

Dear Sir or Madame Judge,

Last September, members of our chapter hosted a party at the then- chapter president's home where alcohol was served to students of the university who were minors. As a result of this, the chapter received several sanctions from the university and its national headquarters. In addition to probation for the entire chapter, the leadership (including the chapter president) responsible for the party was removed from the chapter and a membership review was conducted by San Diego-based SigEp volunteers. This review resulted in additional members being removed because their vision for the chapter was not consistent with the ideals and purpose of our organization.

Since the sanctions were received a year ago, we have strived to improve our organization. We have worked tirelessly with the University and SigEp headquarters staff to improve our relations with the campus community, and we have recruited additional volunteers from the San Diego and USD communities to assist us in this endeavor. I was elected president as a result of our previous president being removed from office, and I have personally committed countless hours to turning this chapter around.

I hope you find this application an appropriate reflection of our newfound efforts. I don't intend to erase the events of last October from the record; they are an important reminder of what happens when leadership falters. However, I believe that with the assistance of the University and our volunteers, we have found a better way to serve USD. SigEp strives to be a partner in higher education, and I now believe we are meeting that end. Thank you for volunteering to judge this competition; we know it's a time-consuming effort! I hope you enjoy the rest of your semester.

Sincerely,

Logan Johnston

Sigma Phi Epsilon, President

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BUILDING BALANCED LEADERS
FOR THE WORLD'S COMMUNITIES

compiled by:
SigEp Executive Board

SOCIAL JUSTICE & SELFLESS SERVICE

Virtue

TO BEHAVE WITH DECENCY AS BEFITS THE DAY.
TO KEEP ALL RELATIONSHIPS HONEST.

Dilligence

TO USE TIME WISELY SCORNING DIFFICULTY.
TO PERSERVERE UNTO THE ATTAINMENT
THAT GIVES LIFE ITS ZEST AND FLAVOR.

Brotherly Love

TO LOVE THY BROTHER AS YOURSELF.
WHEN A BROTHER FALLS
YOU ARE THE FIRST TO PICK HIM UP.

Sound Mind

Sound Body

I have read the information in the attached application,
and I attest to the accuracy and truth of the information
to the best of my knowledge & Signature of Chapter Advisor/Date

Logan Johnston,
President

William Rochfort,
Chapter Advisor

Building balanced leaders for the world's communities - this is the motto of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Being a balanced leader inherently involves philanthropy and social justice. Throughout the past academic year, our chapter was at the helm of numerous philanthropy efforts.

In October 2008, members of SigEp participated in Alpha Chi Omega's Walk for Domestic Violence, whereby members were required to wear dresses for the cause. This walk took place on USD's campus - the participants were especially enthusiastic about the cause, regardless of the fact that they had to wear women's clothing to partake in the event.



SigEps pose in dresses with the ladies of Alpha Chi Omega during the Walk for Domestic Violence

In regards to participating in events in which the proceeds are donated to victims of domestic violence, our chapter co-ran in the 4th annual "Kickin' It" soccer tournament with the ladies of Alpha Chi Omega on April 4, 2009. SigEp enlisted two teams for the competition and saw to it that as many teams as possible were enrolled in the event. When all was said and done, \$5,000 was raised and donated to domestic violence awareness.

SigEp is no stranger to walking for a cause. On May 9, 2009 members of our chapter participated in USD's Walk For Hope philanthropy, in which proceeds were donated to Breast Cancer research. This was the first time in which a SigEp team at USD was put together for this cause. One of our members, Gio Marsano was on the planning board for the walk, and as such raised the expectations for the chapter as a whole. We were the only fraternity to have our own team and raise money for our group on campus.

When it came to collecting and donating to those in need, SigEp yet again stepped up for the cause. Throughout the fall semester, the Phi class (members of the second stage of our Membership Development Program) collected canned goods from dorms all across campus with the objective of donating all collected goods to Feeding America. This process was a part of their PHllantropy, a program in which members of the Phi class must plan and run a philanthropy program. This process prepares them not only for the next stage of the Balanced Man Program, but for serving the community as a whole when they leave USD as well.

Along the same lines as the Fall semester PHllantropy, the Spring semester saw Phi members going to the St. Vincent DePaul Homeless Shelter, where they spent an afternoon interacting with and serving food to the homeless. Those younger members who were in attendance were extremely enthusiastic about being there and felt a great sense of fulfillment from spending time with people who were grateful for their help.

USD's SigEp chapter is no stranger to aiding those in need. Often times, it is members taking their own initiative to make a change for the good, to make a difference. Last semester, Ryan Buresh took it upon himself to initiate a chapter-wide clothing donation to children who were less fortunate. During one of our chapter meetings, members brought in old clothes or clothes they didn't wear anymore, some bought new clothes to donate, while others literally took the shirts off their backs and threw them in a pile – a pile that would be donated to the cause. On a similar note, there were two other instances throughout the past year where members of our chapter donated clothing to a good cause. The first cause being Children of the Night, an organization trying to put an end to child prostitution by getting minors off the street and providing for them in an effort to help them get their lives back on track. The second case in point was for a SigEp chapter in Madison, WI whose house burned down in a tragic fire. Our brothers exemplified the epitome of brotherly love by helping fellow brothers in a time of need and donated whatever clothing we could find, in an effort to try and help them restart their everyday lives and routines.

Another instance in which an individual of the chapter took his own initiative to make the rest of the chapter aware of an opportunity to contribute to a great cause and aid those in need was when Jerome Duluk traveled to Guatemala last summer and came upon the chance to be a part of sponsoring a school. Upon his return to the States, he came to the chapter with the idea that we as a chapter could collectively sponsor a preschool in Tamahu, Guatemala. Over the past year, our chapter has been working closely with the Friends of the Poor organization to sponsor said school.

Spring semester saw our chapter making amends for the hindrances of Fall semester. After a rough start to the year in which our chapter was put on probation, Nationals came in and conducted interviews with each and every member of our chapter, deeming who was fit to truly be a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. It was a trying time for every member, as we saw great progress from a year prior practically shadowed over by events that no member was proud to be

a part of. We also had to watch as certain members, who many of us had known for years at that point, were forced to leave the chapter. The start of the spring was an opportunity for a new Executive Board to lead the chapter in a new direction and to raise morale after it had been all but spent in the fall. One of the ways in which we took steps to making a positive change was implementing several programs that included academic accountability and social accountability, the latter of which lead to us bring in a health-and-wellness speaker about alcohol abuse. Julie Barnet came into one of our meetings and gave an informative talk on alcohol and the risk we as college students run every day. The chapter benefited greatly from this and asked many questions in hopes of becoming more educated on the subject. This was just a small instance in which members of our chapter began taking the initiative to make strides in a positive direction.

Selfless service is a major part of being a balanced leader, but if one were to strive to be the quintessential balanced man, they could not ignore being culturally and socially aware of the numerous cultures that surround us on a daily basis and the social injustices that take place. This Sigma Phi Epsilon Diversity Awareness Program made it its mission to foster, Promote and Develop Balanced Leaders who are aware, knowledgeable and inclusive in an increasingly globalized society. The program seeks to educate, enlighten and expose members to religions, culture and art in our world; to build outstanding citizens for our world. It entails visiting places of religious worship, cultural centers, museums, music/theatre productions and festivals. Finally, the program promotes diversity and understanding amongst all peoples, cultures, ethnicities, languages and religions around the globe.

Last semester, Chris Helali encouraged members of this chapter to take the initiative to make the chapter more informed and learned when it comes to other cultures. Being a chapter as diverse as SigEp is, there is no excuse for any member being ignorant to any socially relevant

issue or the cultures of any of its members. Spring semester saw members of our chapter traveling to the Islamic Center of San Diego to learn about Islamic culture and its religious traditions. Those who partook in this cultural adventure met with an Imam of a local mosque and engaged with him by asking several questions about Islam and its followers. When their visit was over, members of this chapter left the religious structure with a better understanding of a culture that is not only ever growing in today's world, but extremely relevant in today's society in regards to both cultural and religious traditions.



Members pose with the Imam at the Islamic Center of San Diego

Every Greek organization has its primary philanthropy. Sigma Phi Epsilon's national benefactor is YouthAIDS, an education and prevention program that utilizes media, pop culture, music, theatre and sports to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and reach 600 million young people in more than 60 countries with life-saving messages, products, services and care. This past year the highlight of the Spring semester was the first annual SigEp Sun Cup, when Cal Beta Beta teamed up with chapters from UC San Diego and San Diego State University for the first multi-school, Greek-related philanthropy in San Diego history. The three chapters, partnered with Beach Soccer USA, put together a beach soccer tournament in which sororities from all three schools would compete. Throughout an intense day of competition and a massive bracket to power through, there would be a winner from each school, and an overall tournament winner. Complimenting the days athletic events were sand castle building contests, tug-o-war competitions, and live music provided by six bands, including reggae band-of-the-year nominee, Rude Boy Roots. Food and beverages were provided by numerous vendors and sponsors. The money made from sales, combined with that earned from sponsorships, donations, and other mediums including the fielding of teams from each Panhellenic organization would be donated to YouthAIDS. At the end of the day, a winner had been declared, amazing sand castles had been crafted, massive amounts of food and beverages had been consumed, great music had been enjoyed, and \$20,000 had been raised for the cause.



Sorority women hard at work in hopes of winning the sand castle-building competition at Sun Cup

Being dedicated to service to the community means expanding further to help our planet. Last semester, we began working on establishing a new position that would fall under Membership Development – the Sustainability Chair. The purpose and goal of this chair would

be three-fold – to make sure events we hold and activities we engage in are done so in a manner that is not harmful to the planet, to collect recyclable materials from events and bringing them to recycling centers located through San Diego, and to hold members accountable for their actions in relation to the environment during and outside of chapter meeting.

A major social movement that has been taking place over the last few years is Invisible Children. Invisible Children, Inc. began simply as three filmmakers from Southern California traveling to Northern Africa in search of a story to tell – what they found proved to be shocking and horrifying, children being turned into soldiers and being murdered by the masses. By distribution of the rough cut of this film, awareness was brought to the issue and spread like wild fire across the nation and the world with people wanting to help in any way they could. Our own Joshua Hamilton was among the many looking to make a difference for the children of Northern Uganda. Josh was at the forefront of spreading awareness on USD’s campus, going from organization to organization looking for people to participate in *The Rescue*. On April 25, 2009, in 100 cities in 10 countries, 85,000 people gathered and abducted themselves for the abducted in an effort to stand in cohesion with the children. Josh played a major role in getting students from USD to partake in the event for a greater cause.

PERSON HOURS SPENT ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

First	Last	Service Hours
Chris	Arrington	10
Jourdain	Artz	10
Grant	Battle	10
Alexander	Borgia	10
Matthew	Bregar	10
Ryan	Buresh	18
Trevor	Carlsen	10
Christopher	Czajkowskyj	10
Robert	Driggers	10
Joseph	Fasheh	64
Mark	Ferguson	25
Bryan	Ferrell	150
Chad	Fleischer	30
Matthew	Gosch	10
Nabeil	Hazu	240
Christopher	Helali	25
Charlie	Hersman	19
Dave	Hurt	35
Chris	Jacobs	30
Michael	Jianas	12
Martin	Jimenez	10

Logan	Johnston	30
Amaris	Jones-Wiggins	12
Tim	Kaatman	60
Matt	Leigh	240
Mark	Lopez	10
Steve	MacDonald	30
Mike	Mackie	30
Giovani	Marsano	146
Alexander	Marthol	15
John	McSorley	60
Michael	Mireles	10
Kyle	Myers	15
Derek	Nelson	15
Noah	Nelson	10
Mike	O'Malley	10
David	Parker	20
Ben	Pekarek	30
Aaron	Phillips	10
Paul	Price	10
JD	Rees	10
Mike	Renna	15
Edmon	Rubi	60
Daniel	Runbeck	10
Cole	Sanders	10
Andrew	Sanicola	12
William	Schmidt	15
Brian	Schneider	10
Armeen	Shaidani	15
Evan	Smith	12
Shane	Smith	10
Mac	Sparks	10
Mark	Toyama	10
Jack	Williams	32
Sami	Zaidi	12

total : 1,726 hours

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO BY OUR CHAPTER:

Ambassadors Club – Chris Arrington, Jourdain Artz, Trevor Carlsen, Brian Ferrell-de Ataide, Chris Jacobs, Michael Mireles, Paul Price, Mark Toyama

The Ambassadors Club is responsible for assisting the Office of Undergraduate Admissions with events such as open houses, student panels, campus tours, as well as overnight hosting.

Alcala Club – Jourdain Artz, Joshua Hamilton, Mark Toyama

The Alcala Club is a service organization that represents the University when it needs a liaison with guests who visit campus and the USD community. It is a great honor to have 3 members in this highly exclusive club.

USD 100 – Joshua Hamilton, Chris Jacobs, Logan Johnston

The USD 100 is a select group of seniors who the university's administration has deemed most prepared for life after graduation.

Pre-Orientation Retreat – Jeff Bentz, Chris Helali, Amaris Jones-Wiggins

Pre-Orientation retreat is a program put on by University Ministry that eases the transition for incoming freshman before the start of Torero Days. It is an extremely beneficial opportunity that we are proud to have ties to.

Torero Squad – Dillon Friedman, Charlie Hersman, Giovanni Marsano, Will Schmidt

Members of the Torero Squad help lead freshman students and transfers during Torero Days week. Allowing these new students to become acclimated to life at USD is a big responsibility that demonstrates our members' leadership capabilities.

Net Week – Jeff Carey, Chad Fleischer

Net week is an opportunity for students and faculty that have any questions about using technology on campus answered by the staff that is knowledgeable and well versed in IT areas.

ITS Student Security Posters – Armeen Shaidani

ITS approached a select group of Visual Arts majors and asked if they would partake in creating computer security/safety awareness posters for its website as well as for posting around campus. Armeen designed a poster that focused on password security.

Associated Students – Ryan Buresh, Chris Helali, Amaris Jones-Wiggins

Our student body government is the most influential group on campus and we have three members that have taken the initiative to be leaders in such a powerful group.

University Center Operations –Edmon Rubi

Edmon has important responsibilities in dealing with everything that entails a job in the University Center Operations – this includes booking rooms for organizations, setting up for events and cleaning up when they are done, and providing information to any and every person that has questions.

Inter-Fraternity Council – Ryan Buresh, Chad Fleischer, Dave Hurt, Logan Johnston, Amaris Jones-Wiggins, Mike Mackie

Our IFC board for the past year has consisted of a majority of members from our chapter. We feel it is very important to not only accept responsibility within our own chapter but the entire Greek community.

Residence Hall Association – Chris Arrington, Amaris Jones-Wiggins, Daniel Runbeck

An important aspect of attending USD is life on campus. The administration takes pride in providing excellent quality of life on campus and the opportunity of living on campus for all four years. All of our members in the Residence Hall Association have important roles in making sure students will continue to have great opportunities on campus.

Admissions Tour Guide – Brian Ferrell-de Ataide, Chris Jacobs, Mike Mireles, Mark Toyama

Along with our involvement in easing freshmen transition, we also have opportunities to influence potential freshmen when high school students come to look at our campus and speak with students who will paint a picture of what a USD student will look like when they decide to come to school here.

Engineering Work/Lab Assistant – Logan Johnston

Logan was in charge of running computer simulations and compiling data for the schools Fluid Dynamics Program.

Outdoor Adventures RLC – Chris Arrington, Daniel Runbeck

Chris and Daniel's involvement with Outdoor Adventures is a part of our chapter's commitment to trying to stay active in our day-to-day lives, and keeping in line of our sound mind, sound body philosophy.

Mortar Board – Joshua Hamilton, Matt Leigh, Ben Pekarek, Grant Taylor

Mortar Board is a national honor society for college students. It was founded in 1918 and chartered on the USD campus in the fall of 2000.

Trio SSS Tutor – Logan Johnston

Logan tutored fellow college students in math, science, theater, and logic. It is both a tutoring program and guidance program for underprivileged students.