

April 2026



Sigma Chi

FRESNO ALUMNI CHAPTER

SIG-NIFICANT NEWS

FEATURED

FINAL SPRING ALUMNI EVENT

MAY 21, 2026 - SEE ARTICLE BELOW

**SUPPORT OUR EPSILON ETA
HOUSE REPAIRS**

DONATE TODAY! - SEE ARTICLE BELOW

SAN DIEGO SIGS ROCK!

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ALL HONOR TO THEIR NAME

JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

Rollin L. Winslow (61-F) March 18, 2026

SEE LISTING BELOW

SIG NEWS

**SIGNIFICANT SIG MIKE GALLO (70-F) FEATURED IN
DAIRY FOODS MAGAZINE**

(Send any Sig news to fresnosigs1952@gmail.com)

PAST ARTICLES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

VETERANS MEMORIAL TREE 1954 ALUMNI

**SIGNIFICANT SIG BILL SMITTCAMP (73-S)
RETIRES AS BANK DIRECTOR**

SEE ARTICLES BELOW

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/events>

ANNUAL DUES/DONATIONS

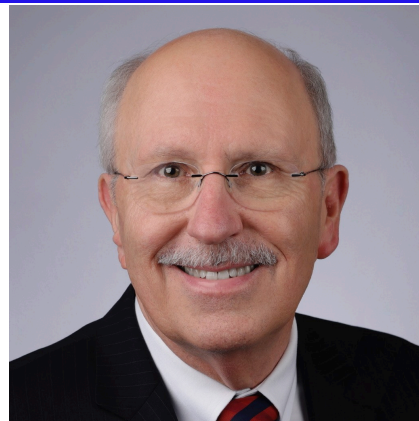
July 1 2025 to June 30, 2026 – Annual \$60.00

See listing below

www.fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership

President's Message

Contributed by Brad Fischer (78-S)



Worthy Brothers:

Our final alumni chapter dinner & networking event will be on May 21, 2026. We will feature the Dean of the Craig School of Business at Fresno State. Julie Olson-Buchanan was appointed to that role in May of 2021. The first women appointed to that role. She will provide an update on the school and the university.

We send our prayers to the family of Joyce Sant'Agata. She passed away on April 18, 2026. Joyce was the spouse of Order of Constantine **Charles "Chuck" Sant'Agata** (56-S) Chapter Eternal 2022.

The demand for Certified Ritual Coaches is at peak need by headquarters. This is especially true for the Epsilon Eta Chapter. They need significant help. If this is something that interests you reach out to me to discuss.

We say, "I am a Sigma Chi" not that I was a Sigma Chi. Let me continue to challenge you to take each day to show the world that we do more than other men in our community, family and friends. Our Jordan Standard outlasts all others in the Greek community. Bidding you Godspeed my brothers!

Friendship, Justice, and Learning

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Brad

Brad S. Fischer (78-S)
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"We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to welcome new brothers into our order as never before. What we offer has new resonance at a time when people are tired of Zoom calls and online classes. Let's find the

next generation of Sigma Chi and re-engage more of our alumni"
Seventy-second Grand Consul Tim Sanderson, WESTERN 1985

www.sigmachi.org/history



Joyce Sant'Agata
May 26, 1942 – April 18, 2026
Recitation of The Rosary & Funeral Mass 9:30 AM
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
[**Details Here**](#)

HOUSING CORPORATION ARTICLE

Contributed by John Ballinger (65-S)

One month and counting! The spring semester is almost over. Classes end near May 15, 2026. We have 15 active

brothers graduating and this his will certainly put a dent into their total active chapter roster.

Spring move out notices will take us down to only 10 brothers living in this summer. That may force us to consider the expense of keeping the house open this summer. Discussions continue with the active chapter regarding their responsibilities for maintain numbers in the house.

Our fundraising efforts to “**RESTORE THE HOUSE**” also continue! Our “flagship” is in dire need of major repairs. We have only raised \$18,250 to date. We can no longer delay replacing the front bay windows, portions of our front pillars, and a large amount of wood rot.

Work will begin at the end of the spring semester, with repairs and replacements continuing as far as donated funds allow. Thanks to all who have contributed to this project! **Here is how you can help!**

Donations can be made to the **Sigma Chi Fraternity Housing Corporation** at:

<https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/donation>

You can mail checks to Fresno Sigma Chi House Corp at PO BOX 25723, Fresno CA. 93729.

Also, our Venmo account is: @SigmaChi-HousingCorp

In Hoc,

John Ballinger ('65 S)
House Corporation President

***2025-2026 DUES &
DONATIONS***

Contributed by Mark Scott (69-F)

*Dues are **\$60.00** and donations for 07/01/25 to 06/30/26 are being accepted.*

Online payments can be accepted today:

[Click Here for Membership Information](#)

Checks payable to the Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter of Fresno can be mailed to PO Box 7803, Fresno, CA 93747-7803.

Note: Dues Appeal Form for 2025-2026 is now available:

[Download 2025-2026 Dues Appeal Form Here](#)

Note: This chart shows the names of all Brothers who have paid dues received during the last 12 months, as of April 20, 2026.

1950's

*Jerry Bender, Bob Buckenberger, Butch Charlebois, **Tony Flores*****, **Jim Green*****, Rodger Jensen***, Byron Justus, Joe Monachello, Homer Potts, Rich Rose, Dante Simi***, *Frank Small**, Ron Weiner, **Leo Wilson*@** & Norm Winslow.*

1960's

*John Ballinger***@, Dave Barnes, *Greg Baxter*, Don Beauregard, Tom Beggs, Dale Blickenstaff, *Richard Bratz*, Lindsay Brehm, Marv Broderson***@, Larry Calvino*@, *Joe Chappell*, Steve Crawford, Rob Crossland, Larry Dorsey*, **Tom Downing*****, Pete Eliopulos, Michael Elliott**@, Elwood Enns, John Garcia, *Richard Harris*, Greg Johnson, **Colin Kelly*****,*

Bob Koligian*, *Ron LaRocca*, Jeff Linder,
*John Marinovich**@*, Bill Matesso, Fred McPherson,
Ed Musolff**@, Ron Nelson, Jim Norquist,
Dan O'Brien, ***Mike Patton***@***, Wes Qualls**@,
Gary Renner, Art Renney@, ***Dave Reuland***,
Don Ruiz@, Dennis Schmal***@, Mark Scott***@,
Brian Stout***@, Jack Tacchino, James Tatum,
James Underhill, ***Tim Vaux***@***, Jerry Waters***
& Don Witzansky.

1970's

David Arakelian***, *Dick Arakelian*, Bill Arnold***,
Steve Bachand, Amos Bagdasarian, Bruce Berger,
Norm Bishop, Peter Britton, *Mike Chin*,
Gerald Chooljian, Mike Chooljian, Steve Coleman,
Mike Crowley**@, Kenny Duncan, Richard Egan***,
Bruce Ekmanian, Ken Esraelian*, ***Brad Fischer******,
Jon Gallinetti***, Bob Garavello, Rod Gavroian,
Tony Guerriero*, Doug Haas, Rob Hauser,
Wade Hedrick, *Marv Helon**@*, Darryl Horowitt,
*Jim Hutton**, Kenny Jelacich**, *Rich Klopstein*,
Larry Johnson, Tom Kusaka, Tom Licouris,
Mitch Long, *Michael Lynch**, *George Matoian*,
Dana McManus, *Robert Morrow*, *George Neves*,
Larry Paris, Paul Porter***@, Bruce Quan,
Bill Robinson, Mark Sanchez***, Jim Sandrini,
Glenn Scott, ***Bill Smittcamp******, Larry Spikes,
Kyle Stephenson, Mark Talens, Bob Teague,
Serge Tomassian, Gary Trembley**, Walt Trembley,
Bill Van Skike, Chris Visser***, Steve Vucovich,
Kirk Wethey, Kevin Wren, Richard Wright
& Wayne Yamagiwa.

1980's

Joel Armstrong, Mike Falgo, Barry Foley,
Randy Garabedian*, T.A. Heckel, John Hughes,
Frank Huttlinger (San Diego St.), Sergio Ilic,
Marc Jason, Justin Kempton, Jeff Little, James
McCorkle, Bill Miller, Chris Morse, Mike Price,
Mike Riggs, Matthew Rowan, Mike Rush,
Doug Sampson, Matthew Simonian, *Steve Smith*
& Kraig Thomas.

1990's

Rob Bell, Brandon Cohrs, Kenneth Eynaud,
David Folly, Marc Forth, Donny Gill, *Nathan Labiak*,
Davindar Mahil, Sam Mann, James McCann,
Robert Paley & Preet Purewal.

2000's

Chad Calhoun, *Aaron Encinias*, Joe Hart,
Matt Helon & *Mike Sandrini*.

2010's

Mike Colgate, Christian DeFendis,
Zachary Gavroian, Dusty Lacefield, Scott Moore
& Samuel Slosman.

Welcome our one-year complimentary membership,
Fresno State Class of 2025 – Eric Barrera, Caleb
Gretlein, Jordan Martinez, Anthony Reynoso, Andy
Stewart, Austin Tuell, William Ventura-Hernandez.

Order of Constantine, Significant Sig, Headquarters Award

Consuls who served Epsilon Eta

*** Plus \$0-\$50, donation Alumni Chapter**

****Plus \$51 -\$150 donation Alumni Chapter**

SIGS IN THE NEWS

Significant Sig Mike Gallo (70-F) is featured in a video, *The Cheesemaking Legacy of Joseph Gallo Farms* on Dairy Foods Magazine website.

[Click Here for Details](#)

SAVE THE DATE

2026 Alumni Chapter Dinner Events

Old Spaghetti Factory, Fresno

No-host cocktails followed by dinner.

RSVP:

fresnosigs1952@gmail.com

or text (559) 287-1392

Thursday, May 21, 2026

6:00 PM PT – Alumni Chapter Dinner Event

Old Spaghetti Factory, Fresno

Guest Speaker:

Julie Olson Buchanan, Dean

Craig School of Business, Fresno State

Thursday, August 20, 2026

6:00 PM PT – Alumni Chapter Dinner Event

Old Spaghetti Factory, Fresno

Visit our events calendar for other upcoming activities:

<https://www.fresnosigsalumni.org/events>

SAN DIEGO STATE SIGS ROCK

Contributed by Ron LaRocca (61-F)

The Grammy Award-winning band, Train, performed a private concert at the Sigma Chi fraternity house at San Diego State University (SDSU) on Friday, March 27, 2026. The event was a collaborative "frat show" hosted by the SDSU Sigma Chi (Delta Xi chapter) and Alpha Sigma Phi fraternities. The performance served as the official 25th Anniversary Album Release Party for Train's triple-platinum album, Drops of Jupiter.

Lead singer Pat Monahan and the band performed several hits, including a notable house-wide sing-along to "Hey, Soul Sister."

The concert was part of a larger week of events for Sigma Chi's Derby Days, a philanthropy initiative that raises funds for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.



ALL HONOR TO THEIR NAME

07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

*ROBERT "BOB" CARSTENS (57-F) December 15,
2024

TED M POLLARD (58-F) 2025 Date unknown

ED SOWERS (61-F) December 23, 2025

DENNIS SHAVES (62-F) June 15, 2025

WILLIAM C. (BILL) DONAGHY (60-F) June 17, 2025

JIM NASH (54-F) July 3, 2025

BUCK LEVIS (60-F) August 3, 2025

JOHN TULLY (96-S) Delta Xi Chapter - July 27, 2025

GARY HICKOK (71-F) November 22, 2025

ZETH THORNING II (65-F) May 5, 2024

DARRELL VOTH (68-S) February 18, 2026

(*) ROLLIN L WINSLOW (61-F) March 18, 2026

(*) Notes those added this month.

Names underlined are links to obituaries on memorial sites



WHITE ROSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND:
PAYABLE TO THE FRESNO STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2625 E MATOIAN WAY M/S SH124
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VETERANS MEMORIAL TREE AT FRESNO STATE



Just southeast of the Memorial Fountain at Fresno State you will find a tree with a memorial plate that reads: IN MEMORY OF THE F.S.C. VETERANS OF ALL WARS SIGMA CHI ALUMNI 1954.

This area is known as the Memorial Court. Many trees have similar memorial signs and there are two rows of annual class cement benches.

SUPPORT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Those who missed the March Alumni Dinner event, missed an all-star program. We featured Women's Basketball Head Coach Ryan McCarthy and Assistant Coach Jenna McCarthy. The McCarthy's married in 2019 and have two young children, Donovan and Aurora.



Thank you to **Larry Spikes** (75-F) for arranging our coaches to join us! Brother Spikes serves as President of the Bulldog Foundation.

It was an overwhelming engagement by the brotherhood of the impressive two coaches. **Mark Scott** (69-S) challenged those of us to purchase season tickets. Let him know if you would like to do the same and the Sigma Chi's can sit together.

Those in attendance suggested a concentrated support for the program. Send your donation for Women's Basketball to your alumni chapter or make a direct donation to the program through the Bulldog Foundation Valley Co-Op site:

<https://www.bulldogfoundation.org/valleyco>

For those alumni chapter donations, we will find a way to make an appearance to present the funds we

receive.

Making history, the coaches were presented with our centennial medallions. The first Women's basketball coach and husband and wife team to receive this honor.



Left to right. Jenna McCarthy, Ryan McCarthy & Brad S Fischer

SIGS IN THE NEWS

On February 20, 2026, Significant Sig Bill Smittcamp (73-S) has announced his retirement effective March 31. Brother Smittcamp joined the board during the bank's early days and worked with most of its original founders and all four CEO's. Over his 39 years, he provided continuity and institutional knowledge while supporting the company's community banking mission, according to the news release.



Bill Smittcamp (left) and former Central Valley Community Bank (now known as Community West Bank) CEO James Ford, accepting the 2020 Family Owned Business Award on behalf of Wawona Frozen Foods.

MORE FEEDBACK ABOUT PAST CONSUL ED SOWERS

After reading about Ed Sowers entering the Chapter Eternal, Brother Brian Stout (63-S) sent this note:

“Ed and I were in Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training and OCS together. When we were in AIT in Virginia it was over the holiday season. Cold, windy 10-foot ice hanging from the roofs. We were given a 10-day pass, had little money but lots of thoughts. Ed had some family in Shrewsbury Mass. We purchased a 1958 Buick, bought 2 cases of oil, and headed off to visit. Spent one night in New York at a EX house (no, I do not remember) and moved on to Shrewsbury. We had Christmas dinner and stayed a couple of days, then back to Virginia. Somehow, we made it, sold the car, and were out 2 cases of oil and fuel. was quite an adventure. Was sorry to hear he has moved on, ALL HONOR TO HIS NAME.” In Hoc Brian



L-R Brian Stout, Marv Broderson - August 1968

PROTECTING THE HISTORY OF EPSILON ETA

***By Order of Constantine & Significant Sig
Brad S. Fischer (78-S)***

Sigma Chi continues to have the most extensive collection of materials at the Fresno State Library Special Collections Department. What are you doing to save material from Epsilon Eta? Here are some ideas while you hold the items until you are ready to save them in perpetuity at the library.

Items can include, photographs, invitations, programs, clothing, jewelry, award certificates,

trophy's, scrapbooks, etc.

Keep materials in a dry and temperature-controlled environment

Avoid folding any materials

Write the names of people featured in photographs on the back using a #2 pencil

Write an explanation of people, events, places, etc. to accompany your items

Place like materials in a box, folder, envelope or Ziplock

SUPPORT THE ONLY GREEK ARCHIVE AT FRESNO STATE

Funds are needed to cover the cost of archival storage containers and fees for these items. A fund has been established at the Fresno State Foundation for the Sigma Chi Collection at the Fresno State Library. **You can donate at:**

[https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1692/lg23/form.aspx?
sid=1692&gid=2&pgid=2469&cid=4681&amount=](https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1692/lg23/form.aspx?sid=1692&gid=2&pgid=2469&cid=4681&amount=)

Select University Library and note Sigma Chi Collection

**Mail your check to the Fresno State Foundation,
Fresno State Advancement Services, 5244 N
Jackson Ave., KC45, Fresno CA 93740-8023.
Note University Library/Sigma Chi Collection**

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NETWORK**
<https://linkedin.com/groups/13688055>

Sigma Chi Scholarship & House Corporation Donations

You can now make scholarship donations using our website.

<https://fresnosigsalumni.org/product/alumni-membership>

Sigma Chi's Highest Honor

Visit our website to view the list of honorees of the Order of Constantine, Significant Sig and Seven Lights Alumni Award.

<https://fresnosigsalumni.org>

Alumni Chapter Charter

Sigma Chi Fraternity



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come
Greeting

Know Ye

that the Sigma Chi Fraternity has granted and by these presents does grant to the Brothers whose names are listed below and to their duly initiated associates and successors this charter, fully constituting them an

Alumni Chapter

of the Fraternity under the name and title of

Fresno, California Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity

vested with all the powers and privileges given to and subject to the obligations required of such chapters in the Ritual, Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternity.

Dated this eleventh day of June, 1950

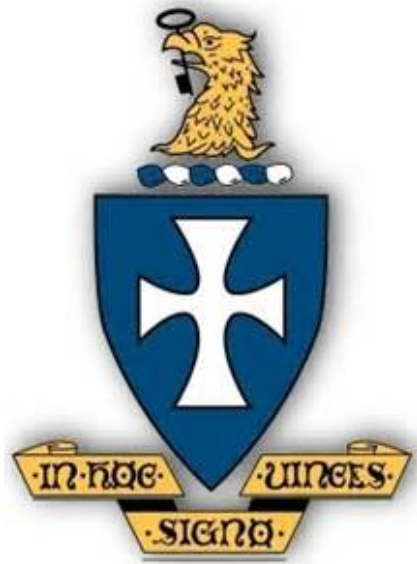


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GRAND CONSOLE
Alvin Easton
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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