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PRESS RELEASE

California State University, Bakersfield Named Outstanding Chapter 2019

Little Rock, Ark.—The CSU Bakersfield chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society recently received the 2019 President’s Cup for Outstanding Chapter, the highest honor an Alpha Chi chapter can receive. The selection committee reported that the California Iota chapter met or exceeded all 11 criteria for earning the President's Cup. “Most impressive was the extensive body of their members' published works of scholarship. Much of that work was published in *Aletheia*, but a massive amount was in other venues that the members used as a voice for its scholarship.” In addition, the chapter collaborated with other honors organizations on campus to raise money to purchase books for a local home for temporarily displaced children.

The criteria for the award spans two full years and includes things such as conducting academically oriented campus and community events, the number of student presentations made at national conventions, the number of students nominated for Alpha Chi scholarships and fellowships, the chapter’s social media efforts, and the number of student articles accepted for publication in *Aletheia*, Alpha Chi’s online journal of undergraduate research.

The CSU Bakersfield convention delegation, led by their exemplary chapter sponsor, Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley, was invited to join Alpha Chi President Dr. David Jones at the podium during the closing gala of Alpha Chi’s national convention in Cleveland on April 6, to proudly receive the President’s Cup trophy and a \$200 honorarium. The awards gala closes the annual three-day national convention, an event featuring hundreds of scholarly presentations by Alpha Chi undergraduate and graduate members.

Three other collegiate Alpha Chi chapters submitted applications this year: Huntington University in Indiana, Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas, and Texas State University. Their applications were also impressive, and their efforts are appreciated and commended. However, the committee had to choose one recipient, and it was decided that CSUB was the cream of the crop this year.

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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