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Faculty and Student Leaders Elected to Alpha Chi's National Council

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Alpha Chi National College Honor Society elected At-Large Members and Student Representatives to its National Council during the 2025 Alpha Chi National Convention held virtually April 4-5. The National Council is Alpha Chi's board of directors and serves as the planning and executive arm of Alpha Chi. The Council is comprised of eight chapter advisors elected at-large by the National Convention and secretary-treasurers and student representatives elected by its seven geographic regions.

Two incumbent Council members, Dr. Jessica Henry of Hastings College and Dr. Myra Houser of Ouachita Baptist University, were reelected to serve an additional four-year term as At-Large members. Dr. W. Marshall Johnston of Fresno Pacific University and Dr. Craig Nakashian of Texas A&M University - Texarkana were elected to serve on the Council for the 2025-29 term.

Alpha Chi also acknowledged Dr. Jodi Pilgrim of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor who completed her Council service. Dr. Pilgrim was especially recognized for multiple years of service on the national scholarship selection committee and for helping judge the Collaborative Research Competition and making improvements to its judging rubric.

A characteristic that makes Alpha Chi unique is being a student-led organization, from chapter officers to national board members. During the convention, four new Regional Student Representatives were elected to two-year terms, meaning they have been given an equal opportunity to influence and determine the path the Society will take. The four new regional representatives joining the Council are: Region I – Michaela Zimmerman, Angelo State University; Region III – Lia Whitman, Mars Hill University; Region V – Tiffany Sites, West Liberty University; and Region VII – Laura Hand, Fresno Pacific University.

At the convention, Alpha Chi also expressed appreciation to the four student representatives who completed their terms in office. Region III Student Representative Breanna Bauman of Freed-Hardeman University and Region VII Student Representative Marquesa Calderon of Hawaii Pacific University were recognized for their service to Alpha Chi, as well as Region I's Anthony Sarmiento of Angelo State University and Region V's Lindsey Morais of West Liberty University. Alpha Chi appreciates the ways in which these student members contributed to their honor society through Council service.

Alpha Chi National College Honor Society invites to membership 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 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 of the Association of College Honor Societies.

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