

# BETA ALPHA PSI NEWSLETTER

GAMMA OMEGA CHAPTER

## GREETINGS!

After Meet the Firms, there is this notion that Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting Society starts to become inactive. The meetings become a tad emptied, the events are left unfulfilled, and everyone with an offer has disappeared.

How **untrue** that is.

One thing for us to take pride in is the amount of community service we are able to participate in. For this publication, the following volunteer events were attended by members of the organization: Race on the Base, a triathlon hosted at the Los Alamitos base; Orange County Park Restoration, held at Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve; Meals on Wheels, held in Long Beach.

In addition to the volunteer events, we also held a laser tag alumni social, and Meet the Firms for Spring 2014. To cap it all off, VITA is coming to an end for this tax season and it has some impressive statistics!

We hope you enjoy the read, and we also hope to see you at future events.

## MU CLASS CANDIDATE FUNDRAISER

### BUFFALO WILD WINGS

6314 E PACIFIC COAST HWY  
LONG BEACH, CA 90803

THURSDAY, APRIL 24  
4:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

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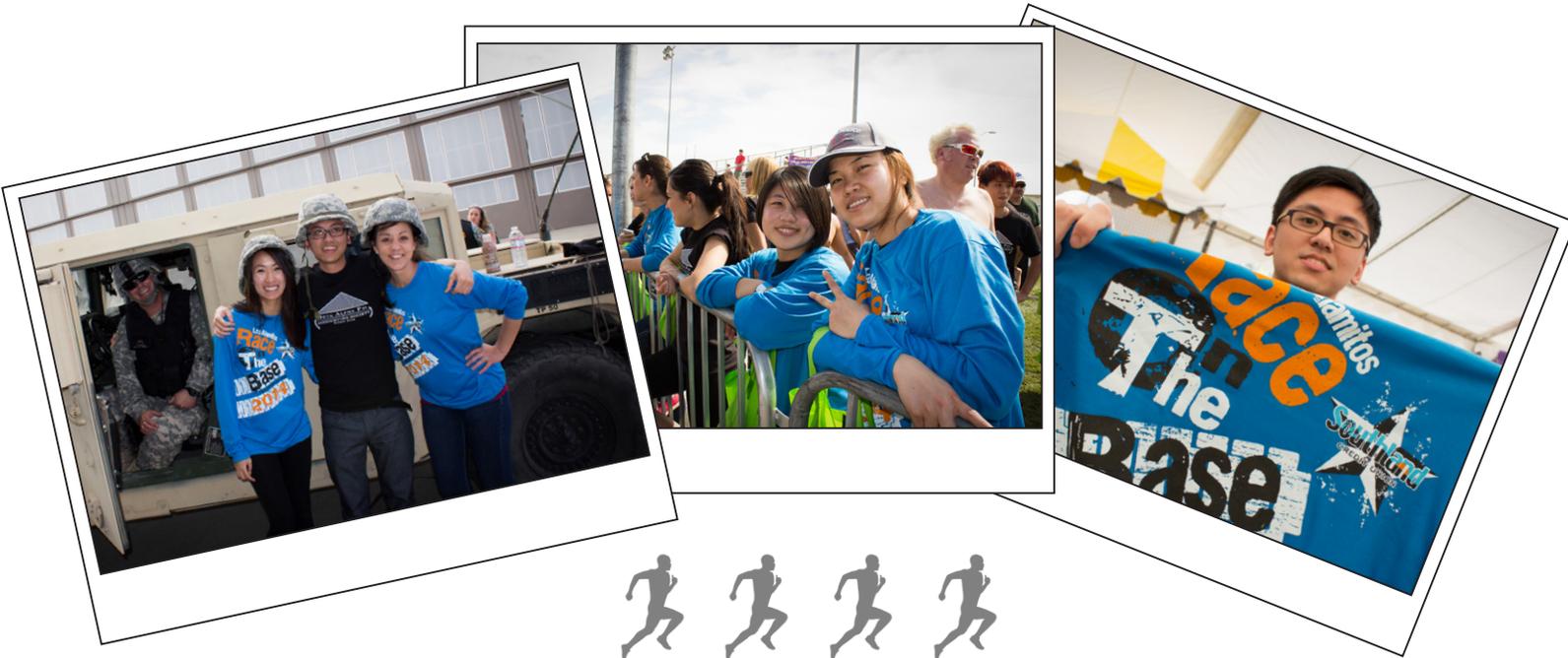
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

MS Walk	4/5
SATURDAY - 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM @ UCI	
OC Food Bank	4/5
SATURDAY - 8:15 AM to 10:30 AM in Garden Grove	
Walk for Kids	4/6
SUNDAY - 6:45 AM to 10:00 AM @ HONDA CENTER	
OC Coastkeeper	4/12
SATURDAY - 8:45 AM to 11:00 AM @ HUNTINGTON STATE BEACH	
Mu Candidate Fundraiser	4/24
THURSDAY - 4 PM to 9 PM @ BWW ON PCH	
Donate Life 5k Walk/Run	4/26
SATURDAY - 7:45 AM to 1:00 PM in FULLERTON	
Spring 2014 Banquet	5/1
THURSDAY - 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM @ THE MARRIOTT	

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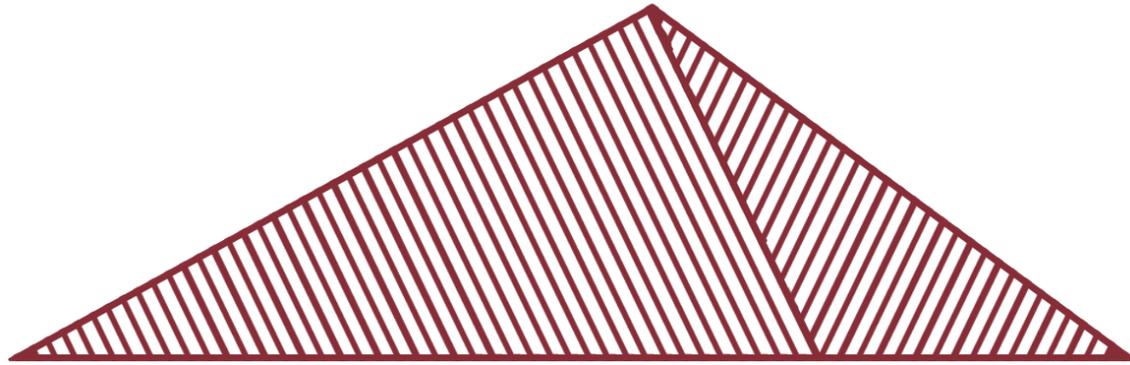
## RACE ON THE BASE

The Los Alamitos Race on the Base is now the largest reverse triathlons in the nation. It compromises of a 5K run, 13.1 mile bike ride, and a 200 meter pool swim. But that is not all this event has- it also has a 10K, 1K, and junior racing circuits occuring on the same day.

The volunteers, however, would not be racing in this event. Instead, they were supporting all the participants in the race. From registration, to gush-and-go water stops, to cheering, volunteers kept the runners hydrated and motivated.

Some people do not need the motivation, but for those who do, the volunteers had them covered. And if words were not enough to boost morale, food definitely did the trick.

As an added note, 30 members from Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting Society volunteered on Saturday, February 22.



# SPRING 2014 MEET THE FIRMS

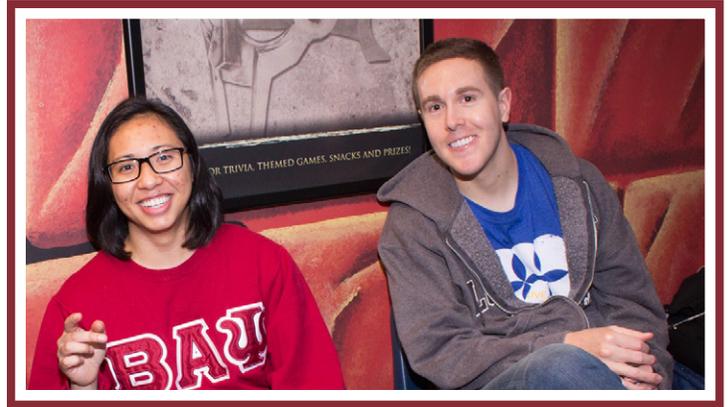
Meet the Firms, Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting Society's largest professional event, has existed for decades at Cal State Long Beach.

If there is one commonality between current members and alumni, it would be that we all have participated in Meet the Firms.

For the Spring 2014 semester, the event was hosted at the Pointe, much like it was in Fall 2013. We had 15 firms and well over 150 participants, not including professionals.

Unlike the Fall, the Spring semester has a more laid back feel. Less people, less firms, and less pressure all around for everyone involved.





## LASER TAG SOCIAL

Barney Stinson, a major character in the hit CBS sitcom *How I Met Your Mother*, always touts the gentleman sport “Laser Tag” as the most “Legen-wait-for-it-dary” thing you can do.

On Sunday, March 2, BAP/AS suited up and had a laser tag social in Fullerton. What better way to enjoy spending a misty Sunday than indoors firing laser projectiles at one another?

For some people, laser tag may come off as a not-so-popular activity. The last time most of us have participated in such a sport was in our teens; usually in small groups. However, when you fill an arena with thirty colleagues and add in a little mischief, it becomes a very entertaining group activity.

The best part about the social was that alumni were able to participate in the battle. There may have

been times where you may have been ganged up on, or shot in the back, or unsuspectingly sniped, but it was all in good fun.

Much like any other BAP/AS social, many candidates and members reached out to the alumni that were present. Some were getting their BAP Candidate interview questions out of the way. Others were just catching up and sharing stories.

Whichever the outcome, it was a great time. The event could not have been as much as fun as it was were it not for the alumni that visited. We would also like to extend our thanks to Nahal Shafagh of Becker CPA for sponsoring the event.



## ORANGE COUNTY PARK RESTORATION

On the Sunday morning of Spring daylight savings, members of the Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting Society met near the Upper Newport Bay Preserve for volunteer work. The task? Plant plants.

Working with other groups from UCI and local churches, volunteers of the event planted dozens of green life, as per the park restoration

program. The day was hot, the time was early, and the work was rewarding.

The Upper Newport Bay Preserve is one of the few remaining estuaries left in Southern California. In the 1960s, the bay was slighted for commercialization. The move was fought off by local citizens led by Frances and Frank Robinson. On

April 11, 1975, a reserve had been created and dedicated to the State of California and her future generations.

What exactly is an estuary? It is a coastal body of fresh water and open sea water. It is a highly nutritious environment and a major migrating point for birds. Not many estuaries remain, but the one in Newport is in great hands.



## MEALS ON WHEELS

For a typical student, waking up early on Friday is the last thing that comes to mind. But we are not talking about typical students; we are talking about volunteers. What they did was prepare food at a Meals on Wheels event.

Meals on Wheels provides a service of home delivered nutritionally balanced meals for individuals who are unable to shop and cook for themselves and who also live alone. It is akin to the OC and LA Food banks where food will ultimately go to the needy.

Twelve volunteers from Beta Alpha Psi attended the function the morning of Friday, March 14. They helped delivered a difference to the community. The food they assembled went on to help feed the chronically ill, seniors, veterans, and disabled persons.





# CAL STATE LONG BEACH VITA TAX DAY

On March 22, 2014, CSULB's VITA program had its Tax Day. It is a joint effort presented by the Board of Equalization and the I.R.S. VITA program, and the goal is to assist taxpayers in filing their income tax returns.

Gerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization, dropped by to share a few motivational words to the volunteers. Dean Michael Solt, Dr. Sudha Krishnan, and Dr. Debra Grace, were also present for the event.

The CSULB site, led by the Site Coordinator Jennifer Mae Formeloza, has a total of 60 inhouse volunteers. What makes the program unique is that the VITA site has been operating Monday through Friday since February 3. For this season, CSULB VITA has prepared more than 500 tax returns, refunded back taxpayers well over \$500,000, and has a site success rate of 96%.

VITA volunteers are required to work four hour shifts per week and attend two tax day events which includes the CSULB Tax Day.

(above): Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization Jerome E. Horton drops by and share his experiences with the VITA program to the CSULB VITA Tax Day volunteers. Gerome had started with the VITA program when he was 18.



(above): Felix Flores prepares a taxpayer's income tax return on VITA Tax Day. He first uses a pink intake sheet that taxpayers fill out before moving on to other documents required to complete a return.



(above): Co-Coordinator Francisco Sanches performs a quality review for one of the volunteer's prepared tax return for a client. Every return is quality reviewed by a person different from the preparer.



(above): Dr. Krishnan, Dr. Grace, and VITA Site Coordinator Jennifer Mae Formeloza.

# ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

We have established an alumni scholarship award to be presented at the end of each of the semester. The scholarship is awarded to individuals who have displayed exemplary service to the chapter.

To donate to the alumni scholarship, please click [here](#).  
The form can also be found on [www.csulbbap.org](http://www.csulbbap.org)

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# WING NIGHT

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## THURSDAY APRIL 24, 2014

### a **BETA ALPHA PSI MU** class fundraising event

**PS4 RAFFLE ★ GIFT BASKETS**



The event is a fundraiser hosted by the **MU** class of **BETA ALPHA PSI**. Proceeds from all food purchases made between 4-9 pm will go toward general funds. We invite everyone and anyone to come and enjoy the festivities, raffles, and opportunity to network with other club members and professionals.

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