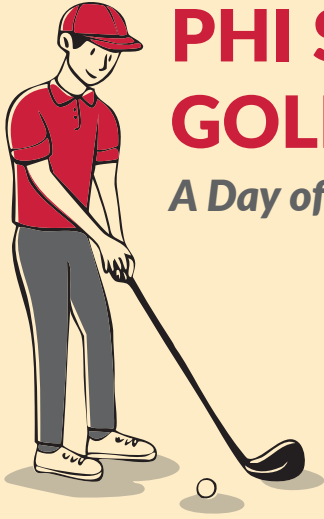


# TROJAN PHI SIG



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## PHI SIG OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

*A Day of Bonds and Birdies*

**J**oin us for the Phi Sig Open Golf Tournament on **Sunday, April 13, 2025!** The tournament will be held at Recreation Park 9 Golf Course (address below) with a start time of 10:30 a.m.

5000 E 7th Street  
Long Beach, CA 90804  
(562) 438-4012

The outing on the nine-hole course will feature multiple golfing contests and awards, with post-tournament food and drinks included. We welcome golfers of all skill levels!

Tournament entry costs \$50 per golfer. You can register today by scanning the QR code or going to [phisigopen2025.causevox.com](https://phisigopen2025.causevox.com). Be sure to check our social media pages for more information. Questions? Contact Event Co-Chairman **Bob Frinier '63** at [robert@frinier.net](mailto:robert@frinier.net).



## Mentoring Opportunities

**New Program to Connect with Undergraduates**

**O**mega Deuteron Chapter wants to identify and engage alumni who would be interested in mentoring opportunities with our undergraduates. The goal of this mentorship is to pair the life experience and strengths of alumni with undergraduates that seek academic and career advice.

Mentoring discussions would likely cover these topics:

- ✓ Career path interests and opportunities
- ✓ Most beneficial coursework choices within a student's program of study
- ✓ Planning for employment interviews and résumé review
- ✓ Networking for job opportunities and referrals

All mentoring would be virtual through Zoom and set up by the undergraduate brother.

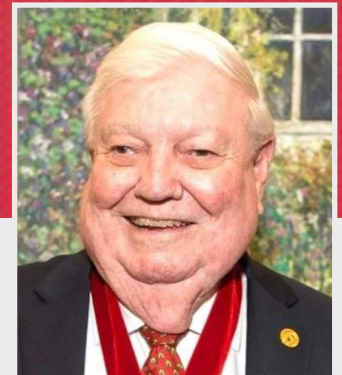
If this opportunity to give back to the chapter interests you and you would like additional information, please email **Bob Frinier '63** at [robert@frinier.net](mailto:robert@frinier.net) or **Will Cotts '27**, the Chapter's Mentoring Program Chair, at [cottswill@gmail.com](mailto:cottswill@gmail.com).

## Share Your Hall of Fame Nominations!

This year's Hall of Fame award will be announced at the HOF dinner on the Friday before Homecoming. (The Homecoming date is still to be determined.)

Alumni are encouraged to submit a Hall of Fame recommendation by the end of March. Recommendations with supporting details and any questions can be forwarded to **Bob Frinier '63** at [robert@frinier.net](mailto:robert@frinier.net).

*As a reminder, Hall of Fame inductees are alumni who have provided outstanding service to Omega Deuteron and Phi Sigma Kappa. Their legacy of brotherhood, scholarship, and character should embody all a Phi Sig strives to be.*



## 2024 RECIPIENT

Last year, **Albert Shonk '54** received the Hall of Fame award. His plaque reads:

*Albert D. Shonk Jr., 1932-2023. AKA "Mr. Phi Sig" - Omega Deuteron 1954 "Brother Shonk served over 50 years on Signet Circle Corporation Board. Al was a past Grand President and Medallion of Merit honoree. He served as Grand Chapter Historian. A true brother in every way."*



DAMN PROUD

# EXECUTIVE BOARD



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## Another Exciting Spring Underway Strengthening Bonds and Developing Leaders

**O**mega Deuteron's spring semester kicked off with our premier party, Pillow Fight, featuring an incredible performance by rapper YK Osiris. It was a huge success, with brothers from all active pledge classes making an appearance.

Following a chapter vote in December, the executive board will transition to an academic-year term instead of the traditional calendar-year term. This change was proposed to position motivated underclassmen in leadership roles. To facilitate this shift, current leadership will serve a single-semester term.

Chapter attendance is at an all-time high, and we have begun incorporating tradition back into our weekly meetings. Our brotherhood is growing stronger as we have continued to build on the efforts of the previous executive board. Whether it's hitting the golf course weekly or participating in new brotherhood events, brothers from all pledge classes are more united and engaged than ever. We are also stoked for our Spring Formal, which will take place in Hawaii!

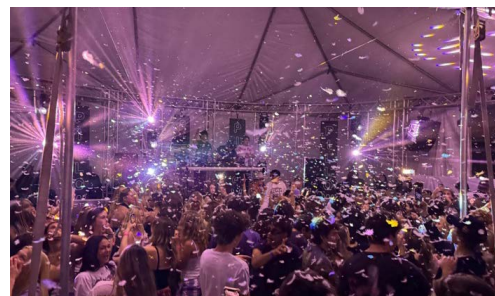
Our new associates, the Alpha Gamma pledge class, have demonstrated much respect for our rituals and traditions. We have recently begun incorporating alumni education into the pledge process, hoping to facilitate a stronger bond between new members and alumni. They continue to develop the potential to be Phi Sigma Kappa's next leading members.

This has all been possible with the continued support of our alumni. We look forward to continuing this momentum and sharing our success with the brotherhood.

Damn Proud,  
**Connor Donovan '26**  
President

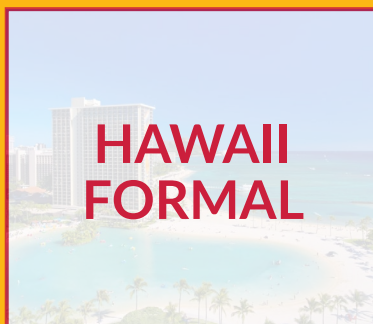


*Brothers enjoy a trip to Palm Springs in November.*

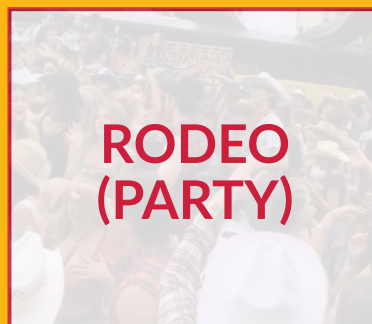


*Attendees enjoy our Pillow Fight party to start the semester.*

## CHAPTER EVENTS



**HAWAII  
FORMAL**



**RODEO  
(PARTY)**



**BIG BEAR  
TRIP**



# Guiding Today's Brothers

## CHARLIE NEUENSCHWANDER '24 RETAINS HIS COMMITMENT TO PHI SIG

**W**hen Charlie Neuenschwander '24 joined Phi Sigma Kappa, he embraced the authenticity and comfort he felt in Omega Deuteron. Today, he is glad to serve the chapter as resident Greek advisor and help younger brothers enjoy the same sense of fraternal pride that shaped him as a young man.

### PHI SIG GROWTH

"The conversations and experiences I had during recruitment made me feel like I was already one of the guys," Charlie said. While he had hardly met the members at that point, he quickly acquired a shared desire to live life to the fullest while maintaining his academic commitment.

Charlie's term as chapter president during sophomore year was a turning point for his leadership skills at the time. He helped Omega Deuteron overcome challenges such as disaffiliation from USC and other issues while navigating his own growth as a leader and communicator. "At the end of the day, I learned valuable lessons about accountability and directing an organization with purpose."

### ONGOING ENGAGEMENT

Beyond college, Charlie remained involved with the house and was friends with the chapter's previous Greek advisor. When the role became available, he gladly stepped in to live at the house as a graduate student while helping to resolve issues and provide advice for younger members.



*"I've had the privilege to watch younger members I recruited grow from new members into leaders and mentors who guide the future of our fraternity."*

"I'd summarize it as ensuring the house is operating healthily," he added. "Maintaining the state of the property so it is up to standard, communicating important news with the alumni advisors, and checking with active brothers to ensure they are receiving the best fraternity experience in the country."

### CAREER AND PERSONAL LIFE

Charlie recently earned his master's degree in applied data science, and he is passionate about machine learning, energy, and AI product development. In January, he began working as a data scientist at National Grid Renewables.

In his free time, Charlie stays connected with alumni in the LA area and beyond. One of his favorite memories was their recent

trip to Vegas for the USC-LSU football game and their fantasy football draft. "I think it's really special that, with people across the country in all sorts of jobs, all the fellas still make it out each year. The game was great, and of course Vegas never disappoints. We all had a great time."

Charlie also enjoys keeping up with basketball, exploring LA's food scene, and scouting out new breakfast burrito spots with his girlfriend. He is also an avid reader and aims to read a couple books each month.

### Want to connect with Charlie?

Email him at [caneuenschwander@gmail.com](mailto:caneuenschwander@gmail.com).

## MEET OUR Sweethearts

**We are excited to have three sweethearts this semester!**



Katia Atiyah • Pi Phi



Kenzi Johnson • ADPi



Alexandra Oxenstierna • DG

# SAVE THE DATE



## PHI SIG OPEN

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for the Phi Sig Open Golf  
Tournament on **Sunday, April 13.**

This event welcomes golfers of  
all skill levels for a day of Omega  
Deuteron camaraderie.

**CHECK PAGE 1  
FOR MORE DETAILS!**



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## KEEPING ALUMNI CONNECTED

I'm a sophomore studying business administration, and I'm proudly part of the Alpha Beta pledge class. I'm honored to serve as the alumni chairman for our chapter, and I look forward to connecting with all of you who paved the way before me.

As your alumni chairman, my goal is to strengthen the bond between current members and our esteemed alumni. It's a privilege to be in this role, and I'm excited for the opportunity to reach out, share updates, and hear your stories and experiences from your time in the house.

This year, there will be two more newsletters coming your way—one in the summer and another in the fall—where we'll continue to share updates about the chapter, events, and alumni news.

I'd also like to mention our alumni golf tournament on April 13, so be sure to mark your calendars! It'll be a great chance to catch up, enjoy some friendly competition, and reconnect with brothers from all generations

Later this year, we'll have our alumni dinner, where we'll come together to celebrate our brotherhood and look

back at the lasting impact Phi Sig has made in our lives.

I'm excited about the year ahead and the opportunity to work with all of you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions. I look forward to staying connected and hearing from you!

Damn Proud,  
**Mason Conn '27**  
Alumni Chairman  
nwconn@usc.edu



**Do You Have  
Contact Information  
For These  
Missing Brothers?**

**LET US KNOW BY EMAILING [UPDATEMYRECORD@PENNINGTONCO.COM](mailto:UPDATEMYRECORD@PENNINGTONCO.COM).**

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Bryan D. DuChene '90  
Mark Hsu '90  
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