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Venerable Dean - Caleb Jedlicka Farewell Adress



Hello Brothers. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as President of Acacia for the last year. When I joined the chapter, I knew this was a goal of mine and I'm beyond thankful for the brothers that believed in me to lead them through these times. In my four years in Acacia, we have been through a lot of things. I saw the high of the chapter at 70+ guys, and also the low of the chapter after losing the ability to live in the house. Through all this, I wouldn't trade it for anything else. In the past year, I've had the privilege of initiating 9 new brothers into the fraternity, each one of them showing great leadership abilities. I attended both the Lee Kearney Officer Summit and the 2024 Acacia Conclave to grow my knowledge while also bonding with other chapters. We held many new social events

this year and even a new philanthropy event where we raised over \$4,000 in a day. After a dip in our average GPA, we have seen it rise back above a 3.0 for the last two semesters. We have fixed up and cleaned parts of the house, truly leaving it better than we found it last year. We also finally have communication with the University about our return to IFC within the next year or so.

Although I was President, I had very little to do with these improvements. It all came down to the guys in the active chapter that wanted to make a difference. As our friendships continued to grow, we found several areas we could better ourselves and did what we could to achieve that. Unfortunately, my time as an active is coming to a close, but I trust the younger guys to continue improving the chapter as they take it over. Acacia has been through some tough times, but as we often say, we are so back.



Venerable Dean - Connor Lacrosse

Introduction Statement

Since I joined Acacia in the Spring of 2023, the rest of the brothers and I have overcome adversity at every turn. Instead of deterring us, the challenges we've faced have strengthened the ties of friendship within our organization. Over this winter, we conducted a capital campaign to provide renovations to the house. So far, we've raised more than \$300k from alumni, and I'm eager to see how amazing the house will end up with everyone's help. I'm eternally grateful for every contribution, and since you've all invested



in us, we plan to make sure it's a good one. With that being said, I'm excited for this coming year. I hope to leave the chapter better than I found it, further improve our academics, and, most importantly, have fun with the rest of my brothers.

Pledge Class Xi



Pledge Project



Essence of Good
Taste



(Front row in order from left to right)

Riley Johnson, Adam Raclawski, Hayden Krupa,
Matthew Duda, Chris Markiewicz, Colin Phares,
Spencer Benson

Pythagoras 345 Dinner

Each semester Byron hosts a dinner to celebrate those brothers who have achieved a 3.45 or greater GPA. He grills beef tenderloins (after marinating them in his family's secret recipe) and caters in the rest of the meal. Pledges are invited to be his wait staff for the evening. They learn how to set a table if their moms didn't teach them already. The reward for their work is they get first crack at the leftovers.

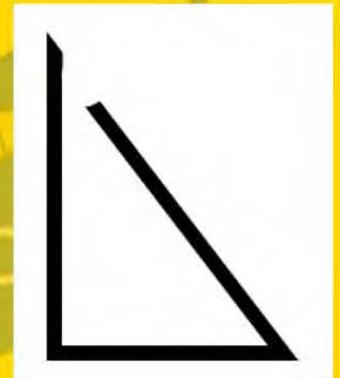
We also make a commemorative plate to record the accomplishment.

We've got a pretty good collections going now.



The top GPA just under a 3.45 gets the CLOSE BUT NO DINNER award to inspire a little more effort next semester.

It usually works.



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Chapter Advisor Corner

Our brothers had an interesting Fall Semester.

One of the highlights for me last semester was the breast cancer fundraiser they dreamed up. For those who don't know about "the hot ones" you should search for the First We Feast channel on YouTube. I would start with the Kevin Hart episode to get a taste of how this works. The guests get interviewed while eating increasingly hot wings. Most totally lose their minds by the end. Our guys took that idea and volunteered to eat a wing for every donation made during a live stream on Instagram. Twelve guys took twenty minute shifts for a four hour event that raised over \$4000. I have no idea how many gallons of milk they went through to put out the flames. I'm not a spicy food guy so it was painful to watch. But also pretty funny.

The other great thing that happened last fall was the annual Acacia Claus project. Our brothers arranged with Target at the Coral Ridge Mall to sit out front and collect toys for the Children's Hospital. We've been doing this for several years now and benefit from the generosity of people doing their Christmas shopping. Our efforts help brighten the days of kids stuck in the hospital for Christmas.

We have an impressive shiny pin class with several getting elected to leadership positions. The future is bright.

Chapter Advisor Corner

202 Ellis Avenue

We are finally used to the idea that the house can still be used for meetings and study despite having no live in members. The dark cloud of the University holding a grudge (*for us not tucking our tails and running away after being suspended*) is starting to clear. Discussions with the U have been more productive thanks to some U staff turnover and help from HQ. The new staff have only seen our guys being the good brothers we aspire to be and not the guys they kicked off campus four years ago. Spring semester we will be preparing to return to campus by getting up to speed on the new requirements of recognition. I am proud of our Actives for embracing the new normal and staying focused on the goal regardless of the distractions.

The fact that we haven't been able to have guys live in the house for a couple of years now has removed the income stream for the corp board. Through this, the board has managed to keep the lights on by tapping our savings. But maintenance has been deferred in the hopes of bridging the gap until we get recognized by the U. That will get us back in compliance with the city zoning laws which will lift the rental restrictions. It was looking bad because the rainy day fund was going to come up a short and the backlog of maintenance tasks were still looming.

Jeff to the rescue!

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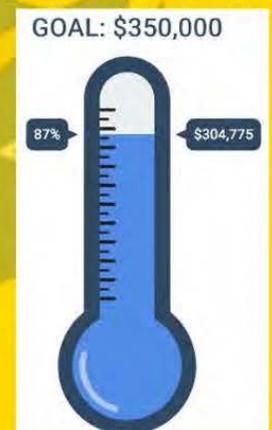
Jeff Vroman (#720) is our corp board treasurer. He owns a CPA firm in Des Moines. He structured a plan that could borrow the necessary funds to get the critical maintenance done, roll the existing mortgage into a better one, and have enough on hand to cover another year or two of empty rooms.

He showed this plan to me and I was impressed. Our future of Acacia at 202 Ellis was actually achievable. But going deeper into debt (350K instead of 100K) just meant we would have less wiggle room going forward. He suggested we have a capital campaign to help defray the cost of the whole project. Every little bit would help. I worked on it for a while and we finally sent out the call to action on Giving Tuesday. The next day I got an email from Ben at HQ saying that a guy named Ted had stepped up with a lead gift of \$250K. It took Ben a while to forward the email because he thought it was a pledge brother of mine pulling a prank. **WE all** know Ted Schnormeier (#375) for his previous generous gift that helped set up our scholarship programs. Now, Ben does too. This gift really got the ball rolling and another eighteen brothers have pledged their support. Are you one of the eighteen?

You can help us reach our goal!

Contact Byron Tabor to find out how.

319-310-7821 or wibatman@gmail.com



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Acacia Fraternity Foundation

We have a chapter account held by the AFF. I am on the investment & audit committees so I'm in a good position to say that our scholarship programs are in pretty good shape.

At the end of September 2024 the balance was \$142,940. We awarded \$7200 last semester which was a little higher because we covered some Conclave expenses to send guys to Phoenix last summer.

With the capital campaign we created another chapter account called the 202 Ellis Fund. It is held in the more conservative investment pool whereas the scholarship fund is invested in the growth & income investment pool since it is longer term money. The scholarships we have been giving away have mostly been covered by the market gains and the 1904 donations.

The 1904 program is an recurring gift program that asks you to put a decimal point in the number 1904 and pledge to give that amount monthly, quarterly, or annually. This gives us a reliable income stream to help reward our members for getting good grades and recruiting incoming freshmen.

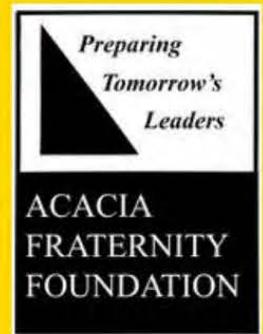
Your donations, large and small, help us support the chapter.

It makes a difference.

Reach out to Byron at 319-310-7821 or wibatman@gmail.com to discuss how **YOU** can make a difference.

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\$50,000+

Schnormeier, Theodore

\$20,000+

Sanchez, Jose R. Jr.

Tabor, Byron A.

\$5000+

Kearney, Lee

Morrow, Aaron L.

Vroman, Jeffrey J.

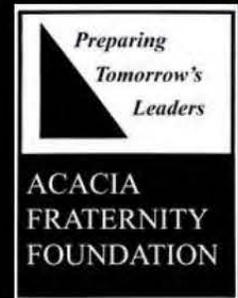
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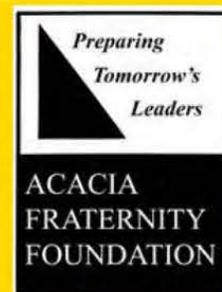
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Anonymous	Edmonds, Daniel R.	Heyer, Jeremy J.
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Benz, Sterling L.	Evans, Douglas A.	Hilder, Jon
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Berry, Christopher J.	Fairchild, Kayle	Hoffmann, Jay
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Burge, Eric Lee	Fister, John C.	Hulsing, Dale F.
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Carter, James L	Fortier, Jeremy M.	Jedlicka, Caleb
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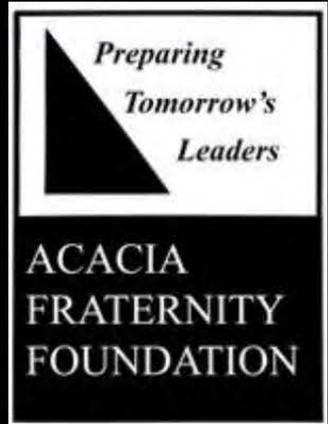
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King, Alexander	Mohr, Lawrence E.	Rumney, Donald R.
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Lacquement, Michelle	Morgan, Shawn C.	Schall, Justin M.
Lapham, Kevin	Morris, Michael C.	Schimmelpfennig, Hal E.
Larson, Raymond	Nelson, Donald M.	Schreiber, Steve W.
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Lewis, Dale K.	Null, William E.	Seibold, Nicholas A.
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Lovrien, Brett	Ottens, Nathan D.	Simon, Matthew A.
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Ware, Stacy

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Zehnle, Brian Christopher

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Lost Brothers

We don't have any good contact information for these brothers.

Roll #

366	William	Scott
472	Alan	Wyckoff
475	Stephen	Teichner
501	Patrick	Rogers
507	Daniel	Brunt
518	William	Sawyer
520	Frank	Swinehart
560	Marc	Potter
571	Dennis	Young
577	Timothy	Miller
626	John	Lucas
635	Russell	Hill
645	Thomas	Belt
648	James	Dwyer
696	Robert	Strunk
705	David "Dave"	Lacher
711	Ronald "Mike"	Hofmann
733	Robert	Brennet
736	Brian	Thomson
780	Justin	Schall
782	Kenneth "Ken"	Dohrn
812	Chris	Parker
816	Travis	Kain
825	Samer	Yahyawi
826	Dan	Edmonds
852	Justin	Frentress
854	Jason	Kielty
861	David	Rast

If you know how to
get a hold of any of
these guys please let
us know.