



Indiana Beta Chapter 2012-2013

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2012-2013 activities

FALL 2012 ALPHA CHI NEWSLETTER

Members of our chapter appeared in photographs in the Fall 2012 issue of the Alpha Chi Newsletter dealing with our 2012 "Are You Smarter than a College Student" competition and the presentation of two children's literature collections to the Huntington City/County Public Library and its Markle branch.

OCTOBER, 31, 2012: FALL INDUCTION



The Chapter held its annual induction for the first time not during Homecoming to see if this gave the program more significance than just as another Homecoming activity. 29 members were inducted; this was our largest group ever and raised the membership level to 47. The new members were again introduced by their academic advisors. This has proven to be so well-received that we have expanded the time available to faculty for their comments. President Dowden gave the induction address. Following the induction, AX members, both new and old, parents of the new members, and faculty advisors of the new members were hosted at a dinner sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Academic Administration. The luncheon speaker was Dr Del Doughty, Interim Senior Vice-President and Academic Dean. For more information and pictures, see www.huntington.edu/News-Releases/Academics/Art/Alpha-Chi-honor-society-inducts-new-members-for-2012/?terms=Alpha%20Chi%202012.

NOVEMBER 8, 2012: AX GRADUATE SCHOOL FORUM

Our annual Alpha Chi Graduate School Forum took a slightly different tack than in the past with two professors from the Psychology Department (Dr. Babb and Dr. Lloyd) joining another professor from the History Department (Dr. Michelson) and a senior student planning to go to law school (Brad Barber) serving on the panel. This gave the session a definite professional studies tinge. Along with the the GRE, the LSAT was discussed.

NOVEMBER 29, 2012: AX/PRESIDENTS COLLOQUIUM DINNER/SEMINAR

The Alpha Chi sponsors and officers organized and led a dinner/seminar on academics for the HU Presidential Scholars Colloquium (freshman honors scholars).

SPRING 2013: SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATES

Our nominees for the National AX scholarships/fellowships were Ms. Holly Lutton and Mr. Andrew Wickersham. For the Region V grants, Ms. Dan Binkoski, Ms. Alexandra Jones, Ms. Jessica Krause, Ms. Abby Madison, and Mr. Andrew Wickersham were nominated.

MARCH 7, 2013: AX FORUM DISCUSSION ON "RECKLESS"

An Alpha Chi Forum discussion held a talk-back session following the presentation of the Theatre Department's performance of "Reckless" by Craig Lucas. AX moderated the discussion which featured members of the cast reflected on their role in the play and the director (Prof. Duffer) talked about his aims for the production.

Spring 2013: Sarah Johnson LaBarbera's paper, "Prophetic Heroism in Ernest Gaines' A Lesson Before Dying," was published in Vol. 56 (2013), Nr. 1, of the Alpha Chi Recorder, pp. 13-19.

APRIL 4-6, 2013: Nashville National Convention



Fourteen delegates from the Indiana Beta Chapter attended the Nashville AX National Convention (12 students; 2 advisors): Mr. Dan Binkoski, Ms. Gina Boucouras, Ms. Hannah Hochstetler, Mr. Preston Hoobler, Ms. Alexandra Jones, Ms. Jessica Krause, Ms. Abby Madison, Ms. Sabi Rakhimova, Mr. Will Stauffer, Ms. Ali Strawhun, Mr. Andrew Wickersham, Ms. Wise (Student Voting Delegate), Dr. Paul Michelson (Sponsor, Region V Secretary-Treasurer, and member of the Alpha Chi National Council), and Mrs. Jean Michelson (Sponsor and Voting Delegate).

Five of the students gave presentations: Mr. Binkoski, "The Settlers of Catan: Four Player Strategy"; Ms. Jones, "Worship Tried and True"; Ms. Krause, "International and American Students Acclimation to College: Based on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs";



Ms. Madison, "A Framed Play: Kyd's The Spanish Tragedy"; and Mr. Wickersham, "Weimar Bavaria: Radicals and Reactionaries." Mr. Wickersham won a Region V scholarship and Ms. Madison was a regional runnerup.

Dr. and Mrs. Michelson and Mr. Hoobler led a national chapter workshop at the convention on "Helping Chapter Members Apply to Graduate School: Programs That Work." Ms. Jones played at the Open Mic night. We donated over 200 new books for the RIF program (the most by any one chapter) and about 150 used children's books that were donated to an inner city school in Nashville. Ms. Wise, Mr. Stauffer, Ms. Krause, and Ms. Strawhun were part of the group that visited the school, made the presentation, and read books with the students. We also received the Star Chapter award again: we've gotten it every year since its inception in 1996 (only three other AX chapters have equaled this).

April 4, 2013: Back by popular demand was the AX/Student Senate "Are You Smarter Than a College Student?" A team of AX students took on a faculty team responding to questions written by professors from the University Core Curriculum. Up for the profs: Professors: Dr. Luke Fetters, Dr. Susan Boyer, Dr. Matthew Wright and Dr. Ruth Nalliah. For the students: Ms. Blair Caldwell, Mr. Kyle Geiss, Ms. Holly Lutton, and Mr. Aaron Lehman. Confidential sources inform us the "the event was fun for those who attended and went pretty well overall. The faculty absolutely destroyed the student team however." Ooooh! (Does anybody say "Oooh!" these days?) Revenge of the Faculty.

April 10, 2013: Several AX members presented at the Huntington University Academic Research Forum.

April 2013: An AX facebook page set up at www.facebook.com/HUAlphaChi?fref=ts



May 5, 2013: The annual President's Reception was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Dowden at the President's home, and graduating AX seniors were recognized. A jolly time was had by all.

May 7, 2013: Forester Night. 2013 Graduating Alpha Chi seniors were recognized and presented with their certificates and AX medallions. The Outstanding Scholar Award was presented to Ms. Abbey Wise. Alpha Chi members, as usual, dominated Who's Who and the departmental Forester academic awards.



Well done Abbey!