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18 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNAE RECOGNIZED AS INAUGURAL REAL. STRONG. WOMEN. OF DISTINCTION CLASS.

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INDIANAPOLIS, June 12, 2015 – After a nationwide call for nominations for Alpha Chi Omega members making strides in their communities, both professionally and personally, 18 women were selected as the inaugural class of Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction award winners.

“We are honored to recognize these outstanding alumnae who epitomize our Real. Strong. Women. brand. From a scientist and an engineer to a museum curator and a speech coach, these members exemplify a great mix of the skills and attributes we want our members to develop as part of the Alpha Chi Omega experience,” stated CEO/Executive Director Tami Shields Silverman.

“We created this award as part of the Real. Strong. Women. experience to recognize Alpha Chi Omegas who are difference makers, risk takers and dream chasers making a positive impact in their professions and communities,” continued Silverman.

The Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction award was created to recognize sisters who are achieving their dreams, inspired by their own Alpha Chi Omega experiences to become the best versions of themselves. From more than 70 nominations, each interested candidate submitted further information, and a selection committee composed of volunteers and professional staff reviewed each completed application. In the inaugural year, 18 candidates rose to the top and were selected to represent the 2015 class of Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction.

Read the full profiles for each award recipients on alphachiomega.org/rswdistinction.

Hahna Alexander, Carnegie Mellon University (Kappa Nu)
Molly Cain, Texas A&M University (Zeta Nu)
Tanya Rash Case, University of New Mexico (Alpha Gamma)
Joy Dunn, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Theta Omicron)
JoEllen Breshock Eidam, Purdue University (Alpha Beta)
Helen Webb Engstrom, Butler University (Alpha Chi)
Kelly Leibold Fried, University of Cincinnati (Alpha Delta)
Rita Geiger, University of Arkansas (Delta Rho)
Marilyn Weinstein Geller, University of California - Los Angeles (Alpha Psi)
Jill VanDerVieren Gildea, Bradley University (Zeta Eta)
Lynda Roscoe Hartigan, Bucknell University (Eta)
Victoria Kaprielian, Brown University (Zeta Theta)

Carol Lutz, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (Epsilon Chi)
Amy Miller, William Woods University (Delta Chi)
Katrina Means Shaklee, University of Oklahoma (Psi)
Lee Anne Romberg White, Brenau University (Tau)
Elizabeth Turner Worcester, Georgia Institute of Technology (Epsilon Phi)
Zahabiyah Khorakiwala Yamasaki, University of California - Irvine (Epsilon Psi)

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About Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity

Alpha Chi Omega is a values-driven fraternity founded in 1885 whose national philanthropy is domestic violence awareness and prevention. As a nonprofit organization, it supports more than 100,000 living members in 139 college chapters and 200 alumnae chapters across the United States. The Fraternity is far more than a social organization, more than a place to live, or a way to meet people. Its mission is to enrich the lives of members through lifetime opportunities for friendship, leadership, learning and service. Learn more about Alpha Chi Omega at alphachiomega.org and facebook.com/alphachiomegahq.