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## **TRINITY UNIVERSITY STUDENT WINS NATIONAL GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP**

FAIRPORT, New York – Dr. Susan Melson Huffman, National President of Alpha Lambda Delta, announced Jaskirat Batra from Trinity University was awarded the Dr. Patricia Graham Graduate Fellowship in the award amount of \$5,000. This graduate fellowship is for the 2017 – 2018 academic year.

Twenty-six graduate fellowships are given annually by Alpha Lambda Delta to its members from a national pool of competitive applicants. Award amounts range from \$3,000 - \$7,500 and are used to offset the expense of pursuing graduate or professional studies. Batra will be pursuing an advanced degree in Materials Science and Engineering.

Each fellowship is named for a person of significance to Alpha Lambda Delta. Dr. Patricia A. Graham received her baccalaureate degree from Trinity University in San Antonio in Business Administration, followed by her MA in Guidance and Counseling from St. Mary's University in San Antonio and her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Texas at Austin. Following her degrees, she began her tenure as a professor of education at UTSA. Dr. Graham served as the Alpha Lambda Delta's Vice President for Chapter Relations and Expansion for three terms – from 1989 until she was elected President-Elect in 1996. She continues to work at the University of Texas at San Antonio and advise the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter there.

### **Alpha Lambda Delta**

Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes students' academic success during their first year at a college or university. Founded in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta has over a million lifetime members and is present on over 280 campuses nationwide. Alpha Lambda Delta's mission is to "encourage superior academic achievement, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society."

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