“One of the things that I really strongly believe in is that we need to have more girls interested in math, science, and engineering. We’ve got half the population that is way underrepresented in those fields and that means that we’ve got a whole bunch of talent...not being encouraged the way they need to.”

— President Barack Obama, February 2013

Did you know that the Angelina River was named after the Native American woman, Angelina, who guided early European explorers through Texas in the eighteenth century? In fact, the Angelina is the only river in Texas named for a woman.

Women helped settle Texas alongside of fathers, husbands, and sons; Amanda Fallier von Rosenberg wrote to friends in Prussia about life on the Texas frontier, including tidbits about the availability of food, German customs in Texas, and

Bell Starr
Dr. Michael Perri introduces the movie *Downfall* for the October colloquium. The movie follows Traudl Junge, the final secretary for Adolf Hitler, as she tells of the Nazi dictator's final days in his Berlin bunker at the end of WWII.
I have been a student of many disciplines and was not able to pin down a major until junior year. I am a Mass Communications major with a minor in interdisciplinary studies. I currently run a Facebook page called "Lightning Photography," which I use to showcase my photos of lightning and storms and to connect with others who share my passion. I would love to make use of photography in my future career. I have also been told that I am good at writing, a skill I honed in working on projects I’ve done for my Honor's credit. I also run small businesses on the side on eBay and Amazon. I’ve made use of the economics classes that I’ve taken as electives, to fulfill my honors scholarship requirements, in making decisions for my business. I still do not know what I will do, but at any rate I have developed the skills for many different areas while here at Texas A&M - Texarkana.

Garrett Griffin, (Spring 2015)

Mark Twain once said, "the two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." Upon entering the BAAS program at Texas A&M University - Texarkana and being accepted into the Honors Program, I realize that returning to school was why. The Honors Program has not only provided me an opportunity to grow both academically and intellectually, but it has provided me an opportunity to be an example for which my beautiful daughters can follow. The Honors Program has helped me build a solid foundation for the phase of my life, which is to pursue a graduate degree in Adult and Higher Education here at TAMUT.

Esther Pippin (Spring 2015)
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the rural economy.

Women fought to make Texas a fairer, more inclusive place for all of its residents. Civil rights activist Christia V. Daniels Adair helped to desegregate the Houston Public Library, department store dressing rooms, and city buses. Beatriz Tagle Perez worked to desegregate the Corpus Christi school system and allow Mexican American children equal access to education.

Texas has had its share of colorful characters and infamous women. The “Bandit Queen” Myra Maybelle Shirley Starr, also known as Belle Starr, lived in Scyene near Dallas. Her exploits with the Younger gang are the subject of many legends and stories. (https://www.tshaonline.org/quiz/current.html)

Find out more at Texas State Historical Association.

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Where will you be the second weekend in April? We hope your answer is that you'll be joining Alpha Chi at its 2016 national convention in DC/Alexandria!

Not only will delegates find a trip to our nation’s capital exhilarating and rewarding, the Alpha Chi convention will provide a stimulating academic setting for all who attend. Student presentations, awards, and keynote speakers will fill the program, with an afternoon and evening set aside for sightseeing on your own. This year’s convention theme, Transcending Boundaries, will be developed as we hear from presenters with a variety of scholarly interests and backgrounds.

Located in the West End of Historic Alexandria, Virginia, the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center hotel, is just five miles from the attractions of DC and four miles from Old Town Alexandria. This location offers a very attractive room rate, with easy access via the complimentary hotel shuttle to the King Street Metro station and Capital attractions just a few metro stops away. Alexandria, for those already familiar with DC, boasts a historic downtown, a busy waterfront, blocks of quaint shops, scrumptious seafood, and a bustling nightlife, all accessible via the hotel's complimentary shuttle and a free downtown trolley.

Our convention agenda this year will run from Thursday through Saturday evening. Delegates will check in to the hotel and Alpha Chi Central on Thursday afternoon with welcome sessions for students and faculty and a reception beginning in the early evening. The first adjudicated student presentations begin soon after, with the poster forum, allowing ample time for continued networking as all delegates survey the scholarly efforts of Alpha Chi’s student researchers.

Friday morning will be pleasantly busy. In addition to roughly 150 student presentations in two sets of concurrent sessions, each region will meet to elect new leaders and discuss topics affecting their regions. The entire convention will assemble for brunch in the ballroom to meet this year’s Distinguished Alumna, Avery Bourne. You can learn more about Rep. Bourne, a recent graduate of Columbia College, here. By early Friday afternoon, delegates will be free to explore the riches of DC and Alexandria. Group transportation to a central location to be determined (perhaps Metro Center or L’Enfant Plaza) will be arranged for delegates wanting to quickly get to the heart of DC. Later that evening, many will return to the hotel for what's become a popular addition to the convention schedule: Alpha Chi’s Got Talent!

We’ll be up and at it early on Saturday, beginning with coffee and a bakery item as we gather by region for networking and to announce any regional news developed during the convention. Up to 250 more students will deliver research and creative presentations throughout the day; in addition all delegates will attend important sessions devoted to strengthening chapters on local campuses. The convention will conclude with a dinner, keynoted by Pulitzer-winner Sonia Nazario. Best known for her work Enrique’s Journey, her address will weave together the many strands of the convention theme Transcending Boundaries. Students also anticipate the many awards announced at the final gala, which always create a high note.

We hope all chapters will make plans to join us in DC/Alexandria for the annual convention April 7-9, 2016. It’s a capitol idea!