



Initiation Ceremony

Members of Pi Sigma Alpha, candidates for initiation, and friends: We are here today for the purpose of initiating new members into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

The study of politics and government is one of the noblest of academic pursuits because a deep and true understanding of the principles by which we govern ourselves contributes directly to the quality of our lives and the well-being of future generations. You have demonstrated, both by your interest in and commitment to this discipline and by your high scholastic achievement, that you have the potential to excel as citizens and scholars and so deserve the honor of membership in Pi Sigma Alpha. With this special honor, come the special obligations of leaders to exemplify and safeguard the academic aims of your institution, the honesty and integrity of its scholars, and the ideals of your Alma Mater. You have earned membership in this illustrious society by attaining the highest standards of scholarship not only in the discipline of political science but in your overall academic work as well, in accordance with the rigorous criteria set forth in the national constitution of Pi Sigma Alpha, the by-laws of your chapter, and the strict requirements of the Association of College Honor Societies.

I now ask that each of the new inductees turn on their audio and say “I do” after I read the following declaration:

Do you, our new members, signify your acceptance of and commitment to the ideals of high scholarship, integrity, and citizenship embodied in the goals of your institution and of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society?

[all members say I do]

Your eligibility for membership in Pi Sigma Alpha has been vouched for members of the faculty at your institution and so you are duly invited to lifetime membership in both the national organization of Pi Sigma Alpha and your local chapter. Congratulations!