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PRESS RELEASE

Abilene Christian Named Alpha Chi's Outstanding Chapter

SEARCY, Ark.— The Abilene Christian University chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society recently received Outstanding Chapter of the Year honors. In addition to campus academic and service activities, engaged mentoring of chapter members, and active participation by students in all aspects of national Alpha Chi life, they were singled out for their commitment to publishing the research of their undergraduate members. As Dr. Ken LaSota, chair of the selection committee said that “one criteria stood out to help the ‘best of the best’ surface. This standard was a relatively new one for the committee to ruminate upon—submission to and publication in *Aletheia*, Alpha Chi's academic journal. Though each nominee aggressively contributed to *Aletheia*, the ultimate President's Cup winner, Texas Psi at Abilene Christian University, easily surpassed all challengers in this new, yet vital, component of what makes an Alpha Chi chapter truly a stellar chapter—a President's Cup winner.”

Abilene Christian's chapter was invited to the Galt House Ballroom podium by National Council President Dr. David Jones, to receive the President's Cup trophy and \$200 honorarium at the closing Gala of the Alpha Chi National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 8. The awards gala closes the annual three-day national convention, an event featuring hundreds of scholarly presentations by Alpha Chi undergraduate and graduate members.

The chapter at Abilene Christian is under the leadership of Dr. Jennifer Huddleston, chapter sponsor, professor of biology, and award-winning teacher. To demonstrate how they met the selection criteria for the honor, the chapter submitted an electronic portfolio of three years of chapter life. This included descriptions of chapter-sponsored, academically-oriented community activities, chapter-sponsored campus activities (lectures, tutorials, discussions, and competitions), a list of their student presentations at annual conventions, their scholarship and fellowship nominees, the sponsors and student delegates attending conventions, the Star Chapter Awards they've received, a listing of the authors and articles accepted for publication in Alpha Chi's scholarly journal, social media and website projects that promote awareness of Alpha Chi, and the number of times the chapter or a chapter member has been mentioned in print or online media on and off 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 more than 10,000 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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