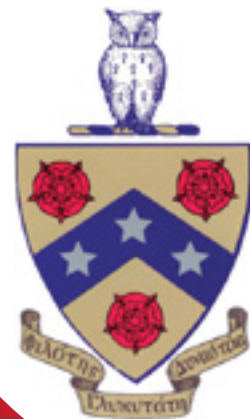


# Upsilon Alpha of Phi Gamma Delta CAMPANILLA

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## UPSILON ALPHA WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

Our chapter continues to be recognized for outstanding achievements. At the recent **Order of Omega Greek Awards Banquet**, Upsilon Alpha won 11 of 13 awards, five of them being chapter awards and six of them acknowledging individual brothers.

Chapter awards we won included **Chapter of the Year (2022)**, **Olympian Health and Wellness Award**, **Outstanding Philanthropic Contributions**, **Outstanding Academic Success Program**, and **Outstanding Programming**

**Award**. We also had *Trevor Henson '19* win **Chapter Advisor of the Year** and **Young Alumni of the Year**, *Brooks Fanger '23* win **President of the Year**, *Connor Campbell '25* win **Outstanding New Initiate**, *Bryce Michael '24* win **Outstanding Volunteer**, and *Tobi Adigun '24* win **Outstanding Campus Involvement**.

At the end of last semester IFC recognized Upsilon Alpha as a **Chapter of Excellence** and as a **Chapter of Service**. We were also awarded a **Certificate of Academic Achievement** for exceeding the All-Men's Average (again).

At the International Fraternity level Upsilon Alpha won a coveted **John Templeton McCarthy Chapter Proficiency Award** which is 'awarded to chapters that demonstrate efficiency in operations, adhere to Fraternity Laws, and promote Phi Gamma Delta's high standards.' We also garnered a **Certificate of Academic Achievement**. Congratulations to the men of Upsilon Alpha!





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*Deron Webb '89*



Dear Brothers,

It is an absolute honor to be reporting great news on behalf of the Upsilon Alpha chapter of Phi Gamma Delta as we continue to grow and improve as a chapter and as individuals. Our chapter grew to 124 brothers this past fall with the initiation of 30 fine young men from our Lambda pledge class. These outstanding men embody our values and are showing promise to be the future leaders of the chapter. Seven brothers attended the Fiji Academy in St. Louis over Winter Break, including Purple Legionnaire Trevor Henson '19. It is designed to give new chapter officers a strong foundation in leadership skills for effective chapter management.

In the community, FIJIs continue to be leaders and set examples for others. Pouria Mostafizi '23 is wrapping up his time as a Bobcat, and paving the way for future brothers as we have 3 members applying to be a part of this prestigious honorary for next year. Gavin Wolkon '23 is currently serving as the President of the Philanthropy Advisory Board (PAB), Bryce Michael '24 is the President of Alpha Epsilon Delta (National Health Preprofessional Honor Society), and Tobi Adigun '24 is serving on the IFC executive board as the VP of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. These brothers are just a few examples of our involvement in the campus community, as we also have members leading Eller Ambassadors, JobJudo, and the Wall Street Scholars Program, among many others.

Academically we improved our GPA by 0.188, bringing us to 3.416 as a chapter. We rank 3rd in the IFC, right after the Kappa Sigma colony and .007 behind Sigma Phi Epsilon. Our brothers have been working tirelessly in the classroom and have set it as our goal to claim the number one spot after this spring semester.

As a chapter we continue to be recognized for our all-around excellence. This past November we were named a Chapter of Excellence and a Chapter of Service at the IFC awards banquet. In February we won 11 out of 13 possible awards at the Order of Omega Greek Awards banquet, including Chapter of the Year (2022)! We also had 5 brothers recognized for their individual excellence, which shows the quality of men we have at Upsilon Alpha. A full list of our recent achievements can be found in this newsletter.

Looking into the future, we will be participating in a joint philanthropy event with both the NAU and ASU FIJI chapters. The cooperative fund-raising event will take place on March 25th with a 5K Fun Run for The Foundation for Blind Children. It will take place in Tempe and include members from all 3 Arizona chapters. Following that charity event each chapter will return to their respective campuses and organize a week of their own events, raising more money for this awe-inspiring foundation.

As always, none of this would be possible without the amazing guidance and support of our graduate brothers. We are eternally grateful for everything you guys have done and know that your generosity and involvement in our chapter has allowed us to reach such amazing heights. I'm mighty proud to be a Fiji!

Faternally,

Jack Wherty '24

Chapter President



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## Lambda Pledge Class -Fall 2022-

### **Cage Alves:** Pre-Business

Boise, Idaho | Bishop Kelly High School, '26

### **Kyle Atkinson:** Pre-Business

Highlands Ranch, Colorado | Mountain Vista High School, '26

### **Matthew Barkley:** Pre-Business

Scottsdale, Arizona | Chaparral High School, '26

### **Will Bastman:** Pre-Nursing

Phoenix, Arizona | Brophy College Preparatory, '26

### **Bryce Fitzgerald:** Pre-Business

Scottsdale, Arizona | Brophy College Preparatory, '26

### **Jack Franco:** Pre-Business

Tucson, Arizona | Pusch Ridge High School, '26

### **Ben Friedlander:** Sports Medicine

Phoenix, Arizona | Horizon High School, '26

### **Alex Goldberg:** Pre-Nursing

Phoenix, Arizona | Horizon High School, '26

### **Joey Grady:** Pre-Nursing

Scottsdale, Arizona | Pinnacle High School, '26

### **Drake Grawer:** Pre-Business

Scottsdale, Arizona | Notre Dame Preparatory, '26

### **Ryan Grubb:** Pre-Business

Boise, Idaho | Bishop Kelly High School, '26

### **Aidan Haines:** Pre-Business

Phoenix, Arizona | Brophy College Preparatory, '26

### **Yazin Hindosh:** Physiology and Medical Sciences

Scottsdale, Arizona | Pinnacle High School, '26

### **Cooper Jackson:** Pre-Business

Phoenix, Arizona | Chaparral High School, '26

### **CJ Kaelberer:** Pre-Business

Denver, Colorado | Cherry Creek High School, '26

### **Brandon Keen:** Pre-Business

St. Louis, Missouri | Lafayette High School, '26

### **Ben McDonald:** Pre-Business

Phoenix, Arizona | Brophy College Preparatory, '26

### **Bardia Mostafizi:** PPEL & Pre-Business

Tucson, Arizona | Catalina Foothills High School, '26

### **Darrell Murphy:** Pre-Business

Carlsbad, California | Carlsbad High School, '26

### **JP Musselmann:** Pre-Business

Scottsdale, Arizona | Brophy College Preparatory, '26

### **Michael O'Day:** International Relations

Sydney, Australia | Knox Grammar High School, '26

### **Jack Peterson:** Pre-Business

Phoenix, Arizona | Loyola Academy, '26

### **Jackson Phelps:** Aerospace Engineering

St. Louis, Missouri | Eureka High School, '25

### **Sam Reish:** Pre-Business

Park Rapids, Minnesota | Park Rapids Area High School, '26

### **Alek Shapiro:** Pre-Business

Tucson, Arizona | Salpointe Catholic High School, '26

### **Craig Stutesman:** Physiology

Glendale, Arizona | Sunrise Mountain High School, '25

### **William Wadsworth:** Pre-Business

Fort Collins, Colorado | Fossil Ridge High School, '26

### **Nate Williams:** Mechanical Engineering

Peoria, Arizona | Homestead High School, '25

### **Dylan Wistner:** Exercise Science

Park City, Utah | Park City High School, '26





*Brought back the annual Fiji Islander party 2022*



*From Fiji Islander 1959*

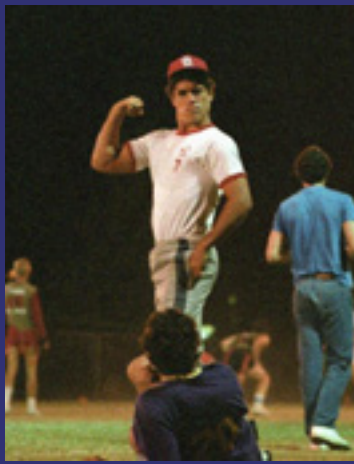


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## *Highlights from the* **2022 Pig Dinner**

We celebrated Upsilon Alpha's traditional Frank Norris Pig Dinner this year on Friday, October 28th, during Homecoming at the University of Arizona. Phi Gamma Delta's Norris Pig Dinner is the most widely observed annual tradition and the longest running chapter-based graduate event in the Greek world. The first Pig Dinner was held at Cal Berkeley in 1893 and has been celebrated yearly ever since. BCA President Jeff Derickson '72 served as Master of Ceremonies of this year's memorable event.

Almost 200 members and guests were present at the Sands Club on the fifth floor overlooking the football stadium. A no-host bar greeted everyone as we gathered to meet up with old friends, reminisce, and enjoy the festivities surrounding the entire Homecoming weekend.

Members of the 2022 Upsilon Alpha Hall of Fame were inducted by Building Corporation President Jeff Mongan '83. The newest members included Rob Dicus '63, Wainwright Fishburn, Jr. '75, David Scholl '81, Scott Douglas '84, and Jason Rowley '94.

Gold Owl recipients were honored for 50 years of initiated service, awarded to brothers initiated in 1972. Silver Owls were awarded to those brothers who had 25 years of initiated service and were initiated in 1997. Each received a pin and a certificate. New Purple Legionnaire Trevor Henson '19 read off the names of those brothers who passed Ad Astra since the last Pig Dinner.

Chapter President Brooks Fanger '23 gave the State of the Undergraduate Chapter Report which highlighted achievements in scholarship, recruitment, philanthropy, community service, pledge education, intramurals, social events, and graduate relations. We were recognized in five different award categories at this year's Ekklesia and are one of the top fraternities on campus!

The Smith-Cheney Spirit Award was presented to Ben Atkinson '24 for "inspiring all undergraduates to self-sacrifice for their brothers." The Outstanding Pledge Award was given to Nick Burns '25 of the Lambda pledge class.

The newly endowed George Heidler Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Nathan Miller '24. Applicants for this \$5000 scholarship are judged on their leadership style, integrity, outlook on life, extracurricular activities, and fraternity involvement, as well as academics.



UABC President Jeff Mongan '83 gave the State of the House Corporation Report. He highlighted all of the improvements made to the facility and thanked those who were instrumental in making it happen. He also thanked those brothers who have contributed to the Upsilon Alpha Capital Campaign and that it is not too late to donate to the Campaign. We are still short of our goal of \$2.5 million dollars. Check out our website for more information: <https://www.arizonafiji.org/campaign-brochure-pledge-form>

The traditional "Bringing in the Pig" ceremony ensued with the Fall pledge class doing the honors. The oldest brother in attendance was J. Emery Barker '57 who kissed the pig's snout. The youngest was Bardia Mostafizi '26 who had the pleasure of kissing the other end. Emery Barker '57 then presented a brief history of Frank Norris and gave a rousing rendition of the Exile's Toast. You don't want to be an 'exile' of this annual tradition, so plan on coming next year!





# *Undergraduate Profiles*



## **Pouria Mostafizi '23**

Pouria Mostafizi '23:

A local Tucsonan, Pouria Mostafizi went to Catalina Foothills High School before enrolling at the UofA. He was part of the Epsilon Pledge Class and involved himself right away to help the house grow. Pouria is graduating this semester with a degree in Physiology and Medical Sciences with minors in Journalism and Biochemistry. After college he will be working full-time as a Laboratory Technician, Graduate Researcher, and Surgical Technician at Goldman Cardiovascular Lab through the Sarver Heart Center. Some positions that he held in the chapter included New Member Education Council (all 7 semesters) and Brotherhood Wellness Chairman (2022). His favorite memory in FIJI was when he went to Mission Beach in 2022 with 60 other undergraduate brothers. They hung out at the beach, surfed, and dug

a massive hole in the sand. Brotherhood bonding is a point of emphasis at Upsilon Alpha.

Outside of FIJI, he was selected to the prestigious Bobcats Senior Honorary where he currently holds the positions of Alumni Liaison and Social Chairman. On campus he also participates as an undergraduate researcher and technician at the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Tucson.

When asked about his FIJI experience over the past four years, he said, "Without FIJI and the men within this chapter, I truly wouldn't be the man I am today. I learned quickly by surrounding myself with successful and driven individuals. I, too, would become one. Fiji has opened doors, created friendships, opportunities, and memories for which I will always be grateful. I am forever indebted to the greatest fraternity in the nation...Phi Gamma Delta."

## **Adetomiwa Oke '25**

Hailing from Phoenix, Arizona, where he attended Brophy College Preparatory, Adetomiwa Oke is currently a sophomore, majoring in Finance in the Eller College of Management. Upon joining the Upsilon Alpha chapter his freshmen year, a member of the Iota Pledge Class, Tomiwa involved himself right away as a new initiate by becoming the Recruitment Chairman. Outside of Phi Gamma Delta he is involved in the prestigious Wallstreet Scholars program as an associate on the Investment Banking Track. He is a key player on the University's club soccer team. Tomiwa is also a member of the Investment Club and the Eller African American Honorary. After college he plans on working as an investment banker or private equity analyst in New York.

When asked about his experiences in the Fraternity so far, he said, "My time in FIJI has been super impactful for me as I've really learned how to appreciate the guy next to me, ahead of myself. Professionally, it has given me so many opportunities with alumni, such as John Casey '85 setting me up to eventually have a Superday at Blackstone. I've loved my position in our chapter as Recruitment Chair and was ecstatic to see the best retention rate we've had since our rechartering. FIJI has made all of these opportunities achievable for me and I'm Mighty Proud! Perge!"







# Alumni Spotlight

## Mike Aboud '67

Except for the first few months of his life, Michael Joseph Aboud has always lived in Tucson, Arizona. Born on March 29, 1945, Mike grew up across the street from Tucson High School, just a few blocks away from the University of Arizona. The oldest of five children, he excelled in sports and academics and was elected Student Body President at Tucson High.

Mike was the starting forward on the 1961-62 undefeated state championship basketball team and was named captain of the All-City team in his senior year. He was also the recipient of Tucson Citizen's Sportsmanship Award given to the outstanding student-athlete in the Tucson high schools.

After graduating in 1963, Mike attended the UofA on a full-ride basketball scholarship and played for Coach Bruce Larson in the old Bear Down Gym. He was voted MVP of the freshman team (back in those days freshmen could not play on varsity teams). Mike was the winner of the John Button Salmon Award as the outstanding junior athlete, captain of the team his senior year, and selected to the All-WAC Academic Team his junior and senior years.

During his time at the U of A, Mike was quite active in many organizations including Traditions Committee, Chain Gang, Blue Key, and Scabbard & Blade. He was elected Chief Justice of the Student Court. Mike was in advanced ROTC, serving four years and rising to the second highest rank in the program. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Military Graduate Award and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army upon graduation. Mike served active duty at Fort Ben Harrison in Indianapolis followed by several years in the Army Reserve where he rose to the rank of Captain.

One of the most rewarding experiences of his college days, however, "was being a member of Phi Gamma Delta and being surrounded by scores of outstanding young men, most all of whom have gone on to be exemplary and successful men in their personal lives and business pursuits. As my pledge-father and teammate, Warren Rustand, frequently said, "Success breeds success." And that is so true. In my sophomore year, there were 6 Fijis on the basketball team. In my junior year, 4 of the 5 starters were Fijis. To this day, most of my closest friends are my fraternity brothers and particularly, my pledge-class brothers. The expression, "Phi

Gamma Delta is not for college days alone" is not just a saying – it has been a fact for me. So many of the crazy, fun things that happened in those days are indelibly etched in my memory. Though many decades have passed since I was in the house, and I have many, many very fond memories and stories of my days there, I remain most proud and flattered that the brothers selected me as Chapter President in my last year." While Mike was a member Upsilon Alpha won the prestigious Cheney Cup for the fourth time.

His accomplishments in the classroom, on the basketball court, in the fraternity and on campus were recognized by the U of A administration, resulting in the highlight of his college career – being named the recipient of the Robert L. Nugent Award, given annually to the outstanding graduating male.

After college, Mike went directly to the UofA Law School, graduating in 1970 and began the practice of law in September of that year. Midway through his second year of law school, he married his beautiful wife, the former Sally Apperson, who was also a THS and UofA graduate. Over the next few years, their daughters Kim and Leslie were born. Mike and Sally just celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary and are the proud grandparents of a grandson and three granddaughters, "all of whom are the focus of their lives."

As for his professional life, he has been an attorney for over 52 years and throughout that time practiced only with family members. Initially, it was with his father and uncle, both of whom were UofA Law School grads. His brother, John, also a Fiji ('68), joined him in 1971 and his youngest, now-deceased sister in 1979. They specialize in litigation of personal injury, professional malpractice, family law, real estate property cases, and general practice.

For the past 40 years, Mike has periodically served as a Judge Pro Tem of the Superior Court and has presided over many jury trials, scores of mediations, settlement conferences and as a mediator in arbitration affairs. He has also represented indigents in litigation matters, virtually all of which was gratuitous. For this he was recently honored by Southern Arizona Legal Aid as Volunteer Attorney of the Month. Mike continues to be an asset to the community through his outstanding work ethic.

When not working to further his professional goals, Mike has enjoyed staying active with various sports, woodworking projects, hunting, fishing, boating, and serving on numerous boards. He is the current president of the Tucson High Alumni T-Club, which provides financial assistance to student athletes and scholarships for deserving graduates to continue their education beyond high school. Mike also serves on the Upsilon Alpha Board of Chapter Advisors, focusing on Risk Management. Life has been good for Brother Mike, who adds, "I'm mighty proud to be a Fiji."







# Ron Harper Inducted into Engineering Hall of Fame

Upsilon Alpha Brother Ronald D. Harper '59 was recently inducted into the University of Arizona College of Engineering Hall of Fame. This special honor recognizes alumni who have made significant contributions to their profession, the college, and society – from local communities to global economies. Distinguished alumni, faculty and friends of the College of Engineering have been central to its successes, traditions, and reputation.

Notably, individuals inducted into the Hall of Fame have met certain criteria such as being a professional or academic pioneer, company executive or founder, public sector senior leader, and engaged with The University of Arizona, College of Engineering, local community, professional societies, and various philanthropies. They also must be a 50-year, or greater, UA Engineering graduate.

Ron earned a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1959 and eventually became the founder and chairman of the Harper Construction Company. An award-winning general contractor, he is widely recognized and respected as a leader amongst builders of commercial, industrial, institutional, residential, and energy projects. Ron served as Sea World vice president of development and president of Sea World of Ohio and Florida. He is a member of the UA National Leadership Council, The President's Club, and former member of the UA Foundation Board of Trustees. Academically, he established the Ron and Karen Harper Scholarship.

Ron was born on April 6, 1937, during The Great Depression, in one of the worst dust storms ever recorded in western Kansas. Refugees of the Dust Bowl, his family moved to Morenci, Arizona, where his father secured employment as a carpenter in the copper mine. Over the next 10 years they moved all over the state seeking opportunities for construction work, eventually settling near Yuma,

where his father became a supervisor constructing the Wellton Canal.

Ron attended Yuma Union High School where he enjoyed many extracurricular activities and served as Senior Class president. He worked summer jobs as an apprentice carpenter for his father which began his interest in construction work. Upon graduation he matriculated at the University of Arizona, which would become the most formative years of his life.

After going through Fraternity Rush, Ron became a Fiji pledge and, in his words, “thus began my Phi Gamma Delta fraternity affiliation that has rewarded me with lifelong friends and positively influenced my life.” He loved the fraternity atmosphere and, in his experience, “the fraternity was a great bunch of guys who always helped each other and shared lots of good times.” He served as Chapter Historian and, during his 4 years at Upsilon Alpha, the chapter won the Cheney Cup twice!

Life moved fast after graduation. Ron moved to Phoenix, got a job, and married his sweetheart, Karen Kaye West, whom he knew when he lived in Yuma. After a series of unfulfilling work opportunities Ron landed a job with Janss Corporation in Thousand Oaks, California. He became the Development Manager for one of the first companies in southern California to master plan its communities.

After learning the development business, Ron accepted a job offer from SeaWorld in San Diego where he helped build the Skytower and expand the park facilities. Business was so good they decided to build a second SeaWorld in Ohio and Ron was sent there to oversee its construction. He also developed SeaWorld Orlando, Magic Mountain, and Wet 'n Wild in Orlando and Las Vegas.

In 1974, Ron decided to go into business for himself and founded the Harper Development Company. Over the course of time, he built 18 shopping centers and numerous office buildings. His company constructed housing for military bases, the University of California, San Diego, as well as buildings for other colleges in the state. The Harper Construction Company was now an industry leader, specializing in design/build construction. Their project work included not only work on military bases throughout the country, but scores of institutional work, residential projects, churches, and higher education facilities.

Volunteering in the community is also important to Ron. He has served on the Foundation of Rady Children's Hospital, as a Trustee of Mt. Soledad Memorial Association, an Elder at La Jolla Presbyterian Church, and as a Board Member of the Associated General Contractors of America. Ron served in the Arizona Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. In 2003 he was inducted into the Upsilon Alpha Fiji Hall of Fame. Ron and his family have lived in San Diego since 1968. He and Kaye have been married for 63 years and have four married children, 13 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

**Congratulations Brother Ron!**





# Fijis Support Greek Golf Tournament



The second annual University of Arizona Greek Golf Tournament was held on Friday before Homecoming 2022. Teams from all fraternities and sororities on campus were represented and raised money benefitting The Campus Pantry, the Kevin Barleycorn Scholarship Fund, and UA Greek Life Leadership Programs.

The mission of the UA Campus Pantry is to alleviate hunger in the Wildcat community by providing food assistance to those in need. About 1/3 of college students experience food insecurity at some point and The Campus Pantry helps to reduce this statistic by providing supplemental groceries to students in need and allows them to gain access to nutritional resources.

Corporal Kevin Barleycorn was a UAPD officer who lost his life trying to protect fraternity members. A \$2500 scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman in his honor. Applicants must have family members employed in criminal justice or law enforcement fields.

The UA Greek Leadership Program offers many different opportunities to improve leadership skills. This year we helped support the Greeks Reclaiming Empowerment And Consent (GREAC) program. This is a partnership with Consortium on Gender-Based Violence.

The tournament was held at the Arizona National Golf Club and almost \$12,000 was raised for our charities through sponsorships, raffle items and other donations. The format was best ball/scramble and 22 teams competed in a shotgun start. Gift bags and lunch were included. Twenty-four Fijis participated in the tournament, more than any other Greek organization on campus! Thanks to all the participants. Plan on joining us next year for some fun and philanthropy.



# Leave a Legacy

Charitable gifts help you meet your current philanthropic goals and extend your generosity well into the future. But did you know that a planned gift can also protect your assets, provide for your family, and guarantee you income for life? You can even make a significant impact through a gift that costs nothing in your lifetime (through a charitable bequest under your will).

There are several ways to support the Upsilon Alpha Chapter, but when you plan a gift as part of your overall estate and financial plans, you help the chapter expand the boundaries of scholarship and leadership.

The following are vehicles which may meet your interest:

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Please share with us if you are interested in learning more about supporting our Foundation or House Corporation by filling this out: <https://www.arizonafiji.org/leave-a-legacy-interest-form>

## Upsilon Alpha Mary McCarty Club



The Mary McCarty Club was re-started in the fall of 2022, with the goals of assisting the Chapter by funding house improvement projects and helping coordinate Moms or Dads weekend (alternates each year) and Family Weekend.

The Club raised **\$2,800** this year and will use the funds to help the Chapter continue to replace broken chairs in the dining room this summer.

Stay tuned for details regarding Family Weekend, September 29-October 1, 2023, once school resumes in August. Contact Allison Barkley for more information on the Club.

Check out the Mary McCarty Club Facebook page.



## Support Upsilon Alpha's Career Program

Upsilon Alpha is committed to our undergraduates and graduates for career success. We are currently hosting career panels 2-3 times per semester and connecting alumni and undergraduates for 1 on 1 or small group discussions. We utilize a professional Career Advisor, Pete Corrigan, who meets each semester with our members to provide career advice, as well as review their resumes and LinkedIn profiles. If you are willing to speak on a career panel, hold a 1 on 1 or small group career discussion, or offer an internship or full-time job opportunity, please reach out to Matt Noble at [matt.noble@fmgutucson.com](mailto:matt.noble@fmgutucson.com) or 520-990-3250. Thanks for your consideration.

## Upsilon Alpha Interest & Involvement Survey

Please take 5 minutes to complete this short survey:  
<https://arizonafiji.org/involvement-survey>.

The results will help us create an alumni calendar for events in Tucson and in the largest markets where our grads live. It also lets us know how you are willing to support our career program as well if you are interested in serving on our Advisory Board or Building Corporation Board.

Thank you in advance for taking the time and thanks to the 60 of you who have already completed the survey.



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# Fall '23 Events

## Family Weekend

September 29-October 1, 2023

## Homecoming Weekend

November 3-5, 2023

*More details to follow this summer.*

