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PRESIDENT'S YEAR IN REVIEW

Frankie Gallagher
KΠ 715

My name is Frankie Gallagher and I am the current Eminent Commander of Kappa Pi. It has been a pleasure serving this chapter during my time as EC, and I look back on the past year with gratitude and pride at all that we have accomplished. This chapter not only survived the pandemic but thrived during it. We raised over \$9,000 with a virtual Ducky Derby, initiated 28 new members, and kept chapter morale high with frequent beer die tournaments, beach trips, and brotherhood events. The chapter also excelled in the classroom; we achieved a 3.31 GPA in Spring '21 and 3.34 GPA in the spring. We are hoping to maintain this momentum as we swap to an in-person school environment.

Now that the chapter is back in-person, morale is at an all-time high. Our dues collection rate is at 100% and chapter participation at various events such as rush, philanthropies, brotherhood events, and rituals is also very high. Our current Delta Gamma pledge class stands at 24 strong, and we are looking to cross the 800-brother milestone upon their initiation. Currently, our highest badge is KΠ 794. Founding Father John Fricks came and spoke at the Rush Smoker back in October and the chapter took this opportunity to learn more about the history of Kappa Pi. We brought back some aspects of the candidate process that have been lost over the years (such as The Hill and The Patch) and made efforts to further optimize and standardize our candidate process. We plan on having initiation at the Masonic Temple in Arroyo Grande on January 14; any and all alumni are welcome.

Our current LC Miles Conrad, our incoming LC Gavin Donovan, and I met with Alumni President Jason Lithopoulos in San Diego over the summer. We discussed the return to in-person operations and brainstormed areas of improvement for the chapter. One such area of improvement was the state of the Chapter House. In the coming months, we hope to establish a Housing Board with the alumni to discuss ways in which we can negotiate the terms of our lease with JDR, the property manager. As many of us know, this has been tried and failed in the past, but I am hopeful we can make some tangible steps forward and improve the state of our house. If you are interested in joining the board, please reach out to me.

With our current Alumni Board reaching the end of its tenure, I would like to thank them for the time they have spent helping the chapter reach its goals and full potential. I would like to personally thank Jason Lithopoulos for his investment in me and the time he has spent as Alumni President of our chapter. I look forward to Alumni Weekend next spring and hope to meet many of you in person. As for the undergrads, we look forward to passing the reins of leadership on to our next Executive Board. It has been an absolute honor and privilege serving as Commander of this chapter and I have very high hopes for the future of Kappa Pi.

LTH,

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LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI CHAIR CHAPTER OFFICERS & ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

**CHARLIE GALLAGHER
'19**

To the Valued Alumni of Kappa Pi,

My name is Charlie Gallagher and it is an honor and privilege to serve as the current Alumni Relations Chair for the Kappa Pi Chapter. As a fourth year in this fraternity I've seen the Kappa Pi chapter thrive through many unforeseeable circumstances. Upon graduating this spring, I can confidently say I couldn't be more hopeful for the future of this chapter. There's no denying that last year was both irregular and difficult as normal fraternity operations were limited, social events cancelled and broader in-person events postponed. With that being said, I am so proud of how our chapter has both responded and grown from these unexpected challenges.

Since being able to host in-person events, you'll be pleased to know the brothers of Kappa Pi have been maximizing opportunities to benefit the chapter and the immediate community. Just recently we raised over \$1000 and collected over 500 pounds of canned food at our Sigma Suds Car Wash. The donations collected will benefit 40 Prado CAPSLO, an organization dedicated to "helping local individuals and families improve their health and stability and ultimately move them towards self-sufficiency." Additionally, I am excited to announce there will be an Alumni Weekend over May 6th-8th, so mark your calendars. Be on the lookout for another email regarding the specifics of the weekend and an RSVP link. I hope many of you can make the weekend, I'm already looking forward to it.

Lastly, I want to thank our current alumni board. Each and every one of them has dedicated countless hours to the brothers of this chapter making sure we continue to excel and grow as a well-established fraternity. Special thanks to Jason Lithopoulos for going above and beyond by dedicating his time and wisdom to the benefit of both the current and graduated brothers of the Kappa Pi Chapter. I can speak for the rest of the chapter when I say we are eternally grateful for all your guidance and time.

LTH,

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IMPORTANT DATES

☐ **Fall Initiation**
January 14

☐ **Winter Rush**
January 18-25

☐ **Parents Weekend**
February 18-February 21

☐ **Ducky Derby**
Sunday, February 20

☐ **Winter Initiation**
April 8

☐ **Alumni Weekend**
May 6th-8th

☐ **White Rose**
May 27-May 30

☐ **Senior Week**
May 30- June 3

How You Can Support Kappa Pi



Survey Results

We recently completed a survey asking alumni for input relating to our Alumni Association, working with the undergraduates, and addressing our housing needs. Thank you to the 44 of you who completed the survey. Some results:

- **31** have said they will volunteer with the Alumni Association; **7** said they will serve on the Alumni Association Board; **14** are willing to help in planning events; and **12** are willing to help us locate missing information for alumni
- **13** are willing to advise the undergraduates
- **31** have said they will serve on a career panel and/or hold a 1 on 1 call with an undergraduate; additional **4** are willing to help plan a career networking event

Volunteer

Join other alumni on the Advisory Board, Alumni Association Board, or House Corporation Board!

Present on a Career Panel

Let us know if you are willing to sit on a career panel and/or offer advice to undergraduates. For more information, please email matt.noble@fmgucson.com

Recruitment Recommendations

Provide a recruitment recommendation to Joe Savarese at joe.savarese@gmail.com or Matt Kennedy at matthewkennedy22@gmail.com. You can also fill out this recruitment recommendation form: <https://cpsigmanu.com/recruitment-recommendation>

One-Time or Recurring Gift

Please consider a one-time or recurring gift. You can give online here: <https://cpsigmanu.com/donate-now>

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Thank you to those of you who have already agreed to volunteer. We will be hosting a video call in January with all who showed interest. If you would like to join the call but did not fill out the survey, please email Jason Lithopoulos at jason.lithopoulos@gmail.com.

MEET THE KAPPA PI EXECUTIVE BOARD



Lieutenant Commander- KP 720 Miles Conrad '19

My name is Miles Conrad, I am a fourth year Civil Engineering major. I ran for Kappa Pi's Lieutenant Commander position because I have always been drawn to leadership positions and making a positive impact whenever I can. As a sophomore I got involved as a co-fall rush chair. That experience was very valuable and pushed me to take my drive to better this fraternity even further. I am

proud to represent Sigma Nu and push this chapter and its brothers further than before. Past my college life, I look forward to continuing my fraternal connection with alumni in the working world.



Treasurer - KP 777 Andrew Frohling '21

Andrew Frohling is currently serving as Kappa Pi's Treasurer. He is a second year Business Administration student and plans on concentrating in Real Estate Finance. Along with the many lifelong friendships he has made, one of Andrew's favorite parts of Sigma Nu is the opportunity to gain real world experience in accounting and finance. He is looking forward to leading the chapter to a strong, fiscally sound year.



Recorder, KP 764 Dimitri Kapetan '20

My name is Dimitri Kapetan, I am a third year agriculture business major and the Recorder for our chapter. I love Sigma Nu mainly because of all of the different gentlemen. Each person in the chapter is unique yet somehow we all come together and work in unison.



LEAD Chair - KP 748 Garret Billhofer '20

Garret Billhofer is currently a third year business student concentrating in Finance with two minors: Real property development and statistics. As the LEAD chair he has enjoyed facilitating meetings for the brothers of Kappa Pi and feels great pride when the men gain valuable information from them. On a larger note, he has loved every day of being a part of Sigma Nu and came out in the first place for the brotherhood, network, and support. This chapter has given him all of this and more, and he has made connections that he will cherish for life and cannot put a value on that.



Risk Reduction Chair- KP 755 Gavin Donovan '20

Gavin is a junior and studies Forestry and Natural Resources hoping to become a firefighter after graduating from Cal Poly. Gavin chose to run for this position because of his passion for the safety of our members, as well as upholding Sigma Nu's high reputation with the school and community. He is grateful for the leadership experience Risk

Reduction has given him and looks forward to being the next Lieutenant Commander of Kappa Pi.



Eminent Commander- KP 715 Frankie Gallagher '19

My name is Frankie Gallagher and I am the current Eminent Commander. I am a fourth year Business Administration student with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Statistics. As I look back on my time as Commander, I am eager to begin the transition process and usher in the next wave of

leadership for Kappa Pi. I could not be more grateful for the experiences I have gained while being a brother of Kappa Pi.



Housing Chair, KP 738 Trevar Bambanian '20

My name is Trevar Bambanian and I am the Housing Chair and Candidate Marshal for Kappa Pi. I am currently a second year Business student pursuing a concentration in entrepreneurship. I chose to become a part of the brotherhood of Sigma Nu because of what the organization stands for, the great connections, and of course, the brothers of the Kappa Pi Chapter.



Philanthropy Chair, KP 764 Calvin Henninger '20

I'm Calvin Henninger, a junior business finance major from Seattle, Washington. Sigma Nu has brought me my closest friends and helped me grow professionally. When I have free time, I enjoy golfing with my friends. Within Sigma Nu, I am this year's Philanthropy Chair which has been phenomenal experience.



Chaplain- KP 731 Ret Torkelson '19

Robert Torkelson currently serves as Chaplain of the Kappa Pi chapter. Robert is a fourth year Agricultural Science major from Napa, California. He is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys hunting and fishing. Sigma Nu has brought him a diverse group of brothers that he enjoys planning events for. Set to graduate in the Spring, he is excited to stay connected and see how

the younger generation of Kappa Pi will grow the brotherhood.



Alumni Relations- KP 718 Charlie Gallagher '19

Charlie Gallagher is currently serving as Kappa Pi's Alumni Chair. He is a fourth year Business Administration student concentrating in Information Systems. He's really enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and connect with a lot of alumni this past quarter. He's enjoyed spending time with younger and older guys in the fraternity whether it be playing golf, surfing, or just watching football on a Sunday. He's very hopeful for the future of this fraternity and couldn't be prouder to be a Sigma Nu of the Kappa Pi chapter.



Social Chair, KP 730 Chase Nelson

Chase Nelson is Kappa Pi's Social Chair. Chase is a fourth year at Cal Poly, majoring in Agricultural Business. Chase chose to run for the social position in hopes to provide a safe and inclusive atmosphere for all attendees at our social events. This position has given Chase the opportunity to develop various leadership skills while engaging with members and other organizations alike.

SIGMA NU GALLERY





Andrew “Average” Vawter ‘18

Initiation Year: 2014
Graduation Year: 2018
Major: MBA - Finance
Hometown: Danville, CA
Employer & Title: Merrill Lynch Investment Advisor

Andrew Vawter, Kappa Pi 578, graduated from Cal Poly 2018 and spent an extra year in San Luis Obispo to procure his Masters in Business Administration. Born and raised in Danville, Andrew now lives in San Francisco where he works for Merrill Lynch as an Investment Advisor. During his time in the Kappa Pi chapter, Vawter was very active as he held a four-year term as the Intramural Chair. Andrew describes the five years he spent in SLO as “the best years of my life- it is where I met many of my best friends and where I transitioned into adulthood.” Much of that appreciation for those five years can be accredited to his time spent as a brother of Kappa Pi Chapter.

Looking back on the time Andrew spent in SLO, he recognizes the valuable skills and confidence he gained as a brother in Sigma Nu. Andrew states, “Much of my postgraduate success can be attributed to the growth I received as a result of going to Cal Poly and being a member of Sigma Nu. The Kappa Pi chapter consistently creates men who are ethical and driven. I am so grateful to have joined a diverse community of such amazing and driven people that continue to make me a better person every day.” I think many, if not all, of us can agree that the time spent as a brother of Sigma Nu equipped us with the confidence and capabilities to be successful in postgraduate life.

Andrew’s advice for the undergrads of the Kappi Chapter is to, *“take advantage of every opportunity you have to meet people, make connections, and make memories that’ll last a lifetime. Get involved wherever and whenever you can. The connections you make in college will pay dividends in the real world. You have all the tools at your disposal right now to become the best version of yourself and set yourself up for success post graduation.”*



John Fricks ‘87

Initiation Year: 1985
Graduation Year: 1987
Pledge Class: None (Founding Father)
Badge No.: 6
Major: Computer Science
Resides: San Luis Obispo since 1998 (originally from Fair Oaks)
Job: Civil Attorney at Ogden & Fricks LLP Agribusiness West Leader

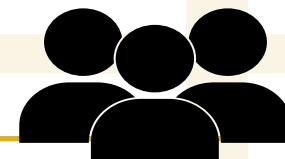
Earlier this academic year, Alumni Chair Charlie Gallagher (ΚΠ 718) had a phone call with Founding Father John Fricks (ΚΠ 6). Charlie took this opportunity to not only learn more about John, but to get a better understanding of John’s experiences as a member of Kappa Pi.

Originally from Fair Oaks, John now lives in San Luis Obispo with his girlfriend and two kids Mark and Katie. After graduating from Cal Poly in 1987, John pursued a degree in law at Boston University Law School. He now utilizes both his degree from Cal Poly and Boston University in his current role at his own Business Law Firm, Ogden & Fricks LLP. The successful firm continues to offer the most cost-effective, high quality legal representation on the Central Coast and, on behalf of the current brothers of the Kappa Pi Chapter, we couldn’t be more lucky to have him close by.

Rewinding back to John’s college days, he has quite an impressive resume. During his time at Cal Poly SLO, John played on the Cal Poly Soccer team while studying Computer Science. As his interests broadened John found himself juggling a demanding major, an intercollegiate sport, and an up-and-coming fraternity. His grades began to slip and John was forced to make a decision. With a tough choice in front of him, he ended up quitting the team midseason. Looking back on it, John describes this as “both the best and easiest decision of my life.”

As for advice for the younger brothers, Fricks wrote: *“Let LTH (Love, Truth and Honor) guide you. Respect and support your brothers, other fraternities, women and be sure to engage in hands-on Philanthropy projects together. Understand that the quality of the brotherhood and the chapter can wax and wane. Decide how you want to experience and remember your time as stewards of Kappa Pi and what you want your fraternal legacy to be both individually and as a group. Then get to work.”*

Company



PROFILE



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The list of accolades that RSM has received in the past year alone are over a page long, but some on the list include Forbes 2021 Best Companies to Work For, WayUp’s Top 100 Internship Programs, and Forbes 2021 America’s Best Tax and Accounting Firms. A large part of the reason RSM is so highly celebrated comes from their core values – a commitment to Culture, Diversity, and Inclusion, supporting local communities and stewardship, and a duty to being the first-choice advisors to our clients.

RSM also sponsors a PGA Tour event — the RSM Classic — and has done so annually since 2010. The event, which happens every year from November 18th – November 21st, is tied to RSM’s Birdies Fore Love (BFL) program, which donates money to the Davis Love Foundation. The Davis Love Foundation helps build a better future for children and their families who are at risk of poor educational, economic, social, and health outcomes. This year (before the proceeds from the tournament) RSM was able to donate \$4.8 million in hopes to build a better tomorrow. There are plenty of job and internship opportunities for college grads or current college students. If you’re looking for a great way to start your career, please feel free to reach out to me (Brian Moorhouse – brianmoor98@gmail.com) or you can learn more at the link below:

<https://rsmus.com/careers.html>

Some alumni who work here:

Brian Moorhouse ΚΠ 712
 Cole Nofsinger ΚΠ 682
 Preston Stebel ΚΠ 649

Dean Douglas ΚΠ 671
 Chris Kwasny ΚΠ 639

Casey Hawkinson ΚΠ 622
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Join the Kappa Pi Career Network

Kappa Pi is developing a new career network for alumni and undergraduates to participate in. Here is how you can help:

- 1) Join Kappa Pi, Sigma Nu Chapter – Cal Poly on LinkedIn where we can provide career opportunities and advice.
- 2) Let us know if you are willing to take a call from another alumnus or undergraduate regarding your career field.
- 3) Tell us if you are willing to sit on a career panel at the Chapter House in the fall or spring each.

Contact Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgtucson.com or 520-990-3250 if you are interested.

ALUMNI!

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING!

Please send us your news and/or photos to mattnoble@fmgtucson.com so we can share with everyone. Also, take the time to update all of your contact information here: cpsigmanu.com/alumni-update-profile

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Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1801392/>

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