



“ Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

-Nelson Mandela

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TRI-ALPHA FIRST- GENERATION HONOR SOCIETY

Established in 2021 as a
Recognized Student Organization
at Wichita State University
*Founded in March 2018
at Moravian (College) University*



ABOUT US

Tri-Alpha was founded March 24, 2018 at Moravian College in Bethlehem Pennsylvania.

Over 100 members of the Alpha Chapter were initiated, including undergraduate students, faculty, staff, alumni, and honorary members.

Following the successful induction, the College took steps to incorporate Alpha Alpha Alpha so that chapters could be started on other campuses across the country.

The Gamma Beta Chapter was chartered at Wichita State University in 2020.

Tri-Alpha exists as a not-for-profit (501(c)3) organization, for the purposes of supporting the activities of the honors society.

“high expectations equal high academic achievements”



BENEFITS

- A certificate and pin signifying membership.
- An outward recognition of personal accomplishment and an incentive for continued high scholarship.
- Opportunity to meet other first-gen scholars from all academic disciplines on your campus.
- Promote academic excellence and create a supportive environment for first-generation college students.
- Identifies you to employers, professionals, and graduate schools as a person of superior academic ability and commitment.
- Ability to mentor younger first-gen students.
- Receive mentoring from more senior first-gen students, as well as faculty, staff, and alumni who were first-generation students.
- Local chapter leadership opportunities.

TRI-ALPHA

Alpha Alpha Alpha (Tri-Alpha) First-generation Honor Society recognizes the academic achievements of first-generation college students.

WSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni are encouraged to join Tri-Alpha to support and advocate for first-generation college students.

This lifetime membership is achieved through the one-time national induction fee of \$25 for students and \$40 for faculty, staff, and alumni.

Students qualify for induction into Tri-Alpha if they meet the following criteria:

- Has earned at least 30 credit hours towards a baccalaureate degree;
- Has achieved an overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale;
- Neither of the student's parents, step-parents, nor legal guardians, has completed a bachelor's degree; and
- Graduate students who are first-generation students can be admitted if they have completed the equivalent of at least one term of study (9 or more graduate credits) and have a GPA in their graduate program of at least 3.5.

Faculty and staff qualify for induction by meeting the definition of a first-generation student listed above at the time they completed their bachelor's degree. Faculty and staff must be willing to serve as mentors for first-generation students.