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From the Chapter House

The school year has started again, and we jumped right into Rush. At this writing, the chapter house has extended bids to 13 prospective members. We will have more news in a few weeks.

Thank you to everyone that helped us with our house improvement this summer. We were able to get new furniture, TVs, and a sound system for the living room.

Every room in the house is filled with an Acacian this year. This is a first in a long time for us.

Philanthropy

Acacia Philanthropy Report 2018-19

At Acacia, our motto has always been human service and this is especially true at the Wisconsin Chapter. Even while we strengthen other areas of the chapter, an emphasis has always been put on being a force for good in the community. Last year, this included events such as fundraisers with local vendors and Humorology, the flagship philanthropy effort for Greek life at Madison. Every year, fraternities and sororities pair up to put on an original musical, practicing throughout the year while also raising money for the cause. Last year Humo raised 210,000 dollars, a new record for the philanthropic show. Last year, Acacia paired up with Delta Gamma and Alpha Gamma Rho to put on a fantastic show that ended up placing in the top five. This year, we are working with Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega, and Beta Theta Pi with our sights set on first place, in terms of both our show and fundraising!

Other than Humorology, our chapter has big plans for keeping human service as one of the main

cornerstones for our fraternity. We are working with Kappa Alpha Theta to have a joint philanthropy bake sale, showing that the men of Acacia can not only be scholars but also culinary extraordinaries. Our chapter has seen some amazing growth in just the past five years. The bonds of brotherhood within our fraternity are at their strongest, our relationships with other fraternities and sororities are growing and expanding, overall it is a great time to be an Acacian. However, we have a commitment to be an active part of the community in which we reside and that extends well beyond just the Greek community. Coming up in the calendar year we have our own spin of Acacia Clause, instead of a toy drive we have recognized in our community that there is a bigger need for people to simply have food on their plates, so instead we will be holding a food drive at the local Pick-N-Save where all proceeds go directly to the local First Harvest Food Bank. Moreover, there will be stronger emphasis on Human Service in our pledge education program. So, I will be working with pledge educator Ben Taylor to conduct area cleanups in our local parks, in addition with other philanthropic activities, to ensure our future brothers understand the importance that philanthropy holds in our house.

So Live!

John Murphy
Philanthropy Chair

Conclave Recap

President Recap of Conclave

Wisconsin Acacia Brothers - As I write this letter I could not be more proud of where the Wisconsin Chapter has become. At this year's Conclave celebration in New Orleans the Wisconsin Chapter was the recipient of more awards than ever in our existence including the Outstanding Chapter Award! We were blessed with attendance not only by the undergrads but 8 alumni! Brothers Durst, McFarland, Scher, Pearson, Hurlbut, Rowe-Johnson, Foy and Lemke were all in attendance to witness this historic weekend.

Conclaves are special and rejuvenating. I strongly encourage any alumnus to attend the 2020 Conclave that will be held in Phoenix AZ.

An additional item I want to bring to your attention is a positive spin social media effort conducted by many Fraternities across the country.

On September 12th the effort by the National Interfraternity Council (NIC) will take place. On that day, fraternity men around the country posted a positive message and or picture of their fraternal experience. The effort led to #MyFraternity being the third most popular term used that day,

Acacia is working to keep the good message of fraternities moving forward. The International Fraternity released the following this past summer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpYqmsPnkbQ>

The Wisconsin Chapter of Acacia has never been stronger and continues to grow and shine. We

appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you at Homecoming and Founders Day events!

So live,
Brian Durst

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The Foundation has also implemented an award plan based on the amount of gifts an individual has made, or will make to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation (remember this is a charitable donation):

1. The Hypotenuse Club: \$5,000 contributed to AFF over lifetime.

The name comes from the prominent role of the hypotenuse in the Pythagorean Theorem (the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides).

2. The Sons of the 47th: \$10,000 contributed to AFF over lifetime.

The name refers to Euclid's 47th Proposition, which of course is also commonly presented as the Pythagorean Theorem.

3. The Semicircle of Pythagoras: This is an unpublished contribution level reserved for major contributors, i.e., \$50,000 contributed over lifetime, with the amount to be adjusted at discretion of the Foundation based on circumstances.

In 520 B.C., Pythagoras formed a school in Samos known as the “semicircle” of Pythagoras.

4. Evergreen Society: AFF is named in estate plans.

The Evergreen Society is an existing recognition level that recognizes those who include AFF in their estate plans.

Upcoming Events

Homecoming: Oct 20, 2018th

Dad's Weekend: Nov. 9-11, 2018

Formal: Nov 17, 2018

UW Housing Board Annual Meeting: Apr 5, 2019

Founders Day: Apr 6, 2019



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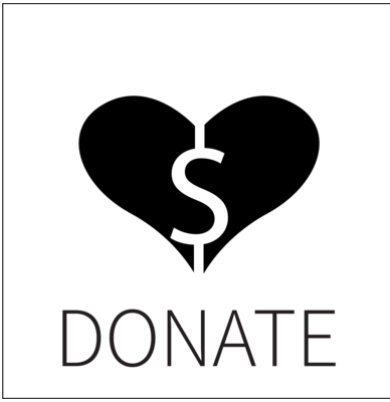
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