



UC Berkeley Alpha Epsilon Pi Chi Alpha Quarterly

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Upcoming Dates – 2019/2020

- October 19th - Parents Weekend/Oregon State Homecoming Game
- November 17th – Scavenger Hunt Philanthropy Event
- November 22nd - Alumni Event/Stanford Away Game Weekend
- January 27th - Holocaust Remembrance Event
- May 16th - Graduation

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Letter from the President

Dear Parents and Alumni,

My name is Jeremy Ezrin and I am proud to be serving as president of the UC Berkeley Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi. This year has been a year of productivity and Jewish engagement for the Chi Alpha Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi. A primary focus of the Chi Alpha Chapter over the past year has been fostering relationships with other Jewish Organizations in Berkeley, this has included Poke under the sukkah with Chabad and multiple Shabbat dinners facilitated by Hillel. These events have been greatly beneficial as they have allowed our brothers to practice the Jewish values that define our fraternity. Our status as leaders throughout the Jewish community was on full display this past March when we hosted Alpha Epsilon Pi's West Coast Regional Conclave which was attended by more than 400 brothers from chapters across the country. We are looking forward to continuing our longstanding tradition of fostering leadership in the Jewish and Greek communities of Berkeley.

Regards,

Jeremy Ezrin (2020), President

West Coast Regional Conclave

Hosting West Coast Conclave represented a great opportunity for us as it allowed our members to showcase the strong bond between our chapter and the Berkeley Jewish Community, with conclave events including an award ceremony dinner with Hillel and Shabbat dinner with Chabad.



[Link to Backyard Fundraising GoFundMe](#)



Rendering of Backyard Plans:



Backyard Fundraising Initiative

As a result of our chapter's profound performance hosting conclave, our national organization generously donated nearly \$2,000 to our chapter, this money has been used to execute the first phase of our initiative to convert the existing space in our back-parking lot to an outdoor space for brotherhood events and athletics. This new space has thus far been used to host afternoon band nights, brotherhood dinners, basketball tournaments, as well as a game day tailgate before Cal's victory over North Texas, drastically improving our chapter's ability to host outdoor events and subsequently increasing brotherhood involvement. As we look to phase two of our backlot development initiative, we humbly turn to you guys, our parents and alumni to help us in raising the necessary funds to complete the construction of this new space. Any contribution will go a long way in improving the undergraduate experience for our brothers.



Message from our Alumni Chair

Dear Parents, Family, and Alumni

We hope you enjoyed your summers and are settling into the fall season. We had an eventful summer with brothers involved in internships, Birthright trips, and group renovations on the backyard of the Chi Alpha chapter house. We are now a few weeks through the semester, and we are looking forward to our upcoming events planned. One of the events we are most excited for is our annual alumni event.

We had a great turnout last November at Hunan Homes and had brothers join us from pledge classes spanning different decades. I have recently taken up the alumni relations position and wanted to maintain, and strengthen, our current relationship. We recognize and appreciate the time you have put into the Chi Alpha chapter and would love to showcase that at our alumni event on November 22nd. This is the night before The Big Game, so we are looking to have a great turnout.

Lastly, we wanted to gauge your interests on the location of the event. We want to showcase our newly renovated backyard, but also want to maintain convenience with traveling and any Big Game plans. I have attached a poll below with the two location options for November 22nd. If you have any questions or feedback for the event you can email them to nlopezkoen@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you there!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LRK9P9S>

Most fraternally,

Noah Lopez-Koen (2021)

Update on Brotherhood Engagement

I am proud to announce that the Chi Alpha chapter has been busy connecting to the Jewish community at Cal and elsewhere. Our Jewish Identity chair, Erel Saul, has planned amazing events to connect the brothers to Judaism at Berkeley including a Rabbi hosted Shabbat, pizza Break the Fast, and an AEPi Sukkah event in the works. He has also encouraged brothers go on Birthright in the winter and summer. Our Philanthropy chairs, AJ Teiger and Jake Cunningham, have been hard at work planning a scavenger hunt Philo event that will be taking place in November. Finally, our Civic Engagement Chair, Robert Iancu, has been hosting resume and interview workshops for brothers in search of internships and first year jobs. Overall, I am very proud of the progress the chairs have made thus far this semester.

Regards,

Sam Serber (2021), Vice-President

Class of 2019

Wishing last semester's graduating class the best as they begin their post-college lives working at various companies including Ernst and Young, CBRE, Citi Group, Houlihan Lokey, and City National Bank.



Philanthropy Update

My name is Jacob Cunningham, and I am the Philanthropy chair for Chi Alpha. This semester, we have decided to donate all of our proceeds from our main event to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Charity. One of the most important attributes of a fraternity is to give back to the community in a positive way. Our target goal is \$4,000, and we hope to be able to reach this goal, with all of our hard work.

Along with our main event, we are also involved in other philanthropy actions throughout the community. We have a large group of brothers who participate in WriterCoach Connection, where brothers in our fraternity go to Oakland, and volunteer in low income school districts on order to help them with topics they may be struggling in school. We also have some brother's, notably Daniel Lurie, who are advocates for American Red Cross, and help find participants to donate blood.

Another event that we are putting on this year is "Wear Black to Remember", where we will have a Greek Life wide, and schoolwide event where we will encourage students and faculty to wear black, in remembrance of the terrible events that occurred during the Holocaust. This will be on January 27th, 2020.

If anybody has any questions, comments or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, text, or phone.

Best Regards,

Jacob Cunningham (2021)

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Parents Weekend

This year UC Berkeley's homecoming weekend will fall on the weekend of October 19th, with Saturday being Cal football's home game against Oregon State. Throughout the weekend we will be hosting numerous events for parents, we will be sending out an email in the next week or so with a schedule for the weekend.

[Link to UC Berkeley Homecoming Weekend Events](#)



This past March we hosted the "Pie a Pi" philanthropy event with ADPi, Pi Phi, and Pike, raising more than \$1200 for various charities.

