



## Iota Tau Alpha Initiation Ritual

The members and guests should be seated and the officers standing in a central position behind a table on which is the official roll book. The Treasurer will have previously taken the initiates to a separate area where he/she will instruct them as to their actions during the ceremony. The Treasurer will then line up the initiates in alphabetical order and be prepared to introduce them one by one when so ordered by the President.

**President:** “Ladies and gentlemen, we will now proceed with the initiation ceremony. The Treasurer will now introduce the initiates as they come before you.”

*The Treasurer will now introduce each initiate allowing each one to move to the proper place before introducing the next. The Secretary will assist in placing the initiates so that they face the members and guests.*

**President:** “The Iota Tau Alpha Society has been established to recognize and honor those individuals in the field of Athletic Training who have through scholarship, integrity and outstanding achievement been a credit to their profession. You have been chosen to become members of Iota Tau Alpha because you have fulfilled their ideals.”

**Vice President:** “The honorary society of Iota Tau Alpha was founded at Troy University in the year 2004, by John H. Anderson. The objective of Iota Tau Alpha is to foster a high standard of ethics and professional practices and to create a spirit of loyalty and fellowship, particularly around students of Athletic Training. The Greek letters which represent our names were chosen because they represent the summation of the initial letters of the founding society.”

**President:** “You have heard the purpose and objective of Iota Tau Alpha. If you are prepared to further these purposes and objectives, raise your right hand and repeat after me: ‘I (your name), promise to uphold the constitution, obey the By-Laws, promote the objectives, and work for the good of the Society.’”

“Then, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the XXXX Chapter, I declare each of you to be a member of Iota Tau Alpha. Will you now please step forward as your name is read and sign the official roll of the Society.”

*The Secretary reads the names of the initiates allowing sufficient time to sign.*

“The colors (or pin) of the Society will now be pinned on you.”

*The President will pin the colors (or pin) on each initiate, shake the hand of each, and then proceed to the next. The Executive Board members, faculty advisor, and all other members will then individually welcome the new members.*