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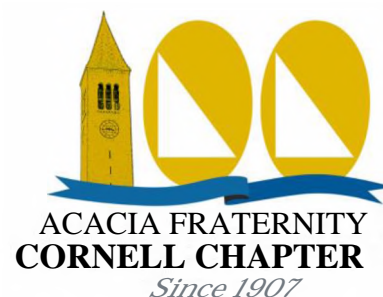
Catch up with the awards presented to the chapter and one member at the Cornell OFSIL ceremony!

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Meet the Sweethearts of Acacia

Find out what a sweetheart is and who the lovely 8 ladies are with this title.

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“Heads Up, Looking Forward”

Acacia Fraternity- *Cornell Chapter*

NYC Acacia Alumni Present

Winter Barbecue 2015

Saturday, December 5th

Lunch @Hill Country Barbecue

Noon - 3:00 PM

30 West 26th Street
(btwn 6th Ave & Broadway)

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The ACACIA BBQ is back. Join everyone for some serious barbecuing. Families welcome. Please RSVP to help us with headcount for the reservation to Brother Ilya Cherepakhin '03 at jc31@cornell.edu

Dinner and Men's Hockey vs Clarkson @Local West

6:00 - 9:00 PM

1 Penn Plaza (corner of 33rd St & 8th Ave)
steps from Penn Station and Madison Square Garden



Don't miss dinner and drinks at West Local while cheering Big Red Hockey as they take on Clarkson! Please RSVP as we need accurate headcount to confirm the reservation to Brother EJ Track '06 at ejtrack@gmail.com

10:00-??? Late Night Fun

The fun will continue into the night. Stay tuned for more details to come .



Fall 2015 Chapter Roll

Executive Board:

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Venerable Dean
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Social Media Chair
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Biological Sciences and
Entomology
2016
Ithaca, NY

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Senior Dean
Computer Science
2017
Denver, CO

Joshua Briscoe (1204)

Junior Dean
Undecided,
College of Arts & Sciences
2018
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Computer Science
2016
Dallas, TX

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Biological Sciences
2018
Phoenix, AZ

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Information Science
2016
Brooklyn, NY

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Master of Engineering -
Computer Science
2016
Elmira, NY

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Master of Engineering -
Engineering Management
2016
Chappaqua, NY

Thomas Schultz (1181)

Master of Engineering -
Mechanical Engineering
2016
Holtsville, NY

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Master of Public Administration
- International Development
2016
Pawling, NY

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Economics
2018
Seoul, Republic of Korea

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Economics
2016
Estero, FL

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Environmental Engineering
2016
Kennebunk, ME

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Information Science, Systems and
Technology
2016
Wendell, MA

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Biological Sciences
2016
Honolulu, HI

Chan Seth (1196)

Fine Arts
2017
Dubai

Chris Markantonis (1197)

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Biological Sciences
2016
Larchmont, NY

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Architecture
2018
Zhengzhou

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English
2017
Boca Raton, FL

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Materials Science and
Chemistry
2018
Veracruz, Mexico

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Scholarship Chair
Hotel Administration
2018
Las Vegas, NV

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Co-Philanthropy Chair
Psychology
2017
Kutztown, PA

Cristian Umaña (1208)

Senior Steward
Landscape Architecture
2018
Lakeville, CT

FROM THE EDITOR

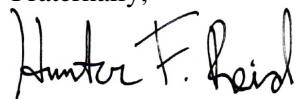
Spirit of Renewal

Reflecting on my journey these past few months since I was elected Dean of Alumni Affairs, I have to remark on the strength of our brotherhood. I was diagnosed with Hepatosplenic T-Cell Lymphoma - a very aggressive type of blood cancer - in April 2015. I was given a time of eight months rather than a stage or odds of recovery. Having just accepted the responsibilities of this position I was not willing to admit I may have to step down due to health concerns. I have been extremely fortunate enough to not experience a significant decrease in my quality of life.

The brothers of Cornell Acacia have supported me in ways I didn't know I needed and I have been able to witness our brotherhood at its finest. Their spirits have inspired me and my treatments have been going very well so that I was actually able to take on more positions within the house. Acacia has given me so much in my time as an active and I feel like I can still offer a lot to our chapter in return. This mentality will certainly carry on throughout my transition from active member to alumnus and I look forward to the next phase of my relationship with Acacia.

These bonds are sacred and would not easily be found here at Cornell outside of our fraternity. I am proud of our members, what we stand for, and I am proud to be an Acacian.

Fraternally,



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A Message from Our Corporation Board President

The 2015-2016 Fiscal Year is already 25% over! **Brother Alumnus Hanny Martinovici 2006 (1071)** has been leading the process of completing an ever-growing, comprehensive list of maintenance and repair projects (aka “Sinking

Fund”) so we can budget and schedule them before they become emergencies. Some safety-related items suddenly become apparent, such as the lack of protection against someone falling down into the window wells. Several years ago, we had two window well covers custom built that both shed water and insure against someone falling in. This year, we have covered the remaining window wells in the original structure with vinyl covered shelving that will keep people and critters out. Over the summer, I noticed that the concrete steps leading to both the front portico and the mailbox area entrance were deteriorating, as was much of the sidewalk leading to the front portico. Work began October 1 to address these issues, including gently sloping concrete so water runs away from the structure, and new concrete will soon be poured (\$10,000). Panic bars were installed on both the Dining Room Ramp door and the door at the top of the steps leading from the Bar Room to the Mailbox Area (\$800).

The Service Entrance now has a new storm/screen door (\$775), the 3rd Floor hallway and Room 41 have new, vinyl flooring (which looks like wood, \$3,500), and Room 41 has been partially renovated (\$2,000). Some new furniture (coffee table in Commons (\$485), 4 dressers, 4 desk chairs, and 4 wardrobes - \$4,000) has been purchased. Split air conditioning units for the Bar Room and Dining Room (\$12,572) were installed early in the summer. The Bar Room epoxy floor that was installed just a couple of years ago was improperly installed and the contractor will be redoing it at no cost to us over Winter Break.

This year's projects include replacing the carpeting in the Wing (hallway and rooms - \$17,000) with the same vinyl flooring used on the 3rd floor. This may start as early as Thanksgiving weekend with the remainder being completed during Winter Break.

Fortunately, our efforts to keep Northcote in great physical condition have once again enabled us to pass the annual Village of Cayuga Heights Fire/Safety Inspection with no violations or issues. The inspector is really impressed with Acacia.

Cornell Acacia has many more projects (kitchen remodel - \$70,000, sidewalk from back parking lot - \$10,000, 2nd floor hallway flooring - \$3,000) than it has money to pay for them, so please help the cause by paying your annual dues, making an additional donation, and, of course, making tax deductible contributions to the nationally administered Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF).

Please email or call me if you have comments, concerns, suggestions, want to get involved, or simply want to say hello. It would be wonderful if I heard from some of you so I know you are as concerned, yet encouraged, as I am about the future of our beloved Acacia. The Mailbag column continues to be short because hardly any of you sent any news to share! Certainly there must be more news (good and bad), so please provide it.

Fraternally,



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VENERABLY SPEAKING

Making Connections



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As we settle into the stride of this new academic year, the actives must take pause to examine where we have come from. On the heels of this past spring semester with 9 new members joining our ranks, we are already heading full steam into recruitment for the spring semester. As we are prohibited by the Cornell Quarter System from hosting events for freshman during the first quarter, the chapter has been focusing on forming relationships with sophomores, juniors, and transfer students. We have benefitted from having an executive board spread across the class years with our treasurer and myself being seniors, our senior dean a junior, and our junior dean and recruitment chair being sophomores. This heterogeneous composition allows for equal representation in the various class councils and an increased chance of our highest officers taking courses with differing groups of students.

Relations with other Greek organizations as well as establishing out foothold as a premier Cornell Fraternity are benefited from varying kinds of involvement. Participating in Panhellenic philanthropy events is part of living up to our motto while also encouraging return participation in our own events. Attending the Ivy+ Alcohol and Other

Drug Symposium, the IvyQ Intersectionality Conference, serving as a member of the Cornell Council on Mental Health & Wellbeing, and coaching other Greek Health and Wellness Chairs as an assistant to the Public Health Fellows are some of the ways I have personally tried to form or strengthen relationships with other organizations.

High member participation in the international pre-orientation program (PREPARE) as well as serving as Orientation Leaders for new students provided us with an easy way to form connections and offer assistance to new Cornellians. **Sweetheart Evelyn DeMitchell-Rodriguez** is a student advisor for transfer students in the Office of Undergraduate Biology and has been introducing her advisees to brothers majoring in Biological Sciences. Being able to coach these students gives us both personal satisfaction and allows for us to donate our services in the spirit of philanthropy. We also have installed a policy requiring all members to become involved in campus organizations, with many of them choosing to take on a leadership role within those organizations. As we increase our involvement on campus, it is always good to remember that we represent Acacia through both our words and actions. We are seen as both individuals *and* men of Acacia.

Getting Social with Sororities



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Good tidings and salutations! This semester has been joyously active with regard to social life at Cornell Acacia. This semester would not only mark my first semester living in house at Northcote, but also my first full semester as Junior Dean. Before classes began, not only was Acacia represented in both the Orientation Leader as well as Orientation Supervisor programs, but we were also represented heavily in the PREPARE program which is designed specifically for international first year, transfer, and exchange students. Our involvement with both of these programs as a house has allowed us to not only be positive guides for incoming underclassmen as their first direct resource on campus, but also to bond as a brotherhood through the various activities of both programs, whether that be proctoring the silent disco during Orientation Week or taking a day trip to Taughannock Falls as a part of PREPARE.

Although a large part of my focus during Orientation Week was assisting with rush efforts at our events, a primary focus of our events earlier in the semester which will continue to be for the remainder of the semester is improving sorority relations. While it proves difficult to do so through mixers since sorority social schedules are established months in advance, and many do mix with the same houses, we as a house have been making strides to become more Panhellenic-ly recognized on campus. Earlier in September, we had a rainy, but delightful mixer with the ladies of Gamma

Delta Pi of Ithaca College and we plan on sustaining our relationship with them as well. I've been working with our Philanthropy Chairs **Brother Sharood** and **Brother Kemp** with co-hosting philanthropy events with the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma and many of our brothers will be taking part in Alpha Chi Omega's Sprint In Her Stilettos where men - mostly fraternity men- sprint in heels through Ho Plaza to raise awareness for sexual and domestic violence. While these events have the potential of improving sorority relations, they simply bring attention to a deserving cause. Along with these events, our current sweethearts have been stupendously helpful with notifying us about social events of organizations they are involved in as well as inviting their sisters to our events so that we can establish more meaningful sorority relations at a personal level.

Following **Brother Dassani's** trend, I plan on making this semester's Date Night a Wine Tour while the leaves have taken on this gorgeous hue and the weather is still generally bearable. On that note I would like to thank the entire brotherhood for their active contributions to improving the social status of Acacia. With the utmost humility, since the beginning of the semester I have received numerous compliments on behalf of the house on how the quality of our events have improved greatly since years past. This is rooted in many semesters of hard work by the actives, and the knowledge bestowed upon me by past socials. While there is still much room for improvement, I have nothing but high hopes for our rise socially on campus. Let's make Acacia great again!

TRESURER REPORT

The Choison Budget



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It has been a great two years for me here at Acacia and I cannot believe that I am going through my last year here at Cornell. This year I have the honor of serving as our house treasurer and am glad to report that our house finances are holding up well. This is all thanks to our previous treasurers who have done an amazing job ensuring that our balances have been in the black. It is due to their hard work that I have had an exciting and fulfilling experience here in the house; I would like to build on their work to ensure that those who join our brotherhood in the following years may have fond experiences to look back upon, just as our alumni have of their time here at Northcote.

Although we had some last minute changes in our budgets due to some brothers delaying their return to Northcote to experience their dream internship or living out of the house to reintegrating with Cornell it appears that we will have a healthy cash flow this year and once again contribute to the house savings. It is in these good times that I believe that we need to plan for any

unforeseen circumstances and I hope to further the work done by our previous treasurers to contribute to our rainy day funds so that we may weather what the future has in store for us.

Thanks to the efforts of our various officers we are managing to stay within our budgets. **Brother Hunter Reid**, who was in charge of Homecoming this year, managed to save a significant portion of his budget this year. This will allow us to help subsidize active participation for an alumni barbeque being planned in New York City. We hope that this will allow you to have the opportunity to meet not only our fellow alums but also those in our active chapter. More details can be found in Brother Reid's report that follows.

I would also like to thank those of you who have taken the time to reach back out to us whether through donations to the house, through (e)mail correspondence recollecting of your times here at Northcote, or by taking the time to come and visit us. It is always exciting to hear of your times here at the house and to learn from your life experiences. It is thanks to you that our house is what it is today and I look forward to our future.

Branching Out Recruitment



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The beginning of the semester has proven both busy and exciting with regard to Recruitment, giving me high hopes for the growth of our fraternity as a whole. Although our brotherhood is strong, it is crucial that we grow larger in order to ensure Northcote's existence in the years to come. I find Recruitment to be one of the most important aspects of our fraternity, as it allows for us to continually add new faces, ideas, and initiatives to our growing brotherhood. That is why I have worked to form both broad and personal connections with many new students, building on **Brother Stiefel's** successful efforts from last year.

Firstly, our pool of potential new members has consisted largely of freshman who are not eligible for fall recruitment, and thus we will not have a fall initiation. Accordingly, we as a brotherhood need to place our energy into developing

meaningful relationships with first-year potential new members, for if we recruit existing friends rather than "new students", our brotherhood will become even more fortified.

Secondly, I have continued to emphasize brotherhood involvement in non-Greek events, organizations and activities. Luckily, our brothers this year have ambitiously taken it upon themselves to participate in numerous clubs, organizations, study groups, and jobs where they have been able to meet potential new members and implant a lasting impression of the house on them, as well as the entire Cornell community as a whole. As a result, our network has expanded tremendously, and many new faces approach us with the question, "Are you in Acacia?"

In the same regard, I have made it my priority to emphasize the importance of recruiting as a brotherhood and not through any one person or position. Following the same vein as recruiting your friends, a group of new members cannot be

established by one brother alone, nor will any potential new members want to join our house for one brother. Our house has to be actively recruiting students so that our recruits will love the house as a whole as much as I do. I have been working with **Brother Briscoe** to ensure the new faces at our events are always just a text away by at least one brother so that they get the opportunity to participate in our many recruitment activities in the future.

As I am writing this, I am organizing a dinner at Dryden Hotel for wings as well as a jam session with a few hopeful students along with **Brother Seth** and Brother Briscoe since many of them are musically inclined. Weekly, we have invited potential new members over to celebrate the end of the week which I believe has certainly solidified some meaningful friendships. I'm pleased with our recruitment status as of late and while we can certainly increase in potential numbers, I have nothing but high hopes for our potential group of new members in the spring!

ATHLETICS

Keeping Active



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Brothers Thomas Schultz and Andrew Park

kicked off the start of Acacia's intramural sports record with a big win against the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in Doubles Tennis. The dynamic duo won both sets with just a point to spare 6-5. Though the two intramural veterans lost their second match to the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, we hope to see future victories in the upcoming

weeks. Furthermore, I've noticed throughout the semester that more and more brothers have been going to the gym and are focusing on developing strength and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Brothers have also been meeting up at the basketball courts in anticipation for basketball season in the spring semester. As the semester progresses, I hope to see continued involvement in the intramural sports program in other various sports. Athletics is an integral aspect of the college experience that I hope will continue to grow and flourish at Northcote.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A.D. White Greek Leadership Summit

The Active Chapter sent 5 representatives to the Cornell Fraternity & Sorority Community's 18th Annual Andrew Dickson White Summit for Greeks. There they listened to presentations from Cornell President Elizabeth Garrett and other campus leaders. The attendees were trained in subjects including fraternity legal liabilities, pluralistic ignorance and how it affects the perception of Greek Life, and representation in social media. These tools will help guide our chapter through the upcoming year as we continue our operations.



Above: **Brothers Umaña, Choi, Reid, Covarrubias, and Briscoe**
at the A.D. White Leadership Conference.

Acacia



Fall 2015



SWEETHEARTS

^ Sweetheart of Acacia, I Love You ^

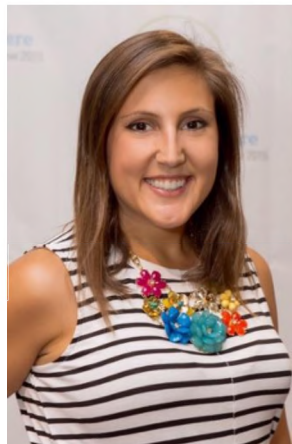
Little sister programs were removed from all Acacia chapters in 1992 at the 47th Biennial Conclave in Toronto. Nearly two decades later, the Cornell Chapter has instituted a new program - the adoption of Sweethearts of Acacia. A Sweetheart of Cornell Acacia operates on a purely social level with the chapter. It is our way of showing our appreciation for their help with making our social events inviting to all genders and for helping further our relationships with the local sororities. Sweethearts will often participate in our philanthropy events and recruit their friends and sisters to come help. For these reasons and more, we love our Sweethearts.

Laura Anderson (“Giggles”)

Staten Island, NY

Sweetheart 1

Laura graduated in 2013 with a degree in design which was helpful for both making all of the Acacia house shirts and helping paint the house in 2010. Doing homework in the chapter room with all of the brothers paid off, and she was able to get her master's degree in 2014. in



Human Factors and Ergonomics. With the extra year at Cornell, Laura has been able to get to know every new brother since 2010. She is grateful for all the lifetime friends she's found at Acacia and is already excited for Homecoming 2016. Laura is part of the first sweetheart class along with Marissa and Frances.

Marissa Taylor (“Eva Frances”)

Clifton Park, NY

Sweetheart 2



Frances Ciolino-McCullough (“You Don’t Have a Sweetheart Name Sista”)

Clarendon Hills, IL

Sweetheart 3

Frances graduated in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and stayed on campus an extra year to earn her master's degree in Environmental Engineering. While at school she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and worked for 2 years as a Residential Advisor in Jameson Hall. She is currently living in Big Flats, NY (only 45 minutes from Ithaca). She is currently working as a facilities engineer at Corning Incorporated. In her free time she likes to ride horses, brew beer and spend time outside with her dogs.



Marissa grew up on a small sheep farm in upstate NY. She graduated from Cornell in 2012 with a degree in Agricultural Science Education with a concentration in Animal Science. While at Cornell she worked on two undergraduate research projects and was a coauthor on a number of published papers. She also served as the philanthropy chair of Kappa Delta where she is a sister. After college she worked selling Finger Lakes wine and food and within customer service for a young startup. Currently she is the manager of the Swedish Hill Winery tasting room which is located in Saratoga Springs, NY. In her free time you can find Marissa enjoying Finger Lakes wine and checking out local craft breweries. She also volunteers with the local 4-H groups throughout the year. In the fall she is often cheering on the NY Giants and Cornell Hockey teams!

Kaitlyn Anderson (“Honey Badger”)

Manorville, NY

Sweetheart 4



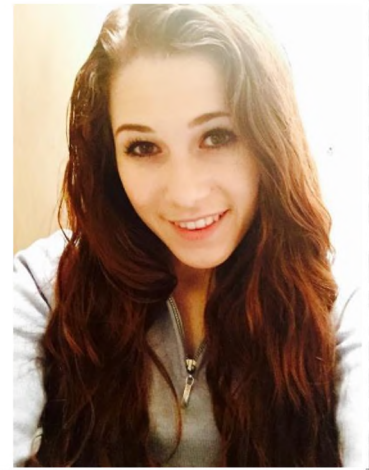
Kaitlyn graduated in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Science with a focus in Agricultural Business. She currently lives in Riverhead, NY working in the horticultural industry as a sales associate. Kaitlyn loves to travel having already been to Easter Island, Chile, Italy, Germany, and Australia. She plans to pursue her education in the future. Kaitlyn's favorite Holiday is Cornell Homecoming!

Evellyn DeMitchell-Rodriguez (“Snake Girl”)

Auburn, NY

Sweetheart 5

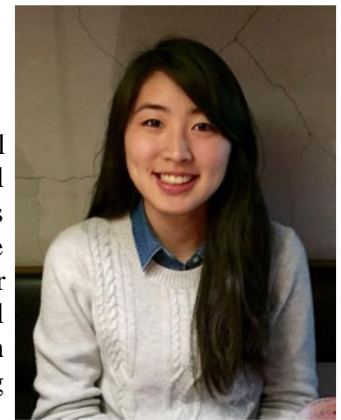
Evellyn is finishing up her last semester of her bachelor's degree in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She is a pre-med studying Biology with a concentration in Molecular and Cell Biology. Evellyn grew up around Syracuse, NY, but recently moved to Valhalla, NY. She is a sister of Phi Mu Fraternity. Evellyn is an Emergency Medical Technician and volunteers at two EMS agencies. She loves animals, riding horses, and hiking.

**Lillian Ro (“Sweet Star Gurl 16”)**

Basking Ridge, NJ

Sweetheart 6

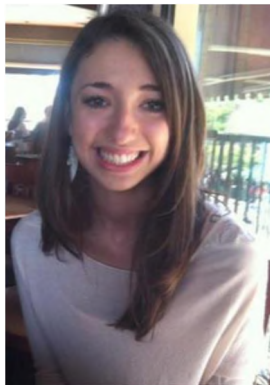
Lillian is a senior majoring in Biological Engineering with a minor in Biomedical Engineering. She currently researches biomaterials and drug delivery in the Chu lab and mentors other undergraduates as a part of the Cornell Undergraduate Research Board. When she isn't in the lab, she loves baking cupcakes, dancing at music festivals, spending time with her dog Nugget, eating, collecting band t-shirts, and exploring the beautiful gorges around Ithaca. In the spring of 2015, she received the honor of being initiated as an Acacia Sweetheart. She aspires to travel to Japan and develop novel therapeutics for cancer.

**Erica Sava (“Pankowski”)**

Buffalo, NY

Sweetheart 7

Erica is a senior in the School of Humanities and Science at Ithaca College. She is studying Psychology and has minors in Counseling as well as Women and Gender Studies. Erica is a dancer and choreographer for Ithaca College's dance



company, IC Unbound. She is an active sister in Gamma Delta Pi, a social service sorority in Ithaca. Erica plans to continue her education in Counseling Psychology after graduation in the hopes of one day becoming a Psychologist. Erica is very honored to be a recognized sweetheart of Acacia Fraternity and looks forward to the upcoming events this year.

Judith Suzuki (“Ducky”)

New York City, NY

Sweetheart 8



Judith is currently a junior studying Geophysics. She was born in Aichi, Japan, a super small town surrounded by rice paddies, and moved to NYC when she was 6. She loves running, watching cat videos and especially spending long romantic nights in the library. When she is not in class, Judith can usually be found at the gym with some brothers or snacking on the leftover salads in the Acacia kitchen. She's a sister of Phi Sigma Sigma and part of the women's rugby club as well as being one of Acacia's sweethearts. She loves all of the brothers and, along with being a place where she met many best friends, Judith believes Acacia has been her home away from home.

HOMECOMING

Cornell Acacia Homecoming 2015

Cornell followed up last year's spectacular Sesquicentennial Homecoming Bash with the inauguration of Elizabeth Garrett, the 13th President of Cornell University for Homecoming this year. Many alumni returned and helped the actives celebrate this historic occasion. We began the festivities on the night of Thursday, Sep. 18th by welcoming returning alumni and sweethearts to the house. The following morning, a group of

alumni and 3 actives journeyed to the nearby Finger Lakes Wine Trail to sample some of the local food and beverages. More alumni returned this day and Northcote filled with Acacians excited for Saturday's activities.

Even the light rain wasn't enough to dampen our spirits as actives, alumni, and sweethearts

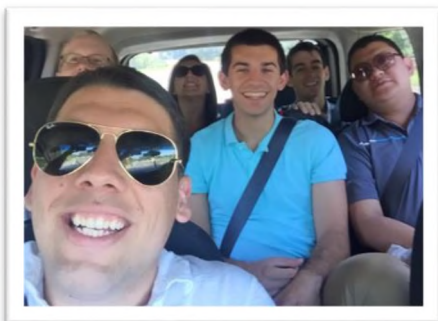
made our way to the Greek tailgate where **Brother Choi** and **Brother Reid** grilled a variety of items for the cookout. Following the tailgate, we headed off to the game and then afterward to Crossroads Bar and Grille for an Acacian buffet on the deck.

The weekend was rounded off by Sunday brunch prepared by our own chef, **Ray Stevens**. Thanks to

all of the alumni who made it out this year!



Above: Brothers and sweethearts gather in front of the Homecoming tailgate space before the game.



Left and right: Actives, alumni, and sweethearts tour the Finger Lakes Wine Trail.



ACACIA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

At Long Last ALA



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Starting on the twilight of July and spanning the beginning of August, the Acacia Leadership Academy was held in Bloomington, Indiana, where the Acacia chapter is in the final stages of recolonization. Cornell Acacia attended in full force, sending **Brother Stiefel** and **Brother Padilla** to amalgamate with other chapters and learn from their shortcomings and strong suits.

The Academy bro-cused on self-development, learning to act as responsible fraternal men who understand the stigmas against Greek life and the current social environment which afflicts fraternities as a whole. The conference featured many speakers, including former radio personality Adam Ritz, harkening a foreboding message of regret and responsibility from his own fall from notoriety. There were outdoor bro-cursions as well to Bradford Woods, where brothers united in teams to

conquer the low ropes courses and fortify brotherly bonds forged in teamwork and mosquito bites.

Across the entire conference, the Acacia Olympics were held and pitted brothers against each other in the 310 Kelvin Bloomington summer. Olympic events including Basketball, Volleyball, Golf, and enigma and trivia fused into one large trial of intellectual capability. Cornell Acacia dominated in the events they participated in, with Brother Stiefel posturizing other chapters using his elite basketball skills refined in Helen Newman using his virile and domineering 6'4" frame while Brother Padilla drained buckets from far across the arc. Although our respective teams did not emerge victorious, bonds were formed and bro-cohesion established.

Learning primarily from the Carleton, Penn State, and Oregon State chapters, valuable information was extracted through Socratic sessions of brotherhood and bro-activeness. To cap off the Academy, brothers visited a masonic temple from days of

antiquity to feast upon a hearty and bro-approved breakfast and as an academy perform the sacred 3rd degree. Brothers performed with flying colors, as if each was a progenitor of the venerated traditions of Acacia. Later that night, a most bro and delicious steak dinner was held, closing the Academy with a series of personal and heartfelt speeches from Acacia International.

The Academy was an important tool for the current actives, which echoes the excellence desired for the most fraternal of Acacians. As an aside, I personally believe Cornell Acacia is, as a brotherhood in the TRUest sense, amongst the greatest chapters, conducting itself with dignity and magnetic broiness and cleaving to an empyreal obligation to maintain and augment our own self to become leaders in the fraternal world and beyond. ALA affirmed this strongly and sparked the rapturous momentum our chapter has freight-trained into the semester with. So Live.

In the Name of All That Is Healthy

This fall is **Brother Hunter Reid's** 4th semester participating in the Greek Health and Wellness Initiative sponsored by Cornell's Greek Tri-Council and Gannett Health Services. Through this position, Brother Reid has been able to represent the interests of Acacia, Cornell, Cornell IFC, and our local chapter to other Ivy League institutions. As one of two Cornell students attending the Ivy+ Symposium on Alcohol and Other Drugs (the other attendee being the President of the Panhellenic Council),

he was able to speak on policies which have worked to help and policies which have seemed to limit our chapter.

Coming up later this semester, Brother Reid will be participating in the IvyQ conference hosted at Cornell. While the conference will focus on improving relations between the LGBTQ and greater communities on Ivy League campuses, Hunter is currently working on a survey and workshop to present to Cornell's Tri-Council. The intergroup collaborative

project will gather opinions from Greeks and non-Greeks alike on the perceptions of inclusivity, tolerance, and support of non-heterosexual sexual orientations in Greek Communities.

Brother Reid has also been invited to attend the 1vyG conference for first generation Ivy League students. He hopes his involvement in such conferences will help promote the image of Greek Life and especially Acacia as being a conscientious and premier fraternity.



COMMUNICATION

Keeping In Touch

The Cornell Chapter of Acacia has recently added a Social Media Chair to our roster - something that many alumni had been urging. As we develop this position we are on the lookout for feedback. If you follow us on Twitter ([@CornellAcacia](#)), and like our Facebook page ([Cornell Acacia Fraternity](#)) and have feedback about which posts you liked or what you would like to see more of, please feel free to send an email to **Brother Hunter Reid** at hfr25@cornell.edu. He will be happy to receive your responses and try to develop the position accordingly.

SENIOR STEWARD

Keeping It at the House

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As always our chapter has taken pride in maintaining a well-kept house, a major distinguishing factor that makes us stand out from other houses. With regard to maintaining a high level of pride for Northcote, **Brother Sharood** graciously rented a power

washer to remove dirt and grime from the exterior of our home. **Brother Soriano** also contributed a great amount of his time to keeping Northcote clean by renting a carpet deep cleaner to maintain the condition of the carpet in the common areas. Individual efforts such as these go a long way to ensuring Cornell Acacia looks as great as always.

Keeping on top of things has not become an issue, but it is more challenging than

recent semesters. Through increased use of the common areas in Northcote to host events, we've had to remain diligent about taking care of the house. This includes keeping a neat porch available for mixers (such as the one we had with Gamma Delta Pi) and leaving plenty of space in the living room to accommodate the many instruments for jam sessions. It is a labor of love and I look forward to the rest of my term as Sr. Steward.

RV POWER HOOKUP

RVs - Now With Power!



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Just before Reunion Weekend, **Brother Alumnus Devin Van Zandt 1990 (962)** contacted Acacia asking if he could park his RV in the back parking lot for the weekend. **Corporation Board President Steven L. Stein 1973 (787)** learned of this and decided to surprise Brother Van Zandt and install an 30-amp/125-volt RV Power Hookup on the side of the shed in the parking lot. So, Acacia now has a 30-amp hookup available for any Alumnus wishing to use the parking lot while visiting Ithaca.



HUMAN SERVICE

In Service of Others



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Having a greater influence in the community in which we may reside has always been a goal for Acacians. This is particularly relevant when it comes to our philanthropic endeavors. That is why human service is not only our motto, but our mandate as Acacians. Philanthropy this semester is focused on helping both our Greek community and the greater Ithaca community. In addition to our own events, we are encouraging and enabling brothers to get active in the events hosted by other groups on campus.

The first of such events is the annual Sprint in Her Stilettos run by Alpha Chi Omega to support domestic violence awareness in Ithaca. This year it takes place on October 31st. Several brothers will be participating in a one mile run while wearing stilettos so that we can bring attention to this pressing issue in our community.

Hunger prevention is another cause we are tackling. Hunger is an important problem that too many people have to deal with each day. In Ithaca there is a Turkey donation fundraiser put on by Cornell's Public Service Center where donations help raise money to provide

food during Thanksgiving for those in need. Brothers will be going out and gathering donations as well as discussing the issue with those around them for the months of October and November.

Through participation in events like this we aim to bring awareness to important issues and strengthen the tie that binds us to each other and our community. We are building bonds with brothers and others around us through our time and efforts. This mentality helps us increase our presence in both the Greek and Ithaca community. We are proud to say Acacians are making our community a better place one cause at a time.



Above: **Brother Reid** and **Sweetheart Suzuki** pose after participating in Phi Sigma Sigma's Colored in Color Philanthropy Run.

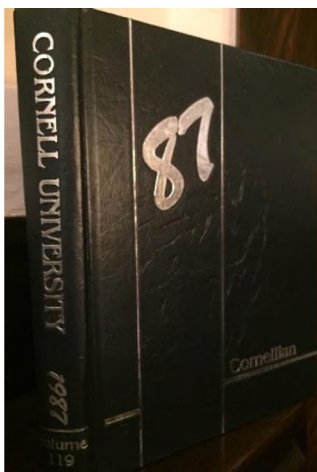
Cornell Acacia Receives Recent Awards

The Cornell Office of Fraternities, Sororities, & Independent Living recognized Cornell Acacia and **Brother Hunter Reid** for their achievements at the Annual Fraternity and Sorority Awards Ceremony last April.

We received an award for having the Second Highest Participation for the Interfraternity Council in the Annual Senior Class Campaign as well as an award for Outstanding Facility Management



Brother Hunter Reid received an award for Outstanding Chapter Officer for the Spring 2014-2015 Academic Year.



Brother Alumnus Tom Ricketts '03 recently sent a copy of the Class of 1987 Cornellian to the house. This gift has been added to our Chapter Room where it joins a collection of other Cornellian yearbooks dating back to 1886. Thank you very much for this gift!

GIFT TO THE CHAPTER

Class of 1987 Cornellian



Above: An image of Acacians featured in the '87 Cornellian.

Alumni Mail Bag

Frank Henjes Jr. 1954 (571) [3172 Beaver Creek Dr. SE, Southport, NC 28461-8695; FrankH@hiflyr.com] retired from flying his own aircraft after 54 years to play golf and sail model sailboats.

William Powell 1958 (608) [R Dos Franceses 498 Bl F, Apt 142, Sao Paulo, Brazil 01329-010; WilliamPowell76@yahoo.com] is glad to see that Bob Fash 1958 (584) with John Male 1958 (600), Roger Soloway 1957 (589), and Marty Offenberger 1956 (568). William finds it interesting that Bob Franson 1961 (636) is still near an ocean (now Pacific), as he crewed with him one summer in the waters north of Long Island and learned the importance of an anchor when they lost the rudder in strong wind blowing them towards a rocky shore. A power boat from Bob's yacht club came out and saved them after an hour or so of sitting near the rocks. Bob is probably teaching 12 year old grandson, Gary, how to sail.

Warren E Walker 1963 (581) [Gerrit Kasteinweg 2, 2597 NZ Den Haag, Netherlands; w.e.walker@tudelft.nl] attended his 50th Cornell reunion in 2013. He visited Acacia and was given a tour of the house and reconnected with Doug Eberhart 1963 (652). Warren also attended Homecoming in October 2014 because he was giving a seminar at Rhodes Hall in the Ezra's Roundtable Systems Seminar Series (Rich Rothman 2009 (1107) was in attendance) but wasn't able to visit Acacia (no car). Warren now has 5 grandchildren, ranging in age from 4 to 9, living in Boston, Philadelphia, and LA. Warren's brother, Edgar Walker, also a Cornell Acacia alumnus, is a judge on the New York State Supreme Court and lives in Brooklyn.

David R. Fischell, Ph.D. 1975 (800) [71 Riverlawn Dr., Fair Haven, NJ 07704-3319; drdrf@comcast.net] was anxiously awaiting the birth of their first grandchild in May. David has been busy with lots of Cornell 150 and Trustee activities. He was hoping to see other Class of 1975 Acacians at Reunion in June.

Paul Herrington 1981 (882) [P.O. Box 307, 31 Elm St, Niverville, NY 12130-0307; paul.herrington@farmcrediteast.com] came to Cornell in April for the 150th Birthday Celebration and had a great time. It had been quite a few years since he was last on campus but still managed to find his way around. There are a lot of buildings that did not exist when he was a student, but, of course, one can't expect things to stay the same for 30+ years! Paul spent a little time with Little Sister Patty Warner Kehe 1979 (L1). He also spent a couple of nights at Acacia which is in good shape. Although Paul had been graduated from Cornell for almost 10 years before most of the current Actives were born made him feel like a fish out of water, but it was nice to visit and talk about how things were different when he was a student. He was happy to see the portrait of Amanda Pearl Murray in the Dining Room and it brought back lots of good memories.

Andrew Regenbaum 1993 (973) [1031 Summit Woods, New Windsor, NY 12553-1280; aregenbaum@aol.com] was elected Councilman in the Town of New Windsor, NY. Enjoyed seeing Mike Cvijanovich 1994 (981), Tom Balcerski 2005 (1063), Jason Wang 1996 (997), John Carpenter 1991 (959), Arif Haq 1994 (983), Bill Cammuso 1992 (965), Devin Van Zandt 1990 (962), and Paul Hayre 1991 (970) in January 2015.

Daniel E Turinsky 1997 (1004) [30 Marion Ave, Short Hills, NJ 07078-2138; dturinsky@hotmail.com] recently switched law firms and is now a partner in the employment law group at DLA Piper.

Thomas J. Balcerski, Ph.D. 2005 (1063) [255 Promenade St, Apt 612, Providence, RI 02908; tbalcerski@gmail.com] just started a new position as assistant professor of history at Eastern Connecticut State University and now lives in Providence.

Zachary Weinstein, M.D., C.M. 2005 (1067) [5480 rue Lavoie, Apt 9, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3W 2J7; zaw2@cornell.edu] finish his medical residency in June 2015 and is excited to begin the adventure that begins post school. He keeps in touch with Igor Dolgalev 2005 (1068), Tom Balcerski 2005 (1063), Peter Rimshnick 2005 (1060) and David Rimshnick 2005 (1062), and Dan Scharfman 2005 (1078). To the current Actives: keep up the good work!

Hanny A. Martinovici 2006 (1071) [8101 Sumter Ave, Rosedale, MD 21237; hacarpm@gmail.com] has been spending a lot of time working with the Corp Board to better the house. He calls on all those who are interested in listening in or supporting the Corp Board's efforts to contact him.

Seth Jacobson 2008 (1092) [sethjacobsen@gmail.com] was living in Nice, France on the Cote d'Azur and working as an astronomer at the observatory above the city. Seth has been enjoying the Mediterranean life, wine, and cheese.

Richard Rothman 2009 (1107) [4636 Spruce St., 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19139; rer2_9@cornell.edu] writes: Greetings Esteemed Brethren! It was wonderful speaking with so many alumni at the Annual Corporation Meeting in May. This summer, I'll be starting the next chapter of my career as a law student at the George Washington University in D.C. and am looking forward to catching up with DC area Brothers!

Charles Hernandez 2012 (1142) [511 Four Mile Rd, Apt 205, Alexandria, VA 22305; cdh83@cornell.edu] is about to enter UF's ISYE (Industrial & Systems Engineering - effectively ORIE) program. Charles is marrying Shreedevi Kumar in Singapore in December. He met her at Acacia in 2009 (quite the pick-up artist).

Alumni Honor Roll 2014-2015



Donor	Roll	Class	Pledge Year
Lane J Abrams	(915)	1984	PL 1981
Bradley J Ayres *	(1070)	2006	PL 2003
Thomas J Balcerski Ph.D. *	(1063)	2005	PL 2002
Robert J Bergren	(443)	1950	PL 1947
Elie Yakov Bilmes	(1118)	2010	PL 2007
Richard E Brewer *	(687)	1965	PL 1963
Justin William Burden	(1140)	2012	PL 2009
Stewart L Burger *	(738)	1970	PL 1967
Erik Keith Burkhalter	(1123)	2010	PL 2007
Martin S Cardinali	(918)	1984	PL 1981
John W Carlson	(689)	1966	PL 1963
Edward A Conroy	(592)	1957	PL 1955
Michael I Cvijanovich *	(981)	1994	PL 1991
Charles W Deakyne *	(446)	1950	PL 1947
John Mathias Ertl	(1148)	2011	PL 2009
Robert S Fash *	(594)	1958	PL 1954
Charles H Field Jr.	(614)	1960	PL 1956
David R Fischell PhD *	(800)	1975	PL 1972
Robert T Franson	(636)	1961	PL 1959
Paul B Goldberg *	(755)	1971	PL 1968
David A Gorelick	(717)	1968	PL 1965
Andrew Wintress Gross	(1113)	2009	PL 2006
William B Hairston III *	(873)	1980	PL 1977
Stuart S Hantman MD *	(756)	1971	PL 1968
Matthew S Harris	(1042)	2002	PL 2000
Paul N Hayre *	(970)	1991	PL 1989
Frank H Henjes Jr. *	(571)	1954	PL 1953
Charles David Hernandez	(1142)	2012	PL 2009
Paul C Herrington	(882)	1981	PL 1978
Charles S Hong	(1043)	2001	PL 2000
Hugh C Humphreys	(666)	1964	PL 1961
Scott F Inglis *	(1019)	1999	PL 1996
Benjamin Lawrence Jacoby	(1103)	2009	PL 2006
Alan L Jette	(895)	1982	PL 1979
William L Keltz	(632)	1961	PL 1958
John D Koethe M.D. *	(829)	1977	PL 1974
Jerry W Kreider *	(720)	1968	PL 1965
Mark F Maltenfort	(831)	1977	PL 1974
Roman Markh	(1072)	2006	PL 2003
Hanny A Martinovici	(1071)	2006	PL 2003
Harlan M Meinwald	(789)	1974	PL 1971

Cornell Acacia Endowment Donations

Donations to the Cornell University Endowment can be directed to the Cornell Acacia Fraternity portion of the endowment through specifying the “**Arthur Lee Thompson III Memorial Scholarship Endowment**” when donating.

Our current Cornell University endowment share value is approximately \$460,000. Our money grows based on the performance of the endowment portfolio. The amount that the brothers receive is roughly equivalent to the gain on the investment of the year divided by the number of brothers on financial aid.

The financial aid office administers the funds to brothers on financial aid based on the fraternity president’s advisement, provided the dispersal is sound judgment. This past year, all Active brothers on financial aid received \$1,100 in grants each semester.

Daniel R Merrill PhD	(907)	1983	PL	1980
Robert C Merritt *	(807)	1975	PL	1973
Stanley R Niman *	(783)	1973	PL	1970
David A Odegaard *	(743)	1970	PL	1967
Alan T Pasquino *	(916)	1984	PL	1981
William Pendarvis Jr.	(440)	1947	PL	1946
Todd Peskin *	(994)	1995	PL	1993
Andrew S Regenbaum	(973)	1993	PL	1990
Wallace M Rich	(523)	1951	PL	1950
Thomas L Ricketts *	(1051)	2003	PL	2000
Peter M Rimshnick *	(1060)	2005	PL	2002
Nathan 'Tommy' Thomson Roth	(1115)	2009	PL	2006
Richard Evan Rothman	(1107)	2009	PL	2006
David J Sangree	(917)	1984	PL	1981
Bruce G Schneider *	(842)	1978	PL	1975
Shane Soh	(1182)	2014	PL	2012
Shu Song	(1122)	2009	PL	2007
Jeffrey D Spiro MD *	(859)	1979	PL	1976
Frederick W Tierney Jr. *	(763)	1971	PL	1968
R. Marvin Townsend	(555)	1955	PL	1952
Daniel E Turinsky	(1004)	1997	PL	1994
William A Utic *	(836)	1977	PL	1974
Norton Wang	(1151)	2012	PL	2010
Warren E Walker	(681)	1963	PL	1962
Zachary A Weinstein	(1067)	2005	PL	2002
William Jacob Zeligson	(1139)	2012	PL	2009
Howard S Zwiefel III *	(734)	1969	PL	1966

68 Donors 28 Brother Tree Leaf recognitions
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Acacia Fraternity Foundation Donations

Tax-deductible contributions to the Cornell Chapter Account of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation can be made at any time and should be mailed to:

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A view of Northcote from the barbeque pit taken by **Brother Hunter Reid**