



# SIGMANU KAPPA PI

## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017



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### Kappa Pi Alumni,

My name is Seth J. Callen, the current Eminent Commander of Kappa Pi. This past year we have seen incredible growth and development in our chapter and amongst our members. Most notably are our achievements in academics, philanthropy, and on/off-campus involvement. Kappa Pi scored the highest GPA in IFC the past three quarters, with over 25% of our brothers making Dean's Lists each of those times. We were recognized for having the 2nd highest philanthropic donations amongst all IFC chapters, and have won Gamma Phi Beta's Flags for Frances, Alpha Phi's Alpha FIFA, Alpha Omicron Pi's Mr. Fraternity, and Alpha Chi Omega's SLO Bowl.



Additionally, I'd like to spotlight Brett Raffish on his individual involvement on/off campus. Brother Raffish was chosen to serve as a Humans Relations Commissioner for the City of San Luis Obispo and was just appointed ASI Chief of Staff. Raffish states why he has involved himself on/off campus, "I want to see that Cal Poly students are being properly represented and that every student's scholastic, academic, and collegiate life at Cal Poly is the greatest it possibly can be." Beyond the achievements our chapter and brothers have earned throughout the year, Kappa Pi has also had a very impactful Spring Quarter.

This Spring we have seen enormous improvement in our brotherhood. Much of this improvement came from the constant events we held each weekend, starting off with our annual spring brotherhood retreat at Bass Lake. During the retreat, we incorporated LEAD events along with other bonding activities that demonstrated the strengths we all have both independently, and as a team. At "Turn the Tables", our spring philanthropy, each sorority was invited to our chapter house to compete in a table painting competition with the proceeds benefiting Cal Poly SAFER, an advocacy, education and support resource for addressing sexual assault and misconduct. Kappa Pi also held its first Senior Week, consisting of events that congratulated and commemorated all graduating brothers on the work they've put into Sigma Nu and their collegiate careers. Put on by juniors Greg Hadley and Luke Brown, Senior Week was an overwhelming success and will be a tradition we plan to carry out in the future.

Lastly and with honor, I am proud to announce that Kappa Pi was voted "Best Fraternity on Campus" by PolyPicks for the 2nd year in a row! This award was published in Mustang News and it was shown to the San Luis Obispo community that Kappa Pi has stayed true to its mission of "Excelling with Honor". We couldn't be happier ending our year with this, and we look forward exceeding these high standards we've set next year! Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or input you may have.

With Love Truth and Honor,

Seth J. Callen

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### Chapter At-a-Glance

House Size:	140
House Size Rank:	1
Last Pledge Class:	Gamma Sigma
Last Pledge Class size:	10
Lowest Active Badge:	523
Highest Active Badge:	675
House GPA:	3.23 (Highest in IFC)



## PHILANTHROPY

This Spring has been one filled with philanthropy and service by the brothers of the Kappa Pi chapter of Sigma Nu at Cal Poly. First off, we hosted our third annual Turn the Tables Against Sexual Assault. In this philanthropy event, the brothers of Sigma Nu along with sororities and other organizations on campus come together to raise awareness against sexual assault. We do so in a fun, creative way by painting tables. This year, we raised about \$2000 for our new beneficiary, Safer, an organization here at Cal Poly that provides many different programs for and education about sexual assault.

Along with the big event that the brothers of Sigma Nu organized, we also had our share of participating in other chapters' philanthropies. We brought home trophies from several events including: Gamma Phi Beta's Flags for Frances, Alpha Phi's Alpha FIFA, Alpha Omicron Pi's Mr. Fraternity, and Alpha Chi Omega's SLO Bowl. Sigma Nu formed teams and supported many great causes and in winning these events will decide the charity we would like to donate to as a chapter.

Aside from major events, the brothers of Sigma Nu at Cal Poly strive to lead lives of service as well as meeting the high standards set by this fraternity. Throughout this busy Spring quarter, brothers have still made time to serve the school and the San Luis Obispo community by participating in campus/neighborhood cleanups, donating blood, volunteering at veterans' centers and shelters, and spending time at The Happy Cart Project, founded here at Cal Poly by one of our own brothers. As this quarter comes to a close and a large group of seniors are graduating, we look to continue to practice selfless service into next school year and beyond Cal Poly. Each member of Sigma Nu Fraternity holds himself to the highest standard in every aspect, especially when it comes to service and philanthropy.

LTH,  
Chris Kwasny  
Kappa Pi 639

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### Senior Week Photos

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## L.E.A.D.

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My name is Tucker Reed and I am the newly elected LEAD chairman. Upon my election, myself and the previous LEAD chairman, Stewart Hooks, sat down to formulate a game plan on how to best revamp our chapter's LEAD program. We concentrated on one central goal: continue to strengthen our chapter's brotherhood, and have LEAD play an integral role in this process.

The ways we went about achieving this goal were through more brotherhood centered events, primary amongst those being Family Olympics and various career building sessions. Family Olympics gave actives an opportunity to build greater unity within their families by having all the families within the chapter square off in a multitude of activities that tested strength, mental toughness, and pure skill. The events ranged from bowling to max lifts, such as bench and squat, to a video game tournament. Sapphire came out on top and won the event. Family Olympics allowed actives to bond and compete, and ultimately build a better brotherhood.

In addition to Family Olympics, actives furthered the strengthening of our brotherhood by hosting various career building sessions, which spanned a wide range of career orientated skills. Some of these events included, a resume workshop, a personal finance and investing session, and a building successful habits seminar. By allowing actives to host these events, they could bond with their brothers by giving their fellow actives great advice and ultimately displaying LTH to the fullest by furthering their brothers' success. Our overall goal was to further the development of our brotherhood and I believe that this past quarter allowed us to solidify a foundation on which we can continue to strengthen and build. I look forward to working closely with all actives and alumni to continue to help our chapter succeed by creating events that are geared toward developing leaders within our fraternity and beyond.

LTH,  
Tucker Reed  
Kappa Pi 620

## SENIOR WEEK

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The Kappa Pi chapter graduated close to 40 actives this past spring quarter. To accommodate such numbers, we decided to update our tradition of sending our brothers off. Last month, we hosted the first annual "Senior Week", which was facilitated by the elected Senior Week Chairmen. Events included a cruise around Morro Bay, a date dash to the Sycamore Hot Springs, a Little Bro Reversal day, a dinner at Ha-Ha Sushi, and a dodgeball tournament. The week was capped off with Sigmaritaville.

Senior Week was just another step that Kappa Pi has taken to foster the best brotherhood on campus. We believe the week was a huge success and look forward to continuing the tradition in the future. Kappa Pi will miss all of the brothers who are moving on. However, we will continue to uphold the legacy that they have helped build, and wish them all the best as they begin the next stage of their lives.

LTH,  
Greg Hadley  
Kappa Pi 587

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### White Rose 2017

"So the overall budget was about \$70,000. There was 82 actives who went, each with a date, so 164 people total. We had to budget and project costs early on to finalize the people. Then went after each item such as the hotel, bus service, and formal dinner to fit in our budget. This not only taught me budgeting but also collecting money from 82 different people and being up to date on payments for all of the services above. We set up deadlines for payments to help with this collection. This helped with learning to manage money, negotiation skills, and enhanced leadership skills learned beyond the classroom."

Alex Fiez  
Kappa Pi 591



## ALUMNI WEEKEND

This past Alumni Weekend went very well and we had a great turnout. The weekend kicked off on Friday night with a barbecue at the chapter house, where alumni and actives enjoyed sandwiches catered from High Street Deli and each other's company. After the event, some alumni and actives went downtown, while others attended our SnuLuLemon Party and everyone had a blast. The next day was our annual Alumni Golf Tournament at the beautiful Morro Bay Golf Course. An understandably late start kicked off the day, after the previous night's events left players a little worse for the wear. This was clearly reflected in the scores of the tournament, but ultimately one group was able to power through better than the rest and the team comprised of Matt Bailey, Jake Pacheco, Kolter Knapp, and David Minney, and Jack Carder came out on top. Regardless of the scores or quality of performance, the day was about bonding with friends new and old, which everyone did and it was great to see.

After the tournament, some members of the Exec Board and our Alumni President, Jason Lithopolous, went out to dinner to discuss ways in which we can continue to grow our brotherhood, not just at the active level, but throughout the entirety of the fraternity. The key points emphasized were to begin the alumni education process from the very beginning of the pledging process as to best ensure that actives are excited about becoming alumni and to ensure that there is a greater emphasis placed on the value that a vocal alumni base gives the chapter. The dinner was very successful and it put in motion a great plan to bring about accomplishing these goals. The weekend finished off on Sunday, with a light brunch of mimosas and donuts at the chapter house. Overall, the weekend went well and I am very excited for next year's Alumni Weekend as I have some new ideas after having the opportunity to coordinate this year's event. I would urge all of you that were unable to attend the event to really try and plan on attending next year. I look forward to seeing you all next year and thank you to everyone that attended this year and made it a wonderful weekend.

LTH,  
Aidan Rattigan Kπ 648

## MR. FRATERNITY 2017

Earlier in Spring Quarter, 1st year Daniel Klevit (Kappa Pi 652) took home the title of Alpha Omicron Pi's Mr. Fraternity for the third year in a row. Including a question, sport, and talent section, Daniel incorporated several brothers in his performance. His big finale, the Jingle Bell Rock dance from Mean Girls, brought down the house as he was accompanied by actives Thomas Weaver, Ben Garvey, and Kellen Araki. Daniel is excited that he is able to donate \$300 to a charity of his choice and is currently in discussions with Philanthropy Chair Christopher Kwasny.



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### Getting Involved

This past year was another dominant year for Kappa Pi. We created a lot of momentum going into next year and we are always looking to deepen our alumni base by getting more alumni participation in our events. If you are interested in speaking at rush or facilitating a LEAD event, we would love to have you and please feel free to reach to either myself or Seth. Thank you for all your help and support this year, and we look forward to another great year, starting next fall.

LTH,  
Aidan Rattigan  
Kappa Pi 648

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