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SEARCY, Ark.--Two postgraduate members and 24 undergraduate members of Alpha Chi, the national college honor society, have been named recipients of the society's fellowships and scholarships for 2008-09. A total of \$58,000 will be awarded.

The two Joseph E. Pryor Fellowship winners for master's level graduate or active alumni members, with a stipend of \$3,000, are John Ruiz, a graduate member at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif., and Jennifer Vencill, an alumna of Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va. The alternate is Laura Klein, an alumna of Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, N.C.

Winners of the \$3,500 Robert W. Sledge Fellowship for senior undergraduates planning to enroll next fall in a graduate or professional program, are Marilyn Cornish of Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, and Marc Dotson of Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah.

The following were named recipients of the \$2,500 H.Y. Benedict Fellowship, also for seniors going to graduate or professional school next fall: Sara Austin of Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Ky.; Jake Bennett of Roanoke College, Salem, Va.; Timothy Cantwell of Anderson University, Anderson, Ind.; Porter Knight of Ferrum College, Ferrum, Va.; Shannon Korda of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; James Perkins and Nathan Reinhardt, both of Lyon College, Batesville, Ark.; Abhishek Satishchandran of the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.; Brittani Teague of Angelo State University, San Angelo, Tex.; and Matthew Walters of Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C.

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Alternates for the Benedict Fellowship are 1st, Tessa Griffin of Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va.; 2nd, Jessica Daggett of Christopher Newport University, Newport News, Va.; 3rd, Stacey Alexander of the University of Texas at Tyler; 4th, Amy Fluker of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo.; 5th, Laura King of Harding University, Searcy, Ark.

The winners of the \$2,500 Edwin W. Gaston, Jr. Scholarship for members who will be in their senior year in 2008-09, are Leethaniel Brumfield III of Langston University, Langston, Okla., and Elizabeth Ryan of Colby-Sawyer College, New London, N.H.

The following were named winners of the Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship, with a stipend of \$1,500, also for members going into their senior year: Debra Avery of Post University, Waterbury, Conn.; Allyson Buice of Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, Calif.; Rachel Finn of the University of Texas at San Antonio; Svetlana Granik of West Liberty State College, West Liberty, Va.; Andrew Green of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; Justin Lewis of Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C.; Theresa Lillegard of Rogers State University, Claremore, Okla.; Jenica Olsen of Westminster College of Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City, Utah; Benjamin Peart of Southern Utah University, Cedar City; and Irving Ray of Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Tex.

Nolle alternates are 1st, Melissa VonHoene of Barton College, Barton, N.C.; 2nd, Jennifer Cheek of Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C.; 3rd, Zinzile Maseko of Cascade College, Portland, Ore.; 4th, Lucy Morrow of Roanoke College, Salem, Va.; 5th, Sharad Paudyal of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo.

There were five nominees for the Pryor award, 61 for the Sledge/Benedict, and 50 for the Gaston/Nolle. Benedict and Nolle nominations were limited to no more than two nominees from each institutional chapter.

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Alpha Chi has active chapters at some 300 institutions in almost every state and in Puerto Rico. Inducting no more than the top 10 percent of juniors, seniors, and graduate students in all academic fields, the society registers approximately 11,000 new members each year.

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