

Huntington High School
Nathan Hale Chapter – National Honor Society
President Tatiana DiPaola's Induction Ceremony Remarks

Welcome parents, teachers, family members, current members, and new inductees. It is with great honor, I stand before you to present the new members in the Nathan Hale Chapter of the National Honor Society. Tonight, we will celebrate your accomplishments, the challenges you have overcome, the steps you have made, and the successes you have had as a result of all your hard work.

Congratulations! This is one of the many large steps of progress you have taken in your life. The imprint of the step you have left behind will hopefully lead others to follow in your footsteps, since the path you take will end in success. Your hard work has paid off, you have reached the top of the mountain that at first might have looked impossible to climb. Of course there were difficult parts you had to endure like maintaining such a high GPA and still finding the time to participate in numerous community service activities. There is no doubt that the standards you had to live up to were very high. But as you're sitting in your chair right now, a little anxious maybe excited, I hope that you realize that you are at the top of that mountain, that this is an amazing accomplishment. A great honor that few can say they have experienced. You should all be very proud of yourselves because this was the culmination of years of continuous hard work and dedication.

Qualifying for acceptance into the national honor society is quite demanding. Not only do your grades have to be high, but you also have to have an outstanding character, express leadership qualities, and provide service to your school and your community. This criterion establishes the fact that the students sitting in front of me right now are extremely talented. To be able to excel in all four of these categories shows how well rounded these individuals are, making them role models in our school.

The principles you live by, the ones that got you here in the first place will hopefully prevail while you continue the rest of your high school years as a member. Now that you are part of the society, it is your chance to not only remain a part of the society, but to grow and thrive as a valuable member.

Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. While

you're standing at the top of the mountain that you just climbed, take a moment to look down the side, and if you see someone struggling, do not hesitate to stick your hand out and help them up. Just because you are at the top of the mountain, does not mean that there are no other mountains to climb. Acceptance into the National Honor Society is just one of the many achievements you will have to work hard for. You will come across many more mountains before high school is over, and they will not be easy to climb. While you're climbing a mountain you will have to maintain your GPA, leadership qualities, positive attitude, and community service activities, which might seem overwhelming. However, if you continue to work as hard as you did to climb that first mountain and continue to grow within the society and with those around you, you will prevail. As members, make those steps of progress even greater, lead others in the right direction, and persist in exercising those aspects that made you a member of the National Honor Society in the first place.

Thank you. At this time I would like to introduce our principal, Dr. Leonardi.