May 2026

Sigma Chi

FRESNO ALUMNI CHAPTER

SIG-NIFICANT NEWS

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SEVEN LIGHTS ALUMNI AWARDED

SERGIO ILIC (87-F)

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/events

ANNUAL DUES/DONATIONS

July 1 2026 to June 30, 2027

Dues Cycle is Open

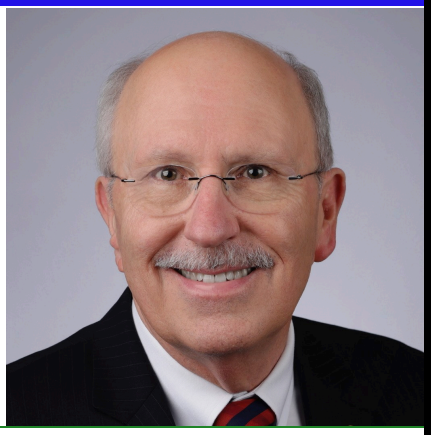
Annual Dues $60.00

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:

We may be in the heat of Summer; however, it is never too early to recruit new brothers for Epsilon Eta at Fresno State or one of our other chapters. Know a young man entering college in the fall and worthy of the White Cross? Send their contact information to us at ***fresnosigs1952@gmail.com***

and we will pass it on to the Grand Praetor in that region.

We celebrate Founders Day on June 28th and Founders Week of Giving honors our 171st year and America's 250th. Visit ***https://donate.sigmachi.org*** to make a difference.

May your Summer months be filled visiting family and friends or welcoming them to your place. This is also our special year to celebrate our country's 250th Anniversary. Wherever life may take you consider that the White Cross will gain new luster by your actions and behaviors.

Friendship, Justice, and Learning

In Hoc Signo Vinces,

Brad

Brad S. Fischer (78-S)
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Cal State - Fresno 1981
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"I made some very lasting friendships out of my association in college. There is always a bond with the fellows you were there with. The fraternity has meant an awful lot to me. I think the Ritual and the fraternity mystics, and just the sense of history that goes back with Sigma Chi are things that help make those bonds so strong."

Tom Selleck, Significant Sig, Southern California 1967, actor Blue Bloods and former star of Magnum, P.I. plus others and movies.

www.sigmachi.org/history

FOUNDING OF SIGMA CHI

Read More:
https://sigmachi.org/history/our-history/sigma-chi-founding

2026 SEVEN LIGHTS ALUMNI AWARD – SERGIO ILIC

By Mike Patton, Order of Constantine & Significant Sig,
President, Fresno Sigma Chi Endowment

Sergio Ilic (87-F) gives back and is honored by Headquarters



On May 28, 2026 Sigma Chi International Fraternity announced Brother Sergio Ilic (87-F) was chosen to be a Seven Lights Alumni, Epsilon Eta's eighth since 2014.

For the last twelve years, Brother Sergio has contributed to Epsilon Eta in three important areas:

1. Through his decorative concrete company, Heritage Bomanite, he supported the House Corporation to maintain our most important icon as the premier chapter house at Fresno State mostly at no cost. The improvements added to the fun and brotherhood of being a member of Sigma Chi, and

the fine chapter house was a feature to be used as a recruiting tool.

2. Similarly, he provided free concrete work for your endowment's donor brick program which raised $100,000. Your endowment has raised $2M and has pledges for another $1M. When everything is in place your alumni chapter will be able to award $120,000 in scholarships per year, in perpetuity, to your undergraduate brothers at Fresno State.

3. Finally, Sergio, as an important member of the Fresno Sigma Chi Wine Tasting Committee for the last four years, has personally raised $25,000 for your endowment by auctioning priceless dinners at his home. The wine tasting is a fundraiser for your endowment, but its primary purpose is to be a brotherhood event.

Brother Ilic's efforts and resulting contributions to the three areas above have "cemented" Sergio as one of Epsilon Eta's most effective supporters.

For more details and testimonials, please click the link below:

https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/sergio-ilic-honored-by-headquarters

SAVE MART CENTER BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR



Left to right: Sergio Ilic, T.A. Heckel, Brad S Fischer, Steve Coleman, Tom Downing, Kirk Wethey, Mike Patton, Bill Robinson, Larry Cavion, Kevin Wren, Norm Bishop and Tom Licouris

On June 17, brothers enjoyed a behind the scenes tour of the Save Mart Center on the Fresno State campus. A 9th Annual Wine Tasting featured item. Bob Nocek, General Manager, personally escorted us to areas not open to the public. An Alumni Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Bob in appreciation of the donation and his personal tour of the center.

Areas covered were the massive kitchen, storage areas for seating, stage and basketball court floor. We had exclusive access to the Men's Basketball locker room in the Jerry Tarkanian Sports Area and numerous other areas.

After the tour the brothers enjoyed lunch at Dervo's Deli and Grill, immediately across from the center. An Alumni Chapter Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the owner, Justin Dervishian (00-F), who made our visit a special time.

2025-2026 DUES & DONATIONS

Contributed by Mark Scott (69-F)

Dues are $60.00 and donations for 07/01/26 to 06/30/27 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 June 1, 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, Russell Efird***,
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, Mike Smith, *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

Julian Ramos (09-S)

Julian Ramos received the 2026 Fresno State Student Success Award for his work with the Degrees of Change program. He is an advocate for his students who make work easy to fight for them every single day.

The Degrees of Change program is restricted to students incarcerated in two prisons in Chowchilla: Valley State Prison and Central California Women's Facility.



Rodger Jensen (52-T)

Rodger Jensen (52-T), Sigma Tau Premier, was featured in the following article from Valley Children's Hospital Philanthropy eNews, June 2026.



At 105 years old, Rodger Jensen recently returned to a place that holds particular meaning for him and his family, The Chapel at Valley Children’s Hospital.

Sunlight poured through the stained glass as Mr. Jensen took in the sanctuary his family’s generosity helped create. From the beginning, the Jensen family envisioned a space that would welcome every visitor, no matter their faith tradition. Through the generosity of Rodger and Margaret Jensen, along with Douglas and Marjie Jensen, the chapel was created as a peaceful place of reflection, comfort, and spiritual support for families, visitors and staff.

To bring that vision to life, they commissioned renowned stained glass artisan Ara “Corky” Frank Normart, Jr., whose work continues to bathe the chapel in color and quiet beauty. Mr. Jensen has given faithfully to Spiritual Services year after year, recognizing that healing often happens where there are no charts or monitors.

Mr. Jensen’s bond with Valley Children’s goes back decades. He served on the Hospitals Board of Trustees from 1956 to 1961, and his son Doug Jensen carried the legacy forward on the Hospital Board of Trustees from 1975 to 1977, and from 1981 to 1993, along with time on the Foundation Board.

Before farming the Madera land that helped establish him as a pioneer of the local pistachio industry, Mr. Jensen flew B-29’s in the South Pacific during World War II, serving from 1941 to 1946. He came home to build a life with Margaret, his wife of 76 years, who passed away on July 2, 2018.

Bryce Martinho (13-F)

Expanding his tile company’s footprint

Community West Bank recently profiled Brother Bryce Martinho and his tile company, Visalia Ceramic Tile. Bryce is president of the company, and the article celebrated the completion of their new 28,000-square-foot granite fabrication facility.



While an active undergraduate brother, Bryce, his father and a staff member replaced the tile in the upstairs main shower at no cost! Over several years Brother Martinho installed over 400 donor bricks at your Chapter House patio again at no charge. Next time you need ceramic tile, think of Bryce and Visalia Ceramic Tile.



Connect with Bryce, thank him for his contribution to your Chapter House and your Endowment. Also, ask him and send us his email address.
fresnosigs1952@gmail.com

Reported by Mike Patton, Order of Constantine & Significant Sig, President of the Fresno Sigma Chi Endowment

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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.

Steve Bachand (79-F) was the first to enroll in Sigma Chi+. Then **Austin Tuell** (21-F) received an anonymous gift of Life Loyal status with Sigma Chi+.

Who is next? Let us know when you enroll!

Events to Celebrate Brotherhood

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

Speaker: To Be Announced

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

(*) JAMES A. PIZANO (06-F) June 5, 2026

(*) Notes those added this month.

Names underlined are links to obituaries on memorial sites



BY MAIL:
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Memo - Sigma Chi White Rose Scholarship
2625 E MATOIAN WAY M/S SH124
FRESNO CA 93740-8000

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

MIKE GALLO

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

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.



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

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

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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.

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

John Neal Campbell
GRAND CONSUL

Russell Easton
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Robert L. Bourne, AΩ'37
Sewell D. Collins, Ω'14
Gabriel Penn Cummings, AT'14
Arthur H. Drew, AΩ'10
Everett H. Goodale, BM'35
Allan F. Hinton, AΨ'07
George W. Huffman, BΔ'35AT'37
Bertram H. Hunter, BΞ'16
Joseph L. Joy, AT'37
Clyde Kelly, BΞ'13
Chalmers S. Lowes, Jr. AT'36
Carlton Ould, T'31
Stef Rue, BZ'14
Paul Stanford, AΩ'16







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