

# Chi Chapter Pledge Manual

UCLA Spring 2010 - Alpha Gamma // Bryan Lam Class



Be a **Leader**...

Be a **Friend**...

Be of **Service**.

## Our Purpose

The purpose of the pledge period of this Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, Chi Chapter shall be to: Promote the three cardinal principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service; promote brotherhood through service; promote fellowship in the principles embodied in the Boy Scout Oath and Law; and promote the development of a personal honor code.

## Our Oath

I fully accept the obligation of pledgship in Alpha Phi Omega. I will endeavor to prove myself worthy of the confidence imposed in me. With a sincere desire to put service to humanity ahead of selfish aims, I will strive diligently to so live that I, in due course, will be accepted as a loyal and true Brother in Alpha Phi Omega.

## Your Promise

On my honor I swear that I will do my best to complete this period of pledging, to put forth a true and honest effort and further the principles of Alpha Phi Omega. During my pledge period I will endeavor to fulfill all my requirements to the best of my abilities, build lasting ties of brotherhood, and give unselfishly in service to all in need.

# President's Welcome

Cindy Chang (*Chi // John C. Jadel*)



Dearest Bryan Lam Class,

On behalf of Alpha Phi Omega, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you as you begin a new chapter in your journey at UCLA with us. I hope you're just as excited about this experience as we are to be a part of it!

I hope you enjoy pledging because it is by far one of the many memorable experiences you will gain at UCLA. The pledging process is to help you become more familiar with who we are. In the next couple weeks of pledging, you will meet the amazing individuals who make our Chapter special. You will meet people who feed you when you're hungry, talk to you until the sun rises, and most of all, laugh at and with you through the good and bad times. During these ten weeks, you will also learn the history behind Alpha Phi Omega, meet the members who are passionate about what LFS stands for, and learn what a privilege it is to pledge for one of the largest recognized service Fraternity in the nation. More importantly, you will be giving the Chapter the opportunity to meet who you are.

The pledging process is to also help prepare you for Active Membership. Being an Active Member means more than attending meetings, wearing pins at official events, or owning a set of  $\Lambda\Phi\Omega$  letters. An Active Member means having the honor and privilege to be called a Brother. Brothers of

Alpha Phi Omega step up and lead, unselfishly donate their time to help the unfortunates and most of all, they are a positive influence to the people around them. As part of the Bryan Lam Class and the future of the Fraternity, I have no doubt that you will follow in the footsteps of your namesake in being a true Brother of Alpha Phi Omega.

Since I joined, I witnessed acquaintances become close friends, empty classrooms become libraries, and ambitious ideas become a reality. I wholeheartedly believe that every pledge has the potential to exceed the Active body's expectations, and I am excited to see what you and the rest of your pledge brothers have to showcase this term. The pledge journey will have its highs and lows, but you have full control of the effort and amount of time you're willing to put in, and what your attitude will be. But at the same time, don't forget to have fun in every aspect of pledging because you will surely miss it when it's over.

I can't wait to greet you at the end of your pledge journey and welcome you as a Brother into our family!

In Leadership, Friendship, and Service,  
Cindy Chang

*"Our Fraternity will continue to offer America what it most needs — future leaders who care, who want to become part of the solution, who know they can make a difference, and who realize that service to others is a value worth sharing."*

— Gerald A Schroeder, National President, 1990 - 1994

# Namesake's Welcome

## Bryan Lam (*Phi // Frank Lee*)

Dear Alpha Gamma class,

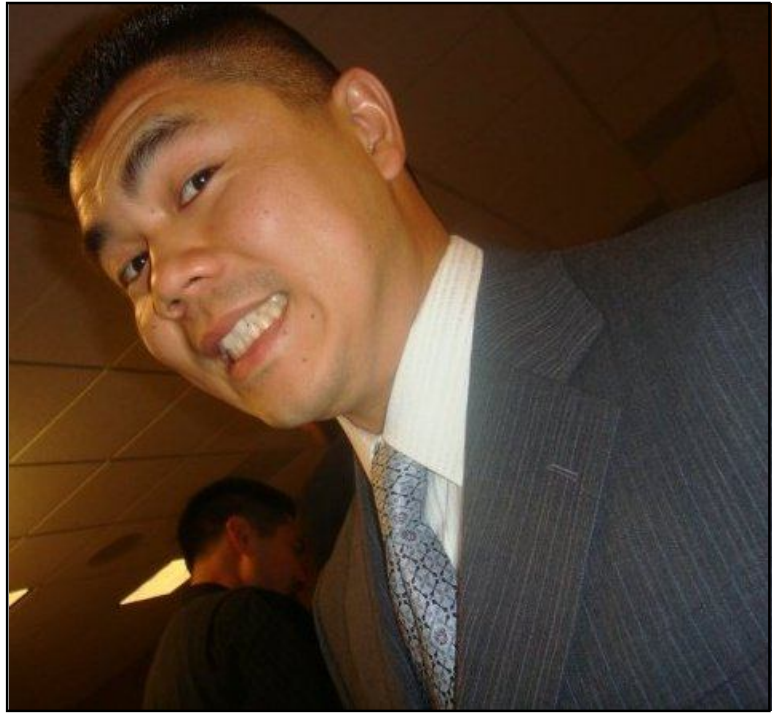
First and foremost, I want to congratulate you for taking the first step and deciding to pledge for Alpha Phi Omega. You've joined the premier community-service organization in the United States. Over the next ten weeks, you will be engaged in the process of learning what the Fraternity represents and how to apply what you learn to better the community in which we live. For whatever reason you are here for, I'm grateful that you are. I know that the leadership, friendship, and service that you can bring to Alpha Phi Omega can inspire others to do amazing work.

I am incredibly honored to be your namesake for Spring 2010, and look forward to meeting all of you. I pledged in Spring 2007 in the Frank Lee (Phi) term, just three years ago. I was attracted to rush through a flyer, probably like many of you, because I was handed one at Community Service Day put on by UCLA. I thought that I should check it out since it was a community service fraternity at a community service event. That's what stuck out to me, an organization that stuck to its values and beliefs.

The one thing that I would like to emphasize to you this term is attitude. Attitude determines your experience in this fraternity. You will be put into situations where sometimes you feel like you're on top of the world, and other times not. Each of these situations, you have the choice to accept the results or to challenge them. Bad things happen to everyone, but it is up to you to make them good. The experience you have is what you put into it and what you make of it and becomes part of your leadership development. But don't be afraid to ask for help because that's what we are all here for. That's what the true meaning of a brother is, and I hope you will understand it.

My challenge to you is to stay committed to your goals, whatever they may be. When I came to UCLA, someone told me that UCLA is not only where you find out about the world, it's where the world finds out about you. What do you want them to find out?

In LFS,  
Bryan Lam



*"Through these experiences, I found that the Scout Oath and Law were what I had been seeking - a standard of manhood that would withstand the test of time and a code of ideals created and accepted by some of the greatest leaders the world has ever known."*

*– Frank Reed Horton, Founding Father*



# Pledge Parents' Welcome

Willis Chan and Christina Chen (*Omega // Wilfred M. Krenek*)

Dearest Kids,

Welcome to Alpha Phi Omega as a part of the Bryan Lam (Alpha Gamma) class! We are so happy that you decided to pledge APhiO and we are so proud to call you all our kids! We already love you as individuals and as a class. => From the beginning, we can see that you exemplify the fraternity's principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

Just like your biological parents, as your pledge parents, we are here to guide you through anything and everything you may come across during your pledge term. Feel free to turn to us at any time if you ever have questions or concerns, or if you need anything at all. Think of us as constant helping hands, shoulders to cry on, people to rant to, or just people to hang out and chat with. You can email/call/text us whenever you want; we even got unlimited texting just for all of you. => Don't forget that you also have your PAC leaders here supporting you on every step of your pledging journey. If we are your parents, think of them as your aunts and uncles.

Pledging will, without a doubt, be a challenging experience. However, we also believe it is an important opportunity for you to grow and will be one of the best memories you will have from your college experience. Although pledging may sometimes seem overwhelming, don't forget that you aren't alone: you have your pledge bros to help you get through it all. You are there for each other, through the best of times and the difficult times. Starting with the Trust Walk, we hope you see that you can rely on each other and will always be there supporting one another.

We are so excited for this upcoming term because we have a lot of fun things in store for you. We can also see how unique you all are and what amazing things you can accomplish together. As members of Bryan Lam/Alpha Gamma class, the 23 of you are the future of our fraternity and we are confident that you will all grow to be awe-inspiring actives.



In Leadership, Friendship, Service and Love,  
Mom and Dad

# Spring 2010 Executive Committee

Here are your elected officers for the Executive Committee for the Spring 2010 Alpha Gamma // Bryan Lam Term. They have chosen to share a few words with you about themselves, so please enjoy!



Cindy Chang

## **Chapter President**

**Cindy Chang** (*Chi // John C. Jadel*)

Hi Bryan Lam Class! I pledged John C. Jadel/ Chi Class (Fall '07) as a second year, so this is my sixth and possibly last term in APhiO as an undergraduate. I served as Membership Vice-President for two consecutive terms, led a singing competition project (APO Idol) that our chapter hosted last term, and am now serving as your current President. I'm also a proud member of the Φ Family and the J.CHOU Line! I love playing volleyball, eating Korean food, hanging out, and most of all taking long, wonderful naps whenever I get the chance. I'm from the 626, specifically San Gabriel, where all the yummy Asian food is at. I love boba runs, so if you ever need someone to go with you, give me a call! I also have a strong love for Asian music, especially mandarin songs. I love watching Asian dramas just because I can be a hopeless romantic sometimes. Also, I love desserts, especially green tea ice cream shave ice with red beans. Yum! I love being happy and love to laugh, so if you have any jokes or amusing stories to share, I love to listen to some! I can be very oblivious when I walk around campus, so if you ever see me, don't be shy and say hi! I can't wait to get to know you better, and find out what some of your interests and hobbies are, too!

## **Administrative VP**

**Adi Patriawan** (*Omega // Wilfred M. Krennek*)

Greetings people!! I am the Admin VP of Alpha Phi Omega Chi Chapter for Spring 2010. I am known simply as Adi, even though my full name is Kurniadi Patriawan. As you might have guess, I am an international student, and I come from Indonesia. I am responsible for preparing the slides Excomm officers used during meeting and also for taking detailed notes on what happened during a meeting. The website is my pet so if it misbehaves, let me know and I shall put it straight. Of course, there is no violence involved in it. I L-O-V-E food so if you share my passion, let us exchange our information and broaden our horizons together. Like a dog, I am very wary of new people and I might bark at you (I don't bite though) but come close, let me "sniff" you around, and I can become a loyal friend for you. APO has given me a lot and I can only hope it will do the same for you and I am confident it shall. During your journey in APO, you might find enemies, nemesis, friends, best friends, or even your counterpart. Cherish them all well because they are all precious (yes, even your enemies or nemesis). Now, I welcome you to Alpha Phi Omega Chi Chapter pledges!!



Adi Patriawan

## **Service Vice Presidents**

### **Roman Roque (*Omega // Wilfred M. Krenek*)**

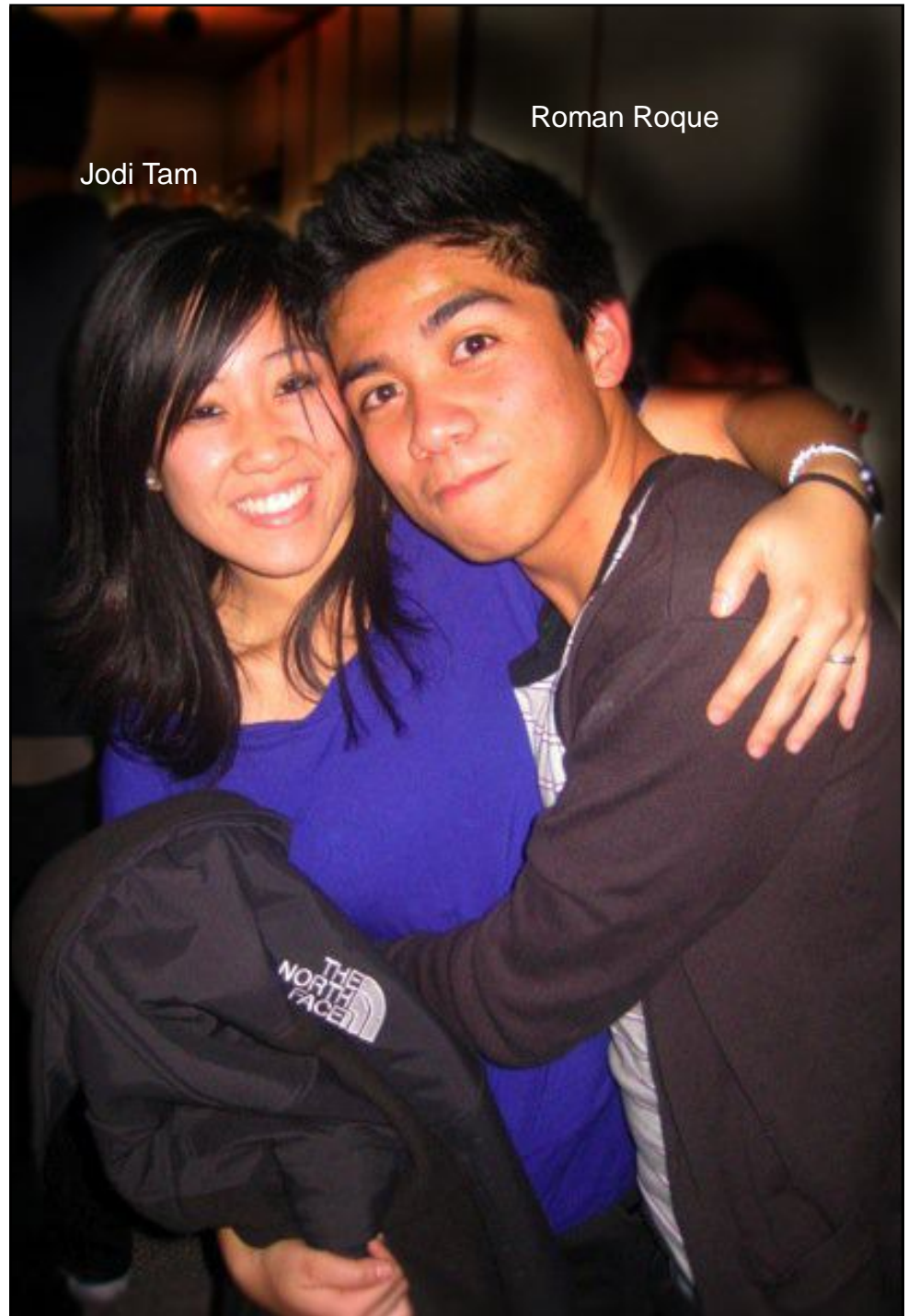
Whattup Alpha Gamma class! I am Roman Roque, 3rd year psychobiology major and public health minor. Yeeyee. I love working with kids; I volunteer at the pediatric floor at the Medical Plaza and also with Child Life at Mattel's Children's Hospital at Ronald Reagan. I'm also a camp counselor every summer for Unicamp. My partner in crime Jodi Tam and I are this term's Service VP's so we are in charge of finding service events for our fraternity. If you know of any service opportunities, definitely call/txt/e-mail/fb us. Good luck on pledging: the more you put into it, the more you'll get out of it. Peace.

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### **Jodi Tam**

**(*Alpha Alpha // Betty Tran*)**

How's it going AG Bryan Lam Term! My name is Jodi Tam and I'm a 3rd yr Physiological Science major. Hopefully we'll get to know each other well real soon as I'm one of the Service VPs serving on Excomm. I'm pretty excited about sharing the love I have for Alpha Phi Omega as well as helping you in any way I can. This term I hope to establish new bonds and really ensure that everyone has a great experience, especially with services! Mind you, I'm not very lady like but it allows me to be very open and comfortable with everyone I meet. You'll soon come to see that Alpha Phi Omega has a lot to offer - opportunities to lead your brothers, warm everlasting friendships, and unforgettable services. Alpha Phi Omega and the people in it have left an imprint on my heart that's irrevocable to other organizations and experiences. I'm currently craving mangos as I type this blurb and I hope this term is enjoyable and memorable, to say the least! Cheers!





## Membership Vice Presidents

### **Kevin Lee**

*(Alpha Alpha // Betty Tran)*

Herrrrro Alpha Gamma Class! My name is Kevin Lee and I am a 2nd year Biochemistry major who pledged exactly one year ago in Spring '09 / Alpha Alpha class. I am SUPER excited to meet all of you guys and honored to serve you guys as one of the Membership

V i c e Presidents for the Bryan Lam // Spring '10 term.

I remember when I was pledging, someone told me that it is what you put in that you can expect to get out of pledging. I didn't really know what this meant at

first, but I soon found out that like college, your pledge experience is all about what you put in. So if you want to get the best out of your pledge experience, be active and try to go above the minimum!

Truly get to know your pledge and active brothers! I already know that every one of you is capable of demonstrating your best in APhiO. Not only will you guys meet the most awesome people in the world (APhiO Actives! Who else?!), but APhiO is also a place where you can grow and self-reflect. I know I act sometimes in a weird, childish, freakish, funky, bizarre, and other super duper unique ways, but I do truly care about you guys & remember that I am only a call/text away if you just want a pal to talk to :)!

I wish you guys the best of luck with pledging and hope you guys create positive and unforgettable memories here at APhiO, Chi Chapter!

### **Linda Nguyen**

*(Alpha Alpha // Betty Tran)*

Hello Alpha Gamma! I am so excited to meet each and every one of you! My name is Linda Nguyen and I am a 3rd year International Development Studies major/ Poli Sci minor, reppin' from the Bay Area (Oakland to be exact). I am also half of this term's

Membership V i c e Presidents.

Since pledging Alpha Alpha term, I have learned that Alpha Phi Omega is what you put into it. Each person finds something a little different through the fraternity. Here, you may find lifelong friends, a family, or growth in directions you



never imagined. APhiO is incredibly diverse with plenty of unique people to meet and things to do. All in all, how much you gain in the experience depends on how much you invest. Therefore, my tip to you is to cherish these upcoming months and the memories to be made within your pledge class and the fraternity. Mainly, be open and have fun! If you ever have any questions, I do enjoy random texts and conversations.

I also tremendously enjoy food, travelling, and trying new things. I love all-you-can-eats (\$10 KBBQ <3). Through APhiO, I also discovered amazing \$13 all-you-can-eat sushi in Davis. My favorite things to do: Sit on rooftops with a smoothie or frozen yogurt and watch the clouds/stars, biking at night in empty streets to the taco truck, cruising around and looking at pretty houses I can't afford in BelAir between classes, and window-shopping.

**Pledge Parents****Willis Chan (*Omega// Wilfred M. Krenek*)**

Helllllo Kids! Welcome to Alpha Phi Omega and our Alpha Gamma/Bryan Lam Class family! I've been nervous and stressed for the past two weeks planning everything and now that we're done planning, I'm scared and nervous that you guys won't have fun pledging =( Me and Christina really do wish the best for all of you guys and you guys will have the best pledging process possible. We hope you guys will love each other as pledge bros and become great actives when you guys cross!

So a little about myself, I'm a fourth year Mathematics/Account major. I don't really know what I want to do when I grow up yet, but most likely find a business job then go search for a meaning to life. I love to play tennis, poker, video games, watch movies, listen to music, and just experience new things. I've never traveled outside of this country before, and barely this state, so one of my goals in life is to travel basically anywhere and everywhere.

I joined Alpha Phi Omega Omega Class (Fall '08). I wasn't that active as a pledge, but then I became really



active as an active. I served as the Interchapter Chair for Spring 09 and Fall 09 terms and learned A LOT about APhiO by visiting other schools and meeting brothers from all over California.

I think that's all about me. Just talk to me, whenever, and wherever about anything! I'm ALWAYS on aim, and I have unlimited texts now so text me whenever you can. That is it.

Willis Chan

**Christina Chen (*Omega// Wilfred M. Krenek*)**

Hi Kids! My name is Christina, but I tend to go by Xtina =). I'm a fifth year Sociology student and I'm a proud member of Omega (Wilfred M. Krenek) class. I'm from the Bay Area, specifically San Pablo, and I hella love Nor Cal, especially the weather and visiting SF. I love making new friends, reading, crafting, baking, singing, although I can't really carry a tune, and doing volunteer work. I've managed to do over 100 hours per term since I pledged in Fall 2009 =D.

I also love watching movies, watching TV, listening to music and hanging out with my friends. Last year I was an RA in Rieber Terrace, and my room was the gathering spot for DS Mario Kart nights. One day, I hope to be a psychiatrist or a social worker; anything where I can see how I'm helping the people around me. I also dream of becoming a master chef and travelling the world.

I am an only child so I love how Alpha Phi Omega has given me so many people to call my family when I'm feeling a little homesick. Seeing my years at UCLA come to a close, I realize just how much I cherish all of my experiences and memories made here. While this is my last term as an active in APhiO but by meeting all of you, I know it's going to be the **best** term I've had in APhiO! <3



**Finance Vice Presidents****Jason Wang** (*Alpha Beta// Jack A. McKenzie*)

Hi guys! My name's Jason. As one of the Finance VPs, I am in charge of designing the budget for our chapter this term, as well as our fundraising events - so let me know if you have any questions or suggestions! Outside of APhiO, I'm a nerd who loves guitars, headphones, StarCraft, and food. I have many, many other weird interests so feel free to share your closet embarrassing hobbies with me, haha :)

I pledged with the Alpha Beta class so I haven't been in APhiO for very long, but my time here has been a greatly rewarding experience for me. You guys are in for a fantastic pledge term, so make the most out of it! By the time banquet comes around, I promise you'll be surprised by how many memories you made. Be excited! :)

**Cindy Piao****(Alpha Alpha // Betty Tran)**

Hi Alpha Gamma pledges,

My name is Cindy Piao, and I am one of your Finance VP's along with Jason Wang. This is my first time being an Excomm member, and I'm super excited! I'm currently a third year Neuroscience major. My hobbies include sleeping, eating, and buying useless things. I'm from San Diego, and Tony Hawk went to my high school. I pledged Alpha Phi Omega during Alpha Alpha class (in Spring of 2009) and joined the Phi family (biggest family!). I hope you guys have wonderful fun pledging and the time of your life! As an ex-pledge, my best advice is to manage your time well, and don't procrastinate on interviews! Also, don't ever hesitate if you have any questions or concerns. Come by if you have any economic woes or just want awful life advice from me.

Best,  
Cindy Piao

**Fellowship Vice Presidents****Nina Tang (*Chi // John C. Jadel*)**

Hey there Alpha Gamma pledges =] ! My name is Nina and I am currently one-half of this term's Fellowship VPs. I'm an oldie from Chi class: yay Chi class <3 ! My major is East Asian Studies with a focus on Korea. I am from the 626 and I definitely love my Asian food and boba. In general, I love all kinds of food, but my favorite is Korean food. I always need to make a monthly trip to K-BBQ and I need my late night trips to Hodori to keep me nice and happy. Some of my hobbies: eating =P , watching Food Network, baking and cooking, arts and crafts, and many other things haha. I was introduced to APhiO by my high school friend and I pledged for it my first year at UCLA. I think APhiO was exactly what I was looking for: it gave me a good balance of the community service I was looking for and the brotherhood that some other organizations lack. After being in APhiO for so long, I have met many wonderful people that I am glad to not only call my friends, but they have become like family to me <3 . Pledging was one of the most memorable times from my college life and hopefully it will be a great memory for all of you guys too. Good luck Alpha Gamma class!

**Nancy Truong  
(*Chi // John C. Jadel*)**

Hey Alpha Gamma Pledges! My name is Nancy, I'll be serving as the other half of your Fellowship VP for this term. Like my Co, I also pledged during Chi Term

(Fall 07), yes you might be thinking wow you're really old, and let me tell you something it sure feels that way :P. I'm a fourth year Psychobiology major graduating in June this year, though I would prefer not to think too much about going into the real world soon. I was born and raised San Francisco—woot 415! I love my hometown though I have come to love the freedom of being at school much more. I joined APhiO as a second year hoping to meet more people and get back into the community service that I loved doing in high school. Although it might not seem like it at first, pledging is quite a rewarding experience. Some of my closest friends today I had made through APhiO or I gotten to know better because of aphio. So as you embark upon this journey just remember to have fun and get to know everyone. Actives don't bite I swear. =) Good luck Alpha Gammas and I look forward to meeting all of you soon.



Tiffany Lin

**Historian****Tiffany Lin (Psi // Bonnie Chen)**

Hello Alpha Gamma pledges! My name is Tiffany Lin, and I am honored to serve as the chapter historian for this term. Please don't be alarmed if you see me taking photos and videos randomly throughout the term...it's my job! Also, if you've actually read through this manual that I made...congrats! Good to know that this isn't just wasted paper for you guys.

Anyway, I pledged during Psi term (Spring '08) as a second-year, so this term is actually my fifth and last term in APhiO. I am a fourth year Mechanical Engineer, graduating in June. Yay class of 2010! I'm from the 626, like many people in our chapter, so I love going home to get Asian food.

Alpha Phi Omega is something that I'm glad to be a part of, since it has made a huge impact in my college career and in my

life. The people you meet through APhiO will become more than just friends as you grow into a family. I hope that through this pledge term, you grow to love APhiO and be proud to be among such an amazing group of people. I know it may be intimidating to approach actives to talk to and interview, but don't be afraid! We've all been there, and we all know what it's like for you guys. But everyone's super nice and friendly! I'm definitely looking forward to meeting all of you! Good luck with your pledge term!

**Sergeant-At-Arms****Yuna Choi (Omega // Wilfred M. Krennek)**

Hello! This Yuna, your friendly SAA. Most of the time you will see me going around during meeting telling people to be quiet; I'm not trying to be annoying, I just want to make sure meetings are running smoothly =). This is my second term as SAA and I'm just as excited about it this term as I was last term. If anyone asks, I was the one that started ABEA (America's Best Evaluation Awards) =D. Impress me with your evaluations and you might be the next one to walk down the red carpet and receive the prestigious ABEA!

I pledged Omega term; GO OMEGAS! I was drawn to APhiO because I was looking for an organization that offered service opportunities. I really enjoyed my pledging term and all the awesome people that I met. I keep coming back to APhiO term after term because of all the services that I can do and I really believe in the leadership that it helps build.

Anyways... onto non-APhiO related things! I am originally from Korea, but I am currently living in Irvine. I like watching television and some of my favorite shows are: The West Wing, Lie to Me, and Glee. I love to eat =P and two of my favorite places to go eat are Chipotle and K-BBQ =D! I am excited for the new term to begin and I hope to meet everyone from the Alpha Gamma pledge class! Good luck and see you guys around!





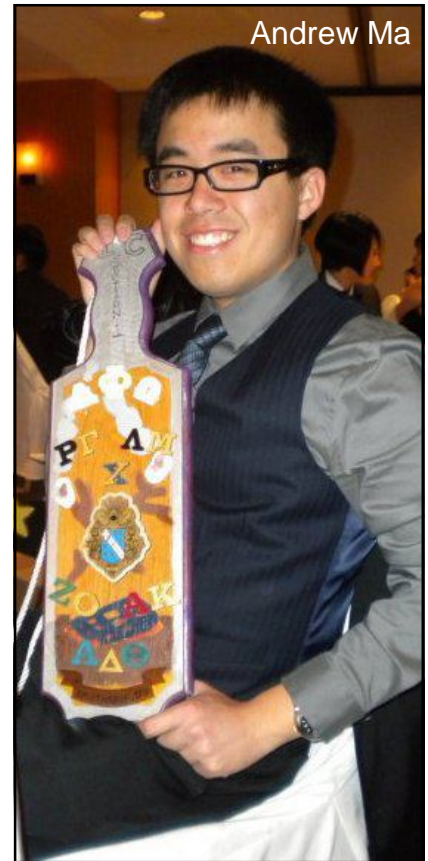
**Interchapter Chair****Andrew Ma** (*Omega // Wilfred M. Krenek*)

Herro dere. I'm Andrew (oddly enough, the only one in this huge frat), and I've been happily married to Psychology for three years. I'm part of the Asian invasion from Arcadia, and if you don't know where that is, you're missing out on the best Asian food in SoCal. Every time I go back, I need to pick up TenRen boba green milk tea; my life would be incomplete without occasional doses.

You'll probably catch me shooting people (with my dSLR) at events, so don't be alarmed—I am friendly. :) Sushi is one of my greatest loves, but sadly it's too expensive. Ramen is the bomb. I've tried many different places in SoCal, so if you're looking for the best place in town, hit me up and we'll go grab a bowl. Music is my passion, but the oldies are where it's at—The Beatles can't be beat. I can't quite decide on a fashion style, so I mix and blend. Shoes are awesome, and I need more of them. Shopping has become an addiction, and my friends never help keep me under control. :(

I love meeting new people, and ICs rock my world. I hope you'll discover the same awesome-ness I have embraced. It just takes one cool person to make it worth your time. ;]

Domo. Nom nom nom. Q(^Q



Andrew Ma

**Chairman of the Advisory Committee****Derek Wada** (*Psi // Bonnie Chen*)

Derek Wada

Hey Bryan Lam class!

This is your chairman speaking. Why did I join Alpha Phi Omega? I joined Alpha Phi Omega for the people. Before pledging Alpha Phi Omega, I always felt like I needed a sense of community in my life. Not knowing what to expect, I walked into a rush event looking at a multitude of unfamiliar faces and feeling very out of place. Before I had a chance to leave, an active approached me and enthusiastically started talking to me. It was a pleasant surprise, and I thought I'd stick around to see if Alpha Phi Omega had any more to offer me. Turns out, Alpha Phi Omega has offered me more than I could ever give back. I feel like the people in Alpha Phi Omega genuinely care about each other and will go the extra mile for a brother in need. Good luck with your pledge term - I know it will be tons of fun, and if you ever need help with anything feel free to ask me!

In Leadership, Friendship, and Service,

Derek Wada