

## **OMICRON TAU THETA CHAPTER CHARTER CEREMONY**

### **PRESIDENT:**

(Rap gavel three times.) Will everyone please rise?

The charter ceremony for new chapters in Omicron Tau Theta will begin. The new chapters are:

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Do the charter members of our new chapters declare your primary interest to foster the welfare of career and technical education? If you do, please answer, I do.

(Charter members respond together, I do.)

### **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

As career-technical educators, we need the skills, knowledge, behavior, and attitudes to accomplish our unique role in education. We can fulfill our commitment to vocational education through professional leadership in teaching, service, and research.

You may all be seated.

### **SECRETARY**

Candidates for membership in our chapter(s) to be chartered this evening, these are the purposes of Omicron Tau Theta:

To promote leadership in career-technical education.

To encourage research in career-technical education.

To foster closer relationships in the career-technical community, including schools, government, business and industry.

To promote awareness of the benefits of career-technical education to the individual, society, and work.

To further the general welfare of those in the profession of career-technical education.

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

(POINTING TO THE SEAL)

Omicron (pause) represented by the circle, signifies the cycle of human resources in society. The circle of Omicron is the cycle of life, the Alpha and the Omega; the beginning and the end

Tau (pause) represented by the T, signifies truth which each of us must promote and cherish when working with learners.

Theta (pause) represented by the circle and centered banner, signifies you, the individual. You are the Theta. You are needed to assure that Omicron, the cycle of human resources and Tau, the adherence to truth, are assured for future generations.

## **HISTORIAN**

The history of career-technical education dates to those individuals who first taught productive skills to youth and adults for an improved quality of life. The golden era of all civilizations can be traced to their building and sharing of career-technical skills.

Apprenticeship training, cooperative education, and other modes of education for the world of work have existed in all societies.

The history of education for career is marked by many achievements. Career-technical education, unlike any other discipline, is the common thread that can bridge the ideas of peoples, the goals of societies, and the philosophies of governments.

The future mandates that leadership in vocational education rests with you--leaders in career-technical education.

## **PRESIDENT**

Will all member candidates representing each of our charter chapter(s) please rise. Candidates, please repeat after me:

I accept the leadership responsibilities  
(pause)

consistent with the goals of Omicron Tau Theta  
(pause)

to promote the leadership in career-technical education  
(pause)

and to further the general welfare  
(pause)

of those in the profession of career-technical education.

## **TREASURER**

Charter candidates for membership, we are pleased to welcome you into the fellowship of Omicron Tau Theta.

At this time, would the members of the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter please come forward. I want to present to your chapter representative a chapter charter and a copy of the National Officer's Handbook.

We also have a book with your Greek name, your institution, and the date and place of your chapter charter inscribed on the front page. This book should be used each time you have a chapter initiation for new members. Would each charter member of the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter please sign your name in your membership directory?

Thank you. You may be seated.

(REPEAT ABOVE FOR EACH NEW CHAPTER)

Congratulations to you, the charter members of your new chapter. Your national officers extend to each of you our offer to help your chapter in any way we can to ensure your continued commitment to the purposes of Omicron Tau Theta.

Please join us in the reception which follows this meeting so that we may greet you individually.

**PRESIDENT**

This concludes our new chapter chartering ceremony.