Dear First-Generation Faculty and Staff:

As you may be aware, last spring, Carson-Newman University established its first **national honor society for first-generation students, Alpha Alpha Alpha (Tri-Alpha.)** Carson-Newman was awarded the Delta Psi Chapter, and we are proud to invite you to join.

To qualify:

* you must have earned at least a Bachelor’s Degree
* Neither of your parents (nor step-parents nor legal guardians) completed a bachelor’s degree *prior* to your completing one (if they completed a bachelor’s degree subsequent to yours, that does not matter for this purpose)
* you must be serving in Higher Education at the time of your induction

Faculty and staff who are inducted into Alpha Alpha Alpha may be asked to serve as mentors for our first-generation students who will benefit from knowing that others made their journey before them and succeeded!

**The Induction Ceremony is scheduled for April 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Thomas Recital Hall in the Tarr Music Center.** Also, Academic Council has approved Tri-Alpha cords to be worn at commencement, and you may purchase one for $20.00.

Your one-time **dues payment** of $25.00 gives you lifetime membership in Alpha Alpha Alpha. Please make the check out to Carson-Newman University and write “Tri-Alpha” on the memo line. ***To be inducted at this year’s ceremony, please deliver payment (check or cash) to the Student Success Center no later than Wednesday, March 1, 2023***.

Sincerely,

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