



Indiana Beta Chapter 2014-2015

2014-2015 Indiana Beta Chapter Officers

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Mr. Cody Abbott

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Ms. Emily Thornton

Mr. Brice Urschel

Mr. Andrew Wickersham

Mrs. Meghan Wilson

Ms. Yang Wu

2014-2015 Chapter Activities

Summer 2014: AX Fall Planning Session

During the summer, the 2014-2015 President, Mr. Luke Batdorff, the Vice-President and Program Chair, Mrs. Amy Landhuis, Region V National Council Representative, Ms. Bronwen Fetters, and the faculty sponsors held a planning meeting to develop ideas for the 2014-2015 year. These included new ideas for the induction and for program committees.

August 23, 2014: HU Freshman Opportunities

Chapter President Mr. Luke Batdorff did a presentation on campus honors groups to the HU Freshman Opportunities meeting during Freshman Orientation.

September 17, 2014: Fall Organizational Business Meeting

At the first monthly meeting of the year, officers were elected to join the President, Mr. Batdorff, and Vice-President, Mrs. Landhuis, who were elected at the last meeting of the spring 2014 semester. Secretary for the year was Ms. Esther Higginbottom; Treasurer was Mr. Ben Blum; and Public Relations Director, a new position, was Ms. Amy Hetrick. Sponsors were Dr. Paul E. Michelson (official sponsor), Dr. Ruth Nalliah, Dr. Kent Eilers, Professor Rebecca Coffman, Mrs. Jean T. Michelson, Dr. Ann McPherran, and Dr. Jeff Webb.



October 3, 2014: 2014 Alpha Chi Induction

This year we tried something different by having Alpha Chi officers deliver invitations to membership at the beginning of prospective members' major-level classes. Twenty-one new members were inducted on October 3, including:

- Cody Abbott, a senior history major from Huntington, In.
- Benjamin Blum, a senior missions major from Park, Pa.
- Michael Bowman, a junior chemistry & mathematics major from La Fontaine, In.
- Tyson Bradley-Kalischuk, a junior accounting, business management, and economics and finance major from Alberta, Canada
- Joanna Brenneman, a senior accounting major from Larwill, In.
- Sean Fitzpatrick, a junior animation major from Sellersville, Pa.
- Haley Glinz, a senior music major from Spring Arbor, Mich.
- Rebecca Grimes, a senior social work major from Saline, Mich.
- Tyler Herber, a senior history education major from Fremont, In.
- Amy Hetrick, a senior business management and marketing major from Fort Wayne, In.
- Clarissa Hunter, a senior communication studies major from Fairland, In.
- Olivia Knispel, a junior biology pre-med major from Churubusco, In.
- Hannah Kregel, a senior elementary & special education major from Jenison, Mich.
- Paul Landhuis, a senior youth ministries major from Huntington, In.
- Eric Luce, a junior film production major from Salina, Kan.
- Kayla Mitchell, a junior animation major from Loveland, Ohio
- Julia Moore, a senior film production major from Rosco, Ill.
- Megan Schueler, a senior social work major from Decatur, In.

- Samuel Thompson, a senior business management, history and entrepreneurial small business major from Brownsburg, In.
- Brice Urschel, a senior accounting major from Fort Wayne, In.
- Yang Wu, a senior journalism major from Zhangjiakou Hebei, People's Republic of China.

October 19, 2014: Chapter Social Event

An informal AX social event was held at the President's home on October 19: food, games, and fun.

November 4, 2014: Alpha Chi Graduate School Forum

Our traditional Alpha Chi Graduate School Forum was held on November 4, in the Longaker Recital Hall. A panel of experts made comments, followed by a Q and A session on the ins and outs of searching for the right graduate school(s), applying for graduate school, and various deadlines involved. Over 120 people attended: a new record for this event.

November 18, 2014: Alpha Chi Arts and Sciences Forum

The National Alpha Chi theme for 2014-2015 was on "The Nexus of the Arts and Sciences." This forum focussed on the question of "What do the Arts and Sciences have to say to each other?" and featured presentations by Prof. Steve Leeper (Department of Digital Media Arts), "The Phi Phenomenon: The Illusion of Making Movies," and Prof. Bruce Evans (Department of Biology), on "Visual Illusions." A standing room audience of over 140 in Hiner Hall was fascinated by how digital media arts and the sciences have interacted in the past.

2015 National Scholarship Nominations

The Indiana Beta Chapter nominated Ms. Clarissa Hunter and Mrs. Jannea Thomason as our candidates for the National AX scholarship and fellowship awards for 2015. Dr. Eilers headed up the Scholarship Committee. Ms. Hunter won a national Nolle Scholarship.

February 19, 2015: Alpha Chi Theatre Forum: "Art, Science, and Integrity"

Our second "Nexus of the Arts and the Sciences" program of the year was on February 19. Following the performance by the HU Theatre troupe of the play, *The Ruby Sunrise*, Alpha Chi hosted a talk-back panel session with Director Scott Evans, and Professors Jay Duffer (Theatre Department), Lance Clack (Digital Media Arts Department), and Dawn Ford (Digital Media Arts Department).

March 5, 2015: Alpha Chi Forum: Are You Smarter Than a College Student?

The annual competition between faculty and students, "Are You Smarter Than a College Student?" was held on March 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Longaker Recital Hall. The Faculty won. Hmmm.

2015 Regional Scholarship Contestants

The Indiana Beta Chapter had six students competing for the Region V scholarship and fellowship at the National Convention in Chicago, March 19-21, 2015. Presenting papers in the competition were Ms. Bronwen Feters, Ms. Esther Higginbottom, Mr. Alex Hoffman, Mrs. Jannea Thomason, Mr. Andrew Wickersham, and Ms. Yang Wu. Mr. Hoffman won the Region V graduate fellowship.



March 19-21, 2015: Alpha Chi National Convention, Chicago IL

Eleven delegated from our chapter attended the AX National Convention in Chicago and came home with a boatload of awards: eleven delegates attended the convention (eight students and three sponsors); seven HU students presented papers including Mr. Batdorff, Ms. Bronwen Feters, Ms. Esther Higginbottom, Mr. Alex Hoffman, Mrs. Jannea Thomason, Mr. Andrew Wickersham, and Ms. Yang Wu. Ms. Clarissa Hunter won an Alpha Chi Nolle national scholarship; Mr. Hoffman won a Region V fellowship; Ms. Feters won a speaker's presentation award and was recognized for her service as Region V's representative on the Alpha Chi National Council; Dr. and Mrs. Michelson, who retired at the end of this academic year, were recognized for forty years of service

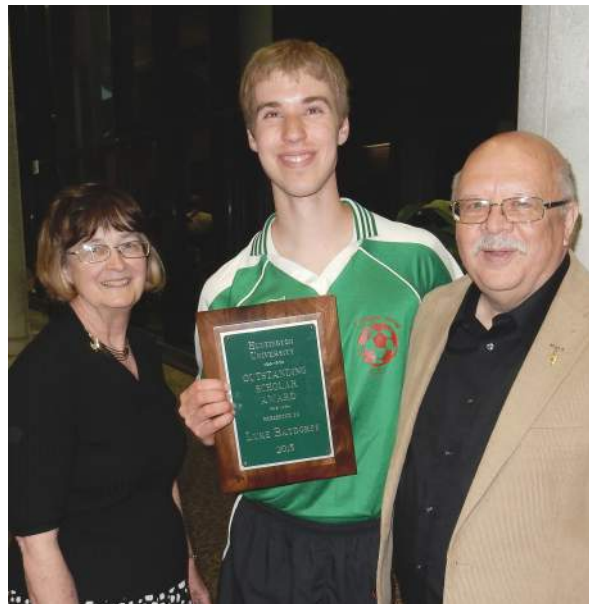
as Alpha Chi sponsors; and the chapter was recognized as (surprise!!) a Star Chapter of Alpha Chi for 2013-2014 (we have received this award every year since its inception in 1996, only three other chapters can say that). Our chapter presented two chapter workshops; Dr. and Mrs M and Dr. Nalliah chaired panel sessions, and, oh, yes, the HU Chapter WON [THE 2015 ALPHA CHI PRESIDENT'S CUP AS THE OUTSTANDING CHAPTER IN ALPHA CHI](#). This was our second award (the first was in 2001); only one other chapter has done this twice. Congratulations to this year's chapter and officers, especially Vice-President Amy Landhuis, for making this happen, though the award also owes to the efforts of the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 chapters since the award is based on three years of concerted activities and achievements. The cup will be displayed around campus, but probably principally at the RichLyn Library.

April 15, 2015: Academic Research Forum

Alpha Chi collaborating with Student Senate in hosting the annual HU Academic Research Forum on April 15, where students nominated by their departments presented papers.

April 26, 2015: President's Reception

The annual Alpha Chi Reception and recognition of graduating AX seniors was hosted by President Emberton on April 26, 3:00 pm at the President's home.



May 5, 2015: Forester Night

As per usual, members of Alpha Chi dominated the annual [HU awards night](#). The Outstanding Scholar of the Year award was presented to Mr. Luke Batdorff, shown above with some old geezers.