

**Trisha Yarbrough Collaborative Research Competition**  
**Alpha Chi National College Honor Society**  
**Themes & Winning Teams by Year**

**2024-25 “New Frontiers in Academia and Beyond”**

**First Place:** Texas Psi, Abilene Christian University

“Marketing and New Member Engagement in the Health and Wellness Industry”

*Michael Campbell, Adrian Puckett & Jennifer Wadlow*

**Second Place:** California Zeta, Fresno Pacific University

“Literature as Medicine: Bibliotherapy’s Effects on Burnout in Undergraduate Students of a Liberal Arts College”

*Brooke Barham, Jan Bialecki, Jasmine Sirvent, Fatima Torres-Sanchez & Safaa Umar*

**2023-24 “Innovative Scholarship for Tumultuous Times”**

**First Place:** Missouri Lambda, Missouri Western State University

“Artificial Intelligence and Selective Exposure: Generating a Public Perception”

*Jordon Anderson, Juniper Brown, Mercedes Mareske & Tia Vernon*

**Second Place:** California Zeta, Fresno Pacific University

“Derailed: Embedded Contradictions in California’s High-Speed Rail”

*Brooke Barham, Jan Bialecki, Paola Gonzalez Mendez, Cailey Lessel & Jasmine Sirvent*

**2022-23 “Action for our Atmosphere”**

**First Place:** California Zeta, Fresno Pacific University

“Language, Perception, and Climate Change: The Unique Understandings of Spanish-Speaking College Students”

*Paola Gonzalez Mendez, Luke Smith & Magdalena Wenger*

**Second Place:** North Carolina Zeta, Gardner-Webb University

“Environmental Impact of Waste at Gardner-Webb University”

*Alyssa Church, Alexandra Haasser, Delaney Willette, Trevor Wyatt & Anna Yeater*

**2021-22 “Next Century, New Era”**

**First Place:** Missouri Lambda, Missouri Western State University

“Past, Present, and Future Disease Dynamics: A Comparative Analysis of the Social Dynamics of the Current COVID-19 Pandemic and Tuberculosis Outbreaks of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century”

*Kylee Meehan, Tanner Merwin & Wanda Pearson*

**Second Place:** North Carolina Zeta, Gardner-Webb University

“A New Era in Genetic Modification Technology”

*Grace Burgin, Kimberly Cole & Michelle Lominac*

**2020-21 “...and Justice for All”**

**First Place:** California Iota, California State University, Bakersfield

“The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Access to Mental Healthcare”

*Jennifer Hart, Carson Vollmer, Elizabeth Wood & Zachary Zenko*

**Second Place:** Missouri Lambda, Missouri Western State University

“Sterilization and the State: The Impact and Modern Remnants of the Eugenics Movement”

*Hannah Berry, Matthew Bobela, Mackenzie Grantham, Jordan Holkesvik & Julia Stolfus*

## **2019-20 “Cultures of Conspiracy”**

**First Place:** Missouri Lambda, Missouri Western State University

“Culturally Transmitted: Conspiracies and Controversies Plaguing the Modern Vaccine”

*Breanna Hancock, Devin Mattoon, Rebecca Prest & Becca Smith-Grantham*

**Second Place:** Nebraska Delta, Peru State College

“Interdisciplinary Factors That May Support the Spread of Misinformation in the Era of Social Media: Building an Interdisciplinary, Multi-dimensional Model”

*Dylan George, Kaylee Gill & Sara Vance*

## **2018-19 “Lines of Identity, Polarizing Perspectives, and Civil Discourse”**

**First Place:** Arkansas Beta, Ouachita Baptist University

“Art, Age, and Apartheid: Exploring Generational Perspectives as Depicted in South African Arts”

*Jessica Cook-Snelgrove, Tucker Douglass, Lesley Howard, Lauren Lovelady & Wesley Oliver*

**Second Place:** Oklahoma Gamma, East Central University

“What Causes Hate and Why Do People Act on It?”

*Carly Heitland, Pradip Poudel & Tyler Whitney*

## **2017-18 “Climate Change and the Future”**

**First Place:** North Carolina Zeta, Gardner-Webb University

“The Psychology of Oceanic Climate Change”

*Tyler Hemingway, Damian Hutchins, Hope Still & Kelsi Williams*

**Second Place:** Arkansas Iota, Lyon College

“Presence vs. Perception: Analyzing the Relationship Between the Presence and Public Perception of Climate Change by State”

*Marisa Ayers & Hannah Templin*

## **2016-17 “Transcending Boundaries: Real-World Solutions”**

**First Place:** Texas Eta, University of North Texas

“Literacy for All Students in Denton: Methods of Transcending Boundaries to Effect Change”

*Rosana Adams, Rachel Duffy, Sonia Gomez, Giselle Greenidge & Brandi Webster*

## **2015-16 “Transcending Boundaries”**

**First Place:** Arkansas Beta, Ouachita Baptist University

“Seeing Through the (Purple) Haze: The Effect of Educational Materials on Public Perceptions of Medicinal Marijuana”

*Stoni Butler, Jace Bradshaw & Rebekah Davis*

## ***2014-15 "The Nexus of Science and the Arts"***

**First Place:** Arkansas Beta, Ouachita Baptist University

*"Too Tired to Think Outside the Box? An Analysis of Ego Depletion's Effects on Creativity"*

*Stoni Butler, Jessie Little & Dustin Walters*