

Tips for a Successful Initiation

- Who to Invite:** Initiation into a Kappa Delta Pi chapter is a milestone in an educator's career. When joining an Honor Society, the public recognition is significant. The initiation ceremony is a solemn event to recognize the honor, scholarship, and excellence that distinguish individuals as Kappa Delta Pi members. Invite the University President, Vice President, Provost, and Dean of the School of Education to attend.
- Dress Code:** The ceremony reflects the ideals of the Society and must be taken seriously by members of the chapter and initiates. Members and attendees need to dress professionally for this occasion. It is not uncommon for university faculty members to come in regalia.
- Enhancements:** Floral decorations, centerpieces, candles, and music set the tone for a memorable event. Follow the ceremony with a meal or refreshments.
- Chapter History:** This is a time to showcase the history of your chapter. Use scrapbooks and Kappa Delta Pi memorabilia to highlight significant chapter and member accomplishments. Your chapter has a rich legacy of which all members should be proud.
- Celebrate:** Your members have chosen a proud profession: teaching. Take time to celebrate their choice. Invite a motivational keynote speaker to focus on the importance of being in education and the influence educators have on youth.
- Ceremony:** Chapter officers take part in reading the Rituals Ceremony. They and current members should welcome each and every new member.
- Honor:** To honor the initiates, present each with a Society Certificate. Each new member also receives the *So To Teach* Society brochure. Graduating seniors in good standing should be presented an Honor Cord.

For specifics on planning and implementing a successful initiation, including a monthly checklist, download the Initiation Guidebook at:

<http://www.kdp.org/kdpdk/chapters/collegiate/chapterleadership.php>.