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Alpha Chi Regional Leaders Elected

Little Rock, Ark.—Affirming their commitment to shared governance, Alpha Chi delegates elected new regional officers during the 2021 Alpha Chi National Convention that was held virtually this year, April 8-10. Alpha Chi, the national college honor scholarship society, is divided geographically into seven regions. Each region elects a president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and student representative who comprise the executive committee. The latter two officers serve a dual role with a seat on both their regional committee and the National Council, Alpha Chi’s governing board.

Elected to 2-year terms are the regional presidents and vice presidents. Most regions held those elections last year, but Regions II and III each elected new vice presidents to fill the 2021-22 slate. Voting delegates from Region II elected Dr. H. Micheal Tarver of Arkansas Tech University, who serves there as the faculty chapter sponsor for the Arkansas Kappa chapter of Alpha Chi. Region III elected Dr. Maria Zalduondo of Bluefield College, who serves there as a chapter sponsor for Alpha Chi’s Virginia Kappa chapter.

Elected to complete her third 4-year term as Region VII Secretary-Treasurer was Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley of the California Iota chapter of Alpha Chi at California State University, Bakersfield. Dr. Kegley joins two other secretary-treasurers who were elected after the 2020 national convention had to be canceled. Region II elected Dr. Kate Stewart, advisor of the Arkansas Zeta chapter at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Dr. Stewart previously served on the Council as an at-large member, and the Council was glad to welcome her back in this new capacity as secretary-treasurer. Last semester, Region III elected Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Fabrice Poussin who is the Georgia Theta chapter advisor at Shorter University.

A characteristic that makes Alpha Chi unique is in how student members lead the organization from chapter officers to national board members. During the 2021 convention, three new regional student representatives were elected by delegates of their regions, and one was re-elected, to a 2-year term. The three new regional student representatives joining the Council are: Region I - Uriel De La Rosa, Texas State
University, Texas Iota; Region III - Briana Lay, Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Delta; and Region VII - Carson Vollmer, California State University, Bakersfield, California Iota. MacKenzie Jacobs of West Liberty University, West Virginia Epsilon, was elected to a second 2-year term as Region V Student Representative. These student leaders are now provided a special opportunity and responsibility to influence and determine the path the society will take.

Executive Director Lara Noah remarked that, “these students will represent their regions and student members of Alpha Chi and work to remind the rest of the Council of the issues that are most important to current student members. Alpha Chi looks forward to seeing these students and chapter advisors move into these new regional and national leadership roles.”

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 national accrediting body for collegiate honor societies.

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