

Abilene Christian University

Texas Psi Chapter

Region 1

Chapter Number: 25

2026 President's Cup Application

These activities occurred between April 4, 2024 and March 15, 2026.

I. **Campus activities (lectures, tutorials, discussions, competitions, etc.) - 19**

** Note that the Alpha Chi small group chapels are open to everyone on campus who wants to join us.*

These are lecture-style in format, followed by free pizza or sandwiches for the attendees.

A. 2025-2026:

1. April Chapel - On April 28th from 11:00-11:30 a.m., Andrew Huddleston, one of our Alpha Chi advisors, will speak on our theme of "Leaving Things Better Than We Find Them."
2. April 2, 2026 - Inductees who accepted membership after November 1 will be transitioned to members and the registrar notified so they could be recognized during the May commencement ceremony.
3. March Chapel - On March 31st from 11:00-11:30 a.m., Darby Hewitt, one of our Alpha Chi advisors, will speak on our theme of "Leaving Things Better Than We Find Them."
4. February Chapel and Service Project - On February 24th from 11:00-11:30 a.m. we had a combined chapel and service project. Students involved in the Letters of Love (<https://www.lettersofloveglobal.com/>) program came and led the group in creating letters to provide emotional support for children with serious illnesses. This continued our theme of "Leaving Things Better Than We Find Them."
5. January Chapel - The January chapel was originally planned for January 27th from 11:00-11:30a.m but was moved to February 10th due to a snow storm. Brooklyn Arreola, our Alpha Chi chaplain, introduced our theme for the year, "Leaving Things Better Than We Find Them", and spoke.
6. November 6, 2025 - Induction Ceremony (in-person and streaming for our online inductees) - This induction ceremony was held for students who accepted membership in the fall. There were 121 new members.



7. October - We advertised the "In Scholarship and in Service" Grant Competition to our members. ACU members Tanya Tucker, Lyndsey Steffek, and Vanessa Alegria were all awarded grants.
8. Alpha Chi Corner (Summer of 2025)- The "Alpha Chi Corner" is a dedicated space within the Honors Commons designed to celebrate and support our Alpha Chi chapter. Designed and installed by chapter advisor and Associate Professor of Art and Design, Dr. Trey Shirley, the space showcases the chapter's awards and accomplishments, serves as a visible promotional presence on campus, and provides a welcoming setting for meetings and gatherings. As both a place of recognition and community, the Alpha Chi Corner highlights academic excellence while fostering connection among members and inviting others to learn more about Alpha Chi.



B. 2024-2025:

1. April 2 - May 9: Underwear and Sock Drive (service activity) We collected underwear and socks and donated them to the Christian Service Center in Abilene. The CSC assists people to meet basic needs such as food, rent, and clothing and is always in need of new socks and underwear for their clients.
2. April 2, 2025 - Inductees who accepted membership after November 1 were transitioned to members and the registrar notified so they could be recognized during the May commencement ceremony.
3. March 20, 2025 - Chapel. Dr. Jeff Childers, Professor in the Graduate School of Theology and Director of the Center for the Study of Ancient Religious Texts, talked about the labyrinth at ACU, its construction, and connections to early Christians.
4. February 20, 2025 - Chapel. Dr. David Kneip, Associate Professor in the Department of Bible, Missions and Ministry and Associate Director, Siburt Institute for Church Ministry talked about difficulties of being an academic.
5. November 21, 2024 - Chapel. Dr. Greg Straughn, Professor, Department of Music, talked about music, Nazi propaganda, and faith.
6. November 7, 2024 - Induction Ceremony (in-person and streaming for our online inductees) - This induction ceremony was held for students who accepted membership in the fall. There were 199 new members.



7. October 17, 2024 - Chapel. Dr. Kilnam Cha, Assistant Professor in the Department of Bible, Missions and Ministry, talked about his academic journey in the liberal arts.
8. October - We advertised the "In Scholarship and in Service" Grant Competition to our members. Avery Cottrell and Eowyn Stewart from ACU were awarded grants.
9. September 19, 2024 - Chapel. Dr. Nil Santana, Associate Professor in the Department of Art and Design, talked about faith, art, and finding rest.

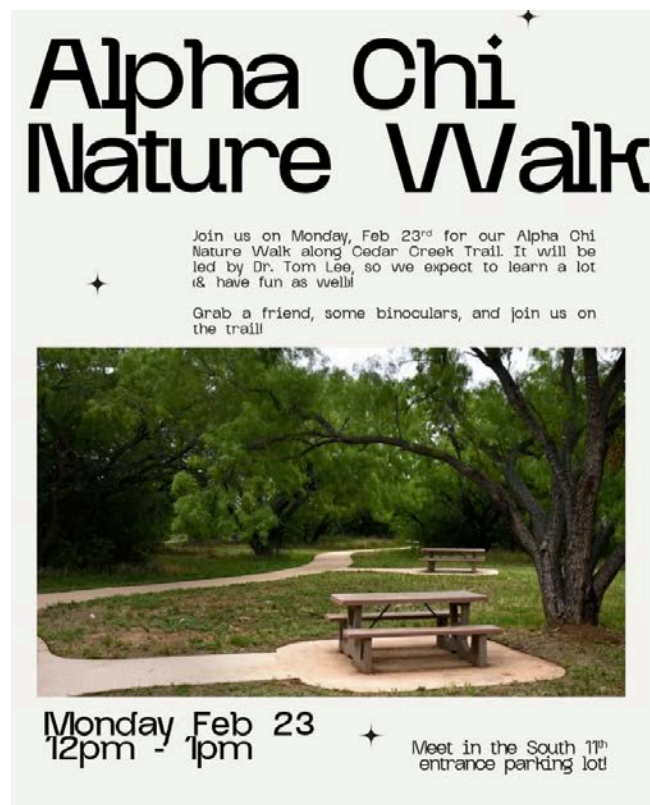
C. 2023-2024:

1. April 18, 2024 - Chapel. Dr. Kent Smith, Professor, author, co-founder of LK10 and the Eden Center for Regenerative Culture, talked about the importance of failure in life and how to handle it.
2. 2024 National Service Leader recognition at the convention by completing the Alpha Chi Sock-It-To-Me Chapter Competition: We donated socks to the Christian Service Center in Abilene, TX. The CSC assists people meet basic needs such as food, rent, and clothing and is always in need of socks and underwear for their clients.

II. **Community activities that are academically oriented - 2**

A. 2025-2026:

1. 02-23-2026 - Alpha Chi hosted a community nature walk led by Dr. Tom Lee, professor of Biology at Abilene Christian University. The event was open to ACU students, faculty, and staff and members of the Abilene community. Dr. Lee led the group down the Cedar Creek Trail and identified various birds, plants, and animals along the way.



B. 2024-2025:

1. January 30, 2025 - Résumé workshop given by Professor William Horn, Department of Language and Literature, that focused on: the psychology behind impactful resumes and cover letters, analyzing job descriptions, researching companies and

positions, and creating tailored and impactful resumes. All students on campus were invited to attend.

C. 2023-2024:

1. Our academic activity for the year was completed in the fall semester, before the convention occurred, and is, therefore, out of the scope of this application.

III. Number of student presentations at annual conventions - 16

A. 2026 Orlando, FL: 5

1. Robert Alatrash, *Identification of in vivo substrates for LIP-1 DUSP in C. elegans*
2. Avery Morris, *"If Women Had Written Stories:" The Wife of Bath and Janie Crawford*
3. Dylan Sketlon, *On the Use of Sparse Voxel Octrees for 3D Pathfinding*
4. Tifani Smith, *Developing an Assertive Professional Voice in Undergraduate Social Work Students: A Pedagogical Framework*
5. Nathan Wilson, *The Application of the Ten Dimensions of Family Stress to the Experience of Immigrant Families.*

B. 2025 online: 1

1. Collaborative Project, *Marketing and New Member Engagement in the Health and Wellness Industry*

Team: Michael J. Campbell, Adrian Puckett, and Jennifer L. Wadlow

*First place, Trisha Yarbrough Collaborative Research Competition

C. 2024 Birmingham, AL: 10

1. Collaborative Project, *Peek Behind the Pixels: Analyzing Portrayals of Refugees in Academic and News Articles Through AI Imaging*

Team: Adam Thomas, Jake Neill, William Culp, Avery Cottrell

2. Adam Thomas - *Human in the Eyes of Christianity in Light of Science*
3. Ashlee Reed - *Unreliable Narrator in Crisis: An Analysis of Sam Bankman-Fried's Image Restoration Strategies*

*Brown's Graduation Supplies Prize in Communication

4. Aubrie Hutson - *Implementing Student to Teacher Feedback: Analyzing the Effectiveness of Feedback in a Pull-out Special Education Classroom*

*Suzanne and J. T. Pundt Graduate Student Member Prize

5. Avery Cottrell - *Miscarriage as a Family Stressor: Applying Ambiguous Loss Theory to Family Outcomes and Intervention Development*
6. Eowyn Stewart - *"Venus in Exile:" Transgressing Boundaries and Binaries in Jane Eyre and Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead*
7. Rebecca Rhodes - *Parental Views on HPV Vaccination*
8. Rebekah Curry - *A Study on the SMARTS Executive Functioning Curriculum: Explicitly Teaching Executive Functioning Skills in a Fourth Grade Classroom*
9. Samuel Ash - *System for Analysis of Molten salts and Useful RAdioisotopes - S.A.M.U.R.A.I*
10. Youngseo Choi - *Generation of Zebrafish Biliverdin Reductase Mutants Using CRISPR-Cas Technology*



IV. Number of nominees for Gaston/Nolle Scholarships and Sledge/Benedict Fellowships - 8

A. 2026 Spring, 3 nominees:

1. Kylee Lookabaugh: Sledge/Benedict Fellowships
2. Darren Pratt: Gaston/Nolle Scholarships
3. Nathan Wilson: Gaston/Nolle Scholarships

B. 2025 Spring, 3 nominees

1. Kenzie King: Gaston/Nolle Scholarships
2. Kailey Zatopek: Gaston/Nolle Scholarships

3. Thaddeus Stringer: Sledge/Benedict Fellowships (#2 Ranked Benedict Alternate)
- C. 2024 Spring, 2 nominees
1. Ashlyn Gallegos: Gaston/Nolle Scholarships
 2. Araliya Dooldeniya: Gaston/Nolle Scholarships

V. Number of advisor delegates at annual conventions - 7

- A. 2026 Orlando, FL: 1 - Trey Shirley
- B. 2025 online: 1 - Darby Hewitt
- C. 2024 Birmingham, AL: 5 - Megan Allemand, Darby Hewitt, Andrew Huddleston, Jennifer Huddleston, Trey Shirley

VI. Number of student delegates at annual conventions - 20

- A. 2026 Orlando, FL: 5 - Robert Alatrash, Avery Morris, Dylan Skelton, Tifani Smith, Nathan Wilson
- B. 2025 online: 3 - Michael Campbell, Adrian Puckett, and Jennifer Wadlow
- C. 2024 Birmingham, AL: 12 - Eowyn Stewart, Rebekah Curry, Aubrie Hutson, William Culp, Avery Cottrell, Ashlee Reed, Jake Neill, Youngseo Choi, Samuel Ash, Rebecca Rhodes, Adam Thomas, and Evan Babb

VII. Number of Star or Notable Chapter Awards received - 2

- A. 2025-2026: Not yet awarded
- B. 2024-2025: Star Chapter Honoree
- C. 2023-2024: Star Chapter Honoree

VIII. Number of articles accepted for publication in *Aletheia* and/or *Kalo* - 1

- A. Reed, A. (2024). The pursuit of authenticity in a technological world. *Aletheia*, 9. <https://doi.org/10.21081/ax0400>

IX. Number of faculty nominated for honorary membership - 3

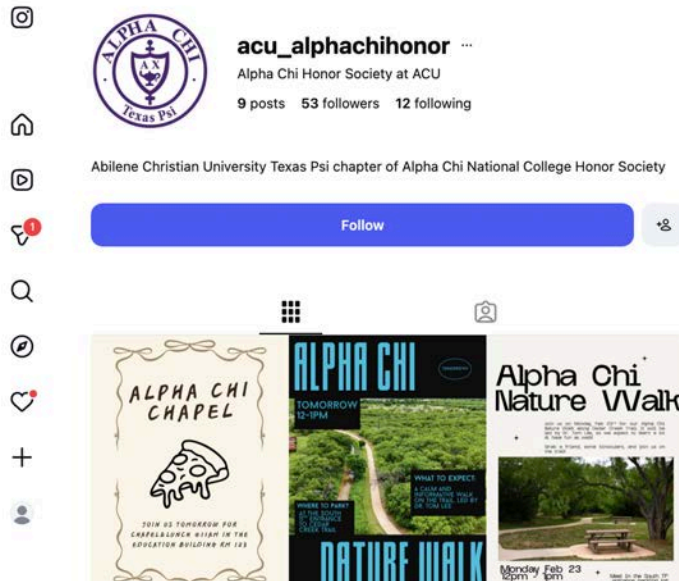
- A. 2025-2026: Dr. Randall Fowler - Assistant Professor, Political Rhetoric; ACU Director of Undergraduate Research; Communication Foundational Course Director; Editor-Elect, Texas Speech Communication Journal



- B. 2024-2025: Dr. Susan Lewis - Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; Associate Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication
- C. 2023-2024: Dr. Candace Ortvals-Wiser - Professor, Government & Criminal Justice; ACU Director of Undergraduate Research

X. Social media or internet projects that promote campus awareness of Alpha Chi (such as Facebook, Twitter, or a chapter web page) - 12

- A. Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/acu_alphachihonor/
 - 1. Alpha Chi Chapel Ad - February 24, 2026
 - 2. Alpha Chi Nature Walk Ad - February 22, 2026
 - 3. Alpha Chi Nature Walk Ad - February 16, 2026
 - 4. Alpha Chi Chapel Ad - February 9, 2026
 - 5. Alpha Chi Labyrinth Meditation Ad - February 28, 2025
 - 6. Alpha Chi National Convention Photo - April 24, 2024



B. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TexasPsi/>

1. Alpha Chi Induction Photo Album - December 31, 2025
2. Alpha Chi Induction Invitation - November 23, 2025 (Livestreamed event)
3. Alpha Chi Induction Invitation - November 7, 2024 (Livestreamed event)
4. Alpha Chi Induction Invitation - May 21, 2024 (Livestreamed event)
5. Alpha Chi National Convention Photo - April 24, 2024
6. Alpha Chi Induction Invitation - November 23, 2024 (Livestreamed event)

XI. Log of instances the chapter or a chapter member has been mentioned in campus print media or online campus publication - 37

*Notes - The Optimist is the ACU student-run newspaper. ACU Today is the official magazine of ACU and sent to all alumni and parents. The ACU News website is the official website of ACU.

A. 2025-2026

1. Article in *The Optimist*: [Trash can urination leads Wessel to keep bathrooms locked](#) - 1
 - a) Date: February 27, 2026
 - b) Context: Ashley Henderson authored this news report
2. Article in *The Optimist*: [Wildcats gear up for College Baseball Series](#) - 2
 - a) Date: February 27, 2026
 - b) Context: Daniel Curd is credited as the photographer for this sports update.
 - c) Context: Luke Briones is credited as the photographer for this sports update.
3. Article in *The Optimist*: [Students prepare for annual ACU Day of Service](#) - 1
 - a) Date: February 26, 2026

- b) Context: Abby Madera was interviewed in connection with the Missions Students' Association (MSA) as the organization's vice-president
- 4. Article in *The Optimist*: [SGA campaigns soon begin as executive elections approach](#) - 1
 - a) Date: February 25, 2026
 - b) Context: Makayla Allen is mentioned in relation to the upcoming SGA elections.
- 5. Article in *ACU News*: Student Spotlight - Elajah Williams - 1
 - a) Date: February 23, 2025
 - b) Context: Elijah Williams is highlighted as a "social worker trusting God with her future."
- 6. Article in *The Optimist*: [Hull breaks ACU D1 record, leads with 36 in win over TSU](#) - 1
 - a) Date: February 17, 2026
 - b) Context: Emma Daugherty is listed in an injury report
- 7. Article in *The Optimist*: [Gallery: Men's tennis goes 3-0 in weekend home series](#) - 1
 - a) Date: February 8, 2026
 - b) Context: Dennis Dutine earned straight-set victories in singles play
- 8. Article in *The Optimist*: [Submissions for Shinnery Review remain open for students of all majors](#) - 1
 - a) Date: February 5, 2026
 - b) Context: Mentions Abby Madera as co-editor-in-chief of the Shinnery Review.
- 9. Article in *The Optimist*: [Hull's 27 points lifts ACU past Tarleton State, 68-65](#) - 1
 - a) Date: February 4, 2026
 - b) Context: Erin Woodson contributed 10 points in a victory against Tarleton State.
- 10. Article in *The Optimist*: [Wildcats allow just 96 points, win both games of inaugural ACU Christmas Classic](#) -1
 - a) Date: December 20, 2025
 - b) Context: Erin Woodson was mentioned for scoring 11 points in a women's basketball win against the Lady Grizzlies.
- 11. Article in *The Optimist*: Gallery: [Football outlasts Tarleton with last-second field goal during homecoming](#) - 1
 - a) Date: November 4, 2025
 - b) Context: Ashley Henderson is listed as an author/contributor for this homecoming football gallery.
- 12. Article in *The Optimist*: [FCA, ACU athletes lead annual Fields of Faith event](#) - 1
 - a) Date: October 9, 2025
 - b) Context: Courtney Church is highlighted as a high-character role model and leader during the annual Fields of Faith event.
- 13. Article in *ACU News*: Student Spotlight - Bryan Wong - 1
 - a) Date: September 22, 2025

- b) Context: Bryan Wong is highlighted as a “Lifelong Learner Applying Coursework in Real Time”
- 14. Article in [ACU Today](#): A Most Beloved Tradition (page 1)
 - a) Date: August 19, 2025
 - b) Context: Will Vogelsang served as a host for Sing Song 2025
- 15. Article in [ACU Today](#): Philanthropy course empowers students to grant funds to local nonprofits (page 8) - 1
 - a) Date: August 19, 2025
 - b) Context: Kathryn Johnson presented a check to Abilene Palm House as part of a philanthropy course
- B. 2024-2025
 - 1. Article in [ACU Today](#): Paint Rock Provides Canvas For Academic Collaboration (page 13) - 1
 - a) Date: April 9, 2025
 - b) Context: Ashlee Reed co-directed the documentary "Generations of Healing," which won Best Documentary at ACU's 2024 FilmFest
 - 2. Article in [ACU Today](#): JMC professorship helps faculty stay on top of ever-changing field (page 23) - 1
 - a) Date: April 9, 2025
 - b) Context: Annie Kay Palasota is identified as an advertising/public relations major who was part of the Morris+Mitchell student agency
 - 3. Article in [ACU Today](#): Volleyball (page 34) - 1
 - a) Date: April 9, 2025
 - b) Context: Avery Thaler, a middle blocker for the Wildcat volleyball team, was named to the All-WAC team
 - 4. Article on the [ACU News](#) website: [ACU online students win first place at national collaborative research competition](#) - 3
 - a) Date: May 2025
 - b) Context: Abilene Christian University congratulated three undergraduate students who earned first place in the prestigious Trisha Yarbrough Collaborative Research Competition at the Alpha Chi National Convention, held virtually in April 2025. Amidst dozens of other student researchers and presentations, these students showcased their award-winning presentation, titled “Marketing and New Member Engagement in the Health and Wellness Industry,” a cross-disciplinary collaboration between Michael J. Campbell, Adrian (Miranda) Puckett and Jennifer L. Wadlow.
 - 5. URCI Festival on URCI Blog: [The 2025 Undergraduate Research, Creativity, and Innovation Festival program](#) and [winners](#) - 22
 - a) Date: April 15, 2025
 - b) Context: The URCI Festival is held annually. Alpha Chi members comprised 16 of the 142 undergraduate presenters. Six Alpha Chi members, Brooklyn

Arreola, Adrienne Schumacher, Langley Smith, Avery Morris, Simon Browning, and Jane Anne Carroll won top awards.

6. Article in *The Optimist*: [Gallery: Gamma Sigma Phi ekes out narrow victory](#) -1
 - a) Date: February 7, 2025
 - b) Context: Joshua Lloyd hit the game-winning three-pointer for the GSP intramural team.
7. [50 students recognized as University Scholars](#) - 21
 - a) Date: April 30, 2025
 - b) Context: The Faculty Senate recognizes 50 outstanding graduating scholars from across the university each year. To be eligible for the award, students must have at least a 3.5 GPA, demonstrate knowledge and skill in research in their field, complete at least 90 credit hours, be nominated by their department and be selected by the Faculty Senate.
 - c) Twenty-one of the fifty scholars were Alpha Chi members. They were Alex (John) Bowen, Anna Guild, Avalie Green, Caleb Myers, Caroline Johnson, Christin Galaforo, Drew Reiley, Elise Countess, Isabel Samantha Martinez, Jane Anne Carroll, Kasey Goode, Katelyn Coldicott, Kathryn Johnson, Kinsey Herbel, Langley Smith, Patience Whitaker, Samuel Ash, Simon Browning, Tanner Hill, Thaddeus Stringer, and Will Vogelsang.
8. Article in *The Optimist*: [FilmFest allows students to gain experience in filmmaking](#) - 2
 - a) Date: April 16, 2025
 - b) Context: Nathan Wilson was recognized for winning Best Original Music for the film "Rumination" at the 21st annual FilmFest. Nick Thompson was awarded Best Production Designer for the film "Slick."
9. Article in *The Optimist*: [Gallery: Students compete in fourth annual Olympic Games](#) - 1
 - a) Date: April 9, 2025
 - b) Context: Avery Smartt was pictured throwing a beanbag during the cornhole tournament.
10. Article in *The Optimist*:: [Sarah Thompson's path to graphic design](#) - 1
 - a) Date: October 21, 2025
 - b) Context: Sarah was the subject of a feature profile detailing her work in graphic design and photography. She is also credited as a photographer for numerous 2025 galleries in *The Optimist* (e.g., *Sing Song 2025*, *Greek Life Tailgate*).
11. Article in *The Optimist*: [New SGA legislation includes limits on travel funding](#) -1
 - a) Date: October 10, 2024
 - b) Context: Amanda White, criminal justice major, was elected to the Student Government Association (SGA) Judicial Board.
12. Article in *The Optimist*: [Students elect new SGA Senate](#) - 4
 - a) Date: September 24, 2025

- b) Context: The student body elected new representatives to the Student Government Association. Alpha Chi members included: Tatum Lamberth, Langley Smith, Tyson Manis, and Jackson Weary.

C. 2023-2024

1. Article in [ACU Dallas 2024 Year In Review](#) (page 5): Student Spotlight
 - a) Date: July 24, 2024
 - b) Context: Delvon (Del) Matthews, the vice president of baseball development at Major League Baseball, is highlighted as a student in the inaugural cohort of the Master of Science in Sports Leadership program
2. Article in [ACU Dallas 2024 Year In Review](#) (page 7): Student Spotlight
 - a) Date: July 24, 2024
 - b) Context: Addison Mouser, a student in the B.S. in child and family services program, is the subject of a Student Spotlight in the ACU Dallas review.
3. Article in [ACU Dallas 2024 Year In Review](#) (page 11): Student Spotlight
 - a) Date: July 24, 2024
 - b) Context: Chandler Delmas, a student in the Master of Business Administration, is the subject of a Student Spotlight in the ACU Dallas review.
4. Article in [ACU Dallas 2024 Year In Review](#) (page 9): Council For Christian Colleges & Universities Appointments
 - a) Date: July 24, 2024
 - b) Context: Lashae Grottis, the student engagement manager at ACU Online, an alumni member and current AX online advisor, was accepted into the 2024 Multi-Ethnic Leadership Development Institute and launched the PAWS Mentor program
5. Article on the *ACU News* website: [Four ACU students receive major scholarships](#) - 1
 - a) Date: May 9, 2024
 - b) Context: Ashlee Reed received a prestigious Fulbright Scholar award to serve as an English Teaching Assistant in Switzerland.
6. Article in *The Optimist*: [Seniors receive Mr. ACU, Miss ACU, other honors](#) - 5
 - a) Date: May 6, 2024
 - b) Context: The May 2024 Commencement and awards recipients were announced. Five of the fourteen recipients were Alpha Chi members: Alli Dimmitt, Parker Carson, Evan Babb, Carson Zimmerman, and Juan Mendoza.
7. Article in *The Optimist*:: [50 students recognized as University Scholars](#) - 17
 - a) Date: April 30, 2024
 - b) Context: The Faculty Senate recognizes 50 outstanding graduating scholars from across the university each year. To be eligible for the award, students must have at least a 3.5 GPA, demonstrate knowledge and skill in research in their field, complete at least 90 credit hours, be nominated by their department and be selected by the Faculty Senate.

- c) Seventeen of the fifty scholars were Alpha Chi members. They were Adam Thomas, Annie Carter, Annie Kay Palasota, Araliya Dooldeniya, Ashlee Reed, Avery Cottrell, Colby Smith, Emily Fulton, Eowyn Stewart, Evan Babb, Jenna Rickerhauser, Jesse Becker, Kaden Vasquez, Madison Hopcus, Micah Bryant, Railey Holley, and Robert Serfass.
8. Article in *The Optimist*: [LangLit professor studies Indigenous art at Paint Rock](#) - 1
- a) Date: April 19, 2024
 - b) Context: Ashlee Reed was a senior communication major and student researcher participating in the Paint Rock excavation.
9. URCI Festival on URCI Blog: [The 2024 Undergraduate Research, Creativity, and Innovation Festival program](#) and [winners](#) - 21
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