

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY HELD OCTOBER 18, 2017

THIS 66TH YEAR HONORING 40 OF 2017'S SELECTED NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS FROM THE CLASS OF 2018 AND 2019 AT ALLEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL, OCCURRED AT 6:30 P.M. ON OCTOBER 18, 2017, AS CURRENT MEMBERS JOINED IN WATCHING AND HONORING THE CELEBRATION OF THE INDUCTEES.

"THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IS THE LEADER AMONG ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES THAT PROMOTE APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION FOR STUDENTS WHO REFLECT OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE AREAS OF SCHOLARSHIP, CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE. THOUSANDS OF SCHOOLS ARE CHARTERED AND THEIR CHAPTERS ARE FOLLOWING THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP IS OFTEN REGARDED AS A VALID INDICATOR THAT THE STUDENT WILL SUCCEED IN LIFE AND PARTICULARLY IN STUDIES AT THE POSTSECONDARY LEVEL. THE HONOR SOCIETY


MEMBER HAS ALREADY EXHIBITED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, LEADERSHIP, HONORABLE AND ADMIRABLE CHARACTER, AND SERVICE THAT DEMONSTRATES THE MEMBER IS WILLING TO USE HIS OR HER TALENTS AND SKILLS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SOCIETY." (ROCCO MARANO, NATL SECRETARY, NHS).

THE EVENING BEGAN WITH THE NHS OFFICERS PRESENT ON STAGE HIGHLIGHTING FOR THE AUDIENCE THE FOUR MAIN CRITERIA THAT THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOCUSES ON INCLUSIVE OF:

**KNOWLEDGE
SERVICE
SCHOLARSHIP
LEADERSHIP
CHARACTER**

PREDEEDED WITH THE LIGHTING OF A CANDLE REPRESENTING EACH VALUE HONORED. THE OFFICERS ARE: KELSEY CYNBOK, ABBEY SKARBINSKI, KRISTINA YACZIK, SARAH SZALAI, AND LEAH SCHLESINGER.

THE OATH OF MEMBERSHIP RECITED TOGETHER BY 66 NHS MEMBERS IS:




I PLEDGE MYSELF TO UPHOLD
THE HIGH PURPOSES
OF THE NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY
TO WHICH I HAVE BEEN SELECTED,
STRIVING IN EVERY WAY
BY WORD AND DEED
TO MAKE ITS IDEALS
THE IDEALS OF MY SCHOOL
AND OF MY LIFE.

MRS. AMY WEST AND MRS. JEANNETTE MACDONALD (Co-SPONSORS) WERE PRESENT TO OFFER GUIDANCE, WORDS OF SUPPORT, AND LEADERSHIP TO THE NHS MEMBERSHIP.

MRS. WEST, IN HER FIRST YEAR AS THE LEAD PERSON FROM NHS OVERSEEING THE SELECTION PROCESS AND THE CEREMONY DETAILS, OFFERED A MESSAGE TO THE STUDENTS THAT CENTERED AROUND THE TOPIC OF LEADERSHIP. THE MESSAGE DELIVERED WAS INSPIRING AND HEARTFELT. HERE IS WHAT MRS. WEST SAID:

“THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN 1921. THE PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, THEN AS NOW, IS TO RECOGNIZE AND FOSTER FOUR CHARACTERISTICS IN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. THESE FOUR QUALITIES ARE SCHOLARSHIP, SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND CHARACTER. IN 1951, ALLEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVED NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CHARTER, AND TODAY YOU JOIN AN ESTIMATED ONE MILLION NHS STUDENTS. NHS



CHAPTERS ARE FOUND IN ALL 50 STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, PUERTO RICO, MANY U.S. TERRITORIES, AND CANADA. THEY CAN ALSO BE FOUND IN AREAS OF ASIA; PAKISTAN HAS THREE SCHOOLS MAINTAINING AN ACTIVE CHAPTER. YOUR INDUCTION THIS EVENING JOINS YOU WITH THESE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP MINDED HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. THIS YEAR AT ALLEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL, WE HAVE 26 ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. THIS EVENING, WE ARE INDUCTING 40 NEW MEMBERS. THESE 40 INDUCTEES HAVE MET THE FOUR REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP, SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND CHARACTER.

IT WAS THE SCHOLARSHIP, SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND CHARACTER THAT DREW ME TO ALLEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL. PRIOR TO COMING TO APHS IN 2002, I TAUGHT FOR FOUR YEARS IN ANOTHER DISTRICT, BUT DIDN'T QUITE FEEL AT HOME. FORMER PRINCIPAL, MRS. WASKO WORKED WITH ME THERE AND WHEN SHE CAME TO APHS, SHE ASKED ME TO COME FOR AN INTERVIEW. WHEN OFFERED THE JOB, I SAID NO. I WAS AFRAID. I TOURED THE BUILDING, MET TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND STAFF- ONLY TO REALIZE THE AMOUNT OF PASSION FOR LEARNING AND DEDICATION TO OTHERS THAT EXISTS IN THIS BUILDING AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. AFTER SOME

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PERSUASION, I DECIDED TO TAKE THE RISK. AND A RISK I AM GRATEFUL FOR. EACH OF YOU HAVE TAKEN A RISK – A RISK TO TAKE A MORE CHALLENGING COURSE, TO TRYOUT FOR A COMPETITIVE TEAM, TO TRAVEL THE WORLD AND VOLUNTEER, TO GIVE UP A FREE MOMENT TO TUTOR A FRIEND, TO ENTER A ROOM OF STRANGERS TO JOIN A CLUB, TO LEAD EFFORTS TO BUILD SPIRIT AND FRIENDSHIPS, AND THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. EACH OF YOU HAVE STEPPED OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONES BY GIVING VALUE TO THOSE AROUND YOU. EACH RISK YOU HAVE TAKEN HAS EXPANDED YOUR PERSPECTIVE, UNDERSTANDING OF YOURSELF, OTHERS, AND THE WORLD AROUND YOU. YOU HAVE TAKEN A RISK TO DO THE RIGHT WORK. THE WORK THAT MATTERS. SOMEWHERE IN YOUR RISK-TAKING JOURNEY, YOU HAVE HAD SOMEONE WHO PUSHED AND SUPPORTED YOU ALONG THE WAY. WHEN YOU SAID NO, THEY SAID – WHY NOT? TAKE THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE SERVICE, CHARACTER, AND LEADERSHIP THEY HAVE MODELED FOR YOU OVER THE YEARS AND EXPRESS YOUR APPRECIATION. THEN SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION BY CONTINUING YOUR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT WITH THOSE AROUND YOU. WHEN WE CONTINUE TO TAKE RISKS AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, WE GUARANTEE A STRONGER FUTURE. AS WE MOVE FORWARD FROM THIS CEREMONY, KEEP MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN MIND. HE SAID:

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“EVERYBODY CAN BE GREAT... BECAUSE ANYBODY CAN SERVE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE YOUR SUBJECT AND VERB AGREE TO SERVE. YOU ONLY NEED A HEART FULL OF GRACE. A SOUL GENERATED BY LOVE.”
CONGRATULATIONS NEW INDUCTEES.”

**THE HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL, AND
BOARD OF EDUCATION WERE ALL
PRESENT TO OFFER THEIR
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
STUDENTS. WE ALL LOOK FORWARD
TO A TREMENDOUS SCHOOL YEAR
FILLED WITH THE DEMONSTRATED
TALENTS AND SKILLS OF THIS
INDUCTED SOCIETY.**