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PRESS RELEASE

ALPHA CHI OMEGA LAUNCHES ONLINE MENTORING PROGRAM, WOMEN & WISDOM

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INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 31, 2016 – Alpha Chi Omega today announced the launch of Women & Wisdom, a new mentoring program designed to connect collegiate and alumnae members, and help them develop new skills and competencies.

An online networking experience that matches alumnae and collegians with similar professional interests and experiences, Women & Wisdom also helps participants develop impactful relationships. Alumnae and collegians in their junior or senior year can participate in the program, which uses interactive resources and tutorials to help guide mentors and mentees along their personalized mentoring journey.

According to Alpha Chi Omega National President Angela Costley Harris, the program was created in response to Alpha Chi Omega's Alumnae Attitude Study, which showed that members of all ages were looking for more ways to connect with other sisters, as well as an opportunity to give back to Alpha Chi Omega in meaningful ways that are interactive, engaging, flexible and time-finite.

“One of Alpha Chi Omega's core values is wisdom, so this program is a natural extension of our mission,” said Harris. “A good mentoring relationship is mutually beneficial for both mentors and mentees. Mentors have the chance to share their passions and experiences, and mentees gain valuable insight that can help seed career success.”

While most meetings will be held virtually (via Skype, Google Hangout or over the phone), mentors and mentees are encouraged to meet in person if geographically possible.

A pilot program offered at five Indiana chapters – Ball State University, Butler University, Indiana University, Indiana State University and Purdue University – was met with enthusiasm from sisters on both sides of the program. Mentee Katie Goodrich (Alpha Chi chapter, Butler University) was excited about the mentoring opportunity because it allows collegians to connect with alumnae across the country, taking our sisterhood to a new level.

“My mentor served as a wonderful sounding board for me throughout my summer internship search,” shared Goodrich. “She took a genuine interest in my life, provided encouragement and interview tips, and followed up with me for progress updates.”

To sign up for or to learn more about Women & Wisdom email [Kristyn Tomlinson](mailto:Kristyn.Tomlinson@alphachiomega.org), Director of Lifetime Engagement.

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About Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Chi Omega is a values-driven women's fraternity founded in 1885. As a nonprofit organization, it supports more than 200,000 living members in 142 college chapters and 193 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.