**SCRIPT FOR SPRING 2017 CEREMONY**

**Students checked in, certificates distributed. (Jeanne and Beth)**

**Register placed by stage, stage in order. (Chandler)**

**Tracy’s eyes/ears that room is in order and all good to go. (Courtney)**

**Students gathered for group photograph. (Sydney)**

**Students lined up in alphabetical order to enter the ballroom. (Danielle, Courtney, Sydney)**

**Parents guided to seats (Amy, Jennifer, Katelyn, Cayla)**

***GOOD TO GO!!***

**Processional music begins. (Alex)**

**Tracy, Beth, Chandler and President Mearns lead students into the room.**

**Tracy, Beth and Chandler sit in front row with President Mearns. Amy, Jennifer, Katelyn, and Cayla lead Inductees to correct seats.**

**Alex, Danielle, Courtney and Sydney all seated in reserved seating.**

**I. Welcome – Tracy**

**II. Opening Remarks- President Mearns**

**III. THE INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS-2016 Executive Board**

**Tracy calls Beth and Chandler to the stage.**

***Tracy exits the stage. Beth steps to the microphone.***

**Beth**: Alpha Lambda Delta is a national society for freshmen which honors high academic achievement in the first year of college. The purpose of the organization as stated in the Constitution is to encourage superior academic achievement among students in their first year in institutions of higher education, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their roles in society.

Alpha Lambda Delta was founded as an honor society in 1924 at the University of Illinois by the Dean of Women, Maria Leonard*.* It soon became a national organization as chapters were established at Purdue University in 1926 and at Depauw University in 1927.

Growth of the society has continued to where there are now approximately 250chapters nationwide. These candidates who are now present for initiation have attained the high standard required by National Alpha Lambda Delta and are worthy to be recognized by both their college and this organization for their notable achievement in scholarship. MadamPresident, we have the honor to present to you these candidates for initiation into National Alpha Lambda Delta.

***Beth steps away from the microphone. Chandler* approaches the podium.**

**Chandler:** We are here to inform the new initiates about our organization and to ask them to take with us the pledge to make the best possible use of our education. The initials of our name stand for the Greek words: Allelois Lampadia Diadusousin *(pronounced: al-LAY-loy lam-PAH-dee-uh dee-uh-DOH-suh-sin)* which stands for the motto “we shall pass our torches on, one to another.” The insignia of Alpha Lambda Delta represents a lighted candle. The golden base of our candle signifies honesty and integrity, which are the foundations on which we were built; the shaft of our candle signifies strength and courage; and the light of our candle signifies truth and wisdom -- which can dispel ignorance and superstition, and give us the insight to live well in our time.

The red represents the burning flame of knowledge. The white represents the search for truth. The gold represents the strong base of honor. These, our three colors, symbolize the standards held by members of Alpha Lambda Delta.

Your education is the means by which you learn to recognize the wonders of science, to appreciate the beauty of great literature and art, to use well our own language, to learn the lessons of past history, to speak and read the languages of other peoples, to study the social and political forces of our world, and to discuss the thought and the philosophy of other ages. Through these means you can evaluate the forces and standards of your generation and learn to live significantly.

**SLIDE CHANGE (Alex)**

**Beth**: We will now recite the pledge.

Please stand and repeat after me:

I accept membership . . .

Into National Alpha Lambda Delta . . .

Understanding that in doing so . . .

I assume the responsibility. . .

Of continuing to maintain . . .

Its standards of service . . .

Of diligence....

And of integrity …

I pledge to promote high scholarship. ..

And to use my education . . .

For the benefit of my community . . .

My nation . . .

And the world in which we live.

**SLIDE CHANGE (Alex)**

***Amy takes her position by the podium at the left of the stage and will make sure that students sign the roll before taking the stage. Jennifer will be responsible for getting the rows to the stage at the appropriate time. Katelyn will help students exit off of the stage and Cayla to their seats.***

**Beth**: As I call your name, please come forward and then return to your seat. Please hold your applause until all the new members have been inducted.

***Chandler remains on the stage to shake hands.***

***Beth calls the names of the new members from the check-in list. Students approach the left side of the podium, sign the book, walk on stage and shake hands with Chandler. Beth should read the next name once the student has signed the roll. After all the students’ names have been read, Beth says:***

**Beth:**You have now recorded your initiation into the *NKU* chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta on the second day of April**.** Please help me congratulate the new members of the NKU chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. ***(Applause)***

***All officers take their seats.***

**SLIDE CHANGE (Danielle)**

**III. Outstanding Senior Award : Alex Gilb**

**SLIDE CHANGE (Danielle)**

**IV. Dance and Facebook : Alex Gilb, Danielle Smith**

**V. Closing Remarks : Tracy and Beth**

**Tracy:** (To the new members) On behalf of Northern Kentucky University, I wish to express our pride in your achievement and our congratulations to you. May you find in the years ahead the rewards of the educated person - imagination, adventure, humor, compassion and understanding. May you have tolerance in your dealings with all persons, generosity in giving to those in need, and insight into the feelings of others. In relating your education to the world in which you live, you can make a meaningful contribution to society.

**VI. Alma Mater: BA**

**SLIDE CHANGE (Alex)**