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From the Venerable Dean

Brother Foy,

High academic performance has been a growing priority within the chapter, and we have placed within the top six GPA's in IFC the past three semesters. The chapter has been at work instilling these ideas within new members to continue academic growth, and as fall grade reports came in our chapter boasted the top new member GPA 3.577. This was a tremendous point of pride for the chapter and serves to show our fraternity is recruiting the right kind of young men even as our chapter grows. As a whole chapter we placed 3rd out of 29 IFC fraternities, and we are eyeing the top spot in IFC over the next few semesters. These achievements are set to continue and improve as new scholarship plans are in the working and will be later implemented in the fall.

Fraternally,

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Humorology

This year, Acacia was paired with AGR, SDT, and ChiO for Humorology. Humorology is a yearlong philanthropy aimed at raising money for a local nonprofit through putting on a musical which is based off a theme. This year's theme was "When life gives you lemons" and all money raised went to the Rainbow Project, an organization which helps children 10 years and younger that have dealt with abuse, mental issues, or other traumatic events. The cast pushed through this year striving to create the best show possible while also raising the most money. All members had a great time performing on April 6th, 7th, and 8th. On the last day of the show, they announced that as a group we raised \$180,000, which is a record for Humorology. Our cast alone raised around \$33,000 for this amazing cause, topping last year's fundraising efforts.



Dogs for Dogs

On Tuesday, April 18th, we held our annual spring philanthropy, Dogs for Dogs. We partnered with the ladies of Delta Gamma to raise money for OccuPaws in Madison. OccuPaws provides therapy dogs for the visually impaired at no cost to them. However, each of these dogs costs over \$15,000 to fully train.

Brother Chimbili spearheaded the fundraising in the chapter and for the first time included an online platform to make online donations. After selling all the hot dogs and various brothers taking turns in the dunk tank, we raised over \$3,700 for this worthy cause and have set the goal of \$5,000 for the 2018 version of the event.



Mom's Weekend

Acacia's first ever Mom's Weekend was a great success. The weekend was filled with fun for all, and mothers were able to meet many of the brothers in the freshly cleaned house. Mothers arrived on Friday and came to the house to talk and meet others before heading out the Comedy Club. Both actives and their moms had a great time, our pledge educator Mitchell Haller, reflected on the event by saying he "laughed so hard he nearly cried". On Saturday, we all went out the Chazen Art museum and spent quality time with our mothers viewing the interesting paintings, drawings, and sculptures exhibited. That night, we all gathered at the house for a wine and game night to offer more time for everyone to get to know each other. This event will be something that will definitely be continued in the future in hopes of having great family connections within the fraternity and a strong support system of mothers of ACACIA. We look forward to a successful Dad's weekend this fall!

Founders' Challenge

There will be a longer write up on our Founders' Day Festivities soon, but we wanted to recognize something very special that happened during the dinner. For the last year, Henry Hannes has been working to raise money for the Hannes Scholarship. Henry donated \$200 to the scholarship, and challenged all of us there to match his donation. The night of the dinner we had four brothers meet Henry's challenge, and more donations have come in at acacia.org/donate.

Please take Henry up on his challenge!



Henry with a place of honor right up front!

We raised a total of \$2,800 that evening.

The following brothers donated at least \$100 during the Event: Bill Schley, Jim McFarland, Steven Frydrych, George Sorrells, Bill Andrae, Alan Scher, and Eric Bingen

Upcoming Events

- **October 21, 2017** - Homecoming: Badgers vs. Maryland Terrapins ([buy your tickets here](#))

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