 29, 2026. May the White Cross of Sigma Chi guide Brother Nelson and his family during this difficult time.

Link to Modesto Bee - Gaye Nelson (1947 - 2026)

SIGMA CHI + CHALLENGE – HELP US WIN!

Headquarters has challenged alumni chapters to share the value of the Sigma Chi Plus program. It is a path to **Life Loyal Sig** status. Already a Life Loyal Sig? There are still benefits for you as a **Premier+** member! See more at:
https://sigmachi.org/sigmachiplus

If we can get 10 of you to sign up at the **Premier+** level, your Fresno Alumni Chapter will receive a free pop-up banner for our events. Let us know at ***fresnosigs1952@gmail.com*** if you sign up at the **Premier+** level and we will submit our list of 10 or more to HQ for our award.

Events to Celebrate Brotherhood

Thursday, August 20, 2026
6:00 PM PT – Alumni Networking & Dinner Event
Old Spaghetti Factory, Fresno

Speaker: TBD

This will be the first of four meetings to celebrate our 1976 Semi-Century Sigs

RSVP: *fresnosigs1952@gmail.com* or text to (559) 287-1392

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

ALL HONOR TO THEIR NAME

07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

ROBERT "BOB" CARSTENS (57-F) December 15, 2024

TED M POLLARD (58-F) 2025 Date unknown

ED SOWERS (61-F) December 23, 2025

DENNIS SHAVES (62-F) June 15, 2025

WILLIAM C. (BILL) DONAGHY (60-F) June 17, 2025

JIM NASH (54-F) July 3, 2025

BUCK LEVIS (60-F) August 3, 2025

JOHN TULLY (96-S) Delta Xi Chapter - July 27, 2025

GARY HICKOK (71-F) November 22, 2025

ZETH THORNING II (65-F) May 5, 2024

DARRELL VOTH (68-S) February 18, 2026

ROLLIN L WINSLOW (61-F) March 18, 2026

(*) Notes those added this month.

Names underlined are links to obituaries on memorial sites



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2625 E MATOIAN WAY M/S SH124

SIGMA CHI HEADQUARTERS NEWS

A new learning opportunity for Sigma Chi alumni aims to reacquaint Sigs with the Fraternity of today and how it continues to thrive in the present.

Sigma Chi Today, launched May 1 under the charge of **73rd Grand Consul Bob Wilson**, FORT HAYS 1981, is a one-hour e-learning course that has the vision to bring all 250,000 living alumni up to speed on the Fraternity's evolution since the 1970s and how Sigma Chi continues to serve members today.

The online course invites participants to rediscover the heart and soul of the Fraternity and reconnect with the bonds that have shaped their life since Initiation while also focusing on how the Fraternity has needed to evolve to a new landscape and a new generation within campus life.

Click Here to Learn More

PAST ARTICLES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

SIGS IN THE NEWS

Significant Sig Mike Gallo (70-F) is featured in a video, The Cheesemaking Legacy of Joseph Gallo

Farms on Dairy Foods Magazine website.

Click Here for Video

PROTECTING THE HISTORY OF EPSILON ETA

By Order of Constantine & Significant Sig
Brad S. Fischer (78-S)

Sigma Chi continues to have the most extensive collection of materials at the Fresno State Library Special Collections Department. What are you doing to save material from Epsilon Eta? Here are some ideas while you hold the items until you are ready to save them in perpetuity at the library.

Items can include, photographs, invitations, programs, clothing, jewelry, award certificates, trophy's, scrapbooks, etc.

Keep materials in a dry and temperature-controlled environment

Avoid folding any materials

Write the names of people featured in photographs on the back using a #2 pencil

Write an explanation of people, events, places, etc. to accompany your items

Place like materials in a box, folder, envelope or Ziplock

SUPPORT THE ONLY GREEK ARCHIVE AT FRESNO STATE

Funds are needed to cover the cost of archival storage containers and fees for these items. A fund has been established at the Fresno State Foundation for the Sigma Chi Collection at the Fresno State Library. **You can donate at:**

https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1692/lg23/form.aspx?sid=1692&gid=2&pgid=2469&cid=4681&amount=

Select University Library and note Sigma Chi Collection

Mail your check to the Fresno State Foundation, Fresno State Advancement Services, 5244 N Jackson Ave., KC45, Fresno CA 93740-8023. Note University Library/Sigma Chi Collection

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

FACEBOOK – SIGMA CHI ALUMNI – FRESNO STATE
https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/newsletter-archive

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

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

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https://linkedin.com/groups/13688055

Sigma Chi Scholarship & House Corporation Donations

You can now make scholarship donations using our website.

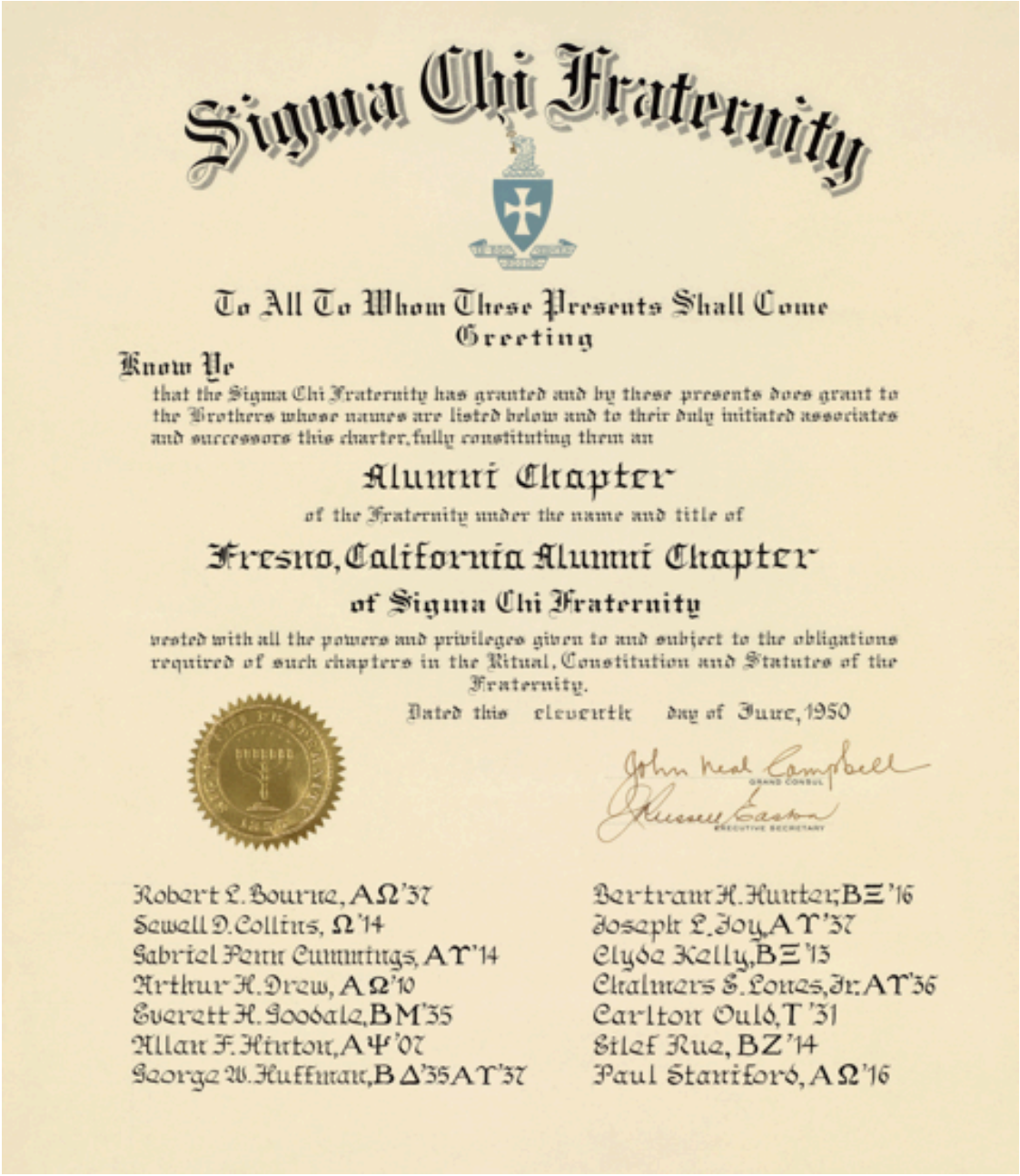
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Sigma Chi's Highest Honor

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

https://fresnosigsalumni.org

Alumni Chapter 1950 Charter



Sigma Chi Fraternity

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come
Greeting

Know Ye

that the Sigma Chi Fraternity has granted and by these presents does grant to the Brothers whose names are listed below and to their duly initiated associates and successors this charter, fully constituting them an

Alumni Chapter

of the Fraternity under the name and title of

Fresno, California Alumni Chapter

of Sigma Chi Fraternity

vested with all the powers and privileges given to and subject to the obligations required of such chapters in the Ritual, Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternity.

Dated this eleventh day of June, 1950

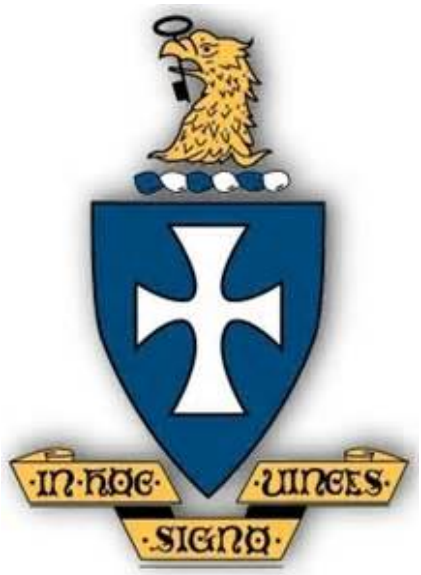
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