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Waldorf Honors

Alpha Chi is an organization that honors the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors in their grades and they use those gifts to help service others. Not a lot of people on campus might know what this organization is, but that is because it is so exclusive.

Any other club or organization on campus they usually are open to everyone. With Alpha Chi you need to be smart, as well as you can't be a freshman or sophomore in college. They do this because; one it is a good scholarship builder for upper classman, and two it helps build networks for after graduation.

To get an invitation into Alpha Chi you must have a 3.7 cumulative GPA. You are sent an email at the beginning of the new school year, and welcomed to come to the get to know you meeting. From there you decide if you would like to join the club/organization and if you do you pay a fifty-dollar flat rate fee to the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, this allows you to be a part of it for your whole life.

After accepting the invitation, you are then inducted into the society. They throw an inductee ceremony for everyone new to get sworn in every year, and then to swear in all the new officers including president, vice president, treasure ex.

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Like any other club at Waldorf, Alpha Chi has factually advisors. Suzanne Falck-Yi and Jordanna Hall are the advisors for this one. Both have a strong passion for academics and both apart of the Honor's program here at Waldorf.

"I think taking your academics seriously is really nice to see in young adults," Hall said. "Alpha Chi recognizes those who do and gives the students something cool to say to their friends, like hey look at me I'm smart."

Alpha Chi also helps co-sponsor events on campus. Coming up they are co-sponsoring the night against procrastination and will have inductees there to help tutor people. They also are the people who send out and present the teacher of the year award every year.

Autumn Paulson is currently the President of Alpha Chi. Last year she served as treasurer and as she has moved into her new role has made the club more active. She is constantly coming up with new ideas to get the club more involved on campus.

Another cool think about this club is they have national conferences around the U.S. This year it was held in Austin, Tex. At these conferences it gives students a chance to network with other students who apart of Alpha Chi. It also gives them a chance to present their student work to others and continue to grow.

Charlotte Wright is a sophomore with junior credits and she went to this year's national conference. She presented original photos that she took.

"I thought it was really cool," Wright said. "Being able to show off work that I was proud of and then see others work inspired me."

Alpha Chi brings an abundant number of opportunities to their inductees. Scholarships, conferences, networking. If you are ever offered to join don't miss out on this opportunity.