

WLHS Induction Script April 6th, 2023 7 p.m. THS library

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President: Good evening everyone. Please rise for the pledge of allegiance. (lead the pledge; after the pledge, say:) Opening our event this evening will be Triton High School Principal.

Principal: *words* + At this time we would like to recognize some of the accomplishments of our World Language Honor Society seniors, many of whom are seeking the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy this year.

Senior plans:

French Teacher:

Good evening to our thirteenth set of inductees to the Triton High School World Language Honor Society! We are gathered here for the initiation of this group of students who have shown and proven a deep interest in the beautiful French and Spanish languages by maintaining a 90 weighted average in their study of these languages, all the while maintaining an 83 average in all classes. This World Language Honor Society was founded by the American Association of Teachers of French and the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese for the students of North American Secondary Schools; the Triton Charters are currently advised by myself in French, and Spanish teachers in Spanish. Triton High School established this society in 2010 for the first time. The name of this

charter is: “Tous Ensemble”, “Todos Juntos”, “All Together”. Our motto is:

"Toujours Mieux”, “Siempre Mejor”, “Always Better”. Our colors are the colors of the French and Spanish flags. The insignia and seal of our Society are those of the mother associations.

At this time I would like to thank our School Committee members (insert names) for their support of our World Language Programs and for their attendance this evening. I would like to recognize our Assistant Superintendent (name) for her support of the World Language Department as we implement the new Massachusetts World Language Frameworks. Thank you to Principal who has seen first hand what World Language Immersion Programs can do for a district; our World Language Community truly appreciates your expertise. Thank you to (names) for always ensuring that our World Language students *follow the rules!* Most especially, thank you to our World Language Department, High School Spanish Teachers, (names) as well as Middle School World Language Teachers (names) who create an inspiring, enthusiastic place to practice language and culture on a daily basis. Now I will turn the program over to our officers, current members, and new inductees. President will begin the induction ceremony.

President: (Very slowly) Will all **current members...**(name them from list below) please raise their candles and stand alongside me?

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This is our initiation; I have the honor of presenting our new members. New members, please raise your candles when your name is called:

Triton High School World Language Honor Society 2022 Inductees

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Vice President: The transmission, or, handing on of the torch is a ceremony which used to take place in Ancient Greece. For this solemn occasion, the citizens lined up at equal distances one from the other, forming a sort of chain. (*Current members form a chain as you can holding hands?*)

The first one in line lit the torch, ran to transmit it to a second, who transmitted it to a third, thus from hand to hand, each citizen ran without a backward glance, keeping alive the flame which he was to hand to another. Plato recognized in this running with a torch the image of the succeeding generations of life. Seniors who shall be leaving in a few months transmit to juniors the torch of our enthusiasm and our motto:

Vice President: “A different language is a different vision of life.”

Historian: «Une langue différente est une vision différente de la vie. »

Secretary: “Una lengua diferente es una visión diferente de la vida.”

Social Chair: This is our mother candle. It will serve us each year. It represents inspiration. Members, this candle represents inspiration for the following:

- **French** (*current members of the SHF raise candles:*)

~ **Historian** raises his lit candle saying:

“J’allume cette bougie pour les Nations-Unis. Puissent-elles contribuer à la paix universelle. “

~ **Historian** lights his candle (translates above to English) “I light this candle for the United Nations. That they may contribute to universal peace. “

~ **Historian** lights her candle saying:

“J’allume cette bougie pour la Statue de la Liberté, cadeau des citoyens de la France à leur amie, L’Amérique. Cette statue représente le symbole de la liberté précieuse à tous ceux qui entrent dans notre cher pays.”

~ **Historian** (translates above to English) “I light this candle for the Statue of Liberty, gift of the citizens of France to their friend, America; this statue represents the symbol of precious liberty to all those who enter our beloved country.”

~ **Student** “J’allume cette bougie pour les hommes de bonne volonté répandus à travers le monde. Puissent les gouvernements des pays forts et puissants entendre leurs voix et guider les peuples envers la paix éternelle. “

~**Student** "I light this candle for good will being spread across the world. May the governments of strong and powerful countries heed their call and guide people towards eternal peace."

- **Spanish** (current members of the SHH hold up candles):
- ~**Secretary** lights her candle saying: “Enciendo esta vela para recordar la unidad, la fuerza y el espíritu de los ciudadanos del mundo durante la pandemia de COVID19; que esta luz traiga buena salud a todas las personas en todo el mundo ”.

~**Student** translates: “I light this candle to remember the unity, strength and spirit of world citizens throughout the COVID19 pandemic; may this light bring good health to all people across the globe.“

~**Student** “Enciendo esta vela para que podamos llevar la antorcha para el estudio de lenguas del mundo en nuestras vidas. También enciendo la vela para la bandera de los Estados Unidos para que la libertad de la lengua y su estudio sean honrados. “

~ **Student** translates “I light this candle so that we may carry on the torch for the study of world language within our lives. Also to light the candle for the American flag so that liberty of language and its study are honored.”

~**Student** “Enciendo esta vela por todos aquellos en el mundo que comparten el objetivo común de salvar la lengua y la cultura para que todos podamos vivir en armonía.”

~**Student** translates “I light this candle for all those on earth who share the common goal of bridging language and culture so that we may all live in harmony.”

Student : These candles signify the course of your life. May your life be like these candles lit and always shining. May these candles signify for all of us the inspiration to continue our study of World Languages. May we understand that language can be a bond between people of a different race, religion, and origin. May we as citizens always strive to promote friendship and understanding among all peoples.

(Now, current members, please sit down; new inductees , please rise and form a chain as you can) We will repeat the oath of the society, phrase by phrase.

Secretary:

"As a member of the Triton High School Chapter / of the World Language Honor Society /, I promise to devote myself to the study / of the French and Spanish

language/s in order to master them someday, / remembering that a language can be a strong tie / between persons of differing origins of race or religion./ As a citizen of my country /, I promise to promote friendship and understanding / between the United States and the other lands of the world /. This is my promise and my oath.”

Vice President:

And now we will repeat the process in French and Spanish.

Vice President:

Inductees of the Société Honoraire de Français.

Please raise your candles and repeat the oath of the society after me:

« Comme membre de notre chapitre/, je promets de me dévouer/ à l'étude de la langue française/ pour m'en rendre maître/ en me souvenant qu'une langue peut être une liaison/ entre personne de race, de religion, et d'autres origines./ Comme citoyen de mon pays,/ je promets d'encourager l'amitié et l'entendement parmi tous les pays du monde. / Voilà mon sermon et mon espérance. «

President:

Inductees of the Sociedad Honoraria de Español, Please repeat the oath of the society after me:

"Como miembro de nuestro capítulo / prometo dedicarme / al estudio de la lengua española/ con el fin de dominarla / algún día recordando/ que una lengua puede ser un lazo fuerte / entre personas de distintos orígenes, de raza o religión / Como

ciudadano de mi patria/ prometo promover la amistad y el entendimiento/ entre ella
y los otros países del mundo. / Esta es mi promesa y mi juramento."

Sponsor: Friends, by the authority granted me as advisor to our Charter, I declare
you members of the Triton High School World Language Honor Society.

Congratulations.

New inductees, when your name is called, please come up to receive your
certificate and sign the register.

French

Spanish

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President: Once again, congratulations and welcome to the World Language
Honor Society. Thank you for your dedication and accomplishment. We wish you
well as you continue your study of World Language/s and Culture/s.

Vice President: From this point on, the flames of the candles are passed on to
you, the new members of the World Language Honor Society for their eternal

burning. May their symbolic glow always light your way. As we extinguish these candles (blow out your candle), we wish you a never-ending understanding of the connections that language brings us. May your passion for language and culture never diminish! Let each member keep his/her certificate as a remembrance of her/his initiation into this society.

Sponsor: On behalf of the entire World Language Department, I offer you congratulations on your outstanding achievement. Seniors will graduate with chords representing the colors of the flag of the language they are studying. I'd like to thank the parents, colleagues, and administrators for attending this ceremony and for giving their support. To conclude this evening's event, we would like to review the requirements for membership as per our National Bylaws and Constitution.

Student:

As the interconnection of societies increases globally, tomorrow's leaders must have an understanding and respect for other cultures, as well as communicate and collaborate with diverse audiences. Language skills support all of these needs. As members of the World Language Honor Society, we hope that you will become future leaders who help our society prosper in a multitude of ways. May your language skills help you become better human beings who strive for a more peaceful and just world.

President:

Congratulations to the new members of the Triton High School World Language Honor Society! Once again, thank you for your attention and contribution to this evening's program. At this time, we invite all of you to enjoy some refreshments with your families! Thank you and have a wonderful evening!