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**DECEMBER 20, 2013**

☞ Happy Holidays from Acacia Fraternity

☞ A Holiday Message from the Foundation



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## Greetings!

It's that time of the year again – family, friends, food, and shopping all mark the holiday season for many of us. For Acacia, this is a time when chapters and colonies are closing their books on the fall semester, and active members are doing likewise as final exams conclude.

As 2013 comes to a close, we are happy to report a successful year internationally, and we are excited to share many of our success stories with you in the Triad magazine, which will be reaching your home within days.

Our brothers continued their good work after the Triad hit the press, too. In recent weeks, undergraduates across North America have been exemplifying both the holiday spirit and Acacia spirit by volunteering within their communities. Our international philanthropy event, Acacia Claus, continues to grow every year as it brings cheer to many children around the holidays. [View a photo album of our chapters' holiday season service efforts.](#)



As you gather with family and friends in the coming days, look for that young man who might make a fine Acacian, and send his name our way. [Fill out this brief online form](#), and help us fulfill our vision of Preparing Tomorrow Leaders.

On behalf of the Acacia Fraternity International Council and Headquarters Staff, we would like to wish you the happiest of holiday seasons and best wishes for the new year.



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**Dear Brothers,**

Sending this year-end message from the Acacia Fraternity Foundation reminded me of my own family's holiday experience last year.

It has become my family's tradition to draw names out of a hat for Christmas presents. As luck would have it, after last year's Thanksgiving I drew my own name, and rather than asking for a redraw, I sheepishly took my name and sneaked back to the television to watch a most memorable Washington State Cougar/Washington Husky football game.

I probably violated the 'spirit of Christmas' rule but I did get everything I wanted

for Christmas last year. One of my gifts was It's a Wonderful Life. In a memorable final scene, a note is written to the lead character from his guardian angel. The note said, "No man is a failure who has friends." This also holds true for Acacia. No organization can fail when it has the support and dedication of its brotherhood and friends. As a fraternal association, we are based on this brotherhood and friendship – 50,000 and growing.

With our undergraduate base now over 1,600 members – and growing – the last three years have been truly wonderful. Our improvements and successes can be largely attributed to a loyal and hard-working staff and volunteers from across the continent. My deepest appreciation and thanks go to the International Council and Board of Directors of the Acacia Fraternity Foundation for their tremendous support and guidance, to our scores of volunteers at the chapter level, and finally, to our loyal and growing donor base.

*December is also a time for your financial planning, and given the current gains in the stock market, a gift of appreciated securities may be worthy of your consideration. Donating appreciated securities is an excellent way to show your support for Acacia. It may also provide you with significant tax benefits. For more information, [please visit our website](#) or contact me at 317-872-8210.*

On behalf of the Foundation and the Fraternity, I sincerely thank you for your support of Acacia and am excited to make the coming year an even more prosperous one than 2013.

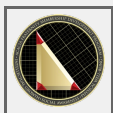
Happy Holidays and my very best wishes in 2014!

Fraternally,

Darold W. Larson, Executive Director  
Acacia Fraternity Foundation

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