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Acacia is #2 in ISU Greek System with 3.17 G.P.A. 68.3% of Members earn 3.00 GPA or Higher

The **Spring, 2013** semester grade results are in, and **Acacia Fraternity** once again ranks among the best for academic honors. The competition is fierce for this honor, as reflected in the results for the top five fraternities are as follows:

1.	FarmHouse	3.28
2.	Acacia	3.17
3.	Alpha Gamma Rho	3.16
5.	Tau Kappa Epsilon	3.06
4.	Sigma Phi Epsilon	3.03
All Fraternity Average		2.92
All Men's Undergrad Ave.		2.85

Grant L. Albansaoder
Jacob R. Bergman
Paul D. Bundy
Zachary T. Clarey
Kevin S. Duhrkopf
David W. Gardner
Garrett M. Hembry
Zachary R. Jameson
Nicholas H. Kraus
Gabirel J. McCoy
Derek E. Robison
Drew K. Sherman
Robert J. Vannoy
Joe L. Webb

Samuel M. Behrens
Ian L. Bryant
Tyler J. Cain
Andrew D. Doherty
Colten W. Fales
Jackson P. Griffith
Tanner J. Jaeger
Addison G. Kistler
Wicitra Mahotama
Thomas R. McGee
Benjamin J. Schneider
Carlton J. Stripe
Preston J. Waymire
Tyler J. Zylstra

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

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

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

Previous academic results for the Chapter are as follows:

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

Kitchen Remodeling Project Completed!



When the men of the Iowa State Chapter return to the chapter house this fall, they will be greeted with the sight of a remodeled kitchen. The last time the kitchen was remodeled was approximately fifteen years ago, right after the chapter house was sold. The kitchen cupboards, cabinets and floors were definitely showing their age, so the Board voted at the April meeting to authorize the purchase of custom-made cabinets, a new floor and ceiling (including lighting fixtures that provide much more lighting) and most important of all – the installation of a commercial-grade dishwasher.

For many of our alumni (myself included), we will remember the days when all the dishes after each meal were washed, rinsed and put away by hand, a very labor intensive process to be sure! When the

chapter house was repurchased, the Board installed a dishwashing unit and replaced it a number of times over the years. While an improvement over the system of washing the dishes by hand, the cycle-time still required a couple of hours to wash the dishes after each meal. The new dishwasher will not only wash the dishes at a higher temperature than the previous units, but more amazingly, the time required for a **complete washing cycle** is (are you ready for this?) only **two** minutes!

The new kitchen cupboards and cabinets are made of solid hardwood (not engineered wood or plastic) and should last for many years. In addition, a granite-looking Formica counter top was installed that should provide the chapter with an easy to clean and highly durable surface. Additional cabinets were installed under the sink to provide us with more storage space than was previously available, and match the existing wood trim in terms of fit and finish. Although the Board had not planned to replace the existing stove in the kitchen, the parents of Kevin Duhrkopf (Scott and Cindy), volunteered to purchase a new stove to be installed in the kitchen to go with the rest of the kitchen upgrades. They felt that it just wasn't right that we should put in a new kitchen not have a new stove to go with it! The new stove should be installed prior to the beginning of the fall semester. Our sincere thanks go out to them for their unexpected and most generous gift! We know that the members of the chapter will be certain to make use of the new stove on a regular basis!

The Return of a Beautiful Sound to the Chapter House

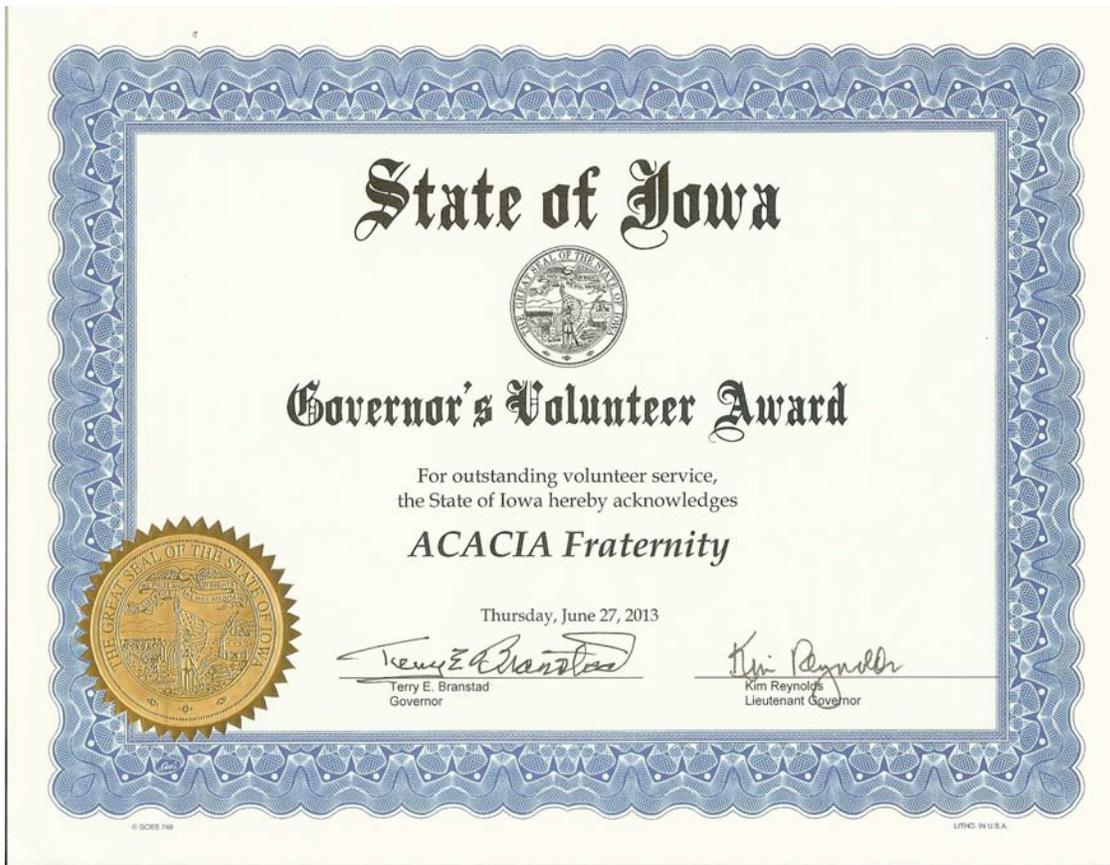


For many years, a “silent sentinel” in the foyer of the chapter house has been the grandfather clock. This clock has not worked for many years, but its repair has been an item that the Board and Chapter simply could not afford. This summer, thanks to the ministrations and loving attention of a generous alumnus who took the time to clean and repair to the internal mechanism and rebalance the weights, a beautiful and mellow “gong-like” sound once again echoes’ throughout the main floor of the chapter house on the half-hour and hour, keeping track of the time. The inscription on the clock reads as follows:

Dedicated to Albert Boone Conrow, Acacian, by a group of friends and Brothers that time might never dim the memory of his fine character and scholastic honors he achieved.

In checking back through the roll book, Brother Conrow is listed as member #176 of the Iowa State Chapter, and he became a Brother on May 30, 1921. Next to his name in the roll book is a “star” symbol, which we believe indicates that he died serving in the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

Sadly, no one in the chapter house today knows the story of Brother Conrow. His story has been lost to time. But due to the generosity of an alumnus, the clock dedicated to his memory is once again serving the members of the chapter with its beautiful sound.



Iowa State Chapter Receives Governor's Service Award

The Iowa State Chapter of Acacia received a 2013 Governor's Volunteer Award from Governor Terry E. Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds during a special recognition ceremony held on June 27th in Pleasant Hill. The Governor's Volunteer Awards program was created in 1982, with inaugural awards presented in 1983. Originally begun as a small program only available to state government agencies, it was expanded and now provides all Iowa nonprofit, charitable and governmental organizations with a means to honor their volunteers with a prestigious state-level recognition award. Several hundred volunteers and organizations are recognized each year with awards in one of four categories: Individual, Group, Length of Service or Disaster Volunteer.



"Volunteerism is an important part of the state's future and well-being" said Governor Branstad. "I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the people of our great state who continue the tradition of neighbor helping neighbor and work tirelessly to improve their communities. Collectively, Iowa's volunteers contribute to our ranking among the top three states in the nation for our volunteer rate."

"The Governor and I sincerely congratulate all of this year's award recipients," said Lt. Governor Reynolds. "All are very deserving of the honor and we thank them for their tremendous and selfless efforts and devotion to making a difference."

Acacia Fraternity was honored with a Group Volunteer Award by Paul Trombion III of the Iowa Department of Transportation for their work this past ten years of maintaining and help to clean up the

Interstate running along the east side of the City of Ames. This program was first started by Brother **Robert Borcharding** - #978 of the Iowa State Chapter. Accepting the award on behalf of the chapter was Harold Zarr, Alumni Board President.

Three Brothers Attend Acacia Leadership Academy Four Brothers Receive \$1,000 Scholarship Awards from the Acacia Fraternity Foundation

Several undergraduate and alumni brothers from the Iowa State Chapter traveled to Bloomington, Indiana from July 30 to August 4, 2013 to attend the 2013 Darold W. Larson Acacia Leadership Academy.

Unique is the best way to describe the Acacia Leadership Academy. Held during off-Conclave years, one hundred Acacians from across the United States and Canada meet and function as one chapter – providing input and ideas from their various experiences. Outside speakers compliment the program to give the undergraduates a great fraternal experience. Everyone leaves enthused and ready to tackle any problem that may confront him. Acacia Fraternity is the only fraternity to offer this unique experience. In addition to the seminars and small-group discussions lead by alumni brothers, activities included the Acacia Olympics (Basketball, Volleyball, Euchre, Bowling, Darts, Beanbag Toss, and Horseshoes), a number of team-building events and a paintball activity. In addition to the seminars, activities also included the Acacia Olympics (Basketball, Volleyball, Euchre, Bowling, Darts, Beanbag Toss, and horseshoes), a number of team-building events, and a paintball event. In addition to the seminars, activities also included the Acacia Olympics (Basketball, Volleyball, Euchre, Bowling, Darts, Beanbag Toss, and horseshoes), a number of team-building events, and a paintball event.

The ALA was established by then-fraternity executive director Darold Larson in 1995 as a venture to bring together brothers to discuss the fraternity and best practices. Since 1995, the Indiana chapter has hosted this very worthwhile event. The fraternal setting at the Indiana chapter house offers a perfect environment for seminars, lectures and the free-flowing exchange of ideas between chapter members. The opportunity to live together and virtually function as a chapter provides participants with an incredible atmosphere to learn new methods of chapter operations as well as pass on their own successful methods.

Acacia is a community. For this week, it's a community of the Fraternity's best and brightest leaders. The Acacia community consists of friends and brothers. It is shared experiences, events, team competitions and learning. It is relationships, challenges, goals, tough decisions, victories and, at times, sacrifices. Our community is based on the teachings of the Fraternity through its ritual, the traditions of our mentors and the standards and expectations of our chapters and members. At the Leadership Academy, attendees learn, experience and "live" fraternity. They learn to make leadership more effective. They enjoy working with leaders and realize that the Acacia community truly does extend past the boundaries of university and chapter.

From a historical perspective, the Acacia Leadership Academy was re-named the Darold W. Larson Acacia Leadership Academy in 2011 to honor and thank Bro. Darold Larson for his 25 years of service as executive director of the Acacia International Fraternity. It was his vision that created ALA as we know it today and without his leadership, this unique and outstanding fraternal experience would not exist.

In addition to the Acacia Leadership Academy, the Acacia Fraternity Foundation Board of Directors held their annual meeting in conjunction with the ALA and it provided a great opportunity for the undergraduate brothers to learn more about the Fraternity's Foundation and the commitment to educational programming and advancement of Acacia.

Of special note, at the ALA closing banquet, the AFF announced its annual awarding of scholarships for undergraduate brothers.

Receiving scholarships from the Iowa State Chapter were: **Joe Webb, Drew Sherman, Tom McGee, and Gabe McCoy.** We congratulate each of these brothers for their strong commitment to academic success, campus and community involvement, and philanthropic endeavors.



The Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity was represented by undergraduate brothers Drew Sherman, Joe Webb, and Wicitra Mahotama. Alumni brothers Jeremy Davis (International 2nd Vice President and Chapter Advisor), Michael Weber (Director of Expansion for Acacia International Fraternity), and Harold Zarr (Alumni Board President, AFF Investment Chairman and Board Member) also attended this great leadership and chapter development conference.

Two of the undergraduate Brothers shared their impressions of their experience at the ALA Conference. The first is Joe Webb, and he is currently a sophomore at Iowa State. Joe had this to share:

I initially wanted to go to ALA because I was looking for ways to improve our recruitment process. After attending, I learned so much more than what I was looking for. I learned that I still share the same feeling of brotherhood with men who live thousands of miles away, as I do with the guys in our chapter here at Iowa State. We were able to spend the final evening passing the gavel, and many undergraduates and alumni openly expressed why Acacia was an important part of their lives. It was inspiring to hear the stories that everyone has experienced with their chapter and how much they earnestly care for the livelihood of the fraternity.

After attending ALA, I have been encouraging more brothers to look into going to it two years from now. If I could take away one thing from ALA to benefit our chapter, it would be improving our new member education process. We learned a lot about different professional development tools that are available to every chapter, and we want to incorporate more discussion and workshops into the education period. We want to incorporate cornerstones into the new member education process, as well as teaching them about the significance behind our ritual. Ultimately, ALA has been one of my most memorable undergraduate experiences so far and I am now inspired to motivate others in our chapter to live out the values of Virtue, Knowledge and Truth in our everyday lives. I sincerely want to thank everyone who made this opportunity possible.

Another Brother who attended was Drew Sherman. Drew had this to share about his experience.

The Acacia Leadership Academy was an amazing experience for me as an undergraduate member to meet Acacians from around North America all in one place. Nearly immediately I started bonding with my brothers from other chapters and universities in a way that I didn't think was possible. It's amazing to see how much we all have in common and to be able to share that brotherhood with men who I've never even met before. We were united through our fraternity, but we bonded because of what Acacia has meant to us and what we see for the future of our fraternity.

Throughout the week I learned so much about strategies, best practices, and ideas that I could bring back to Iowa State and my brothers in Ames. Our International Council and Headquarters staff provided a great line-up of keynote speakers, informational sessions, and discussion groups to develop our understanding of Acacia and ourselves.

Personally I have come away with so many new experiences and memories that have helped me see Acacia in a new light. I can't wait to come back to Ames to share these experiences with everyone and do something that will make an impact for my brothers. I'm also extremely thankful for the Acacia Fraternity Foundation for awarding me a \$1,000 scholarship at the closing banquet. Their support and the support of my brothers have made my collegiate experience a great one, and with international events like ALA it can only get better.

Kevin Duhrkopf Selected as Athletic Training Student for ISU Football Team

This academic year I selected to be an Athletic Training Student for the Iowa State Football team. I earned this position through my major of Athletic Training. My freshman year I spent taking multiple prerequisites to get into the Athletic Training Education Program. The requirements to get accepted into the program are taking the certain classes as in Human Anatomy and Physiology and also an Intro to Athletic Training course. In that course we learned to tape as well and we were required to get 75 observation hours in a training room in the spring. Also the application process includes an interview with the Athletic Training staff as well as letter of recommendations and intent.



I got accepted into the program over the summer and now for the next academic year I, along with 21 other students, are working with the football team. My responsibilities include being at every day of training camp before school starts as well as every practice during school. Also I am on the sidelines for the home football games and one away game. I also take players through rehabilitation for injuries as well as learning how to use therapeutic modalities to for treatment of injuries. Being an athletic trainer involves a lot of taping and general medical first aid.

Overall I am looking forward to this fall with a busy schedule with Athletic Training and Acacia. I am most looking forward to being able to be on the sidelines for the games because I have always had that dream since I was a little kid.

Acacians Have Diverse Internships Over Summer

This summer, many active members of Acacia participated in internships or research work to explore their career field and gain valuable hands-on experience. Some members, like sophomores in chemical engineering **David Gardner** and **Jon Ellis**, worked right on campus at the Biorenewables Lab, developing green techniques to turn algae into oil. Junior in economics **Drew Sherman** also worked at Iowa State, but as the Interfraternity Council Vice President of Recruitment, organizing opportunities for incoming freshmen to learn more about the Greek Community and training and communicating with individual chapter recruitment chairs.

Engineering internship opportunities were plentiful this summer. Senior in aerospace engineering **Ian Bryant** spent three months with the Army Research Lab, doing a comparative analysis on impeller design and its effect on a wall climbing vehicle. Junior **Chase Russell**, agricultural engineering major turned journalism and mass communication, worked with John Deere Harvester Works as a Manufacturing Weld Engineering intern. His projects dealt with manufacturing processes, material flow, and operator safety/ergonomics.

Gabe McCoy, Junior in Mechanical Engineering, was a systems integration engineer for Caterpillar. His main project, retrofitting some of the systems to work in new machines, actually sent him to Arizona to help with the project hands-on. Another Junior engineer, **Andrew Mann** (Civil), worked with Haeger Engineering in Chicago surveying land to widen interstate 90.

Senior in dietetics **Andrew Doherty** had the most unique internship opportunity; he worked with Chankaska Ranch and Winery, doing a little bit of everything: cooking as a sous chef, working as an assistant to the wine maker, and working in the vineyards “tending to god's fruit.”

Junior in Management Information Systems **Ryan Lohse** spent the summer working at Fareway's Corporate Headquarters, re-wiring the building. **Paul Bundy**, Senior in marketing, spent his last summer as student with Fisher Controls, where he worked to help automate reporting files and assist with month and quarter reporting.

Alumni Brother Recognizes Firefighters who Lost their Lives in Yarnell Fire

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Dear Harold and Brother Acacians,

I have meant to get a not off, but I never did major in letter writing – or writing of any type!

This is a mistake in the names on the picture on page 6 of 12 in the May issue. I was label as Larry Fellow and I know he is better looking than that. Dick Cone did a nice job of picture taking, but his writing is like mine! (We are both Forestry major and there were other items more important to us!)

To get even with Dick, I am inviting more to his party next year. It was very great to see Dale Weber, as I had not seen him since we left Ames. Dick and Neil were younger, but do believe I had met Dick as he was in Forestry. Of the ten of us in the picture, four were at our wedding – myself, Bruce as best man, Jim

Davis who had introduced Jan and myself – and Larry Wogahn – brother in law.

Really do appreciate your newsletters and particularly items of our generation. Lowell Johnson was a very good friend of my brother in law, Don Larson.

Even though I do not believe there were any Acacia connections, but I would like to have my check recognizing this memory of the nineteen fire fighters from Prescott, Arizona, and their lookout who survived the Yarnell Fire. I am sure Dick cone and other Forestry Grad's consider this a major tragedy. They were all a group of young firefighters taking forest and range fires.

Thanks again for all you do and you to, are invited to our little warm weather spring fest.

Fraternally, Bert Fellows



A Quick Look at **Cornerstones**

The Acacia Membership Development Program

Many times our new members often wonder what it is really going to be like when they join a fraternity. Their parents may often have the same questions, but from a slightly different perspective. They hear that many fraternities emphasize academics and responsibility and building strong moral values, but is it really true or is it just a “sales pitch” to convince their sons and parents that joining a fraternity really is a good idea? In the case of Acacia Fraternity, it is no “hype,” it is a fact. The Cornerstones Program is designed to develop a life-long pattern of strong character and moral values that will serve our members well throughout their adult life. The November newsletter will feature a very detailed and informative article for the parents and alumni about a program that has been conducted for a number of years now within the Fraternity. But for now, our goal is simply to introduce this highly successful membership development program that has been in place for a number of years at the Iowa State Chapter, one of the official “chartering” chapters of this program.

Membership in Acacia has always offered young leaders tremendous opportunity for personal growth and professional development. Involvement at the chapter level, in campus life, and throughout the greater community is part of the ideal Acacia experience. Seven years ago, leadership at the international level of Acacia recognized an opportunity to take this vision of membership and develop a tangible program to help our active members build a foundation to be successful on campus and after college. Cornerstones goes beyond pledge education by offering each individual member a simple framework for goal setting and experiential learning throughout his time in college and beyond. When an entire chapter commits to Cornerstones -- hosting guest speakers, seeking learning opportunities on campus, and practicing our motto, *Human Service* -- the program fosters a **values-based** membership that encourages **mental, physical, social, and spiritual** growth.

At the seven-year mark, Cornerstones is still a young program for a fraternity with over 100 years of history. Even in that short timeframe, the creation and implementation of Cornerstones has directly correlated to positive trends in Acacia’s membership growth - 18% growth over the past three years. As we see our efforts bearing fruit, to what do we attribute that success?

- Bringing discussion of our core values of Virtue, Knowledge & Truth to the forefront
- Providing a framework for our members to get more active within their chapters and on campus, from pledgeship through graduation and beyond
- Encouraging a higher level of achievement from our members
- Helping our members articulate the benefits of joining Acacia
- Mobilizing alumni to get involved as mentors

Another factor leading to the initial development of Cornerstones was the collective desire of our alumni to make a meaningful contribution to the undergraduate experience. Cornerstones provides an opportunity for alumni to impart knowledge to young men that only comes with real-world experience. Alumni may contribute in a variety of ways -- by giving an educational talk at a chapter meeting, to serving as a mentor to individual members, to making a monetary contribution through the Acacia Fraternity Foundation.

Acacia chapters across North America are using Cornerstones to strengthen their organizations and offer their members the best possible fraternity experience. And every successive semester, as more chapters and more members invest fully in the program, the result is nothing short of extraordinary for Acacia Fraternity as a whole. The mission statement accurately sums up our goals for this program.

Cornerstones Mission Statement

To create & foster the optimal fraternity experience for every individual member of Acacia Fraternity by providing an environment that **promotes continual self-development, accountability to shared goals, and standards for personal conduct**. The resulting outcome is graduating seniors who are able to articulate the positive impact of Acacia Fraternity in their lives, as well as their plans for staying involved as an alumnus member.

Our Alumni are Stepping Forward in 2013 to Support the Chapter Improvement and Scholarship Funds

The donations provided by our alumni to the Scholarship and Capital Improvement Funds have been vital factors in the long-term success of the chapter. We cannot begin to thank our alumni enough for their generosity in supporting these two Funds. Donations to the scholarship fund have been critical in our ability to be able to attract men to become Brothers in our Fraternity.



Chapter House Improvement Donations in 2013

\$ 2,335 Contributed in 2013 by Iowa State Acacians

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made contributions to the new chapter house improvement fund in 2013. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2013 -----	
Refounding Father	(\$ 10,000 or more)
Board of Directors Club	(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)
Pythagorean Partner	(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)
Chapter Partner David H. Fifield - #671	(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)
Gold Partner	(\$ 750 - \$ 999)

Silver Partner	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)
Bronze Partner	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)
William G. Percy - #420	
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Donald W. Messer - #447	
Lynn R. Pendry - #469	
Albert M. Fellows - #475	
Larry J. McComber - #525	
Dennis G. McComber - #556	
James M. Hanson - #533	
Lee R. Chrstensen - #601	
Glenn S. Goodenow - #689	
Spirit Partner	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
Ray E. Gustafson - #712	



Alumni Scholarship Fund Donations in 2013

\$4,925 Contributed in 2013 by Iowa State Acacians

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made tax-deductible contributions to the chapter scholarship fund in 2013. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity! Your contributions provide vital

support the academic efforts of your Brothers in our Chapter!

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Refounding Father	(\$ 10,000 or more)
Board of Directors Club	(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)
Pythagorean Partner	(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)
Chapter Partner	(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)
Robert L. "Sam" Carstens - #354	
Gold Partner	(\$ 750 - \$ 999)
Silver Partner	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)
James H. Davis - #489	
Douglas R. Whitney - #627	
Peter J. Eversole - #635	
Bronze Partner	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)
William L. Neidig - #332	
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Kenneth A. Porter - #457	

Bernard J. Kolp - #466	
Lynn R. Pendry - #469	
Richard W. Taylor - #506	
James M. Hanson - #533	
Gary D. Harter - #538	
Dennis G. McComber - #556	
Jerry W. Crossett - #577	
Howard V. Speer - #606	
James E. Hunt - #628	
John W. Bridenstine - #752	
Bruce C. Wight - #770	
Robert K. Borcharding - #978	
Stewart L. Burger	
Spirit Partner	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
Ray E. Gustafson - #712	
Gregory M. Janda - #990	
Craig Buske - #1009	
Jard A. Ramthun - #1019	
Pavel I. Beresnev - #1058	

In Memoriam



Dennis Karl Rogosch, 64, formerly of Sioux City, passed away on March 10, 2012, in Wichita, Kan., after a brief illness. Denny was born in Sioux City on April 19, 1947, to Karl and Helen Rogosch.

Dennis attended school at Iowa State University where he was initiated as a member of Acacia Fraternity, roll number 698. He earned a degree in Industrial Psychology and Naval Science.

Dennis was a manufacturing Engineer at Case New Holland and had previously worked as a Senior Information Engineer at Modulant CTO. He had worked for thirty-five years in the fields of information and manufacturing management systems to implement lean manufacturing and six sigma quality systems in manufacturing environments.

A family celebration of his life was held in Winfield, Kan.

He is survived by his wife, Karen of Winfield; two sons, Kevin (Jennifer) and Jeff; and two grandsons, Erek and Logan, all of Manhattan, Kan. He is also survived by his parents and one sister, Barb (Kent) Wigg of Sioux Falls, S.D.

Active Chapter Report

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Greetings!

I am happy to say that the fraternity is wrapping up another successful summer and we are excited to begin another fall semester.

This summer was a busy one for many of our members. Numerous members had internships, research opportunities, and leadership positions this summer among other opportunities. It was exciting to see the level of involvement this summer and it is clear that the fraternal experience provided by Acacia is playing a major part in all of our futures.

In addition to work, summer also means it is time for recruitment. As of now the chapter has signed 11 new members for our fall class. We are very excited about our incoming class and their potential as future Acacians.

This fall the chapter is looking into taking on a new human service opportunity. This September the chapter will be hosting Bob Selby, the executive director of Holding Tiny Hands. Holding Tiny Hands is a nonprofit based out of Ames that provides support to families with children in a NICU. The chapter will be helping to package gift bags that contain helpful information as well as helpful items such as water, Kleenex and other items. Also this semester our philanthropy chair, Wicitra

Mahotama, is launching a "What's your 20?" program to encourage all of our members to volunteer at least 20 hours.

One of the big activities each fall is the homecoming competitions. This year the chapter will be competing as a large fraternity for the first time since recolonizing. We are excited to be paired with fraternities Sigma Chi and Theta Xi as well as sororities Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Sigma Kappa. Homecoming is always an exciting time in the community and we look forward to having fun defending our back to back homecoming championships.

During the past year the chapter has created a new Public Relations Chair position. This member is now responsible for all of our chapter communication. I would encourage everyone to follow us on twitter and like the chapter on Facebook. Our twitter account is @ISUAcacia and Facebook page is Acacia Fraternity-Iowa State University. We post frequently with chapter updates, pictures, and member spotlights. We look forward to interacting with you!

Overall this has been a great summer and we can't wait for everyone to be back in Ames!

Board President's Message

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

The summer is rapidly coming to a close, and with it the excitement is building for a new school year.

At the summer Board meeting, the rush chairs reported that the average GPA for the eight men that had signed at that point in time was 3.77 on a 4.00 scale. Absolutely incredible, and if these young men continue to perform at this level, the #1 academic spot in the Greek System will soon belong to Acacia once again.

As was mentioned earlier in the newsletter, I had the opportunity to attend the ALA in Bloomington, Indiana. As I serve on the AFF Board, I did not get to spend a lot of time with the undergraduate members and my time was taken up in an "exciting" series of meetings with the AFF Board. That being said, I did get to attend the Saturday evening banquet and I had the opportunity to listen to the heartfelt stories of the new Brothers of our Fraternity.

It is not often that you get hear directly from a person the extent to which an event becomes a life altering experience, but I heard, over and over again, the impact that this academy had on the

lives of these young men. As with most of our alumni, this event simply did not exist when we were attending college. It is a shame, for I can only imagine where our Fraternity might be today if had existed back then and if we could have taken advantage of what it has to offer.

More importantly, I would like to really ask all of our alumni to seriously consider and try to make it back for our semi-annual luncheon this fall. We will be hosting the event in the Memorial Union and it will take place on Sunday, October 27th. The luncheon will begin at noon, and it will provide you with an opportunity to meet the outstanding group of young men that we have in our Fraternity, and a chance to come and tour the chapter house. You won't believe all the changes that have been made to the facility over the years.

My best wishes to all of you for the rest of the summer, and I hope to see many of you in October!

Corporate Board Members

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

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