



*Phi Eta Sigma*

**INDUCTION  
CEREMONY**





# INDUCTION CEREMONY RECOMMENDED STAGING

1. The induction of new members into the Society shall be open to non-members.
2. The required items for the induction ceremony are:
  - The official Society Crest on display and in full view of the inductees and audience members.
  - This booklet containing the induction ceremony ritual guidelines
3. The following additional properties are optional, but could enhance the ceremony.
  - Inductee certificates and membership jewelry
  - A table, with suitable cloth cover
  - A verge or pointer (for the explanation of the crest and key, as included in the ceremony)
  - Academic regalia and gowns for the participating officers and chapter advisor
4. It is encouraged that chapters share a Future with Phi message with their new members at the induction ceremony or at a subsequent meeting or event to share how the inductees can be engaged with Phi Eta Sigma at the local, regional, and national levels. These messages can be produced by the National Office and/or customize by the local chapter.
5. Any local customs, history, or traditions may be inserted into the induction ceremony if desired, and approved by the National Office.
6. Chapters may request a virtual or in-person welcome to Phi Eta Sigma message from the National Office or Board of Directors.



# INDUCTION CEREMONY SCRIPT

## **SENIOR ADVISOR OR DESIGNATED CHAPTER OFFICER:**

Students and Guests, standing before you are the officers and chapter advisor of the \_\_\_\_\_ [*Insert your university's name*] Chapter of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

I am the senior advisor [*or insert designated chapter officer title*], and my name is \_\_\_\_\_ [*insert name*].

You are among a select group of prestigious students who have met the requirements necessary for Phi Eta Sigma. The honor of membership is bestowed on you in recognition of your exceptional scholastic record. Once you have been inducted, you are a member for life.

Phi Eta Sigma was founded at the University of Illinois in 1923 to recognize and promote superior scholarship among first-year students. Over the last century, the Society has established chapters at nearly 400 institutions of higher learning.

We are the \_\_\_\_\_ [*insert chapter charter number*] established in \_\_\_\_\_ [*insert chapter charter year*].

Phi Eta Sigma was originally a freshman men's scholastic honor fraternity having a formal grip, password, and secrets. In 1974, the Society dropped the word "fraternity," and we have accepted all students regardless of gender into membership, and opened the induction ceremony to non-members. It is the honor aspect which we emphasize, stressing the academic nature of our organization.

Your induction is a traditional procedure during which we shall inform you of your responsibilities as a Phi Eta Sigma member. Although the original ritual has been modernized, the basic principles of the Society remain unchanged. Our chapter advisor, \_\_\_\_\_ [*insert chapter advisor name*] will begin the ceremony.



## **CHAPTER ADVISOR**

Membership in Phi Eta Sigma is an honor bestowed on those who, at the beginning of their collegiate careers, give promise of continued excellence in scholarship. In admitting you to membership in our Society, we stress not only the importance of scholastic excellence, but the importance of three elements required for your holistic development as individuals.

To inform you of your responsibilities associated with membership in Phi Eta Sigma, I present to you our Chapter President *[or designated chapter officer]*,

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## **CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

Phi Eta Sigma emphasizes qualities which are essential to a successful and happy life. The person who succeeds must possess three important qualities: vigor and discipline of mind; care and respect for one's self; and above all, generosity of character.

*[Insert the names and titles of the three designated chapter officers who will be reading the next portion of the induction ceremony ritual]*

The chapter \_\_\_\_\_ *[title 1]* \_\_\_\_\_ *[name 1]*,  
\_\_\_\_\_ *[title 2]* \_\_\_\_\_ *[name 2]*,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ *[title 3]* \_\_\_\_\_ *[name 3]*,  
will now explain the importance of each of these attributes.

## **DESIGNATED CHAPTER OFFICER 1:**

A vigorous and disciplined mind is one of the first requisites of success. Those having great achievements as goals must be able to think comprehensively, logically, and accurately. Thorough mental training is required to accomplish this.





## **DESIGNATED CHAPTER OFFICER 2:**

Respecting one's self means treating yourself with dignity and meaning. Achieving holistic health allows you to provide service to the community. The trained mind without care and respect falls short of its possibilities.

## **DESIGNATED CHAPTER OFFICER 3:**

Character is the foundation of responsibility and success. It is the basic link between respect for one's self and discipline of mind. The qualities of character which we emphasize are: truth and helpfulness in our relations with others, courage to uphold your principles, and constructive thinking.

## **CHAPTER PRESIDENT:**

Wellness is the complete integration of mind, body, and spirit. Candidates, these are the qualities which we emphasize. If you accept these qualities as guidelines for your future life, answer, "I will."

## **INDUCTEES:**

(answering in unison): I will.

## **CHAPTER PRESIDENT:**

[*Insert name of Chapter Advisor*], What is your recommendation concerning these candidates?

## **CHAPTER ADVISOR:**

President [*insert first and/or last name*], I find that they merit membership in a society which celebrates academic achievement, values vigor and discipline of mind, care and respect for one's self, and above all, mobility and generosity of character. Never before have the peoples of the world given so much attention or prestige to academic training, or placed so much faith in the minds of academic scholars.

May these candidates continue in this path to further achievements on our campus and to grater service to other students and citizens.



## **CHAPTER PRESIDENT:**

Phi Eta Sigma is an honor society composed of individuals with high ideals seeking companionship and fellowship. I am happy to welcome you into their company, and to instruct you on the meaning of our crest.

The crest presents the symbols of the Society. The torch and book are emblematic of scholarship; the pyramid, of strength; and the gold star, of noble character. The chain links the symbols together, indicating that all three must be combined in a person who would attain the highest development. The Greek words on the scroll form the motto of the organization: "Knowledge is Power."

The pin displays the colors of the society. On a background of gold there appear, in black enamel, are three Greek letters which form the name of our Society: Phi, Eta, and Sigma. These are the initials of the words (pronounced Phé -loy Hay-bay-done So-phé-as). They represent the basis of our selection of members in that they literally mean "Lovers of Wisdom."

As you accept membership, I charge you as new members of Phi Eta Sigma to be ever mindful of the three qualities which our golden key symbolizes: vigor and discipline of mind; care and respect for one's self; and above all, generosity of character.

I welcome you into the \_\_\_\_\_ [*insert university name*] chapter of Phi Eta Sigma.





## **NOTES FOR THE ADVISOR**

At this time, any additional comments can be made and then an explanation of the process of passing out certificates and membership pins, followed by an optional signing of the membership role book if the chapter chooses to do so.

The signing of the chapter roll and giving of certificates may be done at some other appropriate time, such as the initiation dinner, but not prior to the induction ceremony.

All induction ceremony booklets should be returned to the chapter advisor at the end of the ceremony.



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