



Alpha Chi
National Convention
LITERACY 500
April 2-4, 2009 Indianapolis

Alumni, start your engines! And prepare to head to the capitol of Indiana, 2-4 April 2009, for the National Alpha Chi Convention at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis. Start making your plans now to be part of one of our most memorable Alpha Chi conventions ever! The opening convention banquet on Thursday evening will have a "Literacy 500" theme, with the party afterwards featuring "pit crews" competing against each other for prizes. Friday and Saturday mornings are devoted to academic presentations by students and alumni (What a great way to enhance a résumé!), while Friday afternoon and evening are free for exploring Indianapolis. Visit www.Indianapolis.org for points of interest in Indianapolis, many of them within walking distance of our hotel. Put April 2-4 on your calendar now, and get ready for an exciting and meaningful focus on scholarship and service in Indianapolis!

This year, our national theme is the promotion of literacy. As the *Los Angeles Times* reported, "No skill is more crucial to the future of a child, or to a democratic and prosperous society, than literacy." Because of the crucial importance of literacy, we are issuing a challenge to all Alpha Chi alumni who attend the convention in an effort to "make scholarship effective for good":

- Come to Alpha Chi's National Convention and bring children's books with you to donate to our national literacy project. Because we are in "Indy 500" territory, for our "Literacy 500" project we hope to collect 500+ children's books to benefit the Indianapolis Riley Hospital for Children. We will have a special Alpha Chi "Literacy 500" T-shirt for everyone who donates at least one book. We want to spotlight Alpha Chi's profile nationally as an honor society that makes a positive difference in others' lives.

Registration: Register using the Excel file at <http://www.harding.edu/alphachi/alumni.htm>. **You are welcome to attend without presenting, but those also wanting to present on the program should fill out both pages of the spreadsheet and submit them by February 18. Please email your registration to alphachi@harding.edu, and mail a check for the registration fee of \$50 per attendee to the national office.**

Hotel: Hyatt Regency Indianapolis at State Capitol
1 S. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Rate/Reservations: \$139.00 per room + \$22.24 tax (16%) = \$161.24 (for up to 4 occupants)
The cut-off date for guaranteeing availability and Alpha Chi's rate will be March 4.
Call Hyatt at 800-233-1234 to make your hotel reservations, or book online at <http://indianapolis.hyatt.com/groupbooking/indriachi2009>.

Alumni Presentations: The papers, readings, performances, and exhibits given by students and alumni are the centerpiece of the convention. These can be from any academic field and should last no longer than 10-12 minutes. All entries submitted by the deadline are accepted.

Air Travel: The airport is Indianapolis International Airport (IND) www.IndianapolisAirport.com

Ground Transportation: Other than grabbing a taxi at baggage claim, here are a few options for the 6- mile ride from the airport. There are more options on the airport's web site.

Carey Limousine Shared Ride

www.careyindiana.com/shared_ride.asp \$15 (approx.) per person each way

IndyGo City Bus

www.indygo.net \$7 one-way (pick-up and drop-off at the Hyatt)

Tentative Convention Schedule

Thursday

- 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Registration (one member may check in for entire chapter)
- 3:00 p.m. Hotel Check-In
- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Banquet with Keynote Speaker (business attire)
- 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Dessert Party

Friday

- 7:00 - 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. Chapter Workshops
- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Keynote Address
National Council Elections
- 9:45 - Noon Student Presentations (concurrent sessions)
- 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. Regional Business Meetings
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
Afternoon and evening free to enjoy Indianapolis

Saturday

- 7:00 - 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. Chapter Poster Session
- 8:30 - 10:45 a.m. Student Presentations (concurrent sessions)
- 11:00 - 12:15 p.m. General Business Meeting / Award Presentations (incl. Pryor Graduate Fellowship)
Announcements
Conclusion of Convention
- Noon Hotel Check-Out

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Alumni Convention Presentation Entry Form

Name: _____ Record #: _____
(presenter's name exactly as it should appear in the program)

Undergraduate College: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone with Area Code: _____

Evening Phone with Area Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Type of Presentation: Indicate the category that best describes this presentation.

- Research Paper or Project Musical Performance Reading of Original Poetry
 Poster with Oral Presentation Dramatic Performance/Interpretative Reading Reading of Original Fiction
 Poster without Oral Presentation Original Art (electronic portfolios only*) Reading of Original Creative Non-fiction

* Original art presenters will need to submit an electronic portfolio. Instructions on the *Conventions* page of AlphaChiHonor.org.

Program Title: _____

Brief Description (to aid in categorization): _____

Time: _____ minutes (must not exceed 12 minutes)

Discipline: To which academic discipline is this presentation most closely related? _____

Language: If this presentation is not in English, indicate the language. _____

Reservation of Audio-Visual Equipment (Alpha Chi will provide you one of the following):

- Computer Set-Up** TV/DVD Piano Easel

** All PowerPoint presentations should be saved in Office PowerPoint 2003 format and must run in Microsoft Office or Microsoft Explorer. Acceptable media: CD or USB pin drive. Please bring two copies of your media. Technical problems can occur; bring printed slides as backup. You may be contacted prior to the convention by phone or e-mail, and you will load your presentation onto the hotel's equipment during registration on Thursday.

If you need musical accompaniment or any other kind of equipment, you must provide it.

Signature: _____

Program Proposals must be RECEIVED by February 18, 2009.

Mailing address and fax number listed above.

(No cover sheet needed for faxes.)

If you have not received a confirmation E-mail within two weeks, please call the Alpha Chi office.

Entry Instructions for Original Visual Art Presentations

Step 1: Submitting a Program Presentation Form

Via the Web link provided to you by your Alpha Chi chapter sponsor, submit the electronic entry form to the National Office no later than February 18. On this form, you will be asked for a title and brief description of your exhibit.

Step 2: Preparing your Electronic Portfolio

Electronic portfolios will be required of all visual art presenters. Only students attending the convention may submit artwork. All works submitted are to be digital files (JPEGs) on a CD readable by Mac or PC. Each artist is eligible to submit images of up to five (5) works for the exhibition. Three-dimensional works (and only 3D works) may have two views. All images will be compiled into a single PowerPoint presentation that will run on a loop in a virtual art gallery. Presenters also wanting to bring artwork for display may set up on a first-come, first-served basis between 3 and 6 p.m., April 2. When setting up your display, you should provide printed information about each piece. Only electronic portfolios will be judged for presentation prizes.

Format of JPEG Files for CD

Files should be saved with dimensions no longer than 1024 x 768 pixels at 150 dpi. Each file should be labeled in the following manner:

your last name_first initial_entry number.jpeg

For example: *smith_m_1.jpeg*

If more than one view of the work is submitted (3D works only) it should be labeled:

your last name_first initial_entry number A

your last name_first initial_entry number B

For example: *smith_m_1A.jpeg*

The entry numbers (above) should correspond to the documentation sheet described below.

Format of Word Document for CD

Save the Word document with the file name: Cover_Last Name_First Name. The document must contain the following information in the following format:

Artist's Full Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone (with area code)

Email Address

College or University

Alpha Chi Chapter Sponsor's Name

**Electronic portfolios must be postmarked
by February 18, 2009, to:**

Alpha Chi, HU 12249

915 E. Market Ave.

Searcy, AR 72149

Include the following information for each piece:

1A. Title, medium, Size (H" x W" x D"), year created

1B. (2nd image of 3D art)

2. Title, medium, Size (H" x W" x D"), year created

3. Title, medium, Size (H" x W" x D"), year created

4. Title, medium, Size (H" x W" x D"), year created

5. etc.

If you have questions regarding these instructions, please contact Melinda Hicks at 800-477-4225 or mhicks@harding.edu.