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## Alpha Chi Announces Convention Presentation Prize Winners

SEARCY, Ark.—Twenty-seven members of Alpha Chi, the national college honor society, received prizes for making the best scholarly, creative, and artistic presentations in their fields at the society's national convention in Portland, Oregon, April 5-7. The cash prizes were funded through discipline-specific endowments established by supporters of the society. Among more than 250 students making presentations, the following received prizes:

The Walden S. Freeman Prize in American History went to **Brian Whetstone** from Hastings College for the presentation titled, "People Building a People Place: Pedestrian Malls, Urban Renewal, and Public Space in Downtown America."

The Ellen Millsaps Prize in American Literature went to **Hannah Ray** from the Gardner-Webb University for the presentation titled, "Now Memories: The Present Realized through Nostalgia for Our Past."

The Avery Grenfell Church Prize in Anthropology and Sociology went to **Victoria Cannon** from Carson-Newman University for the presentation titled, "From Schleiermacher to Spivak: A Timeline of the Cultural Turn of Translation."

The Johnny and Frances Williams and Alexander Bendazzi Prize in Arts: Performance and Research went to **Samantha Shamard** from University of Mary Hardin-Baylor for the presentation titled, "Judith: Exclusion of the Powerful Feminine."

The Robert Blake Prize in British Literature went to **Logan Owens** from Abilene Christian University for the presentation titled, "A Gospel of One's Own: Reading the Gospels with Virginia Woolf."

The Gayle Webb White Prize in Business Administration went to **Colton Taylor** from Fresno Pacific University for the presentation titled, "Protecting This House: A Strategic Analysis of Under Armour, Inc."

The Joseph E. and Bessie Mae Pryor Prize in Chemistry went to **Jordan Trant** from Lyon College for the presentation titled, "Fighting Drug-resistant *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* with Modified Rifamycins."

The Brown's Graduation Prize in Communication went to **Mallory Gruben** from Hastings College for the presentation titled, "Not Just Another Magazine: Why We Must Embrace the Use of Alternative Presentation Formats for Academic Research."

The Floyd Tesmer and Strayer University Prize in Computer Science and Engineering went to **Daryl Bagley** from Harding University for the presentation titled, "Solving a Scheduling Problem with a Genetic Algorithm."

The Thelma Hall Prize in Creative Writing went to **Diana Humble** from Waldorf University for the presentation titled, "How to Write Nonfiction with Tact."

The Patricia A. Williams Prize in Education: Pedagogy went to **Sarah Grace Moxley** from Gardner-Webb University for the presentation titled, "Enhancing the Freedom of Others: Using Multimodality to Create Social Justice in the English Education Classroom."

The Patricia A. Williams Prize in Education: Research and Scholarship went to **Megan McCalmont** from Abilene Christian University for the presentation titled, "Representing Adolescent Grief in Young Adult Literature."

The Milton L. and Avery Grenfell Church Prize in Environmental Science went to **Ashley Hastings** from University of Mary Hardin-Baylor for the presentation titled, "Effects of Crop Management on Soil Stoichiometry and Biochemistry Using Phospholipid Profiles."

The Jeanette Wieser Prize in Exercise Science and Nutrition went to **Gabrielle Cortese** from Gardner-Webb University for the presentation titled, "Effectiveness of a Student-led Worksite Wellness Program Addressing Health-related Physical Fitness."

The Kathryn Hoyle Bradley Prize in Health Sciences went to **Brittnie Smithley** from Texas Lutheran University for the presentation titled, "Posttraumatic Distal Clavicular Osteolysis: A Case Report and Literature Review."

The Joseph E. and Bessie Mae Pryor Prize in Mathematics went to **Joseph Babcanec** from Robert Morris University for the presentation titled, "Mathematical Model for Laser Beam Steering Systems."

The Bonnie Revelle Prize in Molecular and Cellular Biology went to **Caleb Reagor** from Lipscomb University for the presentation titled, "Utilizing Methylation and Expression Signatures to Construct Predictive Models and Personalized Cancer Treatments."

The Blake and Trish Janutolo Prize in Organismal and Ecological Biology went to **Cassandra Barlogio** from University of North Carolina at Pembroke for the presentation titled, "Discovering the Microbial Diversity of the Lumber River."

The Floyd and Rosana Tesmer and D.C. Gamma Prize in Original Visual Art went to **Gabriela Marrama** from Grand Canyon University for the presentation titled, "Advertising and Building a Brand."

The Clark Youngblood Prize in Philosophy and World Religion went to **Harley Burgess** from Gardner-Webb University for the presentation titled, "The Divine Collaborative Effort: Agency as a Tool for Examining Power and Relationship in the Exodus Narrative."

The Jim Kirby Prize in Physics, Geology, and Astronomy went to **Michael Ramsey** from Long Island University, Brooklyn for the presentation titled, "Energy Extraction from Black Holes by Cosmic Strings."

The Political Science and Economics Prize went to **Mackenzie Sanderson** from Abilene Christian University for the presentation titled, "The Life and Experiences of the East German Woman."

The Mary Waterstreet Prize in Psychology went to **Samuel Klein** from Northeastern Illinois University for the presentation titled, "The Perceptual Dynamics of Observational Goals and Perceived Behavior." The second Mary Waterstreet Prize in Psychology went to **Hernandez Natalia** from Erskine College for the presentation titled, "Influence of Emotional Stimuli in Memory Performance in Undergraduate Students."

The Patricia Graham Prize in World History went to **Savannah Weeks** from Abilene Christian University for the presentation titled, "The Worst of All: Female Authorship in 17th Century New Spain and England."

The Bill Short Prize in World Literature went to **Emily Eidson** from Gardner-Webb University for the presentation titled, "Moral Development and the Transactional Reading Experience: The Stimulation of 'Theory of Mind' in Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita*."

The Dennis M. Organ Prize for the top presentation by a Graduate Student or Alumni Member went to **Lori Acosta** from University of Texas at Tyler for the presentation titled, "Reductions in Surgical Site Infections (SSIs)."

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 more than 11,000 students annually. Since the Society's founding in 1922, Alpha Chi members 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 national accrediting body for collegiate honor societies.

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