



PI LAMBDA THETA INITIATION CEREMONY SCRIPT

(Music plays as advisors and inductees enter the room.)

PRESIDENT

Parents, students, educators, administrators, and other guests — welcome to the *(Year)* Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society induction ceremony. We should be happy and proud to be here, to be a part of this important event in the lives of these students. They are to be recognized for their accomplishments and efforts, which allow them to be members of such an esteemed organization.

Pi Lambda Theta is one of the nation's most prestigious education honor societies, serving to recognize outstanding students who intend to pursue careers in education. With more than 185,000 individuals inducted across the nation since 1910, membership signifies a strong commitment to academic excellence and the teaching profession.

Induction into Pi Lambda Theta is a distinction awarded only to the most high-achieving students. Nominated students must meet the most rigorous academic requirements.

As an honor society, Pi Lambda Theta's purpose is to recognize persons of superior scholastic achievement and high potential for professional leadership. Pi Lambda Theta seeks to:

FOSTER creativity and academic excellence at all educational levels;
DEMONSTRATE the power of competence in the body of knowledge unique to the profession;
IMPROVE the status of educators; and
PROMOTE professional fellowship and cooperation as a means to positive action.

We will now begin the introductions of our new inductees. We ask that you please hold your applause until all students have been introduced.

PRESENTING OFFICER

Students joining Pi Lambda Theta today will receive a certificate stating they have been inducted. Inductees have also received gold honor cords to wear at graduation to identify them as Pi Lambda Theta members.

Madam *(or Mr.)* President, it is my privilege to present these candidates who wish to join us in achieving the purposes of Pi Lambda Theta.

Introduction of New Members

(Presenting officer calls each inductee forward one at a time and presents a certificate.)

It is my pleasure to introduce *(Name of inductee)* into the *(Chapter Name, if applicable)* Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta. Congratulations, *(Name of inductee)*, on becoming a member of Pi Lambda Theta.

(Repeat for each inductee.)

Will all of the candidates please rise?

I will now read the words of the Pi Lambda Theta Pledge. If you accept these responsibilities, please repeat the words after me.

(All inductees recite the pledge simultaneously.)

I, [state your name], / promise that I will endeavor to be loyal / to the purposes of Pi Lambda Theta and the field of education, / and that I will uphold and promote the ideals of Pi Lambda Theta / in my career as an educator.

On behalf of *(Chapter name, if applicable)* Chapter, *(University or college name)*, and the national Pi Lambda Theta organization, it gives me great pleasure to confer your membership and welcome you into Pi Lambda Theta.

I now invite the audience to join me in congratulating the newest members of Pi Lambda Theta!

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT

Congratulations! In closing, I charge you, as members of Pi Lambda Theta, to be:

EAGER to serve;
WILLING to learn; and
COMMITTED to deepening your skills as educators in order to improve learning for all of your students.

Parents, students, educators, administrators, and other guests — thank you for attending the induction ceremony. Please join us for refreshments in *(the location of reception)* immediately following the procession of our Pi Lambda Theta members.

(Music plays as members leave.)