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2011-2012 Indiana Beta Chapter Activities

September 21, 2011: ALPHA CHI/PRESIDENT'S COLLOQUIUM

Alpha Chi put on a panel discussion as part of a dinner/panel for the President's Colloquium at President and Mrs. Dowden's home. Topic: academics, Alpha Chi, and contributing to the intellectual climate of Huntington University.

October 7, 2011: Annual AX INDUCTION CONVOCATION

The induction of 19 new members into Alpha Chi was held on October 7, 2011 as part of homecoming festivities. For pictures and a news release, click [here](#). The induction Convocation will followed by a luncheon for AX members and parents of the the new inductees hosted by the Alumni Office and the Academic Dean's Office. President Dowden addressed the luncheon.

October 17, 2011: SUMMER AX NEWSLETTER

A picture of the Indiana Beta Chapter at the 2011 AX National Convention in San Diego was published in the issue of the Summer 2011 AX NEWSLETTER that appeared October 17. HU associate sponsor, Dr. Ann McPherran, was recognized at the convention for 25 years of service. Also mentioned was that Huntington University was again named as a Star Chapter for 2011, one of four chapters to gain this award every year since its inception. The newsletter may be found [here](#).

November 15, 2011: ALPHA CHI GRADUATE SCHOOL FORUM

A Graduate School Forum was held on Tuesday, November 15, featuring Ms. Martha Smith, Dr. Matthew Wright, and Mr. Jameel Brenneman. Ms. Smith discussed further modifications in the GRE, typical deadlines for signing up for GRE exams and for applying to graduate schools. Dr. Wright spoke on his experiences as a graduate student, ranging from how he made his choice of Penn to financial support issues. Mr. Brenneman recounted his experience in taking the GRE recently. A jolly time was had by all.

December 1, 2011: INDIANA BETA SCORES AGAIN

Huntington University continues to rule the AX Newsletter. In the Fall 2011 issue, published December 1, 2011, are pictures of Luke Brenneman as a scholarship winner (p. 3) and Dr. M installing a chapter in Kentucky (p. 4B), mention that our Jared Grandlienard was a fellowship runnerup (p. 2; he just missed getting the fellowship), three mentions of our chapter activities, including a "spotlight" on our "Are You Smarter Than a College Student" forum (p. 4), and a note on our national convention poster display (p. 4B). The issue is found [here](#).

AX Fall-Spring 2011-2012: RIF SERVICE PROJECT

The National AX service project was once again "Literacy" working with Reading Is Fundamental. We donated over 100 new children's books to the RIF Baltimore project. We continued to encourage participation in the work of the Joe Mertz Center for Volunteer Service.

MARCH 1, 2012: ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A COLLEGE STUDENT?

Inspired by the popular game show "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader", this annual fun event pitted four AX students (Ms. Abbey Wise, Ms. Joelle Kriebel, Mr. Jon Brenneman, and Mr. Preston Hoobler) against a wily faculty team (Dr. Jonathan Bratt, Dr. Susie Burson, Dr. Carrie Lloyd, and Prof. Jim O'Donnell) in a trivia battle. The game consisted of four rounds with increasing point values for each round, featuring questions from a variety of college subjects, including Philosophy, Physical Education, Literature, Science, Math, and History, among others. In addition, each round was capped off by a question about pop culture.



While proving hilarious fun for the spectators, this event also provided a collection point for our book drive. Attendees were asked to bring books to donate which were then sold and the money used toward AX's annual literacy project. Student Senate was a co-sponsor. (And, the answer was: No, the professors were not smarter than the college students, especially when the students stack the deck.)

March 22-24, 2012: HUNTINGTON CAPTURES NUMEROUS AWARDS AT 2012 ALPHA CHI CONVENTION



The Indiana Beta chapter sent a delegation of nine students and three faculty to the 2012 Baltimore Super-Regional Convention of Alpha Chi in Baltimore, Maryland, March 22-24, where they joined 400 others for Alpha Chi's annual presentation of student scholarship and sharing of ideas and activities. Seven students presented papers, including following:
—Mr. Daniel Binkoski, "Hybrid Organizations"

—Mr. Jonathan Brenneman, "Increase Mather: Or how I Learned to Destroy an Entire Indigenous Population in the Name of God"

—Mr. Luke Brenneman, "Professor-Student Interactions and Student Participation: Comparing Effects of Body Language and Sex on Classroom Participation"

—Mr. Anthony Frederick, "The Boy and The Sunflower"

—Mr. Robert Hindy, "Amdahl's Law and Virtual Machines: How Changes in Allocated CPU Time and RAM Affect Performance"

—Ms. Sarah Johnson, "Prophetic Heroism in A Lesson Before Dying"

—Ms. Nicole Schanke, "Effects of Chemical and Physical Environmental Conditions on *Synechococcus* Abundance in the San Juan Archipelago"

Two other students, Ms. Joelle Kriebel and Ms. Abbey Wise, did a chapter activities poster presentation at the convention, one of 16 chapters asked to do so. The delegation was accompanied by sponsors Dr. Norris Friesen, Dr. Paul Michelson, and Mrs. Jean Michelson.

Chapter members were very successful in Alpha Chi scholarship competitions and came home with another boatload of prizes. Ms. Johnson won a National Benedict Fellowship; she is Huntington's 12th national winner and 7th since 2004. Ms. Schanke won the Region V Graduate Fellowship and Mr. Frederick won the Region V Undergraduate Scholarship; these were our 5th and 6th regional awards since 2008. And Mr. Luke Brenneman won a Presentation Prize for the excellence of his paper.



The Indiana Beta chapter was named a 2012 Star chapter at the convention. This is the 17th year straight year it has won the award since its inception. Only three other chapters out of Alpha Chi's 300+ have equalled this. As a result, the chapter was

nominated by Region V as one of its candidates for the 2013 Alpha Chi President's Cup. In addition, Dr. Michelson gave a mini-lecture at the convention banquet which marked the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner"; the chapter contributed 103 books to the literacy program "Reading is Fundamental" as part of Alpha Chi's national service project; several members of the delegation participated in a chapter leadership conference: and Dr and Mrs Michelson were prize judges.

SPRING 2012: AX SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITIONS

This year we nominated Ms. Sarah Johnson and Ms. Nichole Schanke for the National AX scholarships, and Mr. Daniel Binkoski, Mr. Luke Brenneman, Mr. Anthony Frederick, Mr. Bob Hindy, Ms. Sarah Johnson, and Ms. Nicole Schanke for Region V scholarships.

APRIL 15, 2012: HU ACADEMIC RESEARCH FORUM

Eight members of AX were chosen to present papers at the research forum

APRIL 24, 2012: BOOK PRESENTATION

Mr. Luke Brenneman, Ms. Abbey Wise, and Mr. Dan Binkoski, along with Dr. Michelson, visited the Huntington City / County Library's Story Hour, read to the children, and presented a library of 90 books to HCCL in Huntington and its Markle branch.

MAY 1, 2012: FORESTER NIGHT

As usual, AX members captured a boatload of awards and recognitions too numerous to mention here. See the HU news report by clicking [here](#). Seniors were presented with their AX medallions and certificates, and the Outstanding Scholar Award was announced. The 2012 Outstanding Scholar of the Year was Luke Brenneman. Forester of the Year went to Jon Brenneman.



Luke Brenneman receives award

MAY 6, 2012: PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

The annual President's Reception was hosted by President and Mrs. Dowden at the President's Home. Graduating seniors were recognized.

