



# The Iowa State Pythagorean

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## Iowa State Chapter Earns the Malcolm Award!



The Acacia Brothers from the Iowa State Chapter attended the 58<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy in Nashville, Tennessee from July 30 – August 3, 2014 where it was announced that the Iowa State Chapter earned the Malcolm Award. The picture shown above is a group composite of all of the members of the Chapter taken in front of the chapter house reminiscent of, and in tribute to the first group of Iowa State Acacias who won this award at the 1964 Conclave.

The members of the chapter shown in this photograph are front row (Jeremy Davis, Don Good, Harold Zarr, Gabe McCoy), second row (Dillyn Mumme, David Gardner, Drew Sherman, Billy Dyke, Ben Danielson, Riley Austin) third row (Jackson Griffith, Joe Webb, Addison Kistler, Brendan Zimmerman, Brian Mozey, Devin Shields, Jake Croghan) fourth row (Mike Hofer, Carlton Stripe, Wyatt Lauer, Carter Reed, Wicitra Mahotama) fifth row (Adi Navale, Ryan Lohse, Colten Fales, Clayton Van Ekeren, Josh Kublie, Ryan Zumbach, Garrett Hembry) sixth row (Preston Waymire, Andrew Mann, Jordan Griffing, Tye Reiman, Mac Foley).

As all of our alumni know, the highest honor that may be given to a chapter of the Fraternity is the George A. Malcolm Award, named in honor of one of the founder's of Acacia Fraternity. This award is given to the chapter that exhibits continuous excellence in the performance of all phases of both the chapters and alumni operations. This marks the third time that the Iowa State Chapter has won the Malcolm Award, with the two earlier times in 1964 and 2010.

The Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity was well-represented by eleven undergraduate and three alumni brothers at the 58<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy held July 30 to August 3, 2014 in Nashville, Tennessee! Overall, nearly 200 Acacians from across the United States and Canada helped to make this a very successful Conclave filled with brotherhood and fellowship.

**At the Conclave's closing banquet, the Iowa State Chapter was recognized with the Malcolm Award, thereby recognized as the Top Chapter of Acacia Fraternity for the 2012-2014 biennium!** The Iowa State Chapter has previously earned the Malcolm in 1964 and in 2010. The Kansas State Chapter was recognized with the Superior Chapter Award (#2 chapter of Acacia for the biennium). Thus for the past three biennial Conclaves, the Iowa State Chapter and Kansas State Chapter have either been ranked #1 or #2. We believe this is the first time that this has occurred where the same two chapters have either been ranked #1 or #2 for three consecutive biennial Conclaves.

Of note, the chapter's three Venerable Deans who lead the chapter during the 2012-2014 biennium are: Brother Derek Robison (2012), Brother Tom McGee (2013), and Brother Gabe McCoy (2014). This further indicates that the overall membership and leadership found within each chapter is strong, growing, and proven.



*Front Row (L to R): Jakob Croghan, Gabe McCoy (Chapter Venerable Dean), David Gardner. Second Row (L to R): Harold Zarr, Jr. (Corporate Board President), Ryan Lohse, Grant*

*Albansoder, Joe Webb, Jeremy Davis (Chapter Advisor). Back Row (L to R): Ryan Zumbach, Brendan Zimmerman, Tanner Jaeger, Drew Sherman, Colten Fales, Michael Weber (Director of Operations-Acacia Headquarters), and Rob Roberson (International President of Acacia).*

In addition to Founder's Achievement Awards (the top chapter awards for Acacia International Fraternity—The Malcolm Award, the Superior Chapter Award, and the Outstanding Chapter Award), the International Fraternity also recognizes chapters with the Chapter Excellence Awards (there are 17 best-practice award areas). The Iowa State Chapter was recognized with the following six Chapter Excellence Awards:

***The G.K. Nelson Academic Programming Award.*** This award is presented to a chapter with an outstanding academic program. The Iowa State Chapter provides a comprehensive academic support program for our undergraduate brothers by providing a \$200 scholarship each semester to those brothers who earn a 3.0 GPA or higher for the previous semester. The Corporate Board reimburses academic tutoring costs whenever a brother requests academic assistance. These programs, combined with the internal support the brothers provide to each other, as resulted in chapter that performs well academically, most recently earning a 3.48 GPA for the Spring 2014 semester.

***Financial Operations Award.*** This award is presented to a chapter with an outstanding financial operations program. The Iowa State Chapter has developed a comprehensive financial operations program that includes a well-defined and tracked budgeting program, an Accounts Receivable balance of \$0, and has a viable financial reserve that can be utilized for one-time expenses.

***Good of the Fraternity Award.*** This award is presented to a chapter that best exemplifies the beliefs and values of Acacia Fraternity. The Iowa State Chapter maintains a strong commitment to human service through various volunteerism activities within the Ames community, maintains a strong brotherhood, utilizes effective communications, and has a strong connection to the International Fraternity through participation in the Conclave, Acacia Leadership Academy, and Venerable Deans Summit.

***Risk Management Award.*** This award is presented to a chapter that has an outstanding risk management program established. The Iowa State Chapter has consistently passed the annual fire inspection by the City of Ames and works to meet any City of Ames building code requirements, has a fire-sprinkler system installed, has an anti-hazing policy that is strictly followed, and provides educational resources regarding various risk management issues.

***Ritual Exemplification Award.*** This award is presented to a chapter that best exemplifies the Ritual of Acacia. The Iowa State Chapter holds a formal chapter meeting once per month

and utilizes the formal opening and closing of the meeting, effectively exemplifies the Ritual of Acacia for ceremonies, and exemplifies the chapter officer installation ceremony.

**Campus Leadership Award.** This award is presented to a chapter that has outstanding involvement on campus. The Iowa State Chapter encourages its undergraduate brothers to be involved in at least one campus organization or activity. Currently 91.5% of the undergraduate brothers are involved in multiple campus organizations and 33.9% of the undergraduate brothers are serving in leadership roles in various organizations. This includes ISU Government of the Student Body Vice President, the IFC Vice President of Leadership Development, IFC Vice President of Scholarship, IFC Vice President of Recruitment, ISU Student Alumni Leadership Council President, Vice President of Ceremonies for Cardinal Key, and the Morale Captain for Dance Marathon, just to name a few.



*The Iowa State delegation to the 58<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conclave (with the Chapter Excellence Awards) (L to R): Harold Zarr, Jr., Michael Weber, Brendan Zimmerman, Jakob Croghan, Drew Sherman, Colten Fales, Ryan Lohse, Tanner Jaeger, David Gardner, Joe Webb, Grant Albansoder, Gabe McCoy, Ryan Zumbach, and Jeremy Davis.*

In addition to Chapter Awards, several brothers of the Iowa State Chapter were recognized for individual achievement at the Conclave.

During the Bill A. Utic Acacia Fraternity Foundation luncheon, the AFF Board of Directors presented 11 scholarships (for a total of \$16,000) to undergraduate Acacia brothers from various chapters. The Iowa State Chapter had four brothers earn AFF scholarships, including: Brother Joe Webb received the George F. Patterson, Jr. Scholarship (\$3000), Brother Drew Sherman received the Emma C. Allen Memorial Scholarship (\$2000), and Brothers Gabe McCoy and Wicitra Mahotama received the AFF General Scholarship (\$1000). This is a testament to our chapter brothers' commitment to academic success!

At the Conclave's Closing Banquet, Brother Harold Zarr was awarded the George F. Patterson Award. This award is given annually and is presented only at the Conclave (thus two are presented at each Conclave, one for each year of the biennium). It is an award that can only be received by those who have previously received the Award of Merit and who have given many years of service to Acacia and has worked diligently to advance Acacia. Brother Zarr was recognized with this award for his long-term service as Corporation Board President of The Acacians and for his service on the AFF Board of Directors, where he currently serves a Chair of the Investment Committee. Harold is the first Iowa State alumnus to receive this award.



*Brother Harold Zarr, Jr. being presented with the George F. Patterson Award by Acacia Fraternity Executive Director Brother Patrick McGovern.*

Additionally, Brother Tom McGee was recognized as the Senior Brother of Year for 2013-14 for his outstanding leadership as Venerable Dean during his senior year of college. Finally, two brothers from the Iowa State Chapter were honored with the Order of Pythagoras, they were Brother Tom McGee and Brother Andrew Doherty.

In terms of business conducted by the Conclave, the delegates to the 58<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conclave approved a number of operational changes, including a new financial collections model, increased the initiation fee to \$240/man and increased the per-capita fee to \$150/man. Additionally, the delegates approved a number of "clean-up" amendments to the Laws of Acacia.

During the closing business session, elections to the International Council also occurred. First, Brother Drew Sherman was elected to a two-year term to serve as one of the two Undergraduate Counselors on the International Council. As an undergraduate, Brother Sherman served the Iowa State Chapter as a Recruitment Chair, was the 2013 IFC Vice President of Recruitment, and is

currently the 2014 IFC Vice President of Leadership Development.

Second, Brother Jeremy Davis was elected as the International President of Acacia International Fraternity. Brother Davis most-recently was serving as the International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, having first been elected to the International Council in 2008. Congratulations to both of Brother Sherman and Brother Davis and we wish them the very best during their terms of service to Acacia Fraternity as members of the International Council.



*During the Closing Banquet, (L to R): Brother Drew Sherman and Brother Jonathan Veres (California University of Pennsylvania) being installed by International President Rob Roberson (Illinois Wesleyan) as the Undergraduate Counselors on the International Council of Acacia Fraternity.*



*During the Closing Banquet, Past-International President Jerry Cook (right) installs Brother Jeremy Davis (left) as the International President of Acacia Fraternity.*



*Brother Patrick McGovern, Executive Director of Acacia Fraternity, presenting the Malcolm Award to Iowa State Chapter Venerable Dean Brother Gabe McCoy at the closing banquet of the 58<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conclave.*

The Acacia Fraternity Foundation Board of Directors also convened for their annual meeting during the Conclave. For nearly three entire days, the AFF Board discussed its financial strategies (both long-term and short-term), its operational policies, and its plans to increase educational support for the Fraternity and the undergraduate brothers. Brother Harold Zarr, Chair of the AFF Investment Committee, reported that the AFF meeting and discussions, albeit lengthy, were productive and he believes the AFF is moving forward in a very positive manner with appropriate organizational controls and accountability guidelines established to ensure the AFF remains a viable, growing entity in support of Acacia Fraternity.



*Brothers Joe Webb and Brendan Zimmerman participating in the hypnosis show at the Conclave. This event is lead by*

*Brother Doug MacGraw (Nebraska) with entertainment provided by the participants!*

In addition to the official business conducted at the Conclave, undergraduate brothers also attended a number of educational sessions and best-practice round-tables. The Missouri Chapter also had a pledge member in attendance; and various undergraduate brothers along with International Council and Staff assisted with conducting the initiation of our newest Acacia brother.



*Several Iowa State Chapter brothers experiencing the sights and sounds of Nashville, TN by visiting the Parthenon and a number of local eating establishments featuring the best bar-be-que pork that Tennessee has to offer.*

*The Acacia International Fraternity Headquarters Staff is shown in the picture below. In this picture (L to R are): Director of*

*Communications Brother Michael Pastko (Purdue), Executive Director Brother Patrick McGovern (Indiana), and Director of Operations Brother Michael Weber (Iowa State).*



Overall, the 58<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy was very successful for the Iowa State Chapter. Our chapter continues to grow and develop, and while we have reached a tremendous level of success, we know that it is necessary for the chapter to continue to challenge itself and its Brothers to strive for greater levels of excellence!

More pictures from the 58<sup>th</sup> Conclave are shown at the end of this edition of The Pythagorean. Enjoy!

## Iowa State Brothers Honored at Scholarship Luncheon

A number Iowa State Brothers were honored at the Acacia Fraternity Foundation Scholarship Luncheon which is held during the biennial Conclave of Acacia Fraternity.



*Gabe McCoy shown above accepting one of six Gold Book Awards on behalf of the chapter.*

The Acacia Fraternity Foundation is the “scholarship arm” of the Fraternity, and as such oversees the chapter accounts of the various chapter of the Fraternity and provides scholarships and other financial support for the Fraternity. Members of the Fraternity are encouraged to apply for scholarships offered by the Foundation, and this year the Foundation awarded \$16,000 in scholarships to undergraduate Brothers of the Fraternity. At this Conclave, four men from the Iowa State Chapter received a total of \$6,000 in scholarships from the Foundation.

Joe Webb #1111 received the George F. Patterson, Jr. Scholarship (\$3,000), Drew Sherman #1093 received the Emma C. Allen Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) and both Gabe McCoy #1098 and Wicitra Mahotama #1095 each received a \$1,000 AFF General Scholarship.

Congratulations to these Brothers for being recognized for their outstanding academic performance and chapter leadership!

# Acacia is #1 in ISU Greek System with 3.48 G.P.A. 81% of Members earn 3.00 GPA or Higher

The **Spring, 2014** semester grade results are in, and **Acacia Fraternity** is once again at the top of the Greek Community for academic honors. The competition is fierce for this honor, as reflected in the results for the top five fraternities are as follows:

1.	<b>Acacia</b>	<b>3.48</b>
2.	<b>FarmHouse</b>	<b>3.44</b>
3.	<b>Alpha Gamma Rho</b>	<b>3.27</b>
4.	<b>Sigma Phi Epsilon</b>	<b>3.21</b>
5.	<b>Theta Chi</b>	<b>3.11</b>
	<b>All Fraternity Average</b>	<b>3.11</b>
	<b>All Men's Undergrad Ave.</b>	<b>2.92</b>

**David W. Gardner**  
**Jackson P. Griffith**  
**Michael J. D. Hoefler**  
**Addison G. Kistler**  
**Wyatt N. Lauer**  
**Ryan S. Lohse**  
**William A. Mann**  
**Thomas R. McGee**  
**Aditya S. Navale**  
**Chase M Russell**  
**Carlton J. Stripe**  
**Joe L. Webb**  
**Ryan D. Zumbach**

**Jordon A. Griffing**  
**Nigel R. Hanson**  
**Tanner J. Jaeger**  
**Lai Boa-Lin**  
**Elliah T. Lockwood**  
**Wicitra Mahotama**  
**Gabriel J. McCoy**  
**John E. Meyer**  
**Carter H. Reed**  
**Drew K. Sherman**  
**Preston J. Waymire**  
**Brendan S. Zimmerman**  
**Tyler J. Zylstra**

Previous academic results for the Chapter are as follows:

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

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:

<b>Grant L. Albansoder</b>	<b>Ian L. Bryant</b>
<b>Paul D. Bundy</b>	<b>Jakob R. Croghan</b>
<b>Andrew D. Doherty</b>	<b>Kevin S. Duhrkopf</b>
<b>Colten W. Fales</b>	<b>Joshua J. Foss</b>

## Chapter House Suffers Minor Damage in Summer Storm

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> a major thunderstorm hit the Ames area accompanied by a significant amount of lightening. One the lightening bolts struck close to the chapter house and ended up causing a fair amount of damage to a number of the electrical systems used by the members of the chapter.

The control panel used for the fire sprinkler system and the fire/smoke alarm alert system was shorted out. After a technician arrived and inspected the system it was determined that the main circuit board and transformer in the control box needed to be replaced in order for the system to be reactivated.

The cost to repair the system to ensure that the men living in the chapter house this summer are safe was only about \$500.

A second item damaged was the 24-port Ethernet switch used by the members to gain access to the Internet. This device had also been “fried” by the electrical strike. In addition, the wireless access nodes were also rendered non-functional and had to be replaced. Fortunately, the Board purchased insurance to cover this type of accident and so the two access nodes were replaced with a minimum of effort on our part and access to the Internet was restored within 48 hours of the storm.

Third, one of the breakers on the main electrical panel was shorted out which resulted in part of the chapter house not having electricity for about 24 hours while an electrician was

called to diagnose and fix the problem. Of course, the storm hit on a weekend so we got to pay “weekend rates” for the repairs, but at least the damage that was caused was all-in-all, fairly minor.

In addition, this summer also saw some need maintenance on the house being performed as well. The second floor has last been painted about eight years ago when Trenton Norman and Harold Zarr spent two weeks repainting the entire floor. This summer, Jakob Croghan and Tanner Jaeger spent about an equal amount of time repainting the second floor again. Much needed work that now has the second floor looking great!

Our thanks go out to Jakob and Tanner for all their hard work on this project!

## Acacia says Thanks to Alumni for their Support!

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

how much we appreciate and value their contributions to the two funds that provide essential support that keep our chapter viable. Please know that all of our alumni are welcome at any time to stop in and visit, and please plan to attend one of the semi-annual scholarship luncheons hosted by the Board and Chapter! Many thanks to all of you for your support!



### Chapter House Improvement Fund

## \$ 1,250 Contributed in 2014 by Iowa State Acacians

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

----- Alumni Contributors in 2014 -----	
<b>Refounding Father</b>	<b>(\$ 10,000 or more)</b>
<b>Board of Directors Club</b>	<b>(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)</b>
<b>Pythagorean Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)</b>
<b>Chapter Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)</b>
<b>Gold Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 750 - \$ 999)</b>
<b>Silver Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 500 - \$ 749)</b>

<b>Bronze Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 100 - \$ 499)</b>
Stewart L. Burger	
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Ronald E. Durham - #433	
Kenneth A. Porter - #457	
Lynn R. Pendry - #469	
James M. Hanson - #533	
Larry D. Christensen - #566	
Lee R. Christensen - #601	
Christopher W. Knapp - #764	
Bruce C. Wight - #770	
<b>Spirit Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1 - \$ 99)</b>
Gordon N. Sundberg - #501	
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
Craig Buske - #1009	



## Iowa State Chapter Scholarship Fund

### \$3,175 Contributed in 2014 by Iowa State Acacians

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

----- Alumni Contributors in 2014 -----	
<b>Refounding Father</b>	<b>(\$ 10,000 or more)</b>
<b>Board of Directors Club</b>	<b>(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)</b>
<b>Pythagorean Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)</b>
<b>Chapter Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)</b>
Robert L. Carstens - #354	
<b>Gold Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 750 - \$ 999)</b>
<b>Silver Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 500 - \$ 749)</b>

Douglas R. Whitney - #627

**Bronze Partner** (\$ 100 - \$ 499)

Stewart L. Burger

Kenneth L. MacRae - #427

Kenneth A. Porter - #457

Lynn R. Pendry - #469

Richard W. Taylor - #506

James M. Hanson - #533

Gary D. Harter - #538

John E. Shrader - #539

David M. Strom - #693

Christopher W. Knapp - #764

Bruce C. Wight - #770

Robert K. Borcharding - #978

**Spirit Partner** (\$ 1 - \$ 99)

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## Two Chapter Houses Torn Down in Greek Community

Two more chapter houses are in the process of being torn down and replaced in the Iowa State Community. The first house is our neighbor to the north of us, Sigma Chi.



Their alumni began looking at the option of replacing their chapter house which was built in the 1960's with a structure that "fit in" better with the Greek community as a whole. Their existing chapter house had reached the end of its useful life and was rapidly becoming an uninhabitable structure due to the wear and tear on the property. After a two-year fund raising effort by their Board, demolition of the current house began in May after the end of the spring semester.

Their new chapter house will be built on the same lot as their previous one, but the parking space will also have the capacity to hold 50 cars, to meet with the new City of Ames housing regulations for new structures in the Greek Community.

As you can see from these two pictures, the demolition work proceeded quickly and today the lot is just that, an empty lot. The new building that they have designed and are in the process of building will have the capacity for 50 men, and each man will have his own room including a private bathroom.



Many of the chapter houses in the ISU Greek Community have been either torn down or completely renovated in the past five years. Included in this list are Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Gamma Rho, Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, and Beta Sigma Psi. In addition, FarmHouse has plans in the works to double the size of their chapter house in the next two years as well. Once their expansion is complete, there will be three fraternities in the ISU Greek Community with a capacity at or exceeding 100 men.

Expansion in terms of numbers of members, but not sororities themselves, has been proceeding as well. Nearly all of the sororities in the ISU Greek Community have a membership of approximately 150 women at this time, meaning that very few seniors live in their chapter houses.

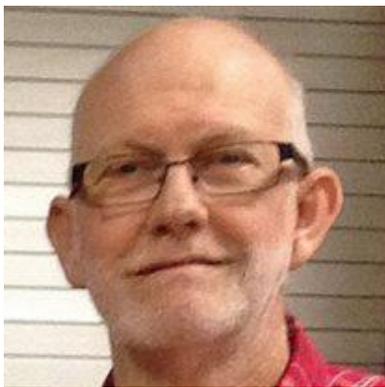
Delta Tau Delta is also in the process of tearing down their house. Their plan calls for a new facility with a capacity of 70 men, and it will be located closer to Sunset Street to allow for more parking in the rear of the building next to the Lutheran Church on the north side of their lot.

Both of these construction projects are slated to be completed by August, 2015 so that the men of these two fraternities can move into their houses in time for the start of the fall, 2015 semester.

Additionally, Iowa State University has plans to build a multi-tier parking garage next to Buchanan Hall on the Iowa State campus, just across from Acacia and Sigma Chi. The start date for this project is not known at this time, but is expected soon.

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## In Memoriam



**Randolph W. Stotts - #791**  
**February 15, 1952 - July 17, 2014**

Randy W. Stotts, age 62, of Council Bluffs passed away July 17, 2014 at the Nebraska Medical Center. He was born in Stillwater,

Oklahoma on February 15, 1952 to Ralph & Evelyn (Smoot) Stotts.

Randy graduated from Iowa State University and he was a member of Acacia Fraternity, serving in a variety of officer positions including that of Venerable Dean of the Chapter.

He loved to hunt, fish, take trips to Minnesota with his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father. Randy is survived by his wife of 33 years, Carol Stotts; son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin & Amanda Stotts; daughters, Sarah Stotts (Jason Neal) and Rachel Stotts; mother, Evelyn Stotts; brother, Roy Stotts; grandchildren, Adrienne, Leah and Vega.



**Barry E. Knapp - #529**  
**October 11, 1937 – July 21, 2014**

Barry Knapp, 76, of Westfield, passed away Monday, July 21, 2014, at his home near Westfield following a farming accident.

Barry Epperson Knapp was born Oct. 11, 1937, near Westfield, the son of Ivyl and Helen (Epperson) Knapp. Barry attended country school near Westfield, and graduated from Westfield High School in 1955. Following high school, he attended college at Iowa State University and was a member of Acacia Fraternity before attending medical school at the University of Iowa. Barry graduated with his M.D. in pathology. On June 11, 1961, Barry married Carolyn Lilly. Following college, Barry served in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed in Minot, N.D., during the Vietnam era. Following his discharge, he and Carolyn made their home in Sioux City. Barry worked as a pathologist at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City for more than 20 years.

Following his retirement, he and Carolyn made their home on the Knapp family farm southeast of Westfield. Barry and Carolyn farmed and raised livestock. He was still active in farming until his passing.

Barry was a member of Westfield Congregational Church for many years. He served on the Plymouth County Board of Adjustments and the Plymouth County Park Board. Preserving the Loess Hills was one of Barry's passions. He and Carolyn were active in the Nature Conservancy during the years. Through the years, he enjoyed woodworking, being outdoors, and spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife of more than 52 years, Carolyn of Westfield; two daughters, Noelle Knapp of Akron, Iowa, and Jill (Doug) Moravek of Westfield.

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## Board Position Open

There is currently an opening on the Corporate Board for a person who would like to serve as the Young Alumni Relations Director. Jon Vaage has served in this position for the past few years, but as he has entered graduate school in Texas, he is no longer able to serve. To qualify, you must be a recent graduate of the chapter and under the age of 35. If interested, please contact Harold Zarr at [acacia\\_814@hotmail.com](mailto:acacia_814@hotmail.com).

## Active Chapter Report

*Gabe McCoy, Venerable Dean - ACACIA Fraternity*

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After a quiet summer in Ames, the Acacia chapter house at 138 Gray Avenue is filling back up with brothers excited for the start of a new academic year. Over the summer, the brothers of the Iowa State Chapter were literally scattered across the United States and around the globe. With study abroad programs in Spain, Germany, and Morocco; internships; and research assistantships, the men were very busy with their personal endeavors this summer.

Fifteen brothers decided to spend their summers living at the chapter house in Ames. Brothers Carter Reed and Brendan Zimmerman devoted their time to recruiting the fall 2014 pledge class. So far, nine men have signed bid cards, and the recruitment team is still communicating with several potential new members. We recruit men who were outstanding leaders in high school, have a strong commitment to academics, and fit in well with the culture of the chapter. We use a variety of methods including cold calling, a scholarship application, and referrals from current members. The newest pledge class is full of outstanding men, and we're looking forward to our first semester with them.

In addition to our recruitment chairs, two other brothers were employed to make the house a better place this summer. Brothers Tanner Jaeger and Jake Croghan were tasked with painting all of the walls on our second floor. The second floor consists of seven residential rooms, two public bathrooms, and a large hallway. Tanner and Jake spent countless hours on the project, and their work shows. The second floor looks brand new, and the brothers living there get to enjoy an improved living space. The carpets were also professionally cleaned giving second floor residents even nicer accommodations.

As summer drew to a close, Acacia International Fraternity held our biennial International Conclave in Nashville, TN. Thirteen delegates attended from Iowa State, including two alumni and eleven undergraduates. The brothers had a fantastic experience meeting men from chapters across the US and Canada. We learned from several guest speakers, enjoyed various banquets, and took home the Malcolm Award recognizing ours as the top Acacia Chapter over the past two years.

After returning from Conclave, the men organized a trip to Brother Tanner Jaeger's cabin in Cumberland, WI. Everyone had a blast boating, tubing, water skiing, kayaking, and living the lake life for a weekend. Finally, as classes drew nearer, the chapter took our annual paintball outing. Ten brothers attended, and we all had fun shooting each other and turning our clothes fun neon colors.

Now, classes are starting, and the men are buckling down for another semester of seeking knowledge and wisdom. With football season, homecoming, bus party, Acacia Root Beer Floats, and Acacia Claus coming up, there is some fun in store for the chapter as well. We will use the positive momentum from Conclave as a springboard to even greater things this upcoming year.

## Board President's Message

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Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

Wow! The chapter did it again and earned the Malcolm Award plus six of the chapter programming awards at the 58<sup>th</sup> Conclave of the Fraternity! Congratulations to them for a job well done and for being one of the premier chapters in Acacia Fraternity!

As was mentioned in the last newsletter, the Board has reluctantly decided to deliberately shorten the length of the hardcopy newsletter that we send out to the alumni to a maximum of four pages. Most of the responses that I have received from our alumni have been positive and supportive of this change. The cost for publishing and mailing the newsletter was right at \$4,000 per year, and it had simply had gotten to the point that the Board had to make a change. By moving to this format, we can cut the cost in half. A full color e-mail version will be sent to all alumni for whom we have a valid e-mail address, and we make copies available at the chapters' website as well.

If you have not sent us your current e-mail address, please do so that we can include you in our e-mail version of the newsletter!

## 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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## Newsletter Information

The newsletter is sent to all of the alumni, pledges and actives of the ISU Chapter of ACACIA Fraternity, and their parents.

This newsletter is sent at **no cost** to all of its recipients, although donations directed towards the cost of this publication will be accepted by the Board. Should you wish to make a contribution, please make your check payable to **The ACACIANS**, in any amount. The next newsletter is sent out on a quarterly basis, every February, May, August, and November. If you have any information you would like to share, please send it to **Harold Zarr** at his e-mail address [acacia\\_814@hotmail.com](mailto:acacia_814@hotmail.com). Take care, and best wishes to all of the Brothers, Little Sisters and friends of our Fraternity.

# Pictures from the 58<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conclave

Since we have the space, we wanted to include a number of additional photos from this year's Conclave. Lots of excitement and surprises, and as outgoing Acacia Fraternity International President, Rob Roberson said, "I guess is just a Cyclone night!"



Jeremy Davis being congratulated on his election to International President of Acacia Fraternity. Shown in this picture is Rob Roberson, past president, Don Solanas, Foundation President, Jeremy Davis, and Jerry Cook, past Fraternity and Foundation President.



Harold Zarr is congratulated on receiving the George F. Patterson Award by Jeremy Davis and Jerry Cook.



Congratulations to Drew Sherman (on the left from Iowa State) and Jonathan Veres who were elected to be the Undergraduate International Counselors for the next two years.



Grant Albansodor, Joe Webb and Ryan Lohse all celebrate winning the Malcolm Award!



Iowa State and Kansas State Brothers share a table during the final banquet.



We're all good Brothers, each one the others friend! Members of the Iowa State and Kansas State Chapters pose for a group photo. These two chapters have been either #1 or #2 in the nation for the past three Conclaves, and at this Conclave collected 11 of the 16 Gold Book Awards between them. Congratulations to the members of both chapters!