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SEARCY, Ark.—Twenty-seven members of Alpha Chi, the national college honor society, have been named recipients of the society's fellowships and scholarships for 2009-10. A total of \$62,500 will be awarded.

The two Joseph E. Pryor Fellowships honor current graduate or active alumni members, with a \$5,000 stipend going to a doctoral student and a \$3,000 stipend going to a master's-level student. The doctoral recipient is Barbra N. Lukunka, a graduate of Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, currently studying at American University School of International Service. The master's recipient is Renae Nemmers, a graduate of Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa. The respective alternates are Barbara Strother of Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, Calif., and Elaine Slayton of Lyon College, Batesville, Ark.

Winners of the \$3,500 Robert W. Sledge Fellowship for senior undergraduates planning to enroll next fall in a graduate or professional program, are Olivia Denise Ellis of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Christopher Middaugh of Lyon College, Batesville, Ark.

The following eleven were named recipients of the \$2,500 H.Y. Benedict Fellowship, also for seniors going to graduate or professional school next fall: Aaron Baldrige of Lyon College, Batesville, Ark.; Abbie Bergdale of Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa; William Braun of Huntington University, Huntington, Ind.; Ashley Brooks of Chowan University, Murfreesboro, N.C.; Andrew Colbert of Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Margot St. Clair Conover of Christopher Newport University, Newport News, Va.; Brittany Helton of Cascade College, Portland, Ore.; Tamami Norizuki of the University of Texas at San Antonio; Madison Saniuk of Abilene Christian University;

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Laura Swatzyna of Roanoke College, Salem, Va.; and Stephen Wease of Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights.

Alternates for the Benedict Fellowship are 1st, Andrew Abordonado of Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu; 2nd, Amanda Sorensen of John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark.; 3rd, Kyle Brooks of Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, Calif.; 4<sup>th</sup>, Jessica Matlock of Texas Lutheran University, Seguin; 5<sup>th</sup>, Alexandra Krueger of Marymount Manhattan College, New York, N.Y.

The winners of the \$2,500 Edwin W. Gaston, Jr. Scholarship, for members who will be in their senior year in 2009-10, are Lauren DeJoy of SUNY Brockport, Brockport, N.Y., and Nicholas Michael of Harding University, Searcy, Ark.

The following ten were named winners of the Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship, with a stipend of \$1,500, also for members who will be in their senior year: Rebecca Bennie of Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tenn.; Bethany Boyenton of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; Natalie deRegnier of Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa; Sarah Fisher of Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C.; Abigail Forester of Methodist University, Fayetteville, N.C.; Larisa Greve and Ngaire Honey, both of Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa; Cyle Petersen of Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C.; Irving Paul Ray of Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Tex.; and Nicholas Zehner of Anderson University, Anderson, Ind.

Nolle alternates are 1st, Marisa Smith of Harding University, Searcy, Ark.; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Debra Oliveras of Dominican College, Blauvelt, N.Y.; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Heike Baird of Anderson University, Anderson, Ind.; 4<sup>th</sup>, Matthew Falter of Lander University, Greenwood, S.C.

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.