



Indiana Beta Chapter 2015-2016

2015-16 Indiana Beta Chapter Officers

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2015-2016 Chapter Activities

Summer 2015: AX Fall Planning Session

During the summer, the 2015-16 President Ms. Bronwen Fetters, Vice-President Mr. Michael Bowman, and several faculty sponsors held a planning meeting to develop ideas for the 2015-2016 year. These included new ideas for coordination with the HU Honors Program, the honor society at Huntington North High School, and an Outstanding Scholar Award named for the Michelsons.

September 3, 2015: HU Freshman Opportunities

The Alpha Chi President and Vice-President coordinated the presentation of Alpha Chi chapter information to the HU Freshman Opportunities meeting during Freshman Orientation.

September 15, 2015: Fall Organizational Business Meeting

At the first monthly meeting of the year, officers were elected to join the President, Ms. Fetters, and Vice-President, Mr. Bowman, who were elected at the last meeting of the spring 2015 semester. Ms. Katie Stetzel was elected Secretary; Mr. Kyle Burkholder was elected Treasurer; and Ms. Amy Hetrick was elected Public Relations Director. Sponsors were Dr. Ruth Nalliah (official sponsor), Dr. Tanner Babb, Prof. Rebecca Coffman, Dr. Kent Eilers, Dr. Collin Hobbs, and Dr. Ann McPherren. Emeriti Sponsors were Dr. Paul Michelson and Mrs. Jean Michelson.

September 21, 2015: Honors Reception at President's Home

Alpha Chi assisted in hosting the Honors Program in a joint reception at the President's home immediately after the Honors Lecture on September 21 to introduce the Honors students to Alpha Chi. Several Alpha Chi members served as panelists and had a question and answer session with freshman and sophomore Honors students regarding the benefits and activities of Alpha Chi.

October 9, 2015: Alpha Chi Induction



Alpha Chi officers or faculty advisors delivered and announced invitations to membership at the beginning of prospective members' classes. Twenty-two new

members were inducted on October 9, including David Baird, Daniel Becker, Nick Bond, Lea Buckenmyer, Kyle Burkholder, Evie Clapp, Tori Coble, Gina Eisenhut, Isaiah Gerber, Sarah Gruenewald, Jonathon Kane, Kaylie Killian, Nicole Manges, Meghan Martin, Bailee Overfelt, Miranda Palmer, Christine Sparks, Rachel TerMarsch, Paige Winans, Hayley Wyatt, Luke Yurkovich, and Rebekah Zimmerman.

October 27, 2015: Alpha Chi Graduate School Forum

Our traditional informational Graduate School Forum was held October 27 in the Longaker Recital Hall. Panelists included a current student applying to graduate school, an alumna who had completed a graduate degree, and two professors, all from different disciplines, and was moderated by the Alpha Chi Vice-President. Forty-three students attended.

2016 National Scholarship Nominations

The Indiana Beta Chapter nominated Ms. Bronwen Feters and Mr. Tyler Herber as our candidates for the National AX scholarship and fellowship awards for 2016. Dr. Eilers headed up the Scholarship Committee. Ms. Feters won a national Benedict Graduate Fellowship but had to decline because she had immediate plans other than graduate school. The Benedict Graduate Fellowship was then awarded to Mr. Tyler Herber.

January 12, 2016: 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 January 12 in the HUB. The Faculty won.

February 24, 2016: Academic Research Forum

Alpha Chi collaborated with Student Senate in hosting the annual HU Academic Research Forum on February 24, in which students nominated by their departments presented papers.

2016 Regional Scholarship Contestants

The Indiana Beta Chapter had four students competing for the Region V scholarship and fellowship at the National Convention in Alexandria, VA, April 7-9, 2016. Presenting papers in the competition were students Bronwen Feters, Isaiah Gerber, Sarah Gruenewald, and Nicole Manges. Bronwen Feters won a Region V graduate fellowship, and Isaiah Gerber was selected as an alternate recipient of a Region V scholarship.

March 10, 2016: Alpha Chi Theatre Forum: *Other Desert Cities*

Following the performance by the HU Theatre Company of the play *Other Desert Cities*, Alpha Chi hosted a talk-back panel session with the faculty director, a student actor, two professional guest actors, and an Alpha Chi student moderator. The talkback was well-attended and the discussion was dynamic and engaging.



April 7-9, 2016: Alpha Chi National Convention, Alexandria, VA

Eight delegates from our chapter (six students and two sponsors) attended the AX National Convention in Alexandria and came home with a number of awards. Students Bronwen Fetters, Isaiah Gerber, Sarah Gruenewald, Nicole Manges, and Katie Stetzel presented their work. Amy Hetrick also attended and helped publicize the event. A permanent trophy commemorating the 2015 Alpha Chi President's Cup was received and will be displayed at the RichLyn Library. The chapter also received a certificate of recognition as a Star Chapter of Alpha Chi in 2014-2015 for the 20th consecutive year since the award's inception. Bronwen Fetters won the British Literature presentation prize, the Region V Fellowship, and a National Fellowship. Isaiah Gerber was selected as an alternate recipient of a Region V Scholarship, and Tyler Herber was selected as an alternate recipient of a National Fellowship. Dr. Tanner Babb and Dr. Ruth Nalliah presented a chapter strengthening session on alumni relationships and chaired student presentation sessions. Dr. Babb was invited to serve as a manuscript editor for *Aletheia*, the Alpha Chi journal of undergraduate scholarship, and Dr. Nalliah was elected as Vice President of Region V. Our chapter also contributed a box of books and \$60 to the Alpha Chi national service project for the Cardoza School in Washington, D.C.



May 1, 2016: President's Reception

The annual Alpha Chi Reception and recognition of graduating AX seniors was hosted by President Emberton on May 1 at the President's home.

May 3, 2016: Forester Night Recognitions

The first Paul and Jean Michelson Alpha Chi Outstanding Scholar Award was given to Ms. Bronwen Fetters for academic excellence and service. The award carried with it a monetary value of \$150.