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Esteemed alumni of Kappa Pi,

My name is Kyle McBerry and I recently came into the eminent commander position. In the face of adversity, the active chapter continued to thrive these past few quarters. We had one of the highest GPAs in IFC again, with 24 of our members making Dean's list. We also held our turn the tables philanthropy event, which on top of raising awareness for sexual assault, raised close to \$2,000. Lastly, we initiated the Gamma Upsilon pledge class, adding 13 deserving individuals to the chapter after a rigorous pledge process. As many of you probably know, the beginning of spring quarter was rough for all of greek life at Cal Poly. Due to the blackface incident and the ensuing media coverage, administration was forced to take action and place all of IFC and PHA on probation. Throughout this probation, members of all chapters were required to attend various events and workshops put on by the school, and all organizations were required to come up with a diversity education plan to implement next fall. Though this probation was initially met with frustration, we are now at the end of the quarter, putting us in a position to look back, reflect, and find the silver lining of it all. We believe that diversity and inclusivity is a large problem at Cal Poly that tends to be swept under the rug, however this situation forced a dialogue about it. Though the event that took place was atrocious, it brought these issues to the forefront, and we are beginning to see actual change enacted because of it. The Kappa Pi chapter remains optimistic, not only for the future of greek life, but for the well-being of our underrepresented students here on campus as well.



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"Stand Up for What's Right"

A letter to the brothers of the Sigma Nu Kappa Pi Chapter:

As many of you know, Cal Poly's Greek life had quite an unsettling and problematic year. From blackface to cultural appropriation, A LOT was exposed within our Greek Life and, ultimately, within Cal Poly as a whole. I'll just leave it at that.

Despite the challenging time our fraternity and community are going through, we, the gentlemen of Sigma Nu Kappa Pi, refuse to be idle. We refuse to be silent. The motto that we've unofficially adopted this year at our chapter meetings is, "stand up for what's right." It's simple. What's right, is right. And what's wrong, is wrong. It's everyone's responsibility to understand the difference between right and wrong. It's also everyone's job to praise those who are in the right, and reprimand those who are in the wrong. So with that said, here's what our chapter has done right and wrong this quarter.

RIGHT:

- Became "the first Cal Poly greek chapter to create a diversity chair position" (Mustang News).

<http://mustangnews.net/sigma-nu-becomes-first-cal-poly-greek-chapter-to-create-a-diversity-chair-position/>

- Purchased 20 Black Student Union t-shirts (\$300 worth) for our members to wear on campus, as a sign of solidarity and support.
- Released "A Message of Positivity" video to the public. Again, to show solidarity and support.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=cyiZQ9H_niA&feature=youtu.be

- Invited the Black Student Union and all cultural sororities to our annual Turn the Tables Against Sexual Assault Philanthropy.

Wrong:

- "Three of our members (...) displayed clear cultural misappropriation" at a "non-affiliated Sigma Nu event" (ΚΠ Eminent Commander).

<http://www.ksby.com/story/37981688/anotherincident-of-racial-profiling-cultural-appropriation-at-cal-poly-fraternity>

With Love, Truth, & Honor,
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Philanthropy

Hello, my name is DJ Alexander and I am Kappa Pi's newly elected Philanthropy chairman for the 2018/19 school year. This last year, our philanthropic involvement and impact was felt by many in the community. We started out the 2018 year with our annual event, Ducky Derby. This philanthropy brought our campus and nearby community together to support a great organization, Jack's Helping Hand. This San Luis Obispo organization supports families in the area that have children with cancer or special needs through financial assistance and other programs. We are extremely happy to have raised over \$8000 for Jack's Helping Hand this year. In addition, our chapter raised \$1000 for the Happy Cart Project through Why Give Week at Cal Poly. The Happy Cart Project is a non-profit organization that one of our members and former Eminent Commander, Seth Callen, founded in order to make and put together craft bags to send to children in hospitals so that they can do arts and crafts while receiving treatment. Our donation to Happy Cart went towards many supplies and craft bags that were delivered to nearby hospitals this year. More recently, our chapter got together to host our annual Turn the Tables Against Sexual Assault philanthropy, partnering with Safer, which is an on-campus organization that provides support, services, and resources for sexual assault victims and advocates and raises awareness against sexual assault here at Cal Poly. We were able to raise a total of \$1900 to donate to Safer as a step to help prevent sexual assault and aid survivors on our campus. Outside of philanthropy, our chapter is also making a difference in our community through service. This year we logged over 1,200 hours of community service, and counting. I am so excited to continue the tradition of Sigma Nu philanthropy and service this upcoming year. I look forward to increasing service hour counts for the gentlemen of Kappa Pi as well as making our positive philanthropic impact felt on our campus, in our nearby San Luis Obispo community, and around the nation.

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Chapter At-a-Glance

House Size:	131
Last Pledge Class:	Gamma Upsilon
Pledge Class Size:	13
Lowest Active Badge:	539
Highest Active Badge:	702
House GPA:	3.04



Alumni Involvement

Alumni,

This past quarter we hosted our annual Alumni Weekend and it was a fantastic time. We had representation from so many different pledge classes, both old and new. New friendships were made, and old ones were strengthened. On Friday night we hosted a barbecue at the chapter house, where we had G Brothers catered. Brothers had the opportunity to trade stories and bond with one another, over a tri-tip sandwich and a cold beer. After the barbecue, many brothers went downtown, and others mingled at the chapter house. The next morning, we were up bright and early for our annual golf tournament. We played at Morro Bay Golf Course and everyone had a great time hitting the links. Many brothers who did not play went wine tasting and others were still trying to recover from the night before. After the tournament, brothers reconvened at the chapter house and had a great time tossing die and hanging out. That night many brothers went downtown, and others stayed at the chapter house.

On Sunday morning, we all met up at the chapter house again to reflect on the weekend over a very nutritious breakfast of donuts, bagels, cinnamon rolls, croissants, and coffee. We all agreed that the weekend was a blast and we talked about ways to maximize attendance for future weekends, as we want all brothers to be able to have the same great time that we did.

Looking forward, if you have any ideas or suggestions on how to make alumni weekend the best that it can be we would love to hear them. Please feel free to reach out. In addition, we are still looking for mentors for the Alumni-Undergrad Networking System. This is something that we feel can be hugely beneficial for Kappa Pi and if you have any interest or questions, please reach out. Thank you brothers.

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