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PRESS RELEASE: 2020 Graduate and Undergraduate AXPEF Scholarship Winners



LANDON ALLEN

Landon Allen (ΦMX) - DONALD F. JONES
GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Landon Allen currently attends the Doctor of Dental Medicine program at Midwestern University - Arizona. He is a Brother of the Phi Mu Chi Chapter of Lock Haven University. While an undergraduate, he was Chapter president. After graduating, he worked for the National Fraternity as a Leadership Consultant. Landon's true passions in life are helping others through dentistry and educating men of word and deed. Landon currently volunteers on the Fraternity's COVID-19 Coalition to improve the Fraternity's response to COVID in resident Chapters and members. In addition, Landon is working on establishing an endowed fund on behalf of his Postulant Brother, Alexander Bartlett, who recently passed away. Landon plans to run his own dental practice and treat patients in under-served areas when he graduates school.



CHRISTOPHER MCNEIL

Christopher McNeil (AΦZ) - WILBUR M. "CURLY" WALDEN
GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Christopher is currently a student in the Masters of Science program for Educational Studies at the Johns Hopkins University School of Education. When he is not in session, Christopher spends his time doing small group intervention in mathematics and reading for scholars who are at least two grade-levels behind in Dallas County. Looking forward, Christopher plans to pursue a Doctorate in Educational Policy to establish culturally relevant pedagogy and universal designs of learning on state and federal levels. When Christopher is not a teacher, he is an avid hiker and activist who marches and advocates for social justice. His passion for social justice extends to the point where he co-organized the Borough of South Plainfield's first March and Rally for Black Lives. His blessings and thankfulness for Alpha Chi Rho and the Scholarship Committee will allow him to create a classroom environment that appeals to the scholar's identities and empower them to investigate and resolve systems of power!

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JUSTIN BURDGE

Justin Burdge ($\Phi\Phi$) - STANLEY G. BEDFORD GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Justin is currently a 2nd year graduate student in the University of Pennsylvania Biology Department. His research focuses on questions related to pain, using a combination of techniques from the fields of genetics and neuroscience to investigate how our bodies process pain and how we can create new therapies with which to treat it. As part of this research, he plays an active roll in mentoring the next generation of researchers through his department and the MindCore STAMP program. Outside of his work, he enjoys exploring the Philadelphia culinary scene and does his best to take advantage of any opportunity he gets to travel and explore new places. The scholarship awarded by the Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation will help him to continue pursuing his PhD, allowing him to focus on his research into pain and its alleviation.



CHRISTOPHER CLARK

Christopher Clark ($P\Phi X$) - F. PRESCOTT HAMMOND GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Chris became a member of the Alpha Class of Phi Rho Chi in the fall of 2017. He recently graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with degrees in Environmental Science and STEM German. The next step for Chris is to pursue a Masters in Environmental Health Science at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health. In the future, he plans to research the effects that industrial contaminants have on human and ecological health. He enjoys hiking and doing volunteer work for a local advocacy organization. Chris' ultimate goal is to work with the United Nations Environmental Programme, to ensure a healthy future for the planet. Chris is absolutely grateful for the support he has received from the Foundation's efforts!

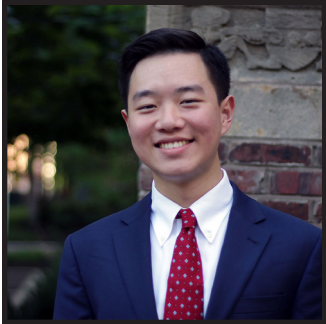
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ANDREW LIU

Andrew Liu (ΦΦ) - PAUL K. ADDAMS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Andrew is a junior at the University of Pennsylvania studying Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. At Penn, he has served as Risk Manager and Academic Chair for the Phi Phi Chapter and is also involved in the Penn Undergraduate Law Journal, Government and Politics Association, and research in the Wharton School. Next year, he will study Philosophy at the University of Cambridge as a Visiting Student. Andrew is also an Intel International Science and Engineering Fair Grand Award recipient. Outside of school, Andrew loves running, exploring nature, the arts, and hanging out with the boys. The scholarship awarded to him by Alpha Chi Rho will help him achieve his goal of attending law school and making an impact through business and policy.



CRISTOPHER PRIETO

Cristopher Prieto (ΑΦΗ) - JAMES McFADDEN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Cristopher joined Alpha Chi Rho in 2019 and is a senior at Rutgers University-Camden, where he serves as the scholastic chair of the Alpha Phi Eta Chapter. He is currently studying Political Science, Global Studies and Spanish, and is a member of Phi Sigma and Chi Alpha Epsilon honor societies. He is also actively involved in several campus organizations like the Latin American Students Organization, Bridging First-Generation Students, and the Rutgers Raptor Ambassadors. After college, he plans to pursue a Master's in International Relations and work as a foreign service officer at the U.S Department of State. Being a Brother of Alpha Chi Rho has completely changed his college experience, and he is thankful for the support of the Fraternity and the Educational Foundation.

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MANUSH KATHROTIA

Manush Kathrotia (ΑΦΗ) - JOHN C. ENK
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Manush is a recent graduate of Rutgers University – Camden. He graduated with three majors in Business Management, Finance, and Marketing. Having completed two internships as a full-time student, he is currently looking for full-time opportunities as a Business/Finance Analyst. In the future, he plans to get his MBA from an Ivy League school, preferably Harvard University. In his free time, he loves cooking and playing soccer, as well as other sports. The scholarship awarded to him will help him get through this pandemic without having to worry about his financial stability and will go towards his future goals.



MAXIMILIAN LEO

Maximilian Leo (ΦΣΤ) - DONALD F. JONES
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Maximilian Leo is a proud Brother of Alpha Chi Rho going into his senior year at Kutztown University. While studying as a Supply Chain Manager, he is ecstatic about his future endeavors. He is honored to have been selected to receive a scholarship from his Fraternity and is extremely grateful for the opportunities given to him by his Chapter and Fraternity as a whole. This scholarship will cover his fall semester tuition which is helpful beyond words, and he plans on informing and guiding the younger Brothers of his Chapter to go after larger opportunities and extend their potential far beyond Kutztown. He would like to say thank you to everyone from the Educational Foundation and all of those involved in the scholarship selection for this amazing scholarship and all of the help he has received over the past several years!

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MICHAEL ORTH

Michael Orth (ΦΓΧ) - RICHARD V. OLSON UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Michael "Mike" is entering his senior year with a math and secondary education double major. He aspires to become a high school math teacher, with plans of becoming a principal or athletic director in the future. On campus, he is the president of the Phi Gamma Chi Chapter, an orientation leader, a LeaderShape alumnus, and a member of TCNJ's Education Guide. In his free time, he enjoys relaxing with his Brothers and watching sports. He wishes to thank the Educational Foundation for the scholarship and is honored to be a recipient. He will continue to uphold the Landmarks of the Fraternity to the best of his ability.



CHRISTOPHER BUSTAMANTE

Christopher Bustamante (HXΦ) - COLIN ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Chris is currently majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering at the New York Institute of Technology. While he dedicates his time to keep up with his studies, he also stays active within his school community with his involvement in Residential life, Ultimate Frisbee, and fulfilling the role of presidency in his local Chapter. In the future, he hopes that he can help develop new technology that could revolutionize the way we use certain day to day items and make them more efficient. He is a big fan of competitive video games and general fitness. He tries his best to keep his mind sharp while also enjoying the little things in life. The scholarship awarded to him by the Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation will help him continue his education and achieve his future goals.

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ABHIJEET TOOR

Abhijeet Toor (ΦΕΧ Colony) - WESTON L. DANGLER UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Abhijeet is a student at Towson University currently pursuing film. He plans to use the skills learned in his classes in order to create narratives and stories to help better our society by revealing the many hidden and powerful problems that we fail to see in our daily lives. He has always been passionate about those who have been wronged in their lives with circumstances out of their control and would like to tell their stories to help build a better future. When he is not in his classes, he actively partakes in photography and videography work to help build his skills and experience. He has worked on many projects such as weddings, model portraits, and restaurant food photography. In his free time, he loves to go on photoshoots with his friends, meet new people, and build a community of artists.



JOSEPH PUCKETT

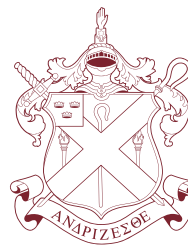
Joseph Puckett (ΑΦΘ) - CHARLES W. COUGHLAN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Joseph is an undergraduate studying History and Public Administration at Miami of Ohio. At Miami, he leads Phi Alpha Theta, the history honors society, and is a member of the University Lecture Series Committee. On Saturdays, he volunteers at the Oxford Farmers Market. This upcoming year, he will assist the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of Miami's student government in drafting antiracist legislation. He is from Minneapolis, Minnesota, and enjoys running at the Chain of Lakes, reading, and trips to the Boundary Waters. The Coughlan Scholarship will give Joseph more freedom to spend his time on his goal of earning a graduate school fellowship in the future.

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ROBERT B. STEWART UNDERGRADUATE MAN OF THE YEAR

The Fraternity would like to recognize all of the finalists who were nominated by their peers for this award:

Joshua Adams, Phi Nu Chi - West Chester University
Samuel Cohen, Delta Phi - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Michael Harris, Omega Phi - La Salle University
Manush Kathrotia, Alpha Phi Eta - Rutgers University - Camden
Alejandro Marzoratti, Delta Sigma Phi - Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Noah McGovern, Phi Mu Chi - Lock Haven University
Michael Orth, Phi Gamma Chi - The College of New Jersey
Timothy Puglisi, Phi Rho Chi - University of Massachusetts - Amherst
Tyler White, Lambda Chi Phi - Drexel University

All of the nominated men have made an impact in their Chapters, schools, and communities. They have made Alpha Chi Rho stronger. We are truly proud to call them Brothers. The winner of this award joins a humble but elite group of Brothers who went above and beyond what it means to be a Brother of this Fraternity.

This year's recipient academically has been on the President's List in all four of his semesters in college, boasting a 4.0 cumulative GPA. He has been recognized as a University Honors and Scholars member, which is designed to allow high achieving individuals to find more success after college.

On campus, he has worked with Residential Life to improve the quality of drinking water across campus to more sustainable and healthy levels.

Within the community, he has completed over 35 hours during the last academic year. He participated in various events throughout his collegiate career but last year he helped with a Walk for Food Insecurity, a town-wide clean up program, and at the local Habitat for Humanity branch.

Within the Chapter, he has held the position of Recruitment Chair and Social Officer. He is currently the Chapter's Brother-at-Large. As Recruitment Chair, he reframed and redefined the mindset of the Chapter's members and the outcomes of the overall program. Doing this saw the Chapter's size increase by 75%.

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The Chapter's membership describes this Brother's attitude as "infectious". He is always in a positive mood which translates to everyone having the drive to accomplish anything. The Chapter cites him as being the main reason for continuing their culture of all members being included in the process from new members to seniors. As Brother-At-Large, he facilitated over quarantine multiple virtual events that helped each Brother still feel deeply connected to each other, the Chapter, and the greater Fraternity.

The Chapter highlighted the impact this Brother has made so far by recognizing him with the "Founder's Award". The award is annually given, "to a member who consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that the vision and mission of the Chapter's esteemed Founders is not simply a talking point, but in fact a way of life."

It is with high honor that we announce Nicholas P. Murphy of the Alpha Phi Theta Chapter at Miami University as the 2020 Robert B. Stewart Undergraduate Man of the Year.



NICHOLAS MURPHY

Nicholas Murphy (ΑΦΘ) - 2020 ROBERT B. STEWART UNDERGRADUATE MAN OF THE YEAR

Nick is from Western Springs, IL and is currently a rising junior at the University of Miami in Ohio studying English Literature and Corporate Entrepreneurship. Nick is firmly dedicated to his academics, striving for excellence, innovation, and insightfulness in all his work. While his essays, texts, and client-centered cases take up much of his time, Nick places a steadfast priority on the building efforts of the Alpha Phi Theta Chapter, being a proud and pivotal member of their Alpha class. He has made it a focal point that each and every Brother experienced the strong brotherhood that Alpha Chi Rho cultivates, creating an environment where each Brother is valuable and contributing members help build something truly great and unique. Nick likes hanging out, playing and watching sports, playing cards and other games, giving back to the community and those in need, and spending time outdoors. Out of college he wants to enter the innovation and design field, helping people and companies solve problems through creative and well-researched approaches.