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PRESS RELEASE

Lyla June to be Keynote Speaker at 2020 Alpha Chi National Convention

Little Rock, Ark.— Lyla June is a poet, musician, human ecologist, public speaker and community organizer of Diné (Navajo), Tsétsêhéstâhese (Cheyenne) and European lineages. Her dynamic, multi-genre performance style has invigorated and inspired audiences across the globe towards personal, collective and ecological healing. Her messages focus on Indigenous rights, supporting youth, inter-cultural healing, historical trauma and traditional land stewardship practices. Her undergraduate studies in human ecology at Stanford University mixed with surviving trauma of many kinds, and learning traditional native medicines, inform her potent messages conveyed through the medium of powerful yet prayerful hip-hop, poetry, acoustic song and speech.

She is a co-founder of The Taos Peace and Reconciliation Council, which works to heal intergenerational trauma and ethnic division in the northern New Mexico. She was a walker within the Journey for Existence Movement, a 1400 mile prayer journey through Diné homelands for environmental and social justice. She is the lead organizer of the Black Hills Unity Concert. She is also the founder of Regeneration Festival, an annual celebration of children that occurs in 13 countries around the world every September.

In 2012, she graduated with honors from Stanford University with a degree in Environmental Anthropology. She recently graduated from the University of New Mexico with distinction with a concentration in American Indian Education. She is pursuing her PhD at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She will address delegates to the Alpha Chi national convention, March 19-21, 2020, in Albuquerque.

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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