

Mu Theta-at-Large Chapter

Annual Induction Luncheon and Ceremony

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Why should inductees attend the Annual Induction?

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The Annual Induction is a milestone occasion, which hallmarks your initiation into the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. On this special day, your outstanding scholarly achievements as student inductees and the accomplishments of fellow nurse leader candidates are recognized in the presence of your significant others.

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What should inductees wear to the Induction?

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Business casual attire is most appropriate because the Annual Induction and Ceremony is an invited and catered event held in an elegant banquet facility, although not a formal affair.

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What should inductees do with their insignia jewelry?

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STTI bracelets, charms, lapel pins or necklace pendants convey your connectedness to nursing excellence including academic scholarship, community service, and professional leadership. By wearing the jewelry, you in essence project the pride that comes from belonging to an esteemed and highly visible international nursing organization. The decision to wear STTI insignia jewelry however, is a personal choice. You may order STTI apparel, books, jewelry, letterhead, pens, and miscellaneous items online or from a catalogue as well as purchase them in the marketplace at convention.

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What should inductees bring with them to the Induction?

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Bring a camera if you wish to share photos with family, friends, faculty members or peers. Bring cash if you intend to purchase Chapter insignia items such as cookbooks and tee shirts—each is available for fifteen dollars. Bring a jacket or scarf if you tend to feel chilled in an air-conditioned room.

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What time should attendees arrive at the function?

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There are no admission tickets. Our chapter sends its invitation (electronic or print version) to all inductees replete with a reply mechanism and directions to the facility (approximately five weeks in advance of the event). Inscribed on the card is essential info including venue and date with time. If you arrive fifteen to twenty minutes early, you will be able to register, select seat(s), converse with family and friends, and read the program in a relaxed manner.

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How do inductees know that their guests will be able to enter?

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You will need to register at the greeting table (inside/outside of the hall). In accordance with the treasurer's roster list, pre-paid individuals may enter. Once admitted, each inductee receives a boutonniere or corsage and a program. Please know that a cancelled check processed through your financial institution is the receipt or confirmation of payment should any questions arise.

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What type(s) of foods are on the menu?

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After the preliminary program and invocational prayer (a blessing prior to the meal), attendees enjoy a self-serve style buffet. A “bruncheon” consisting of both breakfast and lunch items typically includes assorted breads and cheeses, eggs, casseroles, carved and cooked meats, smoked fish, fruits, veggies, pasta dishes, mixed greens and salads. There are also a variety of hot and cold beverages and iced sheet cake for dessert. If you have, unique dietary considerations please make your preferences known beforehand.

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Could you briefly describe the ceremonial activities?

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A chapter representative or faculty member announces your name during the ceremony. Each inductee stands, recites an oath, steps forward and dons an Honor Cord (orchid and white silken, paired ropes with tassels), which is symbolic of superior academic performance. These cords donated beforehand on your behalf are gifts from the three schools comprising the chapter namely, Saint Peter’s University, Felician College, and College of Saint Elizabeth. Next, all inductees receive a certificate of membership, pose for a photo, and sign the archival ledger memorializing his or her induction into the Society. Supporters witnessing your participation respond in kind with heartfelt applause and warm congratulations.

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Is it possible to postpone the Induction and remain eligible for membership?

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Sigma Theta Tau International has a time limitation clause that permits students to complete their Induction up to one year following graduation. You become a member of the constituent chapter only after you have paid your dues. This is important so, make sure that you follow through in order to receive the full complement of organizational benefits.

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How can I become an active and participating member of my chapter post induction?

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Our chapter has several ongoing methods of communicating with members. These include but are not limited to electronic bulletins, newsletters, an interactive face book page, and an informational website with recommended readings. Please take a few moments to visit us at www.muthetaatlarge.org. Here you will find an overview of our chapter mission and statement of purpose. Posted is a calendar of events for those interested in attending general membership meetings and continuing education offerings. Chapter-based programs like our awards platform are viewable online. Education scholarship or research grant applications are also downloadable. Members may connect (via separate links) to the three schools, STTI and other specialty organizations and we encourage you to use these resources.

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What are the benefits of belonging to a local chapter?

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The chapter serves as a local learning community where you can meet nursing colleagues of likeminded interests. You may also meet people with backgrounds quite different from your own yet, have much to share and from whom you might learn. A primary benefit of belonging to an established group such as ours is in its potential to encourage you to cultivate meaningful personal and professional relationships. Here you can engage in business and social networking, establish mentoring arrangements or develop leadership competencies and skills sets all of which will enhance your career. In addition to continuing education activities, we hold holiday get-togethers (dine-outs) and attend regional gatherings with fellow chapter members. We engage in a number of community outreaches and related donation drives both here (in our country) and overseas. In turn, our members share their contacts, knowledge, expertise, and multiple spheres of influence, which ultimately expand your own.

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