



# THE TRAVELER

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### CELEBRATING DIVERSITY PG.3

Dedicating the Traveler to the international community that created it

### NEW FACES TO CALL BROTHERS PG.10

7 new brothers inducted into the Halls of Acacia!

### ONE LAST SEMESTER PG.20

Wishing fare thee well to our seniors who have contributed so much to Northcote







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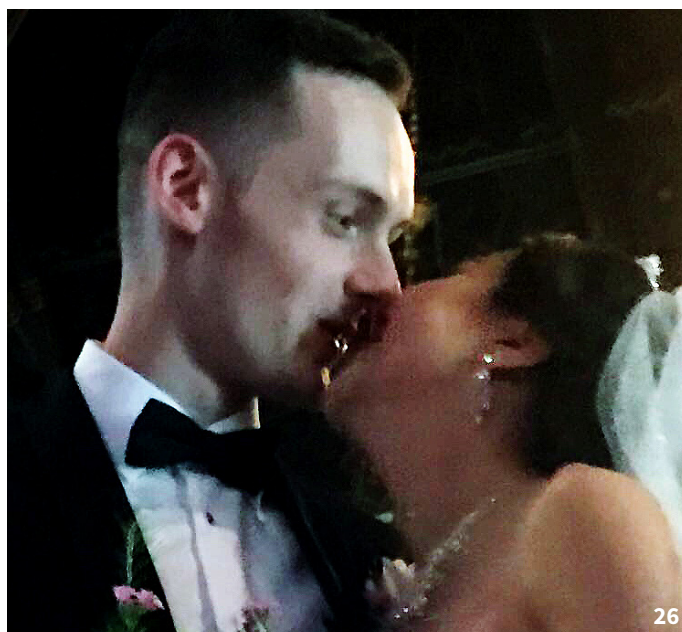
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# **An International Northcote**

**TOBY LEUNG (1212) '19**  
**DEAN OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS**

**N**orthcote has always been known to house brothers from all around the world. This semester is nothing different, as we welcome 7 new brothers and 4 new sweethearts from various places around the world. Our new family spans from across 3 different states and 8 different countries, adding Northcote to their list of places they could call home. Through a diverse background, conversations at the house are speckled with a variety of perspectives, proving to be a strong factor perpetuates dialogue and in turn ties all of us together. At the end of the day, we are all the same: college students away from home seeking a supporting network to help us through the hurdles of Cornell.

In this publication of The Traveler, I want to celebrate the global nature of Acacia. Each article and picture in this edition was only made possible through the tender loving care Acacia brings that is unmatched by any other organization at this university. As you look through the Spring 2018, I hope you reminisce the international ties you made during your Northcote career; and are reminded of how Acacia Fraternity has shaped us to become the person we are now today.

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# Message from Our Corporation Board President

The 2017-2018 Fiscal Academic Year is quickly coming to an end. The year began with the Kitchen Renovation, arguably the most important and necessary project in Acacia's history. No other room in Acacia had ever needed an overhaul more. The project was completed on time by Canzler Contracting using local subcontractors. The stainless steel fixtures (cabinets, pot rack, countertops, sinks, backsplashes, wall panels etc.) were purchased through local commercial kitchen vendor B&W Supply. A shout out to the other three members of the Kitchen Renovation Project Committee: chairman Sho Iketani '15 (1175), Richie Corrales '12 (1137), and Tom Schultz '15 (1181).

The renovation began Monday, June 13, 2017 and ended August 21, 2017. The wall and ceiling coverings were all removed, with only the studs remaining. All electrical and plumbing (water, waste, and natural gas) was being replaced. A new grease trap was installed in the concrete floor, near the window. The locations of the pot sink and vegetable (prep) sink were swapped, resulting in a more logical layout. New sinks are replaced the 55 year old antiques. A quarry tile floor was installed. New LED lights replaced the ancient fluorescent fixtures. One of the doors between the kitchen and dining room was eliminated, as was the pass-through. Stainless steel cabinets and countertops were installed. An under-counter cooler was installed so all of the Actives' refrigerated items are stored where they use them and away from the food items our cook, Giovanni, uses to prepare epicurean delights.

We had hoped to purchase a convection oven, but the alumni financial support of this project fell short of our goal and we had substantial cost overruns, and thus this purchase has been postponed. I continue to be puzzled by the majority of our 600+ alumni choosing to NOT even pay their annual dues (via snail-mail or PayPal [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) to [AcaciaCorpBoard@cornell.edu](mailto:AcaciaCorpBoard@cornell.edu). Please pay through "Instant Transfer" to avoid any fees). We need your financial assistance, and we need it now. I realize some percentage of you might have financial, personal, or health issues, but not 75% of you! To those 144 alumni who generously donated to the Kitchen Renovation, a heartfelt thank you! A beautiful (and heavy) stainless steel plaque now hangs proudly in the main foyer and acknowledges those who contributed at least \$100 during the campaign. And, a huge THANK YOU to Stanley Niman '73 (783) and Jerry Kreider '68 (720) who spent countless hours tracking down Alumni from their eras and persuading many of them to financially support the Kitchen Renovation Project.

The Active Chapter continues to survive in an ever-changing fraternity system at Cornell. The house is still not completely filled, nor will it be in the fall. However, they have recently initiated a fine group of seven new Brothers, all freshman. I remain optimistic about Acacia's future.

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

Faternally,

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787)

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## Venerably Speaking

JOSE COVARRUBIAS (1202) '19

VENERABLE DEAN



Once again, it's that time of the semester when we start to realize the school year is almost over. Newly Initiated Brothers are just getting used to being members of our chapter, with both the privileges and responsibilities that this entails. Seniors are enjoying their last semester as actives and undergraduates, while trying to make the most out of the last few weeks of classes. Spring break is coming up, and brothers are traveling together to strengthen the

ties of friendship. Some are going to Cancun, some are going to Montreal, and a few are meeting in Malta. Thanks to recent technologies, we have been able to keep in touch with recent alumni using Snapchat groups, and it is part of our plan to record as many memories as possible to include in our next issue of the Traveler. Not too many weeks after spring break we will again have Slope Day, and this time, it seems like we will have a good lineup. Our more creative actives are working with sweethearts to make a great design for this year's slope day tank tops. Our DOAA will talk more about this in his article, but I would like to personally invite our alumni to come visit Northcote either for Slope day or for the weekend after it, we will make sure we have accommodations for you. As a class of 2019 senior -soon to be supersenior- I can already feel the nostalgia that will come when many of my friends are gone while I stay in school. For that reason, I will make the most out of our last semester with my pledge class brothers, **Brother Briscoe** and **Brother Umaña**, our resident lowest-roll active, **Brother Chun**, and my little **Brother Leong**, who will be graduating before me. I wish them all the best, and I am sure we will continue to be great friends for years to come. Not knowing my plans for this summer yet, I hope I can be around for Reunion to meet as many of you as possible, and hopefully be able to attend Conclave with some brothers to collaborate with other chapters and bring some fresh ideas to make our

chapter even better. I truly hope I get to see some of you soon; if you are planning on visiting Northcote please don't hesitate to send me a message. My contact information is below, and our doors are always open for you and your loved ones.

***"I would like to personally invite our alumni to come visit Northcote"***

Yours sincerely,  
Jose Covarrubias



# Acacian Socialites

**PHILIP EKWARO-OSIRE (1227) '20**

**JUNIOR DEAN**

**M**y first semester as Junior Dean has been rewarding and eye opening to say the least. I remember attending social events at Acacia before I became a brother but I never considered what exactly was required in order to host a successful social event. During our elections last semester, I jumped at the opportunity to play a more active role in our fraternity's social scene.



After a successful mixer in December, Our goal is to reach out to other sororities and plan a similar event hopefully before the end of the semester. I am also currently working with our newly inducted brothers in order to plan this semester's pledge party and I am confident that they will step up and organize an excellent event. Last semester we also partnered with other organizations on campus to host their social events for monetary compensation. We have already been approached by several organizations this semester who would like to be hosted by our fraternity and work with us on their social events. Hosting events for other organizations is not only financially beneficial for us, but it is also an excellent way to meet new people.

Due to the weather we have mostly been using the barroom and the dormer when we are entertaining guests, and although both are in excellent condition, the brothers of Acacia can't help but to yearn for warmer days. As you know, Ithaca winters are not the best setting for a darty, barbeque, or any other kind of outdoor event but we look forward to making use of our beautiful backyard as the weather becomes more pleasant in the months to come.

# Heartwarming Brotherhood

JONATHAN BURK (1224) '19

BROTHERHOOD CHAIR

Last semester yielded many memorable events for brothers. They ranged in scale from international trips to backyard barbecues. Acacia is always looking for new ways to spend time together as a brotherhood. Fortunately, there is no shortage of fun to be had, and Brothers are eager to plan gatherings.

I am excited to be stepping into the role of Brotherhood Chair. I hope to build on the initiatives left in place by **Brother Joshua Briscoe**. This semester will be an opportunity for Brothers to spend lots of time together, and Ithaca offers lots of local options for entertainment. As the weather turns better, barbecues, camping trips, and fishing outings all become possibilities. As Brotherhood chair, I look forward to planning events that bring us closer as a chapter.





**A succesful Spring  
Rush, bringing 7  
new freshmen into  
Northcote.**

# Populating Northcote

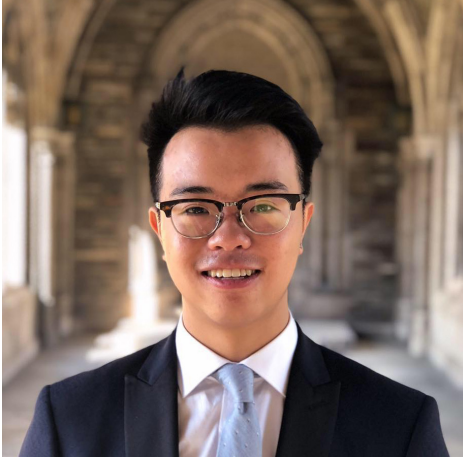
**JAE-WOO KIM (1218) '20**  
**Co-RECRUITMENT CHAIRS**

Through a variety of exciting events during rush week and post rush week such as Casino Night, Karaoke Night, Bash-N-Trash, and BLT (bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich Thursdays), we were able to show potential new members an entertaining time while getting to know them better. All the brothers and the PNMs thoroughly enjoyed the events as they were smoothly conducted. Through an intense process of recruiting and shortlisting PNMs to ensure the utmost best pledge class, we are proud to have initiated 7 new fine gentlemen with whom we share the halls of Acacia with and now call our brothers. All in all as recruitment chair, I am thankful to all the brothers and alumni who put in the time and effort to help out and make it work.

## Highlights of Spring Rush Activities:

- **MOVIES AT THE CINEMA**
- **CASINO THEME GAME NIGHT**
- **FIFA TOURNAMENTS**
- **SLEDDING/SNOWBALLFIGHTS**
- **CAMPFIRES**
- **TENT HANGOUT IN THE BACKYARD**
- **SUPERBOWL EVENT**

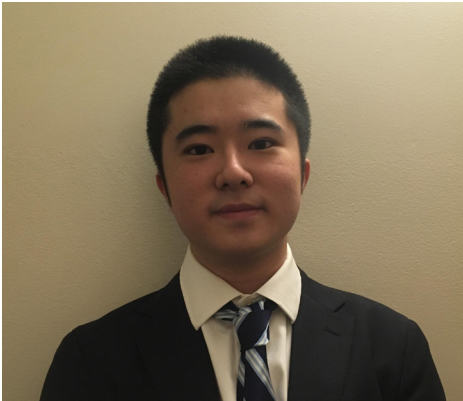
# New Brothers



**Raymond Liao (1228) '21**

Brooklyn, NY

Raymond Liao is a freshman in the College of Engineering intending to major in Operations Research. He is from Brooklyn, the birthplace of Jerry Seinfeld and Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs. He was a Boy Scout since 9 years old and has grown to love the great outdoors. Raymond has hiked and camped across the US in national parks from Maine to Utah to California. One day he would like to see the world and step foot on every continent, especially Antarctica. Besides enjoying the fruits of nature, he listens to mainly rap music and smooth jazz. They say that jazz is good for the soul. He was enticed by Acacia's motto of Human Service and is planning on making an impact on Cornell and the Ithaca community. Raymond can't wait to make some lasting memories at Northcote.



**Daiki Tsunoda (1229) '21**

Tokyo, Japan

Daiki Tsunoda was born and raised in Japan. He started learning English from Kindergarten at Nishimachi International School until 9th Grade. For high school, he attended a boarding school in New Jersey called The Lawrenceville School. From a young age, his dream was to become a restaurant manager, and is therefore in the School of Hotel Management. While he does enjoy living in the United States, in the future, he hopes to work and/or retire in Tokyo. Daiki is excited about joining the brotherhood of Acacia, and hopes to further improve the Cornell chapter through dedication and reinforcement of valuable traditions.



**Julian Manegal Silverio (1230) '21**

Astoria, NY

My name is Julian Silverio. I'm a freshman studying chemical engineering, and I'm excited to join the Cornell chapter of Acacia. I decided to join Acacia because I felt that it would provide me with new opportunities and experiences, experiences that would develop me into a more complete person. I look forward to the coming years at Acacia, where I certainly hope to find ways to give back both to my fraternity and to the Cornell community overall.

# RUSH



**May I introduce you to...**  
**ACACIA's Fall 2017 Pledge Class!**



**Alejandro Herman Flores (1231) '21**

**Ossining, NY**

Alejandro Flores is a freshmen in ILR with hopes to double minor in film and latino studies. Aside from being incredibly handsome and charismatic, Alejandro has also had a passion for acting and filmmaking, and has acted in over ten plays and has directed and acted in his own film. Aside from the arts, Alejandro also likes to spend his spare time playing video games and listening to old hip hop music. He hopes to educate the brothers on some rather fire New York memes and can't wait to connect more with the people who had welcomed him with open arms his first semester of college. Alejandro is incredibly excited on his new membership and can't wait to spend an incredible three years with his new brothers.



**Lucas Wesselius (1232) '21**

**Stroudsburg, PA**

Lucas Wesselius is a freshman majoring in Government in the College of Arts & Sciences. He's from Stroudsburg PA, where he enjoys exploring the outdoors by going camping and fishing for his dinner. Lucas enjoys hanging around in hammocks and taking mid-day naps. He also is a die-hard Eagles fan and was very excited this past super bowl. Lucas looks forward to helping further improve the house.



**Byung Joon Kang (1233) '21**

**Queretaro, Mexico**

Joon Kang is a freshman studying Policy Analysis and Management in the College of Human Ecology. He is originally from South Korea, but then moved to Mexico when he was 7 years old. Living there for 12 years, he considers himself ethnically Hispanic as he spent more than half his life there. His family continues to live there and Joon goes there every break to visit his friends and family. He met his brothers in the first semester, and as a Korean Mexican felt a deep tie with them. As a new Acacian brother, he is ready and excited to spend his time with all the brothers for the rest of his Cornell life and afterwards.



**Derek Min (1234) '21**

**Seoul, Republic of Korea**

Derek Min is a Freshman in the department of Art, Architecture, and Planning. He is currently thinking of changing his major to Hotel Administration or Design Environmental Analysis. Derek was born in San Francisco, California but has moved to South Korea every since he remembers. Few of Derek's hobbies can include taking photos, editing videos, riding skis, and watching movies. Derek looks forward to having a part of a family he never had; brothers. Derek is looking forward to visiting various places with the new brothers to take pictures and experience being out of one's bubble.

Organization and  
detailed bookkeeping  
leads Acacia back on  
financial track.

# A Change of \$cenery

**AUSTIN MACK (1226) '20**

**TREASURER**

**T**his has been an exciting semester for me, since the treasurer was my first position in the house. With the help of Greg Schultz, and notes left by other past treasurers, I feel that I'm slowly getting use to the work as a treasurer. While its great to be able to contribute to the house in someway, I feel that I have learned many useful skills through this officer role.

We've apparently had some financial problems in the last few semesters, but thanks to the help and guidance we have received from the corp board and the last treasurer's efforts, I think we are slowly recovering financially. Speaking of past treasurers, I was impressed by how organized and detailed the financial records for the house has been, so I would like to keep this trend going.

Thanks to a successful rush (7 new brothers!) and some brothers coming back from abroad, I believe that we will be in a better financial state by next semester.

# Serving the Community

**BYUNG HEE CHUN (1187) '18**

**PHILANTHROPY CHAIR**

**H**ello brothers of Acacia, my name is Byung Hee Chun and I am a graduating senior who is serving as Philanthropy Chair in this semester. Due to a persisting cold climate of Ithaca and a busy month of initiation, we as a brotherhood have not had great opportunities to teach ourselves in service sweet, to live a right. However, along with newly initiated brothers, we are looking forward to participate in community service opportunities available at Ithaca Garden and Tompkins County Public Library. We hope to exceed our fraternity's expectation of human service as we diligently continue to push ourselves. So live.

# How to Contribute to Our Chapter of Acacia Fraternity

Northcote has been and will continue being the home of all 1234 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:

Log in to your PayPal account

### STEP 2:

Click the Send & Request tab

### STEP 3:

Choose the 'Send to friends and family in the US' option

### STEP 4:

Address the payment to:

**AcaciaCorpBoard@cornell.edu**

### STEP 5:

Enter any amount (with an optional attached note) and click 'continue'

### STEP 6:

Finalize the payment! Click 'Send Payments Now'



# New Media: Acacia Goes Digital

GREGORY SCHULTZ (1211) '19

TECHNOLOGIST



**T**here have been a few technical changes since the last semester. Alumni Brother Choi has lent his time to us and developed a new Cornell Acacia website. It was launched right before Rush week and allowed more transparency into our events which undoubtedly helped us out as we gained 7 brothers for the SP18 class. We are working on curating the content and uploading the recent Travelers to provide an online record of our Traveler history.

Out of the request of **Steve Stein (787)**, I have begun development on a website that let's alumni update their current mailing address online in order to receive their paper copies of the Traveler. This system takes off the necessity of having to send Steve an email in order to update an alumni's current mailing address. Much of the necessary functionality exists, and only security verifications remain. I hope to have the system out by the end of this semester.

# Staying Fit

KENT TAKADA (122) '20

ATHLETICS CHAIR

**A**s Acacians, we strive to strengthen the ties of our friendship. Athletics played a major role in me getting to know the brothers. After being initiated into the house my freshman year, one of the greatest experience was being asked to go to the gym with my big Jake and just working out and talking about life. I also got to got closer with other brothers including **Toby, Byung, Jae, Greg, and Dana** through intramural indoor soccer. I felt like soccer helped me to bond with the brothers easier. During dinner we would talk about how we could play better the next game and what parts we did well in the game. Sports in general simply brings people together and allows people to learn a lot about the others. As athletics chairman, I want to continue to emphasize how athletics is important for our health and keeping the group together. I am going to continue to go to the gym with brothers and form intramural teams consisting of brothers and sweethearts. Also organize small events including ultimate frisbee games, World Cup, tennis, basketball and etc. as the weather gets nicer. Athletics and staying fit has always been a big part of my life so I wanted to share it with all the brothers.

# Black and Gold Keepin' it Green

PHILIP EKWARO-OSIRE (1227) '20

SUSTAINABILITY CHAIR

**B**rother Steve Stein continues to be a great help in our ongoing effort to reduce our environmental impact and ensure the sustainability of Northcote. I welcomed our newly initiated brothers to the house by presenting them each with a recycling brochure that details what materials are eligible for recycling and the correct way to do so. After fraternity appreciation week came to an end and the dormer was vacated, I was pleased to find that the NIBs had done an excellent job of using the appropriate bins and organizing their waste while they were living in the dormer. The continued presence of recycling bins in convenient locations around the house encourages both brothers and guests to recycle cans, which results in money that we can spend on the house. In our coming chapter meetings, I will be holding recycling review sessions to make sure that all of our brothers are fully aware of the local recycling protocols.

# New Family Members

This semester, after much discussion, the brothers of the Cornell Chapter have decided to partially reform the title of “Sweetheart” and replace it with “Family Member.” The change came at a time when we decided that “Sweetheart” may not properly encapsulate how someone may love Northcote, and we decided it be more valuable to emphasize how these individuals are close to the Acacia family. That being said, get to know them on these few pages and if you have any questions feel free to contact Joshua Briscoe at: [jyb7@cornell.edu](mailto:jyb7@cornell.edu)



**Maya Kamaeva '21**

Moscow, Russia

Maya Kamaeva is a sophomore studying Architecture in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning (AAP). She was born in Moscow, Russia. In her spare time, Maya enjoys designing, art, cinema (especially those black-and-white oldies), fashion, and traveling, as well as good food and wine. She spends 90% of her time at Milstein hall and 90% of her BRBs at the Green Dragon.



**Cara Huang '21**

Wenzhou, China

Cara is currently a sophomore at the Hotel School and doing a minor in Fine Arts. She was born and raised in Wenzhou, China, went to high school in Santa Cruz, CA. She likes traveling a lot, especially backpacking solo/with one or two friends. She's been on every continent except Antarctica and South America, but hopes to make it to those by the end of this year. On campus she is a part of Yamatai and also Kappas Phi Lambda (a MGLC organization).





**Koloina Rasamoely '20**

Antananarivo, Madagascar

Koloina is a sophomore in the college of Human Ecology, majoring in Design and Environmental Analysis. Born in France and raised in Madagascar, Koloina came to Cornell to build character in the freezing weather of Ithaca. Contrary to common belief, she does not live with lemurs and penguins but instead spends her free time horseback riding and playing music with her two siblings. Top of her bucket list is to travel the world and improve her mediocre skills in salsa dance. Koloina is excited about making new memories with the Acacia brothers to grow as a young woman and teach Aries some new tricks!



**Teresa Oh '20**

Orange County, California

Teresa Oh is a Sophomore raised in Orange County, Southern California and is currently interested in studying human relations and development. She was born in Chicago but has also lived in Michigan and Jeju Island of South Korea. Teresa is the youngest of four girls but is also the tallest in her family. She loves coffee, road trips, and good music. She also loves going to the beach and playing volleyball. Above all, Teresa is known to be a night owl, the queen of procrastination, and a serious dog-lover. She is delighted to be one of Acacia's sweethearts and is looking forward to making many more memories with the brothers of Acacia!

Listen to **Sweetheart of Acacia** and many more classic songs of the **Acacia Sings!** at this link:

<https://www.acacia.org/acacia-sings/>

# Spring Cleaning

ALEX LEONG (1219) '18

SENIOR STEWARD

Taking the reins of the Senior Steward position has been an enlightening experience as I learn about the care and effort required to maintain Northcote while classes are in session. The commons fireplace has been brought back into use with the finding of a cache of logs suitable for firewood behind the toolshed. This paired with a new layout around the bay windows in the commons has fostered a space more conducive to study and casual socializing.

There have been, as always, a number of projects spearheaded by **Steve Stein (787)**. The Kitchen Renovation donors' plaque is mounted by the front entrance along with two Brother Tree plaques. In addition, smoke detectors were repositioned to comply with fire code and repairs were made to light fixtures in the commons.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the accomplishments of my predecessor **Byung Hee Chun (1187)**. Many areas of the house are at this time more functional than they have been in years, namely the coat closet, the dormer, and the sports closet. I plan to work to continue this precedent of continuous house improvement with a rehabilitation effort of the ground level bathrooms, both of which are in need of organization and a deep cleaning.





# The Kitchen is Still Shiny

TOMO TOKUYAMA (1225) '20

JUNIOR STEWARD



A semester has passed since the renovation of the kitchen, but, with the efforts of actives, the kitchen has been clean and shiny. With seven new brothers joining this semester, we will be able to invest more time into crew duties, which will help maintain the pristine condition of the kitchen.

Gio has been wonderful this semester. Gio not only served us with mouthwatering dishes but also helped us with organizing the kitchen layout. He continues to surpass the expectations and duties of a house chef.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Junior Steward and will strive to keep the kitchen clean to ensure that active and future brothers will be able to enjoy it for years to come.

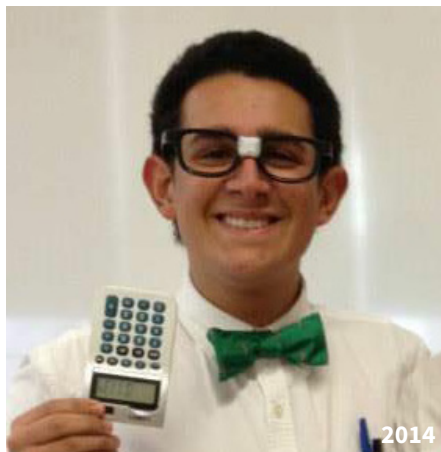
Finally, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all brothers who have helped with the renovation of the kitchen.



# One Last Semester

A sentimental goodbye as seniors say to their homes of the past 4 years

## CRISTIAN UMANA (1208) '18



I vividly remember the all-too-classic freshman worry about whether or not I would find the right friends. It wasn't long before I realized that making friends was a breeze; the hard part was finding a home and a sense of place. I worried about finding a place where I could be part of a community that cared for me as much as I cared for it. Surprisingly enough, it wasn't until after I had gone through the rushing process with my friends that I realized I had inadvertently found exactly what I was looking for. I feel blessed to have found a home in Acacia, and I am filled with excitement to imagine my life in the future with the brothers I have met as lifelong friends.



I am so thankful for making the decision to become a brother of Acacia. Throughout my time at Cornell, it has shaped me to be a more responsible, self-disciplined person, become a better and more understanding listener, and over all, improve my character. It has given me a great sense of pride to be part of such a diverse house that, as I see it, reconstructs pre-conceived notions of what it means to be in a fraternity at Cornell. I am so happy to have had a home and a family here at Cornell that I could learn so much from.

In the coming years, I want to challenge every Acacian to reflect on what made them join our house. Whether it's a specific memory or an idea that resonated with you, I want more brothers to make their experiences known, share them, and build upon them. In doing so, we solidify our bonds, encourage the synthesis of ideas, and begin to create a malleable framework that ensures the longevity and success of our brotherhood.

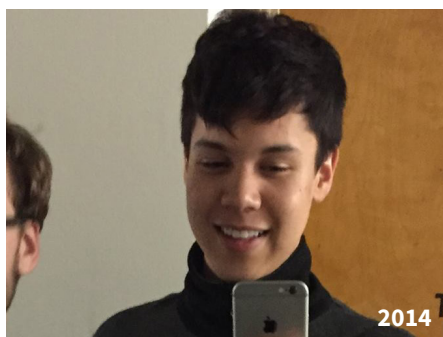
## JOSHUA YOHANCE BENJAMIN BRISCOE (1208) '18



Cornell University has been an overwhelming experience. I refuse to lie to you, reader. With the persistent pressure of GPA maintenance, the seemingly fruitless job search, and devilishly manipulative student loans simply looming in the background, Cornell University is not an easy time for anyone. We live in a world where racial and sexual violence is commonplace and permeates every crevice of society, which I must add is not entirely the blame of our Embarrassment in Chief. As Cornell Alum, we all share a traumatic understanding of the strain the bitter Ithaca winter places on our community's mental health, as well as the lack of resources to relieve these issues. In the midst of all this sorrow, anger, disappointment, and pain, I have nothing but the deepest love for the Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity because it did not serve as an escape from these stresses.



To elaborate, many people involved in Cornell Greek life outside of Acacia have expressed to me how they used their organization as an escape from the stresses of daily life: a place to get drunk and forget. That was not appealing to me and that's not what I got out of Acacia. Yes, we had tons of fun, we threw great parties, we screamed at each other in joy whenever some(one) made that behind-the-back redemption pong shot, we laughed until our sides hurt whenever someone told a great story during Good of the Fraternity. But, what I'll remember most is how we cared for each other. How we were a brotherhood that prioritized the well-being of others over ourselves whenever we saw need. How we experienced disappointment, heartbreak, and trauma and comforted each other the best we could. The true test of brotherhood is, and will never be how we bask in the glory of joy and success, but how we stand strong when our spirit is tested. I will always cherish the joy I've felt in my four years as an active Acacian. However, the most valuable moments of my time at Cornell was the support and love we shared which allowed our beautiful evergreen to continue to grow.



### ALEXANDER LEONG (1219) '18

Cornell is a place of extremes. It dictated some of my life's the lowest lows and highest highs. I joined the ranks of Acacia late as a junior, but I can say without hesitation that the Cornell experiences I value most resulted from our brotherhood. The support and encouragement to seek out that which was outside my comfort zone has been invaluable.



Being immersed in a culture of curiosity among open minded individuals with whom I share a bond that is much more than metaphorically familial has been critical to learning about the world and myself. I hope that I have made a positive impact on my brothers as I am ever grateful for all they have done for me. As I look fondly to the future, absorbent for its lush array of opportunities and experiences, I wish only the best for the good folks of Northcote.

### BYUNG HEE CHUN (1187) '18



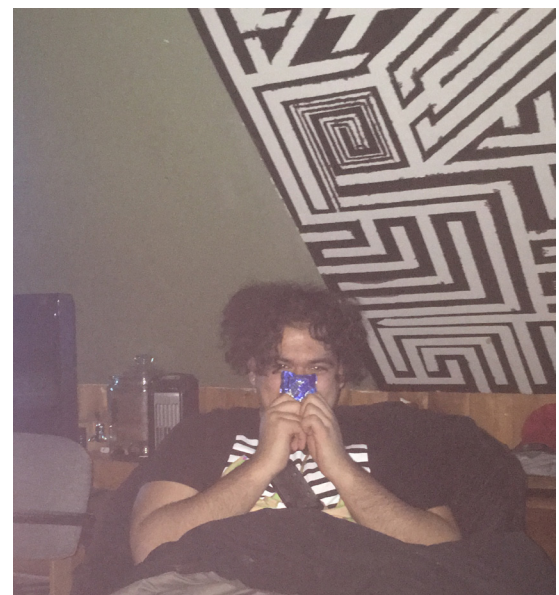
It was the second day of the pre-orientation program called PREPARE when I met the first brother from Acacia Fraternity. While trying my best to socialize with people I have never met as we entertained ourselves with games of bowling under Helen Newman Hall, brother Hsieh cordially approached me as a disguised freshman who eventually brought me to my first social event and my first beer pong game at Cornell University. The fact that I fell for his lie when he had a car and knew where the parties are as a second-day freshman still makes me wonder why I fell for it, but I never regret the decision I made at that night. It was probably one of the best decisions I have made, not because I attended a great social event, but because I met people who I now call brothers.



An innumerable number of games of beer pong above the pool table and other entertaining drinking games are not just the reason why I continue to be a brother at 318 Highland Road. All experiences from the bar room downstairs to the dormer upstairs have helped me to grow as a social individual, a helping brother, a responsible man, and a true Acacian. Despite the fact that there have been moments when I really did not like how other brothers acted and treated the house, that was part of the journey. I would like to sincerely thank all brothers from the past and the present who helped me to assimilate into Acacia even after two-year leave of absence after freshmen year, and I am going to continue to support the brothers—I could have never asked for a better group of brothers to not only support me as a beer-pong partner, but more importantly as a lifelong friend. We are all good brothers, each one the other's friend. We will be good brothers, till all the world shall end.



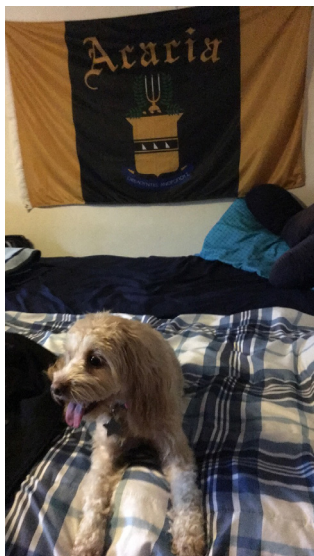
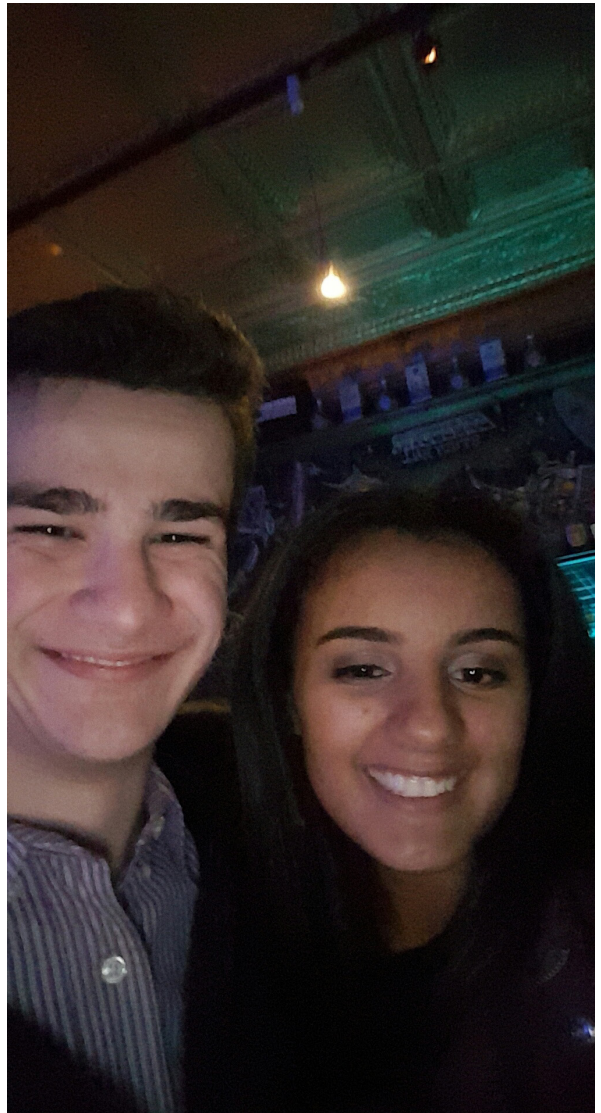
# A Day in The Life of an Acacian













# Alumni Mail Bag

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James M. Symons 1954 (534) [8400 Vamo Rd, Unit 1164, Sarasota, FL 34231-7830; dr.water@alum.mit.edu] lived in the house (which was not called Northcote in those days) from the spring of 1950 until June 1954. During that time, he took home movies (on film!) around the house and campus; Acacia footage, including painting the living room, playing ping-pong and pool, and playing horseshoes outside is about 19.5 minutes in. He even staged a robbery and car chase (but ran out of film before it was all over). If anyone is interested in viewing this 38+ minute move (including Jim's graduation), <https://youtu.be/304HXSTWyAQ> will take you there.

John M. Walsh III 1958 (603) [296 Watercure Hill Rd, Elmira, NY 14901-9233; jmwiii9@hotmail.com] retired in 2014 after 55 years (Bull & Roberts 1959-1985 and Waltron LLC 1985-2014 – same company specializing in water quality improvement. John married Martha Pierce (Elmira College '63) in 2011 and sold his business and house in New Jersey, moving to Martha's farm in Elmira.

Edgar Francis 1965 (673) [72 Highland Rd, P.O. Box 826, North Truro, MA 02652; highland-butch@aol.com] recently travelled to Alaska and connected with former roommate Tim Fullam 1965 (674) who is living in Auke Bay, near Juneau. They agreed that neither of them had changed in 50 years!

Dr. John E. Lutz 1964 (676) [52 Hickory Park Rd, Cortland, NY 13045-1433; jel28@cornell.edu] received Penn State College of Education Alumni Leadership Award in 2016. John lives in Cortland, NY and has a seasonal home in Englewood, FL. He has won a few awards for his wildlife oil paintings. He also composes music for concert band (marched performed by Cornell Wind Ensemble/ song performed by Cornell Glee Club).

Dr. David A. Gorelick 1968 (717) [3316 Old Forest Rd, Baltimore, MD 21208-3101; DavidGorelick1@gmail.com] visited son Jonathan in Israel in December to see new twin granddaughters Enamah and Neshama born March 1, 2017. In February, visited daughter Judy to see new granddaughter Nili Bayla, born February 9, 2018. David is hoping to visit Acacia at his 50th Reunion in June.

Robert C. Merritt 1975 (807) [PO Box 279, Auburn, NY 13021-0279; bob@simplexco.com] has no plans to retire – enjoying life, work, and growing old. What could be better?

Philip M. Schuler 1980 (886) [719 Burritt Rd, Hilton, NY 14468-9765; phil71@rochester.rr.com] shared a memory from his time at Northcote, circa 1979. One of the less popular meals served at dinner by beloved cook Pearl Murray was vale patties, affectionately known as "pucks". As the brotherhood sat down for the dinner blessing, they spontaneously rose to sing the Star Spangled Banner, followed by a face-off with one of the "hockey pucks" dro-

pped to the floor (maybe you had to be there...). There was also the infamous “pledge raid” of the 1979 pledge class, but suffice it to say it involved stealth planning worthy of the ending scene in “Animal House” – including ladders, pre-constructed wooden barriers, hacksaw blades, and a minor amount of blood from a fist through a glass door, all ending in a wild free-for-all of pledges vs brothers in the Wing, involving lots of projectile shaving cream and water balloons. Ah, to be young again...

Thomas F. Greenfield 1985 (934) [802 S Barton St, Arlington, VA 22204; TFGreenfield@gmail.com] concealed in a cluster of successful women. Summer 2018 graduations of wife, Starr Lanman (2nd Masters from UVA), oldest daughter, Madeleine (Masters of Science, Civil Engineering from UMD), middle daughter, Carly (BS International Relations, Kings College, London, England). Youngest daughter Lucy is a junior in high school and a stellar student, athlete, and musician.

John Carpenter 1990 (959) [1123 NW 6th Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444-2911; jwc35@cornell.edu] enjoyed seeing Paul Hayre 1991 (970) and Devin Van Zandt 1990 (962) in St. Augustine, FL last fall.

Peter Rimschnick 2005 (1060) [509 W 110th St, Apt 10E, New York, NY 10025-2039; peter.rimshnick@gmail.com] was very impressed by the Fall Traveler – beautifully laid out and full of content contributed by many Brothers. Pete is now a software engineer at Yext, Inc. He and wife, Caitlin, had their first child, George. They have been enjoying some Acacia movie outings (Dunkirk, Star Wars) with NYC area alumni including Ray Wang 1997 (1009), Juan Ramirez 2006 (1084), David Rimshnick 2005 (1062), Igor Dolgalev 2005 (1068), and Charles Kalter 2005 (1066).

Thomas J. Balcerski, Ph.D. 2005 (1063) [255 Promenade St, Apt 612, Providence, RI 02908; tjb36@cornell.edu] hosted Tom Schultz 2015 (1181) and Acacia Sweetheart Laura Anderson 2013 (S3) for a weekend in October. Tom is looking forward to the annual gathering of Boston area Brothers in the spring. Congrats to the Active Chapter on the redesign of The Traveler and their new member recruitment results.

Hanny A. Carp-Martinovici 2006 (1071) [11314 Buckleberry Path, Columbia, MD 21044; hacarpm@gmail.com] recently completed some home improvements (painting, masonry, drywall). It's the most fun he'll never want to have again!

John M. Ertl 2011 (1148) [437 New York Ave NW, Apt 1004, Washington, DC 20001; jme86@cornell.edu] got married in September!



### THROWBACK!

We stumbled upon this gem of a picture while cleaning up the dormer. Alumni of Acacia, please feel free to send me any content you wish to share with your fellow brothers! Hopefully I'll be able to post more pictures like this in the next publication of the Traveler!

# Honor Roll 2017-2018

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
Richard E Brewer *	(687)	1965	PL 1963
Joshua Y Briscoe	(1204)	2018	PL 2015
Martin S Cardinali	(918)	1984	PL 1981
John W Carpenter III *	(959)	1990	PL 1987
Hanny A Carp-Martinovici	(1071)	2006	PL 2003
Christian Choi	(1195)	2016	PL 2014
Byung Hee Chun	(1187)	2018	PL 2013
Edward A Conroy	(592)	1957	PL 1955
Jose E Covarrubias Ameca	(1202)	2018	PL 2015
L. Walter Deitrich	(627)	1960	PL 1957
Richard G Dobell	(558)	1955	PL 1952
Frederick Opio Ekwaro-Osire	(1221)	2020	PL 2017
Phillip Odongo Ekwaro-Osire	(1227)	2020	PL 2017
John Mathias Ertl	(1148)	2011	PL 2009
David R Fischell PhD *	(800)	1975	PL 1972
Nishant Goel	(1214)	2019	PL 2016
Paul B Goldberg *	(755)	1971	PL 1968
David A Gorelick	(717)	1968	PL 1965
Thomas F Greenfield	(934)	1985	PL 1984
Matthew S Harris	(1042)	2002	PL 2000
Charles S Hong	(1043)	2001	PL 2000
Alan L Jette	(895)	1982	PL 1979
Charles P Kalter	(1066)	2005	PL 2002
Patricia M Kehe	(L1)	1979	PL 1979
William L Keltz	(632)	1961	PL 1958
Jae-Woo Kim	(1217)	2020	PL 2017
Thomas E Kocovsky Jr. *	(730)	1969	PL 1966
Dale A La Shomb	(781)	1973	PL 1970
Alexander Duke Leong	(1219)	2018	PL 2017
Ho Kiu Toby Leung	(1212)	2019	PL 2016
John E Lutz	(676)	1964	PL 1962
Richard S Lysle	(732)	1969	PL 1966
Austin Kihou Mack	(1226)	2020	PL 2017
Mark F Maltenfort	(831)	1977	PL 1974
Roman Markh	(1072)	2006	PL 2003
Harlan M Meinwald	(789)	1974	PL 1971
Daniel R Merrill PhD	(907)	1983	PL 1980
Robert C Merritt *	(807)	1975	PL 1973
Stanley R Niman *	(783)	1973	PL 1970
Thomas L Ricketts *	(1051)	2003	PL 2000
Peter M Rimshnick *	(1060)	2005	PL 2002
Bruce G Schneider *	(842)	1978	PL 1975
Philip M Schuler	(886)	1980	PL 1979



Gregory James Schultz	(1211)	2019	PL 2016
Neil Francis Sharp	(560)	1955	PL 1952
Ariel A Soriano	(1159)	2016	PL 2010
Robertson C Spiesz	(835)	1977	PL 1974
Earl L Stone III	(725)	1968	PL 1965
Kent Takada	(1222)	2020	PL 2017
Frederick W Tierney Jr. *	(763)	1971	PL 1968
Tomohiro Tokuyama	(1225)	2020	PL 2017
Cristian A Umana	(1208)	2018	PL 2015
William A Utic *	(836)	1977	PL 1974
Ian M Wainaina	(1213)	2019	PL 2016
Adrian Wong	(1223)	2019	PL 2017
Howard S Zwiefel III *	(734)	1969	PL 1966

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## Annual Corporation Board Meeting

**SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018**

**T**he Annual Meeting of the Cornell Chapter of Acacia Fraternity, Inc. will be Saturday, May 12, 2018 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 meeting is:

North America (**NOT** Toll Free): **401-283-4842** PIN: **57164#**

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**SO LIVE, that when  
thy summons  
comes to join  
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moves to that  
mysterious realm,  
where each shall  
take his chamber  
in the silent halls  
of death.**



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