

Brothers,

It has been way too long since you have been updated on the progress of our building project. It is without a doubt the most exciting project I have been involved with. As your SD Sigma House Corporation President, I have been honored and blessed to work with a team of your brothers, architects and builders that contributed to this project coming together. Without the gift of land and further donation from Harvey Jewitt we would have never started down this path. Thank you brother Jewitt and all the other donors!



I have two purposes in writing this letter. First, I would like to bring you up to speed on the status of our project and provide you with some visuals of our future house. There is almost too much to communicate but I will give it a shot. This house was conceived with several goals in mind.



- 1) Provide competitive housing
- 2) Create a home that brings brothers together
- 3) Create an energy efficient home
- 4) Provide modern HVAC
- 5) Provide quality meals
- 6) Paved parking lot

7) Best house on campus!

I truly believe that the design of this house accomplishes all our goals. You can check on the progress at www.sdsigmahouse.com to see the live camera. The completion date is projected to be June 30th, 2020.

We have added an alumni chapter advisory board to help guide our actives with running the house and conducting fraternity life. We want to make sure our men and our home are well cared for and have the guidance of alumni. This board will be responsible for advising on everything from philanthropy to kitchen management. This not only gets more alumni brothers involved but is a great resource for the active chapter.



Rendering of main living room



Rendering of Dining Room

The second purpose of this article is to request your help. While many brothers and the chapter itself have contributed over \$2,300,000 we still had to take out a long-term loan of \$1,750,000. This allowed us to begin the construction under the most favorable timeline. As in any building project, the less debt, the better. A smaller loan keeps rent affordable for the actives and reduces the amount of interest to be paid. In addition, it gives the House Corporation and the Chapter some cushion for any repairs or unforeseen items that need to be paid for.

Now I know you all had various experiences as a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at USD. Whether it was social life, helping run the house or campus involvement, it all influenced your personal and professional relationships.

Now is the time to make a financial commitment to this new house that will help create memories for another 100 years. There is no question it will be built! There is no question it will be great! There is no question our new house will lead the way! There is no question SAE changes lives!

For existing contributors who gave early on with very few details, thank you for believing in this campaign. Now that you have the details and know the complete scale of the project and its cost, I ask that you consider moving up one level on the donation ladder. For those of you that were skeptical because of how long things were taking, we ask that you to think about what our house has meant to you and give from the heart.

The next generation of SAE's needs you to help. Make it possible for our young men to have a great experience. Enclosed is a pledge form if you would like to spread your commitment over several years. You can also go to www.sdsigmahouse.com to make a donation online and to see an updated list of contributors. We want everyone to be involved at any level. Contributing on the website is an easy way to participate and all contributors will be recognized. Follow the instructions on the pledge form, make your commitment and send it back.

I truly believe that you will want to be a part of this project and say you helped build this great house!

D Days 2020 will be our official new house, open house. October 2-3 are the dates! It will be great! Much more to come!!

Thank you and Phi Alpha brothers!

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