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### Alpha Chi's Tennessee Delta Named 2022 Outstanding Chapter

Little Rock, Ark.—Last month at the end of the 2022 Alpha Chi National Convention in Austin, Texas, the Tennessee Delta chapter of Alpha Chi at Carson-Newman University was named the Outstanding Alpha Chi Chapter of the Year and received the society's President's Cup that is awarded annually to only one chapter in the nation. The Carson-Newman delegation was surprised with the coveted President's Cup trophy on March 26 during the convention's closing business session, and the chapter will also receive a \$200 honorarium.

This vigorous competition surveys three years of a chapter's academic events, service initiatives, community activities of an academic nature, convention participation, social media and campus awareness initiatives, and undergraduate publication in Alpha Chi's peer-reviewed journal, *Aletheia*. According to the committee charged with judging the applications received, Tennessee Delta met or exceeded all eleven criteria. Awards and Honors Committee Chair Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley said, "The Carson-Newman chapter is to be commended for holding at least four academic activities each year and especially [for] organizing and having six such events in the 2021-22 year during the pandemic." The chapter also holds a number of annual community-related events, regularly sends four or five student presenters to the annual national convention, and nominates at least two students for national scholarships each year.

Dr. Kip Wheeler, Tennessee Delta chapter advisor, beamed with pride as his chapter's name was called and his delegation realized they had won the coveted award. When asked about his chapter's win, Dr. Wheeler said, "Alpha Chi is an honor society focused on recognizing and encouraging scholarship. As such, it has been a positive influence on many college campuses for a full century. This year, competing for Outstanding Chapter out of hundreds of collegiate chapters was a humbling honor. I would encourage local chapters to apply and compete for the President's Cup in upcoming years. If tiny Tennessee Delta at Carson-Newman can do it, your chapter can, too."

Tennessee Delta had not won this award since 1997 when the chapter was under the leadership of Dr. Ellen Millsaps, who was coincidentally in the room as an Advisor Alumna and former Council member who had returned for Alpha Chi's centennial year celebration. As the delegation proceeded to the front of the room, Council President Dr. David Jones and Executive Director Lara Noah both congratulated the delegation on their achievement.

Alpha Chi National College Honor Society invites to membership juniors, seniors, and graduate students from all disciplines in the top ten percent of their classes. Active on nearly 300 campuses nationwide, chapters induct approximately 10,000 students annually. Since the Society's founding in 1922, Alpha Chi members charged with upholding the tenets of Truth and Character have dedicated themselves to "making scholarship effective for good." Alpha Chi is a member in good standing of the Association of College Honor Societies, the only national accrediting body for collegiate honor societies.

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