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Continuing the Tradition

RAYMOND LIAO (1228) '21

DEAN OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Working on this issue of The Traveler has been a great pleasure. I have the opportunity to reflect upon all the happenings my brothers have partaken in during the last 6 months. Despite the waves of administration against Greek Life, I've still been able to enjoy the laughter and insights of my brothers in a myriad of ways. Acacia continues to be a place of open-mindedness, cohesion, and of human service.

It saddens me to see another wave of senior brothers graduate and leave to start their own journeys into the world, but I will always cherish the memories we've shared. Each pledge class of Acacians brings more insightful young men to further seek the truth and give the light to their own outlets. I'm proud to say that Northcote has continued to uphold a standard of excellence to all who visit, brother or otherwise.

I'd like to close this off with thanking Steve Stein for his continued support every semester and that the brothers welcome all alumni to reach out or drop by Northcote to share their memories and maybe a drink or two. Finally, please keep yourself and your loved ones safe amidst this pandemic.

Spring 2020 Chapter Roll

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2022
Yokohama, Japan

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SENIOR DEAN

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2022
Brooklyn, NY

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2021
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Economics
2020
Maputo, Mozambique

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Mechanical Engineering
2020
Harrison, NY

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Information Science
2020
Yokohama, Japan

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Economics
2020
Tokyo, Japan

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Dean of Alumni Affairs

Information Science
2021
Staten Island, NY

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Dean of Scholarship

Hotel Administration
2021
Tokyo, Japan

JULIAN MANEGAL SILVERIO (1230)

Chemical Engineering
2021
Astoria, NY

ALEJANDRO HERNAN FLORES (1231)

Industrial and Labor Relations
2021
Staten Island, NY

LUCAS ANTHONY FRANCIS WESSELIUS (1232)
SECRETARY

Government
2021
Stroudsburg, Pa

BYUNG JOON KANG (1233)

Policy Analysis and Management
2021
Queretaro, Mexico

DEREK DONGKYU MIN (1234)

Hotel Administration
2021
Seoul, Republic of Korea

ALWANY ANGELES TAVERAS (1235)

Biological Engineering
2021
Lindenhurst, NY

TYLER SANDERS (1236)

Atmospheric Sciences
2021
Niagara Falls, NY

GILBERT AKUJA (1238)

**JUNIOR STEWARD
HEALTH AND WELLNESS CHAIR**
Applied Economics and Management
2022
Nakuru, Kenya

MATTHEW BLOCK (1239)
Philanthropy Chairman

Government
2021
Miami, Florida

VASILIOS ZAHARIOUDAKIS (1242)

Hotel Administration
2022
Ioannina, Greece

HAKAN CAMLI (1244)

Government and Economics
2022
Chicago, IL

SHUBHAM MATHUR (1247)

Mechanical Engineering
2022
Raleigh, NC

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Brotherhood Chairman

Computer Science
2022
Oakton, VA

ANDREW ARDIZZONE (1249)
Senior Steward

Atmospheric Sciences
2020
Syosset, NY

Message from Our Corporation Board President

The 2019-2020 Fiscal Academic Year has been challenging. The Corporation Board has been attempting to postpone any expensive renovations and upgrades as we try to save money for the replacement of both Acacia's shingled roof and the flat roof over the Wing. We have what we call the Capital Project Sinking Fund with a schedule and estimate of all anticipated major expenses, based on the expected useful life of things (roof, floor coverings, appliances, heating systems, etc.). So far, we have been fortunate that there have been few maintenance surprises, and those have not been excessively costly.

In recent weeks, the COVID19 crisis has wreaked havoc on almost everyone and everything, and Cornell and Ithaca are no exceptions. With the unprecedented suspension of classes for the 2 weeks prior to the upcoming Spring Break followed by Virtual Instruction for the remainder of the semester is having a huge impact on Cornell and Acacia. Private Greek Houses, like Acacia, are being urged to cease operations and send everyone home for the rest of the semester. Commencement, Reunions, Summer Session, etc. are all at risk of being cancelled. The Acacia Corp Board is meeting this week (3/15/2020 is when I'm writing this) - virtually, of course - to discuss our options and make a decision. There are so many factors, including that the permanent homes of about 1/2 of our Actives are outside the United States. Forcing them to leave Acacia could be a financial burden to them and Acacia, and travel could be just as risky to their health and safety as staying in the present "community". If we decide to cease operations for the semester, how much would we need to reimburse the Active Chapter for a portion of the rent already paid? And, where would that money come from?

On an unrelated topic, Cornell President Martha Pollack has reacted to the tragic death early in the Fall of Cornell freshman Antonio Tsiaras who had attended an unregistered fraternity party that night. It was a "dirty rush" event, and prospective members were allegedly forced to consume large amounts of alcohol. Other incidents by fraternities in prior years had led to the mandate that all Greek houses (Fraternity and Sorority) will be required to have a Live-In Advisor beginning Fall 2021. Acacia is planning on recruiting an LIA to begin a year sooner in Fall 2020. This means choosing a single room for the LIA (probably Suite Room #37), which reduces the maximum live-in capacity of members to 24. The Corporation will need to absorb that economic impact (paying the Actives for the LIA's room and board and, possibly, paying him a stipend). The LIA will effectively be an employee of the Corporation. The LIA is a totally separate entity from the Chapter Advisor who is selected by the Actives, even if he happens to live at Acacia (because he is a grad student, for example). All of this is uncharted territory, and Cornell's rules, policies, and guidelines are still being formulated.

Acacia is still not completely filled, nor will it be in the Fall. The future of Cornell Acacia will hopefully be positive, but without Alumni financial support, it will not be. I am still perplexed and bothered by the fact that the majority of our 600+ alumni choose to NOT even pay their annual dues (which can be done via snail-mail or PayPal www.paypal.com to AcaciaCorpBoard@cornell.edu). Also, please check out the Cornell Acacia website (<https://www.cornellacacia.org/>) which has undergone a major overhaul recently. We need your financial assistance, and we need it now. I realize some percentage of you might have financial,

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Message from Our Corporation Board President (Cont.)

personal, or health issues, but not most of you! To those alumni who generously financially support Cornell Acacia, our thanks!

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 extremely short of news to share! Certainly there must be news (good and bad), so please share it.

Stay safe.

**Fraternally,
Steven L. Stein 1973 (787)**



Venerably Speak

Venerably Speaking

Fraternity life is one of perpetual change. We live it during our most formative years; when we transition from teens into adults through new values and sense of self. Our aspirations for our future will probably change too. Yet, our fraternity has an identity which endured for over a century. Some small things might change such as graduating brothers, but never have we seen such fundamental changes like the ones of today.

The Acacia's Cornell Chapter has been blooming for years now. When I first joined its ranks we had unoccupied rooms in our beautiful Northcote. Our size tightened the bonds we had with one another and we became independent from other larger greek organizations. Today, we are planning ahead for when we have more brothers than our home can shelter and the latter statement about our resilience remains true.

Some might say that the new regulations meant to tighten control over fraternities and limit their freedoms would surely stop the momentum of a thriving house. In most cases that would be correct but it is simply a question of choice. The dichotomy of power between an institution like a University and a fraternity reminds me of The Tree and The Reed fable. In which the unrelenting weather is our alma mater and the plants are each a choice of posture a house can take. This is not a recommendation for passive subjugation; no. The unfairness of some resolutions should be spoken out against, otherwise where will change come? However, it is better to bend to guarantee a future and prolong a struggle until we can overcome it, than to be uprooted for a short lived Hoorah of rebellion.

Moreover, if the winds clear trees in our field it clears room for opportunities to sprout for us. Our chapter's independence and resilience came from hardship yet have readied us to prosper in times like today. Our day to day has not been changed. The light of our brotherhood has not been snuffed. I look with optimism to share it throughout these darkening times when it is needed the most.

**Fraternally,
Darlan Penichet Garcia-Jasso 2020 (1216)**

“Destiny is no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.”

***- Brother William Jennings Bryan,
Nebraska 1909***



Avenues to Adventure

KIRAN TIN (1245) '21
JUNIOR DEAN

I became Junior Dean because I want to foster the growth of the fraternity as well as increasing outside involvement. Social events are the first avenues that many people take to come to the house, and I'd like to make sure we leave a solid, lasting impression. This semester was certainly a challenge given the circumstances of the new social rules as well as having to leave campus halfway through the semester, but I've worked with what I've had and we've had several fun events and more new faces coming around the house.

Looking back, I enjoyed this semester as Junior Dean very much. As my first position, I feel it gave me and understanding for greater responsibility in the house but also provided for many opportunities to enjoy myself and the company of others, in the fraternity and outside of it. Looking forward to next semester, I hope to hit the ground running when we come back to school. I see lots of potential in the fraternity as a whole and am anxious to see what we can do with more time on our hands.

Giving the Light through Service

MATTHEW BLOCK (1239) '21
PHILANTHROPY CHAIR

For this semester, we are planning on choosing seven separate community service events as part of Acacia's 'Seven Days of Service', in which we will participate in philanthropy for seven consecutive days. The types of service we will be doing include neighborhood clean ups, helping at local shelters or goodwill stores, volunteering at food banks, running a table that assists students and townspeople in registering to vote, volunteering at local schools and institutions for children, and running fundraisers for Habitat for Humanity, International Rescue Committee, or to the Shriner's Hospital for Children. Once these activities are organized, each brother will be required to participate in at least one of the seven philanthropic endeavors. Additionally, I intend to have the chapter participate in the Acacia Claus toy drive during the next Fall semester. I also intend to work with the Social Chair to build better relationships with sororities, so that we can work together with them for more philanthropic opportunities.



Looking to the Future

LORENZO DE ALBA (1237) '22

SENIOR DEAN

The tragic death of a fellow Cornellian last winter marked the start of a period of uncertainty for the future of Greek Life. I took my new position as Senior Dean excitedly, but anticipating a challenge ahead, as a ramping up of much-needed regulations led to an unfortunate decline in overall fraternity interest on campus. As the new member educator, I sought to comply with new university rules as much as possible, all while cultivating a more safe, educational, and ultimately fun pledging process for the future brothers of Acacia.

Unfortunately, the unexpected turn of events regarding the Coronavirus has forced the pledging period to pause for the semester. As pledges and brothers head home due to the cancellation of classes, I made the difficult decision to postpone all rituals until the chaos has settled and the Cornell environment returns to normal. The pledge process is meant to be enriching, and proceeding through difficult and stressful times is not something that I as Senior Dean or we as brothers saw as a possibility.

With that said, I am very excited for the future of Acacia. Our Spring '20 pledge class, consisting of some incredibly dedicated future brothers, along with our future Fall '20 class, look to be a welcome addition to the rich culture of this house. I look forward to initiating our new brothers properly, and to watching this house grow and thrive.



Finding Balance

TOSHI TOKUYAMA (1240) '22

TREASURER



With three new brothers planning to join Acacia this semester, the financials of the house are looking brighter. Combined with the fall pledge class and the potential members joining through extended rush, I believe we are approaching our goal of having an annex and holding larger social events. As the newly-elected treasurer, I came upon many concepts that I had never encountered: writing checks, keeping up with financial status, contacting organizations to maintain stable payments.

My challenge for this semester would be to stay on top of Northcote's financials. With the number of brothers returning being smaller than expected, balancing the inflow and outflow of cash has been challenging; however, with responsible brothers, our financial status has been great. Another task is to keep an adequate amount of savings as several brothers would be graduating this semester. In doing so, the past treasurers, **Daiki Tsunoda** and **Austin Mack**, have been extremely helpful with me preparing for the upcoming tasks and challenges.



To Silicon Valley and Beyond

LORENZO DE ALBA (1237) '22

TECHNOLOGIST

As Technologist, I have been working proactively to solve two of Northcote's fundamental problems—internet speeds and kitchen cleanliness. Our brothers require fast Wi-Fi, especially in the light of lectures moving online. I have been exploring cost-effective solutions to fix the house internet speeds, including upgrading to a mesh network, and expect the Wi-Fi to be top-of-the-line by the end of the semester. While the kitchen is less in the realm of technology, I have plans to make the server operational, which would include the kitchen cameras. I am doing this in hopes that a functional camera system will deter kitchen misuse in the future. I have a strong belief that the technological side of Acacia will flourish in the coming months.

How to Contribute to Our Chapter of Acacia Fraternity

Northcote has been and will continue being the home of all 1249 of us brothers. If you would ever like to make a contribution to the house, it could be done so in 2 simple ways!

DONATING BY MAIL

STEP 1:

Make a check out to the Corporation Board

STEP 2:

Mail the check to:

**Alumni Affairs
318 Highland Rd,
Ithaca, NY 14850**

STEP 3 (Optional):

Say Hi! Attach a short letter about yourself and what you've been up to lately; we will make sure to add it in the alumni mailbag section of the next Traveler!

DONATING BY PAYPAL

STEP 1:

Visit the Link:

<http://www.cornellacacia.org/donate>

STEP 2:

Click on the yellow "Donate" button

STEP 3:

Fill out the form presented, hit the "Donate Now" button at the bottom, and you are all set!

(P.S. If you feel like it, provide a litte note with your donation and we will post it on the next publication of the Traveler!)

We're All Good Brothers

MOHAMED ABDALLA (1248) '22
BROTHERHOOD CHAIR

I took on the position of Brotherhood Chair to bring creative and memorable brotherhood events to our Fraternity. The first event was the Superbowl LV Event in the Commons featuring Mahomeboy crushing the 49ers along with Poker night. We also had a house tourney in FIFA 20, Smash, and Beer Pong. Our most recent event was a collab with the Social Chair, Kiran Tin, and the Spring 20 Pledge Class Secretary, Rob Young to host the first Dormer Party. An illuminated party in the attic with brothers, friends, and that pack.



An Absolute Abundance
of Fun, courtesy of
Recruitment Chair
Armoni

Rushing in Head First

ARMONI BRIGHTLY BAILEY (1243) '22
RECRUITMENT CHAIR

At the last moment, my position as a co-rush chair became a full position and I was not quite sure if I was ready to take on the task. However, I learned that with my brothers here, there's no officer position that you ever really handle alone. There were several brothers who I could talk about my struggles with this position and who could pick up my slack whenever I felt overwhelmed.

Therefore, I struggled at first but with more time I grew into my position and I learned how to recruit the newest Acacians. As the new recruitment chair, I look at our PNMs potential to progress in their academics and as our brothers. Our current pledge class is a very impressive group of people who are committed to this house as much as they are in their academics. I am hopeful that they will become productive members of both this house and society.

Highlights of Spring Rush Activities:

- POKER AND POOL CUES
- SMASH AND BASH
- BUFFALO WILD WINGS
- SUMO HIBACHI AND SUSHI
- CASINO NIGHT
- CIGAR CONVERSATIONS

New Pledges



Robert Young '23
Wilmington, DE

Robert Young is a freshman studying Information Science in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences from Wilmington, Delaware. He aspires to one day be able to go back and help the community he grew up in flourish. Rob enjoys sports, anime, and hanging out with friends. He's loved video games his whole life which is why he wants to go into video game development after his time at Cornell.

Acacia has been a home away from home for Rob. He could tell from his first semester that Northcote would be a special place throughout his Cornell career. He's enjoyed getting to know and spending time with the brothers as well as learning more about the house. From Gio's delicious meals, to house smash tournaments, or just vibing in the dormer, Acacia has continued to be a comfortable place for Rob grow and learn throughout his college journey.



William Salcedo '23
Point Pleasant, NJ

William Salcedo is a freshman studying Electrical and Computer Engineering. He comes from the small shore town of Point Pleasant New Jersey. When he's not studying, Will marches trumpet in Cornell's marching band and designs circuit boards on the autonomous sailboat team, CUSail. Aside from this, he also enjoys playing board games and beating Darian in Smash. Will was introduced to Acacia by friends in the band and enjoys the welcoming community Acacians cultivate.

Pandemic Prep

GILBERT AKUJA (1238) '22
HEALTH AND WELLNESS CHAIR

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic that affected the normal operation of the school and the house, the Corp Board in an urgent meeting discussed certain measures that would ensure the safety of all brothers. Given a few of the brothers are international students, there was an agreement to allow less than ten people to remain in the house. This would be in observance of social distancing and high standard hygiene practices that would prevent any chances of having the virus amongst any of us. Some of the measures included: washing our hands each time when coming inside the house, sanitizing surfaces, wearing masks and gloves in the kitchen, to mention a few. With all brothers having this in mind, I am confident that our members are safe in these troubling times and hopeful things will go back to being normal again.

COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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Note: Mo doesn't have the coronavirus, this is a picture from the ER last semester.

Pandemic Perspectives: Entry I

MOHAMED ABDALLA (1248) '22

I want to say the hardest part about quarantining is the social distancing, but it has to be quarantining with family. Even though I'm back home in Northern Virginia and can't see any of my friends, I can still limit myself to small things like skating or playing basketball alone. With that, I get enough therapeutic outside exposure without the real outside exposure. A lot of people get this opportunity in this weird and confusing time to self isolate, reflect, and get real alone time to do whatever it is they like. My personal preference would be working 40 hrs/wk to be able to afford my own car by the end of the summer, which is why I disagreed with my parents' decision of me taking the greyhound from Ithaca, where I was employed, through NYC and back to the DMV area. Unfortunately, my parents have every intention of taking full advantage of this time by bringing me back to highschool, in the sense that I'm constantly gonna be told what to do and expected to immediately. I'm sure all of us have that "to-do-list", regardless of what it may consist of, that we couldn't really get to or knock out the way until now. I'm not really fazed by the current state of COVID-19 in my hometown Oakton VA (approx. 150+ in the city and neighboring areas). All I see is an opportunity to work as many hours as possible, so my focus for the time being is to apply to as many jobs as possible to hopefully secure one that I can start now and continue with through the entire summer. The car is coming, one way or another. Other than that, I hope everyone's doing well and staying at home. It's the responsibility of each one of us to properly self isolate and distance ourselves to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe and healthy. **#AloneTogether**

Pandemic Perspectives: Entry II

SHUBHAM MATHUR (1247) '22

The pandemic has affected me greatly as being left with no classes and cancelled clubs/project teams means I initially had very few responsibilities other than remaining indoors for as long as possible. With so much free time, I chose to try to make a positive contribution to the crisis by creating facemasks to donate at the local hospital and at the country club, which has kept its golf course open until now. In addition, I refound my love for math and have resumed tutoring students online via Zoom for Mathnasium, a tutoring service I worked with in high school. I look forward to resuming classes and am curious to see how the rest of the year goes.





Meals and Memories At Northcote

GILBERT AKUJA (1238) '22

JUNIOR STEWARD

This semester I have served as the Junior Steward at Northcote where I helped manage kitchen operations. This has been an amazing experience since the food continues getting better every time and brothers are happy at dinner.

I have to commend the tremendous effort and commitment shown by brother to keep the kitchen clean and organized. They have prioritized health and safety for the wellbeing of everyone in the house. Additionally, they have been respectfully utilizing the benefits of the kitchen and formed good relationships with our chef, Gio. This has translated positively to new brothers who have followed in the footsteps to ensure the kitchen remains shiny.

At the epicenter of this all is Gio, our house chef, who has continuously prepared tasty meals and desserts and ensured food is always available. He has also helped out in our many social events where he prepared meals and snacks that were finger-licking good, making guest come back for more. This semester, he has been preparing meals ahead of time while also accommodating brothers with different dietary restrictions. Certainly, kitchen operations have been enhanced due to constant communication on the kitchen channel on Slack which have resulted in the faster resolution of different issues that arise in the course of the semester. Therefore, we look forward to maintaining kitchen operations excellence at Northcote for many days to come.

Accelerating Academic Achievements

DAIKI TSUNODA (1229) '21

DEAN OF SCHOLARSHIP

Students at Cornell can occasionally face extremely challenging times, and brothers of Acacia are no exception. Ever since I joined the fraternity, there have been brothers who have struggled with balancing their academic efforts and mental health. Although there are numerous obstacles that aren't under our control, as the Dean of Scholarship, my goal is to eliminate certain roadblocks that are under our control.

Therefore, starting this semester, I have decided to start creating a database of past tests and class notes on Google Drive. Provided that we are unable to access the previous database, I thought that creating a new one using Drive, which all brothers of Acacia can access with just their email, would ensure that future generations would be able to access the database as well. While this will require a lot of time, effort, as well as contribution from all brothers, I believe that we are all determined to do so to improve the academics of the entire house.



Mack's Many Memories

AUSTIN MACK (1226) '20

Acacia has been more than a home away from home for the 3 years I have lived here. Having joined in the fall of my Sophomore year, it's hard to believe that in a few months I will no longer be at Acacia.

Attending Cornell was a new and exciting adventure for me; a new chapter in my life. As a Sophomore joining Acacia, I was looking for my place in the vastness of Cornell; a group I could fit in with, go back home to everyday, and talk about my day with. Three years later, not only has Acacia been one of my most formative experiences of college but also one of the most fun facets of my life at Cornell. I have rubbed shoulders with and formed lifelong friendships with people from all around the globe, held leadership positions, pursued new interests, and overall improved to be a better version of myself.

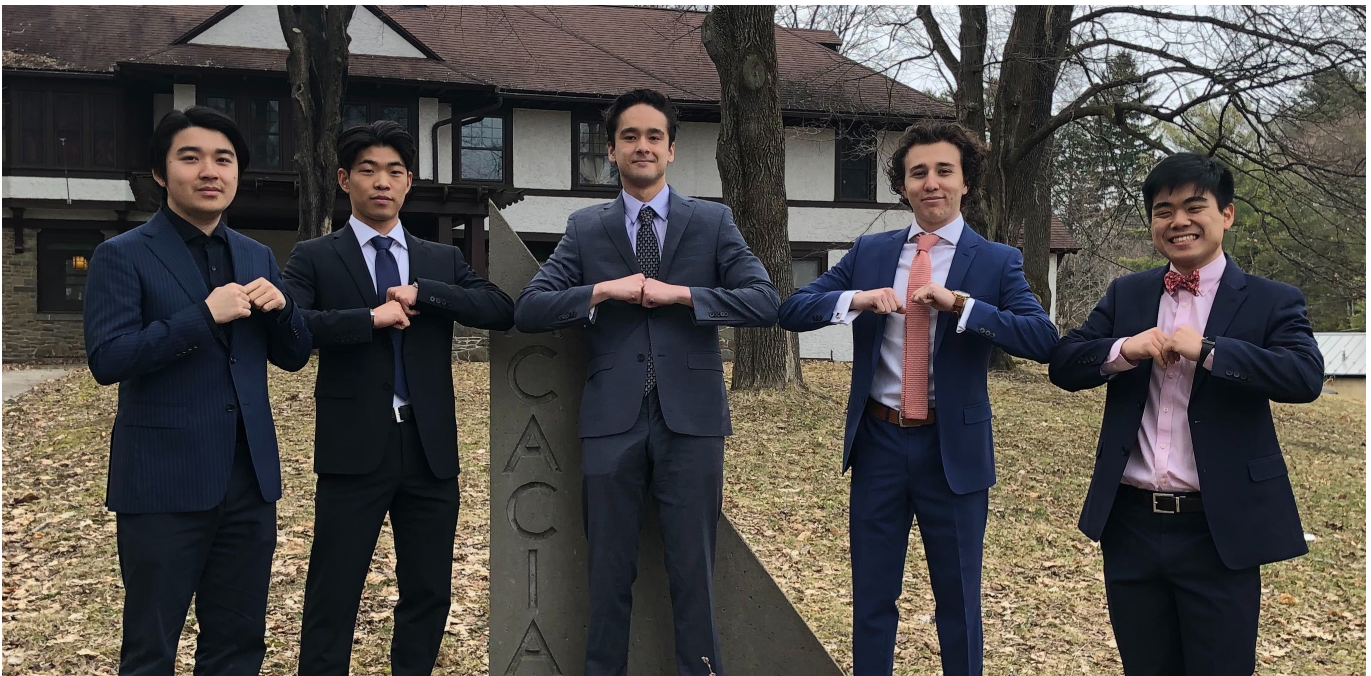
Perhaps the biggest lesson I have taken from Acacia is openness. Openness to new ideas and experiences. During the time I was here, Acacia was a melting pot of backgrounds, experiences, cultures and thoughts; and looking back, I am happy I got to be a piece in the whole. It was thrilling to impart my mark on the house and share the same hallways with like-minded, yet different people; and this aspect is, in my opinion, the very core to the Acacia experience that I hope everyone can feel.

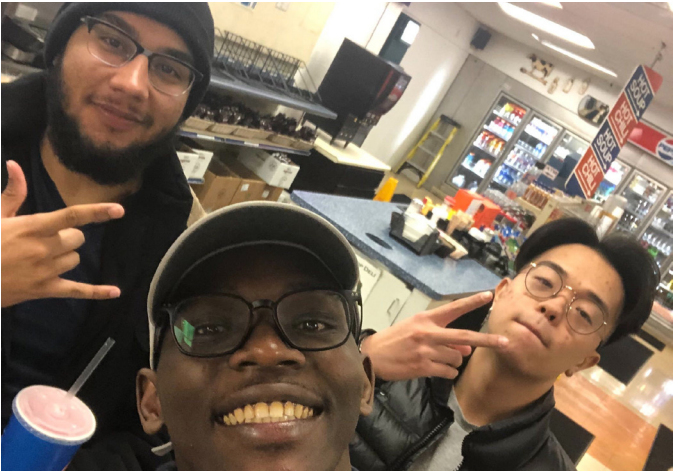


Halls of Acacia



Halls of Acacia





Honor Roll 2019-2020

DONOR	ROLL	CLASS	PLEDGE YEAR
Lane J Abrams	(915)	1984	PL 1981
Thomas J Balcerski Ph.D. *	(1063)	2005	PL 2002
Elie Yakov Bilmes	(1118)	2010	PL 2007
Stewart L Burger *	(738)	1970	PL 1967
Martin S Cardinali	(918)	1984	PL 1981
John W Carpenter III *	(959)	1990	PL 1987
Christian Choi	(1195)	2016	PL 2014
Brian P Clapp *	(1100)	2009	PL 2006
Michael I Cvijanovich *	(981)	1994	PL 1991
L. Walter Deitrich	(627)	1960	PL 1957
Donald C Fish	(595)	1958	PL 1955
Charles David Hernandez	(1142)	2012	PL 2009
Carl H Herzog *	(711)	1966	PL 1965
Charles S Hong	(1043)	2001	PL 2000
Alan L Jette	(895)	1982	PL 1979
Patricia M Kehe	(L1)	1979	PL 1979
William L Keltz	(632)	1961	PL 1958
Thomas E Kocovsky Jr. *	(730)	1969	PL 1966
John Michael Koltz	(1108)	2009	PL 2006
Mark F Maltenfort	(831)	1977	PL 1974
Harlan M Meinwald	(789)	1974	PL 1971
Andrew H Mercer	(890)	1982	PL 1979
Daniel R Merrill PhD	(907)	1983	PL 1980
Robert C Merritt *	(807)	1975	PL 1973
Paul G Molnar *	(1014)	1998	PL 1995
Michael T Nasatka *	(1045)	2004	PL 2000
Stanley R Niman *	(783)	1973	PL 1970
Todd Peskin *	(994)	1995	PL 1993
Thomas L Ricketts *	(1051)	2003	PL 2000
Richard Evan Rothman	(1107)	2009	PL 2006
David J Sangree	(917)	1984	PL 1981
Bruce G Schneider *	(842)	1978	PL 1975
Neil Francis Sharp	(560)	1955	PL 1952
James M Symons	(534)	1954	PL 1951
Frederick W Tierney Jr. *	(763)	1971	PL 1968
Devin T Van Zandt	(962)	1990	PL 1989
Howard S Zwiefel III *	(734)	1969	PL 1966
Hanny Carp-Martinovici*	(1071)	2006	PL 2003

38 Donors 17 Brother Tree Leaf recognitions

* after name indicates Brother Tree leaf recognition

Annual Corporation Board Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020

The Annual Meeting of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity, Inc. will be Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 1:00 pm, at Acacia Fraternity, 318 Highland Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

For those who can't be present but wish to participate by phone, the dial in information for the Zoom meeting is:

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Alumni Mail Bag

An impromptu Cornell Chapter meeting was held in the Southwest at Minute Maid Park as alumni from around the Houston area gathered to celebrate all things “Black & Gold!” Sponsored by the Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF), the event was held in conjunction with the 2020 Shriners Hospitals for Children College Baseball Classic. Of the 35+ alumni in attendance, the Big Red were well represented by **James W. Kehe '79** (874), **Oscar Gendrop Espinosa '99** (1030), and **William (Bill) Utic '77** (836).

James M. Symons 1954 (534) [8400 Vamo Rd, Unit 1164, Sarasota, FL 34231-7830; dr.water@alum.mit.edu] updated and simplified his list of 59 travel videos. The url for the google drive where the destinations of the trips, the corresponding urls (as links), and running times for each of the YouTube videos. Email him and he will send you the link. Brother Symons attended Cornell from 1949 to 1954. During that time, he took home movies around the campus and at Acacia. The url for these is youtube.com/watch?v=304HXSTWyAQ. The url for the still pictures during that same time period is youtube.com/watch?v=uCBbwyRXwbl.

Donald C Fish 1958 (595) [4405 Holter Ct., Jefferson, MD 21755-8633; threedgems@comcast.net] enjoyed a trip west (Yellowstone, Bryce, Zion, Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, Meteor Crater). He is enjoying retirement by mineral collecting. He has 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

William Keltz 1961 (632) [1403 Grand Oak Ln, West Chester, PA 19380-5908; billkeltz@verizon.net] keeps in touch with Preston Shimer '61 (635) and Bob Franson '61 (636). Last July, Brother Keltz visited Acacia (only from outside) for the first time since 1960 and it looked very nice.

Carl Herzog 1966 (711) [38 Wishbone Ln, Charlotte, VT 05445-9412; cherzog@gmavt.net] is still enjoying travelling around the world and is still able to trek in the Himalayas and Andes, although the high altitudes get harder to adjust to every year.

Howie Zwiefel 1969 (734) [5450 Witherspoon Dr, Apt G310, Colfax, NC 27235; hzwiefel@yahoo.com] and wife, Mary Kay, moved into a 3-bedroom apartment in River Landing, a Continuing Care Retirement Community on 1/9/2020. They celebrated his 50th Reunion at Cornell and took a side trip to Niagara Falls. They also attended Mary Kay's family reunion on Long Island - the 1st one in 10 years!

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787) [339 E Miller Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850; sls8@cornell.edu] is hoping to celebrate his 69th St. Patrick's Day Birthday with family and friends, enjoying the traditional corned beef and cabbage meal. Still gainfully employed by Cornell, he just received his first Social Security Benefit (what a country!). He continues his role as Acacia Fraternity Corp Board President which began in 1982 (and pays \$0) and will likely serve another 3 years in that capacity unless someone else wants to. He keeps in touch with **Stan Niman '73** (783).

Mark Maltenfort 1977 (831) [476 N Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, FL 32092-0613; maltenfo@sbcglobal.net] and wife are enjoying retirement. They are cruising around 100 days/year and traveling by car another 75 days. So, they are away from home half of the year. Anyone who wants to see pictures of their cruises can add Brother Maltenfort as a friend on Facebook.



Bruce Schneider 1978 (842) [7 Hilly Field Ln, Westport, CT 06880-2916; bruce@schneiderct.com] is still working and really enjoying it. Through, he was awarded a trip to Zambia. He and Amy had an awesome time. Their son is now engaged and will be getting married in July 2020.

Daniel Merrill 1983 (907) [3636 E Oakrim Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84109-3834; danmerrill@gmail.com] was fortunate to visit with Brother **Scott Dulman '83** (899) and wife, Patty, when they visited Salt Lake City recently. Brother Merrill is now splitting his time between consulting in the neural engineering space and developing intraperitoneal insulin delivery for diabetics.

David J. Sangree 1984 (917) [1052 Maple Cliff Dr, Lakewood, OH 44107-1252; dsangree@hladvisors.com] got to see **Chris Deane '83** (908) and **Barbie Dean '83** (L12) in Chicago in November. He saw **Martin Scott Cardinali '84** (918) earlier last year.

Thomas Balcerski '05 (1063) [475 48th Ave, Apt 2609, Long Island City, NY 11109-7611; tjb36@cornell.edu] enjoyed seeing so many brothers at the book signing for his new book, "Bosom Friends: The Intimate World of James Buchanan and William Rufus King" at Barnes & Noble Union Square. Thanks to **Peter Rimshnick '05** (1060), **Igor Dolgalev '05** (1068), **Andrew Hur '04** (1053), **Roman Markh '06** (1072), **Sho Iketani '15** (1175), **Tom Schultz '15** (1181), **Dave Klesh '02** (1037), and especially **EJ Track '06** (1077) for organizing.

Calling all brothers! Present and past! Feel free to mail or email us Alumni Mail Bag content for the next edition of the traveler. Either email Brother Liao at RL663@cornell.edu or send a letter to the house addressed to "Alumni Affairs."

In Memory of Dave Odeggaard

HOWIE ZWIEFEL (734) '69

I first met **Dave Odeggaard** when I was a sophomore in the house and he was a freshman pledge in 1967. He served the chapter as Pledgemaster and did such an outstanding job that he was easily reelected. Although he sometimes looked angry and serious, his true personality showed through in the fact that, after being Pledgemaster, he was in demand as a Big Brother by the next pledge class.

We became closer friends over time, especially during all-nighters in the library (“Howie, what’s wrong with my math?” - “You missed the minus sign.”) and during Friday (or Saturday) night pinochle games – five handed – “Who can I take down with me?”

While going for his Masters in Chemical Engineering, Dave was drafted. He volunteered for stockade training (“32 stockades, only 2 overseas – I like my chances.”). He wound up serving at Fort Ord, CA, on the Monterey peninsula. Once he found California, he didn’t want to come back.

A girl friend brought him back to the East Coast – Columbia, MD, but they eventually broke up. He became part of a group of 15-20 brothers from Boston to Baltimore who would periodically get together in New York City for a Broadway show and dinner. Brothers **Tom Whelan**, **John Abeles**, Dave and I also did some major vacations together from 1977-79 – Russia (also with **Cleveland Jones**), the Greek Isles, and London (also with **Alan Pue**).

Dave eventually left to go to California for good. He did come back east to serve as Best Man for both Tom Whelan and me. At Tom’s wedding, Dave’s MP training was put to good use at the reception as he directed everyone to stay away so that the bride and groom could eat. Tom also did a couple of photo trips to western national parks with Dave.

After my wedding, contact between Dave and me was mostly by e-mails and Christmas cards until I moved to California in 2000. When I left in 2007, we met in New York to go to the chapter’s 100th Anniversary celebration. We repeated this five years later.

When Mary Kay and I made a road trip through northern California in 2016, we stayed with Dave at his new home in Reno, NV. When I asked about his staying there, he replied “This is the house I’m going to die in.” A sad prophecy came true.

Dave was proud to be an Acacian. He served the house well as an undergrad and was generous as an alum. He will be missed.

Chapter Eternal



Charles Henry Field '59 (614)– 6/18/2019



David Odegaard '70 (743) – 10/21/2019



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