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University Inducts 37 New Members into Academic Organization

Alpha Chi sponsor and director of Undergraduate Research, Dr. June Hobbs, left, recognized Dr. Pam Dennis, dean of the Gardner-Webb Library, for her commitment to students. Dennis was inducted as an honorary member of the society.

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University inducted 37 members into Alpha Chi, a national collegiate honor society, in a ceremony held Nov. 11 in Blanton Auditorium in Hamrick Hall.

Dr. Pam Dennis, dean of Dover Memorial Library, was inducted as an honorary member. When recognizing Dennis, Dr. June Hobbs, Alpha Chi sponsor, noted her commitment to students. “Dr. Dennis has been invaluable in promoting scholarship on campus,” Hobbs shared. “Many of our Alpha Chi members have engaged in undergraduate research on campus, and many have told me how she has gone out of her way to support their projects and inspire them to do more than they ever dreamed. Her patience and investment in our students are unparalleled.”

Alpha Chi promotes academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and honors those who achieve such distinction. Membership is open to students with junior and senior classification who demonstrate strong character and whose GPA ranks them in the top 10 percent of their academic classes. The GWU North Carolina Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi was established in 1972.

Gardner-Webb’s Alpha Chi chapter earns consistent national recognition for its academic achievements, including honors for presentations at the annual Alpha Chi National Convention. Last year’s delegation won a total of \$10,000 in prizes and grants for their research presentations.

The new inductees include:

Sarah	Bragdon	Anderson, S.C.	nursing (BSN) Spanish minor
Benjamin	Laspaluto	Apex, N.C.	mathematics and economics and finance, double major

Mary	Traylor	Austin, Texas	nursing
Joy Clarisse	Saavedra	Charlotte, N.C.	discipleship studies major, biblical studies minor
Allison	Chandler	Chester, Nova Scotia, Canada	accounting
Bridgette	Turner	Clayton, N.C.	communications major; American Sign Language minor, Spanish minor
Leah	Jancic	Cleveland, N.C.	fine arts
Danielle	Saine	Connelly Springs, N.C.	psychology major, sociology minor
Zachary	Oxendine	Davie County, N.C.	accounting
Olivia	Simmons	Davie County, N.C.	biology with a concentration in biomedical sciences
Lindsay	Koppel	Drippings Springs, Texas	international business Major, Spanish minor
Charity	Bennett	Fishers, Ind.	nursing major, Spanish minor
Hunter	Warren	Gaffney, S.C.	biology major, chemistry minor
Callie	Hatley	Gastonia, N.C.	accounting major
Emily	Brannon	Gastonia, N.C.	nursing
Madeline	Bame	Gastonia, N.C.	music education with a voice concentration
Cary	Pou	Greenville, NC	economics/finance
Darby	Yates	Hickory, N.C.	biology major with biomedical sciences concentration, psychology minor
Mallory	Baucom	Indian Trail, N.C.	psychology major, discipleship studies minor
Leydy	Alvarez Zavala	Kernersville, N.C.	healthcare management
Allyson	Harris	Lawrenceville, Ga.	nursing (BSN)
Caroline	Sloan	Lexington, N.C.	English major with a concentration in professional writing

Victoria	Birks	Loudoun County, Va.	exercise science pre-professional
Bonnie	Belcher	Marshall, N.C.	nursing
Janice	Johnston	Mills River, N.C.	nursing (BSN)
Courtney	Kanetzke	Mills River, N.C.	exercise science pre-professional, Spanish minor
Taylor	Hildebrand	Connelly Springs, N.C.	middle grades education mathematics
Abbey	Smith	Oxford, N.C.	exercise science with a health fitness concentration
Kristen	Wong	Richmond Hill, Ga.	biology with a concentration in biomedical sciences
Jennifer	Jackson	Rocky Mount, N.C.	biology major with biomedical sciences concentration
Celsea	Reeder	Salisbury, N.C.	biology major with concentration in biomedical sciences, Spanish minor
Bethany	Leap	Sarasota, Fla.	global studies with regional studies concentration, political science minor
Sarah	Schurman	Shelby, N.C.	graphic design
Megan	White	Shelby, N.C.	elementary education major, professional education minor
Jordan	Vitale	Tampa, Fla.	exercise science, health sciences concentration
Alyse	Yoney	Waxhaw, N.C.	nursing (BSN)
Abigail	Hackworth	Winston-Salem, N.C.	missiology

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