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Kappa Pi Alumni,

My name is Seth J. Callen, the current Eminent Commander of Kappa Pi. This past Fall we continued to show the strength our brotherhood has amidst an array of challenges that came our way. With the support of you all, the Alumni Chapter, Kappa Pi overcame those obstacles and showed the San Luis Obispo Community how close our bond has remained for over 30 years.



Additionally, Kappa Pi continued its excellence in academics, community service and outside involvement during Fall quarter. In keeping with our academic history, we achieved another high GPA amongst IFC chapters with multiple brothers getting Dean's List. Brother's spent their weekends away from studying attending our bi-weekly neighborhood cleanups and competing in the various sorority philanthropies throughout the quarter. Our greatest achievement came near the end of the quarter when we partnered with Ulzi, a personal safety phone application, where we had 100% of our brothers pledge to end sexual assault and support Ulzi in their efforts.

Kappa Pi had the opportunity to spend weekends away with all the brothers as well. Our quarterly brotherhood retreat featured great weather, time on the beach, and various brotherhood events in beautiful Oxnard. Brother's also went camping at Big Sur for one of our LEAD events. Our LEAD Chairman Tucker Reed, led the trip and showed brothers survival techniques he's learned through his training in ROTC, basic military tactics, and how to be an ethical leader in times of high stress. Beyond the brothers at home, we had nearly 20 brother's study abroad throughout Europe, Australia, and other parts of the globe.

LTH,
Seth Callen

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Chapter At-a-Glance

House Size:	120
Current Pledge Class:	Gamma Tau
Pledge Class size:	21
Lowest Active Badge:	539
Highest Active Badge:	675
House GPA:	3.23 (Highest in IFC)



Intramurals

I hope your 2017 has been a great year. It most certainly has been for Sigma Nu Sports. We finished the 2016-2017 season strong:

- 1st Place Finishes: D1 Football, D2 Volleyball, and D2 Softball
- 2nd Place Finish: D1 Soccer
- 3rd Place Finish: D1 Basketball
- For the hockey fans out there, although no longer an IFC sport, Sigma Nu took home the championship in the Cal Poly underground hockey league

Finishing only half a point behind Lambda Chi Alpha in overall IFC rankings, we hope to build off our recent success and become the first Sigma Nu IFC champions in years.

This year is our year! Now in D1 leagues for all five sports we have set ourselves up for success. Fall quarter 2017 did not disappoint as our Softball team shutout Lambda Chi Alpha in the championship game, winning it all in our first season in D1. Another solid season in football got us a 2nd place finish behind Lambda in what was one of the most exciting games all season. We now look ahead to winter quarter where our Basketball team looks to bounce back from last years playoff upset loss, and continue to open some eyes now in D1 volleyball. 2018 is going to be a year of winning for Sigma Nu and I hope you all achieve the same success in your lives. Love, Truth, Honor, and Sports!

LTH,
Andrew Vawter Kπ 578

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Aloha Rush Shirts



Alumni Changing the World

Dear Kappa Pi Alumni Chapter,

This past quarter, I had the privilege of working with the current Kappa Pi chapter of Sigma Nu and Rush Chair Aidan Rattigan to create the Fall 2017 rush shirts. A little over a year ago, I co-founded the company Aloha for People with my fiancé, Emily Sansom, and fellow Kappa Pi alumni, Jeff Michaels, KII 488. Aloha for People creates new ways to provide clean water and jobs to people in need. It started with aloha shirts made in downtown Los Angeles from fabric hand-woven in Guatemala and has expanded into men's tees, women's tanks, surfboard fins, and surfboard bags. With every product sold, we provide a child in Guatemala with access to clean water for 2 years thanks to our partnership with the water filtration company Ecofiltro.

Last summer I approached Aidan and Seth Callen and proposed that Aloha for People provide the rush shirts for the Sigma Nu chapter. They both immediately loved the idea and we began working on a design that would be unique for the chapter and set them apart for the upcoming rush. We decided to use the Guatemala Night Sky tee that is made from 100% organic cotton and features a front pocket of our Guatemalan fabric along with our screen printed design custom made by Jeff Michaels. The color scheme matched the colors of the chapter and kept the design simple and appealing. Kappa Pi purchased 100 tees for the actives which helped Aloha for People provide 100 children in Guatemala access to clean water for 2 years. It was a selfless act by the chapter and one that deserves incredible recognition. It is inspiring to see a group of men jump at the opportunity to help those less fortunate than them and it made me proud to be a Sigma Nu. The chapter loved the shirts and had was able to get a fantastic pledge class for the fall quarter.

Aloha for People continues to work towards our mission of providing clean water and jobs to people in need. We also focus on sustainability in the apparel industry, which unfortunately is often overlooked. We make all of our products in California to provide manufacturing jobs in our home state and to reduce emissions from transportation. We utilize organic cotton for our tees, tanks, and long sleeve shirts because organic cotton requires much less water than standard cotton, improves biodiversity by using no pesticides, and is also grown right here in the United States. Lastly, we use fabric hand-woven in Guatemala to help employee mostly women in rural areas of the country who would otherwise not have any means for employment. Our goal is to help these communities rise out of poverty and improve their lives. You can see more about our company and join our mission at www.alohaforpeople.com or on Instagram @alohaforpeople. We would be happy to partner with any organization that needs screen printing services for any services and would like to help provide clean water to those in need.

Thank you again to the Kappa Pi chapter and we hope to continue to partner with you in the future for rush and any other events.

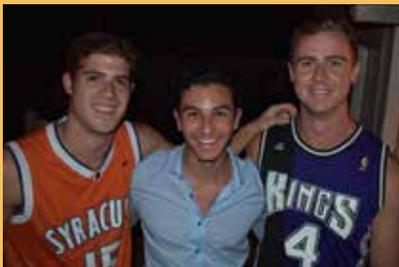
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Chapter Photos



ALUMNI MENTORSHIP

Brothers, This past quarter we implemented a new program that will bring sustained success to Kappa Pi for years to come. The undergraduate chapter unanimously passed a bylaw that allowed for the creation of an Alumni Mentorship Program. The driving force behind the creation of this program was the desire to build a strong networking system between undergraduate and alumni members. I first proposed the idea to the Alumni Board in October and worked in tandem with them to develop the program. The program is comprised of an alumnus representative for each concentration within the six colleges at Cal Poly, and an alumnus that will represent the entire college, known as the Mentor President. The implementation of the program has been broken down into three phases. We are currently in Phase One, trying to designate an alumnus to every concentration within each college, and the response from all of you has been fantastic so far. I would urge all of you to get involved and represent your major or the industry you are currently in. Since the first day of rush, I can remember being told that Kappa Pi was a chapter dedicated to furthering the growth and development of its members' professional pursuits. I see this program as a great way to quantify that ideal and I hope that you will as well. Once every concentration has a representative we can then proceed to Phase Two, which involves nominating and electing each colleges' Mentor President. The final phase of implementation is Phase 3, which is the continued maintenance and growth of the program. I would love any feedback on the program and the plan to implement it. This program will only find success if undergraduates and alumni work together to help it grow. I would ask that all of you spread the word to other alumni and encourage them to get involved; I will continue to do the same. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

LTH,
Aidan Rattigan Kπ 648



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Housing Improvements



Side Yard Deck Design



Construction Photos



PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

The Kappa Pi chapter takes pride in the Pursuit of Excellence Program (PEP). When Seth and I were elected into our positions we made it a goal to exceed expectations we had in the past. Our chapter is one of the best in the country and it was time to change the stigma around this document and allow our chapter to be recognized at a national level. I'd like to credit Jack Robinson (former LC) for his strong officer transition to put our chapter in a great position to succeed. The different officers such as Philanthropy, Treasurer, L.E.A.D., Alumni Relations, Scholarship, Recruitment, Risk Reduction, Chaplain, Candidate Marshal, met multiple times to clearly articulate what was needed in the document and how to recover certain supporting documents from the former officers. Ultimately, the score of a 29/30 for the 2016-2017 PEP tied for best in the nation and has set our chapter up for the opportunity to earn rock chapter. Seth Callen did a brilliant job going above and beyond when it came to the supporting documents and communicating with our national consultant in times of confusion. Our chapter is educated on the 10 different sections of the document and have a general understanding of what is required and what nationals is looking for. The Kappa Pi chapter has high expectations for what is to come and I'm excited to contribute to the 2017-2018 document and set the next Executive board up for another fantastic score.

LTH,
Justin Boolotain Κπ 576

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Brothers, My name is Alex Feizbaksh and I am the housing chairman. We have plans to add various improvements to the chapter house this year and this past quarter we successfully accomplished one of the biggest. I worked with a local contractor in SLO to build a deck on the side of the chapter house. The total budget for the project was \$4,000, including labor and material. We saw a need to build the deck in this location because this side of the house, with such a large amount of square footage, was never fully utilized and was primarily used for storage and waste. I decided a deck would be a great addition to the chapter house because it added more lounging and hangout spots. We plan on buying some great outdoor furniture for the deck to complete the project. In addition to the deck, we are planning to build a smoker in front of the deck that will feature a barbecue and more outdoor seating. If you have any suggestions for more improvements to the house, I would love any feedback. Please feel free to reach out to the alumni housing chairman, and I will work with him to determine the feasibility of the suggestions we receive.

LTH,
Alex Feizbaksh Κπ 591

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Getting Involved

This past quarter was another strong showing of Kappa Pi's commitment to continue to excel with honor. Each undergraduate member has taken quantifiable steps in showing his dedication to the ideals of Sigma Nu. I would continue to encourage all of you to get involved. We are building a very strong foundation and need each brother of Sigma Nu, both undergrad and alumnus, to do his part and contribute to furthering the development of Kappa Pi.

LTH,
Aidan Rattigan
Kappa Pi 648



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