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Lyla June to Speak at 2023 Alpha Chi National Convention

*Lyla June, an internationally acclaimed musician, scholar, and community organizer will deliver the keynote address at the 2023 Alpha Chi National Convention.*

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 26, 2022 — Alpha Chi has announced that Lyla June—an Indigenous musician, scholar, and activist—will be delivering the keynote address at this year’s 2023 Alpha Chi National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her dynamic, multi-genre performance and speech style has invigorated and inspired audiences across the globe towards personal, collective, and ecological healing. Her messages focus on Indigenous rights, supporting youth, inter-cultural healing, historical trauma, and traditional land stewardship practices. She blends her undergraduate studies in human ecology at Stanford University, her graduate work in Native American Pedagogy at the University of New Mexico, and the indigenous worldview she grew up with to inform her perspectives and solutions. Her internationally acclaimed performances and speeches are conveyed through the medium of prayer, hip-hop, poetry, acoustic music, and speech. Her doctoral research focuses on the revitalization of Indigenous Food Systems.

Dr. Linda Cowan, Alpha Chi’s elected National Council Vice President and advisor for the chapter at West Liberty University in Virginia, expressed her excitement for Lyla June’s keynote address, saying “*I am beyond excited for Alpha Chi to hear the thoughts and words of our keynote speaker. I have heard her speak, and I enjoy her music and cannot wait until we get to be together in March to experience the phenomenal Lyla June!*”

Alpha Chi will host its yearly national convention for its members from March 30 – April 1 at The Clyde Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The event, themed “Action for Our Atmosphere,” seeks to encourage Alpha Chi members to think critically about new and inventive ways to combat the negative effects of climate change. The convention also features academic networking, development workshops, and prizes, scholarships, and awards for students.

About Alpha Chi

The 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. Active on nearly 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 member in good standing of the Association of College Honor Societies, the only formal accrediting body for collegiate honor societies.

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