

# induction ceremony *cérémonie d'installation*

general format  
advisor

## pre-induction

- French music playing (including *Manie musicale* songs)
- slideshow playing (featuring pictures of inductees, projects they did, etc.)

## welcome

*Bonsoir* Good evening! It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the induction [School Name] *Société Honoraire de Français* chartered by the American Association of Teachers of French! According to the association, induction into this society is “the highest honor for students of French in the country.”

## recognition of guests

- any special guests

## the society and the flags

The *Société Honoraire de Français* aims to stimulate interest in the study of French, to promote high standards of scholarship, reward scholastic achievements, to create enthusiasm for and an understanding of Francophone cultures, and to promote international friendship.

Our [School Name] chapter was formed in [Year]. This year we have grown to have \_\_\_\_ students to celebrate who have met the national standards of an A average in French every reporting period, service, engagement in French activities, and honorable character.

- a comment or two about the overall group of inductees / this year's projects

Now, you will notice that there are two flags for this ceremony.

The familiar blue, white, and red flag of France represents the mother country, the originator of this beautiful language, and the world's number one (and!) tourist destination.

The flag with the multicolored circle is the flag of the International Organization of Francophone Countries. It comes as a surprise to many to learn that French is not limited primarily to France and Canada. In fact, the *Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie* currently has 61 member

states and 27 observers, for a total of 88 states connected in different ways to the French language and the international Francophone values. This organization was primarily founded by Léopold Sédar Senghor, the first president of Sénégal, and continues growing to this day.

There are currently about 300 million people who speak French, and according to an estimate I saw in *Forbes* magazine, there will likely be 750 million speakers of French by 2050. Many people are also surprised to learn that 55% of the people who speak French do not live in Europe; rather, the continent of Africa claims the title for the greatest percentage of French speakers in the world.

French is greatly enriched by contributions from all the Francophone cultures. It's a growing global language, and it's valuable for connecting diverse countries through a common language and common goals. It's a language of business, art, cooking, fashion, science, and math. It's called the language of love. And we celebrate not just the mother country of France, but the beauty and wealth of the entirety of *la Francophonie*.

## speech

- introduction of guest speaker
- guest speaker's remarks

## lighting of candles

The students will now light five candles. The candles represent the five colors for the five continents on the international Francophone flag, and each candle also reminds us of the five goals and the service component of the *Société Honoraire de Français*.

- \_\_\_\_ will light the purple candle.

Purple signifies transformation, wisdom, and enlightenment. Therefore, we light the purple candle to symbolize our high standards of scholarship and our scholastic achievements. It represents our choice to succeed through our own hard work and honest means and our desire to always grow in wisdom and character.

- \_\_\_\_ will light the yellow candle.

Yellow signifies optimism, imagination, and joy. Therefore, we light the yellow candle to symbolize interest in the study of French. It represents our excitement and positive attitude toward increasing our knowledge of the language and the many Francophone cultures.

- \_\_\_\_ will light the green candle.

Green signifies youth, generosity, and service. Therefore, we light the green candle to symbolize our service to our school, our community, and beyond. We have achieved success as young people and will strive to continue to be successful and of service throughout our lives.

- \_\_\_\_ will light the red candle.

Red signifies excitement and passion. Therefore, we light the red candle to symbolize our enthusiasm for the French language and Francophone cultures. It represents the passion of acquiring another language and of learning to understand other points of view.

- \_\_\_\_ will light the blue candle.

Blue signifies peace, harmony, and unity. Therefore, we light the blue candle to symbolize our desire to promote international friendship as well as a *travail du corps* among students of French. It represents our efforts to understand others to help build a more peaceful world.

## presentation of certificates

It is now my honor to present our newest candidates for *Société Honoraire de Français* to award them their certificates. This is one of my favorite moments of the year because I get to take a minute to celebrate each of my students individually. I won't hit all of their strengths and achievements, but they are such excellent people that want to take this opportunity to share at least some of the reasons why they are so special to me!

I will introduce each new member and present the certificate. Families and friends are welcome to take pictures as we go along! Students, you may come up here when I call your name. After I give you your certificate, please form a line to the side.

It is my honor to award a certificate from *Société Honoraire de Français* under the auspices of the American Association of Teachers of French to. . .

- candidates and some accomplishments / characteristics of each

I would also like to recognize the following members who were inducted last year. Please come forward as I call your name.

- members and some accomplishments / characteristics of each

Congratulations to all our new and old members!

## honor cords and Seal of Biliteracy

There are \_\_\_\_ senior members of *Société Honoraire de Français* who have met the requirements to earn an honor cord this year to wear to graduation!

Now it is my pleasure to award graduation cords to. . .

- seniors who earned cords

The[State] Seal of Biliteracy is one of five endorsements which seniors may earn for their diploma. \_\_\_\_ have met the state requirement of completing [State Seal of Biliteracy requirements].

## congratulations

As you can see, this is a very special group of young people and future leaders. Please join me in congratulating these wonderful students again!

So, my charge to all of you is:

- Continue to use and strengthen your French.
- Let French take you places.
- Let French help you make connections with new people.
- Use your language and cultural skills to promote understanding, communication, and cooperation wherever you are and whatever future path you choose.
- Live with the French *joie de vivre*

It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to work with such amazing students. Parents, thank you so much for supporting them in their studies and raising them to be caring, motivated, confident young people. Seniors, I will really miss you, but I am ~~amited to~~ ~~watch~~ ~~to~~ watch your journeys unfold and to celebrate your successes and your positive contributions to our communities and our world. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors, I am looking forward to hopefully being able to continue to work with you, whether formally or informally in the coming year! As they say in New Orleans *Laissez les bons temps rouler*

Congratulations on your accomplishments!

*Je vous aime*

## post-induction

- play “Ode to Joy” (anthem of the OIF) followed by French music
- replay slideshow
- take group and individual photos
- enjoy refreshments