



PRESS RELEASE

New Faculty Leaders Installed for Alpha Chi

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Alpha Chi National College Honor Society proudly announces the results of the National Council elections for four Members-at-Large, which took place during the 2023 Alpha Chi National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Three incumbents, Linda Cowan, Steve Hoekstra, and Kip Wheeler, were reelected along with one new at-large member, Teagan Decker.

The National Council serves as the planning and executive arm of Alpha Chi, comprising faculty chapter advisors elected by the National Convention, regional secretary-treasurers, and students representing their regions. The Council plays a crucial role in guiding the direction and goals of the non-profit organization.

Dr. Linda Cowan, a reelected member, brings her distinguished academic background to the role, including a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Indiana State University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. Dr. Linda Cowan was elected to serve as National Council President for 2023-27.

Dr. Teagan Decker, the new at-large member, serves as a professor of English and the dean of the Esther G. Maynor Honors College at the University of North Carolina, Pembroke, where she also serves as the Alpha Chi chapter advisor. Her extensive leadership and experience in academia will provide valuable insights for Alpha Chi's ongoing initiatives.

Dr. Steve Hoekstra, a reelected member and Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies and Professor of Psychology, continues to offer his diverse academic background to the National Council. He has worked in the Department of Behavioral Science and Human Services and the Department of Psychology and holds a B.A. from Central College, as well as an M.S. and Ph.D. from Kansas State University.

Dr. L. Kip Wheeler, a returning member and Associate Professor of English at Carson-Newman University, brings his experience in academia and strong commitment to fostering interdisciplinary collaboration to the National Council. He holds a B.A. and M.A. from West Texas A&M University, as well as a Ph.D. from University of Oregon.

Alpha Chi National College Honor Society invites membership to juniors, seniors, and graduate students from all disciplines in the top ten percent of their classes at its member institutions. Chartered on more than 300 campuses nationwide, chapters induct approximately 10,000 students annually. Since the Society's founding in 1922, Alpha Chi members, charged with upholding the tenets of Truth and Character, have dedicated themselves to "making scholarship effective for good." Alpha Chi is a certified member in good standing of the Association of College Honor Societies.

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