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It's in the motto-- Every Acacian pledges to do 10 hours of philanthropy each semester!

NEW FACES TO CALL BROTHERS PG.10

7 new brothers inducted into the Halls of Acacia!

FEATURED ALUMNI ARTICLE PG.26

Did you think Cornellians just grew on trees? Alumni Brother Ricketts tells you differently!





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Breaking the Stereotypes

TOBY LEUNG (1212) '19
DEAN OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

This issue of The Traveler is to showcase the wonderful things that the house has achieved in the past 6 months. Amidst a strong decline of public opinion on a typical fraternity, Cornell's chapter of Acacia has worked particularly hard to *break that stereotype*. The brotherhood has set the bar incredibly high, and thus has reaped immaculate results that have been recognized locally and nationally.

The first and foremost initiative brought forward by our new venerable dean was for each brother to complete at least 10 hours of philanthropy a semester. Although seemingly little, when each of our 10 hours were added up, they amounted to a huge impact in our local community. My favorite moment must be when some of our brothers helped a lady in town with a yard sale before her move. The lady loved the brothers so much that they left her house with flowers and a snack!

We have also won awards nationally at conclave, amassing a Dining Operations award and a Chapter Publication award, showing our rigorousness in the kitchen and that we excelled in alumni/brothers connections.

So when people talk about Acacia, we are not the house with the airheads with sloppy food, but rather your favorite friends on the North who always know how to cook up a good time!

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Message from Our Corporation Board President

The 2018-2019 Fiscal Academic Year is in full swing. Some notable events that have occurred since the Spring 2018 Traveler was printed include removing five spruce trees in the Service Entrance area (\$2,376) that posed a danger of falling on the house. In August, the 12 year-old Kenmore washers and dryers were replaced with Electrolux appliances at a cost of \$3,865 (about the same cost as the old Kenmore appliances). The Commons now has two new end tables and the Living Room has a new matching coffee table (which matches the tables in the Commons). Technologist Greg Schultz 2019 (1211) and I installed two Ethernet switches and configured and installed six new wireless routers throughout Northcote to provide complete and secure wireless internet connectivity. Everything we did was documented on a Google drive to make future changes and troubleshooting much easier. Cornell Acacia was reimbursed for the purchases (\$1,036) by a grant from Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF)

The Corporation Board has intentionally put some maintenance projects on the back burner in order to build up our financial reserves, which were wiped out by, last year's Kitchen Renovation project. However, we will be replacing many of the often-noisy push-pin CFL overhead light fixtures with LED fixtures throughout the house later this Fall. Over Winter Break, we plan on a mini-renovation of the Wing Bathroom, installing new stall panels and replacing what we believe to be the original triple-sink vanity. In the Spring, we expect that the Actives will perform much of the landscaping to revitalize the area where the spruce trees once stood. The hope is to provide an attractive natural barrier between Northcote and our next-door neighbors.

The Active Chapter continues to survive in an ever-changing Greek system at Cornell. There are 18 Actives plus the Chapter Advisor (Jacob Padilla 2017 (1199)) living at Northcote this semester. Two Fall Pledges were just initiated. I remain cautiously optimistic about the future of Acacia and Greek Life at Cornell.

My gratitude for the Corporation Board of Directors who phone in to the monthly Corp Board Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month that Cornell is in session and make my job as President (which I have been doing for over 36 years!) a little bit easier:

Elie Bilmes '10 (1118)
John Koltz '09 (1108)
Hanny Carp-Martinovici '06 (1071)
Christian Choi '16 (1195)
Tom Schultz '15 (1181)
Dana Stiefel '17 (1191) – Ex-officio

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 more 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 (only nine Alumni shared news)! Please share your news, good or bad.

Faternally,

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787)

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Venerably Speaking

RAYMOND LIAO (1228) '21

VENERABLE DEAN

I would first like to recognize the hard work and time **Brother Covarrubias** put into leading our chapter as Venerable Dean. He has facilitated incredible growth in all aspects of our brotherhood. Congratulations on your membership in both the Order of Pythagoras and the Order of Omega! In addition, I would like to highlight the unconditional support over the years from our Corporation Board President, **Brother Stein**.

We wouldn't be here today without his commitment and the commitment of our vast network of alumni. Speaking of alumni, **Brother Padilla** has come back to finish his Masters degree and has livened up the atmosphere as he serves as our Chapter Advisor. Finally, for five of our brothers, this will be their last semester or year as an active at Northcote. **Brother Leung** will be graduating in December, while **Brother Goel**, **Brother Schultz**, **Brother Wainaina**, and **Brother Wong** will be graduating in May. They have each made an irreplaceable impact on the house and I wish them the best as they prepare to tackle their future endeavors.

As I take on the reigns of leadership, I realize that there are big shoes to fill. Although **Brother Covarrubias** will be staying with us a little bit longer as he's pursuing a Masters, therefore I'll have easy access to counsel from both **Brother Covarrubias** and **Brother Padilla**. So help is only a few steps away. My top priority is to have our chapter lead the IFC in terms of philanthropy and we've made amazing progress by attending every IFC-sponsored service event thus far. Philanthropy has always been near and dear to my heart, and it's a wonderful bonding experience for the brotherhood as we embody our motto of Human Service. At Conclave, our chapter was awarded Excellence in Alumni/Chapter Publication as well as Excellence in Dining Operations. I'm very proud of what **Brother Leung** has done to revamp the Traveler and the range of Gio's cooking. We have also begun holding Cornerstones, bi-weekly brother facilitated workshops, that highlight skills that brothers have but have nowhere else to demonstrate them. Moving forward, I'm excited about what this semester holds in store, not only for myself but for Northcote.

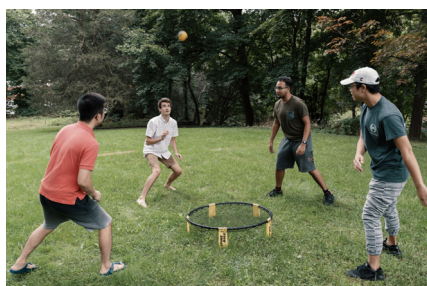
Let us continue to take a more active part and to have a greater impact in the affairs of the community in which we reside, while preparing ourselves as educated men.

Fraternally,
Raymond Liao

"Failure to accord credit to anyone for what he may have done is a great weakness in any man."

- Brother William Howard Taft, Yale 1913





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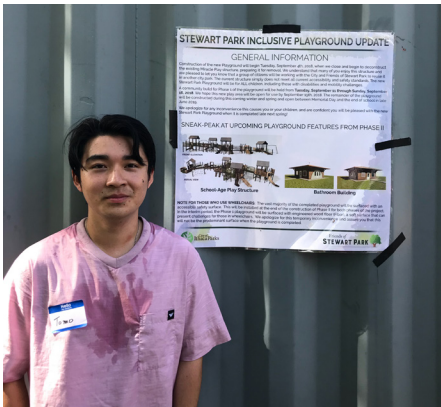
ALEJANDRO HERMAN FLORES (1231) '21

JUNIOR DEAN

As a recently inducted brother, I was ever so eager to jump into the board and learn about the fundamentals that keep our beloved Northcote running. While I was more than ecstatic to be nominated and accepted as the new Junior Dean, it was a bittersweet feeling. This is one of two main positions that I hold, which inevitably made me ask if I would be able to handle the new position. Nevertheless, I was eager to see how my future at Acacia would develop.

After watching **Brother Phillip Ekwaro Osire (1227)** excel at the Junior Dean position last semester, I was determined to maintain our status of being an enjoyable and safe environment. Our first day party of the semester was an all out success, and as I watched all of our peers and brothers alike interact and laugh amongst one another, it reminded me of why I hold Northcote and Acacia itself so close to my heart; it is truly a community like no other.

As the weather starts to turn more frigid, it will prove difficult to use our property for outdoor events and as we now have all rooms (including the dormer) filled with brothers, this has caused us to come up with fun and creative ways to entertain our guests. As the semester progresses, we all look forward towards the ever striving social future of Acacia, as well as maintaining Acacia as a safe and stress free location for our guests.



Philanthropists in Training

ALEJANDRO HERMAN FLORES (1231) '21
PHILANTHROPY CHAIR

As our newly inducted Venerable dean **Brother Raymond Liao** (1228), has decided to make our main goal to increase and excel at philanthropy, this has been a goal that I have also decided to put emphasis on. As the IFC has recently implemented the GIVE initiative, we saw this as an opportunity to give back to our community as well as show the IFC that we are truly dedicated to philanthropy and human service.

As of now, multiple brothers have gone to events such as the Stewart Park Build, Vitamin L, Greensprings Natural Cemetery clean up, and Judy Day. While these events are opportunities to act upon our motto of human service, it has also allowed multiple recent members of Acacia and the Cornell community as a whole, such as myself, to delve deeper into the greater Ithaca community as a whole.

In the future, we hope to achieve 100% participation within the GIVE Philanthropy events, however through this, we also hope to see our brotherhood work together to attempt to make the Northcote, Cornell, and greater Ithaca community stronger.



From Friend to Brother

LUCAS ANTHONY FRANCIS WESSELIUS (1232) '21

SENIOR DEAN

This semester we've received a pledge class of two new brothers who have come far in their education about Acacia. Alwany Angles and Tyler Sanders are two long time friends of the house who we couldn't be happier to have join us at Northcote. Showing not only a dedication to learn about the history of Northcote and Acacia, but a will to improve and build upon the house in years to come. I am certain that these two young men will come to lead the house and help create a bigger and better future for Acacia.

What makes these two so special is that they are such good friends of the house, meaning we've gotten to know them and are well aware of just what good brothers will make. In my mind that is what sets Acacia apart from other fraternities, that we have a solid idea of what makes a good brother and will only take the highest quality of men in order to create a house that lives and breathes excellence. Through my time with these two amazing gentlemen, I can happily say that the house will be all the better for having them have joined.

Looking forward we are happy to have already been making new friends with more and more outstanding gentleman on campus who we hope to include in our spring pledge class to grow Acacia even more and to continue to produce quality brothers that we can be proud to call our brother.



98...99...100% Wifi Update Complete!

GREGORY SCHULTZ (1211) '19

TECHNOLOGIST

CHOOSE A NETWORK...



Acacia3rdFloorGuest



AcaciaBarRoomGuest



AcaciaBarRoomGuest5g



AcaciaChapterRoomGuest



NorthcoteBarRoom



Since the massive restructuring of Northcote's internet that was started last semester, Steve Stein and I have continued to improve wifi connectivity throughout the house. Thanks to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF) grant, we were able to upgrade all six of the house routers, which are now installed and working correctly. We also acquired one new router that has been installed in the Bar Room. A common complaint with social events was the lack of cell service down there, and by configuring the router to utilize a guest network, we were able to safely allow our guests internet access. Each router has been mounted in its respective location with a wooden box, protecting the router itself from any damage. Additionally, we were able to upgrade both the wifi switch in the wing and the 2nd floor office. Each switch feeds connectivity to all the routers in the house, as well as the wired ethernet cables. With an upgraded switch, we've achieved significantly faster speeds across all devices. Finally, Steve and I have re-mapped the switch's ports to each of the wired connections in the Wing and acquired additional ethernet cables. If any active needs a wired connection in their room, they can now hook into any of the 4 ports within their room.

I'd like to greatly thank Steve for his guidance on this endeavor. Being an Information Science major, I never had the opportunity to work in the IT side of technology. It has been a pleasure pulling back the curtain and understanding how wifi works and how to upgrade such a large system as is the case with our beloved Northcote.

Acacia's accountant
Brother Austin Mack
puts the house's
finances back on track!



Smooth Sailing

AUSTIN MACK (1226) '20

TREASURER

This is my second term as the treasurer, and I'm glad to say the job has been less stressful compared to that of last semester. It feels nice to finally be out of debt! Although a few brothers left the house in the beginning of this semester, our financial situation is relatively stable as of now. We do have a tight budget right now because of several unanticipated losses of revenue, but I would say we have enough money to survive the semester.

It would be nice to have more brothers join the house in the future, so we can make the living fees more competitive with other fraternities. With that said, the new E-board is very cooperative and understanding of the budget limits, so it's been a pleasant experience working with them.

How to Contribute to Our Chapter of Acacia Fraternity

Northcote has been and will continue being the home of all 1236 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 little note with your donation and we will post it on the next publication of the Traveler!)

Building a Better Brotherhood

LUCAS ANTHONY FRANCIS WESSELIUS (1232) '21

BROTHERHOOD CHAIR

This semester has seen brotherhood bonding like no other, from spikeball tournaments, to casual lunches with brothers, to game nights on the weekend - Northcote is bustling with activity. As we move into the colder weather we can look forward to more snowy activities, whether its sledding down the backyard, or building an igloo/snowman. There's no bound to the amount of brotherhood here at Acacia.

What's more is our new brotherhood workshop program, where brothers share their secrets on what they are passionate or excel in. Be that tasting wine, dressing up, or writing a killer resume, brotherhood workshops let us grow together as a community and understand each other and our interests on a deeper level. I'm proud to call every Acacian a brother, and with so many ways to connect and form deeper bonds, I know I'll never stop referring to Northcote as my home, or fellow Acacians as my brothers.





How to do Fall Rush,
lead by your favorite
recruitment chair
brother Jae-Woo Kim!

Falling for Rush

JAE-WOO KIM (1218) '20
RECRUITMENT CHAIR

Fall rush started off with the annual PREPARE and orientation leader volunteering. Always great to see all of our brothers enthusiastically interacting with incoming freshmen to give them their first memorable (or nonmemorable) taste of college life. We attended major IFC rush events and hosted events of our own such as Barbecues, slip'n'slide backyard hangout, bowling and dinners to form a group of Potential New Members. The events turned out to be major successes and were not only extremely enjoyable to us but also attracted the finest young men to sign bids. We are now preparing more events to meet more PNMs and get to know the current one's better for a successful Spring rush next semester. Special thanks goes out to the alumni who took the time to give us valuable insights and ideas for a smooth rush process.

Highlights of Spring Rush Activities:

- ACACIA BARBECUE
- SLIP'N'SLIDE BACKYARD HANGOUT
- BOWLING
- HANGOUT THURSDAYS (FT. BLT SANDWICHES)
- CHINESE BUFFET DINNER
- TOURING THE BOTANICAL GARDENS
- ICE CREAM TRIPS

New Brothers



Alwany Angeles Taveras (1235) '21
Lindenhurst, NY

Alwany Angeles Taveras is a sophomore studying Biological Engineering in CALS and minoring in Biometry and Statistics. He plans on continuing his studies at Cornell in their 5 year M.Eng program. He is from Lindenhurst, NY and enjoys playing tennis, meditation, reading fiction, and loves to cook. Alwany believes Acacia will be the foundation that helps him throughout his years at Cornell and will create never-ending bonds with the brothers and alumni. Already he has made long-lasting memories at sporting events and formal events. Becoming a brother will be the catalyst that guides him to seek the truth, to give the light.



Tyler Sanders (1236) '21
Niagara Falls, NY

Tyler Sanders is a sophomore in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences intending to major in Atmospheric Sciences. Born in Canada, Tyler quickly moved with his family to Niagara Falls, New York where he was raised, giving him dual citizenship. Mostly, he is interested in music and weather. Tyler has a twin brother Devin who he has actually brought to Northcote before. Tyler's main goal as an atmospheric scientist is for him to be able to help people on a larger scale and that's what enticed him to join Acacia. Acacia's motto of human service fits him perfectly in his journey to help others.

Clean and Serene

DAIKI TSUNODA (1229) '21

SENIOR STEWARD

While frats are infamous for their messiness, Acacia is known, and continues to be, a clean house. With the abundance of enthusiastic brothers who also value cleanliness, my position as Senior Steward has been pleasant without large obstacles. Although I have experienced minor hiccups throughout the transition process, with the support of the older brothers, I am trying to maintain the high standard **brother Alex Leong** set last semester.

As for projects beyond house clean ups, the brothers, with the help of our chef Gio, cleaned out the shed to make space for brothers' luggage as well as filled recycle bins. With this, the hallway connecting the kitchen and barroom has become more spacious, enabling for more thorough cleanups and safer environment (in terms of fire hazard). In the near future, I am looking into buying a large fan for the barroom in order to improve ventilation.





What's Cooking in Acacia?

JULIAN MANEGAL SILVERIO (1230) '21
JUNIOR STEWARD

When I returned to Cornell for the fall semester I was excited to take over as Junior Steward, and I have maintained this enthusiasm ever since. As this is my first position in the house I want to do it to the best of my ability. My time so far has been a learning experience, as I didn't initially realize how much effort goes into making sure the kitchen runs smoothly. I would like to take this time to thank my predecessor **brother Tomo Tokuyama** for teaching me some of the finer points of being a good Junior Steward.

Our house chef Gio has continued to do a spectacular job. He always comes up with interesting meals, and after a long day in class coming home to his meals is always a treat. It has been a pleasure of mine to work more closely with him this semester. I can say without reservation that we are thankful that we have him as our chef.

I must say I enjoy working to ensure that the kitchen is in great condition, so that both the brothers and Gio can make the best use of it possible. I consider it an honor to do so, and hope that my work has made life at Northcote better for all.

Academics at Acacia

NISHANT GOEL (1208) '19

DEAN OF SCHOLARSHIP

Another semester at Cornell has brought with it another season of grueling academics. With never ending projects, prelims and papers, it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the burden of it all. As Dean of Scholarship, my efforts this semester have focused on improving the academic performance of the house and inculcate a more positive attitude towards learning. An initiative that I have taken is the introduction of house-wide study sessions twice a week, where people can bring their work and do it along with their brothers. The purpose of this initiative is two-fold. Firstly, studying in a group promotes the feeling of a sincere academic community. Seeing their brothers working diligently on their problem sets encourages everyone to “pull up their socks” and work on whatever is due soon. Moreover, placing such sessions on a Saturday ensures that these are followed by house-wide merriment in the evenings, which inculcates a habit of “work before play”, something which will be useful life-long. In addition, I have also tried to help individual brothers with questions and guidance on how to study, and I genuinely hope the brothers of Acacia will reach their full academic potential.



Best in the House

KENT TAKADA (1222) '20

ATHLETICS CHAIR

As 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, some of my greatest experiences in Acacia have been through sports and games. Some of these experiences include playing intramural sports, working out with brothers, and playing games like spike ball and frisbee in our backyard. These experiences helped bonding with brothers easier. This house is filled with so many competitive brothers that hate losing and I feel like this is an important part of sports and life in general. The competitive nature of this house pulls all of the brothers together. When we play intramural sports, we talk about the games and how we could improve. For in every little activity in the house like chess, FIFA, smash, spike ball and etc. We battle it out for who "the best in the house" is and it creates a very lively atmosphere in the house.

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 family members. Also organize small events including ultimate frisbee games, World Cup, tennis, basketball and etc.. Athletics and staying fit has always been a big part of my life so I wanted to share it with all the brothers.

Acacia: Black, Gold, and Now Green?

JULIAN MANEGAL SILVERIO (1230) '21

SUSTAINABILITY CHAIR

Sustainability continues to be a priority at Northcote. As sustainability chair I have made sure to emphasize recycling around the house, and we continue to have recycling bins both in rooms and in common areas. Furthermore, we recently cleaned out a shed by the side of the house so that it may be used to store recycled items between collections. This was actually the original purpose of the shed, but over time the shed came to be used to store wood and other items. Now that this shed has been put back to its original purpose, Northcote can continue to move forward in its efforts to be sustainable.

A Day in The Life of an Acacian









Featured Alumni Article: Preservation of History through Cornellian Yearbooks

TOM RICKETTS (1051) '03

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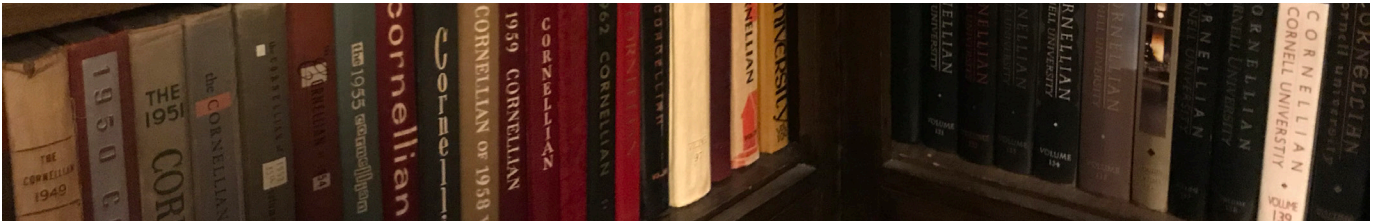
When I was an undergraduate (August 2000 – May 2003), the Chapter Room was an infrequently used space, to put it mildly. Now, thanks to the generous donations received from the Centennial Capital Campaign, and from the Acacia Fraternity Foundation, the space has been upgraded to accommodate the needs of the 21st century while still preserving the reminders of our 111 years at Cornell.

Historically, the actives have purchased the annual yearbook (Cornellian) for display in the Chapter Room. Whether this was sporadically forgotten, or whether several volumes were unfortunately “borrowed”, we have a number of missing issues. With a goal of having every volume since our 1907 founding, I have been scouring eBay over the last few years to complete the collection. (Thanks to Brothers Stein and Balcerski for compiling the inventory!)

You may ask why I would choose to direct (part of) my gifts and efforts towards this pursuit, when all available at the Alumni House, among other places on campus. The answer is twofold. First, I want every returning brother to have a readily available copy at Northcote, with the hope that it leads to a rekindling of fraternal ties. Second, and much more importantly, it sends a message to the actives on the receiving end. Namely, there is a dedicated network of alumni brethren at your disposal; reach out to us. It’s easy to forget we exist during your undergraduate days, but we would love to assist in any way possible, whether it be to land an interview, or simply find a friend in a new city.

This project is entirely self-funded, and I ***AM NOT*** asking for any money. That said, if you have a copy of any of the following Cornellians, Northcote would love to have them: 1969 / 1985 / 1990 / 1991 / 1992 / 1993 / 1995. (Note: I have never seen a 1969 available, which I believe is due to the notoriety surrounding that particular year on campus, and hence, its desirability as a collectible.) Alternatively, if you see one online, we would accept it as in kind donation.

As a closing, I encourage every alumnus reading this to contemplate a trip back to the chapter house, whether it be for Homecoming, for Reunion; or simply a long weekend. I was most recently back for my 15th reunion this June, and the actives that hosted me made it one of the most memorable weekends of my life!



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
Adam J Brownstein	(1130)	2011	PL 2008
Stewart L Burger *	(738)	1970	PL 1967
Martin S Cardinali	(918)	1984	PL 1981
John (Jack) W Carlson	(689)	1966	PL 1963
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
Michael I Cvijanovich *	(981)	1994	PL 1991
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
Stuart S Hantman MD *	(756)	1971	PL 1968
Arif S Haq	(983)	1994	PL 1992
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
John D Koethe M.D. *	(829)	1977	PL 1974
Jerry W Kreider *	(720)	1968	PL 1965
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
John Male *	(600)	1958	PL 1955
Mark F Maltenfort	(831)	1977	PL 1974

Roman Markh	(1072)	2006	PL 2003
Peter J Mavroudakis	(922)	1984	PL 1982
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
Stanley R Niman *	(783)	1973	PL 1970
David D Nolte *	(881)	1981	PL 1978
Todd Peskin *	(994)	1995	PL 1993
Thomas L Ricketts *	(1051)	2003	PL 2000
Peter M Rimshnick *	(1060)	2005	PL 2002
Daniel H Scharfman	(1078)	2005	PL 2003
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
Frank F Tetz	(554)	1955	PL 1952
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
John M Walsh III	(603)	1958	PL 1955
Adrian Wong	(1223)	2019	PL 2017
Howard S Zwiefel III *	(734)	1969	PL 1966

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NOTHING LIKE A NORTHCOTE MEAL COOKED UP BY PEARL

What a treat it was to see some Acacian Alumni from the generation before us! Five 1968 alumni visited Northcote for their 50th reunion. During the wine and cheese event at the house, these brothers snuck downstairs to snap a quick picture with Acacia's beloved cook and friend-- Pearl!

(From left to right Brothers: Rich Ahlfeld, Terry Stone, David Gorelick, Jerry Krieder, and Ladis Amatuli)

Alumni Mail Bag

Frank F Tetz 1955 (554) [16 Donegal Way, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-7500; fftetz@aol.com] and Nancy (Bergh) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in January. They reminisced about how Nancy used to setup Acacians on dates with her Elmira Nursing School classmates. The Tetz's are still enjoying their Saratoga Springs home and their cottage at Lake George. They also travel at home and abroad. Diversity in house brotherhood is great, and the Actives are impressive. Frank was Traveler Editor in the 50's and appreciates the effort given to it.

John M. Walsh III 1958 (603) [296 Watercure Hill Rd, Elmira, NY 14901-9233; jmwiii9@hotmail.com] is currently a Trustee of Elmira College, the Alma Mater of his wife (1963), his mother (1930), and his grandmother (1906).

Jerry W. Kreider 1968 (720) [200 Price Ave, Unit 2, Narberth, PA 19072-1953; jerrys2k@comcast.net] was looking forward to his 50th Cornell Reunion in June and seeing both Acacia classmates and architect colleagues. Enjoyed visit in Sarasota, FL with Richard Ahlfeld 1968 (713). The Kreiders spent the month of February in the Sunshine State.

Stuart S. Hantman 1971 (756) [28 Founders Green, Pittsford, NY 14534-2165; StuHantman@aol.com] and wife, Carol (Hum Ec. 1973) recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Stu is now retired after 40 years of practicing radiology.





David R. Fischell 1975 (800) [71 Riverlawn Dr, Fair Haven, NJ 07704-3319; drdrf@comcast.net] writes that is an exciting time in the Fischell family. Daughter Jennifer (A&S 2013) married Ed Cormany Ph. D. 2013 last October. Older daughter Erin (Engr 2010) and husband Sam Fladung (Engr 2008) were expecting their second child last May as first granddaughter Maria turned (Class of 2037?). Sarah and David love being grandparents and were planning to attend her 40th Cornell Reunion in June. David continues to be involved with Cornell as Trustee Emeritus and an Overseer of Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City. Apparently, retirement is not an option.

David D. Nolte 1981 (881) [4155 Eisenhower Rd, Lafayette, IN 47905-8425; nolte@physics.purdue.edu] asks that we check out his new book from Oxford University Press – “Galileo Unbound: A Path Across Life, the Universe, and Everything”.

Daniel R. Merrill 1983 (907) [3636 East Oakrim Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84109-3834; danmerrill@gmail.com] was honored to be inducted as a Fellow of the College of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) at the National Academy of Sciences last spring.

Peter J. Mavroudakos 1984 (922) [510 Windsor Perrineville Rd, Hightstown, NJ 08520-4727; petemav@optonline.net] writes that daughter Jennifer is Class of 2021, studying chemistry and keeping up the Cornell tradition.

Roman Markh 2006 (1072) [3 Cannon St, Orange, NJ 07052; roman.markh@gmail.com] joined a new company as a surgical physician assistant in New Jersey. He and his wife were expecting their second child (a boy) in July. Roman has been able to represent Acacia’s motto of Human Service by volunteering for Habitat for Humanity as well as offering help to the many members of his community.

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 Leung at HTL9@cornell.edu or send a letter to the house addressed to “Alumni Affairs”.



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