



MEDIA RELEASE

Alpha Chi Advisor Milestones Celebrated

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—At a March 13th ceremony during the national convention in Orlando, Alpha Chi National College Honor Society proudly celebrated several chapter advisors with commemorative jewelry. Recognizing important milestones of service and their dedication to academic excellence, these awards are given annually with the appreciation of the National Council and national Alpha Chi staff.

In an era in which extracurricular volunteer service to one's students is often undervalued, it is very important to Alpha Chi that our advisors know how appreciative we are for their service. Chapter life is dependent on their dedication, and their impact on the lives of students, campus communities, and our organization is immeasurable. Alpha Chi is grateful for their commitment and was pleased that many of the advisors receiving these pins were present for the ceremony.

The following advisors received 10-year pins in 2026:

- Dr. Austin Busch, SUNY Brockport
- Dr. Sean Butler, University of Texas at Tyler
- Dr. Meg Cotter-Lynch, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Dr. Graziana D'Elia-Brillante, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- Dr. Angela Haas, Missouri Western State University
- Dr. Karen Hehman, Waldorf University
- Dr. Samuel Obae, Stevenson University
- Dr. Trish Petak, Kansas Wesleyan University
- Dr. Rosa Rutland, Blue Mountain Christian University
- Dr. Jacob Schrum, Southwestern University
- Dr. Rhonda Smith-Daugherty, Alice Lloyd College
- Dr. Amanda Solem, Hastings College
- Dr. Laura Steil, Mars Hill University
- Dr. Paul Streufert, University of Texas at Tyler
- Dr. James Stringfield, Catawba College
- Dr. Diane Suhler, Columbia College
- Dr. Noelle Taddei, Post University
- Dr. Wendy Wilson, Austin College

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Receiving a 15-year pin were:

- Dr. Carol Bender, Centenary College of Louisiana
- Dr. Matthew Bloom, Concordia University Texas
- Dr. Charlene Bustos, Angelo State University
- Dr. Teagan Decker, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Dr. Jennifer Hicks, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Dr. Melissa Hillwig, Robert Morris University
- Dr. Ann Kendell, University of Dubuque
- Dr. Craig Nakashian, Texas A&M University Texarkana
- Dr. Victoria Neagoe, Goldey-Beacom College
- Dr. Anne Nichols, Rochester University
- Dr. Tracey Stout, Bluefield University
- Dr. Kathi Vosevich, Shorter University and Lindenwood University
- Dr. Kip Wheeler, Carson-Newman University

Three advisors received 20-year pins:

- Dr. Gary Locklair, Concordia University Wisconsin
- Dr. Jeanna White, East Texas Baptist University
- Dr. Christina Zumbrun, Trine University

Receiving her pin in 2026 for an impressive 30 years of service was:

- Dr. Kate Stewart, University of Arkansas at Monticello

Alpha Chi service pins are awarded at 5-year intervals starting with 10 years of service and going through 35 years of service to the Society. These gold-plated pins bear the years of service in addition to the Alpha Chi seal.

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About Alpha Chi

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 at its member institutions. Chartered on more than 300 campuses nationwide, chapters induct approximately 8,000 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 certified member of the Association of College Honor Societies.