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Queretaro, Mexico

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Nairobi, Kenya

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Yokohama, Japan

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Earth & Atmospheric Science '23
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Biology '25
Queens, New York

Kevin Rivera
Biology '25
Chicago, Illinois

Message from Our Corporation Board President

Cornell Acacia is still going fairly strong in spite of the Covid Pandemic. This edition of The Traveler is the first printed copy since Spring 2020. With limited resources and time, we only sent Travelers out electronically in Spring 2021 and Winter 2021. Not every Alumnus has an email account, and we certainly don't have accurate email addresses for all that do have them.

At the beginning of the Pandemic, the Corp Board voted unanimously to keep Acacia open at the beginning of the pandemic since traveling home would have many more health risks than remaining open, especially to our international students. We offered to keep Acacia open as long as the residents formulated a plan and agreed to stick with it. Northcote averaged less than 10 residents for the 1 st couple of semesters, with most of the others attending classes from their homes. The Actives could not afford their share of the rent (which is charged to the Active Chapter and is not based on occupancy). So, they asked for a rent reduction (25%), to which the Corp Board unanimously agreed, and this was extended for the 2021-2022 academic year. With about 15 Actives now living in, along with a couple of boarders (each occupying one of the single rooms in the Wing), there are no empty bedrooms, and the Actives are paying full rent (\$40,000/semester).

Although COVID-19 has slowed down a lot of things in the world, the Corp Board still managed to replace the shingled roof (\$82,000), replace the Commons and Living Room carpeting with LVT (luxury vinyl tile, \$9,000), renovate the 2 nd Floor Landing Bathroom (\$2,700), the Laundry Room Bathroom (\$4,100), replaced 3 fire doors (\$8,000), and hired a landscaping company to improve the Service Entrance yard as well as the backyard (\$11,000). Brush, scrub trees and bushes were removed, the barbeque area was cleared, topsoil and mulch was put down, and grass was planted in the Service Entrance area where pine trees once stood until several years ago. We also had to address a leaking Wing roof (\$700) and just spent almost \$5,000 on preventative maintenance to extend its life for 5-10 more years. A carbon monoxide buildup in the Boiler Room resulted in hiring a chimney company to install a stainless-steel liner and cap in the hot water maker chimney flue and install dampers in both fireplace flues (Living Room and Chapter Room) at a total cost of \$10,500. The chimney guys required over ½ down payment, but then shut down their business before starting the project and we are still trying to get our money back. Finding a chimney repair company in Tompkins County has been quite challenging, but I just managed to get our project on the Ithaca Stovework's Fall/Winter schedule.

This past summer, four Alumni volunteers repaired walls and painted the 5 Wing double rooms (walls and ceilings). They did this in one weekend, and the results were absolutely amazing. The Corp Board provided the paint and supplies and the “fab four” (Roman Markh ’06 (1072), Mark Hartman ’07 (1086), Evan Helmsorig ’07 (1079), Elie Track ’06 (1077)) got it done, saving Acacia at least \$3,000. Thank you again!

But we’re not done yet! We will hopefully replace our aging kitchen stove and ovens this semester, provided we have the funds (hint). The 9 fluorescent light fixtures in the Dining Room will be replaced with LED fixtures. And, of course, there are all the surprises that Northcote always seems to provide.

Beginning in August 2021, Cornell University mandated that every Greek living unit hire a Live-in Advisor. We recruited our first LIA (Romin), a grad student, who moved into the 2 nd Floor Suite (Rooms 36/37) and was a great asset to Cornell Acacia. He successfully defended his thesis and took a job in NYC. Romin recruited our current LIA, (Eraklis) who moved into Acacia in July. Eraklis picked up where Romin left off and is also doing a great job. The LIA is compensated with room and board along with a \$2,000/semester stipend. The job responsibilities are a work-in-progress, as Cornell provided virtually no guidance, training or support of Live-In Advisors.

This Academic Year continues to be a challenge, but I believe that we will survive and succeed if we continue to make intelligent choices and decisions. We are all in this together. At the beginning of this semester (September 2022), the Actives recruited and initiated 4 new members during Fall Rush. They are constantly in “Rush” mode, and already have prospects for Spring Rush which starts in January. If the Actives continue to improve their Rush performance, we could very well have a fully occupied house a year from now. I would be thrilled if the biggest challenge the Corp Board had to face is how to house everyone who wants to live in!

As already mentioned, Acacia is still not completely filled this academic year, and probably won’t be next spring, either. Although there are no empty rooms, most of the double rooms are only occupied by one Brother. Acacia still relies on Alumni financial support which has not been very strong lately. I continue to be perplexed and bothered by the fact that the majority of our 600+ alumni choose to NOT even pay their annual dues (which can be done via snail-mail or PayPal www.paypal.com to AcaciaCorpBoard@cornell.edu). Also, please check out the Cornell Acacia website (<https://www.cornellacacia.org/>) which has undergone a major overhaul recently. We need your financial assistance, and we need it now. I realize some percentage of you might have financial, personal, or health issues, but not most of you! To those alumni who generously financially support Cornell Acacia, our thanks!

Stay safe.

Fraternally,

Steven L. Stein 1973 (787)

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The Mailbag Alumni News

David Sangree 1984 (917) [1052 Maple Cliff Dr, Lakewood, OH 44107; dsangree@hladvisors.com] is doing well and will be travelling at the end of August to Alaska to visit his 50th state for the first time with his wife.

John Carpenter III 1990 (959) [1123 NW 6th Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444-2911; jwc35@cornell.edu] writes “Steve Stein ’73 (787) is the man, for otherwise I would not have known another Traveler was available! Loved the new format. Glad to hear all is well. I need to get back to Ithaca!”



Honor Roll

Honor Roll (Since Spring 2020 Traveler)

Donor	Roll	Class	Pledge	Year
Curtis B Alliaume Jr.	(919)	1984	PL	1981
Kenneth Jay Ayres Jr.	(1052)	2004	PL	2001
John C Brueckman III	(844)	1978	PL	1976
John W Carpenter III *	(959)	1990	PL	1987
Ilya Cherepakhin	(1058)	2003	PL	2001
Christian Choi	(1195)	2016	PL	2014
Brian P Clapp *	(1100)	2009	PL	2006
Jared M Davis	(1076)	2006	PL	2003
Christopher P Deane *	(908)	1983	PL	1980
John Mathias Ertl	(1148)	2011	PL	2009
David A Gorelick	(717)	1968	PL	1965
Matthew S Harris	(1042)	2002	PL	2000
Paul N Hayre *	(970)	1991	PL	1989
Charles David Hernandez	(1142)	2012	PL	2009
Mark F Maltenfort	(831)	1977	PL	1974
Roman Markh	(1072)	2006	PL	2003
Richard K McMurtry	(701)	1967	PL	1964
Paul G Molnar *	(1014)	1998	PL	1995
Michael T Nasatka *	(1045)	2004	PL	2000
Stanley R Niman *	(783)	1973	PL	1970
Todd Peskin *	(994)	1995	PL	1993
Alan J Pue	(785)	1973	PL	1970
Thomas L Ricketts *	(1051)	2003	PL	2000
Peter M Rimshnick *	(1060)	2005	PL	2002
David J Sangree	(917)	1984	PL	1981
Mark A Schaten MD	(923)	1984	PL	1982
Bruce G Schneider *	(842)	1978	PL	1975
Thomas W Schultz	(1181)	2015	PL	2012
Brian Sivillo *	(993)	1996	PL	1993
Timothy Smith	(1184)	2014	PL	2012
William A Utic *	(836)	1977	PL	1974
Warren E Walker	(681)	1963	PL	1962
Zachary A Weinstein	(1067)	2005	PL	2002

33 Donors 13 Brother Tree Leaf recognitions

* after name indicates Brother Tree leaf recognition

All the active brothers greatly appreciate all the support we receive from Donors, We greatly thank every selfle that help keep the fraternity running

*Thank
you!*

Chapter Eternal

(Since Spring 2020 Traveler)

Let Us, Now Honor & Acknowledge the Lives of The
brother Alumni who recently passed away into the
Chapter Eternal

Kevin D Ashman '78 (843) – 3/12/2022
James A Brody '61 (638) - 9/10/2021
Stephen E Crumb '71 (752) – 1/1/2022
Richard H Davis '53 (533) - 2/15/2022
L. Walter Deitrich '60 (627) – 8/1/2020
William R Elmendorf '49 (479) – 8/31/2006
Edgar W Francis III '65 (673) – 7/21/2021
Richard F Heine '61 (630) – 8/9/2021
Robert D Hoagland '50 (470) – 7/5/2021
John H Hoare Jr. '56 (572) – 6/6/2021
Jamie H Kerr '51 (485) – 11/25/2022
Kenneth A Lewes '64 (668) – 4/17/2020
Edward J Piorun '67 (704) – 6/2/2022
Steven H Prince '67 (705) – 12/6/2020
Dan E Rathert '72 (773) – 5/21/2020

Acacia Capital Campaign

Despite the current climate with many fraternities being suspended and removed from campuses across the nation, it is a great triumph for Cornell Acacia to have survived through so many eras, and also the recent Covid Pandemic. Each and every one of us that have passed through the halls of Northcote deserves a pat on the back for this accomplishment. Northcote has been Acacia's home for almost ninety years, having been our official residence since 1934. Over the years, she has had many facelifts, upgrades, and enhancements, meeting the individual needs of each era. The combination of her rich history and modernized facilities has made Northcote a truly wonderful residence for hundreds of Cornell Acacians. Yet with all of the improvements to Northcote that have been made over the years, Northcote always needs more. It is hard to believe that our kitchen renovation was completed over five years ago. It was a fairly expensive renovation, and it looks just as good today as it did on 8/21/2017 when the renovation was completed. However, we did not have the funds to purchase modern appliances at that time, and our range, ovens, and deep fat fryer have all seen better days. So, sometime in early 2023, you can expect to receive information about the next Cornell Acacia Capital Campaign (perhaps to be nicknamed "Unfinished Business") to raise enough capital to purchase the sorely needed appliances (and hopefully other things) so we can continue to attract new members. If you are interested in joining this capital campaign team and help plan, manage, and conduct it, please contact Steve Stein (sls8@cornell.edu 607-351-3901).



Venerably Speaking



VASILIOS ZAHARIOUDAKIS (1242) '22
Venerable Dean



When I arrived at Cornell, I was lost, not even 18, having lived most of my life in provincial Greece. The cultural shock and the loneliness were enormous. So as Pythagoras traveled from Samos to Egypt, to study geometry, in the same manner I traveled from Greece to Ithaca to pursue my studies in hospitality. I am glad I met Acacian students who were able to show me around the capital of learning...Cornell.

Becoming a member of Acacia was a turning point for me, and it is my honor to have been elected Venerable Dean of Acacia in December of 2021. As my second semester in office, I want to do all I can so that Acacia is a home to more people like me and my brothers. I hope to inspire all the brothers and alumni to give the light, so that Acacia will flourish as an institution for decades to come.

We greatly appreciate the effort of our brother alumni who painted 4 wings room over the summer break. We are grateful for the efforts of the corporation board members who go above and beyond in supporting and advising the actives. As my best friend and current of Alumni of Acacia, Lorenzo de Alba '22 (1237) said: "Brotherhood is a two-way street; one must give to receive. Far too often we take for granted the selfless acts that give way to the benefits of brotherhood." So again, thank you!

In Fall of 2022, we were successful in recruiting 4 new members into the fraternity at a time when past problems and the effect of the coronavirus raised the specter of the fraternity failing to survive. We welcome our new brothers and thank them for the zeal to revamp and contribute to the ideals of Acacia.

Acacia is an organization of college men a fraternity! And the most important part of a fraternity is the friendship and camaraderie built among its members. Empathy is a choice, and it's a vulnerable choice. Because to connect with you, I must connect with something in myself that knows that feeling. In order to lead and connect with brothers I came to realize that the dining table is a place -->

where people relax, share their news of the day and bond over a meal. In Acacia, dining had stopped being that after the coronavirus. I think everyone will agree that the new chef Dave seems to be an amazing culinary expert. The quality of the meals has greatly improved, and new cuisine styles have added to the variety, and more conversation is being conducted among the actives. He is accommodating and matches the energy of the fraternity. We have started to gather around the table again!

Northcote has undergone many major renovations over the summer and the level it is maintained and how it looks is very important to new recruits and to the prestige of the fraternity overall. I have made it a priority to create an electronic protocol that will help whoever is in charge, manage our beautiful building and its contents in an organized way that can be passed on for generations. With the proper usage of chapter builder, our CRM software, all the members, have access and input to centralized information about leads and recruits, so that we can all contribute to recruiting and retaining new members. Currently we have more than 10 leads for our spring recruitment who were introduced to the actives during international and regular orientation. These potential new members are regularly present in our social and recruitment events and are truly beneficial people who seek the truth. We hope we can call them our brothers by the end of Spring '23.

Fraternally,
Vasilios V Zaharioudakis (1242)
School of Hotel Administration '22
[318 Highland Rd | Ithaca, NY 14850 | 774-464-8849 | vvz4@cornell.edu]



Vasilios (Middle) With the Actives and Live in Advisor During His Establishment Night "Indaly" September 30th, 2022

Acacian Socialites

Gabriel Davila (1255) '25
Junior Dean

Since my first week as a pledge last semester, I knew I wanted to be Junior Dean. This semester, I've seen a great excitement around Northcote for our social events, which are now happening on a regular, weekly basis. Every weekend, our event seems to go well, adding momentum for next weekend.

Not only have there been more social events this semester - the quality is also on the rise. Whether it's inviting lots of potential new members, or coordinating with the social chairs of a sorority to invite them over, I have tried to take the initiative in making sure there is some greater purpose to all of our social events. I'd like to thank my friend and pledge class brother Alec Galin for stepping up to replace his big Lorenzo de Alba this semester and being the DJ at all of our events, but it really has been a group effort, and the willingness I've seen from the brothers this semester to help us get on the map as a fraternity with a recurring, wide reaching, and effective social scene has been nothing short of incredible.



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Another Good Brotherhood

Alec Galin (1260) '25
Brotherhood Chair

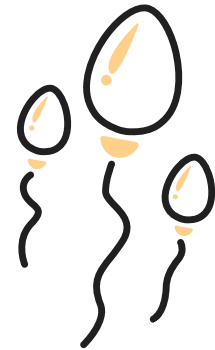
During our last chapter of the spring semester, I was delighted when my brothers nominated and elected me as brotherhood chair. As our numbers have continued to grow in the last year, I've been excited to plan all kinds of brotherhood events with actives, newly initiated members, and our awesome live-in advisor Eraklis. I plan to hold tournaments every other Thursday in everything ranging from poker to Fifa, and I'm planning an acacia hike somewhere beautiful in Ithaca (before it gets too cold). I look forward to an amazing semester with all my brothers.



The Reproductive System of Northcote

Jacob Siboyeh (1254) '24
Co-Recruitment Chairs

Hey everyone, I'm Jacob and I'm the Recruitment Chair for the year. Things have been going pretty well this year in terms of recruitment. We did everything from having dinner to playing poker, and everyone had a great time. But, the thing that really made this rush great wasn't the events, it was the involvement and passion of the brothers, and I couldn't be happier with our collaborative efforts. I look forward to the future, and I'm excited to do things again next semester



Our new Brothers

Kevin Rivera (1261) '25 **Chicago, IL**

Hello, my name is Kevin Rivera and I am a newly initiated brother for the Acacia fall '22 pledge class. I am a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences studying Biology on a Pre-med track. I was born in Puerto Rico and raised in Chicago, IL. Some of my interests include playing Volleyball, watching movies, and spending time with close friends. I aspire to become a child and adolescent psychiatrist, in pursuit of advocating and providing more mental health resources for children and teens. With the motto being Human Service, Acacia aids an environment for growth mindsets that inspire me to pursue my career desires. community. Raymond can't wait to make some lasting memories at Northcote.



Nathan Francis (1262) '25 **LA, CA**

Hi, my name is Nathan Francis and I recently joined Cornell Acacia as a part of the Fall '22 Pledge Class. I am a sophomore studying Biological Sciences on the Pre-Med track in CALS. I was born and spent my entire childhood living in Southern California. Some of my hobbies include playing soccer, going to the beach, and watching movies.



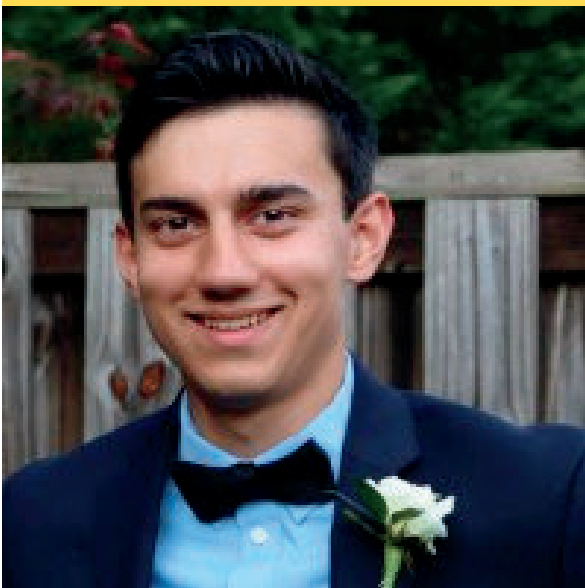
Derek Lao (1263) '25
Queens, New York



It is when a mosquito lands on your testicles that you learn that violence is not always the answer.

My name is Derek Lao. I am a junior majoring in biology, and I am a pre-med student. I love to cook, play pool, play basketball, and play musical instruments. I joined Acacia because of the wonderful people and their hospitality. I want to give back to these people and to the house, as they have treated me well, become my friends, and I want to do the same for them.

Victor Huggett (1264) '25
Arlington, Virginia



Victor is a senior studying economics at Cornell university. I joined Acacia as I was initially a boarder here and enjoyed my interactions with the brothers. In my free time I enjoy watching football and playing chess.

How to Contribute

Northcote has been and will continue being the home of all 1262 of us brothers. If you would ever like to make a contribution to the house, it could be done so in 3 simple ways!



Through Mail

STEP 1: Make a check out to the Acacia Fraternity Inc

STEP 2: Mail the check to: **Cornell Acacia**
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!

Online

PayPal:

Step 1: Choose the 'Send to friends and family in the US' option

Step 2: Address the payment to:
AcaciaCorpBoard@cornell.edu

Venmo:

Step 1: Address the payment to:
@Acacia-Fraternity-13

A Brother and His Thoughts

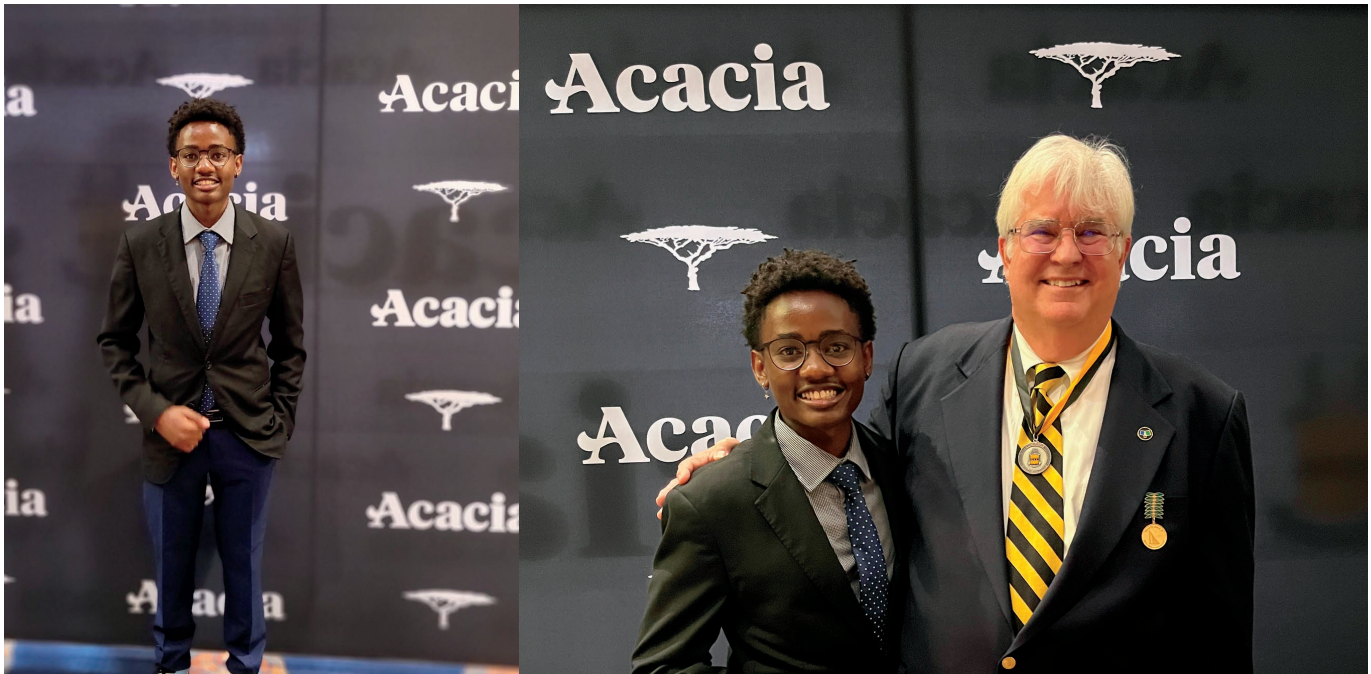
Tyler Sanders '21 (1236)

Oh wow, how time flies! As my last year of undergrad turns its final page, I would like to reflect on the preceding pages of the story. During my time in Acacia, there have been many experiences that allowed me to give light to those with whom I may be associated. After the pandemic, the livelihood of our fraternity has grown substantially. Seeing so many new faces around the house has been a nice reminder of the culture that has been growing and molding into something spectacular. I believe this house has much to look forward to in the future.

Of course, we still enjoy traditional fraternity activities, but we have expanded the kindness and friendliness of the house, especially after the pandemic. We hang out a lot, play games, study, and lift each other up when needed. One thing that I've really appreciated over this time is the amount of people who have been playing the piano. The sounds that come from the commons everyday have been a pleasure to hear.

Discussions about mental health have also opened up. In a majority male environment it can be difficult to talk about those sorts of things, but creating an atmosphere where we can be open about how we feel begins progress toward having these discussions. In male dominated environments, it's common to keep things to yourself, but I believe that it's an even stronger value to be able to talk about your struggles. By keeping this discussion open, it will build a stronger brotherhood. I want to make sure that this tradition outlasts the toxicity and difficulties that come with withholding concerns. Similar to our ritual event of story night and sharing ceremony, sharing our experiences with each other translates to many parts of our day-to-day activities as well.

I believe that the house has been on an upward trajectory for some time. Living in the house has been an amazing experience and with this group of guys, I know that only greatness will be brought to the Acacia name.



**Brother Antony '25 with
Brother William Utic '74 in ACACIA
Conclave '22**



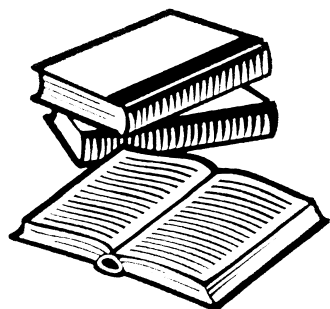
An International Northcote

Fall 2022 new member education has officially concluded, and I am proud to say that we have 4 new excellent brothers joining Northcote. Ever since the pandemic has ended, our fraternity has been blooming with new members that add unique characteristics to the on-going tradition.

While the duration of the pledging decreased as the IFC shortened the Initiation requirement, our Newly Initiated Brothers did their best in getting to learn the history, tradition, and the success of the fraternity. Their paddles were built amazing, pledge dinner went so smoothly we thought Dave had stopped by, and Fraternity Appreciation Week was full of study sessions as preliminary exams had us stuck in the Chapter Room.

As our NIBs start their new journey to Acacia, our brothers, myself-included, are thrilled to see them grow and be part of the process. Additionally, the contribution and commitment from these 4 brothers have made everything worthwhile, and I cannot wait to see how they add their part to the brotherhood!

Fraternally,
Senior Dean
Byung Joon Kang #1233





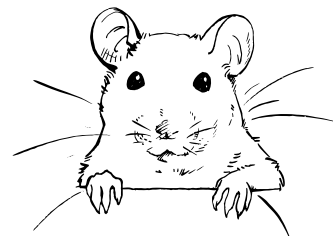
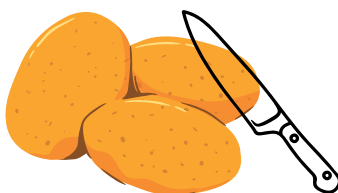
The Dishwasher



Antony Kariuki (1257) '25
Senior & Junior Steward

This semester, I humbly served as the Senior and Junior steward at Northcote where I helped to manage house cleanliness and kitchen operations. This has been an amazing experience as the active brothers have put a lot of determination to ensure house safety and cleanliness. I have to commend the tremendous effort and commitment shown by brothers to keep the house and the kitchen clean. They have prioritized health and safety for the wellbeing of everyone in the house. Additionally, they have been respectfully utilizing the benefits of the kitchen and formed good relationships with our new chef, Dave. This has translated positively to new brothers who have followed in the footsteps to ensure the kitchen remains spectacularly clean. At the epicentre of all, our new chef Dave has been preparing tasty cuisines to meet the diversity of all brothers. He has also helped out in our many social events including chapter meetings where he prepared meals and snacks that were finger-licking good, making guests come back for more. This semester, he has been preparing meals ahead of time while also accommodating brothers with different dietary restrictions. Constant communications with the brothers through our slack channel had effectively ensured smooth operations of the house and kitchen. Therefore, we look forward to maintaining kitchen operations excellence at Northcote for many days to come.

The active brothers and pledges have shown tremendous effort and commitment in maintaining the house for visitors and alumni. Scheduling and assigning cleanups every week or two has shown much initiative in ensuring we have a safe clean work study environment for our scholars. Each one of us believes that the house ambiance plays a vital role giving great first impressions to guests and alumni, and therefore we are relentlessly striving to develop a pleasing atmosphere by maintaining the house as pristine as possible. Along with a new member class that has much more potential than I do, we Cornell Acacians will exponentially build upon what our alumni have left with us. Any donations or ideas regarding "House Improvement" are appreciatively welcome. I plan to further educate new brothers with a rigorous list of "what-to-dos" for crew and clean-ups as well as holding crew and house clean-up workshops to educate brothers on where to find cleaning supplies and what not.



Brothers & Their Thoughts

Shubham Mathur '22 (1246)

Chapter Advisor

Hi! I'm Shubham Mathur - the humble chapter advisor at Northcote. Piecemeal, I've seen classes of Acacians graduate and new classes enter the Halls of Acacia and was thrilled to watch and help in rushing and pledging during my last semester here at Cornell. I feel immense pride watching our NIBs mature into RIBs and then into regular ol' brothers and am stoked to see them take up roles and responsibilities in the house. Each semester, we're presented with some new and some of the same challenges as we learn to live and function together happily and through it, we strengthen the ties that bind our hearts in love.

Every brother's journey is special in its own way, which is to say - it doesn't mean much when I say my personal journey was an unconventional one. I knew my reason for coming to Cornell was to excel in my learning and figure out what to do after school. As such, I had mostly made my peace with having few friends and living out most of my college time in a room studying and playing music for myself. One day, my to-be big brother, Kent Takada, brought me to the Northcote house. After a couple years of seeing trashy, smelly, filled to the brim with shit, fraternity houses, I was blown away by a beautiful grand piano and a diverse group of faces greeting me with genuine friendliness. I remained wary for a while, fearing that potentially unhealthy influences would stray me away from success. This could not have been further from the truth and moreover, it completely discounted the influence I could have over the house. Today, it warms my heart when I get the chance to help, for example, Brother Kariuki solve a Differential Equation problem. As chapter advisor and 'resident mechanical engineer' I feel pride in making living at Northcote a better experience. Instead of a distraction, Acacia became a necessary release for me that I believe helped me reach my full potential while contributing to the brotherhood. Can't wait to read the Traveler as an alum next.

Toshi Tokoyama '22 (1242)

With this semester being my last semester as a student at Cornell University, I want to note the great opportunities and memories Acacia has provided me and thank everyone who has been an integral part. I was introduced to Acacia by brother Tsunoda 21', brother Mack 20'), and brother Tokuyama 20' back in 2019 while I was a freshman during the PREPARE program. Growing up outside the US, I didn't have any idea about fraternities, but after meeting the brothers, I slowly understood Acacia and realized that Acacia was an excellent fit. I could not have asked for a better last semester at Acacia and Cornell. I would like to thank all the current brothers and the brothers who have graduated while I was here.

From Debtor to Creditor

William Salcedo '23 (1244)

Treasurer

Now that I am going through my final fall at Cornell university, I have been reflecting on my time at Acacia fraternity. This summer I worked at Amazon and had a blast in Seattle, working as a hardware engineer at the corporate headquarters. It was during one of my first nights there that I met a fellow Acacian from the Wisconsin chapter. We bonded over our common experiences during our time at Acacia fraternity. He helped his chapter grow from 40 to 80 members. Cornell Acacia is smaller, but I have also taken great pride in contributing to the growth of our chapter. I also visited Acacia Boulder during a work trip over this summer. It was a nice experience, but I like our house better.

This summer, and semester, has seen great progress for our chapter house. Since last semester, all of the wing rooms have been repainted thanks to the generosity of our amazing alumni. We additionally had our roof replaced, a new floor installed, skylights installed in the dormer, and a new can opener installed. We additionally purchased a new WiFi mesh network due to issues with our older system. I drafted up new lease agreements to combat the end of bursar billing and assisted brothers with obtaining financial aid to finance their dues.

Next year I plan on pursuing an M.S. in computer engineering, and I am passing down treasurer at the end of this semester. The past two years have been an extremely fun ride, and I am exited to see where the new brothers bring Acacia in the coming years.



Take off your shoes before stepping inside

Before



After





Family members



Genessis is a sophomore in CALS and the College of Engineering. She's majoring in Bioengineering and is planning on doing a minor in infectious diseases. She was born and raised in Queens, New York and is proudly of Colombian heritage. Genessis can be found studying for her classes in her favorite building- PSB. When she's not studying, you can find her on the slope watching the sunset. She loves all things nature and often finds herself appreciating the Ithaca scenery. At the top of her bucket list is visiting all the National Parks in the U.S. and volunteering for Engineers without Borders. Genessis is excited to make lasting friendships with the brothers from Acacia and make new memories!



Serena is a sophomore in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences majoring in Global Development. She is half Mexican and half Brazilian and she grew up in Monterrey, Rio de Janeiro, and Maryland. Serena is passionate about women's rights, salsa, cooking, and loves Karol G. Serena is excited to make memories and friendships for life in Acacia.

My name is Mercedes Reyes. I am a sophomore in the College of Human Ecology studying Human Biology, Health and Society. I like being a sweetheart at Acacia because the members are fun and I like watching Tony cook. Outside of school I dance on a Latin dance team or I make Harry Potter conspiracy theories.





Olivia Chaudhury is a second year Masters student in Historic Preservation Planning. She completed her undergraduate degree in Urban & Regional Studies at Cornell from '16-'20. She grew up in Dhaka, Bangladesh and has been attending Acacia events since '16 with fellow sweetheart Cara Huang, and their friends Karolina and Veronika. Olivia's passions include history, fashion and writing. She is thankful to the Acacia brothers for always providing a friendly and inviting atmosphere, and enjoys taking walks around the beautiful Cayuga Heights neighborhood.

My name is Emily and I'm a sophomore studying biology or something. I like to figure skate and crochet my own clothes! Being an Acacia sweetheart has been so awesome so far!



Hi! I'm Kiki Plowe, a sophomore studying Philosophy and minoring in Law and Society. I'm so excited to have become a sweetheart this semester! Outside of school, I'm the President of my Ethics Bowl club, I play guitar, and I write for the Cornell Daily Sun.

Cornell IFC Acacia

Organizational ScoreCard

Chapter at a Glance

Organization: Acacia
Cornell Chapter Name: No. 14 Cornell
CU Founding: 1907
Address: 318 Highland Rd (Privately Owned)
President: [Vasilios Venetis Zaharioudakis](#)✉
National Website: [acacia.org](#)✉
Cornell Chapter Website: [cornellacacia.org](#)✉
Instagram: [@cornellacacia](#)✉



Organization Scorecard

Fall 2020 Members: 20
Fall 2020 New Members: 0
Spring 2021 GPA: 3.54
2018-2019 Service Hours: 126
2018-2019 Philanthropy: \$15

Rates for Spring 2022

Live-in Housing & Dining: \$4,200
Live-out Housing & Dining: \$1,300
Initiation Fee: \$400

Recognition Status: Full

A day in ACACIA

**Actives and Potential New Members
During Bus Trip for Casino Night**



**Brother Lorenzo de Alba '22 and
Brother Manuel Cortez '25**



**Brother Byung Joon '21 with
Lorenzo De Alba '22 doing service
work in Loaves and Fishes**



**Active Brothers, Alumni and Significant
Others During Wine Tour, Homecoming '22**









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Brother Davila 25', In the Front Page of Cornell Daily Sun.
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Cornell Daily Sun, <https://cornellsun.com/?s=ethic+club+>