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SEARCY, Ark.—Prof. Marilyn Jones of Friends University received one of two top awards for faculty members at the March 15-17 national convention of Alpha Chi, the national college honor society, in San Antonio.

As faculty sponsor of the Kansas Epsilon chapter of Alpha Chi at Friends, Jones was presented one of two Executive Director's Awards honoring exemplary service to her chapter and to the society. The award carried a \$500 stipend.

Announcing the new award, Dr. Dennis Organ, executive director, said, "We value the work of the men and women who serve our local chapters and often extend their volunteer spirit to assignments at the regional and national level. Alpha Chi literally could not exist without them."

Noting that Jones had served as sponsor since the chapter's beginning more than 20 years ago, Organ commended her spirit of cooperation, leadership at the regional level and faithfulness in taking students to regional and national meetings of Alpha Chi.

Since the chartering of the Kansas Epsilon chapter at Friends University in 1986, Jones has served multiple terms as president and vice president of Region IV and hosted the regional convention in 1990, 1998, and 2006. She is an assistant professor of business administration/business education with the M.S. degree from Emporia State University. In 2004 she was named the Kansas Business Education Association Teacher of the Year and she has also received a teaching award from Friends University.

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As faculty sponsor of the West Virginia Beta chapter of Alpha Chi at Concord, Rowe was presented one of two Executive Director's Awards honoring exemplary service to his chapter and to the society. The award carried a \$500 stipend.

Announcing the new award, Dr. Dennis Organ, executive director, said, "We value the work of the men and women who serve our local chapters and often extend their volunteer spirit to assignments at the regional and national level. Alpha Chi literally could not exist without them."

Noting that Rowe had served as sponsor at two other institutions before coming to Concord and assuming responsibility for that chapter, Organ said, "We normally fret when one of our reliable sponsors leaves and Alpha Chi institution, but in the case of this man, we have come to realize he'll either start a chapter at his new college or, if they already have a chapter, work hard for it."

Rowe, director of Marsh Library, became involved with Alpha Chi in 1986 as founding sponsor at Indiana Institute of Technology. When he moved to West Liberty State College, he also established a chapter there in 1994

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Under his leadership the West Virginia Beta chapter has been very active, winning Star Chapter status in Alpha Chi. In March the chapter presented a poster program at the national convention in San Antonio and on April 3 produced a teleconference on academic integrity that connected participants from two out-of-state locations with a panel of faculty and students from Concord and Bluefield College in Virginia.

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