

# TROJAN PHI SIG



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## BROTHERHOOD SNAPSHOTS

*See more photos inside!*



As always, the semester began with recruitment as we looked to craft the Alpha Beta pledge class. We gave tours of the house and hosted events in the evening, including a Blue Chip dinner at Fogo de Chão.



The chapter enjoyed an extremely successful parents' dinner and tailgate as part of USC's Family Weekend. We had over 150 in attendance!



## YOU'RE INVITED TO THE HALL OF FAME DINNER

*This year's fall alumni dinner will be different!*

**Date: November 15, 2024**  
(Friday before USC Homecoming)

**An Omega Deuteron Hall of Fame Has Been Established  
Our First Recipient Will Be Announced**

Catered by the amazing BBQ Smokehouse

Time: 5 p.m. to Whenever  
Location: Omega Deuteron Chapter House (938 W. 28th Street)  
Alumni Cost: \$40 (Same as last year!)

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Questions? Contact **Bob Frinier '63** at [robert@frinier.net](mailto:robert@frinier.net).

## Meet George Pritchard '27

### A WORD FROM THE ALUMNI CHAIRMAN

**H**ello, Phi Sigma Kappa alumni! My name is George, and I am this semester's alumni chairman. I am a sophomore majoring in economics, and I come from Portland, Oregon. I joined the house this spring and immediately felt right at home. Even though I've only been a brother for a few months, I already know the friendships and connections I've made will last my whole life. I'm very excited to take on the role of alumni chairman, and I am looking forward to all the work that comes with it.

If you would like to contact me, email me at [gjpritchard7@gmail.com](mailto:gjpritchard7@gmail.com). Looking forward to keeping you informed on Omega Deuteron's accomplishments and activities from this fall! Check out some pictures of our semester so far to the left and on page 2!

Damn Proud!

**George Pritchard '27**, Alumni Chairman





## BROTHERHOOD SNAPSHOTS

### Part 2!



The chapter hosts a presentation from NOPE, the Naloxone and Overdose Prevention Education program. They spoke to our brothers about the dangers of opioids and how to spot a potential overdose. They also supplied the house with Narcan to be used in emergencies.



Junior associates dress as lifeguards to protect the safety of all guests at the register.



The first register of the semester was an Endless Summer-themed event. The courtyard was filled with two tons of sand and countless beach balls for the party!

## Welcome, New Members

**Oliver Aminof '28**  
Alexandria, Va.

**Dhruv Deepak '27**  
Redmond, Wash.

**Jonathan Mo '28**  
Beachwood, Ohio

**Charlie Austin '28**  
Western Springs, Ill.

**Aiden Delacourt '28**  
Arlington, Va.

**Kamal Nallandighal '27**  
Albuquerque, N.M.

**Anthony Baghdassarian '27**  
Glendale, Calif.

**Matthew Dolins '27**  
Northbrook, Ill.

**Conner Puch '28**  
Westhampton, N.Y.

**John Baghdassarian '27**  
Glendale, Calif.

**Tyler Ehrlich '28**  
Cabo, Mexico

**Dilan Reddy '28**  
Hinsdale, Ill.

**Michael Baghdassarian '27**  
Glendale, Calif.

**Avery Gross '28**  
Calabasas, Calif.

**Eitan Rochverger '28**  
Newport Beach, Calif.

**Ben Bakhsh '28**  
Palo Alto, Calif.

**Ryan Jalili '28**  
Carmel Valley, Calif.

**Aaron Tang '28**  
Newtown Square, Pa.

**James Collier '28**  
Sacramento, Calif.

**Omar Jalisi '27**  
Newton, Mass.

**Alex Truong '27**  
Wichita, Kan.

**Mason Conn '27**  
Huntington Beach, Calif.

**Milan Jha '28**  
Sherman Oaks, Calif.

**Derek Tuason '28**  
Carlsbad, Calif.

**Bodie Curren '28**  
Palo Alto, Calif.

**Jared Marc '27**  
Venice Beach, Calif.

**Maxwell Tufenkian '26**  
Glendale, Calif.

## NEW BROTHERS IN PHI SIGMA KAPPA

In spring 2024, Omega Deuteron Chapter welcomed the Alpha Alpha class, which consisted of 19 brothers. Here is what a few had to say about choosing Phi Sigma Kappa:

### JACK BECKERMAN '27

"Coming to a bigger college, I was looking for a way to find that sense of brotherhood again. The guys at Phi Sig made me feel welcome, and I feel like I found a home here."

### MIKEY CHAI '26

"I joined because I was looking for a good group of guys I could connect with. I've already made some great memories with my fellow brothers, and I know I'll make many more."

### ZACH PATEL '26

"I joined seeking to forge deep, meaningful connections and find a sense of belonging. Although I encountered many remarkable individuals at USC, I often felt a disconnect and a lack of personal recognition. Through my time with my pledge class and the fraternity brothers, I have built enduring relationships and developed a supportive network where I truly feel valued and understood."

### ZUBIN HYDRIE '27

"I initially came to Phi Sig because of a few familiar faces, but I stayed because those familiar faces turned into cherished friendships with whom I made unforgettable memories."



## Bonds That Last

### Daryl DeMos '77 Talks Brotherhood, Service, and Lifelong Commitment

I was originally attracted to Phi Sigma Kappa by the social aspects of the fraternity. The personalities I found at Omega Deuteron seemed to align with mine. After joining, I was proud of how committed the brothers were to making true, lifelong pledges of brotherhood to each other. It was more than parties and friendships; the Ritual and the dedication of the brotherhood led to strong bonds.

As I reflect on my time in the chapter house, the Snow Party stands out as a fun memory; however, formal pledging, when I got my Big Brother, was when I was sure I had made the right choice by joining the fraternity.

I graduated in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in business administration, with an emphasis in marketing. I became what people call a "road warrior," working for a couple of very innovative companies as they expanded nationwide. I traveled extensively throughout the United States for many years, expanding their footprint to major cities and finding my wife in the process! Later, I took a position with a new company, gathering and providing information for corporations on how consumers view their products and services.

After graduation, I remained invested in the chapter's success. When the opportunity arose to help reestablish Omega Deuteron at USC, I was motivated to serve as an alumni volunteer. I wanted to try and recreate the environment for young men that I had once found so rewarding.

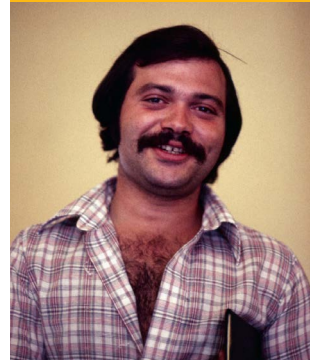
I would encourage any brother who is thinking about volunteering to get involved. It is difficult for me to put into words how rewarding it is to work with and for these new Brothers, but I believe that wonderful feeling and this experience is why Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity had been around since 1873.

For me, the highlight of serving on the Signet Circle Corporation Board has been helping to keep the chapter on track as it continues to build better men. In my own life, ensuring the ideals of Phi Sigma Kappa are fulfilled in my character and conduct has been my creed, and I am a better man for it.

As the years have passed, there are about 20 brothers from my era who have stayed close. We all chat daily on WhatsApp and get together at least a couple of times a year. The next get-together is going to be at the chapter house on November 15. All are welcome, and I hope as many as possible can attend!

*Daryl DeMos '77 and his wife live in North Hollywood near the Arts District. He had some health issues several years ago but has since recovered successfully. Daryl is retired from his career but now enjoys playing DJ at a local pub. If you'd like to get in touch, you can send him an email at [daryldemos@gmail.com](mailto:daryldemos@gmail.com).*

## THEN



## NOW



# ALUMNI NEWS

**James A. Manos, Ed.D. '54** served in the Marine Corps in 1954 and returned to USC in 1956. He started teaching at Westchester High School and returned to USC to obtain his education doctorate. He taught at CSUN until he retired in 1996. James now lives in Irvine, Calif. Email: [mjmanos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjmanos@sbcglobal.net)

**John J. Cantlen '56**, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, shared that his wife, Carol, was crippled by a stroke in 2019. John and Carol live in Saratoga, Calif. Email: [cantlen@comcast.net](mailto:cantlen@comcast.net)

**Robert G. Underwood '62** retired in 1998 as fire department captain after 35 years of service. He's been married to his wife, Sue, for 62 years. They live in Indio, Calif. Email: [bobsuelww@jps.net](mailto:bobsuelww@jps.net)

**Harold A. Wisehaupt '66** stays busy with real estate projects, travel, and making money. He shared that he was shot in Vietnam on April 15, 1968. He now lives in Los Angeles, Calif. Email: [wisehopper@roadrunner.com](mailto:wisehopper@roadrunner.com)

**Roberto de Diego Arozamena '79** is semi-retired and living in Madrid. He is an advisor to large corporations and funds and is active internationally in Europe and the Middle East. He also owns a small software company. Roberto spends periods of time in Santander and frequently travels to Dubai. Email: [r.dediego@arozamena.es](mailto:r.dediego@arozamena.es)

**Bryan D. Kyle '83** is the owner and broker of Bryan Kyle Realty in Las Vegas. He has two sons (17 and 18) and enjoys playing tennis and spending time with his boys! Email: [bryankyle39@gmail.com](mailto:bryankyle39@gmail.com)

**George Sheth '96** joined as an alumni member in 2018 after he was nominated by the late, great **Al Shonk '54**, with whom he served on the USC Alumni Association Board of Governors 15-20 years ago. His son, **Rajiv '21**, became a member before he did! George served on the Signet Circle Corporation Board as VP for the last few years and owns a national retained search firm focused on director to C-level IT/cybersecurity leaders. George went to Occidental College in the mid-1980s and graduated from USC Marshall School of Business' international executive MBA in 1996. In April, he and his wife, Vandana, celebrated 32 years of marriage. They live with their younger son in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. Email: [gsheth@diligentpartnersllc.com](mailto:gsheth@diligentpartnersllc.com)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

# Alumni Dinner

## November 15

**J**oin us for our annual Alumni Dinner on November 15. **You won't want to miss this year's event!** Highlights will include the recognition of our very first Hall of Fame honoree, a barbecue dinner, and a few hours of fellowship with brothers from all eras. See page 1 for more details and how to register!



*A group of brothers drove four hours to Las Vegas to witness USC play LSU in their opening game. The guys had a great time in the city and an even better time chirping LSU fans as the Trojans got the upset victory.*



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## JOIN THE SEARCH!

### Help Us Find These Lost Brothers

**D**id you see the list of lost brothers in our summer 2024 newsletter? In case you missed it, please visit [tinyurl.com/TrojanPhiSigSummer24](https://tinyurl.com/TrojanPhiSigSummer24) to take a look!

Do you have any information that could help us locate these men and include them in future chapter communications? If so, please email your updates to [updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com](mailto:updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com) with "PSK SOCAL Lost Brother Update" in the subject line and help us ensure that every brother is accounted for. Thank you for helping keep our brotherhood tightly connected!



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**Richard K. Kappes '52** said, "Keep up the good work! I hope the chapter is doing well. Fight on!" He resides in Huntington Beach, Calif. Email: [luckychg@aol.com](mailto:luckychg@aol.com)

**Mark A. Ukra '77** is retired and writing a children's series, *The Adventures of Child and Gamma*. Mark lives in Oak View, Calif. Email: [mukra75@gmail.com](mailto:mukra75@gmail.com)

**Nelson S. Chen '00** served as president of the USC Alumni Club of Seattle from 2017-

20. He currently works as a major gifts officer at Kin On Rehab and Care Center in Seattle. He also volunteers at One World Now in Seattle teaching Mandarin Chinese and Arabic to high school students. Email: [nelsonshenchen@hotmail.com](mailto:nelsonshenchen@hotmail.com)

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