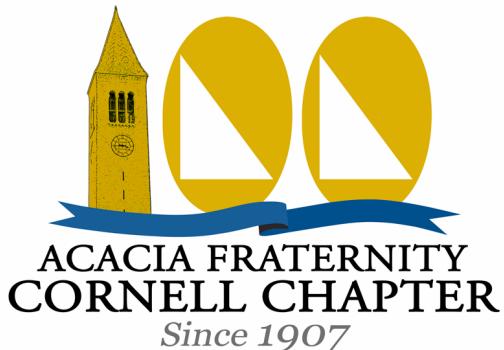


CELEBRATING OUR PAST—ENSURING OUR FUTURE



**CENTENNIAL
CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN**



- **2006 SUPERIOR CHAPTER**
- **2005 OUTSTANDING CHAPTER**
- **2004 OUTSTANDING CHAPTER**
- **2002 OUTSTANDING CHAPTER**
- **2001 MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER**

(2004, 2006 Awards from Acacia International; 2001, 2002, 2005 Awards from Cornell Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs)

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CORNELL ACACIA: GOING STRONG AT ONE HUNDRED



Homecoming Tailgate



Pledges after Induction Ceremony

In recent years, Cornell Acacia has experienced a revitalization. The active chapter's numbers have expanded steadily, and our beloved home, Northcote, is once again filled to capacity.

Our larger size has given us a stronger presence on campus. Each year, the chapter holds a service event called "Santa's College Days," in which Cornellians pay to have their pictures taken with Santa, and proceeds go to charity. Beyond human service, Acacia is active in intramural athletics. Scholarship, of course, remains a priority, and the chapter GPA continues to be among the best of fraternities on campus. The chapter balances these activities with a vibrant social calendar, providing brothers with a much needed break from the grind of a Cornell education.

Most importantly, the brotherhood among the chapter has reached a level that distinguishes us from other fraternities. Although the various awards the chapter has won over the past few years convey our accomplishments, they fail to capture fully the brotherly spirit that sets Acacia apart at Cornell.

Why are we conducting the Centennial Capital Campaign? Simple—we hope to provide the active chapter with the resources it needs to continue its success going forward. By doing so, we will ensure that future Cornell Acacians have the opportunity to be a part of the brotherhood that exists within the chapter today.



Valentine's Day Formal

Recent Awards and Honors

Chapter

2006 International Conclave

- **Superior Chapter**
- Excellence in House Management
- Excellence in Officer Organization
- Excellence in Alumni/Chapter Publication

2004 International Conclave

- **Outstanding Chapter**
- Excellence in Membership Recruitment
- Excellence in Dining Operations
- Excellence in Alumni/Chapter Publication

Cornell Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs

- Outstanding Facility Management (2006)
- **Outstanding Chapter (2005)**
- **Outstanding Chapter (2002)**
- **Most Improved Chapter (2001)**

Individual

- Award of Merit (Acacia Fraternity)
 - Steven Stein '73 (#787)
- Outstanding Chapter Leader (Cornell OFSA)
 - 2004: David Rimshnick '05 (#1062)
 - 2002: Michael Nasatka '03 (#1045)
- Merrill Presidential Scholar (Cornell University)
 - David Rimshnick '05 (#1062)
 - Peter Rimshnick '05 (#1060)
- Cornell Presidential Research Scholar
 - Kenneth Ayres '04 (#1052)
 - Brian Kwoba '04 (#1056)



Brothers Accept Superior Chapter Award at 2006 Conclave



Brothers at Sorority Service Event



Homecoming Football Game

CENTENNIAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOALS



CAMPAIGN GOAL: **\$345,000**

Campaign Projects:

All funds raised through the Centennial Capital Campaign will go towards projects essential to safeguarding the chapter's future. While there are many projects we would like to undertake, the following list represents what we would like to accomplish during the course of the campaign.

Fire-Suppressant Sprinkler System: \$125,000

Despite the sprinkler system's significant cost, it is a necessity. Cayuga Heights has recommended for several years that high occupancy homes install sprinkler systems. We anticipate that this recommendation will become a requirement within the next few years. The safety of the active brothers justifies paying the high cost—we do not want the chapter to experience a tragedy that we could have prevented. Additionally, our relevant insurance premia will decline after we install the sprinklers.

Complete Planned House Improvements: \$120,000

Several planned maintenance projects have been neglected over the years due to a lack of funding. These projects cover several areas from common room refurbishment to exterior improvements. Below are examples of the projects we now intend to complete:

- Replace Commons Carpet, Curtains, & Furniture
- Replace Kitchen Cabinets
- Repair Stucco and Re-paint Exterior
- Pave, Enlarge, and Overhaul Parking Lot
- Add a Patio outside of Dining Room
- Insulate, Carpet, and Heat Third Floor Dormitory
- Replace Steam Furnace
- Build Safety Fence for Service Entrance Ledge
- Brick Front Walkway
- Save for Upcoming Roof Replacement

Refurbish Chapter Library & Dedicated Study Areas: \$40,000

The Chapter Library has had the same furniture since 1947. It is clearly time for an upgrade, and we hope to restore the room into a refined, traditional environment conducive to study. We plan to replace the current furniture with high quality wooden tables and chairs, refinish the room's wooden shelves and doors, replace the carpeting and curtains, touch up the walls and ceiling, install a glass-enclosed trophy case, and re-frame the historically significant pictures and documents hanging on the walls. We also plan to install a stained-glass window or ornate wood carving in the door from the Commons to the Chapter Room. We hope that the revitalized Chapter Library will serve as an alumni gift commemorating the Centennial. We also intend to replace some of the furniture currently in the second and third floor study rooms and complete other modest enhancements.

Increase Acacia Fraternity Foundation Chapter Account: \$60,000 and up

Each Acacia Fraternity chapter has an account with the Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF). Funds from individual chapter accounts may be used towards educational expenses, leadership development programs, scholarships and other related activities. We hope to grow our account balance so that we may earn more through the associated investment returns, and thereby spend more on qualifying items. For example, we want to endow our annual freshman scholarship, an important rush tool for the spring.

GIVING SPECIFICS: FIVE-YEAR HORIZON

Time Horizon

We will collect pledged donations over a five-year period, to allow donors to make smaller payments each year. Because we hope install the sprinkler system in the summer of 2008, we would benefit greatly by alumni accelerating donations towards this project rather than paying over five years. By giving up-front, you will reduce or eliminate the debt required to finance the sprinklers.

Tax Deductibility*

Unfortunately, donations to the Alumni House Corporation are not tax deductible. Certain Campaign projects, however, may be financed through tax deductible gifts to our Acacia Fraternity Foundation chapter account. We suggest that donors contribute to the Corporation, unless they receive an employer match or are giving through an established charitable fund. In addition, many companies offer a matching gift or an incentive gift for volunteering. The AFF Tax ID number is 351778332.

Recognition Gifts

We offer a range of recognition gifts to donors based on giving levels. All gifts will be mailed after receipt of the first campaign payment.

Acacia Fraternity Foundation

The Acacia Fraternity Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization affiliated with Acacia International Fraternity. Each chapter has an account with the Foundation, and may spend these funds on certain educational activities, leadership development programs and scholarships. The Foundation also maintains other focused accounts and supports a significant portion of the International Fraternity's budget. Donations to the Foundation are tax-exempt. In addition to gifts via check and credit card, stock transfers are also possible. For more information, please see http://www.acacia.org/aff_main.htm

Tax-Free IRA Giving

If you are at least 70½ years old, through the end of 2007 you may make a charitable contribution from your IRA without incurring tax on the withdrawal. Gifts made in this way are limited to \$100,000 total for the calendar year. Please contact us if you are interested in pursuing this giving opportunity.

*Consult your tax advisor for tax-related advice

Donation Levels and Recognition Gifts

	Total Amount:	Gift Eligibility:
Chapter Founders' Society	\$50,000 and above	{ Choose up to three items. We also offer <i>special</i> recognition for any donation of \$10,000 or more.
Corporation President's Society	\$25,000-\$49,999	
Chapter President's Society	\$10,000-\$24,999	
Centennial Benefactor Society	\$5,000-\$9,999	Choose up to two items
Centennial Society**	\$2,500-\$4,999	Choose any one item
<u>Campaign Supporter***</u>	<u>\$1,000-\$2,499</u>	<u>Choose either a Centennial T-Shirt or Mug</u>
Campaign Contributor	\$500-\$999	

Recommended for Alumni over 30 *Recommended for Alumni under 30



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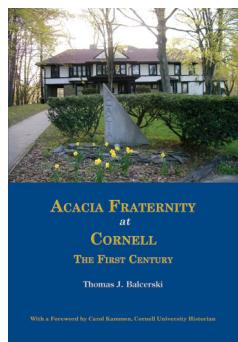
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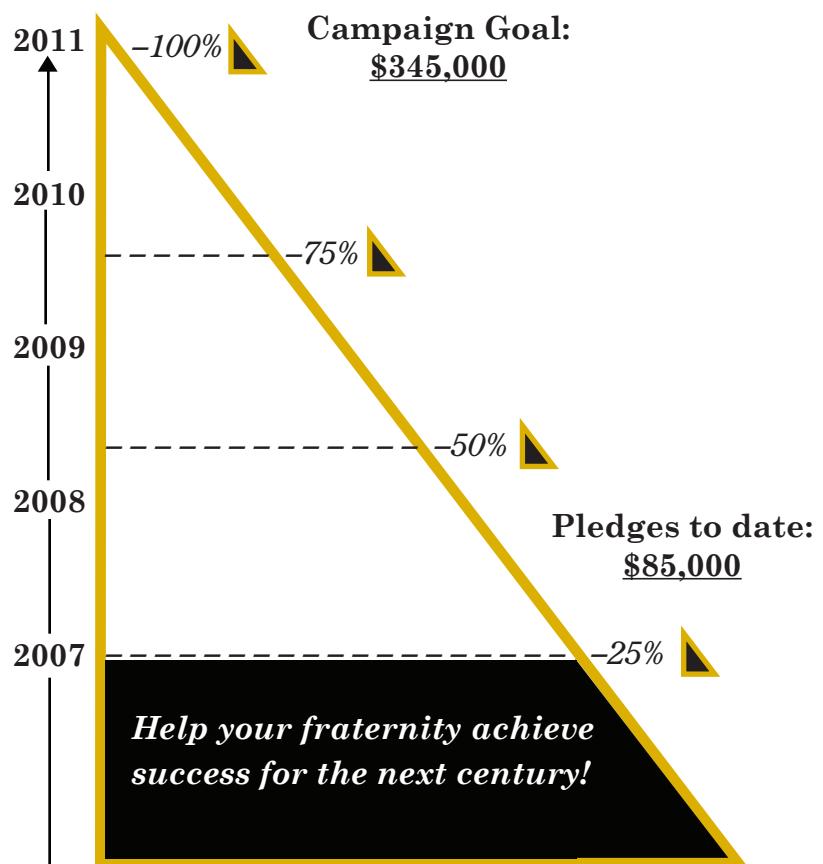
All donors will receive a complimentary copy of **Acacia Fraternity at Cornell: The First Century**

3-4-5 REASONS TO GIVE

Your Fraternity Needs You!

As we celebrate one hundred years on Cornell's campus, we should think back to all we have accomplished as a fraternity. Our time at Acacia Fraternity provided a group of friends, a place to live, and, for many, a home away from home. Throughout its first one hundred years at Cornell, alumni support has been an important part of the fraternity's success. In the future, this support will only become more important, as we prepare tomorrow's leaders. Your gift to the Centennial Capital Campaign will help the chapter sustain its current success. Join the many brothers who have already contributed to the campaign, and make your pledge today!

If you still find yourself asking why should I give, below are a few considerations to keep in mind. And, remember, giving is as simple as 3-4-5!



A Gift to Acacia is a Gift to Cornell

Many University alumni may give regularly to Cornell, but they do not think to give to their fraternities. By giving to Acacia, however, not only will the beneficiaries of your donation be Cornellians, but they will also be brothers with whom you have a fraternal connection.

Your Donation will be Used Wisely

The sprinkler system is a necessity, the Chapter Library refurbishment will commemorate the Centennial, and the other planned projects have long been neglected but are required to keep the house in good shape.

Your Gift Will Help with Recruitment

The rejuvenated chapter house will be of great appeal to potential members and will keep Acacia competitive among fraternities on campus. If the Campaign funds its target projects, our active chapter will be

able to tell potential new members that we have an alumni base committed to improving the fraternity.

Recognition

All donors will have their names engraved on a plaque prominently displayed in the Chapter Library. Donors will also be listed by giving level in the *Traveler* and on a web site created for the Campaign (unless anonymity is requested). We will discuss additional recognition with donors giving \$10,000 or more.

Join Your Fellow Brothers

You will not be alone in your gift. We have already received a pledges totaling \$85,000, or about 25 percent of our total fundraising goal. Many alumni have already recognized the importance of the campaign's goals and have made a contribution. The campaign organizers are committed to seeing our goal reached. Join your brothers in making Acacia Fraternity a success in its second century.

THE CORNELL CHAPTER OF ACACIA FRATERNITY

"PREPARING TOMORROW'S LEADERS" SINCE 1907



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