

# Sigma Phi Epsilon

Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love



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**A New System. A New Beginning.**

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Jeremy Miclat  
Class of 2016

“Simply put, joining the fraternity is the best decision I’ve made. I’ve begun to better understand how to get out of my comfort zone at times, be more confident, and have great time with great people! Thank you to the brothers who check up on me, encourage me, and generally lighten and liven up the mood. Overall, I’m proud to be a SigEp, and I’m excited to see what the future has in store for all of us!”

\_Jeremy Miclat

## A Message From the President

It is my great honor to serve as a second term President for the 2013 year. I am humbled and as eager and hungry for success as ever before. I want to thank my brothers new and old for believing in my vision and abilities as the continued leader for SigEp. The vision I formally developed at Ruck Leadership Institute this past July is simply put: “My vision is to instill a culture change within my fraternity that refocuses toward our core values of Virtue, Diligence, Brotherly Love and a “Sound Mind within a Sound Body”; through recruitment, member development, and ritual. As we begin a new year we aim to execute our vision and act on the small details to make

success become a reality. It is more important now than ever that Alumni stay involved with the undergraduate chapter here at UCSD as we strive forward. May we never forget the Lifetime Responsibility of Brotherhood. It is crucial one assists the chapter as we walk in the footsteps you once took. It is believed once a brother leaves the walls of SigEp he is of no use or done as a member. I challenge you to lead the way in fulfilling one of the founding principles, “...Strong alumni system”.

## Chapter Accomplishments

- 100% New Member Retention Rate
- Efficient Transition to the BMS Program
- National Scholarship Recipient (Allan Cortes)
- \$1,400 Raised for the Balanced Man Scholarship



## Supporting the Balanced Man

Cal Rho Alumni Raise Over \$1,200 for Balanced Man Scholarship

*By Steven Chik*

The Alumni Golf Tournament was an important event not only to fundraise for the Balanced Man Scholarship, but also to network with our brothers before us. This golf tournament raised over \$1,200 for scholarships.

This event would have not been as successful without all the support from everyone who participated. The chapter would like to give a special thanks to John Wood and Greg de Jesus for organizing and Drew Reynolds for coordinating the sponsorship, as well as being the spearhead that we need in order to raise the necessary

funds for our upcoming 2013 scholarship.

Personally, as a new member, it seems fitting that my first event was one involving alumni because it says something about this fraternity. It says that being a SigEp doesn't just last until you have to pay dues again. It doesn't last until you graduate. It lasts forever. This brotherhood is a lifetime responsibility and I have so much respect for SigEp because our members understand and make that a priority. Therefore, my lifetime journey as a SigEp could not have started out with a more meaningful event.

## Member Reflections



Upon starting my first quarter at UCSD, it seemed like everybody else on campus walked with such purpose and I was just a lost freshman. So when I found SigEp, I found much more than guidance; I found encouragement. Being a part of this brotherhood has immersed me in an atmosphere much more “stimulating” than the res halls. Because when I overhear my brothers talking about their new internship, or how hard they studied, or how they have to organize their day, or how much ridiculous fun they had over the weekend, it encourages me to live my life with a new perspective. Basically, you won’t find me on the couch anymore. Although I am far from the “Balanced Man”, SigEp is the encouragement I need to become one.

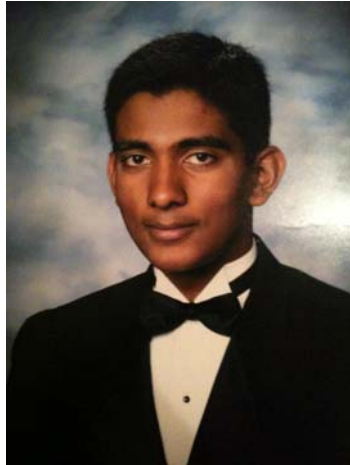
- Steven Chik (Class of 2016)



One of the most powerful feelings that one experiences in being part of such a closely knit brotherhood is that one becomes constantly witness to fact that he is part of something that goes beyond any one person. To be driven by individual ambitions is a powerful force in its own right, but being part of SigEp has opened me to an environment where every individual genuinely strives to encourage greatness in each of his brothers. My time as a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon has been filled with an abundance of memories and experiences that have been profoundly influential in shaping me into the individual I am today, and I can genuinely say that I have become a better rounded student, and a more effective leader since I’ve joined SigEp.

- Justin Austria (Class of 2014)

## SigEp Spotlight: Aneesh Natarajan



My name is Aneesh Natarajan. I am a freshman at UCSD studying Bioengineering: Bioinformatics, and I am new member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon California Rho Chapter. SigEp has played a huge role in my time thus far as a college student. I feel that SigEp has greatly impacted me with the brotherhood it provided me with. Through the tough transition from being dependent on my family to living on my own, SigEp has provided me with a family away from home.

The Balanced Man Program that SigEp follows has been extremely impactful to me. As a member working to complete the Sigma Challenge, I felt that my growth as an individual this past quarter was very monumental. By setting long and short-term goals for myself, I was able to work towards improving myself academically, athletically, and socially. EDGE Leadership Camp was one of many memorable experiences that I was able to learn a lot from.

“Believing that my Fraternity can be no greater than any of its members, I shall strive to make it so high and so worthy that men will consider it an honor and privilege to belong to it, and will strive to be admitted to it” –Oscar E. Draper (Grand President 1928-1930) from The Creed of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Setting such a standard for my chapter and for myself, I can now embark on my next few years as a SigEp with a purpose.

SigEp has given me and all other new members unique opportunities that perhaps are not available to new members in any other fraternity on campus. As we did not have a pledge quarter, SigEp allowed us to get involved from day one. I felt that I was able to learn a lot through this process especially under the mentorship of many older brothers. In addition, being able to meet and converse with alumni, our regional director Rick, and our chapter advisor Matt allowed me to understand the true meaning of membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon and the quest to live every day life following the cardinal principals of virtue, diligence, and brotherly love.

# A Change to A New System

5<sup>th</sup> Year Senior William Wong Provides His Thoughts

Our fraternity transitioned from traditional to balanced man and I was the one to witness, restructured, and executed for our success. What does this mean to me? I am proud that I am able to contribute a big part in introducing the balanced man program to our chapter in a positive and productive way. I value the traditions that we built in our chapter, but when our fraternity is down in manpower, down in moral, down in organization and down in membership development we were not what we set out to become. Our fraternity now is committed and revisited our lifetime membership of brotherhood, completing Sigma, Phi, and Epsilon challenges as we have set in the bylaws with each challenge representing our pledge to our fraternity. I cannot say that I am proud to be a Sigep any less enthusiasm, faith, or commitment.

