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Millis High School | Millis, MA

PLAN YOUR INDUCTION CEREMONY

ART MATTERS

Show your students, your school, and your community that Art Matters with these ideas for making the most of your induction ceremony!

- **Ask** chapter members to design an invitation and program for the ceremony.
- **Invite** a guest speaker from the community who champions creative thinking and visual arts.
- **Hold** an NAHS/NJAHS art exhibit with an opening reception after the induction ceremony.
- **Feature** a slideshow of member artwork and photos of previous chapter activities.
- **Recognize** chapter members with an NAHS certificate, pin, or T-shirt.*
- **Present** chapter officers with NAHS officer guard.*
- **Inform your local** newspaper and television station about your induction ceremony.

* Available at www.arteducators.org/store

A Sample Ceremony for New Members

NAEA encourages each chapter to develop its own unique operating style and traditions. Show your school pride and incorporate student accomplishments into your ceremony.

1. **The Explanation of Elements of Art**—given to the new members by the Chairperson of Awards and Ceremonies.
 - COLOR** Comes from the sun to all things on the Earth.
 - LINE** Is the edge of all things on the Earth.
 - FORM** Is the mass of the Earth.
 - TEXTURE** Is the surface of all the Earth.
 - SPACE** Is the void, the emptiness.
 - BALANCE** Is equality and harmony.
 - MOVEMENT** Is time and energy passing.
2. **The Pledge.** The new members are taught by the Society's President to say: "I will in my life, to the best of my ability through my talents in art, help to create a more beautiful world for myself, for humankind, and for all living things."
3. **The Vice President** next lights the Society's candles of red, yellow, and blue. Each new member is then called by name to receive the Society's flower (red carnation) and each returns afterwards to his/her place in the group, still standing facing the audience.
4. **The President** then gives the Society's charge to the new members: "Take of the world its colors and forms, its lines and textures, its balances and movements and spaces; combine all these into a beautiful statement of what it is to be human. Give back to the world the same element of beauty that you as an artist take from it. Create beauty in the world with your talents and your living."
5. **The Society members**, having heard the reading of the charge, sit down at the front of the audience. The President introduces the Society's sponsor, who presents the Outstanding Senior Artist Scholarship award.
6. **The President** introduces the guest speaker.
7. **Following** the induction ceremony, awards presentation, and speakers, a reception is held.

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