

## Alpha Chi Press Release Information

Three co-sponsors Dr. Paul Williamson [Biology], Ms. Sarah Pivonka [Academic Budget Specialist] and Dr. Ron Brown [Asst. Vice President for Academic Services] and five student members [Anthony Bergamasco, Sierra Berry, Brendan Lavy, Sudidha Samant, and Joni Schneider of Texas Iota Chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honorary Society attended and made presentations at the national conference in Chicago, IL, over spring break (March 18-22).

Additionally, three Alpha Chi student members received notification of scholarship/fellowship awards during the conference. Monica Medel received the society's most prestigious award, the James E. Pryor Graduate/Alumni Fellowship (\$5,000); Joni Schneider received a Region I Scholarship for a Graduate Student (\$1,000), and Sudidha Samant received a Region I Chapter Scholarship for presentation (\$200). Additionally, Randi Berkovsky is a 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate for the H.Y. Benedict Fellowship for seniors becoming graduate students in 2015-16. Berkovsky is currently a first-semester graduate student at Georgetown University.

### **Student and Chapter Presenters and Presentation Titles:**

Anthony Bergamasco, "Jackson 5: Analysis of the Inter-workings of Modern Mental Medicine."

Sudidha Samant, "Quantification of Frankia In Soils Using SYBR Green Based qPCR."

Brendan Lavy, "Putting Gentrification in Context: News Media Coverage and Neighborhood Transformation."

Joni Schneider, "A Study on Developing a Mathematical Identity."

### **Chapter presentations:**

#### **Multidisciplinary Research Forum**

Sierra Berry (Biology & AX president), Brendon Lavy (Geography), Erin Dascher (Geography), Anthony Bergamasco (International Studies), and Joni Schneider (Mathematics) developed and presented a multidisciplinary research forum entitled: "Art and the Campus Landscape: An Exploration of Alpha Chi Student Members' Perception of Campus Landscaping at Texas State University."

#### **Chapter Strengthening Session:**

Paula Williamson with co-sponsors Brown and Pivonka, and student members Bergamasco, Berry, Lavy, and Samant coordinated a "chapter strengthening session entitled "Next Steps: Planning a Grad School Event to Help Transition Your University's Undergrads."

**Session Chairs:** Co-sponsors Brown (American history sessions) and Pivonka (Psychology session).

Region I President Brown coordinated 2 region meeting during the conference

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## Alpha Chi Selects 2015 Scholarship Winners

SEARCY, Ark.—Twenty-six members of Alpha Chi, the national college honor society, have been named to receive the society's national fellowships and scholarships. The stipends for full-time fall 2015 enrollment will total \$60,000. There were 64 nominations for the Sedge/Benedict Fellowships, 72 for the Gaston/Nolle Scholarships, and 22 for the Pryor Fellowships.

### Joseph E Pryor Graduate/ Alumni Fellowship

**Doctoral (\$5,000):** Monica Medel, inducted in 2014 as a graduate student at Texas Iota, Texas State University (San Marcos, TX), is a doctoral student at Texas State University.

Pryor Alternate (doctoral): Aura Mishra, Indiana Eta and University of Indianapolis (Indianapolis, IN) alumna, is now a doctoral student at Purdue University.

Master's (\$3,000): Kate Oliphant, inducted in 2012 as an undergraduate at North Carolina Zeta, Gardner-Webb University (Boiling Springs, NC), is now a graduate student at East Carolina University.

Pryor Alternate (master's): Andrew Gifford, Alabama Delta and Faulkner University (Montgomery, AL) alumna, is now a graduate student at Faulkner.

### Robert W. Sedge Fellowship (\$3,500)—Seniors in 2014-15 to be Graduate Students in 2015-16

Laura-Kate Gonyea, Tennessee Delta, Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City, TN

Anna Martin, Georgia Theta, Shorter University, Rome, GA

### H. Y. Benedict Fellowship (\$2,500)—Seniors in 2014-15 to be Graduate Students in 2015-16

Mark "Alex" Carver, Tennessee Delta, Carson Newman University, Jefferson City, TN

Jessica Hauschild, Kansas Delta, Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, KS

Madison Jupitz, Hawaii Beta, Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, HI

John Keller, Tennessee Beta, Union University, Jackson, TN

Ekaterina Kruglov, North Carolina Omicron, Catawba College, Salisbury, NC

Erin Puskar, Virginia Iota, Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA

Suravi Shrestha, Missouri Delta, Westminster College, Fulton, MO

Bryan Stearns, Missouri Pi, Lindenwood University, St. Charles, MO

Mackenzie Sullivan, Virginia Delta, Roanoke College, Salem, VA

April Wright, Arkansas Zeta, University of Arkansas at Monticello, Monticello, AR

## Benedict Alternates:

- 1) Johnnie Sue Huddleston, Tennessee Theta, Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN
- 2) Randi Berkovsky, Texas Iota, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
- 3) Patricia Suchan, North Carolina Nu, High Point University, High Point, NC
- 4) Josiah Augustine, Tennessee Zeta, Lee University, Cleveland, TN
- 5) Ethan Hillman, Indiana Alpha, Anderson University, Anderson, IN

Edwin W. Gaston Scholarship (\$2,500)—Juniors in 2014-15 to be Seniors in 2015-16

Kathleen Burris, North Carolina Omicron, Catawba College, Salisbury, NC

Sophia Hackney, Oklahoma Eta, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma, OK

Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship (\$1,500)—Juniors in 2014-15 to be Seniors in 2015-16

Jessica Chellsen, Utah Alpha, Westminster College of Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City, UT

Sarah Geil, Georgia Theta, Shorter University, Rome, GA

Carissa Hunter, Indiana Beta, Huntington University, Huntington, IN

Sarah Lynch, North Carolina Zeta, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC

Laura Mixon, Tennessee Nu, Milligan College, Milligan College, TN

Nathan Nieman, Indiana Alpha, Anderson University, Anderson, IN

Madison Barbara Peregoy, North Carolina Xi, Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC

Jackson Petty, Arkansas Eta, Harding University, Searcy, AR

Jeremy Schmoyer, Pennsylvania Kappa, University of the Sciences, Philadelphia, PA

Zaca Wilson, Texas Alpha Eta, Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, TX

## Nolle Alternates:

- 1) Christiane Miller, California Zeta, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA
- 2) Amanda Dicks, Indiana Lambda, Indiana Institute of Technology, Fort Wayne, IN
- 3) Kirstin Shields, Oklahoma Gamma, East Central University, Ada, OK
- 4) Ansley Ficker, North Carolina Epsilon, Mars Hill University, Mars Hill, NC
- 5) Robbi Riggs, Arkansas Iota, Lyon College, Batesville, AR

Alpha Chi inducts no more than the top 10 percent of juniors, seniors, and graduate/professional students on each campus, representing all academic disciplines. With some 300 chapters and an active presence in almost every state, Alpha Chi actively promotes academic excellence, undergraduate and graduate research, campus academic dialogue, and civic engagement.