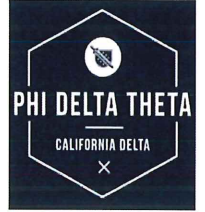




# Cal Delta Connections



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE USC PHI DELTA THETA PARENTS CLUB  
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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”



*Maria Cooper*  
*Parents Club President*

Hello USC Phi Delt Parents!

I hope this finds you and your families safe and well. My name is Maria Cooper and I am the President of the USC Phi Delta Theta Parents Club.

I would like to welcome all our new Spring 2020 Phikeias parents to the Parents Club!

For those of you new to Phi Delt, as a parent of a USC Phi Delta Theta member, you are automatically a part of the Parents Club. Our purpose is to help coordinate activities and events throughout the year, so we can provide excellent experiences for our sons!

I encourage all of you to visit the USC Phi Delta Theta website and the USC Phi Delta Theta Parents Club Facebook page, so you can learn more about this great Fraternity, the Parents Club, our Alumni Association and Fraternity events.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we are not hosting any Fall semester events. We will continue to keep you posted and are hopeful we will be able to resume our events in the Spring semester.

We do have some vacancies on the board and are looking for some parents to manage our Facebook page. If you are interested, please call me, or email me. We would love to see more parents take an active role!

Wishing you the very best, always!

Maria Cooper

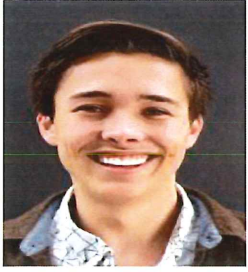
***Fight On!!***

P.S. Please go to the Parents Club section on the Chapter website at [www.uscphidelt.org/alumni-parents](http://www.uscphidelt.org/alumni-parents) to learn more!

To join the Parents Club Facebook page, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/161188857882326/> and request to join the Group!



## “CHAPTER AND VERSE”



***John Shepherd***  
***Chapter President***

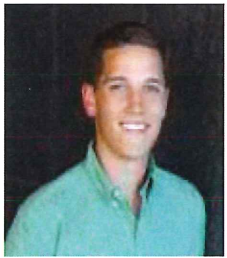
Hi Parents!

My name is John Shepherd and I am the Chapter President of Phi Delta Theta - California Delta for the 2020 calendar year. I am a junior from Orange County, CA and have thoroughly enjoyed my time in Phi Delt thus far. I'd first off like to give a warm welcome to the new parents of Phikeia joining our chapter. Our chapter has enjoyed getting to know these young men and I am excited to see them thrive at USC and with Phi Delt. While we are still in an all online format for school and chapter operations, it has been important that brothers have each other to make it through this uncertain time. We will be having executive board elections this upcoming November and I am beyond excited to see what our new leadership has in store. As my time as Chapter President comes to a close, I would like to give a big thank you to all the parents for the continued support of your son and this chapter. We all appreciate you immensely and hope to see all of you in the near future for a Parent's Club event at the chapter house. Thank you again for your support of our chapter and have a wonderful holiday season!

Fight On!

John Shepherd”

## “HOUSE CALLS”



***Brenton Caldwell***  
***House Corporation President***

Dear Parent Club Members,

Congratulations on your son's invitation to join the California Delta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta! During this crazy time of social distance and online education, Brotherhood and social interaction is needed now more than ever. I believe that Greek Life at USC, specifically California Delta, is well positioned to help students feel more deeply connected to USC and create a forum for much needed collaboration. Some of the memories I look back on fondly during my time in the Fraternity were 1) being given opportunities to lead and motivate Chapter members and 2) being able to learn from the diversity of majors and thoughts which each of my Brothers "brought to the table". I'm looking forward to your son's contributions to the Chapter over the coming years and hope that they find the property on West 28th Street as a "home away from home", as I did in college. I also hope that your son has a wonderful pledge semester - albeit a bit different from those in the past. If you ever have any questions please don't hesitate to email me at [housecorp@uscphidelt.org](mailto:housecorp@uscphidelt.org).

Best,

Brenton Caldwell

## 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 FALL 2020 USC PHI DELT PHIKEIA CLASS!

Please welcome the following members of the Fall, 2020 Phikeia Class, who pledged Phi Delta Theta after a virtual recruitment period in August, 2020!

#### Fall, 2020 Phikeias

Joseph Antonello Boca Raton, Florida	Class of 2023
Jack Goldman Pacific Palisades, California	Class of 2023
Matthew Huntington Calabasas, California	Class of 2022
Adnan Khan Dallas, Texas	Class of 2023
Tommy Kimmel La Jolla, California	Class of 2022
Matt Levy San Diego, California	Class of 2024
Bayan Sedighian Temecula, California	Class of 2023
Juan Valderrama Queens, New York	Class of 2022

**WELCOME TO THE NEW INITIATES OF USC PHI DELT, FROM THE SPRING, 2020**

**PHIKEIA CLASS!**

Congratulations to the newest members of California Delta Phi Delta Theta – the Spring 2020 Phikeia Class, all of whom were initiated on October 7, 2020!

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
1.	Andrew Blalock	San Diego, California
2.	Sagan Gor	Charlotte, North Carolina
3.	Samuel Guillemette	St. Louis, Missouri
4.	Divij Kapoor	Los Angeles, California
5.	James Kasaba	Topanga, California
6.	Jack Litwin	Leawood, Kansas
7.	Carson Mogush	Mequon, Wisconsin
8.	Ryan Nishida	Los Angeles, California
9.	Richard Nolen	Atlanta, Georgia
10.	Alexander Oliva	Wayne, Pennsylvania
11.	David Parau	Surprise, Arizona
12.	Owen Ramsby	Columbia, South Carolina
13.	Joshua Rana	Las Vegas, Nevada
14.	Ryan Shaw	San Jose, California
15.	Presley Silahian	San Diego, California
16.	Samuel Slattery	Nashville, Tennessee
17.	Alexander St. Jean	Demarest, New Jersey
18.	Jordan Tollner	Coto de Caza, California
19.	Gray Toomey	Los Angeles, California
20.	Anant Vasudevan	Gurgaon, Haryana
21.	Steven Vorona	Morganville, New Jersey



Congratulations to the USC Phi Delta Theta California Delta Chapter for being recognized for the following awards by Phi Delta Theta National Fraternity!

**Gold Star Chapter Excellence Award**

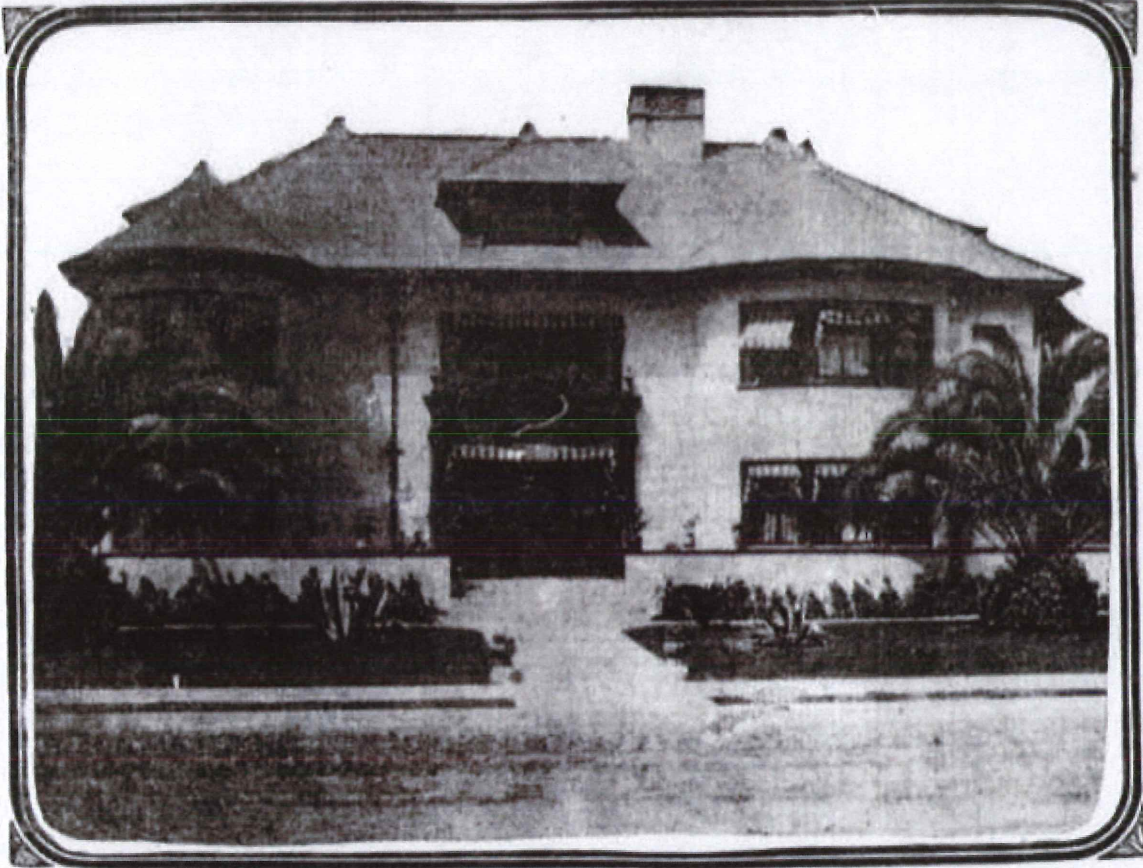
and

**Excellence in General Headquarters Reporting Award**

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

LOS ANGELES HERALD: SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 3, 1905

**CALIFORNIA HOME OF THE FINER TYPE NEAR CHESTER PLACE**



Los Angeles Herald 1905

**2021: 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 28<sup>th</sup> Street, which was built in 1896, will celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> year of its construction.

In 2021, HAPPY 125<sup>th</sup> California Delta Chapter House! A celebration is planned in 2021!

Details will follow. 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 75<sup>th</sup> year of its founding!

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

Details will follow. Fight on!

**IV. NATIONAL NARRATIVES**

Important Articles from Phi Delta Theta National Fraternity

**AN IMPORTANT BACK-TO-SCHOOL MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

By Chris W. Brussalis – Phi Delta Theta National Fraternity

It is during these trying times when we must lean on our shared values and do what ought to be done. Our undergraduate leaders, chapters, and volunteers are responding to incredibly stressful circumstances, leading with maturity, clarity, and resolve. To those men and women, we say thank you.

Let me be very clear and blunt in my reminder to you that your actions this fall are being watched under a microscope. Fraternities, including one of our chapters, are making unwanted and embarrassing headlines through reckless behavior by throwing campus parties that put everyone at risk.

By violating basic safety protocols during this global pandemic, you not only put yourself at risk, but you put your campus staff, faculty, and community at risk. Think about that food service worker who may have an elderly parent in their home. Think about that faculty member with a compromised newborn at home. Reckless actions can spread COVID-19 and devastate others who are risking their well-being to serve you.



Think beyond yourself and do what ought to be done. Do the right thing, and be your brother's keeper. As leaders on your campuses, you have a heightened responsibility to willingly and responsibly adhere to even the most stringent limitations put upon you by your schools and communities for the sake of the greater good.

As a college student, you are welcomed as part of the local community. There is a common understanding that you agree to coexist, to share among the people with whom you interact, and to be a positive influence on everyone in the school and local community. When you step on campus, or take up residence in your school's hometown, you are becoming an integral part of the locale. This is your home away from home, and you are now making your own decisions that affect your future. And now, more than ever, your decisions can have immediate and dire impact on those you live among. Please consider your community with every decision you make.

Phi Delta Theta must stand with other Greek peers and be the influence for good actions, responsible living, and the dedicated following of COVID-19 guidelines. Teamwork among peer groups, in collaboration with Greek life offices and school administrations, can bring positive momentum and result in positive news in place of bad news reports.

Unfortunately, we are learning that some groups are making selfish and irresponsible choices upon their campus returns and allowing themselves to fall prey to mob mentality, putting themselves, their chapter, the Fraternity, and their college community at risk because of their unwise and short-sighted choices. Please, do not let this be you or your chapter brothers.

Common sense and self-control must prevail among our members. We should never drop our guard. The call to be upstanding and wise, considering the present danger of the spread of COVID-19, is ours to accept. Now is the time to show your university administrations the strength of Greek fellowship, to lead amidst troubled circumstances, and to take responsible action by enforcing the various guidelines that COVID-19 requires for the benefit and safety of all.

Supporting and caring for our members continues to be Phi Delta Theta's top priority. Our staff and volunteers are working tirelessly to be responsive and responsible as we proactively adjust our strategic plan with enhancements in the following areas: [1\) Health and Safety](#), [2\) Recruitment and Retention](#), [3\) Programming and Support](#), and [4\) Finances](#).

Thank you and welcome back to school. The 2020-2021 academic year will certainly be a year like no other. Each one of you has the chance to leave a lasting imprint on your community. Wear your mask. Be your brother's keeper. Represent your Fraternity with honor. Be safe and well.

Please reach out to General Headquarters staff at [ghq@phideltatheta.org](mailto:ghq@phideltatheta.org) with any questions or concerns.

Yours in the Bond,



Dr. Chris W. Brussalis, *Allegheny '87*  
President of the General Council

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**October 2020**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Trojan Family Weekend	Trojan Family Weekend	
11 Trojan Family Weekend	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 USC Phi Delt Alumni	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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**November 2020**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Fall Classes End	14
15	16	17 Final Exams Begin	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Final Exams End	25 Winter Recess Begins -	26	27	28
29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5

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