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PRESS RELEASE

New Members Elected to National Council

Affirming their commitment to shared governance, at its national convention in Cleveland, Ohio, April 4-6, Alpha Chi delegates elected four faculty members and four new student representatives to join the National Council. The National Council, Alpha Chi's chief governing body, is an elected, 22-member governing body composed of 15 faculty members and seven students.

The faculty members, who also serve as sponsors of local chapters, serve four-year terms, and the students are elected to two-year terms. They work via committees year-round and culminate the work year in a national board meeting held during the society's annual national convention.

Dr. Linda Cowan of West Liberty University, where she serves as a professor of music, was elected to her first term on the National Council. MacKenzie Jacobs, a chemistry student from West Liberty, was elected by her region to become the Region V Student Representative. According to MacKenzie, "Alpha Chi provides an opportunity to connect, learn, and grow professionally alongside my peers."

Dr. June Hobbs of Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina was re-elected and will begin her second at-large term. Also from Gardner-Webb, Taylor Hildebrand, a mathematics education major, was elected by the delegates in Region III to serve the next two years as their regional student representative. Taylor appreciates the chance Alpha Chi will provide her to "grow as a person and as a professional in a community that values academic excellence and integrity."

Dr. Steve Hoekstra, a psychology professor at Kansas Wesleyan University, will begin his first four-year term as member-at-large to the National Council, and Dr. L. Kip Wheeler, an English literature professor at Carson-Newman University in Tennessee, was elected to his first four-year term on the National Council.

Diego Zometa Paniagua, a chemistry major from Abilene Christian University in Texas, was elected by his region to serve a two-year term as Region I Student Representative and remarked how rewarding it was to present his chemistry research in 2018 to students from other states and to have them interested in what he had to say.

Amy Richards of Westminster College in Utah was elected for a two-year term as Region VII Student Representative by the delegates in her region. Amy says that her favorite Alpha Chi opportunity so far was leading her chapter in the creation of a take-a-book, leave-a-book library on her campus."

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 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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