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At the Supreme Council meeting at Madison, Wisc., in July 1913, Alpha Chi Sigma initiated a scholarship recognition program "To emphasize the belief that to encourage scholarship is one way to strive for the advancement of chemistry."

The 1914 and 1915 award winners were selected on the basis of average grades in all subjects in the sophomore and junior years to any student majoring in chemistry at an institution where the Fraternity had a chapter. The council had great difficulty in arriving at equivalent values for grades at the various institutions. Accordingly, in 1916 the Conclave changed the basis of the award to competitive examinations in the areas of general inorganic, analytical, historical and "contemporaneous" chemistry. Organic and physical chemistry were not covered since these were senior-level subjects in some institutions at that time.

During the nine years the award was given, the winners were:

1914	Henry R. Curme, Upsilon 1913
1915	Roy Frederick Newton, Upsilon 1914
1916	Emil C. Lefevre, Kappa 1917
1917	Carl Iddings, Sigma 1916
1918	Dwight C. Bardwell, Sigma 1917
1919	Clara B. McMillan
1920	Ralph L. Shriner, Alpha Epsilon 1919
1921	Ludvig Reimers, Sigma 1920
1922	Ross Cummings



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At the 7th Biennial Conclave, the award was terminated by action of the Grand Chapter when a survey revealed that few chapters saw “any considerable merit in the project.” In opposing the termination of the award, Harry A. Curtis, Eta 1908, wrote, “The recipient of a medal will prize it no less because of the fact that the work was done for its own sake. Perhaps every great piece of work is done for the joy of the doing, but recognition of the merit of the work by others is no less welcome.”

It was in this spirit that in 1978 the Supreme Council re-instituted the award. Today it consists of a gold scholarship key, a certificate and \$2,500. The biography of the recipient also is featured in The HEXAGON.

Nominations for the award are solicited annually. Selection is made on the basis of outstanding scholarship for undergraduate students and on the basis of original chemical research for graduate students. The Alpha Chi Sigma Scholar is selected by the Scholar Award Committee.

Since its reinstitution, the award has been presented to:

1980	Eric T. Crickman, Beta Psi 1978
1981	Lorraine K. Schroeder, Beta Eta 1980
1982	R. Scott Wilson, Alpha Zeta 1978
1984	Wayne L. Wittenberg, Alpha 1974
1985	Mary B. Parker, Zeta 1981
1986	Kurt Rothenberger, Zeta 1981
1987	Matthew T. Clarke, Beta Eta 1985
1988	Dawn A. Groenke, Beta Nu 1986
1989	Robert M. Leasure, Alpha Kappa 1987
1990	Douglas P. Dee, Sigma 1987
1991	Joseph R. Jacobs, Jr., Alpha Sigma 1988
1992	Brian P. Hudson, Beta Nu 1990
1993	Loredana Soceneantu, Beta Mu 1991
1994 Dual Award	Donna Gray Hartzfeld, Beta Omega 1990 Christopher Todd Scurlock, Beta Omega 1990
1995	Jay E. Harris, Rho 1994
1996	Eric Schmidt, Beta Theta 1991
1997	Carla Jo Harper, Beta Theta 1991
1998	Jessica Robinson, Beta Theta 1994
1999	Dorion Liston, Gamma Eta 1995
2000	Jaime Stearns, Upsilon 1998

2001	Matthew Schiffler, Alpha Kappa 1999
2002	Andrea Dale Marcum, Gamma Eta 1999
2003	Michael Leader, Beta Chi 2000
2004	Matthew Lohse, Alpha Sigma 2000
2005	Kathleen Phipps, Gamma Beta 2001
2006	Brian J. Walker, Tau 2003
2007	Thomas Teets, Gamma 2004
2008	Natalie Anderson, Alpha Sigma 2006
2009	Anastasia Berrier, Gamma Upsilon 2007
2010	Nicholas Bencivenga, Mu 2008
2011	Nicole Lorenz, Alpha Sigma 2008
2012	Jacob Wagner, Gamma 2009
2013	Amy Pochodylo, Alpha Upsilon 2011
2014	Jenna Silverman, Gamma Nu 2012
2015	Eric Alexy, Gamma Xi 2011
2016	Andrew Dixon, Beta Tau 2012
2017	Anthony Tabet, Beta 2013
2018	Justin Pratt, Delta Delta 2012
2019	Angela Chen, Alpha Beta 2017
2020	Jenna Manske, Alpha Beta 2017
2021	Jill Belluomini, Delta Nu 2018
2022	Daniel Tinney, Alpha Kappa 2011
2023	Anna Chiara Russo, Alpha Beta 2021
2024	Artin Asadipooya, Alpha Gamma 2022
2025	Andrew Watts, Delta Kappa 2022