

President's Message



It is hard to believe we are in the second half of 2019. So much has happened since the year began. Even though we have had some ups and downs this year, the first half has been a success with two well-attended Brews with Bros events, a well attended Founders Day Dinner, and of course the Rocky Long Luncheon in April. We are also looking forward to having Padres Color Commentator Mark Grant join us in early August and Coach Brian Dutcher in the fall. As you will read in the following article, this past June was the 163rd Convention of

Sigma Alpha Epsilon. It was A treat to be able to represent our association and all of you in Louisville, Kentucky. As many of you were updated through the National office, the San Diego Area Alumni Association was once again awarded top Alumni Association Website, top Special Projects or Event for our annual Leadership Transition Forum, and was runner up for the Bill Fiscus Outstanding Alumni Association Award.



As competitive as we all are, some might be disappointed with being runner up. I too would have preferred to have been selected as the top alumni association in the country. That said the association who did win the Bill Fiscus Outstanding Alumni Association Award was a welldeserving group out of Phoenix. A few years back, the Phoenix Alumni Association had reached out to our association, asking for guidance as to how we are structured and what programs and events we provide our alumni and undergraduate members. Former Association Secretary Michael Templeton (OH-EP '63) graciously worked with the brothers of the Phoenix Alumni Association over time. Having a chance to review their application for the award, it is easy to see that they are structured very similar to our association. In the end, brothers helping brothers has always been a theme of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Brother Templeton should be applauded for his help in the rise of another strong alumni association.

It is imperative for the health of our fraternity that there are strong alumni associations across the realm that not only provide an avenue of ΣAE to their alumni members but also provide help and support to their undergraduate chapters. We are fortunate to be members of one of the strongest alumni associations in the county, and it is no surprise that we have three solid chapters here in San Diego. That, of course, could not be possible without the time, energy, and financial support of all of you, year in and year out.

I am pleased to report that membership renewals for 2019 are at an all-time high. I want to thank all of you who have taken the time to re-pledge your commitment to SAE. Some of you recently received a letter from Association Membership Chair Bill Marckwardt (CA-TH '76) reminding you to renew your membership for 2019. I want to thank those who chose to renew after receiving Bill's letter. For those of you who have yet to renew, I urge you to do so. Your support is so important and vital to the mission of our association and to the programs and support we provide. With our revamped website, it is easier now more than ever to renew your membership securely online. Visit www.saesd.org/shop and select what level of membership with which you are most comfortable. It truly makes a difference.

In the end, our future in San Diego looks bright. Your board will continue to work hard to ensure that ΣAE in San Diego is a success. I thank them, and I thank you for making that possible.

In the bonds,

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163rd Convention held in Louisville, KY



This past June, I had the honor and pleasure to represent our Association at the 163 Anniversary Convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The event, which is held every two years, took place in Louisville, KY. The city couldn't have been more inviting with all its charm and history. Not only is Louisville the hometown of Muhammad Ali, but also the famed Hillerich & Bradsby Louisville Slugger factory. Probably the most personally interesting bit of history was touring the Pendennis Club. A gentlemen's club dating back to 1881, the Pendennis Club

has had the honor of hosting a handful of U.S. Presidents among other dignitaries. The club also has a long and storied tradition of hosting members and guests for an annual boxing match held in the 3rd-floor ballroom. The legend goes long back to have even had the then Cassius Clay box at the Pendennis. The most intriguing was learning that the Pendennis Club was the birthplace of the Old Fashioned. I can attest that they do know how to make a good one. Another site of Louisville is, of course, the famed Churchill Downs. Such a beautiful property, the Convention Host Committee treated us all to a night at the races in private suites just for ΣAE .

All that said, the Convention is a place where the actual work of ΣAE transpires. No, I am serious. Time is spent in plenary sessions discussing and voting on law proposals, voting in new officers, and consulting and voting on resolutions.

During conventions past, it was all too familiar for various issues or elections to turn overly political. I am pleased to say that this year's Convention had an undertone of all coming together and leaving politics for the sake of politics aside. Even the race for the only contested Supreme Council seat, the Eminent Supreme Chronicler, was moved to the issues. All three of the candidates ran respectable campaigns. In the end, Ben Johnson (CA-Psi '87), a friend of our Association, was victorious in becoming the Eminent Supreme Chronicler. Ben is quite deserving of the role and will do a great job.

Another election that is held every Convention is that of Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon. The position is voted on and presented by all Past Eminent Supreme Archons and the individual nominated in most cases is someone who for one reason or another was never really able to run for the Supreme Council. For those of you who recall, this past Founders Day it was announced that Brother Dick Troncone (CA-TH '67) was unanimously voted in by all Past Eminent Supreme Archons as the next Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon. This was officially brought to the convention floor by Past Eminent Supreme Archon Marty Wiglesworth (KY-KA '84) who presented the nomination of Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon. The motion was seconded by Past Eminent Supreme Archon Richard Hopple (OH-EP '70) and unanimously approved. With that Brother Troncone was officially voted in on the convention floor as Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon.



As always Convention concluded with the closing banquet. An optional black-tie affair, all came dressed in elegant gowns and sharp tuxedos and suits. The newly elected Supreme Council was officially voted in. Our province was represented well that evening boasting a Supreme Council member, a Distinguished Service Award winner, a Past Council of Province Archons Chairman, a Zeal chapter, a past Bill Fiscus Alumni Association Award winner, and some Chapter Achievement Award winners. A successful evening and Convention by many standards, it is excellent to report that our fraternity is in the good place.

Phi Alpha! Adam Porter

Bro Pro-File: Troy Wahl (CA-TH '14)

Troy Wahl brags that he is a San Diego boy, "born and bred." He grew up in Del Cerro and then Alpine and graduated from Steele Canyon High School. After getting his acceptance letter from San Diego State, he toured the campus and it was love at first sight. He lived in the dorms his freshman year and rushed SAE.

"It was the best decision I have ever made," Troy said. He majored in communications and was active in the fraternity, holding different positions (risk



Written by: Tom Gable

junior (second in football; first in basketball, fourth in softball).

As part of his communications major, he interned at KUSI in summer of his junior year.

"It was a crappy morning shift and I was up at 2 a.m. to work on the morning news," he said. "I liked being in the newsroom and had the opportunity to do a lot of different things -- writing stories, learning to use a camera, and even moving the teleprompter for the anchors to read from. Hard work."

Troy would go out with reporters, shoot stories and put together his own stories, which set him up for starting his career at ABC Channel 10 when he graduated from SDSU.

"I jumped straight into the news world and joined ABC10," Troy said. "I got a writing job and was associate producer, working the first producing shift, which mean I was up at 12 a.m. every weekday morning to get ready for the 4:30 a.m. show. I did that for four months and then was promoted to produce the 4 p.m. evening news – much better for my sleeping habits. From there I was promoted to do the 11 p.m. show, which with the 6 a.m. show gets the highest ratings."

Troy recently won an Emmy from the Television Academy for "Best Evening Newscast: Larger Market" for an 11 p.m. newscast on storms causing widespread damage in San Diego. He accepted the award on June 15 on stage in Las Vegas.

"Very exciting and rewarding," Troy said.

For a typical day in the Channel 10 newsroom, he goes over the stories selected for the dayside reporters and consider the existing big news of the day. During a 3:30 meeting, they assign reporters to stories. Troy works with writers on the stories and talks to the reporters. The 11 p.m. show can have four to seven stories, depending on the news of day. He debriefs with the team after the anchors sign off at 11:30. But this isn't like producing a video.

"We could have breaking news at 10:48, blow up the show and have to start over," Troy said. "This happened recently when we got an email after 10:30 on a Friday night that a child had died after touching an animal at the SD County Fair. You normally don't get press releases so late. So we had to immediately get a crew up to Del Mar in 20 minutes and carry a press conference live for the whole show."

Troy said he has great mentors at Channel 10, starting with Sarah Cowan, executive producer, since day one, and two anchors, Kimberly Hunt and Steve Atkinson. He looks forward to moving up in the broadcast world at Channel 10.

As a sideline, Troy has his real estate license and works with a Century 21 office in La Mesa. He is a health coach for his parent's company, Optavia, a dietary supplement company they started after his dad retired from the San Diego Police Department after 36 years. Troy has a twin sister, Danica, an attorney in Solana Beach, and brother, Scott, a captain in the San Diego Police Department.

For extracurricular, Troy said he loves surfing, playing the drums, and touring America's Finest city and its assortment of craft beer establishments (Swinging Friar, by the Padres and Ballast Point, is his favorite).

He enjoys travel, including around the country (Chicago, Dallas, New York and Miami). Last September, he visited Ireland and Scotland. The Emerald Isle is one of the favorite places he's ever been.

He recently rejuvenated his interest in the fraternity after going to a luncheon at the San Diego Yacht Club.

"I now want to be as involved as I can because this fraternity gave me so much and changed my life for the better," Troy said. "My friends from the fraternity are still my best friends to this day and will eventually attend my wedding when I find the right woman. I attend SDSU football and basketball games regularly and keep my love for the Aztecs strong.

His biggest short-term goals?

"Becoming more active in SAE and getting a down payment to purchase my first property," Troy said.

Best of success with both, plus advancing the career at Channel 10.

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Annual Fraternity Awards Announced



for their outstanding efforts to advance the mission of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

In June, the winners of the Alumni Awards were announced.

The San Diego Area Alumni Association was recognized for the following award.

Bill Fiscus Outstanding Area Alumni Association

Runner-Up: San Diego Alumni Association

This award recognizes the area alumni association that has made an outstanding contribution of time and energy in its respective geographical area.

With the long-time dedication of our members, this has been and continues to be a thriving Association. We are blessed to have so many active members who embody " ΣAE for Life" allowing us to build through younger membership.

Outstanding Alumni Association Website

Winner: San Diego Alumni Association This award recognizes groups that excel in communicating their messages to specific audiences.

The San Diego Alumni Association has always prided itself on its organization and communication. Our goal is to increase the association's visibility in San Diego and outward across the realm in hopes that brothers in our area will find us and chose to become involved.

Outstanding Alumni Association Special Events or Project

Winner: San Diego Alumni Association

This award is designed to recognize a particular event, or unique project conceived, planned, and implemented that has a direct impact on the association's goals and enhances the reputation of the Fraternity.

Our most significant contributions to the undergraduates are our Annual Leadership Transition Forum - a half-day gathering of incoming and outgoing executive officers from three local chapters. Breakout sessions are held for each administrative position. An alumni facilitator helps navigate through the breakout. The purpose is to discuss best practices while fostering networking amongst the officers.

National to Host ΣAE Leadership Event in San Diego



EMERGING LEADERS ACADEMY

These are offered in the four ΣAE districts, with the aim of creating excitement about the Fraternity, enhance networking among members, and develop leadership skills for members.

The Emerging Leaders Academies are an evolution of the programming offered at the John O. Moseley Leadership School. The new two-day intensive leadership event is both undergraduate and alumni emerging leaders. The new Emerging Leaders Academy programs provide members the skills and confidence needed to lead.

The Emerging Leaders Academies are an integral part of Sigma Alpha Epsilon's educational mission to impact a more significant number of brothers in their communities.

The Emerging Leaders Academies are designed to provide interactive and consistent education to a wide variety of members. Undergraduate and alumni participants will experience a series of workshops, expos, and keynote addresses. With an additional focus on personal leadership development, dressing for success, building your brand, and how our Fraternity values and ritual are reflected in everything we do.

THE ACADEMIES INCLUDE THREE CORE COMPONENTS:

The District Academies are based on Three Cores: Leadership, Networking, and Development.

- Leadership The opportunity to gain the skills necessary to succeed on campus, in your chapter and in your chosen field.
- Networking Learn from ΣAE brothers across the realm. Network and share ideas with the Supreme Council, local and Province volunteers, and members Fraternity Staff.
- Development Expand your ΣAE vision through interactive dialogue with brothers facing similar challenges, and work together to identify solutions and new opportunities.

Western District - San Diego, CA October 4-5, 2019

Brews with Bros VIII @ San Diego Padres



Pictured Left to right: Phil Gerbracht, Pat McDonald, Robert Titus, Mark Scannell, Gary Martin

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The San Diego Area Alumni Association held its 8th Brews With Bros event on June 28th, 2019 at San Diego's Petco Park Stadium in association with the Padres BrewFest event.

Everyone in attendance had a great
time, and the Padres won!. That's
right the Padres won!

How could we go wrong? Old pals, telling tales, talking \$%&# about the ones that weren't there, great San Diego breweries at discounted prices, a great place to congregate, talk and watch our team win.

Approximately thirty brothers attended the

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Pictured Left to right: Walter Crowell, Jim Cormie, Mike White, Ron Fletcher

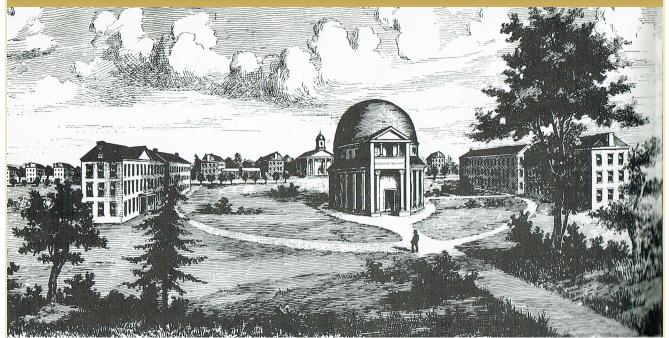


game against the visiting Saint Louis Cardinals. There was a great showing by bros from the early to mid-1980s.

BeerFest featured the following local brewers: Ballast Point Brewing Company, Coronado Brewing Company, Iron Fist, AleSmith, Mike Hess, Pizza Port Brewing Company, Stone Brewing Co., San Diego Brewing Company, Benchmark Brewing, Four Peaks Brewing, and 10 Barrel Brewing Company. And at \$5 a beer!

Two thumbs up. A "must do again" venue.

The Early Weeks at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa



The University of Alabama as it appeared in 1856

Excerpts from Billy Lever's "History of Sigma Alpha Epsilon."

It is difficult for the modern college student to realize how limited was the extent of higher education, especially in the South, during the period when ΣAE was founded. Even the largest universities had an enrollment of only a few hundred students, and the curriculum was devoted to the liberal arts and the preparation in theology, law, and medicine. Emphasis was on classics in undergraduate education. As a consequence, the founders of ΣAE were familiar with Greek and Latin language and literature. "Greek-letter" fraternities, with their rich symbolism and elaborate rituals, drew heavily from the tradition of Greek mythology, for this was wellknown to their members. So it was with ΣAE . DeVotie and his fellow founders were Greek scholars, and the name of the

fraternity, its ritual, and its fundamental ideals were rooted in the great traditions of classical Greece.

Not only were colleges small, educating a privileged elite for the professions, but fraternity chapters were relatively small too. A chapter of more than twelve or fifteen men was regarded as exceptionally large in those days.

In 1856 the University of Alabama counted at most only a few hundred students in its student body. Only thirteen seniors graduated in the spring of 1856, and five of these were founders of ΣAE .

By 1856 four fraternities had established chapters at Alabama, but one of these had already died before ΣAE was organized. Old Kappa Alpha - not to be confused with either the Kappa Alpha Society or the Southern Kappa Alpha Order - had established a chapter at Alabama in 1848, but it dissolved in the spring of 1855 because of internal dissension. The majority faction of that group accepted a charter of Phi Gamma Delta in the fall of 1855. Delta Kappa Epsilon (1847) and Alpha Delta Phi (1850) had chapters at Alabama in 1856. None of the ΣAE founders was a member of defunct Kappa Alpha or of any other fraternity prior to their organizing ΣAE , although a number of them had been invited to join other groups, and DeVotie, the top scholar in his class had been invited to join all of the Alabama fraternities.

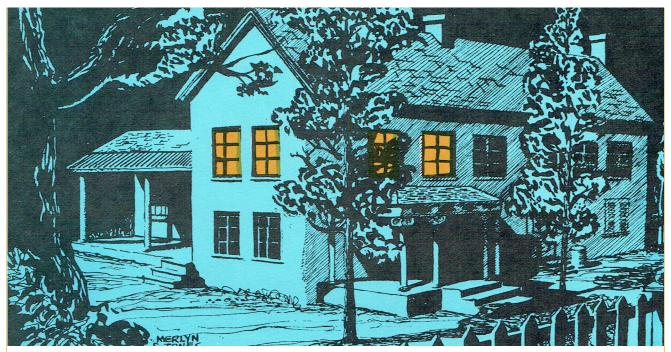
The badge of ΣAE , diamond-shaped like the badges of Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Gamma Delta, was designed by John B. Rudulph; and it is said to have caused a sensation when it first arrived on the campus. "Everyone was talking about the lady making the lion behave," recalled John B. Rudolph years later. Early fraternity badges were much larger than those of the present day, and ΣAE 's first badge measured an inch and a half long and fifteen-sixteenths of an inch in width.

During the earliest meetings the founders hammered out a constitution for the fraternity. This was especially important because the term "constitution" included not only the laws to govern the fraternity but also its ritual. Although DeVotie had practically completed the laws and ritual during the months before the first formal meeting, the new organization amended and ratified the document he had prepared. Minerva, the goddess of wisdom, was made the patron of the fraternity.

In some ways 19th century college fraternities imitated the older literary societies which were so much a feature of campus life in those days. One such practice, provided for in ΣAE 's first constitution, was the *topos*, or academic subject on which a member was to write a series of literary essays for oral presentation to the chapter. Each member selected his topos. Collectively these literary efforts were called topoi, and this system was one of the cardinal points in the constitution. For a number of years this literary work was carried on faithfully in the mother chapter and throughout the fraternity as it extended from college to college.

At their second meeting on March 15, 1856, the founders elected permanent officers, decided it was time to inform the President of the University, Dr. L. G. Garland, of the establishment of ΣAE , and, most important, elected their first new member.

There was a boy of rare promise on the campus; a young man sought by all the fraternities. His name was Newton Nash Clements. The new fraternity was as anxious to have him as were its older rivals, but one or two of the ΣAE 's doubted the expediency of inviting him. To them it seemed a risky venture to tempt fate so soon with their first "bid." The rest of the members, however, led by DeVotie, Kerr, and Rudulph, insisted that Clements should be given the opportunity of refusing them. The invitation was given, and it was accepted. A week later Clements was initiated. It is



The Mansion House on a March night in 1856, when Sigma Alpha Epsilon was bon.

a measure of the quality of their first pledge member that Clements in later years served as Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives and as U.S. Congressman for his district.

From the beginning ΣAE was planned as a national fraternity. The founders never once even mentioned the possibility or desirability of seeking a charter from an established national organization. Although a dozen northern fraternities had already organized chapters in the South, sectional feeling was running so high in the fifties that extension into that region began to slow. Only one other purely Southern fraternity existed, a local Society called W.W.W at the University of Mississippi, the existence of which was probably not known to ΣAE founders. More important, however, was the conviction of DeVotie and his associates that their fraternity was somehow different, that it had a destiny that lay beyond the confines of Tuscaloosa or

Alabama. At their third meeting - the one at which they initiated Clements - they urged "that those members of ΣAE fraternity who may have trustworthy friends in other colleges, South, have written communication with them, if they choose, for the purpose of organizing Chapters of the ΣAE fraternity in their respective institutions." DeVotie was elected corresponding secretary, the officer in charge of communications with potential petitioners from other colleges.

While the early members were beginning to look to the extension of ΣAE , they were thoroughly enjoying themselves on the campus at Tuscaloosa. Their formal meetings were almost always on Saturday evening in what they soon came to call the " ΣAE Hall," a schoolroom in the Mansion House. Frequently their meetings were followed by a "feed." After the second meeting on March 15, 1856, "The society retired to the college, where it regaled itself with

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roast turkey and warm coffee." And when the meeting of May 31 was over, the secretary recorded that the "members returned to the university where they festered their physical appetites on the fat thighs of a Shanghai goober."

Often they would have the old servant who provided for them secure a fine roasted 'possum. It was at a feast after one of the meetings of the first month that Kerr designed to deliver an oration over the remains of a 'possum; and the word "remains" is used advisedly, for the boys had stripped it to the bones and were feeling exceedingly comfortable. Kerr's professor in zoology had that week been holding forth on the anatomy of 'possums and had explained how they, differing from many kindred animals, had imbricated jaws. "Fraters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon," began Kerr, swelling with dignity, amid all sorts of meetings and salutations from his follows. "Fraters of ΣAE , we have before us the last sad remains of a marsupial mammal. It differs from many of the familiar animals on account of its imbricated jaws," and as he delivered his recently gained knowledge, Kerr grandly reached for the skull of the animal and displayed it in his most impressive manner. Suddenly his eyes snapped and he looked closer; His compatriots followed his stare. This 'possum, at least, had no imbricated jaws.

Further investigation followed, to be ended by summoning the cook. At first he temporized, but to no avail, and so at last, driven to a corner, he confessed. No 'possum had been obtainable that day, and believing the fraternity boys would never discover the difference, he had procured a fat tom cat and had served it

to them.

Too often we forget that these were young college undergraduates who organized SAE. At 22 years of age Cockrell was the "old man" of the group; Kerr and Dennis were 21; Patton was 20; Cook (already at Princeton) was 19; and DeVotie, Rudolph and Foster were only 18. Yet DeVotie and Rudolph were seniors. And DeVotie liked to have fun as much as did any college student of his day.

It was a good thing the founders were planning to extend ΣAE to other colleges, for in mid-1856 the board of Trustees of the University of Alabama abolished fraternities. Eighteen months later the mother chapter was forced to disband, having initiated only twenty-two men including the founders.

In the immediate years which followed the abolition of fraternities at the University of Alabama, the institution almost collapsed under the lawlessness which existed. The public press of the State was full of reports of the lamentable conditions prevailing at Tuscaloosa. One student was stabbed to death in a college fight. Hundreds quit the institution and others were afraid to enter as students. By 1859, when the enrollment had dropped to 83, the board of Trustees adopted the astonishing standard of 25 percent passing grade in scholarship.

In this atmosphere the little band of ΣAE s at Tuscaloosa could scarcely have been exited to develop a strong fraternity. Yet they managed to survive the 1856-1857 academic year. In fact they flourished.

REGISTER NOW

August Luncheon

Guest Speaker: Former San Diego Padres Player & Current Announcer

Mark Grant is a popular fixture in the San Diego Padres MLB Television broadcasts on FOX Sports San Diego, and within our many San Diego Community Events. Mark is recognized for his skilled, fast-paced sports analysis delivered with a humorous, quick wit that is always entertaining.





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+ Century Club Membership ++ Lions Club Membership +++ Minerva Club Membership

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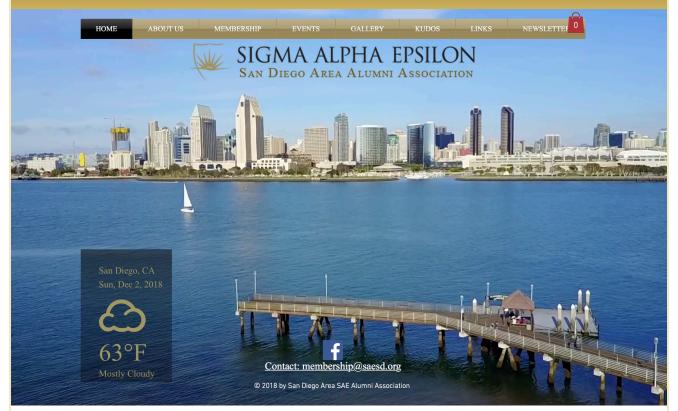
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Association Website Enables Secure Online Registration and Payments for Members



If you haven't yet checked out the new Alumni Association website, we encourage you to do so. Whether you are looking to attend an upcoming event, renew your annual membership, check out the images in the gallery or articles in the newsletters, this is this the best source to find all that information and more.

The Association website accepts all major credit cards and debit cards, including Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, JCB and Diners. Your information is protected by 256-bit SSL encryption.

In 2018 and 2019 our San Diego Area Alumni Association was recognized Nationally for the best Website. Visit us at www.saesd.org.



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