PRESS RELEASE

Alpha Chi Chapter Sponsors Honored for Service

SEARCY, Ark.—Several college advisers, the backbone of Alpha Chi chapters across the United States, were recognized during Alpha Chi’s national convention in Portland, Oregon, April 5-7, for their volunteer service.

Sponsor Service Pins
Alpha Chi acknowledges sponsors’ years of service with gifts of lapel jewelry. During the closing gala on Saturday, April 7, service pins were presented to sponsors achieving a combined 152 years of voluntary service to Alpha Chi. Alpha Chi also expressed its profound appreciation for their dedication, invaluable service, and continued commitment to making scholarship effective for good.

Receiving the 10-year pin:
Dr. Bob Mahan, Milligan College and National Council member
Dr. Stephen Raines, Central Baptist College
Dr. Jonathan Miller, Ohio Valley University
Dr. Aparna Palmer, Colorado Mesa University
Dr. Morgan Bridge, Colorado Mesa University
Dr. Stefan Mecay, Schreiner University

Receiving the 15-year pin:
Dr. June Hobbs, Gardner-Webb University and National Council member
Dr. Jeanne Tunks, University of North Texas

Receiving the 20-year pin:
Dr. David Jones, Westminster College and National Council member
Dr. Claudia Sullivan, Schreiner University

Outstanding Sponsor Awards
During the closing gala on Saturday, April 7, Dr. Kip Wheeler, professor of English at Carson-Newman University, and Breanna Naegeli, assistant dean of the Honors College at Grand Canyon University, received Outstanding Sponsor recognition. Dr. Wheeler has been a steadfast sponsor for seven years and has implemented creative annual activities on Carson-Newman’s campus that promote Alpha Chi and strengthen membership. Mrs. Naegeli has worked diligently
during her three years as sponsor to revive a struggling chapter at Grand Canyon University. Her efforts have increased membership numbers and brought record numbers of Grand Canyon Alpha Chi members to the annual convention.

**Distinguished Service Awards**

Every spring each regional executive committee is given the opportunity to identify deserving individuals for Alpha Chi’s *Distinguished Service Awards*. The goal is to recognize chapter sponsors who have given outstanding service in this vital role for Alpha Chi. These awards were presented during the closing gala on Saturday, April 7.

Dr. Jeffrey Barnes, California Baptist University, Region VII  
Mr. Josh Chicko, Pace University, Region VI  
Dr. James Clarke, Long Island University Brooklyn, Region VI  
Dr. Craig Rogers, Campbellsville University, Region V  
Dr. Kip Wheeler, Carson-Newman University, Region III

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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