



# BETA ALPHA PSI NEWSLETTER

GAMMA OMEGA CHAPTER

## GREETINGS

It has been only a month since the last publication, and in that short time span, Beta Alpha Psi & Accounting Society at Cal State Long Beach has been ripe with activity.

Every week, an extra event has been hosted on top of the bi-weekly professional speaking engagements. The events that have passed are: Meet and Greet, Big Buddy / Little Buddy, Intern Panel, Beta Alpha Psi Western Regional Conference, and Mock Meet the Firms. In addition, Spring 2014 Meet the Firms is this **Wednesday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m. at The Pointe.**

The officers and committee members have been hard at work preparing for all the events. Members of the resume committee, chaired by Delphine Laurens, have done an outstanding service to the organization within the past month. This semester, they have reviewed well over 125 resumes.

## SPRING 2014 MU CANDIDATE PLEDGE CLASS

On Wednesday, February 5, the Spring 2014 Beta Alpha Psi pledgedclass held its first meeting. Officially designated as the Mu candidate pledge class, it is being led by:

**President** Richard Cardenas  
**Vice President** Shawn Traylor  
**Treasurer** Anthony Aguilar  
**Secretary** Jayson Irvin

It is under the guidance of the Director of Records, Andy Wu.

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## PAST EVENTS

Meet & Greet Bowling	1/31
FRIDAY - 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM @ the USU	
Big Buddy / Little Buddy	2/7
FRIDAY - 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM @ the SRWC	
BAP Regional Conference	2/14, 2/15
FRIDAY - ANAHEIM - HAPPY VALENTINES DAY	
Mock Meet the Firms	2/19
WEDNESDAY - 5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM @ CBA 140	
Race on the Base Volunteer Event	2/22
ALAMITOS BASE	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet the Firms	2/26
WEDNESDAY - 5:00 PM TO 9:00 PM @ THE POINTE	
Spring 2014 Banquet	5/1
THURSDAY - 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM @ THE MARRIOTT	





## MEET & GREET SPRING 2014

After a week of tabling at the C.B.A., Beta Alpha Psi & Accounting Society had its first social event of the semester.

On Friday, January 31, BAP/AS reserved the entire bowling alley at the University Student Union, and there new members of the organization gamed with current members.

Alongside bowling, our members also participated in a number of other activities: Billiards, ping pong, air hockey, and foosball.

New faces were introduced and games wre played, and while historically the Spring 2014 semester has a smaller turn out than its Fall counterpart, the event produced a solid turnout.







## BIG BUDDY LITTLE BUDDY

In the infancy of our Big Buddy Little Buddy event, it was hosted at a house. Now, with an organization well into the triple digits, we occupy an entire gym.

On February 7, 2014, Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting Society reserved a portion of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center (SRWC) for two activities: Dodgeball and broomball.

There, members and alumni grouped up and played against each other before breaking up into smaller pods. Much like last semester's event, new comers and returning members socialized with alumni, asking questions that many of us once had to go through.

We thank all the alumni who came out to the event. Without their support, this event would not have been as much of a success as it was.



*(Above) Edwin Aguilar, alum, engaged in dodgeball.*

*(Below) Big Buddy Little Buddy turnout.*







## BETA ALPHA PSI WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

### CONFERENCE ATTENDEES FROM CSULB

Alison Ernst  
Allen Au  
Amy Smith  
Andy Wu  
Antonio Aguilar  
Cathy Ong  
Claudia Soong  
Delphine Laurens  
Erik Suarez  
Francisco Sanches  
Jennifer Kheang  
Jennifer Mae Formeloza  
Judie Kieu  
Kento Arai  
Klancy Price  
Richard Cardenas  
Shawn Traylor  
Steven Kelly

### FACULTY ADVISORS

Sudha Krishnan  
John Lacey

On Valentine's Day weekend, Cal State Univ. Long Beach and Cal Poly Pomona co-hosted the Beta Alpha Psi Western Regional Conference at the Sheraton Hotel, Anaheim.

23 of the 25 West Coast Chapters attended the conference that weekend as well as professionals from Beta Alpha Psi.

On the first day, the conference had a keynote speaker from Moss Adams, Roger Weninger, Regional Managing Partner. The day concluded with a collaborative based game called "Lost Dutchman's Gold Mine" in which randomly created teams were told one thing: Get as much gold as you can.

The game is a simulation of organizational goal setting in which members are delegated certain responsibilities in order to achieve success. One of the critical core components that made this game immersive was weather. Weather acted as a curve ball, a way to scramble what had been originally planned by

each team, forcing the team to change strategies in order to adapt to the situation.

On the second day, chapters gave competitive presentations on Leadership, Collaboration, and Strategic Planning before ending the day with seminar workshops.

One of the more popular events hosted on the second day was the alumni panel. The panel consisted of: **Alex Johnson**, Creighton Univ.; **Andrew Stoyan**, San Diego State Univ.; **Wale Shodiya**, Cal State Univ. Long Beach; **Edwin Aguilar**, Cal State Univ Long Beach; **Shacia Soto**, Cal State Univ Long Beach

Three of the five members of the alumni panel graduated from Long Beach. We thank them for representing the alma mater at the conference. We also want to thank Beta Alpha Psi International for everything it has provided for us at the event.

Next year, the Western Regional will be hosted at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



# VITA

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Every year, accounting majors of Cal State Long Beach offer free income tax preparation to the community. Qualifying taxpayers who earn \$51,000 or less are able to get assistance in preparing their income taxes before the April 15 deadline.

The program is named “Volunteer Income Tax Assistance”, or the VITA program. It is sponsored by the IRS and funded by the Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting Society. It is being led by our site coordinator, Jennifer Mae Formeloza, with a membership of 60 student volunteers pooled mostly from the Beta Alpha Psi & Accounting Society members.

Most of the volunteers, including Formeloza, are first time participants to the program. The current site success rate is 96.50%, a 2.30% raise from last year’s average. A key change this year is the certification requirements. Each student is required to pass four exams: Ethics, Basics, Advanced, and Foreign Student. All certification exams were to be completed by January 27.

The CSULB VITA site is one of the few sites in the region that is able to prepare foreign tax returns for nonresident aliens.

While the VITA site at CSULB is free to the community, the cost is fronted by the Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting Society.

Faculty advisor Dr. Krishnan, 3rd time volunteer and Co-Coordinator Mayuran Kularajan, and Jennifer Mae Formeloza have taken the initiative and presented to the CSULB Board of Trustees and have secured funding for the program by the university for future VITA years. This funding will go into effect in Spring 2015.

Know someone that fits the scope of VITA and they are near the greater Long Beach area?

Click [here](#) to see the webpage that you can send them. All questions can be directed to [this](#) email.



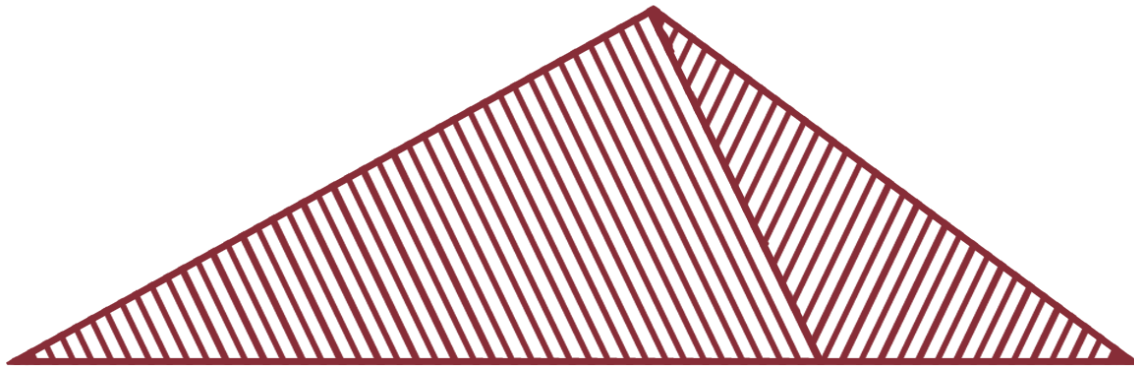
## A MINUTE WITH JENNIFER MAE FORMELOZA

**Why did you become the Vita Site Coordinator? Why not be a Co-Coordinator or a regular volunteer?**

That is actually a funny thing to ask. Originally, I was thinking of running for another officer position for Beta Alpha Psi and be a regular volunteer. But Paula brought up the idea to me, as well as Dr. Krishnan. Long story short, before I had a few days to consider it, I found myself in the dean’s conference room sitting with Dr. Krishnan, Paula, and Board of Equalization representatives. I don’t regret the decision though. My position does require some overtime, but I find the work rewarding.

**Do you know or remember the individuals from Beta Alpha Psi who played a significant role in your life?**

I will never forget the first semester I joined BAP in fall 2012. We had a very close knit pledge class, and it was then that I started to interact with people more. But members of our spring 2013 officer board have molded me to what I am today. I want to thank **Jessa May Reglos**, **Erville Vito**, and **Paula Alba** for always being there for me since the start. They are the older sisters that I never had. They had faith in me when I was pledging, and their support encouraged me to become very involved in Beta Alpha Psi. Even now, all members of Beta Alpha Psi & Accounting Society have made an impact on me.



SPRING 2014

## MEET THE FIRMS

THE POINTE, WALTER PYRAMID

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

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

We would like to have all donations in before April 18th, 11:59 p.m.

To donate to the alumni scholarship, please click [here](#).

The form can also be found on [www.csulbbap.org](http://www.csulbbap.org).