

Alfred University inducts 18 into counseling honor society

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ALFRED, NY – Eighteen graduate students in Alfred University’s Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling programs were welcomed as new members of into Chi Sigma Iota, the international counseling honor society.

At a ceremony held Saturday, March 24, the students were inducted into Alpha Upsilon Xi, Alfred University’s newly-established chapter of Chi Sigma Iota. Chapter Faculty Advisor Jaime Castillo, assistant professor of counseling, presided over the induction ceremony, assisted by Emma Wilson of Wellsville, NY chapter president and a graduate student in mental health counseling.

W. Richard Stephens, Alfred University provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, welcomed the new inductees and encouraged them by saying, “Create those sentient moments in which you can impact lives and make a difference, especially in this complex world we live in.”

Nicole R. Hill, President-Elect of Chi Sigma Iota, and dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Shippensburg (PA) University, delivered the keynote address. Dr. Hill stated, “Chi Sigma Iota challenges us to imagine a world that is grounded in human dignity and respect for everyone, that cultivates wellness within communities, that encourages resilience, that fosters the development of leadership, that believes in growth towards actualization, that inspires everyone to achieve their potentiality, and that works to eradicate barriers or biases that hinder such well-being and actualization.

“We need to be actively involved as stewards of the counseling profession,” Hill continued. “Today, as we pursue national licensure portability, advocate for mental health parity, demand access and opportunity for all, especially those who have been marginalized by others in power, and assert the need for school counselors in every school building, we cannot settle for anything other than unified and collective work by committed and resilient counselors. This is the work you are called to do and to lead.”

Kevin A. Curtin, associate professor and Counseling Program director, announced the recipients of the three program awards. The James F. Dougherty Award for Excellence in Professional Counseling was presented to John Laprade of Alfred, graduate student in mental health counseling; The Family Foundation Award for Service to Children and Families was presented to Dominique Lue of Central Islip, NY, graduate student in school counseling; and the David M. Kaplan Award for Outstanding Leadership in Professional Counseling was presented to Wilson.

Students inducted were Bianca E. Barber of Spencerport, NY; Christina E. Behr of Ocean, NJ; Elizabeth Benedict of Hornell, NY; Karli A. Brinhaupt of Elmira, NY; Sylvia Bryant of Alfred Station, NY; Jennifer M. Cox of Lockport, NY; Sarah A. Elliott of Alfred Station, NY; AnnaMarie L. Incorvaia of Youngstown, NY; John A. Laprade of Alfred, NY; Dominique Lue of Central Islip, NY; Emily McClintock of Granville, OH; Ashley K. Morey of Woodhull, NY; Charmine S. Parks of Bath, NY; Chelsea Stamer of Staunton, VA; Kara J. Taylor of Arlington, VA; Sarah M. VanSkiver of Canaseraga, NY; Holden W. Whitehead of Mill Hall, PA; and Emma Wilson of Wellsville, NY.

Founded at Ohio University in 1985, Chi Sigma Iota is the international honor society of professional counseling. It was established to provide recognition for outstanding achievement as well as outstanding service within the

profession. The CSI colors reflect its mission and values: white for virtue, blue for trustworthiness and integrity.

Pictured in photo above-left, are Alfred University's 2018 Chi Sigma Iota inductees. Front, from left: Christina Behr, Bianca Barber, AnnaMarie Incorvaia, and Sarah VanSkiver. Back row, from left: Dominique Lue, Chelsea Stamer, Ashley Morey, Kara Taylor, Sarah Elliott, Emma Wilson, Charmine Parks, and John Laprade. Inductees missing from the photo are: Elizabeth Benedict, Karli Brinthaup, Sylvia Bryant, Jennifer Cox, Emily McClintock, and Holden Whitehead.