



Cal Delta Connections



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“The Dawning of a New Day at USC Phi Delta Theta”



I. PARENTS CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

Significant Announcements and Information from the Parents Club and Chapter Leadership

“PARENT FIGURES”



Debbie Shepherd
Parents Club President

Hello USC Phi Delt Parents!

My name is Debbie Shepherd and I am President of the USC Phi Delta Theta Parents Club. My husband and I live in Newport Beach, California and I work part-time as a trademark lawyer. My daughter, Lauren, is a Freshman at USC. My son, John, is a Senior and former President of Phi Delt. I have had the honor of getting to know many of the outstanding members of USC Phi Delt through my time as President and cannot say enough great things about these exceptional young men. We also have an outstanding and hard-working Parents Club Committee volunteering their time behind the scenes to bring some fun events, including Marlo Cooper who is Treasurer and head of Mom's Weekend Events, Liz Bias, planner of Dad's Weekend, and KC Rana, President Elect and head of Senior Dinner. Thank you to all of you for all your hard work in planning these fun events. Thank you also to Richard Nolen and Helen Mobley for their dedication and countless hours devoted toward creating this impressive Newsletter and Directory, as well as all their help in updating the Parents Section of the USC Phi Delt website.

EVENTS: We had a highly successful Parents Weekend Dinner (attended by over 150 people) and fun Tailgate party this past fall and are looking forward to the following events:

MOM'S WEEKEND (March 4th and 5th)

Friday, March 4th BEER TASTING PARTY at Tirebiter Brewery (2502 S. Figueroa Street, LA 90007) at 6:30 p.m.

Heavy Appetizers (charcuterie platters, sliders, taquitos, corn dogs, fries, etc.) plus 2 Drinks (sangria, beer, beer flight, or wine) per person (\$90 per mom/son couple)

Saturday, March 5th, Brunch/Day Party at Phi Delta Theta House with LIVE MUSIC! (1005 West 28th Street, LA 90007) at 11 a.m.

Catered Buffet Breakfast by Jacks N Joe (\$110 per mom/son couple)

RSVP for one or both events to marlocooper@cox.net and Venmo @Marlo-Cooper-1.

DAD'S WEEKEND (April 8th and April 9th)

Get ready for a fun Father Son POKER NIGHT and dinner at Phi Delt Friday evening and a fun day at the races on Saturday at Santa Anita Park. RSVP to lizpsyd@att.net.

SENIOR FAREWELL DINNER (Details to come)

STAY CONNECTED: I encourage all of you to get involved and participate in the various activities and events we hold throughout the year. Stay connected by visiting the USC Phi Delt website www.uscphidelt.org and join the Parents' Club Facebook page at USC PHI DELTA THETA PARENTS.

VOLUNTEER: We would love for you to volunteer for this year's events or to be on next year's Parents Club Committee. Please email me at DebbieShep7@gmail.com to volunteer. We would LOVE your help and it is a great way of meeting other parents and Phi Deltas.

DONATIONS: A special thank you to the Grewal family for their generous donation of several cases of CA' DEL GREVINO from their vineyard at the Parents Weekend Dinner. Thank you to those who donated for Fall and Spring rush. We had over \$1,000 donated toward rush this spring. The house was so thankful and Phi Delt ended up with an outstanding Pledge class of over 35 pledges.

We would love to make the Senior Farewell Dinner especially great this year since the seniors have missed out on so much because of Covid, so please consider donating towards gifts for seniors and/or for the annual gift to the house. Please send donations through Venmo to @DebbieShep. Please indicate that it is a Phi Delt SENIOR GIFT DONATION. Gifts in kind are also appreciated.

On behalf of the Parents Club Committee, we would like to express our immense gratitude to have you as part of the USC Phi Delt Family. Please stay connected and get involved and we hope to see you at our events. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at DebbieShep7@gmail.com.

Wishing you the very best!

Fight On!!

Debbie Shepherd

“CHAPTER AND VERSE”



Joe Antonello
Chapter President

Dear USC Phi Delt Parents,

My name is Joe Antonello and I am the 2022 California Delta President. I am very excited to work with you and the house to have a fun, successful, and memorable year together. A little bit about me, I am from Boca Raton, Florida, and am studying Narrative Studies and Cinematic Arts here at SC! I joined Phi Delt in the fall of 2020 and have loved every moment of it. For the past two semesters I was the houses Brotherhood chair and truly value my experience.

This Spring we have a amazing new pledge class of over 35 phikeia with the coordination of our rush chairs Bayan Sedighian and Henry McGonnigal. Leading this incredible group of gentlemen is our phikeia coordinator Michael Ziegler. We are so excited to have a great group of new brothers. Alongside that, our newly elected brotherhood chair Heath Palluck has planned several brotherhood social events and outings!

We have recently elected two members, Jordan Thomas and Ishaan Chawla, to a new position, Mental Health and Violence Prevention Chair. This new role takes part in weekly workshops to better understand preventive matters for violence and harrasment in group and individual settings. The two have presented their information in workshops with the house each week and are doing an amazing job with keeping the house educated and responsible.

Thank you all for your continued support as we (hopefully) near the end of the pandemic. I am so excited to hopefully get to meet each of you.

Yours in the Bond,
Joe Antonello #2002
Chapter President

“HOUSE CALLS”



Gabriel Galanti
House Corporation President

Dear Parent’s Club Members,

By way of introduction, my name is Gabriel Galanti, and I am the new President of the Housing Corporation. I want to start off by saying a big THANK YOU to Brenton. He has done an amazing job these past 5 years of creating a foundation for continued success. He worked incredibly hard to do right by the fraternity we all know and love. Thank you so much Brenton – I’m looking forward to you taking a MUCH-deserved break.

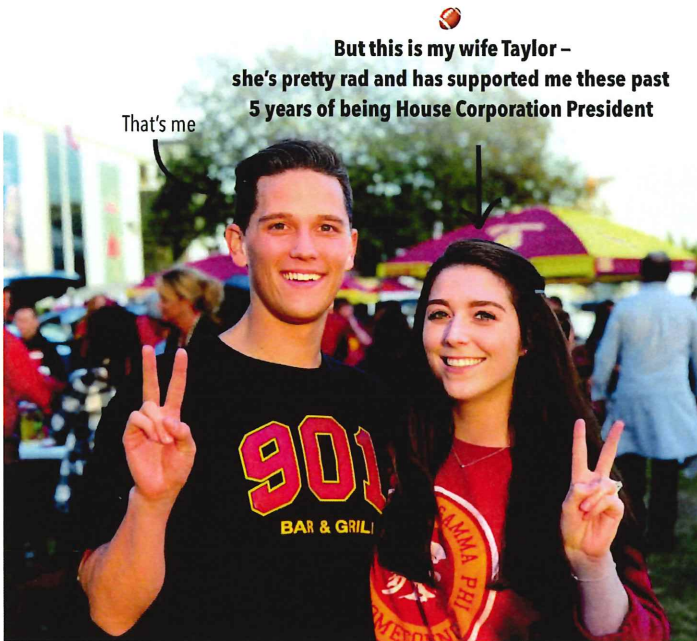
As for the future, I wanted to say a few things. It’s very easy to look at the challenges we have faced and will have to face (everything from COVID to Anti-Greek Life movements to a tough administration) and feel daunted. But the more I think about these challenges, the more I realize how special our house is. We weathered the COVID storm, and the chapter had outstanding results from the most previous rush. We have created a wonderful community of members, parents, and alumni that pour their heart and soul into this chapter. We have risen to every challenge and demonstrated excellence. I’m so excited to work with the Parents Club and Alumni to continue fostering that excellence and to conquer any challenge in our path.

Here’s to a great couple of years! If you ever have any questions, suggestions, or ideas regarding the future, please don’t hesitate to email me at housecorp@uscphidelt.org.

Thank you,

Gabriel Galanti

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO BRENTON CALDWELL



Brenton and Taylor Caldwell

THANK YOU, BRENTON CALDWELL

We wish to take this opportunity to express our deepest admiration and thanks for the exceptional hard work, dedication and positive good will he has exhibited throughout the process of forming and updating the parents contact sheet, the parents newsletter, the newsletter to the members, and the uscphidelt.org website! We could not have done it without you!!!

II. PARENTS CLUB CALENDAR

Significant Dates on the California Delta Chapter Calendar
See Calendar Attached

III. PHI DELT IN FOCUS

Items of Importance Affecting the USC Phi Delta Theta Chapter

WELCOME TO THE SPRING, 2022 USC PHI DELT PHIKEIA CLASS!

Please welcome the following members of the Spring, 2022 Phikeia Class, who pledged Phi Delta Theta after a recruitment period in January, 2022!

Spring, 2022 Phikeias

Name/Hometown

Manny Adelstein
Denver, CO

Grad Year

Class of 2024

Carlos Angulo Culiacan, Mexico	Class of 2025
Arman Balian Tokyo, Japan	Class of 2024
Sammy Barr San Antonio, TX	Class of 2024
Connor Bobis Ventura, CA	Class of 2025
Jackson Bry St. Louis, MO	Class of 2025
Ray Chou Brooklyn, NY	Class of 2024
Dane Culver Cornelia, GA	Class of 2024
George Danzelaud Portland, OR	Class of 2024
Ryan DeMotte Elmhurst, IL	Class of 2024
Will Dolan St. Louis, MO	Class of 2025
Ryan Gillespie Vancouver, BC	Class of 2025
Joseph Gozon Milwaukee, WI	Class of 2025
Dane Gramstrup Torrance, CA	Class of 2024
James Harris Red Bluff, CA	Class of 2023
Evan Henderson Eugene, OR	Class of 2024
Ethan Hoffman Palos Verdes, CA	Class of 2025
Henry Houle Palos Verdes, CA	Class of 2024

John Huskins San Mateo, CA	Class of 2025
Avi Jaiswal Bangalore, India	Class of 2025
Colin Jimmink Carlsbad, CA	Class of 2025
Max Kroll Vacaville, CA	Class of 2025
Zachary Lachance Burlingame, CA	Class of 2025
Lucien LaScala Atlanta, GA	Class of 2025
Andrew Levy Pittsburgh, PA	Class of 2024
Warren Oetojo Arcadia, CA	Class of 2024
Jordan Parks Los Angeles, CA	Class of 2025
Martin Pulido San Diego, CA	Class of 2024
Ari Rose-Marquez Seattle, WA	Class of 2025
David Rozo Chatsworth, CA	Class of 2025
Elijah Ruano Antioch, IL	Class of 2025
Marcus Ruiz Whittier, CA	Class of 2024
Nate Rutledge Washington, D.C.	Class of 2024
Elliot Smith Woodinville, WA	Class of 2024
Marc Sverdlov Sherman Oaks, CA	Class of 2024

Maxwell Trauner San Francisco, CA	Class of 2025
Jaden Van Ho Chi Mihn City, Vietnam	Class of 2024
Sean Wilcox Pasadena, CA	Class of 2024
Leon Zhang San Jose, CA	Class of 2025

**WELCOME TO THE NEW INITIATES OF USC PHI DELT, FROM THE
FALL, 2021 PHIKEIA CLASS!**

Congratulations to the newest members of California Delta Phi Delta Theta – the Spring 2021 Phikeia Class, all of whom were initiated in the fall of 2021!

<u>Name/Hometown</u>	<u>Grad Year</u>
Ben Bowler Kildeer, IL	Class of 2024
Jack Brasesco Hillsborough, CA	Class of 2024
Ishaan Chawla Hackensack, NJ	Class of 2024
Lucca Cidale Austin, TX	Class of 2023
Truman Costello Los Angeles, CA	Class of 2024
Grey Dugan Milwaukee, WI	Class of 2024
Kevin Faraday Vancouver, BC	Class of 2024
Morgan Hill-Edgar Sacramento, CA	Class of 2024
Rian Jagtiani Kuwait	Class of 2024
Porter Landefeld Arlington, VA	Class of 2024

Justin Lee Hong Kong	Class of 2024
Victor Ogden Park City, UT	Class of 2024
Ali Osouli Irvine, CA	Class of 2024
Heath Palluck Las Vegas, NV	Class of 2024
Kyle Panarelli Pasadena, CA	Class of 2024
Quinn Poseley Vancouver, BC	Class of 2024
Sebastian Rabassa Pembroke Pines, FL	Class of 2024
Nate Rutledge Washington, D.C.	Class of 2024
Will Scown Hong Kong	Class of 2024
Augie Sommers Washington, D.C.	Class of 2024
Parth Suri Jameirah, Dubai UAE	Class of 2024
Niq Tang Chino Hills	Class of 2024
Taliesin Tenerelli Ellensburg, WA	Class of 2024
Eric Traub Montvale, NJ	Class of 2024
Parker Weiss Sacramento, CA	Class of 2024

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 SENIOR CLASS

USC Phi Delta Theta - Class of 2022

#	First	Last	Grad Year
1	Paul	Anter-Rodriguez	2022
2	William	Arndt	2022
3	Dhruv	Bali	2022
4	Wyatt	Barrow	2022
5	Sam	Bennett	2022
6	Andrew	Blalock	2022
7	Mitchell	Bias	2022
8	Niclas	Carlson	2022
9	Louis	Cheng	2022
10	Andrew	Clark	2022
11	Ryan	Cremer	2022
12	Rohan	Daniel	2022
13	Michael	DeLucia	2022
14	Kristen	Russell	2022
15	Brian	Femminella	2022
16	Randeep Alexander	Grewal	2022
17	Andrew	Huang	2022
18	Matthew	Huntington	2022
19	Derek	Jones	2022
20	Tommy	Kimmel	2022
21	Chris	Kucera	2022
22	Keveh	Mahdavi	2022
23	Jordan	Marzo	2022
24	Christopher	Meany	2022
25	Samuel	Mink	2022
26	Evan	Molenda	2022
27	Chris	Montooth	2022
28	Terry	Mullany	2022
29	Kevin	Nikroo	2022
30	Sean	Powers	2022
31	Mehki	Reese	2022
32	Jason	Ren	2022
33	Francisco	Rodriguez	2022
34	Ryan	Ross	2022
35	Matthew	Schaeman	2022
36	John	Shepherd	2022
37	Presley	Silahian	2022
38	Jason	Silberman	2022
39	Samuel	Slattery	2022
40	Brett	Slezak	2022
41	Graham	Smith	2022
42	Sean	Solomon	2022
43	Kesavan	Soundararajan	2022
44	Alexander	St. Jean	2022
45	Nicholaus	Stadler	2022

46	Andre	Staten	2022
47	Heinrich	Stucky	2022
48	Ansh	Tandon	2022
49	Benjamin	Taubman	2022
50	Jordan	Tollner	2022
51	Gray	Toomey	2022
52	Juan	Valderrama	2022
53	Anant	Vasudevan	2022
54	Eric	Yang	2022



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

At the 83rd Biennial General Convention of the Phi Delta Theta National Fraternity held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania July 19-22, 2021, the USC Phi Delta Theta Chapter

CALIFORNIA DELTA RECEIVED 3 MAJOR AWARDS:

1. **Chapter Excellence Awards – Bronze Star Award**
2. **Service and Philanthropy Awards – Excellence in Philanthropy Award**
3. **Ritual Awards – Hayward S. Biggers Excellence in Ritual Award**

Congratulations to the members of the California Delta Chapter!!!!

125 YEARS!!!

IN 2021, HAPPY QUASQUICENTENNIAL TO THE CALIFORNIA DELTA CHAPTER HOUSE!

In 2021, the USC Phi Delta Theta Chapter house located at 1005 West 28th Street, which was built in 1896, celebrated the 125th year of its construction.

HAPPY 125th California Delta Chapter House!

FIGHT ON!



2024: 75 YEARS!!!

IN 2024, HAPPY SEMISESQUICENTENNIAL TO THE CALIFORNIA DELTA CHAPTER!

In 2024, the USC Phi Delta Theta Chapter, which was officially chartered on January 30, 1949, will celebrate the 75th year of its founding!

In 2024, HAPPY 75th to the California Delta Chapter. A celebration is planned in the years leading up to 2024!

Details will follow. **FIGHT ON!**

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March 2022

March 2022							April 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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April 2022

May 2022

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April 2022

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USC Phi Delt Dad's Weekend

USC Phi Delt Dad's Weekend

USC Classes End

May 2022

June 2022

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May 2022

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