



# SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

## Cal Beta Chapter at UC Berkeley

December 2013

Seasons Greetings to All Cal Beta Brothers:

It's been another fabulous year for SAE Cal Beta. With all due respect to Dave Letterman, here's our top ten list of things we are thankful for this Holiday Season:

- 1) **Paul Manolis History Book.** "Wow. What a book." This testimonial pretty much sums up our feelings about how proud we are of this monumental work that is receiving rave reviews near and far. If you have not yet ordered your FREE copy, go to the website at [www.SAECalBeta.org](http://www.SAECalBeta.org) and order it now. So far, only 300+ alumni have taken advantage of this incredible, "no-strings attached" offer. Our supply of books is limited. First-come, first-served.
- 2) **Cal Beta Hall of Fame.** Since its inception in the fall of 2010, the Cal Beta Hall of Fame has inducted 34 alumni. Induction ceremonies are held twice per year: Duck Dinner in the fall and Senior Dinner in the spring. Please nominate deserving candidates by sending us an email at [info@SAECalBeta.org](mailto:info@SAECalBeta.org). Check-out the biographies and pictures of the inductees on the website.
- 3) **24/7/365 Access to Members' Directory.** Stay in touch with all your pledge brothers by accessing the password-protected members' directory on our website. Also, check to make sure your contact information is current. The user name is CALBETA (all caps) and the password is phialpha (all lower case).
- 4) **Housing Corp. Board of Directors.** No fraternity chapter could survive for long, let alone 119 years, without a group of responsible alumni watching over the affairs of the actives and keeping track of the comings and goings of the alumni. All of us listed at the end of this letter share the same sentiment. We are proud members of SAE Cal Beta and are pleased to volunteer our time and talent to the Board of the BEST fraternity that ever came over from ol' UC.
- 5) **2722 Bancroft Way Never Looked Better.** Since 2002 when the House was shut down for a year of repairs, over \$1.5 million has been invested in the maintenance and upkeep of our beloved chapter house built in 1926. It should last another 100 years or more as long as we continue to treat it well and keep investing in necessary maintenance and repair.





- 6) **Full House and 60+ Actives.** The Greek system at UC Berkeley is back on the upswing and SAE Cal Beta is widely regarded as one of the top-tier fraternities. For the last several years, we have been initiating 20+ new members and the house has been full with 45+ live-ins and 15+ live-outs.
- 7) **1200+ Cal Beta Brothers for Life.** Our online database includes 1200+ living alumni & actives and 800+ members in the Chapter Eternal. Help us keep this database as accurate and complete as possible. If you have lost touch with one of the brothers from your era, take the initiative in 2014 to reach-out and say hi. Better yet, take the lead and organize a reunion for all the brothers from your era. We'll help you anyway we can.
- 8) **Responsible Stewards of the Legacy.** Each of us has a responsibility to ensure that the SAE Cal Beta Legacy is passed-on to future generations. We have enclosed a giving card and return envelope. Please make a generous, tax-deductible contribution to the Cal Beta SAE Educational Institute, Inc., the 501 (c)(3) entity that owns the assets at 2722 Bancroft Way and awards scholarships to deserving undergraduates.
- 9) **True Gentlemen.** We were all forced to memorize the words to "The True Gentleman" when we were initiated. But as best we can, let's encourage one another to live lives that fully embody the spirit of these famous words penned by John Walter Wayland in 1899. Be True.
- 10) **Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Nov 2019.** While it is a bit early to begin planning the details, we will have another gathering in 2019 similar to the one in 1994 when we celebrated Cal Beta's Centennial Anniversary at the International House. If all goes well over the course of the next six years and with your generosity, the highlight of the evening will be a spectacular mortgage-burning celebration.

Phi Alpha. Go Bears.

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