



THE CAL BETA BETA JOURNEY

CALIFORNIA BETA BETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON • FALL 2012

YOU CAN STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE Consider Your Commitment to SigEp Today

Every dollar raised today means we can allocate that much more to our brothers tomorrow. Your loyal support of our chapter provides inspiration and opportunities to future Cal Beta Beta brothers. This support includes our *Journey Beyond a Decade* campaign, which launched in 2011 and is assisting brothers with their leadership education and scholarship needs.

HOW YOU'VE HELPED

So far, 10 undergraduate brothers have directly benefited from your generous financial contributions:

- Six brothers attended officer training at the Carlson Leadership Academy in Irvine, California.
- Chaplain **Nick Collins '14** attended the Ruck Leadership Institute in Richmond, Virginia.
- We've matched three merit-based internal scholarships to deserving brothers **Ian Mahaney '13**, **Jeremy Leon '13**, and **Spencer Montoya '15**.

Whether you've donated your time or money, you've already made a big impact. However, we are counting on you to reach our \$25,000 campaign goal.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is fortunate to have the fraternity world's preeminent leadership development programming including our award-winning leadership continuum. Your contributions to the campaign allow us to fund more opportunities for our brothers, which will facilitate the growth of our chapter. Please help us reach our *Journey Beyond a Decade* campaign goal by visiting our new website at www.usdsigep.org and clicking on the donate button today! By donating you will automatically enter into a chance to win two tickets to next year's Homecoming tailgate and SigEp-only alumni event, valued at \$200.

Fraternally,
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Thank You, Loyal Donors

We would like to extend our gratitude to the 17 brothers who have contributed to our *Journey Beyond a Decade* campaign. Because of their support, we have raised \$8,759 to assist our brothers with their leadership, education, and scholarship needs. We still need your help to reach our goal of \$25,000. In the spirit of our November 1, 1901 founding, please consider making a monthly contribution of \$19.01 today to secure California Beta Beta's prosperity tomorrow. Thank you!

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CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE As of December 6, 2012

\$8,879
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17
Contributors

A Life-Changing Experience

Nick Collins '14 Attends Ruck Leadership Institute

Thanks to contributions from our loyal alumni, **Nick Collins '14** was able to attend the Ruck Leadership Institute at the University of Richmond in Virginia this summer—the birthplace of the SigEp fraternity. The intense, five-day event for SigEp's top leaders focused on personal leadership skills and the fraternity's Balanced Man ideals.

During the event, Nick engaged in discussion with prominent SigEp alumni, including our own **Ryan Jacobsen '00**, and participated in Sound Body events like the high ropes course. "It was truly one of my most life-changing experiences," Nick said. "It was really inspiring to see so many leaders from across the country and see how they impact their own chapters."

Cal Beta Beta has always had a strong presence at Ruck, and Nick joins an elite list of attendees stretching back to our chapter's founding fathers. "I am truly grateful to have been selected for this distinguished honor. But more than that, I am excited to bring my experiences back to the chapter."

Nick served as chaplain last year and was recently elected as president of the chapter. Join us in congratulating him on this honor. He truly embodies Ruck's mission statement of "teaching the few to impact the many."

Nick was recently awarded the 2012 Thomas O. Hicks Scholarship by the SigEp Educational Foundation for his scholastic achievement. Nick is one of six recipients in the nation.



Matthew Schneider, Thiel College '13, Nick Collins '14, and Bret Kurtz, Quinnipiac University '14 at the Ruck Leadership Institute in Richmond, Virginia, this summer.

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Save the Date Charter Anniversary

Join us May 3-4, 2013, for our charter anniversary weekend as we celebrate 12 years of Sigma Phi Epsilon at the University of San Diego. Be on the lookout for more details this spring.

Alumni and Undergraduates Participate in Homecoming Festivities

Cal Beta Beta welcomed several alumni and guests during USD's Homecoming and Family Weekend in October. Attendees participated in Homecoming events, played games at SigEp's Homecoming booth, cheered on the USD Torero football team as they beat Campbell University 44-0, and enjoyed dinner at Filippi's Pizza Grotto hosted by Cal Beta Beta.

Founding brothers **Rasheed Behrooznia '02**, **Ryan Jacobsen '00**, and **Chad Corriveau '01** met with recent alumni and undergraduates **Amaris Jones-Wiggins '11**, **Eddie Havrilla '14**, and **Nick Collins '14** for a fun-filled weekend. **Brandon Stanislawski '07**, **Christopher Dru '07**, and **Stephen Britt '07** were in attendance for their five-year reunion.

We would like to extend a special thanks to **Jared Hamilton '12** for organizing our Homecoming event this year and to all the brothers who were able to attend. We hope to see you at next year's event.

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Brothers reunite at the Homecoming tailgate.



Alumni and friends enjoy dinner at Filippi's Pizza Grotto during Homecoming weekend.

Stay Connected with Cal Beta Beta

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Visit our new chapter website at www.usdsigep.org to find undergraduate and alumnus updates, download alumni newsletters, and donate to our *Journey Beyond a Decade* campaign.

JOIN SOCIAL MEDIA

Cal Beta Beta is launching a Facebook page to help reconnect our alumni. Join the Cal Beta Beta alumni group at www.facebook.com/groups/SPE.CABB or by following the link on the chapter website.



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Brandon Stanislawski '07 Reflects on SigEp Experience Five Years Out of College

It seems like just yesterday that **Brandon Stanislawski '07** was enjoying life on the beach with his fraternity brothers. "The past five years happened so fast. 2007 just doesn't seem that long ago. It's weird to think I've been working for five years," he said.

As a transfer student at the University of San Diego, Brandon was looking for a place to fit in and establish lifelong friendships. Cal Beta Beta turned out to be just what he was looking for, and the friendships he made have endured since graduation. "Someone can call me up and it will be just like we hung out yesterday, even if we haven't seen each other for a couple of years," he said.

"There's a group of five or six guys that I see once in a while. We try to do Vegas every couple years but it gets tough with our different schedules and commitments."

Despite their hectic schedules, Brandon and several of his brothers were able to reunite at Homecoming this fall. "It was a lot of fun! I go every year, but this was special because it was my five-year reunion. It was great to see my brothers again and catch up. We went to the bar we all used to go to during college on Friday night, attended the Homecoming

game and picnic on Saturday, and 10 to 15 of us went to an alumni dinner on Saturday night."

Brandon graduated in 2007 with a degree in urban studies and history. He also received his paralegal certificate through the law school. As a legal administrative assistant at FremantleMedia, he works with entertainment shows like *American Idol*, *America's Got Talent*, and *The X Factor* to collect and review contestants' paperwork and mediate any medical, criminal, or litigation issues that may arise.



He appreciates the experiences he gained from his time at Cal Beta Beta and has applied what he learned to his career. "Learning how to problem-solve and deal with a lot of personalities is really important, especially in a fraternity. In the real world, you have to get along with your co-workers and others, so learning that early on is helpful."

Brandon's final message to undergraduates is to "get involved, even if you don't know exactly what you want to do after college. Just take that first step." Brandon resides in Santa Monica, California, and can be reached at brandon.stanislawski@gmail.com.

Cal Beta Beta Executes Most Successful Recruitment in the Region

CHAPTER ADDS 12 MEMBERS

California Beta Beta is excited to announce that we had our highest acceptance rate of bids during fall recruitment this year. Led by an outstanding team, we recruited 12 men out of 13 bids given. This is the most in our region for deferred recruitment—a great accomplishment for our chapter symbolizing the tenacity, drive, and progress we've made.

BUILDING SORORITY RELATIONS

This fall we participated in creative social events

to improve our sorority relations. We hosted a drive-in movie, sushi night, and a barbecue with the new sorority on campus, Kappa Delta. We also planned a kickball philanthropy tournament. It has been a fun-filled semester and we are expecting some great awards at the end of this year.

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