



Action for Our Atmosphere 2023 Alpha Chi National Convention

Join the Crew in ABQ!

March 30–April 1

The Clyde Hotel «» Albuquerque, New Mexico

Featuring . . .

- **Keynote Lyla June** — internationally acclaimed Indigenous musician, scholar, and Diné community organizer (LylaJune.com)
- **Scenic Albuquerque** — a bucket list destination
- **150+ student presentations** in dozens of academic fields
- **Chapter and personal development workshops**
- **Student prizes, scholarships, and awards**
- **Academic and social networking**
- **Great food and incredible experiences**

Built into every Alpha Chi convention is an afternoon for exploring the host city and its local culture in any number of ways! If you've never been to New Mexico, we promise you'll be awed by the breathtaking sunrises and sunsets, the spectacular view of the Sandia mountains, and the unique culture of New Mexico's largest city! Events will begin on Thursday afternoon and continue through Saturday evening. Registration will open in early January.

Explore www.alphachihonor.org/axcon to discover all the opportunities of Alpha Chi's professional, national conference. Our travel and housing grants and room sharing options will help your chapter not break the bank to enjoy the ultimate Alpha Chi experience!



Discounted Student Member & Advisor Registration

Alumni Member Registration

The Clyde Hotel Room Rate

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CONVENTION LOGISTICS

Convention Fees

- \$99 each for Alumni (badge access to all sessions and meal events)
- \$125 each for Guests (badge access to all sessions and meal events)

Deadlines

- Feb. 20 Convention delegate pre-registration and fee payment
- Feb. 20 Student Presenter Submissions
- Mar. 6 Clyde Hotel direct room reservations (rate deadline)
- Mar. 10 Convention fee refund requests

Member Presentations

Student and alumni members will submit their own presentation information via an online method to be communicated in January. Presentations will be judged during the convention and approximately 30 \$100 prizes will be given by academic category (details on separate pages).

Room Rates & Reservations at The Clyde Hotel

The AX room rate is \$155 (with tax about \$176) for 1-4 people per night for a king or double-queen room. To reserve rooms, call The Clyde Hotel at 800-619-5632 and mention you're with the Alpha Chi conference. Late cancellations/early departures will be handled according to hotel policy. Guestroom wi-fi, the outdoor pool, and the fitness center are complimentary.

[Rooms may be reserved using this link.](#) While Alpha Chi's room rate and block are available through March 6, don't wait to book rooms. Alpha Chi doesn't get unlimited access to a hotel's entire guestroom inventory, so it's always best practice to reserve a block of rooms as soon as you have an idea of what you'll need. You can call the hotel later to release a room or provide specific guest details.

Hotel Address

The Clyde Hotel, 330 Tijeras Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Check-In/Out

Hotel check-in is at 4 p.m.; check-out is at 11 a.m.

Vehicle Parking

The special self-parking rate is \$6 per car, per night.

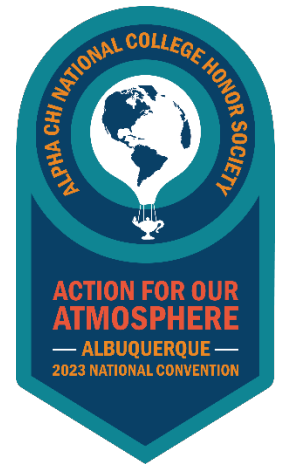
Ground Transportation to/from Airport

15 to 20-minute cab/Lyft ride in light traffic

Questions? Call 800.477.4225

2023 Alpha Chi National Convention

COVID-19 Information



Alpha Chi strongly encourages this year's convention delegates to:

- Be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, with at least one additional booster. (For planning purposes, COVID-19 vaccination status will be a question during pre-registration.)
- Test yourself for COVID-19 with a home-test 24 hours before beginning travel.
- Discuss with your chapter advisor about what to do if you test positive. Free tests are available by mail through USPS at <https://www.covid.gov/tests>.
- Get the most recent flu vaccination a few weeks before the convention.
- Wear a mask during flights or crowded vehicles on your way to Albuquerque.
- Sanitize hands often. (Hand sanitizer stations will be available on site.)
- Use social distancing whenever possible.
- Wear a mask to indoor sessions if you have been unable to receive COVID-19 vaccination.
- Be courteous of your fellow delegates' choices regarding masking.
- Be prepared to wear a mask if meeting planners become aware of active cases.
- Report fever or symptoms to a convention staff member so a test can be administered. (We'll have thermometers and tests.)
- Be proactive, honest, and professional regarding COVID-19, flu, and other easily transmittable respiratory infections such as RSV.

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Tentative Schedule (updated 11/10/22)

2023 Alpha Chi National Convention

Thursday, March 30

National Council-only activities through early afternoon

- 3:00 p.m.** **Chapter Delegation Check-in**
AXCentral with national office staff
Networking breakouts for student members
Networking breakouts for chapter advisors
Aletheia Information Station
ABQ Info Booth
Brown's Graduation Supplies
- 5:00 p.m.** **Info Session for Presentation Judges & Moderators**
- 5:00 p.m.** **Student Activity Hosted by Student Reps**
- 6:00 p.m.** **Opening Dinner & Keynote** (All-Delegate Plated Dinner)
Attire is informal but sport your college colors!
Keynote Speaker Lyla June—*Sharing a Cultural Compass: Indigenous Principles for a Beautiful Life*
Presentation of National Council Member-at-Large Candidates 2023-27
- 7:45 p.m.** **Social Networking by Region**
- 9:00 p.m.** **Trivia Night Hosted by Student Representatives**



Friday, March 31

- 7:15 am** **Continental Breakfast** (all registered delegates welcome)
- 8:00 a.m.** **Student Presentations** (3 timed student presentations per room)
12 concurrent rooms of student presentations grouped by academic discipline
1 room of Collaborative Student Research Competition presentations
- 9:10 a.m.** **Development & Networking Groups**
- Undergraduate Topical Discussions
 - Grad Student & Alumni Discussion Groups
 - Chapter Advisor Discussion Groups
- 10:10 a.m.** **Regional Meetings**
Regions I, III, V, and VII will elect Regional Student Reps for 2023-25
Region VI will elect a President and Vice President for 2023-24
- 11:00 a.m.** **Student Presentations** (4 timed student presentations per room)
12 concurrent rooms of student presentations grouped by academic discipline
1 room of Collaborative Student Research Competition presentations
- 12:15 p.m.** **Sightseeing in ABQ!** (lunch & free time all afternoon/evening)
- Group Excursion Options
 - Local Service Activities
 - Possible Friday evening yoga

6:00-10:00 p.m. 2022-23 National Council Meeting (Council only)

Saturday, April 1

- 7:00-7:45 a.m. Sunrise Yoga**
- 8:00-9:15 a.m. Student Presentations** (4 timed student presentations per room)
12 concurrent rooms of student presentations grouped by academic discipline
1 room of Collaborative Student Research Competition presentations
- 9:20-10:15 a.m. All-Delegate Honors Brunch**
Business—Member-at-Large NC election, Constitutional Amendment Voting
Advisor Service Recognition
Distinguished Alumni Award Presentation & Address
- 10:20-11:15 a.m. Student Presentations** (3 timed student presentations per room)
12 concurrent rooms of student presentations grouped by academic discipline
1 room of Collaborative Student Research Competition presentations
- 11:20-Noon Student Session: Kindness Kit Assembly**
Student delegates will package Kindness Kits to be taken to a local homeless shelter.
- 11:20-Noon Chapter Advisor Session: Institutional Alpha Chi Awareness**
- Noon-1:45 p.m. Lunch Excursions** (most delegates on your own)
Regional Presidents' Lunch with NC President & Executive Director
Regional Vice Presidents' Lunch with NC Vice President & Secretary
New Student Reps Lunch with Current Student Reps & Communications Manager
- 1:50-2:45 p.m. Student Presentations** (3 timed student presentations per room)
12 concurrent rooms of student presentations grouped by academic discipline
1 room of Collaborative Student Research Competition presentations
- 2:50-3:45 p.m. Student Presentations** (3 timed student presentations per room)
12 concurrent rooms of student presentations grouped by academic discipline
1 room of Collaborative Student Research Competition presentations
- 4:00-6:45 p.m. Dinner on the Town** (delegates on your own)
Whether it be downtown, in [Historic Old Town](#), or at the [Sawmill Market](#), you'll want to take one more opportunity to discover the local cuisine of Albuquerque! Maybe you can finally decide if you're team Red Sauce or Green Sauce. And don't forget the paletas!
- 4:00 p.m.—National Council Officer & Newly Elected Member Orientation** (closed session)
- 4:00 p.m.—Presentation Rubric Collection and Prize Determinations** (closed session overseen by AX Director of Operations Katie Holmes)
- 7:00-8:15 p.m. 2023 Alpha Chi Closing Awards Sessions**
Come decked out in Alpha Chi blues and greens and ready to cheer!
- Installation of all New National Council Members
 - Recognition of Outgoing Council Members, Regional Officers, and Advisors
 - 2023 Awards Program—A host of chapter and member awards, scholarships, and convention presentation prizes will be revealed with the President's Cup for Outstanding Chapter of the Year being the grand finale!
- Council members, scholarship winners, and prize recipients are asked to remain briefly after the ceremony for formal photography.*
- 8:30-10:00 p.m. Final Session of the 2022-23 National Council Meeting (Council only)**

Member Presentations

Student presentations are a centerpiece of every Alpha Chi convention; in fact, this focus on students distinguishes us from other honor societies. We're also excited when our alumni members come to conventions and want to present as well. Here are a few benefits of presenting:

- Gain valuable presentation experience with a small, receptive audience of 20-30 people.
- Field questions from interested peers and faculty.
- Earn an excellent resume enhancement.



Deadline for Registering a Presentation: February 20

Alpha Chi's Professional Presenter Standards

- Wear business attire and behave professionally.
- Regardless of order, arrive before the start of the section to identify yourself to the Moderator.
- As a courtesy to your fellow presenters, we ask you remain present for your entire section.
- Be sure your presentation fits comfortably within the time limit. (*likely 12 minutes, followed by a mandatory 4-minute question/answer period*)
- These are presentations, not manuscript readings.
- Practice (preferably for an audience), so your presentation is smooth and audio-visuals well integrated. Most presentation rooms are small, and microphones aren't provided. Be prepared to speak clearly with good projection.
- Be prepared in case of technical problems; have a backup plan that will allow you to proceed if technology fails.

Presenter Preparation

- Convention presentation is not a required element of the Sledge/Benedict, Gaston/Nolle, or Pryor/Freeman/Organ national scholarship competitions. However, *regional* scholarships and prizes may have similar sounding names but different rules. Consult your region for its requirements.
- The total number of presenters per chapter isn't limited, but each student is limited to one presentation. If you're presenting on a Student Collaborative Research Project team, you may make one other regular presentation, but it must be in a different field or cover different material than your part in the collaborative project.
- You won't submit your entire presentation when you register. You'll be asked for your presentation title and a description designed to help our program director verify your proper field and optimize your program placement; that description will not be included in the program. Your title, academic field, and college are usually all that are listed in the program to help people select what they wish to attend, so consider your title thoughtfully. Use proper title case and punctuation and select the most applicable discipline and presentation type.
- You'll also be asked for a 1-sentence "sales pitch" to advertise your presentation in an engaging way. If it is clear and concise, we hope to include those in the event app this year.
- The program director will contact you by phone or email if there are questions. **Please respond quickly to any communication from the national office regarding your program placement.**

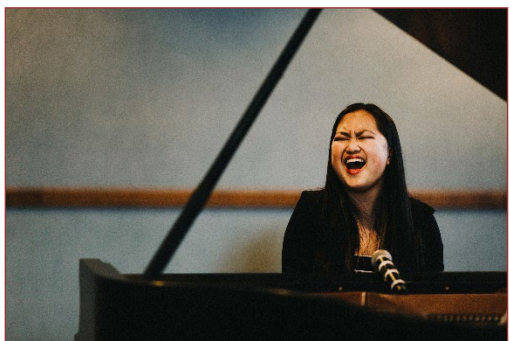
Audio-Visual Equipment Provided by Alpha Chi

Each presentation room will be supplied with an LCD projector & screen package, a laptop, and an easel board for affixing a poster. A piano (or professional electronic piano/keyboard), music stand, and audio equipment will also be available in the room assigned for performing arts presentations.

Alpha Chi will contact registered presenters by email or phone 2-3 weeks before the convention with any last-minute details. Once the program is ready, an email notification will be sent to all delegates and the program posted on the conventions page at AlphaChiHonor.org.

Varieties of Presentations: Performance, Poster, PowerPoint

Performances: A good performance presentation should include a discussion of the academics and/or process behind the piece performed. Discussions of creative presentations should help non-specialists understand the craft present in the work. These presenters may use PowerPoint, if so desired. Upon check-in at AX Central on Thursday, musicians, dancers, or other presenters who may need to practice/warm-up may arrange a practice time and place.



Poster presenters may invite the audience to assemble around their poster if that is their preference. Remember that a poster is a visual communications tool. Since you will be presenting it live, do not include a great amount of small text, as you will be able to present the material orally as well. Posters should be 4' x 3' (landscape). *Poster Tips:* www.ncsu.edu/project/posters

Posters: Students wishing to present a poster will do so as part of an oral presentation in a regular, timed slot on Friday or Saturday. During the intermission interval before a presentation, your poster

may be affixed using binder clips and removed from



PowerPoint Presentations should be compatible with the most recent version of Microsoft PowerPoint and brought on USB drive. ***You must bring your presentation to the convention yourself on a USB drive. The national office will not be collecting and loading presentations this year.*** Most of your audience will be at least 10 feet away from the screen, so plan your fonts accordingly. Due to the tightly timed presentation schedule, we suggest you bring an extra copy of your media and a printed copy of your slides for your own use in case technical issues arise during your session.

Visual Art PowerPoints: Visual art presenters are asked to prepare a PowerPoint for presentation during a regular, timed presentation section this year. Do not bring your original artwork. Include a description of each piece with its title, medium, dimensions (H" x W" x D"), and year created.

Presentation Prizes

Each presenter is eligible for one of the endowed \$100 convention presentation prizes announced on the final day of the convention! See the list of prizes on the Convention Presentation Prize page along with the competition details.



Convention Presentation Prizes

Student and alumni members are encouraged make a presentation of the work they are doing in their academic major. Each presenter is eligible for a \$100 convention presentation prize announced on the final day of the convention! Alpha Chi has been graciously supported in recent years by many friends and colleagues. [Learn about the wonderful people for whom these prizes are named!](#)

Much of the programming of Alpha Chi conventions is student members and alumni presenting scholarly and creative work in their own academic fields to multidisciplinary audiences of their peers and faculty advisors. In the span of two days, anywhere from 200 to 300 members can present their work—many presenting on a national level for the first time. It's an invaluable experience and one that we're proud to claim sets Alpha Chi apart from many other honor societies. Having these prizes adds a buzz of excitement to the convention's closing gala!

To encourage members to create the best presentation of their work, Alpha Chi offers prizes of \$100 each for what the judges consider the best in 32 categories. To ensure the quality of the competition, a prize will be awarded in each category where there are 3 or more presentations. For those choosing a field that doesn't garner at least 3 presenters, there will still be a judging rubric completed and numeric scores averaged. Then one prize, regardless of academic field, will be given for the presenter with the highest score.

American History	Exercise Science and Nutrition
American Literature	Geology and Earth Sciences
Anthropology and Sociology	Health Sciences
Art/Music/Dance Research	Mathematics
British Literature	Molecular and Cellular Biology
Business Management	Organismal and Ecological Biology
Chemistry	Performing Arts
Communication	Philosophy and Religion
Computer Science and Engineering	Physics and Astronomy
Contemporary Bioethical Issues	Political Science
Creative Writing (fiction/non-fiction)	Psychology
Creative Writing (poetry)	Shakespeare
Economics	Visual Art (original)
Education	World History
Environmental Science	World Literature

To be eligible for these 30 discipline-specific prizes, presenters must be undergraduates in the current academic year. However, we welcome and encourage presentations by graduate students and alumni members; one overall prize for graduate student presenters and one for alumni presenters will be given for qualifying presentations, regardless of academic field.

If you need assistance knowing which category to select, feel free to contact your chapter advisor or the national office for guidance.

NOTE: Students presenting as part of a Student Collaborative Research Project team may also make a regular presentation of their own, but it must be in a different field or cover different material than their part in the collaborative project.

2022-23 Alpha Chi National Service Initiatives

Whether or not your chapter attends the 2023 National Convention, every chapter and member can find a way to contribute to our national service initiative this year. The Alpha Chi chapter making the largest impact on these organizations will receive bragging rights and the honor of being named our national “2023 Alpha Chi Service Leader.”

National Fundraiser for Cuidando Los Niños

Alpha Chi has set a national fundraising goal of at least \$2,000 for [Cuidando Los Niños](#), a preschool, rapid re-housing, and support system serving families experiencing homelessness in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Founded in 1988, their mission is to break the cycle of homelessness for children and families. Development Associate Mia Trujillo says:

We achieve this mission with services for both generations—including trauma-informed early childhood education to meet the needs of children experiencing homelessness, support services helping families become rehoused and more resilient, and advocacy alongside the families we serve. When Cuidando rehouses a family, they are often moving from a car or motel and do not have much to bring with them.

As a part of our program, we ensure that our kids have the comfortable and well-fitting shoes they need to learn and play at their best. Due to new enrollments, we are running low on shoes for their toddler and preschool classrooms and invite you to partner with us to raise money that will replace their shoes and make a difference in their lives.



CLN will use these funds to provide shoes for children in need. TO DONATE: First, check and see if your chapter has created a team [here](#). If your chapter needs to create a team, simply [click here](#), find the “Start Fundraising” button, and add your chapter to the fundraiser!



Alpha Chi Kindness Kits

Alpha Chi members and chapters will gather supplies needed for assembling Kindness Kits for an ABQ homelessness shelter. Hand sanitizer and encouragement cards are ready to go! To help us collect other needed items, you can either bring these to ABQ with your delegation or [purchase them by Mar. 1 from this shopping list on Smile.Amazon.com.](#) (Don't forget to make Alpha Chi your preferred Smile charity.)

Delegates will assemble these kits at the 2023 National Convention, Mar 30 to Apr 1; kits will be distributed to the [Westside Emergency Housing Center.](#)

Lyla June's Pick – 7genfund.org

This year's convention keynote speaker, Lyla June, gives her hearty endorsement to the Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples. Alpha Chi will be donating \$500 to show our appreciation to Lyla June for bringing her message to us in Albuquerque. If you or your chapter would also like to support this organization, you're encouraged to visit <https://7genfund.org/make-a-difference/support-us/> to learn more about the organization and a variety of ways to help, including self-education and the importance of [Becoming an Ally!](#)

Convention Etiquette Guidelines for Delegates 2023

To enhance everyone's convention experience, Alpha Chi encourages all attendees to observe the following rules of meeting etiquette, especially during student presentations. Remember, most of the students you'll meet this week are on the program.

All Attendees:

- Professional, business attire or business casual dress is appreciated during all indoor sessions apart from social events.
- Be a patient and pleasant audience member. When given the chance to offer feedback or ask a question, all delegates, whether advisor or student, should do so in a calm, respectful, positive, and constructive manner.
- Refrain from interrupting a student presentation already in progress. Enter and leave a presentation room only during the brief break between presentations. You may quietly leave at that time to get to a presentation in another room.
- Doors should remain closed during each presentation. While waiting outside meeting rooms or in the corridors, please remain quiet and courteous.

Timed Presentation Presenters:

- Regardless of your order in the section, arrive before the start of the section and identify yourself to the Section Moderator.
- As a courtesy to the other presenters in your section, we ask that you remain present for your entire section.
- Begin your presentation by clearly stating your name, your college, and your AX region.
- You must stay within the posted time for your presentation, or the moderator will stop you. Your 12-minute presentation will end with a final 3 to 4 minutes of mandatory Q&A.
- Be prepared in case of technical problems with equipment; have a backup plan that will allow you to proceed if the technology fails.

Session Moderators:

- Make sure you know how many sessions you're moderating and/or judging.
- Arrive at the room early enough to meet your presenters to confirm their presence.
- Confirm the presence of both judges before the section begins.
- Use a timepiece such as a cell phone to keep the program on its timed schedule of 20-minute intervals. Each presenter is allowed 12 minutes for their presentation followed by a mandatory 3-4 minutes of audience questions. We'll need 4 minutes of travel time between presenters.
- If there's a gap in the program because of a no-show, please wait until the next scheduled presentation to keep to the schedule in the program.
- Present each student with their certificate of appreciation immediately after their presentation; do not hold them until the end of the entire session.
- Important: If there are no-shows leaving unclaimed presenter certificates, missing certificates, or certificates that need to be reprinted due to error, bring them in the envelope to AX Central after the session, noting the nature of the error. Reprints will be mailed directly to the presenter after the convention.