

Sample Induction Ceremony Script

The following is a sample script for a Sigma Chi Eta induction ceremony. Please feel free to use it as a guide and adapt it to meet the individual needs of your chapter. Many chapters will invite a key note speaker such as faculty members, deans, administrators or individuals outside the university or discipline.

Room Set-up: Chairs are arranged theater style with a center aisle. A table is in the front of the room with three candles. To the right is a podium for speakers and to the rear of the room is a table for refreshments. Greeters meet people at the door with a program and any other handouts.

Faculty Advisor: I would like to begin by welcoming everyone to the Sigma Chi Eta (*your chapter*) Induction ceremony. First, it is my pleasure to introduce to you the chapter officers and our special guests (*make a list of chapter officers and any special guests*).

President: Sigma Chi Eta is the official community college honor society of the National Communication Association (NCA). Since 2000, SCH has fostered growth in the Communication discipline among two-year colleges and universities.

Every year, Sigma Chi Eta inducts and rewards outstanding student scholars in Communication. Once inducted, a student is a member for life, and is expected to always strive for excellence in all that they do. The Greek letters Sigma, Chi, and Eta, represent **S**tudents in **C**ommunication with **H**onors. Our candle-lighting ceremony will further describe the meaning behind these letters.

Now I would like to ask all new inductees to please assemble in the rear of the room and for faculty and Sigma Chi Eta chapter officers to please come to the front of the room and form the receiving line. (*Faculty should be at the front left side of the room and officers at the front right side of the room. New members should be lined up alphabetically in the back of the room.*)

Officer #1: Students are at the heart of our chapter here at (*school name*). The students whom we honor (*today, tonight*) have demonstrated, through their commitment and high level of academic achievement that they are deserving of membership in Sigma Chi Eta. (*Officer lights first candle.*)

Officer #2: Students in Communication. The students we honor have indicated that they both understand and value the study of Human Communication. These students have committed to apply their academic knowledge in Communication to the betterment of themselves, the organizations in which they partake, and their campus and local communities. (*Officer lights second candle.*)

Officer #3: Students... in Communication... with Honors. The students we pay tribute to (*tonight, today*) have performed honorably. They have prioritized academic excellence by not only meeting, but surpassing, the society's eligibility requirements. Each of our new inductees

can wear proudly the lapel pins they are about to receive, as indication of their membership in Sigma Chi Eta and their significant achievement. (*Officer lights third candle.*)

President: The purpose of the Honor Society, according to the national Policies and Procedures is:

1. To recognize, foster, and reward outstanding scholastic achievement
2. To stimulate interest in the field of Communication
3. To promote and encourage professional development among Communication majors
4. To provide an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas about the field
5. To establish and maintain close relationships and understanding between faculty and students
6. To explore options for further undergraduate/graduate studies

Officer #1: The membership of Sigma Chi Eta is composed of students who have declared an interest in the field of Communication at (*the institution where the chapter is recognized*), and who have achieved a high level of academic excellence.

To be eligible for membership, students must have completed 12 semester credit-hours; have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0; have completed the equivalent of 9 semester credit hours in Communication; and have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 in these courses. Lastly, he or she must be currently enrolled as a full-time student in good standing.

(The faculty should be at the front, left side of the room, while the president and the Sigma Chi Eta board are on the front, right side of the room, forming a receiving line. One at a time, the president should announce the new initiates in alphabetical order. Once the initiate's name is called, he or she will walk to the front of the room and receive their certificate.)

President: As newly inducted members of Sigma Chi Eta, please repeat after me:
I accept the challenge to maintain the high academic and leadership standards set forth by the organization, and to serve as examples for the achievement of excellence in the field of Communication. And I promise to work toward the achievement of the goals as set down by the national Policies and Procedures of Sigma Chi Eta.

(To audience) I now present to you the newly inducted members of the (*your chapter*) chapter of Sigma Chi Eta for the (*academic year*). On behalf of Sigma Chi Eta and the (*your chapter*) chapter, Welcome! Will the faculty, administration, family members, and friends gathered here today please join us in welcoming these new members!

pause for applause

Thank you for your attendance today in support of these remarkable inductees. Now, I would like to invite you to join the new members for refreshments available at the back of the room.

Initiates extinguish their candles and proceed to refreshments as the guests of honor.