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Out of this world 2001 AX honoree serving on Space Station

Clayton Anderson, the astronaut who was Alpha Chi's Distinguished Alumnus of 2001, blasted off into space in June aboard the shuttle Atlantis with the Mission 17 team and is now serving at the International Space Station.

A member of the astronaut program since 1998, Anderson works alongside two Russian scientists he trained with for months. He is expected to return to Earth later this year with the Mission 20 space shuttle team.

Anderson is a 1981 graduate of Hastings College, where he was a member of the Nebraska Alpha chapter.

In his in-flight journal entries posted on the NASA Web site, Anderson details some of his technical work but writes with the enthusiasm for exploration and adventure that Alpha Chi delegates to the 2001 national convention in Savannah remember from his talk there.

Here's a sample from his first entry: "My first week in space seemed like

something right out of a NASA simulator. Launch was right on time, June 8, 2007, on my father's birthday. As I sat in the mid-deck and felt the anticipation of the final countdown and start of the Shuttle's main engines, I could

feel my heart rate increasing. The ride was spectacular, the rumble of engines and solid rocket motors intense and rough. Once the solids dropped off, it smoothed out tremendously and the ride was easier. Easier, that is, until we hit 3 g's, at which time my parachute harness felt like the weight of the world on my chest. Yet once the Shuttle main engines cut off . . . we were in zero g and I was weightless! I sat in my seat for a bit,



contemplating the events of the last few (emotional) days, and tried to figure out what I should do next. Everything was floating around (tied down of course), and I figured it was time to exit my seat and get to work. I was in space!"

See more photos and text at www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/expeditions/expedition_15/journal_anderson_0 and www.alpha-chihonor.org.

Doctoral student in literature wins Pryor award

Jon Singleton, a doctoral student in literature at Syracuse University, has been named recipient of the \$5,000 Joseph E. Pryor Alumni Fellowship for 2007-08. A 2002 English and missiology graduate of Harding University, Singleton became a member of the Arkansas Eta chapter in 2000.

Singleton, one of Alpha Chi's Nolle Scholarship recipients for 2001-02, received his M.A. from Syracuse in 2005 and has completed course work for the Ph.D. His dissertation will focus on Victorian literatures of imperialism, especially the British experience in India. He has been assistant director,



2005 graduate of Peru State College and an M.S. student in biology at Sam Houston State

graduate consultant, and teaching fellow with the Teaching Assistant Program at Syracuse.

Alternate for the Pryor Fellowship is Joanna Hays, a

University. She was a member of the Nebraska Delta chapter and recipient of the society's Gaston Scholarship for 2004-05.

Second fellowship planned

For 2008-09, the Pryor Fellowship will be expanded with the addition of a \$3,000 stipend for candidates in a master's program. The existing \$5,000 award will be designated for doctoral students.

In addition, since Alpha Chi now permits the induction of graduate students, these members will be eligible for the Pryor award, with one nominee allowed per chapter.

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