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#### **TOP NEWS**

- MCCOYS BEAT HATFIELDS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 14 YEARS
- A FOUNDERS DAY TO REMEMBER **CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF** BROTHERHOOD
- NEW TRADITION OF A **BROTHERHOOD "TRIPPING" TRIP** IN JOSHUA TREE INFORMALLY BEGINS
- **ORCHID BALL ROCKS THE HOUSE IN SANTA BARBARA**

#### FOUNDERS DAY IS A SMASHING SUCCESS

ON FEBRUARY 24TH, 2023 WE CELEBRATED THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVESSEAVISRY OF THE FOUNDING OF OUR FRATERNITY AT UCLA. IN HONOR, WE HELD AN EXTRA SPECIAL FOUNDER'S DAY FEATURING OVER 350 AUMNI !!!



#### **ORCHID BALL**

We AirBNBd a mansion in the Arroyo Grande part of Santa Barbara. With over 60 people sharing one roof over the weekend, lots of fun actives were had-including paper plate awards, formal dinner, and lots of time in the pool!



# A FOUNDERS DAY TO REMEMBER

Sigma Pi Fraternity celebrated its 100th anniversary on February 24th, 2023. The day was filled with events and activities that honored the fraternity's founding fathers and all of the Sigma Pi brothers who have come before.

The day kicked off with a morning charity run, where Sigma Pi brothers and alumni ran a 5k in the morning around the Westwood Village. In the evening, there was an open bar, formal dinner, and awards ceremony. The evening culminated in a large party on campus, where Sigma Pi brothers an and their guests danced the night away in Covel Commons. The Founders Day celebration was a huge success. It was a day to reflect on the past 100 years of Sigma Pi history and to look forward to the future.

The Founders Day celebration is a wonderful opportunity for Sigma Pi brothers to come together and celebrate their fraternity. It is a day to remember the past, to look forward to the future, and to enjoy the present and we look forward to next year. Please enjoy some of our photos



## **ORCHID BALL PHOTOS**

During Week 7 we held our annual Orchid Ball and rented a mansion in Arroyo Grande near Santa Barbara and had a weekend to remember! We included a photo from 1989 to remind us that Orchid Ball is a fraternal tradition!

### MEET THE BROTHERS Josh Saidfar



Brother "DJ JAWSH" Josh Saidfar holds a special place in all our hearts. The Persian transfer student from Century City has been an integral part of the house from the moment he crossed in Fall '22.

He currently serves as house manager and has helped lead the renovations of several rooms, the audio system for parties, the flooring, and making Sigma Pi Manor a better place. Josh truly embodies what it means to be a brother of Sigma Pi and without him, the house would not be the same. When he is not helping improve our house or setting up for events, he is DJing our parties and events with his killer music, bringing his beautiful Persian friends to pregames, and hanging out with all the bros.

Josh is currently a 3rd-year philosophy student and is on track to become a lawyer in the future. We are grateful that Josh is in our brotherhood and we wanted to highlight him to thank him for his countless contributions and passion he brings to the fraternity.

#### **Oliver Buc**



Meet Brother Oliver Buc, who pledged in Fall '21, our beloved party planning chair and fourth counselor.He is an international second year bioengineering student, who grew up in Jordan, France, amongst a few other places.

In his free time, Oliver is known to frequent DTLA underground raves, EDM festivals, and blares deep house and techno while working out in the house gym, giving him the title of Resident "Raver" of the fraternity. His immense international festival experience has proved itself great for parties and theme inspirations.

Oliver helps set up for several hours every day before parties, making tarp art, graffiti, banners, or carefully setting up lasers for the best visual experience possible. When he is not helping the house, drawing, or having fun, he is studying and doing UCLAaffiliated biosensor research.

Oliver puts in a lot of effort into the house, and has helped ensure that brothers have an excellent time at parties, and we appreciate him for that!

### Jorge Almeida



Brother Jorge Almeida, a Member of the Fall '20 Pledge Class, is one of the most respected and beloved members of our fraternity. Our past Vice President and a future aerospace engineer from Fresno, CA, Jorge is one of the most senior brothers in the house who consistently shows up to every event ready to party and have fun with his brothers. When he is not building rockets and cars for Bruin Racing and and Rocket Project, Jorge lives and breathes
"brotherhood." He serves as a role model for the active chapter as to how to conduct oneself and bring prosperity to the fraternity by being extremely active in the house as well as in his academic and extracurricular pursuits.

We would be remiss to not mention his girlfriend Kaashvi Mahajan, the house sweetheart, who is by his side at every event and brings many of her girlfriends to events and helps the chapterhood get some play. Jorge and Kaashvi have both helped make 2022-23 a great academic year and they will be sorely missed when they graduate!!!!

### **Cheney Sung**



Cheney Sung, our former sage, is the most senior member of our fraternity, pledging in the fall of 2019. The business Economics student from Portland, Oregon will be sorely missed as he departs to Wall Street to work in Corporate and Investment Banking for Citigroup in Lower Manhattan.

On campus, Cheney was very active within the UCLA business community. He served on the leadership development board of UBS and on the executive boards of Bruin Venture and Bruin Hedge Fund. Like a man of Sigma Pi, Cheney used his leadership positions to help brothers of the house break into these prestigious clubs. Despite his immense business commitments, Cheney loves playing sports and frat intramural, tossing dye, and has always remained very active in the house.

He and his friends Ciaran O'Neill, Tom Wilson, Alec Moutafov, and Jack Zhao helped revive Sigma Pi during the pandemic and remained active for all four years of their years here. Cheney, his pledge class, and friend group as a whole, gave a breath of life to Sigma Pi in a time when the fraternity needed it. The active chapter today gives a lot of thanks to Cheney and he will be missed by the brothers.

## Photos from the year



## Summer Gigs!

- Sebastian Lipstein- Drew Zager Fixed Income Management Intern at Morgan Stanley in Century,City CA
- Kyle Millsap- Mechanical Engineer Intern at HRL Labs in Malibu,CA
- Ciaran O'Neill-Investment Banking Analyst at Credit Suisse in Los Angeles, CA
- Cheney Sung- Corporate and Investment Banking Analyst at Citigroup in New York, New York
- Jack Zhao- Machine Learning Engineer at Amazon Web Services in Santa Clara, CA
- Alex Moutafov- Associate Consultant at Simon Kucher in San Francisco,CA
- Brendan Santos- R&D Engineer Intern at Calyxo Inc in Pleasanton, CA
- Will O'Halloran- Investment banking Summer Analyst at Piper Sandler in San Francisco, CA
- Carson Turner- Investment Banking Analyst at JP Morgan in Los Angeles, CA
- Matthew Lombera- Quality Engineer at Lockheed Martin in Tampa,Fl
- David Spector- Research Assistant at Stanford School of Medicine
- Mariano Velez- Mechanical/HVAC Engineer at WSP USA in Riverside, CA
- Siddhant Singh- Production Engineering Intern at AGM Jactex AG in Zurich, Switzerland
- Will Burns- Summer Intern at AGS Health (Remote)

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We invite you to the next Founder's Day and to stay on the look out for potential alumni







#### THE FIRESIDE SONG

(TO THE TUNE OF O TANNENBAUM)

We gather 'round the fireside bright, In bonds of Brotherhood tonight; And raise our voices lustily, To sing to our Fraternity.

Long may she live and may there be; True fellowship eternally, Once more we pledge our loyalty; To Sigma Pi Fraternity.

The circle changes with the years; The Brothers come and disappear; But still the fire is burning bright; Upon our Chapter's hearth tonight.

Long may she live and may there be; True fellowship eternally, Once more we pledge our loyalty; To Sigma Pi Fraternity.

Remember that the mighty throng, Of brothers long since absent gone; Retain their love and loyalty, To Sigma Pi Fraternity.

Long may she live and may there be; True fellowship eternally, Once more we pledge our loyalty; To Sigma Pi Fraternity.