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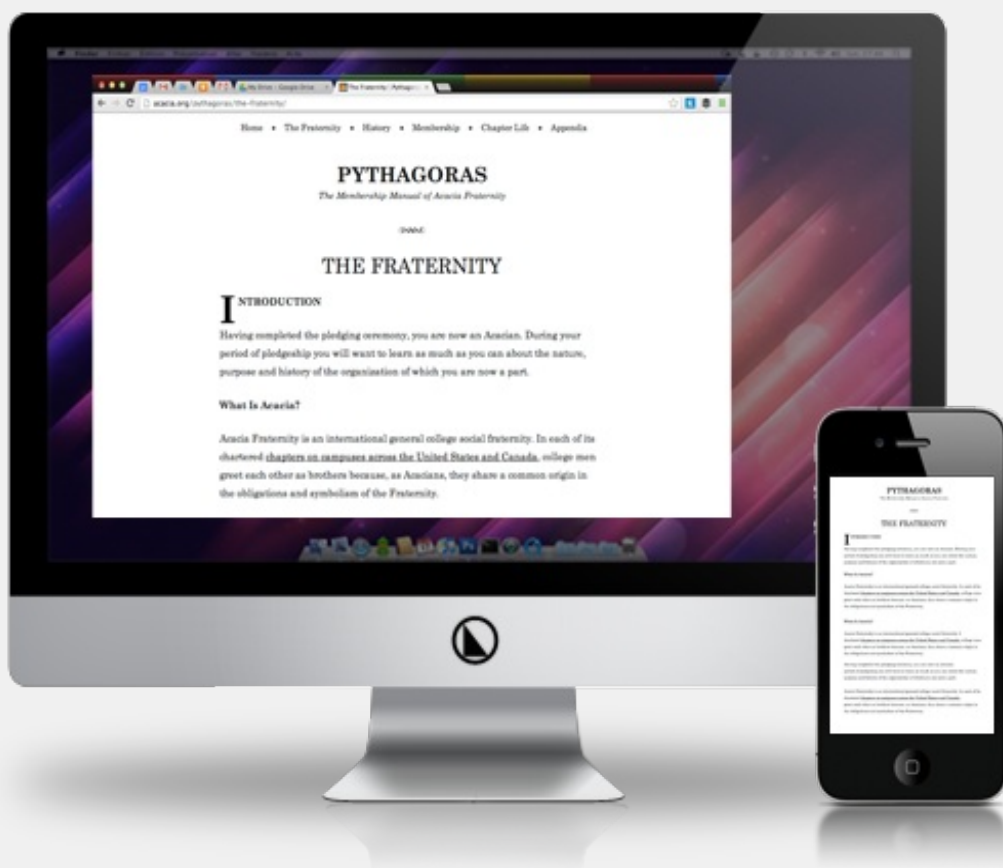
## Greetings!

In this issue of *The Crest*, we have updates to share about our beloved Pythagoras manual and Acacia's membership development program, *Cornerstones*. Plus, registration is now open for next summer's Conclave in Nashville, and we're asking for your submissions for the fall issue of the Triad magazine. Here's to a great fall season!

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## ACACIA'S WORTHY MENTOR NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Have you ever found yourself stuck in the hot sands of the desert, wishing you had your trusty **Pythagoras manual** handy to rescue you? Well, perhaps it wasn't the hot sands of the desert, and perhaps you didn't exactly need rescue, but most of us have found ourselves with a few minutes of idle time before a meeting, stuck at the airport, or waiting to pick up the kids. Now you can simply head to [acacia.org/pythagoras](http://acacia.org/pythagoras) from your desktop or mobile device to brush up on your Acacia knowledge!



This marks the first time that Acacia's membership manual, The Pythagoras, is available online for your reference. The online edition resembles the print version and is designed to be easily read on your computer screen, tablet, or smartphone.

[View the online Pythagoras membership manual.](#)

Don't worry! We are still publishing a print version of the Pythagoras! Work is underway to produce an updated print edition for the 2014-2015 academic year. The next print edition will include the same timeless Acacia history and teachings we all learned during pledgship, while leaving more dynamic information such as an always-changing list of chapters and colonies to the online edition.

The online edition is still in its early stages of development, and we are adding content on an ongoing basis. Let us know what you think! Email us at [communications@acacia.org](mailto:communications@acacia.org).

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## CORNERSTONES 2013 UPDATE

For over 100 years, Acacia has offered young leaders the opportunity to pursue

personal and professional development with our fraternity serving as the foundation. When a member actively serves his chapter, campus, and community, he is exemplifying the ideal Acacia experience. Seven years ago, the International Council and International Conclave adopted a membership development program in support of that vision, and *Cornerstones* emerged. The program today has evolved from those early days.



Cornerstones is a step-by-step program that guides individual members through defining their personal values, setting goals, creating an action plan, and seeking experiential learning opportunities. These activities provide a foundation for success on campus and after college.

At the chapter level, Cornerstones encourages activities like hosting guest speakers, attending a presentation on campus, participating in athletics and the arts, and practicing our motto, *Human Service*.

This semester we are excited to announce the launch of a new Cornerstones website at [acacia.org/cornerstones](http://acacia.org/cornerstones). This is where active members can find everything they need to get started on the Personal Development Program and where chapters can find ideas to promote learning and personal development within the chapter.

Are you an active member interested in getting started with Cornerstones?

[Visit the Cornerstones website.](http://acacia.org/cornerstones)

Are you an alumnus with interest in volunteering as a guest speaker or Cornerstones mentor at a local chapter?

[Send an email to cornerstones@acacia.org.](mailto:cornerstones@acacia.org)

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# CONCLAVE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN - JOIN US IN NASHVILLE!

Join us next summer in Nashville, Tennessee for four days of business and brotherhood at Acacia Fraternity's 58th Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy! From **July 30th to August 3rd**, Acacians will conduct the official business of the fraternity, learn new skills to benefit ourselves and our fraternity, and strengthen the ties of friendship. All Acacians are welcome to attend this event, from the youngest pledge to the most well-traveled alumnus.



**Conclave registration is now open!** Conclave registration is \$150 per person and includes lunch at the William A. Utic Acacia Fraternity Foundation Scholarship Luncheon and dinner at the Conclave Final Banquet.

[Register now for Conclave 2014](#)

Acacia has reserved a block of rooms at discounted rates at our host hotel, the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Downtown Nashville. Book online at the link below, or call 615-747-4806 with Group Name "Acacia Fraternity" and Group Code "ACF."

[Book your hotel room online](#)

We are very excited for our first Conclave in Nashville, the Music City! 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.

We look forward to seeing you in Nashville, Brothers!

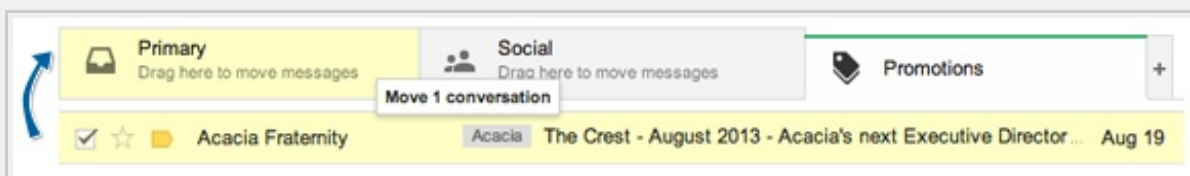
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## FALL TRIAD - SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES AND ALUMNI UPDATES

Brothers, do you have an interesting story about Acacia that you’d like us to consider for publication in the next issue of the Triad? Would you like to share a personal update with your brothers such as a marriage, birth of a child, or career news? Send us your ideas and updates by emailing us at [communications@acacia.org](mailto:communications@acacia.org).

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