From: **James Knowlton** jim.knowlton@berkeley.edu
Subject: Athletic Department Weekly. Update -- 11/24/24
Date: November 24, 2024 at 10:21 PM
To: Richard K Lyons [redacted]
Cc: Benjamin E Hermalin hermalin@berkeley.edu, Oliver M O'Reilly oreilly@berkeley.edu, Amani M Nuru-Jeter anjeter@berkeley.edu , Mark Stacey mstacey@berkeley.edu, Khira A Griscavage kgriscavage@berkeley.edu, Jennifer R Simon-O'neill jenny.simon@berkeley.edu

Hi Rich,

This week has certainly been one for the books and it was truly non-stop as we engaged in Big Game activities, welcomed our outside partners back to campus and communicated some important information to the Cal community regarding the House Settlement. We also won the Big Game and four Basketball games!

The week leading up to the Big Game was busy as usual - men's golf hosted their Big Game Cup, the Bears in the Woods CAA chapter hosted their annual Big Game Dinner, we had football supporters on campus for Grid Club and the stakeholder lunch and I attended the Big Game Lunch at the Fratellanza Club and the Big Game Dinner with the Bohemian Club. One of the most meaningful and impactful events of the weekend was the 20th Reunion of the 2004 Cal Football team. From Friday's dinner and reception to welcoming the alumni back on game day with special recognition at our Cal Athletics Fund tailgate (that had almost 1000 attendees despite the rain) and during the game, it was really amazing to see these alumni, along with Coach Tedford, reconnect and make new memories together. Thank you for stopping by and sharing a few words with the team!

What an incredible win on Saturday as Cal kept the Axe and claimed victory in the 127th Big Game. We had a sold out crowd (our second of the season) and our goal is to continue this momentum and make sell-out crowds a standard for California Memorial Stadium. I had never seen California Memorial Stadium so energized as it was after we won the game! Here is a photo of the field several minutes after the game. Here is a quick video of fans chanting as they exited the field through the North Tunnel. We are excited to begin planning for a bowl game - we will find out where we are headed on December 8th, but we think the most likely bowls are the LA Bowl (Los Angeles - December 18th) or the Sun Bowl (El Paso - December 31st).

This week, we welcomed our oustide partners back to campus. Over the next three months, we are working with them to build out a framework to help position our department for success in this new environment of college sports. During their visit, they met with faculty, senior campus leadership and Cal Athletics leadership. We were grateful for the opportunity to spend some time on the whiteboard as we work through the options ahead. Thank you for taking the time to meet with them on Saturday morning to discuss further. I look forward to following up with you in our next 1:1.

Much of the impending change we are planning for is a result of the recent developments in the House Settlement Case and its preliminary approval. We shared a message with the Cal community on Thursday communicating these changes and what they mean for us as an institution and how they can continue to support Cal during this transition. You can view the letter we sent here. Our development team is working to build out a comprehensive communications plan that will span several months and continue the process of informing and educating our Cal family about the changes that will occur should the House Settlement be approved on April 7th.

With all these changes, we pulled together our head coaches to talk about the House Settlement and how it is impacting their recruiting; we are working to formulate a plan for how we are going to move forward and implement these changes if/when they occur. I also shared information from my ACC Athletic Directors meetings. We brought our entire Cal Athletics staff for our monthly meeting this week as well and I shared similar updates on NIL and the House Settlement. Phenocia Bauerle, Director of Native American Student Development at UC Berkeley stopped by to share information on Native American Heritage Month, and I was also able to share the exciting news about our 93% Graduation Status Rate - our highest ever, surpassing our previous high of 91%! I want to highlight how far we have come in the last ten years. In 2012-2013 our overall GSR was 78%, football was at 44% (lowest in the country), men's basketball was at 38% (lowest in Pac-12), and women's basketball was 75% (11th in Pac-12). Additionally, our black student-athlete GSR in 2012-13 was 52% (now it is 87%). As a result, we implemented the Chancellor's Task Force on Academics and Athletics in 2014 which put together 70 recommendations on how to achieve the goal that our student-athletes have equivalent graduation rates as the student body (which was about 90% at the time). We have achieved and even exceeded that goal with 93% and I am incredibly proud of everyone who played a part in making this success possible.

Lastly, we brought the Cal Athletics family together on Tuesday afternoon for a great Friendsgiving event. This is something that Corey and I love to do for our coaches and staff. I love getting to bring the group together to share a meal and thank them for their unwavering commitment to supporting our student-athletes here at Cal!

Additional updates from this week **-**

Sport Updates -

- Football – Defeated Stanford in the Big Game to become bowl-eligible. Team is now 6-5, 2-5 ACC
- Men's Basketball – Defeated Air Force and Sac State. Team is now 5-1.
- Women's Basketball – Defeated Grambling State and Auburn. Team is now 6-0.
- Women's Soccer – Fell To No. 5 Arkansas in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Team finished the season at 13-6-2.
- Volleyball – Lost to North Carolina and defeated Duke. Team is now 13-17, 5-13 ACC
- No. 7 Men's Water Polo – Defeated Augustana and lost to No. 1 UCLA and No. 2 Stanford at the MPSF Championships. Team finished the season 12-13

Home Games -

- Wednesday, November 27th

    - Men's Basketball vs. Mercyhurst @ 7PM
- Saturday, November 30th
    - Volleyball vs. Notre Dame @ 1PM

ASC Scholar-Athletes of the Week –
- Marta Suarez, Women's Basketball
- Stanley Saole-McKenzie, Football

Men's Basketball NIL Dinner: Los Angeles - Head Men's Basketball Coach Mark Madsen and Senior Director of Development Lindsey Webster had dinner Saturday night with seven supporters, hosted by Cal alum Kirk Cartozian. It was a great dinner, focused on the needs of the program and great conversation around NIL, Cal men's basketball and the athletic department.

Women's Basketball Engagement - CAF hosted Women's Basketball Golden Way Members to an exclusive open practice last Sunday as the team geared up for two exciting home games. Coach Charmin Smith engaged with the attendees in a Q&A, discussing key priorities and outlining the team's strategy for transitioning to the ACC. Additionally, before their Friday game against Auburn, CAF hosted women's basketball donors into the Haas Club Room for their second chalk-talk. Associate Head Coach, Heidi Heintz, gave a brief scouting report on Auburn, and our donors asked questions about our team.

Coordinated Community Review Team (CCRT) -- Members of IA attended the CCRT Meeting, which included discussions and updates on SVSH Prevention, Clery Act Compliance, and a thorough review of reports to OPHD over the last year. Examining these trends across campus is helpful in designing education and response efforts in IA, along with specific IA data.

Men's Basketball Engagement - Last Sunday, I joined the Cal Athletics Fund team at their men's basketball pregame reception at USC. This is the only time our men's basketball program is competing in Southern California this year, so I was happy to join and share remarks and updates about the department to almost 100 Cal supporters. The night was capped off with a great win at USC, the first since 2017! Additionally, I stayed in SoCal for a development day on Monday had great meetings with
Par Lindstrom, Kofi Nartey, and Leila Khoury to provide an update on Cal Athletics.

Thank-A-Thon - The Cal Athletics Fund kicked off our Fall Thank-A-Thon where student-athletes made stewardship calls to donors expressing gratitude for their respective programs. 23 student-athletes represented 6 programs and made close to 350 calls.

New York Donor Trip - This week, Beth Tafolla-Voetsch and Tim McLaughlin hosted a handful of visits with major gift prospects and attended many events in New York City; they shared the NYSE was incredible! They expressed their appreciation and gratitude for all of your efforts and support, especially with the Wagners!

Cameron Institute Presents to the ASC's First-Year Transition Seminar
Bineti Vitta, Ryan Rodriguez, and James Van, the career team at the Cameron Institute, presented to the Athletic Study Center's First Year Transition Seminar class about the many resources available to student-athletes through the unit's services.

Community Engagement with Beach Volleyball - This week Beach Volleyball continued its annual service with Re:wild Your Campus (Formerly Herbicide Free Campus). Herbicide Free Campus was founded by Mackenzie Feldman and Bridget Gustafson, two former Cal student-athletes on the Beach Volleyball team who were motivated to push for change on campus. The organization has since grown into a national multi-campus, student-led organization fighting for health equity, working with groundskeepers to eliminate toxic agrochemicals. Student-athletes helped to weed Ishi Court inside Dwinelle and further the mission of a great organization.

Highlights from the Cameron Institute Mentorship Program - You can read about the highlights and accomplishments of Tyler Lenk, senior on rugby, and his mentor Greg Clark '79; and Thomas Barbey, senior on men's rowing, and his mentors Tatum Wheeler '16 and Peter Van Houten '54 **here**. The Cameron Institute currently has 122 pairings between the two mentorship programs (Alums & Professional & Haas MBA). This program, led by Ryan Rodriguez, Senior Career Development Advisor, continues to flourish and be incredibly impactful.
Cal Athletics News -
- Bears Add Pair During Signing Period
- 3 Bears Sweep NCAA Singles Openers
- Overbeck Wins NCAA Singles Opener
- Cal Athletics Records Highest GSR Ever
- 3 Bears Named To Academic All-District Team
- Cal Athletics Enters Sponsorship Agreement With Troutman Amin, LLP
- Cal Lands 4 All-MPSF Selections
- Wiersholm Wins Way To All-America Status
- Bears Fall In Waco
- Cal Defeats Grambling State
- Bears Complete Play At NCAAs
- Cal Beach Volleyball Inks 2 Recruits
- Wilkinson Leads Cal Past Air Force
- No. 7 Cal Upends Augustana 23-8 In MPSF Opener
- Li's 20 Kills Not Enough Against North Carolina
- No. 25 Cal Held Scoreless By No. 5 Arkansas
- Cal Wins Thriller Over Auburn
- Bears Stage Memorable Comeback To Win Big Game
- Bears Fall To No. 1 Bruins

- Bears Breeze Past LBSU In Preseason Friendly
- Li Posts 27 Kills To Lead Cal To Victory Over Duke
- Bears Finish 4th At MPSF Championships
- Cal Withstands Sacramento State

Local and National News and Features –

- 'We Can't Let Stanford Get That Axe': Cal's DB Duo Embrace Challenge Of Their Last Big Game – San Francisco Chronicle
- Cal-Stanford 2024 Will Be Remembered For 'The Drive' – SI.com
- Aaron Rodgers' Friday Speech To Cal Players 'Inspired The Team' – SI.com
- Two Cal Players On ESPN's All-Underrated-Transfer Team' – SI.com
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Go Bears!
Jim

From: **Athletic Director - Jenny Simon-O'Neill & Jay Larson** athleticdirector@berkeley.edu
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Hi Rich,

As you know, we had a tough loss to Stanford on Saturday and made the difficult decision to part ways with Coach Wilcox on Sunday. We appreciate your support during the process. Nick Rolovich is serving as the Interim Head Coach while we conduct a national search for our next leader. The team is preparing for the final home game this weekend against SMU.

Despite the result of the game, we had great engagement throughout Big Game week. Our staff attended a variety of events leading up to the Big Game including the Fratellanza Club, Bohemian Club, and Grid Club festivities. Beth represented Cal as a panelist alongside Bob Bowlsby at the Town and Country Big Game event on Thursday over lunch. Jenny and Jay went to Sacramento on Wednesday night to speak with the Sacramento Grid Club. These events provided opportunities to discuss the state of college athletics and football, and answer a lot of great questions from our community.

On Friday night, about 200 individuals attended the 4th biennial Big Game Reception, this year hosted at the home of Byron and Alli Deeter. The event's guest list included significant donors from the Peninsula area and gave our team an opportunity to meet with several key prospective donors. Ron and Jay attended and we were lucky to be joined by some Cal greats including Ryan Murphy, Scott Fujita, an Jake Tonges to name a few. We are grateful to Darren Cooke who joined us for the evening as well!

On game day, over 250 individuals attended the Cal Athletics Tailgate and it was fun to have the live broadcast element and the full Cal Band featured! We had over 10,000 Cal fans in attendance at the game, and while the outcome wasn't what we wanted, the Cal family showed up in full force.

On Sunday, women's tennis player, Berta Passola Folch, finished runner-up at the NCAA singles championship! Ranked #113 in the country entering the tournament, Berta battled her way through the bracket all the way to the championship match. She became our first All American for the 2025-26 year.

The Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball teams continue to play well. Men's Basketball beat Sacramento State 91-67 at Haas Pavilion last week, continuing their unbeaten run at home, with senior Rytis Petraitis scoring his 1,000th point. Women's Basketball beat Saint Mary's at Haas Pavilion last week at the annual School Haas Rock game, with thousands of kids from local schools in attendance--one of the best events of the year!

Happy Thanksgiving and Go Bears!

Jenny, Jay and Ron

Additional updates from this week:

Sport updates:

- Football: Lost at Stanford. Team is 6-5, 3-4 ACC.
- Men's Basketball: Beat Presbyterian and Sacramento State. Team is 5-1.
- Women's Basketball: Defeated Saint Mary's. Team is 5-1.
- Volleyball: Lost twice to Stanford (one home, one away). Team is 7-21, 4-14 ACC.
- Men's Water Polo: Defeated No. 4 DIII Johns Hopkins, lost to No. 1 UCLA and at No. 3 Stanford (all at MPSF Championships, Stanford, CA). Team is 15-8, 1-5 MPSF.
- Men's Tennis: Individuals competed at NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships.
- Women's Tennis: Individuals competed at NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships.
- Rugby: Won vs. UC Santa Cruz (at Cabrillo College). Team is 19-2, 1-0 15's.

Home matchups the week of November 17th:

- Wednesday, November 26th
  - Volleyball vs. Boston College @ 1pm
- Saturday, November 29th
  - Football vs. SMU @ 5pm

MBEI Lunch & MBB Games - Last week, we hosted our first Men's Basketball Excellence Initiative donor lunch with Coach Madsen. This intimate gathering offered supporters an inside look at the season so far, including a video review session and thoughtful conversation with Coach Madsen. We welcomed 15 dedicated supporters to this event.

WBB Stakeholder Breakfast - Last week, we hosted our first Women's Basketball Stakeholder lunch of the season with Coach Charmin. During the event, we gave donors an inside look at the new team members and our scouting report for the upcoming game against Saint Mary's, reviewing film and statistics from this point in the season. We welcomed 10 loyal supporters at the event.

Biotech Salon Event - Tim McLaughlin was in Boston this past week as a part of our Biotech Salon event which had ~60 attendees. Tim had 8 meetings in the Boston area during the week, including with prospect Rachel Gonzalez who is about to make a low-six figure commitment to Cameron Institute (along with Law School and Bakar Labs) and several Championship CALiber qualification visits.

Behdad Eghbali - Ron and Adam Brooks met with Behdad in Santa Monica to discuss his support of Cal Football. This was a great opportunity to begin philanthropic conversations with him. Thank you for meeting with Stu Shiff on Friday, Beth shared it was a good meeting that will lead to future connections and inspired Stu to think more broadly about his philanthropy.

Berkeley Jr. Jackets x School Haas Rock - The Berkeley Jr. Jackets Cheer team performed as special guests at the annual Cal Women's Basketball "School Haas Rock" game on Thursday, November 20. Thi event marks the beginning of an ongoing collaboration between the Berkeley Jr. Jackets and the Cameron Institute, supported by the Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund. Fifteen girls, aged 5 to 12, participated in the opening performance and cheered on the Bears to victory against St. Mary's! A highlight of the event was the opportunity to meet the Cal Dance team and post-game autographs with the Women's Basketball team. Looking ahead, the Cameron Institute will continue to support the collaboration between Cal student-athletes and the Berkeley Jr. Jackets, fostering mentorship and positive youth development through sports. See photo here.

Cal Beach Volleyball x Bay Area Rescue Mission - Cal Beach Volleyball lent a hand on Wednesday this week at the Bay Area Rescue Mission. Volunteers helped prepare and serve food to the community and assisted with organizing donations. The Bay Area Rescue Mission supports our local houseless community with basic needs support, shelter, and life transformation programs. The team has adopted this volunteer experience as a yearly fall tradition. See Gia Fisher's interview from the shift here.

Cal Athletics Postseason Send Off - Men's Water Polo - Our Cal Athletics DEIBJ Office continued its new Tournament Send Off initiative this week with a special video honoring Cal Men's Water Polo as they head into the MPSF Conference Tournament. We're proud to celebrate their hard work and wish them success in postseason play.

ASC Scholar-Athletes of the Week - Three student-athletes earned Scholar-Athlete of the Week honors from our Athletic Study Center (ASC)! We are proud to highlight Ben Howard (Football), Alex Aney (Men's Tennis), and Grace Hong (Beach Volleyball). This program was created to recognize the academic development and achievements of football, transfer, and Olympic sport student-athletes who exemplif UC Berkeley's high academic standards.

Cal Athletics News

- Bears Celebrate Seniors In Penultimate Home Match
- Cal Announces Coaching Leadership Change In Football Program
- Cal Faces No. 19 UCLA At Chase Center In Empire Classic Finale
- No. 4 Cal Takes 4th At MPSF Championship
- Passola Folch Falls In NCAA Singles Final
- Game Time Against SMU Announced
- Postgame Notes: Stanford 31, California 10
- Cal Falls To Stanford In Big Game
- No. 4 Bears Edged By Top-Ranked Bruins

- [No. 7 Bears Rallied By Top-Ranked Bruins]
- Cal Headed To Hoopfest In Texas
- Passola Folch Advances To NCAA Final
- Cal Stays Perfect At Haas With 91-67 Win Over Sacramento State
- No. 4 Cal Tops No. 5 Johns Hopkins 26-4
- Cal Women's Soccer Pens 2026 Class
- Cal Pens 7 To 2026 Class
- Passola Folch Reaches NCAA Singles Semifinals
- Jenny And Jay's Journal: Big Game Energy
- Cal Football Countdown: 128th Big Game
- 3 Bears Earn All-MPSF Recognition
- Bears Open XVS Season With Win Over UC Santa Cruz
- Cal Rallies Past Saint Mary's
- Cal Women's Basketball Adds To 2026 Class
- Pro Bears NFL Week 11: Cal Alums Winning Lots Of NFL Games
- Passola Folch Advances To NCAA Singles Quarterfinals
- Bears Fall To Stanford At The Farm
- Passola Folch Earns All-America Distinction At NCAAs
- Bears To Contest XVS Match Against UCSC
- Bears Out In Doubles On Day 2 Of NCAAs
- Cal Track & Field Releases 2025-26 Schedule
- Bears Set For MPSF Championship
- Newmark Awards Given To Cal's Top Academic Programs
- Cal Matches All-Time High In Graduation Success Rate
- Cal Passes Up Presbyterian In 67-57 Win At Haas Pavilion
- Passola Folch Wins In NCAA Singles Debut
- Cal Men's Gymnastics Releases 2026 Schedule
- Cal Hosts Annual School Haas Rock Game Thursday
- Bears Ousted In Singles On Day 1 Of NCAAs
- Cal Renews Rivalry With Stanford In 128th Big Game
- Cal Preps For 2 Matches Against No. 5 Stanford
- Cal Baseball Unveils 2026 Schedule
- Puff Morris Named ACC Rookie Of The Week
- 3 Golden Bears Set For NCAAs

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- Cal Fires Football Coach Justin Wilcox Day After Big Loss To Stanford – SF Gate
- Cal Names Nick Rolovich Interim Head Coach After Firing Justin Wilcox – Honolulu Star-Advertiser
- Cal Fires Coach Justin Wilcox, Names Nick Rolovich Interim After First Loss To Stanford – The Athletic
- A Coaching Autopsy: Justin Wilcox, Cal – Football Scoop.com
- Cal Fires Wilcox After 48-55 Mark In Nine Seasons - ESPN
- Oregon Ducks Assistant Named Potential Replacement After Cal Fires Justin Wilcox – SI.com
- After Firing Justin Wilcox, It's Now Or Never For Ron Rivera's Cal Bears – The San Francisco Standard
- Cal Coaching Search: ESPN Names Five Candidates To Replace Justin Wilcox – On3

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From: **Richard Lyons** [redacted]
Subject: Re: Berkeley (Haas Business School)
Date: January 2, 2026 at 11:21 PM
To: [redacted] [redacted]

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Thanks [redacted]

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UC Berkeley research is changing the world.

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On Jan 2, 2026, at 6:15 PM [redacted] wrote:

Rich : I'm presenting here the case for another potential CAL undergrad that I would like to recommend for Fall 2026 admission : [redacted] , who grew up in [redacted], but is finishing up his Sr. year at the [redacted] prep school in [redacted]

His resume reads like a young " Renaissance" man, as he transitioned to [redacted] to a dance academy which he attended & then taught there. His academic strength is in science & he has shown strong entrepreneurial talent as a successful social media influencer with 3M followers, working for [redacted] under contract . His resume & essay are attached. [redacted] has a strong interest in combining his science strengths with business. [redacted] toured UC Berkeley this Fall & his older brother [redacted] received his graduate degree from CAL a few years ago. (see below).

I have worked closely with [redacted] father ([redacted] for over 15 years, who is a highly respected [redacted] investment banker. [redacted] was CEO of [redacted] which is the money management leader in the No. American [redacted] arena with now $50B in AUM. [redacted] I was on the [redacted] from [redacted] & [redacted] Bohemian Grove guest about 8 summers ago.

I know you get over-whelmed with letters like this from

Alumni, so we appreciate anything you might be able to do.

Aloha & Hau'oli Makahiki Hou from the Big Island, [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026 at 9:32 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Berkeley haas

[redacted]

Happy new year and wishing you a healthy, happy and prosperous 2026. [redacted]

I have enclosed [redacted] resume and Berkeley essay for you to mention to your friend. [redacted] is a determined young man who got himself in to [redacted] (an excellent prep school in [redacted] with very high level academics) and has excelled in academics and in his passion with is dance. He built a successful social media influencer business with 3 MM followers from the age of 14 and has worked for [redacted] etc under contract. As a [redacted] he has an appreciation for medical science and chemistry. But his real intention is to use that science in a business and likely an investment setting.

I understand this is a reach with your friend and have no expectation in any way either on your side or the school's. We toured Berkeley and my second oldest son

either on your side of the schools. We toured Berkeley and my second oldest son [redacted] got his Masters there so have a sense that it would be a good fit. Please don't feel any obligation to pass this on, if it is easy and gets him a look then that is much appreciated.

[redacted]

Good luck out there in 2026

On Dec 24, 2025, at 12:31 AM, [redacted] wrote:

[redacted]: 25+ years ago I was very involved with Berkeley with both my time & multiple donations to sports & the [redacted] & was a [redacted] member for 20+ years . I also taught a 40 hour class at the [redacted] for 10 years from 1990 to 1999. I donated the money for the [redacted] in 1988 but Haas was so quant - focused, that none of the 14 finance professors there could teach it, as none had ever actually managed $$ or had ever worked in the real world; [redacted]
25 years later I don't have much stroke [redacted] any more, but I will FWD [redacted] material to Chancellor Rich Lyons, with a personal note. Rich is a great guy & used to be the Dean of Haas after teaching there for many years. He also recently dropped out of the Bohemian Club so he could become the Chancellor of UC Berkeley, as Bohemia still is a men - only club, so not WOKE !

Send me all [redacted] material & I'll do the best I can.

Aloha & Mele Kalikimaka, [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

On Dec 22, 2025, at 11:29 AM, [redacted] wrote:

Hey [redacted]

[redacted]

My son [redacted] is now applying to Berkeley and I believe you mentioned you are well out of the flow there. However on the long shot that there is an admissions person you know who we can send the application to that would be most appreciated. [redacted] is a pretty famous dancer of all things but his real passion is business, investments and economics. I don't expect there is anything to do and certainly don't go out of your way, if he winds up there I may see you a bit more !

Have a very merry Christmas and good holiday season!

[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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[redacted]

Education

[redacted]

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Experience

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: **Nathaniel Coghlan** nkcoghlan@berkeley.edu
Subject: Re: Dinner with Doug
Date: October 29, 2025 at 8:45 AM
To: Richard Lyons [redacted]
Cc: Yvonne M Edwards yedwards@berkeley.edu, Danielle Wiskerson dwiskerson@berkeley.edu

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Hi Rich,
Thanks for confirming. Will work on setting up a meeting with [redacted] that day.

Nathaniel K Coghlan
Senior Director, Bay Area
Major Gifts
University Development and Alumni Relations
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 29, 2025, at 6:51 AM, Richard Lyons [redacted] wrote:
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> Not attending [redacted]. Thanks. Happy to connect with them on that date.
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> There are 2 SF events that night. Both are important. I intend to attend each for a time. More soon on that.
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> > On Oct 28, 2025, at 4:20 PM, Nathaniel K Coghlan <nkcoghlan@berkeley.edu> wrote:
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> > Hi Rich,
> > Have you made a decision regarding which event you would like to attend on Friday, 11/21?
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> > If you will not be attending the event in [redacted] hosted by [redacted], Beth would like to set up a meeting with them on that date.
> > Please advise.
> >
> > Thank you!
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> > On Wed, Oct 22, 2025 at 9:36 PM Richard Lyons [redacted] wrote:
> > > The Big Game event that [redacted] is attending is not at [redacted] — it is at the Bohemian Club.
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> > > > On Oct 22, 2025, at 12:56 PM, Nathaniel K Coghlan <nkcoghlan@berkeley.edu> wrote:
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> > > > Hi Rich,
> > > > The Big Game reception hosted by [redacted] on 11/21 is in [redacted]. The Clark dinner is at [redacted] in San Francisco. It will be a 75-90 minute drive between the two, so attending both will be difficult.
> > > >
> > > > Beth from Athletics shared that it might be possible to meet with [redacted] and other hosts of the event from 4:00 - 4:45 PM on 11/21 which would allow you to make it to the Clark dinner.
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> > > > On Tue, Oct 21, 2025 at 5:42 PM Richard Lyons [redacted] wrote:
> > > > > Ugh. Really hard. [redacted] will also be at this Big Game reception.
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> > > > > Both are in SF. I might drop by the Clark event, but mostly attend the Big Game event. Let me reflect a bit more.
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On Oct 21, 2025, at 4:02 PM, Yvonne M Edwards <yedwards@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Hi Nathan - Looping in Rich. This is the quickest way to try and find resolve re; 11/21. Rich placed a hold himself on the evening of Thurs. 11/20 for a possible big game dinner.

Rich - re; Fri. 11/21 - which event will you attend?

- Dinner: [redacted] | Chancellor Lyons [celebration for Doug Clark]
- Big Game Reception

Thanks!

On Tue, Oct 21, 2025 at 3:57 PM Nathaniel K Coghlan <nkcoghlan@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Hi Yvonne,
Athletics has requested that Rich attend the Big Game reception on 11/21, which is at the same time as the dinner hosted by [redacted] I explained to Beth in Athletics that [redacted] reached out to Rich directly and that he accepted the invite, but she asked if I would share this so that Rich could consider attending the Big Game reception. I also shared that this is a dinner celebrating a dean's retirement with significant donors in attendance and did not anticipate Rich declining the dinner. Beth's notes on the event are below.

I am not advocating that he choose the event over the dinner, just passing along Athletics' request. I am happy to hop on a quick call with Rich if he would like to discuss. Otherwise, please let me know his decision and I will communicate it to the relevant parties. Thank you!

- This is the 4th time we've done this event on the Friday before the Big Game at Stanford, it's become a great tradition in an important region!
- This will be the "who's who" of Cal alums (with an emphasis on tech/VC) who live on the peninsula. Many who attend this event are hard to "pin down" for a meeting or engagement with Cal; many attend because of who invites them and who are in attendance.
- [redacted] are hosting at their new home and attached is the list of co-hosts.
- We anticipate over 200 attendees; Trustees, Builders, donors & prospects. This is going to be a target rich donor environment.
- Chancellor Christ never made it to an event and they are very hopeful that Chancellor Lyons can attend.

On Tue, Sep 23, 2025 at 1:25 PM Nathaniel K Coghlan <nkcoghlan@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Thank you for confirming!

On Tue, Sep 23, 2025 at 1:24 PM Yvonne M Edwards <yedwards@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Hi Nathan - Jen will not attend. I just asked Rich.
Thanks!

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On Tue, Sep 23, 2025 at 1:01 PM Nathaniel K Coghlan <nkcoghlan@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Hi Yvonne,
I have this confirmed on Rich's 11/21 itinerary and we are working on briefing materials as it will be attended by a number of donors. The College of Chemistry is asking if Jen will be attending. I assume she is not, but can you confirm?

Thank you!

On Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 8:32 PM Yvonne M Edwards <yedwards@berkeley.edu> wrote:

6pm!

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On Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 8:15 PM Nathaniel K Coghlan <nkcoghlan@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Hi Yvonne,
Thank you for sharing this. Do you have a time for this dinner?

On Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 5:24 PM Yvonne M Edwards <yedwards@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Many thanks!

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On Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 5:23 PM [redacted] wrote:

Thanks for the note Yvonne. Yes, I was able to work out private room, etc at [redacted] in SF. I hope that works?

Thank you very much!

[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2025, at 5:20 PM, Yvonne M Edwards <yedwards@berkeley.edu> wrote:

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Good afternoon [redacted]

Do you know which city for dinner yet? Rich has off campus meetings on Fri. 11/21. I'd like to make sure I coordinate logistics correctly.

Many thanks!

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On Tue, Sep 9, 2025 at 8:27 AM [redacted] wrote:

> Awesome Rich/sounds great (funny, I was wondering whether the Saturday was a game, did not check…. And it's the big one!).
>
> Please let's plan on November 21; everyone will be thrilled if you are able to join.
>
> I will keep Yvonne looped in on the planning.
>
> Separately, see you later in the month at the BoV Meeting; I think this is a time of exciting opportunities and a confluence of circumstances that enables "smart evolution" that can provide

enduring benefit ….

Take care, and thanks very much!

[redacted]

From: Richard Lyons [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 7:55 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Jen Brand <jennsbrand@berkeley.edu>; Yvonne Edwards <yedwards@berkeley.edu>
Subject: Re: Dinner with Doug

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Thanks [redacted]. I would love to join and celebrate Doug's outstanding leadership. It's great that you are doing this.

Nov 22 if Big Game — at Stanford this year — so that one is unlikely to work. We still don't have a game time and won't for weeks yet.

Nov 21 looks like it could indeed work.

Don't feel you need to schedule around me, of course. Let me know where you land and Yvonne and I will try to make something work if we can.

– –

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On Sep 9, 2025, at 7:06 AM, [redacted]) [redacted] wrote:

Hi Rich. I hope everything is off to a great start with the academic year (it probably already feels way beyond "the start"…. 😊).

I am having a small dinner, basically to "celebrate" Doug's time as Dean and all that he has done for Berkeley, but just as much as an excuse to have a fun evening with group of great friends. Unfortunately, these opportunities are too infrequent. [redacted] as well as some of my family, will also be joining. I think all spouses are able to make it as well…

It would be awesome if you were able to join the group? Right now, we are looking at November 21 or 22 as possibilities, so I wanted to check in with you to see whether either of these dates might work on your end?? I hope that one of these dates "threads the needle" in your crazy schedule??

Take care/thanks.

[redacted]

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From: Richard K Lyons [redacted]
Subject: Re: Rich [redacted]
Date: August 25, 2025 at 3:27 PM
To: [redacted]

RL

Thanks [redacted] Sorry slow.

I love that you are interested. Here are a couple websites that you'll want to spend some time on.

https://iande.berkeley.edu/

https://begin.berkeley.edu/

The job is a great one [redacted] Do take a look too at the recently published book about Berkeley's entrepreneurship story entitled *Startup Campus*.

Rich

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On Tue, Aug 19, 2025 at 5:12 PM [redacted] wrote:

> Hi Rich,
>
> Hope all is well and belated congratulations on your Chancellorship!
>
> I had a busy summer at the Grove, was elected to the [redacted] along w [redacted] we had a full plate, [redacted], and ultimately came up w a terrific slate for our next Board. Hopefully will insure that our unique Club culture thrives ..)
>
> I also wanted to reach out as I just applied for the [redacted] position at Cal. [redacted] was hoping to gain from your insight & potential endorsement.
>
> Thanks for letting me know if you might have a few minutes to discuss.
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> Regards, [redacted]
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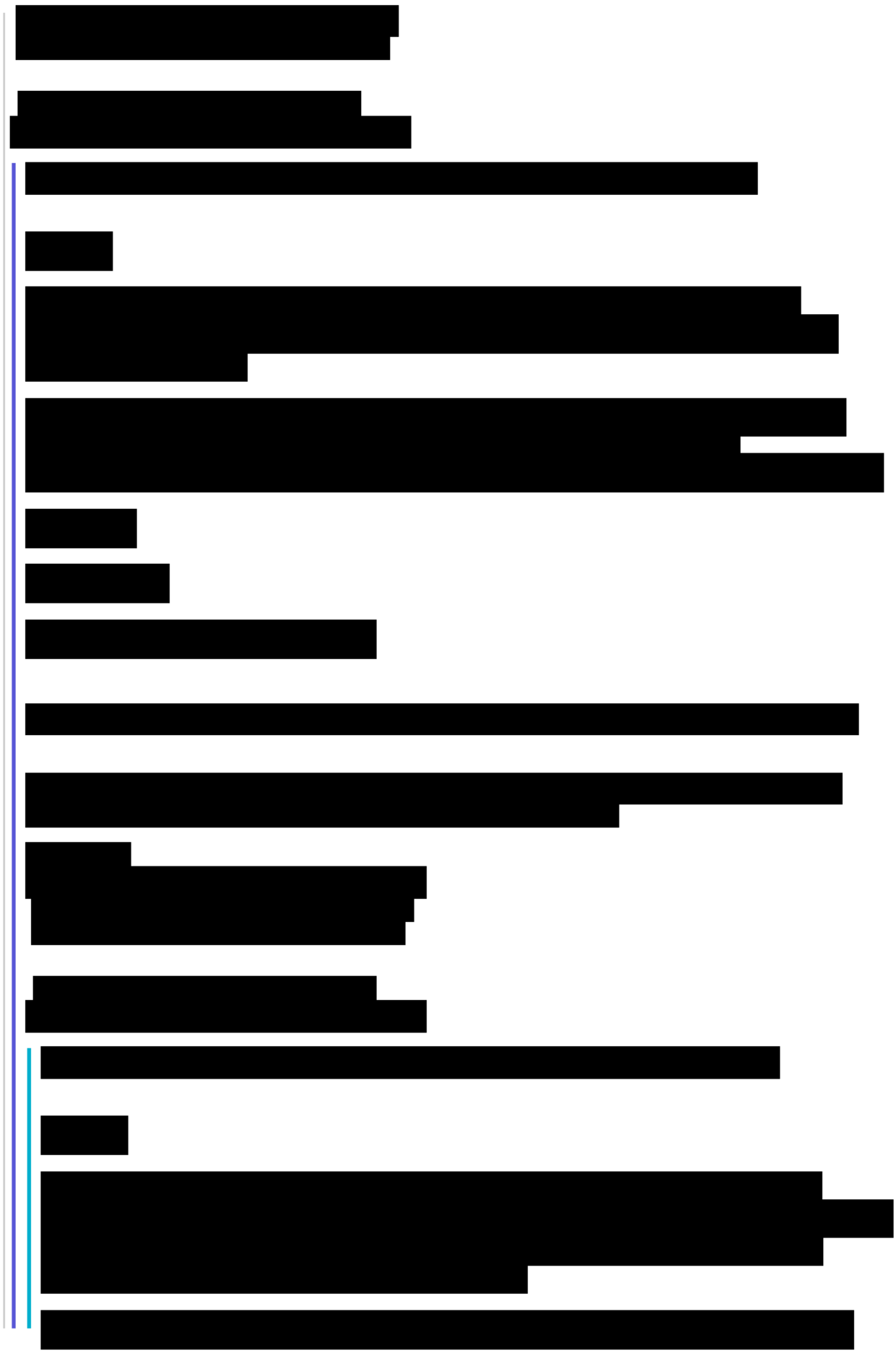



From: **Richard K Lyons** [redacted]
Subject: Re: Rich: A message about [redacted] memorial
Date: September 2, 2025 at 4:26 PM
To: Jen Brand jennsbrand@berkeley.edu

RL

Ahh, okay. Right, we should not send another. Thanks Jen.

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On Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 3:51 PM Jen Brand <jennsbrand@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Hi Rich,

I have to apologize. When you emailed me over the weekend, I responded that we only sent [redacted] an email. That was incorrect (my memory is not always reliable!). So we did mail her a card on August 19, which is below. UDAR provided the language for me. I don't think we should send a second card but wanted to check with you first. Again, my apologies.

Jen

Dear [redacted]

On Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 2:58 PM Jen Brand <jennsbrand@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Done - the card is with Yvonne for you to sign at your convenience.

Jen

On Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 2:55 PM Richard K Lyons [redacted] wrote:

Thanks. Looked good. A few tweaks in the version below.

Dear [redacted]

Rich

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On Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 9:03 AM Jen Brand <jennsbrand@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Good morning Rich - before I print the card for you to sign please let me know if you have any changes or want to make it more personal:

Dear [redacted]

On Sat, Aug 30, 2025 at 1:17 PM Jen Brand <jennsbrand@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Noted. I'll prepare something for you to sign Tuesday morning.
Jen

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On Sat, Aug 30, 2025 at 1:12 PM Richard Lyons [redacted] wrote:

Thanks. Sending a card on Tuesday would be great. I can sign it myself. [redacted] really did play a special role for the University. As you may know, for many years he [redacted] role. He was also in [redacted] department for many years as a highly respected faculty member.

– –
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On Aug 30, 2025, at 10:42 AM, Jen Brand <jennsbrand@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Hi Rich,

Yes we already sent something - an email. If you want something more in the mail, we can do that on Tuesday. Lmk.

Jen

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On Sat, Aug 30, 2025 at 10:37 AM Richard Lyons [redacted] wrote:

Jen, did we send a condolence message to [redacted] Let's please do that if not.

I will be out of town the day of the memorial and cannot change my plan, unfortunately. The condolence note can mention that we will be doing a memorial on campus that I will certainly attend. Thanks.

– –
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Rosemary MJ Kim <rosemarykim@berkeley.edu>
Date: August 29, 2025 at 2:25:10 PM PDT
To: Richard K Lyons [redacted], Jennifer Lyons [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Rich: A message about [redacted] memorial

Rich:

[redacted] memorial is the weekend you are in Boston. There is a campus memorial on 9/15. You are attending. [redacted] is listed.

https://uhs.berkeley.edu/faculty-staff/worklife/campus-death-response/campus-memorial

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **MiHi Ahn** <mahn@berkeley.edu>
Date: Fri, Aug 29, 2025 at 1:29 PM
Subject: Rich: A message about [redacted] memorial
To: Richard K Lyons [redacted]
Cc: Yvonne M Edwards <yedwards@berkeley.edu>, Rosemary MJ Kim <rosemarykim@berkeley.edu>, Leslie

Schlbsted <[redacted]>, Jenny Cutting <[redacted]>

Hi Rich,

[redacted], has been in contact with me about some photos of [redacted]. In her most recent message today she mentioned you, so I wanted to let you know as an FYI. I have not sent details about [redacted] memorial yet publically, because she indicated a "shareable invitation," would be available soon--but from her message, I'm guessing she wanted me to let you know.
Thank you,
MiHi

----------Message from [redacted], Aug 29----------
Hi MiHi,

Thank you so much for looking for the picture and sending the one you attached, which is also great. In the meantime, I found the photo we wanted to use in [redacted] flash drives.

I wondered if the Chancellor received notice of [redacted] death. Rich Lyons was one of [redacted] favorite people and he was so happy that Rich became the Chancellor.

Kind regards,
[redacted]

Please save the date to honor and celebrate [redacted] life. You are welcome to join us for one or both gatherings.

Detailed invitation and shareable announcement coming soon.

Funeral Mass
[redacted]

[redacted]

Tribute & Celebration
[redacted]

Bohemian Club
624 Taylor Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Hi [redacted]
I did indeed send the message about [redacted] passing to Rich. It was also sent to Chancellor Birgeneau and Chancellor Christ.

We also made sure [redacted] name was added to the campus memorial service this year (Sept 15), recognizing the faculty, students, and staff we have lost. You can see his name on this website: https://uhs.berkeley.edu/faculty-staff/worklife/campus-death-response/campus-memorial

I did want to follow up with one question. Is it okay for me to share [redacted] memorial service info with Trustees and the campus, or would you like me to wait for the shareable invitation?
Thank you,
MiHi
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From: **Richard K Lyons** [redacted]
Subject: Re: [redacted] Alum
Date: November 23, 2025 at 5:11 PM
To: [redacted]

RL

Thanks [redacted]

It's super important that Admissions at Berkeley operate on a fully level playing field. Indeed, there is Regental policy on exactly this. So, I'm sorry, but I cannot provide advice that I'm not offering widely through our usual Admissions channels. Sorry about that. I hope you understand.

Rich

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On Fri, Nov 21, 2025 at 8:02 AM [redacted] wrote:

> Hello Chancellor Lyons,
>
> My name is [redacted] I was one of the guys who spoke to you last night at the Bohemian club and gave you the grip on stage, also spoke with you briefly at Boston College a few weeks back for the Cal game. I wanted to reach out as my younger brother, [redacted], is currently a senior in high school and submitted his app to Cal yesterday. He spent a bunch of time in the [redacted] while I was at Cal, and it is his top choice. He is a great kid with grades better than mine and is certainly deserving of a spot at our fine Alma Mater. I was wondering if you had any recommendations of anything I can do, or people I can reach out to on his behalf? Cal is his top choice and I would love to keep our Golden Bear lineage going!
>
> [redacted]
>
> [redacted]
>
> *Bachelors of Science – University of California, Berkeley*
>
> Cell: [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Subject: Updated invitation: Dinner SF Big Game @ Fri Nov 21, 2025 6pm - 8pm (PST) [redacted]
Date: November 3, 2025 at 1:47 PM
To: jlopezmi@berkeley.edu

RL

This event has been updated
Changed: title, location

When
Friday Nov 21, 2025 · 6pm – 8pm (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Location CHANGED
624 Taylor St, San Francisco, CA 94102, USA
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~~Bohemian Club, 624 Taylor St, San Francisco, CA 94102, USA~~

Organizer
[redacted]

Guests
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