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PRESS RELEASE

National Council Members Elected and Honored

Little Rock, Ark.—Affirming their commitment to shared governance, Alpha Chi delegates elected new leaders to the National Council at the 2021 Alpha Chi National Convention that was held virtually this year, April 8-10. The National Council, Alpha Chi’s leadership arm, is a 22-member governing body composed of 15 faculty members and seven students.

Four at-large faculty members of the Council are elected in odd-numbered years to serve 4-year terms with a maximum of 12 consecutive years allowed. New to the Council this year are: Dr. Jeffrey Barnes of California Baptist University, advisor to the California Beta chapter of Alpha Chi and Dr. Jessica Henry of Hastings College, advisor to the Nebraska Alpha chapter. Dr. Bonita Cade of Roger Williams University, Rhode Island Alpha, was elected to her third 4-year term as an at-large member of the National Council; and Dr. Agashi Nwogbaga of Wesley College, Delaware Gamma, was elected to his second 4-year term as an at-large member of the National Council. All were welcomed heartily by the session’s participants.

One characteristic that makes Alpha Chi unique is being a student-led organization from chapter officers to national board members. During the convention, three new regional student representatives were elected to 2-year terms, and another was re-elected. Student representatives, who serve a dual role with a seat on both the regional and national councils, are given an equal opportunity to influence and determine the path the society will take. The three new regional 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.

Before the session announcing the election results ended, Council President Dr. David Jones of Westminster College, Missouri Delta, recognized three regional student representatives who had completed

their terms in office. With 2020 being a year of unprecedented challenges and decisions, these Alpha Chi members were able to witness first-hand and participate as the organization worked through challenges like whether to cancel an annual in-person conference and a move to greater virtual engagement with student members and alumni throughout the year.

Alpha Chi Region I Student Representative Diego Zometa of Abilene Christian University, Texas Psi, was recognized for his service to Alpha Chi, as well as Region III Student Representative Taylor Hildebrand of Gardner-Webb University, North Carolina Zeta, and Region VII Student Representative Amy Richards of Westminster College, Utah Alpha.

Alpha Chi's executive director, Lara Noah, remarked that "these student members have done an excellent job representing their regions and all members of Alpha Chi and serving to remind the rest of the Council what things are most important to current student members. Alpha Chi looks forward to watching them move into new leadership roles because we know that wherever they go, they will be making their scholarship effective for good."

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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