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The Pioneer

About four years ago, a small and unassuming volume made its appearance within the halls of Upsilon. It aroused interest within the Chapter. It awakened and bound even more tightly the bonds between active members and alumni. It quickened the life blood of the fraternity, and brought still closer the men of Sigma Pi. It began a dream of a greater fraternity at Westwood, and today, when its footprints are nearly lost in the sands of time, its effect is still felt... it was a Pioneer.

Since that time, other volumes have made their bow, each one finer and more pretentious than the last, and each one a Pioneer, bringing with it its measurement of accomplishment. If this volume can, with pride, take its place by the side of its predecessors, then we may consider that it has achieved its goal.

To one who has served his fraternity faithfully and well, to one who exemplifies the spirit of fraternalism which is the heritage of Sigma Pi, this book is respectfully dedicated.

-- Forward and dedication,
Upsilon Pioneer, June 1928

Career Night: Brad Reichard and Josh Brooks

Brad Reichard and Josh Brooks spoke to the active chapter in December as the Alumni Guest Speakers. Their careers in communications and music are both creative and require business savvy. Their different jobs provide the same message – if you work extra hard and remain a man of your word, people will know that they can depend on you, and they will continue to seek you out in tough times.

An English degree may not seem to create a direct path to a specific job, except for a professor. But that same open-ended degree has advantages – you have broad skills that allows you to do whatever you want.

▲ Brad Reichard grew up in the San Fernando Valley and attended UCLA, never venturing far from home. His parents were mega-Bruin fans and big donors to the athletic department (and hopefully played a key role in firing Steve Alford).

Always a friend to everyone in the fraternity, Brad used his creativity and communication skills to begin work in government relations and lobbying. Brad wanted to see the world, so he moved to the East Coast.

Boston has numerous great universities and UCLA is fairly unknown. But in Washington, where the walls to enter government or business are high to outsiders, the U.C. system helped. UCLA has a great reputation in the capital, especially since it is the #1 public university in the United States. Our Bruin alumni provide strong mentoring, which provided an opening for Brad as a young newcomer to gain his first jobs in a faraway, parochial land.

He began in corporate marketing and advertising, and he worked on campaigns for video games (Sony), food (GotMilk), and two California favorites – avocados and pistachios. The goals were proactive – solve problems that people did not know that they had, and address their latent needs. Brad also temped at CNN and television stations, which helped him to navigate the media world. Some of his tasks were get his clients' names in the paper; other times, the task was to prevent their publication. Successes while working for the man gave Brad the skills to start his own company, Focus Communications (www.FocusCommunicationsDC.com) in the 2000s.

Brad explained that winning in the professional world is all about credibility and keeping your word. He worked at several start-up companies with bigtime graduates of Harvard Business School. But, their products and services were amorphous and ill-defined, and many folded.

"It must make sense," Brad said. "I must be able to explain it to my mom."

The disastrous recession of 2007-2010 led to cancelled contracts and loss of work. But Brad had built a loyal network of business partners and colleagues, and he worked directly with the CEOs he knew. Brad kept busy enough to survive financially and was able to weather the recession.

Brad also worked on high-profile campaigns for Democratic Party candidates, and at first, he had to earn the trust of his executive director and campaign managers.

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Upsilon Alumni

Assn.: 2019

Annual Meeting

Executive Director Pablo Rivas will chair the UAA annual meeting on Feb. 23, 2019, at 5:00 pm at 612 Landfair Ave. in Los Angeles.

All members are invited to attend. All actions of the past year will be presented for ratification by the members, and officers will be open for election: Executive Director Pablo Rivas, President Jay Ross, Treasurer Scott Scheffler, Jake Loughridge, Brad Sharp.



Upsilon Chapter Housing Assn.

The Upsilon Chapter Housing Association completed long-needed improvements, including a new back balcony with structural columns.

The Board is nearing full payment of a loan from the Educational Foundation from 2016, which lends money for house improvements. Your donations allow the Housing Board to repair the house and comply with all code regulations.

The Board seeks new
See Housing (con't)→

Career night (continued): Washington is similar to Rome, and funding is always available in some form from the federal government. This can entice laziness, but can give hard-workers the change to distinguish themselves from the chaff.

Brad was older than most staff in his 40s, but he thrived under tough standards and vetting, which motivated him to work hard and develop better ideas for communications.

All of his work is under the umbrella of "reputation management," which applies to companies selling their products and politicians seeking voters. Upsilon brothers learn the same skills while marketing the fraternity during rush and persuading Little Sisters that our Foam Party is the best on campus. They must identify their competitive advantage – be it a good piece of fruit, or the best D.J. in our back yard. So, far it has worked.

"You've been here for 95 years," Brad said of our chapter's founding in 1931. "That's a big deal. You brothers have a legacy, and it's awesome. Newer fraternities don't have that and the depth of connections with alumni and brothers."

The next step is to parlay fraternity skills into professional skills, especially for students seeking the first step of internships.

"Show up, kick butt, build relationships," he said. "If a company is willing to make an investment in you, you need to prove that they made the right decision picking Sigma Pi instead of a Beta or SAE. If you deliver on what you promise, they will remember you when the next, bigger opening arises. People want to help you if you're worth it."

▲ Josh Brooks' initial jobs after UCLA were teaching in Los Angeles, but he spent much of his free time listening to music and attending concerts at clubs. He now works as full-time music entrepreneur – writing reviews, mixing music, and promoting concerts.

Success in his diverse fields relies on the same traits as Brad's and other professions: "It all crosses over, in science, athletics, music – consistency, be dependable."

Josh's first interest was in science as a geology major in south campus. His grades were poor, which led to expulsion, but the fraternity did not give up on him. The brothers pushed him to study and succeed after a big failure.

"They welcomed me with open arms," he said. "If you're struggling, they lift you up and carry you through."

Josh earned a geography degree, a north campus major with fewer calculations involved, and along the way in the house, curated his hobby.

In Room #1, he kept a turntable on the balcony, and played vinyl records every day. He listened to new genres like house, trance and techno, continuing the tradition of Balkie and Paul Lee in the late 1980s.

Josh taught in the Los Angeles Unified School District for seven years, until he was laid off during budget cuts. Along the way, he and a friend founded the Los Angeles Music Project, which explored new genres of music for youths and young adults.

Josh's music career became a real job. He spent time searching and downloading new music, waking up early at 8:00 am, and created mixes with his computer as technology progressed to allow more at-home DJing.

A break came in 2011 when he won a contest to DJ at the Coachella Music Festival. Within five years, he was getting gigs in Europe and working every weekend night and early morning in the Los Angeles warehouse and desert environs as a full-time job.

Other gigs include the Electric Forest in Michigan and the Dirty Bird Campout. He also writes a small publication with an international draw, and manages the first and biggest "silent disco" company in the country, Hush Concerts.

With greatness and popularity come responsibility, the same as Brad discussed in his fields. When a large crowd buys tickets and travel from afar, Josh must be at the top of his game: "Be there. Be on time. Be a presence with whatever you do, and don't be a jerk."

▲ Websites: <http://SolveThisPuzl.com/> and <http://LosAngelesMusicProject.com/>



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Tom Miller Y1957

Housing Board (con't):

members from the 1960s, late 1970s, early 1980s and 2000s (it's not too early for young alumni to get involved).

Tom Miller and Art Martinez retired last year, and many board members have served for a decade.

Miller's presence is missed, and Ron "Wasco" Mathis remembers Tom's guile and smarts: "We used to call him 'snake.' He was a great poker player, one of the best you'll see in life. He could take a table apart in a minute."

As the 1940-60s alumni like Tom served us, it is our turn to manage a strong base for the current active chapter.

Future improvements include new couches and chairs, and new railings for the front stairs.

Members: Matt Sumrow, President; Past Sage David Finkel, Treasurer; Jay Ross, UAA President; Josh Trifunovic, Chapter Advisor; Past Sage Stu Johnson, Esq.; Mike Liskey; Liron Nelik; Jason Won, James Lipow; Past Sage Tom Miller, President Emeritus; Arturo Martinez, Secretary Emeritus.

96th Founders Day and UAA Annual Meeting

WESTWOOD – Brothers from all eras and all over the world will converge at Upsilon Manor again for the 96th Founders Day on Feb. 23.

Special guests include William Heeres from the 1950s: "I was only in the house for 2 years from the fall of 1957 to the spring of 1959. As a pledge, of course, I lived in the dorms both upstairs and downstairs. Then later I roomed with Larry Ballard and Tom Miller. It is a long ride from Riverside to Westwood, but I keep thinking that I would like to attend Founders Day one last time. Again, thanks so much."

Sage Charles Bickel will lead the Opening Ritual. Herald Daniel Dobrin and 1st Counselor Cesar Escobedo will conduct the Memorial Ritual to honor brothers who have passed to the Adytum on High this year, including Past Sage William Foster, Dr. Wendland Beezhold and Alonzo Minjares, one of the last brothers from the 1940s.

Silver Crosses will be awarded to alumni on the 25th anniversary of their Initiation: John Clark, Gabor Fabian, David Ganio (U.S. Navy), Past Sage Ti Le, Timothy O'Hara, Keith Shoji, Frederick Tan (LAFD), Keith Griffin, Dr. Robin Matuk, Abel Somilleda, Ryan Wirtz, Esq., Shang Lai, Past Sage Adam Brockman, Erik Bromson, Scott Feiwell, Daniel Furr, Dennis Hong, Timothy Howell, Matthew Malone, Bobby Rangel, Shane Tseng, Esq., Jason Won, Robert Vasquez.

A record number of scholarships will be awarded, including the first Adrian Edwards Memorial Scholarship, which is award for the brother who provides friendship to his fellow brothers.

Leilani Gross, the widow of Gary Gross who died in 2008, intends to join us to present his scholarship for community and campus service: "I would be honored to present the award. Thank you so much for the invitation. Reading about the scholarship in honor of Gary brought me to tears, so I hope I can do this without crying."

Astineh Arakelian, the sister of Garni Arakelian, also intends to join us to present his scholarship, which is managed by the UCLA Foundation and designated for a Sigma Pi brother "Every year when I get this email from you, it makes me so happy. Our family genuinely appreciates being part of the presentation."



Adrian Edwards (Adytum on High) will be honored with a new scholarship – photo with J.Ross, R.Marcus & Al Hernandez at Texas A&M.



The Beanstalkers return to Upsilon in 2018 – Art Ramos, Tom Giffin, Malcolm Gibson, and Dean Steve Yu. Past Sage Won Park lurks in the back.



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Alumni update:

Andrei Iancu

Andrei Iancu confirmed by
Senate as Director of the

USPTO

By Gene Quinn

Feb. 5, 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Andrei Iancu was confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate, 94-0, to become Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in February.

Iancu was nominated by President Trump, and he had his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee in Nov. 2017.

Iancu most recently was the managing partner of Irell and Manella in Los Angeles, having been appointed to that position in 2012. He practiced full time with the firm's litigation and intellectual property practice groups.

Iancu's practice focus was intellectual property litigation, but he also involved himself with all aspects of intellectual property practice, including patent and trademark prosecution, due diligence

See Iancu (con't) →

Alumni update: John Cellar

Brother Cellar, a 1950s alumnus from Upsilon's "Grand Gentlemen" Generation, returned to campus during basketball season to watch an intense weekend of games against Arizona and ASU. In the first game, UCLA jumped to a big lead in the first half, only to fizzle in the second half and lose. In the second game, the Bruins ran our hated Arizona Wildcat rivals off the court in an unexpected thrashing. The ups and downs of the weekend were a microcosm of our roller-coast season, but, Cellar remains optimistic and enthusiastic with new coach Mick Cronin.

After the Arizona game, Cellar ran into Bill Walton, the great Bruin center who now broadcasts games for ESPN, and Lynn Schackelford, a great guard on the 1968-69 NCAA Championship team that was honored on its 50th anniversary. Walton visits the Luskin Center after home games, and he joined Schackelford and his teammates for an evening of stories and nostalgia.

Cellar's wife Barbara also is a UCLA graduate, and they have embarked on a year of searching nostalgic memories of their childhood and 62 years of marriage. They live in Saratoga in northern California wine country, and now have four children (all UCLA graduates) and 10 grandchildren, including one Bruin graduate student.

Their first trip was in September when they visited their son in Connecticut. They saw the opening two football games for their grandson's high school defending state champions.

In October, their oldest son, who lives in Florida, took the family to Half Moon Bay, where beauty abounds. Then in the late Fall, they traveled to New York with their son and suffered through two Bruin basketball losses at the Orleans Arena and another football loss to Stanford.

"Groundhog Day is our anniversary, but we're still making plans ... and onward thru 2019," Cellar said.

Cellar was friends with Upsilon brothers Carl Moroney and Richard Peters in the 1950s. His 1953 pledge brother Don Kemp was a childhood friend from Alhambra H.S. in the San Gabriel Valley.

Cellar graduated with a B.S. in Math and studied computers during their nascent punchcard era at UCLA, which housed 1 of the 3 mega-computers of the federal Bureau of Standards during the 1950s. Computers had 48 bits of memory back then, but that is from where UCLA helped to derive ARPA and the internet.

Cellar later worked at Douglas Aircraft on the IBM 701 and computer maker Honeywell in design automation (before there was actually the term "design automation") and sales and marketing, also long before techie stock options. In the photo below, Cellar is the shorter Bruin in the middle.



Bill Walton, John Cellar and
Lynn Schackelford



Jay Ross and John Cellar with John Wooden's
display at Pauley Pavilion



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lanou (continued):

and licensing. While at Irell and Manella, lanou represented clients in various technological fields including genetic testing, the Internet, medical devices, therapeutics, telephony, TV broadcasting, video game systems and computer peripherals.

One of lanou's major successes during his private practice career as an intellectual property litigator was his work in securing large settlements for TiVo Corporation in 2012. That year, TiVo secured a \$250 million settlement from telecomm giant Verizon.

Months before that settlement, telecom firm agreed to a \$215,000,000 settlement to end litigation surrounding digital video recording technology. The total payments to TiVo from these settlements and those from Microsoft, Cisco and others exceeds \$1.6 billion.

Donations

Steven Aude, the son of Upsilon alumnus, Col. Peter Aude, U.S. Army (Adytum on High), donated \$250 to the UAA for scholarships this year.

Aude was an Army veteran and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery last year.

His son writes: "Please accept this donation on behalf of Sigma Pi, UCLA alumnus Peter N. Aude. We greatly appreciated the interest that the alumni association showed when he passed away."

Upsilon tailgater: USC game

Upsilon had a front-row seat to watch Wilton Speight and Josh Kelly run wild over the Trojans for a victory in our big rivalry at the Rose Bowl in November.

Brad Reichard journeyed from Washington, D.C., to attend the game with his parents, who are long-time big Bruin athletics boosters. His father, Harvey Richard, threw out the first pitch at Bruins softball game this season during their championship run.

Dan Romero provided mimosas and some big cabernets for tasting in the rustic grove – join us on the west side next season!

▲ **Photo:** Past Sage David Finkel, Dan Romero, Brad Reichard, and Jay Ross.



UAA Financials

Thank you for donations to the UAA, which provides scholarships for active brothers and funds alumni events. Current assets are \$43,000 with income of \$2,300 in 2018.

Balance Sheet	
Upsilon Alumni Association	
As of Dec 31, 2018	
ACCOUNTS	Dec 31, 2018
Assets	
Cash and Bank	
BUSINESSSELECT CHRG	\$38,091.37
Capital One 360	\$4,700.04
Total Cash and Bank	\$42,791.41
Other Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable	\$550.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$550.00
Long-term Assets	
Total Long-term Assets	\$0.00
Total Assets	\$43,341.41
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Long-term Liabilities	
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Retained Earnings	
Profit for all prior years	\$450.00
Profit between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2018	\$1,895.80
Owner's Equity	\$40,995.61
Total Retained Earnings	\$43,341.41
Total Equity	\$43,341.41

Profit and Loss

Upsilon Alumni Association

Date Range: Jan 01, 2018 to Dec 31, 2018

ACCOUNTS	Jan 01, 2018 to Dec 31, 2018
Income	
Donations / Membership Dues	\$3,829.00
Founder's Day	\$3,465.00
Interest Income	\$18.72
Total Income	\$7,312.72
Total Cost of Goods Sold	
	\$0.00
Gross Profit	
As a percentage of Total Income	100.00%
Operating Expenses	
Alumni Club Dues	\$300.00
Bank Fees	\$106.99
Convocation / MYLC Support	\$0.00
Founder's Day	\$2,870.15
House Beautification	\$809.00
Legal Costs	\$20.00
Pioneer	\$256.00
Scholarships	\$500.00
Senior's Night	\$206.87
Web Site	\$347.91

Profit and Loss - Upsilon Alumni Association
Date Range: Jan 01, 2018 to Dec 31, 2018

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Operating Expenses	
Total Operating Expenses	\$5,416.92
Net Profit	
As a percentage of Total Income	\$1,895.80 25.92%



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Upsilon Centennial Campaign (1923-2023)

Upsilon will celebrate 100 years of brotherhood in four years in 2023.

To honor our past and plan for the future, we will commence a campaign to increase our scholarship endowment.

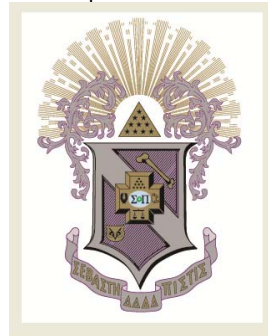
More details will follow in the upcoming months, so continue to save money for a donation by 2023.

The Sigma Pi Educational Foundation has \$240,000, thanks to alumni generosity over the years. We award 11 scholarships annually.

The fund had only \$60,000 just 10 years ago, and that amount was helped greatly by Ray Carlisle's bequest of \$50,000.

David Finkel joined William Meyer as a donor at the Shadowwood Society Level.

Several new Emerald Society members have donated, including Matt Sumrow, Rob Webster, Tim Howell, Claude "Skip" Keyzers, Richard "Craig" Owens, Ltc. Robert Rule, and Joseph Marsalek.



Alumni update: Barry Maiten on patrol

Barry Maiten's family has long been volunteer supporters of law enforcement, and Maiten has followed his passion by graduating from four different Federal Law Enforcement citizen academies on the years, and serving as a Los Angeles Police Dept. Specialist Reserve Officer. He has graduated from the distinguished FBI, DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration), Dept. of Homeland Security, and ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives), Citizens Academies.



Maiten's uncle owned a part interest in a gun manufacturing company, and in retirement that same Uncle, who was a World War II Veteran, became a Reserve Police Officer for the Hermosa Beach Police Dept., and later the Seal Beach Police Dept., where this same Uncle's son, Maiten's cousin, was promoted to be a Commander for the Seal Beach Police Dept.

Maiten's parents were both U.S. Navy veterans, from World War II, which gave his brother and him a "wonderfully patriotic upbringing." Maiten, his wife, and their 4-year-old son, were on a vacation in lower Manhattan, New York City, during the terrible Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Maiten went to the ground zero site of what used to be the World Trade Center on most days and nights during the 10 days they were all stuck in Manhattan. They helped by giving support and comfort to people who were very very sadly, massively traumatized, and extremely desperately, searching for their missing loved ones.

Maiten returned to Los Angeles determined to make a difference, and he enrolled in the reserve program, to become a full volunteer reserve police officer for the Los Angeles Unified School District Police Dept., eventually going to the Los Angeles PD, where he was invited to be a Specialist Reserve Officer.

Maiten and his father Sid Maiten, who is going strong at age 94, is active in the Pacific Palisades American Legion - Post 283, where his father receives a lot of fun attention as one of the last members of the Greatest Generation, that served in WWII.

"It keeps him alive," Maiten said. "People see him wearing his World War Two Veteran hat, and say, Wow, he's a World War II Veteran, he helped to save the world, and they thank him for his service."



Here in Los Angeles, Maiten has a building for his classic car collection, which includes various classic cars, and muscle cars, and 26 vintage LAPD police, CHP cruisers, and military vehicles from the 1940-1990s. He drives the restored cars, with working lights and sirens in numerous parades, including the Hermosa Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the "10-4 Parade," which is on Oct. 4 every year in Hollywood. He does all of his at his own expense, to honor all law enforcement everywhere, and all U.S. military servicemen and service women and Veterans, everywhere, he said.

▲ **Photo:** Brother Maiten with LAPD Chief Michel Moore and his father, Sid Maiten.



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MuShu Porkers Paddle Returns

Gabe Toscano, an artistic active, created a new pledge paddle for the MuShu Porkers (Spring 1990). The paddle was stolen from the house 15 years ago.

Toscano presented the new paddle to pledge brothers Sean Bloch and Jay Ross at Founders Day in Feb. 2019. The paddle now hangs in honor in the Den, protecting all Porkers.

Toscano builds sets for drama and video productions, and will work in the entertainment industry after graduation this spring.



Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



William Foster #440 (1932-2018): Past Sage Foster, a military veteran and Golden Cross recipient, passed to the Adytum on High on Dec. 2, 2018, at age 86 in Honolulu. He was inurned at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl in Hawaii.

Foster was born in San Angelo, Tex., and at UCLA, he pledged in the Fall of 1950 with Ralph Rea. Foster was elected Sage in 1953-54, and he met us his future wife, Kathe Knope, a Kappa Delta, at a party at Upsilon manor.

Foster's education was interrupted by military service stateside during the Korean War. He returned to campus to study engineering, and ran into Kathe at a Friday afternoon "beer bust." A pinning and engagement followed, and at their wedding, Ralph Rea was the best man, and Doug Bastyr, Tom Zubick and Richard Peters were ushers.

"He was a tough and steady hand," Rea remembers.

Before a UCLA-USC game in 1953, Rea and Foster saw a notice that the Victory Bell would be unveiled live on television. They devised a plan, and Clark Wingert procured a truck to drive to USC's campus with cans of blue paint. They dressed in red, pretending to be Trojan students, and found the bell protected by cardboard boxes. Foster climbed up and used box cutters to open the top of the box, and the brothers poured the blue paint over the bell."

Two weeks later when the Victory Bell was unveiled, it was a shiny coat of blue, instead of Trojan red.

"We all cheered, and we never got caught," Rea remembers. "We were more afraid of being caught by USC students than the police."

After earning his engineering degree in 1957, Foster was hired by Alcoa for sales and marketing jobs in the construction fields. He was named Manager of Commercial and Monumental Building Industry Sales, which allowed him to be involved in the design and construction of some of the country's landmark buildings, including the World Trade Center in New York and the John Hancock Center in Chicago. In 1978, Exxon hired him as Vice President of Sales for its Solar Thermal Systems Division.

While working in the building industry, Foster became acutely aware of the need for alternative energy, and he authored three books on the subject. He was promoted to Corporate Manager of Solar Programs, and he served on the National Bureau of Standards Solar Committee in Washington, D.C., and on the Editorial Board of "Solar Engineering" magazine.

"Not only was Bill well liked, he was also greatly respected for his leadership ability," Kathe Foster said.

After numerous trips to Hawaii for work, the Fosters gave up on commuting and moved to Waikiki Beach, where they spent time with Upsilon alumnus Jim Fairchild. They bought their Manu'iwa sailboat for trips from Diamond Head to Honolulu Harbor with the Waikiki Yacht Club, where Foster was elected Commodore in 2009.

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Remembrances

Prudy Zorotovich, the widow of Nicholas Zorotovich, who sponsored a plaque of UCLA's Nobel Prize winner Ralph Bunche in the Peace Park in Portland, Ore.

She writes: Thank you so very much for including the article about Nick and the Bunche plaque in the newsletter. I'll share it with his "kids" (Now mostly retired) and I know they'll be very proud and pleased as well. Best wishes for a great year in 2019.



Loss of brothers

It is a sad fact of life, but alumni brothers die every year and enter the Adytum.

If you are a family member who has received this copy of the Pioneer, please notify us of the death of the brother.

We would like to notify the rest of the circle of brotherhood and help you celebrate his life by printing information about his life.

Contact: Jay Ross (310) 979-9255 or Ross_Jay@Hotmail.com

Foster (continued): In retirement, Foster devoted much of his time to working in the community and with homeowners groups. He was a member of his condominium's Board of Directors for 15 years, and he served as its president for 13 of those years.

Friends said that Foster was always a great conversationalist, and will miss his witty humor. "Friends said that they greatly admired his intellect and firm but gentle way," Kathe remembers. "He was a special man who touched many lives, and we are all better people for knowing him."

▲ Foster is survived by his wife, Kathe, who can be reached at FoscoHonolulu@Gmail.com in Honolulu, and his daughter, Andrea Engbretsen, who lives in Rancho Rio, N.M.

Adytum on High: Remembrances of brothers



Dr. Wendland Beezhold #571 (7/18/1939-2/28/2018): Brother Beezhold, a Ph.D. in Physics and Golden Cross Recipient, passed to the Adytum on High at age 79 in Oak Wash.

Beezhold was born in 1939, in Grand Rapids, Mich., the oldest son of Frank and Anne (Nieuwdorp) Beezhold.

After graduating from UCLA in 1961, Beezhold earned a Doctorate in Physics from the University of Washington in 1969 and went on to a 30-year career in research at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M. He retired from Sandia as a Senior Scientist in 2000.

In subsequent years, Beezhold taught various aspects of physics at Seattle University, Montana State University, and, most recently, at Idaho State University. In July 2017, he retired as a multi-department Chair and Director of the Idaho Accelerator Center, which conducted nuclear research.

In addition to his passion for research and teaching, Beezhold loved music. This gift was inherited from his violinist-composer father and pianist mother and lives on throughout the extended family. He was an avid athlete, participating and coaching in several sports, including gymnastics, basketball, and volleyball.

Beezhold also loved the outdoors, leading many adventures in skiing, hiking, and fishing with family and friends in the northwest. He was an active member of various professional organizations and deeply involved with churches in Albuquerque, N.M., Bozeman, Mont., Pocatello, Id., and Driggs, Id.

Beezhold was known for his love of his Lord and for his family. He had a gift for friendship, boundless enthusiasm, curiosity, and energy. He will be sorely missed by all.

Contributions may be made to the Wendland Beezhold Science Education Fund, c/o North Whidbey Christian High School, P.O. Box 2471, Oak Harbor, WA 98221. Online guest register:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/idahostatejournal/obituary.aspx?pid=188366538>

▲ Beezhold is survived by his wife Jeanne (De Jong) Beezhold; son Terry (Joni) Beezhold; daughter Karen Beezhold; and grandchildren Ben (Mary) Beezhold, Brittany (Josh Beebe); Erin and Allie Beezhold.



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Remembering those brothers who served our country in the pursuit of peace and freedom and made the ultimate sacrifice:
Robert "Ace" Calkins (#193), Donald Hesse (#195), Liston Comer (#214), Lane Donovan (#234), Ralph Neis (#348)



Alumni Update:

Robbie Mack

Brother Mack spoke at the California Application Attorneys' Convention in Las Vegas in June.

He is a partner at the Law Offices of Kurlander and Burton in downtown San Francisco, after graduating with a J.D. from the University of San Francisco in 2013.

Mack was a 2009 Political Science Graduate and Upsilon baseball legend, playing on the Bruin club baseball team with Blayne Kercher, Matt Quigley and Dan Kleinkopf.

Upsilon website

Please register and update your profile on the Alumni Association website www.SigmaPiBruins.com.

The login is your email address. Be sure to include your email address and photo in your profile when you register.

1st Counselor's Update

Dean Steve Yu, who is the CFO of the UCLA Law School, visited Upsilon Manor in May to meet with brothers interested in law school and business school.



Yu worked his way up from the family farm in Bakersfield, began as an entry-level accountant, and now is the top money dog at the prestigious school.

Yu also sits on the Admissions Board for the Andersen School of Business.

▲ Congratulations to Sage Charlie Bickel and the new Executive Council for 2018-2019.

Officers include Luca Abatemarco, 1st Counselor; Nick Rackaukas, 2nd Counselor; Nicholas Cantrell, 3rd Counselor; Shea Dennis, 4th

Counselor; Derek Hight, Herald; David Kuckuk, Philanthropy Chair; and Ben Marullo and Noah Crousore, Social Chairs. Tom White and Adam Griffin are Rush Chairs.



▲ Josh Ammirato, a two-time winner of the Julian D'Avanzo Award at Founders Day, returned to campus after studying abroad in Jordan. He is fluent in Arabic, which he studied in high school in southern New Jersey before journeying to the paradise that is UCLA and southern California

Ammirato traveled to Jordan in high school, but the student group was ensconced in a boarding school with little chance to interact with the street in the city of Medea.

On this return trip to Amman, Ammirato studied an intense curriculum at the University of Jordan with classes in advanced Arabic and the Jordanian dialect and Conflict and Diplomacy in the Middle East. Outside of the classroom, he had an internship in NGO funding and did research on Middle East politics and economic development, including the development of cargo bases.

His study group wrote a report on Iran's attempt to extend its influence in the Middle East, which his supervisor presented at a conference in Qatar.

Ammirato traveled on fact-finding missions to Israel, Egypt, the Palestinian territories and Greece, where he sipped the brackish waters of the Aegean Sea as our founding father Pythagorus did millenaea ago. He also visited Petra, where Indiana Jones rescued the Holy Grail in the 1940s.

Ammirato has had a longtime interest in intelligence and international policy, and he hopes to parlay his studies into work in geopolitics or government.

- Cesar Escobedo, 1st Counselor.



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Please help the Alumni Association by paying Annual Dues for 2019. Donations fund scholarships for actives (Meyer and D'Avanzo scholarships) and renovate the house.

Payment is on an 'ability-to-contribute' basis. We do a lot – please support the brotherhood!

Purchases include new robes for the Executive Council, a Brooks Brothers tie for the outgoing Sage, framing photos of WWII veteran brothers, and framing photos of varsity athletes.

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before 2014.

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