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Iowa State Acacians Bring Christmas Cheer



The Iowa State brothers of Acacia had a busy fall semester, but as the holiday season quickly fell upon us, we were reminded of the obligations we have made and values we uphold as Acacians. “To give light to those with whom we may be associated as we travel along life’s pathway.”

We had a wonderful holiday season and spent time collecting toys for Acacia's annual toy drive, Acacia Claus, to benefit families at the ACCESS Shelter of Ames. Every year we collect toys and attempt to spread cheer to children who may not otherwise receive presents during the holiday season. This year, 20 Acacians volunteered outside businesses in Ames and Boone and we collected over 500 toys! We donated these toys to ACCESS and were able to make the Christmas season joyous for many families in our community.

The ACCESS Center in Ames is designed to provide a safe, supporting environment for women and children who are victims

of domestic violence. The agency originally was funded in 1974 with a grant from Iowa State’s Government of the Student Body. Originally a rape crisis center, the services have expanded over the years to provide a 24-hour crisis hotline and shelter for women and their children. The mission of the center is to address the roots and impacts of domestic and sexual violence through services that enhance safety, empowering survivors, and promoting understanding and social in the Ames area.

Acacia has been a valuable, contributing member to this organization for many years, and the Brothers in the active chapter have contributed countless hours to helping to improve lives of the women and children served by ACCESS.

Since the start of this spring semester, our members have been very busy living out our motto in their daily lives by volunteering within the Ames community and Iowa State’s campus.

Right after the semester began, almost 1/3 of our members volunteered on Martin Luther King Junior Day of Service. Our guys helped out at a local food pantry, volunteered with the women's shelter, picked up trash around Iowa State and even volunteered with YSS. On a weekly basis, our Human Service chairman tracks volunteer hours at our chapter meetings and records the total hours of each of our members. We utilize a 'What's your 20?' volunteer hours campaign in our chapter where each semester we challenge men to volunteer at least 20 hours if they sign up to participate. So far at least 13 of our members have pledged to volunteer 20 hours and are working toward accomplishing this goal.

Throughout each semester, members individually volunteer with various organizations on campus but we enjoy larger events where we can all work on the same project. For Valentine's

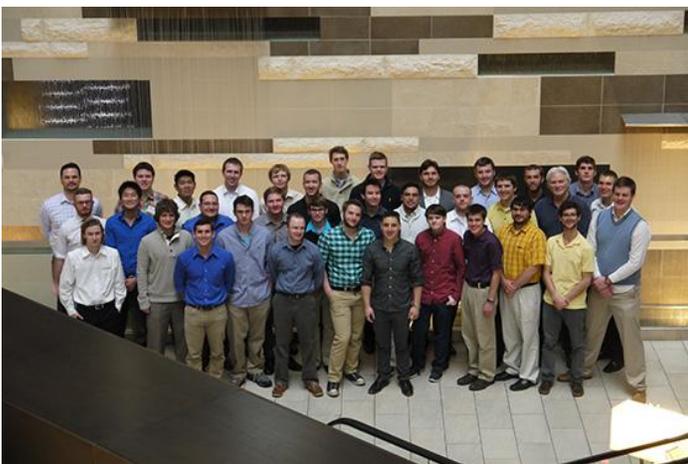
Day, we made the sorority Delta Zeta valentines and during our Mothers weekend we spent time baking with our moms for a desert auction the following day. February is a busy time for us since we also helped out at Youth and Shelter Service's Chili Chili Challenge. As we look toward the rest of the semester, we are planning to participate in 7 days of service where over the course of 7 days, every member will volunteer at least one time that week. To finish off the week of service, we will be hosting our annual fundraiser "Acacia Floats." Each year we sell root beer floats on campus to raise money for YSS and we are hoping that these events will help us impact our community in a positive way.

If you would like to contribute to our philanthropic efforts or come to volunteer with us, please contact us and we will gladly try to find an event that fits your schedule.

Venerable Dean Summit

One of the new initiatives instituted by the national headquarters staff is a two day event that occurs each January prior to the start of the spring semester. This program was funded by a donation by Lee Kearney from Washington State and is designed to help prepare new chapter presidents for the duties of their office and to build strong relations between the chapters of our Fraternity. As the chapters typically elect new officers in December of each year, this program enables the new chapter presidents to better understand the requirements of their office, and to teach them the critical leadership skills that they will need in their new position. This year, Joe Webb (Iowa State Chapter President) and Drew Sherman (Undergraduate International Counselor) attended from Iowa State. What follows is Joe's report on this event.

Shown below is a group picture of the attendee's at the event.



My name is Joe Webb and I currently have the pleasure of serving the Iowa State chapter of Acacia as the Venerable Dean. Over winter break I was able to embark upon an exciting adventure with one of our brothers, Drew Sherman, where we road tripped

together traveling to the second annual Lee Kearney Venerable Dean Summit in Indianapolis. We spent 3 nights and two days at the leadership retreat for Venerable Deans from across North America, where most of the Venerable Deans are newly elected to their position. This summit is centered on preparing men to take on their new role as president and provide them with the resources it takes to succeed. While at this conference, Drew and I had the opportunity to establish meaningful relationships with the Venerable Deans from other Acacia chapters and gain invaluable resources from our international headquarters staff.

One of the more interesting aspects of this leadership conference was a presentation from the software company Technify. They had a presentation over new program that they created called ChapterBuilder that will bring fraternity recruitment into a new era; integrating technology into our recruitment process. (See the article by our recruitment chairmen Grant and Ryan.) In addition to workshops over risk management case studies and bonding over brotherhood activities, we also had the opportunity to bounce new ideas off of each other about how we can improve our chapters.

This leadership retreat provided me with the resources to ensure our chapter continues moving forward, and it also helped to give me more confidence to assume the role as Venerable Dean. By establishing personal connections with our headquarters staff and obtaining clarifications on Acacia's policies and procedures; our chapter is now prepared to take on the challenges that lie ahead of us in 2015. This was an experience that I will never forget and I am excited to see where the leadership skills that were built upon at this conference will take our chapter.

Please feel free to stop by 138 Gray Ave and say hello to your Brothers in the undergraduate chapter! On behalf of the Iowa State Chapter, we hope that you and your family have a wonderful new year!

Acacia is #2 in ISU Greek System with 3.36 G.P.A.

78.6% of Members earn 3.00 GPA or Higher

New Brothers are #2 in Greek System with 3.22 GPA

The Fall, 2014 semester grade results are in, and Acacia Fraternity is in the #2 spot in the Greek Community for academic honors. The competition is fierce for this honor, as reflected in the results for the top five fraternities are as follows:

1.	FarmHouse	3.40
2.	Acacia	3.36
3.	Sigma Phi Epsilon	3.22
4.	Alpha Gamma Rho	3.20
4.	Delta Upsilon	3.20

All Fraternity Average 2.97

All Men's Undergrad Average 2.91

Academic excellence is a cornerstone of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity. As you can see from the table on this page, our chapter has been ranked #1 for sixteen out of the past twenty-one semesters! Since the chapter was refounded in 1999, Acacia has held the #1 academic slot more than 60% of the time, and we have held either the #1 or #2 academic slot 95% of the time. An impressive record of achievement by any measure!

Our focus remains on recruiting only **exceptional men** who are **dedicated to their academic studies** and to making a **positive contribution to society**. This has been a core strategy which has been shown to be successful over the years. It is our focus on academics, personality, and a demonstrated level of leadership which has enabled us to build the preeminent academic Fraternity at Iowa State.

The list of the Brothers who earned a 3.00 or higher grade point is shown below, and we would like to recognize these Brothers for their outstanding academic achievement:

Grant L. Albansoder	Riley M. Austin
Keven Chng	Jakob R. Croghan
Nolan L. Dickson	Kevin S. Duhrkopf
McDaniel D. Foley	Joshua J. Foss
David W. Gardner	Jackson P. Griffith
Nigel R. Hanson	Garrett M. Hembry
Michael J. Hofer	Tanner J. Jaeger

Addison G. Kistler
 Joshua T. Kublie
 Wyatt N. Lauer
 Wicitra Mahotama
 Gabriel J. McCoy
 Aditya S. Navale
 Chase M Russell
 Devin M. Shields
 Preston J. Waymire
 Ryan D. Zumbach

Richard A. Korneisel
 Lai Boa-Lin
 Ryan S. Lohse
 William A. Mann
 Brian R. Mozey
 Carter H. Reed
 Drew K. Sherman
 Carlton J. Stripe
 Joe L. Webb

Each one of these Brothers will receive a \$200 academic scholarship this semester for exceeding the 3.00 grade point average for the fall semester. **This spring semester, a total of \$24,702 will be given to the members of the chapter based on their academic and leadership activities in the fraternity!**

Previous academic results for the Chapter are as follows:

Term	Position	GPA
Fall, 2014	#1	3.31
Spring, 2013	#2	3.17
Fall, 2012	#2	3.28
Spring, 2012	#1	3.39
Fall, 2011	#1	3.30
Spring, 2011	#3	3.12
Fall, 2010	#1	3.24
Spring, 2010	#1	3.32
Fall, 2009	#4	3.03
Spring, 2009	#1	3.29
Fall, 2008	#1	3.21
Spring, 2008	#1	3.29
Fall, 2007	#1	3.24
Spring, 2007	#2	3.15
Fall, 2006	#1	3.15
Spring, 2006	#1	3.29
Fall, 2005	#1	3.40
Spring, 2005	#1	3.43
Fall, 2004	#1	3.39
Spring, 2004	#1	3.38
Spring, 2003	#1	3.24

Introducing Brian Mozey, Chapter Alumni Relations Chair



Have you heard from Brian Mozey yet? No? Then send him your updated information, so the active chapter can communicate with you on upcoming events and other information. Brian is a freshman majoring in journalism and mass communications and he was elected to fill the spot as the in-house chapter reporter to the Board and alumni of the Iowa State chapter of Acacia.

One of his primary goals is increase involvement between the local alumni and the active chapter members. To that end, he is asking all of our alumni to contact him if they plan to be in the Ames area and would like to stop by the chapter house for a look around and chance to meet and visit with the current members of the chapter. Send him email at bmozey@iastate.edu or call/text him at 763-291-3517. Brian will be working with Harold Zarr to maintain an updated list of addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

Also, if you have exciting news that you want the active chapter to know please email Brian Mozey, so he can inform the chapter about these events.

Kansas Game Watch with Alumni

You know what's better than watching the Iowa State Cyclones defeat Kansas in basketball? Having our alumni come back to watch the game with us!



Alumni Derek Robison and Sam Behrens came to the house on January 17th to watch the game with part of the active chapter and enjoy a dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings before the game.

With seniors who are graduating soon, it was nice for them to see the alumni and look back on some memories. For the members who are newer to the active chapter, it was a great way to introduce themselves to some of the young alumni in an informal surrounding. The active chapter at Iowa State is requesting that more alumni stop in to visit to catch up with former members and share their experiences in the "real world."

With the basketball season getting closer to March, the active chapter is hoping to plan more alumni game watches, especially during March Madness. All we need is the men's basketball team to improve and get us some wins towards the end of the season.

Finally, if alumni are around the city of Ames and are thinking about stopping by for a quick visit please e-mail me so I can contact the active chapter and we can give you a tour around the house.

Golfing in the Summer

With temperatures in the mid-teens and wind chills in negative degrees, it's a great time to think about the summer. The chapter is putting on their alumni golf event this summer on **Saturday, June 27th**.

We didn't have this event last summer, but we are ready to restart the tradition once again. The golfing will be at Veenkers Golf Course in Ames, Iowa and we plan to start at 12:30 pm.

Since I already called Mother Nature and made arrangements with her, the weather will be great outside! We are planning to have a barbeque before heading out to the golfing tournament.

The only problem will be the financial aspect because the alumni relations don't have the budget to cover every alumnus for this event, so alumni and active members will need to pay their way to participate.

The cost is estimated to be in the range of \$32 - \$35 as of now, and will depend on the number of people who attend. For 18 holes with a golf cart, that is a bargain for a few hours on the golf course in the company of your Acacia Brothers! Any excess fund collected will be donated to the scholarship program for the chapter members.

E-mails will be sent out later this spring to determine the interest and collect RSVP's. Hopefully, this notice allows everyone to mark it on their calendar, so we can see as many alumni as possible.

September 11-13: Alumni Weekend

The rivalry is on! Iowa State takes on Iowa at home and we want our alumni to cheer them on. The game time hasn't been announced but tailgating will precede the game and dinner could well follow! Mark it on your calendars for next fall. More details will come later in the spring.

October 30 – November 1: Homecoming Weekend

As Acacia was the Homecoming champion last year, we are ready to take back-to-back titles this coming year!

With Yell Like Hell on Friday and the game against Texas on Saturday, there are plenty of events for our alumni to stop by and cheer on the chapter and the Cyclones. More details will be provided in future newsletters and e-mails.

A Focus on Improving the Storage Room

My name is **Nigel Hanson #1119** and I am the current Senior Steward here at Iowa State. One of my goals is to improve the functionality of the chapter house, so over the Christmas break so I completely overhauled the Acacia workroom. In the past we have not had success in maintaining an effective organization system of our storage room and the floor in the storage room was showing its age. To remedy this issue, everything was cleared from the room and the floors were cleaned. Together with the assistance of Brother William **Dyke (#1117)**, we poured a half a ton of fresh concrete on the floor.

seem well lit. We then built a new storage shelf to hold all of the supplies the fraternity uses on a regular basis and a workbench was built to give brothers a place to work with hands on construction projects.



After a few days of drying, the walls were painted white; the fresh paint helped the room feel significantly more inviting and



The storage room is a work in progress and we will be continuing to improve the effectiveness of our storage space. Over spring break it is our goal to apply an epoxy coating to the concrete floor and putting on another coat of paint on the walls.

This project is a continuation of my work to maintain the chapter house in as presentable and safe manner as possible. During the Thanksgiving break, I removed all of the furniture from the entry way and main chapter room, and completely re-polished the floors in those two rooms. You will recall that just a couple of years ago, Brother **Lowell Johnson #426** paid the cost to have these floors re-sanded and fresh coats of polyurethane applied. My work was designed to ensure that the floors retained the beauty brought back by Brother Johnson's donation.

Our work is a never ending process, trying to ensure that everything is always spick and span. We have a great year ahead of us and will continue to work to maintain our chapter facility in the best condition possible. Feel free to come stop by and look at our recent renovations!

Two Acacia Brothers Renew Friendship in Arizona



John Bahr and Sue (left) and Dick and Jan Cone (right) had their first reunion after a separation of almost 60 years in Fountain Hills, Arizona. John is making plans to attend the Arizona Reunion March 18, 2015, at Jim Davis' home in Scottsdale. John joined Acacia after graduating high school in Mason City, Iowa. After attending school at Iowa State, he went on to earn a PhD in Engineering from Wisconsin before enjoying a long career at General Electric.

Dick Cone submitted the following article about his time as an active member of the chapter, and afterwards as he and his brothers worked hard to maintain the friendships they had built during their time as undergraduate members of Acacia.

59 Years

It was the fall of 1956 when I enrolled as a new student at IOWA STATE COLLEGE. I rushed and pledged ACACIA Fraternity fall quarter and soon 142 Gray became my cornerstone like those before me and those to follow. Years pass, a College becomes a University and quarters change to semesters while Acacia brothers leave 142 Gray to accept and meet new challenges.

It was tough by snail mail to keep up with brothers so contacts were lost or put on hold as pursuits focused on families and vocations and the years pass. In 1962 came the first edition of the GRIT, edited by Tom Whitney and was a collage of stories and pictures of brothers that graduated mainly in the 1960's. There is consensus that the GRIT was a takeoff from a chapter publication, THE WHISPERING SANDS. Credit to that group should be given as volume 53 was published by Neil Woodley in December 2014 and not one volume for 53 years was missed.

Years pass. In 2009 Recollections of a Century of Brotherhood, 1909-2009, was celebrated at 142 Gray. What a celebration it was! Brothers gathered and connected after many years and shared history with actives that were in the house. Many thanks and much credit to George Gross #343, Harold Zarr #814, and Jeremy Davis #969 for authoring HISTORY OF ACACIA FRATERNITY AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY 1909-2009.

Years pass. Splinter groups of brothers correspond and meet around the USA. It was such a group that I learned was meeting in the Valley of the Sun. It is a group of about 10 brothers with spouses and significant others, snow birds and permanent residents of Arizona, that meet each spring. The group's numbers continue to grow as other brothers learn of that reunion. 2015 will be a HUGE EVENT! The date will coincide with the spring break for students at ISU and plans call for 10 actives and Harold Zarr to join the reunion to be held at Jim and Fran Davis' home in Scottsdale March 18th.

Years pass. 59 years past I pledged ACACIA and am graced to meet and renew with brothers past and present. It is amazing to me the success stories and contributions made by these men to our society. It is a distinct feeling of pride that I reunite with these brothers.

...to strengthen the ties of friendship, one with another.
to prepare ourselves as educated men
to take a more active part and to have a greater influence in the affairs of the community in which we may reside;
and, above all, to seek the truth, and knowing it, to give light to those with whom we may be associated with as we travel along life's pathway.

—The Preamble to the Law's of Acacia

Alumni Support Critical to the Chapters Success

The financial contributions of our alumni are absolutely vital to long-term success of the chapter and the viability of our scholarship program. Without the support of our alumni, we simply could not provide the scholarships and other financial support needed to keep the chapter operating at the level of success that we are currently enjoying. Both the Corporate Board and the active Chapter members want the alumni to know how much we appreciate and value their contributions to the two funds that provide essential support that keep our chapter viable.

Our initial emphasis on academic performance and high moral character of the members that we recruit has never wavered, and has lead to the building of a chapter that is well respected within the Iowa State Greek Community. But this alone is not the key to our success. The generosity of our alumni in being willing to financially support the scholarship and house renewal funds are equally critical to our success.

Without the hard work of the chapter members, and the active support of our alumni, our success simply would not have been possible. We recognize all of our alumni who have so generously contributed to the financial well-being of the chapter, and we hope that as you examine the record of success of the chapter in the chart shown below, you will see that your investment has been well placed. We sincerely hope and respectfully ask you to continue your financial support of the men of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia.

Please know that all of our alumni are welcome at any time to stop in and visit, and please plan to attend one of the semi-annual scholarship luncheons hosted by the Board and Chapter! Many thanks again to all of our Brothers for your support!



Chapter House Improvement Fund

\$ 2,550 Contributed in 2014 by Iowa State Acacians

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made contributions to the new chapter house improvement fund in 2014. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2014 -----	
Refounding Father	(\$ 10,000 or more)
Board of Directors Club	(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)
Pythagorean Partner	(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)
Chapter Partner	(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)
Gold Partner	(\$ 750 - \$ 999)
Silver Partner	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)
David E. Wolfe - #656	
Bronze Partner	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)
Stewart L. Burger	

Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Ronald E. Durham - #433	
Kenneth A. Porter - #457	
Lynn R. Pendry - #469	
James M. Hanson - #533	
Gary D. Harter - #538	
Dennis G. McComber - #556	
Larry D. Christensen - #566	
Arthur P. Roy - #588	
Lee R. Christensen - #601	
Christopher W. Knapp - #764	
Bruce C. Wight - #770	
Craig Buske - #1009	
Spirit Partner	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
Gordon N. Sundberg - #501	
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
Craig Buske - #1009	
Derek E. Robison - #1069	



Iowa State Chapter Scholarship Fund

\$7,820 Contributed in 2014 by Iowa State Acacians

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made tax-deductible contributions to the chapter scholarship fund in 2014. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity! Your contributions provide vital support the academic efforts of your Brothers in our Chapter!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2014 -----

Refounding Father	(\$ 10,000 or more)
Board of Directors Club	(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)
Pythagorean Partner	(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)
Chapter Partner	(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)
Robert L. Carstens - #354	
Donald L. Good - #653	
David E. Wolfe - #656	
Gold Partner	(\$ 750 - \$ 999)
Silver Partner	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)
Douglas R. Whitney - #627	
Laury E. Decker - #910	
Bronze Partner	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)
Stewart L. Burger	

John R. Fulkerson - #410	
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Kenneth A. Porter - #457	
Lynn R. Pendry - #469	
Richard W. Taylor - #506	
James M. Hanson - #533	
Gary D. Harter - #538	
John E. Shrader - #539	
Dennis G. McComber - #556	
Arthur P. Roy - #588	
Howard V. Speer - #606	
John W. Baty - #623	
Larry P. Yarham - #682	
Philip C. Larson - #684	
David M. Strom - #693	
Christopher W. Knapp - #764	
Bruce C. Wight - #770	
Nicholas A. Seibold - #884	
Robert K. Borcharding - #978	
Craig Buske - #1009	
Spirit Partner	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
Lowell B. Johnson - #426	
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
Gregory M. Janda - #990	
Craig Buske - #1009	

Copies of the The Pythagorean are available in a number of formats. If we have a valid e-mail address for you, we will send you a full-color electronic version when it is released at no cost to you. Short-form copies are mailed to all alumni at no cost once per quarter. If you would like to receive the traditional version of the newsletter in a black and white format, subscriptions are available at a cost of \$10 per year.

Our alumni who have been receiving the electronic version really enjoy seeing the pictures in full color, so please send your valid e-mail address to Harold Zarr at acacia_814@hotmail.com so you can be added to the list! If you don't have access to a computer, and would like a full-version hard copy, please let Harold know. His address is shown on the envelope enclosing the newsletter! We want to keep in contact with all our alumni!

In Memoriam



Dr. Earl Franklin Augspurger, Jr., 78, of Surprise, Arizona, formerly of Sun City West, Arizona, passed away Saturday, May 24, 2014, after a recent health decline.

Earl was born on March 19, 1936 in Oskaloosa, IA to Earl Sr. and Mildred (Hoelzel) Augspurger. He graduated high school in Bloomfield, IA in 1953 and attended Iowa State University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical

Engineering in 1957. He was also a member of Acacia Fraternity, roll number 524. He met his wife, Marcia Potter from Winterset, Iowa at Iowa State, and they married in Winterset on June 15, 1958.

Earl joined the [U.S. Air Force](#) through a ROTC commission serving three years in High Wycombe, England. In 1961, he and Marcia returned to the U.S., began their family and Earl's career with AT&T. He pursued a second degree at the University of Iowa, graduating in 1976 with a Doctorate of Dental Science and Master of Science Degrees in Orthodontia. Earl started his orthodontic practice in Sioux City, IA which continued until 1996. They opened other orthodontic practices in LeMars, Iowa, Wayne, Nebraska, Norfolk, Nebraska and Colorado Springs, Colorado before retiring to Sun City West, Arizona in 2001. In February, 2014, Earl moved to Surprise, Arizona care facilities for health reasons.

Earl lived a full life filled with many family and friends' love for him. He was active in various activities and organizations and had a passion for life and a deep Christian faith in God.

His wife passed away in 2011. Survivors include his daughter, Annie (Bill) Bomgaars of Colorado Springs, CO; his son, Dr. John Augspurger of Denver, CO; three granddaughters, Holly (Wyatt) Bomgaars-Roldan of Dallas, TX, Dana Bomgaars of Waco, TX and Mackenzie Augspurger of Scottsdale, AZ. He also is survived by his sisters, Deanna (David) Dorsett of Fair Oaks, CA and Ruth (Cleve) Corlett of Arlington, VA.

Earl chose donation of his body for medical science research to give the gift of life for future generations. After cremation, the family will have a private ceremony in Colorado for both Earl and Marcia.

New Acacia Website plus Facebook page!

The active chapter has recently moved their web domain to isuacacia.org. Iowa State recently changed their student organization database and stopped hosting websites for every campus organization. Therefore we purchased a new domain and hosting through GoDaddy and love the functionality that they provide.

If you use Facebook, type in Acacia Fraternity and check out all the new pictures that we post on a nearly daily basis! Let us know what you think of these two sites! We want to hear from you!

Board Position Open

There is currently an opening on the Corporate Board for a person who would serve as the **Young Alumni Relations Director**. To qualify, you must be a recent graduate of the chapter and under the age of 35. If interested, please contact Harold Zarr at acacia_814@hotmail.com or submit your name on the enclosed ballot!

Active Chapter Report

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My name is Joe Webb and I am the new Venerable Dean for the Iowa State Chapter. I am a junior in Nutritional Science from Murray, Iowa. This is my third year as a member of Acacia and I am very excited to see what our chapter has in store for this next year!

We wrapped up last semester with our annual toy drive, Acacia Claus. In December we had 20 members collecting toys in Boone and Ames to donate to the Women's ACCESS shelter of Story County. Chapter members were very excited that we once again had the opportunity to spread Christmas joy to several local children and their families.

In addition to Acacia Claus, we have had several of our men expand their human service efforts with an initiative to stay active in the community throughout the semester. Wicitra Mahotama (1095) created a program called "What's your 20?" to encourage men to volunteer at least 20 hours during the semester. We had almost one third of our chapter meet the goal of 20 hours last semester and began the program again this spring with members volunteering on the MLK National Day of Service.

As always, academics continue to be a focus for our chapter. This past fall we had another strong semester with a 3.36 GPA, which was the second best amongst fraternities. Although we did not place first this semester we are excited that nearly 40 of our members will be receiving Acacia Scholarships for achieving a 3.0 GPA or greater this past semester including 8 4.0 GPA's. The academic future of Acacia looks very bright.

The men of Acacia have continued to demonstrate distinctiveness among mankind by holding leadership roles in almost all of the major campus organizations. Over 90% of our chapter member are not only involved in organizations on campus but hold an executive position in organizations such as Greek Week, Homecoming, the Interfraternity Council, the Government of the Student Body, Student Alumni Leadership Council, and other on campus organizations. Impressively our young members have been a major part of our growing involvement as they have become involved in organizations for developing leaders such as Freshmen Council, Freshmen Leaders in Engineering, President's Leadership Class and the Emerging Greek Leadership Council.

As the spring semester continues to progress there are many things to look forward to. This month members will be starting Lip-Sync practice, entertaining our mothers during Mother's Weekend, as well as beginning to prepare for Greek Week with Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Zeta. We can't wait for the opportunities that lie ahead of us and we are looking forward to strengthening our chapter's numbers through hosting several potential new members at this year's Greek Visit Day!

Looking forward, we have set several goals as a chapter including: returning to the top of fraternity grades, improving our membership development, and living out our motto of "Human Service". I cannot wait to see the results of the active chapter's efforts to continually improve on the already strong foundation of our fraternity. We are all Acacians wherever we may happen to be and we will always be proud of that.

Board President's Message

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

As we look back on 2014, the Brothers of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia have a great deal to be proud of. Once again, we have earned the right to have the Malcolm Award hanging in our chapter house. Jeremy Davis was elected International President of Acacia Fraternity, and Harold Zarr received the George F. Patterson Award. The chapter received a half-dozen gold book awards at Conclave and remains one of the top academic fraternities at Iowa State. As Rob Robertson (past International

President of Acacia) said the final night of Conclave, "I guess it is just a Cyclone night!"

Looking to 2015, one of our big efforts is going to be directed at building up relations with our alumni. The newsletter and e-mails are all well and good, but we need to get our alumni back to the chapter house if we want to take our chapter to the "next step" in terms of becoming an all-encompassing fraternity.

We need your involvement, and the active chapter is doing its part by trying to design and engage our alumni in events that will appeal to them. All we are doing is asking you to stop in and say hi and share your memories of your time in the chapter house with our new members. Get involved – you might be surprised at how much fun you have!

And remember, spring will get here on March 20th!

Corporate Board Members

The following Brothers are your representatives on the Corporate Board. The Corporate Board is composed of both active chapter members and alumni. Feel free to contact us whenever you have ideas, suggestions or concerns!

Harold Zarr	President	515-257-4683
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Chris MacKenzie	Secretary	515-314-8236
Don Good	Alumni Relations	515-956-3150
	Alumni Relations	

Joseph L. Webb	Chapter President	
Aditya Navale	Chapter Treasurer	
Grant Albansoder	Chapter Representative	
Ryan Zumbach	Rush Co-Chair	
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