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WELCOME BACK TO THE RAG

Brothers,

For generations, California Gamma has been more than just a chapter at the University of California, Berkeley—it has been a place where lifelong friendships were formed, leaders were developed, and the values of Phi Kappa Psi were lived every day. Though the years may have taken us in different directions, the bond we share as California Gamma brothers remains strong.

It is with that spirit that we're proud to welcome you to the relaunch of ***The Rag.***

For many alumni, The Rag represents tradition, connection, and the stories that have defined California Gamma across generations. Today, its return marks more than a newsletter relaunch—it represents a renewed commitment to keeping our brotherhood informed, engaged, and connected.

Our goal is simple but important: to strengthen the bridge among undergraduate members, alumni, parents, and friends of California Gamma while creating a consistent and meaningful way to share our chapter's progress, challenges, and momentum.

A key reason this relaunch is possible is our new partnership with the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation. Through this collaboration, California Gamma will benefit from professional communications support, stronger alumni engagement, and a more intentional framework for preserving and advancing our chapter for generations to come.

This effort also comes at an important time in California Gamma's history. Like many historic chapters, we face both meaningful opportunities and significant challenges. Our brotherhood is strong since our refounding, and we also want to ensure that is has a sound long-term financial footing for decades to come. Our combined efforts will require leadership, transparency, and the collective support of brothers across every generation. One of the goals of The Rag is to keep you informed and engaged as we work together to build that future.

Moving forward, you can expect semesterly editions of The Rag, chapter updates, alumni stories, undergraduate highlights, and important news about the future of California Gamma.

Inside this edition, you'll find:
- Highlights from the 2025 Big Game Lunch and scholarship presentations
- A semester update from our undergraduate leadership
- An alumni highlight on Brother Vierregger and his impact on Cal Gamma
- A chapter scorecard with key metrics, engagement updates, and donor recognition

Thank you for your continued loyalty, support, and belief in California Gamma. The future of this brotherhood will be shaped by brothers who choose to stay connected, and we're grateful to be part of this next chapter with all of you.

In the Bond,

Bill Lewis *'86*

Thomas Zorrilla *'13*

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NEWS FROM CAL GAMMA

THE 128TH BIG GAME LUNCH

A Record-Breaking Phi Psi Tradition



The NorCal Alumni Association's 128th Big Game Lunch was a resounding success, drawing the largest turnout in recent memory. Held in November 2025 ahead of the annual Cal-Stanford Big Game, the sold-out luncheon brought together ***175 brothers and guests*** to celebrate fellowship, tradition, and the enduring bonds of Phi Kappa Psi.

The afternoon featured the presentation of the ***Alumnus of the Year*** award to **Alan Brown *'61***, with Sandy Sandusky '82 and Denny Jones '66 leading the recognition. Attendees also heard "State of the Chapter" updates from the Cal Beta and Cal Gamma GPs, offering an encouraging look at the future of our brotherhood.

A major highlight of the program was the announcement of the Cal Gamma chapter scholarship recipients. The scholarship effort, spearheaded by Brothers Klentos and Claiborne and funded through the Cal Gamma Endowed Chapter One Fund, recognized three deserving students: **Frederick Dehmel *'25***, **Siddharth Veerapaneni *'25***, and **Aidan Mintzer *'24***. Congratulations to each of these outstanding recipients.

The luncheon also included a Chapter Eternal remembrance, honoring brothers who have passed, including **George Jedenoff *'37*** and **Richard Andrews *'57*** of Cal Beta, and **Judge Raymond Arata *'56*** and **Derry Cook *'66*** of Cal Gamma. Many of these brothers were regular attendees at past Big Game Lunches, and their contributions to Phi Psi and to our shared traditions will not be forgotten.

Of course, it would not be a Big Game Lunch without spirited Big Game predictions, this year offered by **Carlos Hernández *'78*** and **Carl Stoney *'65.*** The afternoon concluded in true Phi Psi fashion, with brothers standing arm-in-arm for a powerful singing of "Amici." It was a fitting close to a memorable gathering and a reminder of the fellowship that continues to make the Big Game Lunch one of our most cherished traditions.





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SPRING 2026 SEMESTER REVIEW



Cal Gamma has continued to host band nights that feature various student-run bands, including the official house band. These band nights bring students from all walks of life, allowing them to connect with Greek Life on campus. Profits from the band night went to the Surfrider Foundation. Additionally, we supported Greek Blood Cancer Week by hosting a speaker from the NMDP Foundation at a chapter meeting. We had various brothers promote NMDP on campus, spreading the message into the greater Berkeley community.

Our official intermural PKP soccer team got third overall, and our basketball team got second overall.

This school year, Cal Gamma initiated 41 new members, with 33 in the fall and 8 in the spring. With 52 confirmed live-ins for the Fall 2026 semester, we plan on continuing our accelerated expansion of the brotherhood during rush next semester.

41
NEW MEMBERS

52
LIVE-INS





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Make sure you stay up-to-date on what is happening within the chapter and organization. Complete the form on the back of this newsletter, place it in a stamped envelope and mail it to the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation. You can also use the link at the bottom of the form to submit your information electronically.

Support Cal Gamma

Gifts to theCalifornia Gamma Chapter OneFund can be made by check, credit card and/or appreciated securities. These gifts are 100% tax deductible through the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation.

You can give online using a credit card at **pkpfoundation.org/give/ca-gamma**

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HENRY "HANK" E. VIERREGGER

Cal Gamma Chapter, 1956 | UC Berkeley, B.S. Business, 1961







"His smile was infectious. He was an inspiration to us all, showing us how to lead with honor, compassion, generosity and dignity." — Gary Goldstein *'78*

Brother, Soldier, Leader

Born in Omaha, Nebraska — the eleventh of twelve children — Hank Vierregger arrived at Berkeley already shaped by the values that would define his life: family, hard work, and humor in the face of adversity. He initiated into Cal Gamma in 1956 and quickly earned the trust of his brothers, serving as both Chapter President and House Manager. When he was drafted into the U.S. Army and deployed to Germany from 1959 to 1960, he returned to campus with the same resolve and adventurous spirit he had always carried, completing his B.S. in Business in 1961.

A Career and a Calling

Hank became a California CPA in 1969 and founded Vierregger Accountancy Corporation in 1990, a practice that served clients for over five decades and continues today. Those who worked with him remembered his rare gift for making tax season both productive and enjoyable. But for Hank, the numbers were a means to an end: providing for his family — his wife Sue, a retired teacher, and daughter Kris, a physician — and the freedom to give back. He and Sue traveled the world together, and he poured his good fortune into causes he believed in, including the Oralingua School for the Deaf, UC Berkeley, The Gathering Church, and Trinity Hope.

A Legacy of Brotherhood

One of Cal Gamma's most devoted and generous supporters, Hank gave not only financially but of his time and presence. He served as a Phi Psi Foundation Trustee, maintained correspondence with more than two dozen brothers, and was a fixture at chapter, regional, and national Phi Psi events. Hank was also a longtime donor to both the national fraternity and the Cal Gamma chapter, and he had a planned gift with the Foundation that was directed to Cal Gamma. He established a tradition of passing a pinky ring from chapter president to chapter president — a symbol that each leader was entrusted to nurture the fraternity during his term. He was also the first Cal Gamman inducted into the Order of the S.C. Above all, Hank mentored undergraduates with patience and warmth, modeling what it meant to lead with honor and live with purpose.

Hank is proof that selflessness and philanthropy are alive and well in the brotherhood.

Henry "Hank" E. Vierregger joined Chapter Eternal on April 24, 2023, at the age of 87.
He is survived by his beloved Phi Psi Sweethearts: his wife Sue and his daughter Kris Vierregger, M.D.

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CHAPTER HEALTH

87
CHAPTER TOTAL

843
LIVING ALUMNI

41
2025–26 NEW MEMBERS

3.7
FALL '25 GPA

FOUNDATION FUND BALANCES

All Fund Balances are as of June 19, 2026

California Gamma Endowed Chapter OneFund
Net Asset: $168,511.61

California Gamma Chapter Housing Fund
Net Asset: $187.51

California Gamma Chapter OneFund
Net Asset: $5,596.46

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Outstanding Solon E. Summerfield National Scholarship Recipient
Frederick Dehmel *'25*

District VI Scholarship Recipients
Willem Berry *'24*
Bert Hochbrueckner *'25*

Chapter Scholarship Recipients
Frederick Dehmel *'25*
Siddharth Veerapaneni *'25*
Aidan Mintzer *'24*

CHAPTER ETERNAL

John Taylor *'36*
Passed 2025

Martin Durante *'47*
Passed 2025

Charles Martin *'48*
Passed 2026

John Brewer *'51*
Passed 2025

Raymond Arata *'56*
Passed 2024

Lars Pedersen *'64*
Passed 2026

David Masters *'68*
Passed 2024

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Or do you know a brother who should be featured? Email to let us know at srp@pkpfoundation.org.

