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ALPHA CHI OMEGA NAMES 10 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNAE REAL. STRONG. WOMEN. OF DISTINCTION

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INDIANAPOLIS, June 2, 2017 – After a nationwide call for nominations, Alpha Chi Omega has named 10 outstanding women Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction.

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. This year's cohort includes women who are making a direct, positive impact on their professions, their communities and their world. Among them are field-leading educators, social advocates, visionary philanthropists and start-up entrepreneurs.

Profiles and photos of each award recipient will be featured in the summer *Lyre* magazine and online at www.alphachiomega.org/rswdistinction.

The 2017 Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction are:

- Dana Boyd Barr – Tau, Brenau University
Professor of exposure science and environmental health at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health,
Department of Environmental Health
- Paige Berges – Gamma Chi, Stetson University
Vice president of financial crime at Barclays (London)
- Katie Morgan Brossy – Xi, University of Nebraska
Senior counsel at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
- Ellen Dalton Foster – Gamma Rho, Texas Tech University
Assistant professor of secondary education - social studies at University of Mississippi and past president of
National Council for Geographic Education

- Safeena Mecklai – Pi, University of California - Berkeley
Associate vice president at Capalino+Company
- Victoria Conner Nibarger – Gamma Zeta, Kansas State University
Foreign service officer for the U.S. State Department
- Rebecca Weaver-Hightower – Theta Lambda, Clemson University
Professor of English literature and postcolonial studies at the University of North Dakota
- Barbara Brooks Wilkerson – Epsilon Rho, University of Delaware
Pediatric nurse practitioner at Child Health Specialty Clinic University of Iowa
- Julie Crider Wisbrock – Phi, University of Kansas
Senior director of chapter support for Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women
- Eileen Wixted – Beta Epsilon, Michigan State University
Founder and principal at Wixted & Company

To learn more about the Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction awards program, contact Alpha Chi Omega Director of Marketing and Communications [Erin Witt](#).

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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 144 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.