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â€¢ Conclave is just around the corner!

â€¢ Summer 2014 Triad is in the mail

â€¢ Gallup-Purdue Index highlights fraternity life benefits

â€¢ Brother Steve Scalise elected House majority whip



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CONCLAVE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Will you be among over 100 Acacians convening in Nashville next month for Conclave? We'd love to have you join us! Come to the Music City to enjoy four days of brotherhood while we conduct the official business of the fraternity.



Festivities begin on July 30th at 3:45 p.m. and culminate with the Conclave Final Banquet & Awards Ceremony on August 2nd. This year's Conclave will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Downtown Nashville, with plenty of attractions to explore and nightlife within walking distance. Come for the entire event, or just join us for the weekend.

Conclave registration is \$150 per person and includes lunch at the William A. Utic Acacia Fraternity Foundation Scholarship Luncheon, a formal dinner at the Conclave Final Banquet, and numerous educational and entertainment activities.

You may also register for just the Luncheon or Banquet.

> [Register now for Conclave 2014](#)

> [Book your hotel room now at our special discount rate](#)

All Acacians are welcome to attend this event, from the youngest pledge to the most well-traveled alumnus. While our schedule will feature full days and a variety of programming, there will also be time to get out and explore the city.



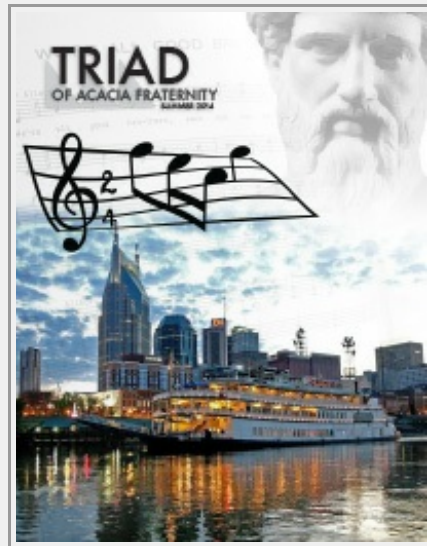
Hundreds of up-and-coming bands play virtually every night in local establishments and city parks, with nightlife centers around the neon lit strip of Broadway. Are you a country music lover? The Country Music Hall of Fame might be on your must-see list. The city is about more than music, too. Nashville is home to a great array of museums and historical sites, including the First Center of the Visual Arts and the Tennessee State Museum — next to the Conclave hotel — which holds one of the largest civil war exhibits in the country.

Read more about this year's Conclave at <http://acacia.org/conclave2014.php>. We look forward to seeing you in Nashville, Brothers!

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX FOR THE TRIAD!

The Summer 2014 Triad magazine is in the mail, and we're excited for you to peel back the cover to learn how we Acacians are *Finding Our Rhythm*, read about Pythagoras' discoveries in music, and catch up on the latest happenings

in our chapters.



You can also [read the Triad online](#), and we'd love to hear your feedback and ideas for future issues. Please email Director of Communications Michael Pastko at mpastko@acacia.org to share.

SURVEY OF COLLEGE GRADUATES SHOWS POSITIVE IMPACT OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

Earlier this month the results of a joint research effort by Gallup, Inc., Purdue University, and the Lumina Foundation highlighted the relationship between the college experience and the life outcomes of graduates. The initial Gallup-Purdue Index measured workplace engagement and overall well-being of more than 30,000 U.S. college graduates and revealed that graduates who joined fraternities and sororities outperform their non-Greek peers in both areas. Additionally, to a greater extent than non-members, fraternity and sorority members tended to strongly benefit from emotional support and experiential and deep learning, and they are more likely to be thriving later in life.

[READ THE REPORT - National Gallup-Purdue Index Reveals Improved Well-Being Among U.S. College Graduates Who Joined Fraternities and Sororities.](#)

This research helps validate what we in the Greek community have advocated for years and should only enhance our recruiting of new members and bolster our reputation in the higher education and professional worlds. The [North-American Interfraternity Conference](#) and the [National Panhellenic Conference](#) also

STEVE SCALISE, *LSU '86*, NEW HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP

You likely received our special edition Crest eNewsletter last Thursday announcing the news, and we're happy to share it here again – Brother & Congressman Stephen Scalise, *Louisiana State '86*, was selected by House Republicans to serve as the Majority Whip in the U.S. House of Representatives earlier today. A whip's role is to round up votes for his or her party and ensure those representatives are in attendance when important votes are taken. Brother Scalise has represented Louisiana's 1st Congressional District since 2008.

[> Read more about Brother Scalise's election as House Majority Whip.](#)



Brother Scalise was awarded the Order of Pythagoras on August 6, 2010, at Acacia's 56th Conclave in New Orleans, Louisiana. Congratulations to Brother Scalise!



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