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Missouri Western University's Student Team Wins \$5,000 Collaborative Research Prize

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Alpha Chi National College Honor Society is proud to announce that the Missouri Lambda chapter from Missouri Western State University has won the 2024 Trisha M. Yarbrough Collaborative Research Competition for their project entitled, “Artificial Intelligence and Selective Exposure: Generating a Public Perception.”

As an interdisciplinary honor society, Alpha Chi fosters collaboration among student members from various academic fields, and this annual competition is one way the Society actively promotes interdisciplinary undergraduate research. Named in honor of Dr. Trisha Yarbrough, Alpha Chi's third executive director and the driving force behind the competition, the Collaborative Research Competition encourages students to focus on finding solutions for real-world issues, thus exemplifying the society's long-standing commitment to making “scholarship effective for good.”

This year's national competition took on the theme, “Innovative Scholarship for Tumultuous Times” and was judged by a multidisciplinary panel of professors who assessed the nine collegiate teams submitting a written research paper, a formal poster for public display, and a live national convention presentation that concluded with a question-and-answer period involving judges and audience members.

Missouri Lambda's interdisciplinary student team was comprised of Jordon Anderson, an undergraduate nursing student, Juniper Brown, an undergraduate political science major, Mercedes Mareske, an undergraduate studying digital animation, and Tia Vernon, an undergraduate pursuing an elementary education degree. Their research sought to understand how artificial intelligence (AI) impacts the daily lives of people, and the team evaluated the benefits and concerns of AI in addition to reflecting on the broader questions of the ethics surrounding the use of AI.

Any active Alpha Chi chapter may form a multidisciplinary team to conduct research around a common goal for the competition. Teams intending to participate in the 2025 competition will be required to declare their intentions to compete no later than October 31, 2024. The theme for next year's competition will be released this summer.

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

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than 300 campuses nationwide, chapters induct approximately 8,000 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.

For more information on Alpha Chi National College Honor Society and the Collaborative Research Competition, please visit <https://alphachihonor.org/collaborative-research-competition>.

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