

**Double check!!! (Before we begin our script) \*Please make sure the inductees have “Raise Hand” enabled in the gallery view so they are grouped together in the upper left (not because they have a question 😊 )\***

**Samantha:** Members of Psi Chi, your purpose in meeting here is to induct into Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology, nine members who are earnest students in the field of psychology. These persons have met the qualifications for membership in this Society.

**Lyla:** We have carefully examined the records of these candidates and recommend them to you because we believe they possess a vital interest in the science of psychology and show promise in the field.

**Melissa:** You are about to be inducted into an organization that is international in scope, international in interests, and international in opportunities. Active members may hold office and vote on issues of societal importance to Psi Chi, as well as attend regional and Society annual psychology conventions. By your presence you have indicated a desire to be instructed in the purposes and ideals of Psi Chi.

*[To the candidates]*

**Samantha:** If upon hearing these instructions you still desire to join our fellowship, you will affirm your acceptance of the responsibilities of your membership and sign the Marymount California University Psi Chi Chapter Roll. Madam Vice-President, will you please instruct the candidates?

**Lyla:** Before assuming membership in Psi Chi, we invite you to know the history and mission of the organization, its standards and ideals. The mission of Psi Chi is recognizing and promoting excellence in the science and application of psychology. These aims are admirably summarized in the two Greek words, “Psyche” [Psy-key] and “Cheires” [Ky-race].

**Melissa:** “Psyche” [Psy-key] may suggest “mind.” “Psyche” may also suggest scholarship and enrichment of the mind. That this purpose shall be fulfilled, we have chosen as members those whose academic records are outstanding. If you are true to this ideal, you will strive to bring credit to Psi Chi in your academic work. Yet, scholarship means more than the attainment of an honorable record. It demands that you not be content with merely adequate performance of the tasks required of you, but that you strive for real mastery of the subject to which you are devoting your mind. The test of this is within yourself. Be satisfied only with work well done, and finally, remember that true scholarship requires integrity.

**Samantha:** “Cheires” [Ky-race], meaning “hands,” stands for fellowship and research. Herein lies the real test of your interest in this field. The word has its origin in fruitful fellowship; it is the culmination of careful scholarship. It does not require expensive apparatus and elaborate techniques, although these are sometimes of value, but rather it demands observation, logical thinking, and critical–yet tolerant–open-mindedness. If you follow these standards wherever you are and whatever your position, you will contribute your share to human progress. Our motto, “Psyche Cheires,” may be expressed in these words: cooperation in the investigation and cultivation of the mind.

**Melissa:** As future psychologists, you should acquire an attitude of tolerance toward those whose opinions or behavior differ from your own. One of the most fundamental teachings of psychology is the fact that individuals differ. This means that they have varying interests and motives, and that they strive for different goals. You may look upon your science as a developing effort to understand human nature. As you grow in perspective, you will become more dissatisfied with the incompleteness of your science.

This will be an indication of maturity. With respect to your association with the local chapter of Psi Chi, the members have the right to expect you to attend all meetings except when absence is unavoidable, participate in programs when invited, further the cause of psychology on campus, and adopt the role of loyal alumni in the years ahead.

You have heard the aims and ideals of Psi Chi. Do you, as students in the field of psychology, accept its standards and purposes as your own? If so, say, “I do.”

*[Turn to the new members]*

**Candidates:** I do.

**Lyla:** Madam President, I recommend these candidates to you because I believe they possess a vital interest in the science of psychology and show promise by their academic records and by the pledges just made.

**Samantha:** You have signified your acceptance of the conditions of membership offered to you. Will you, to the best of your ability, elevate and advance the science of psychology, add to its share of knowledge, and assist in its search for truth? If so, say, “I will.”

*[Turn to the new members]*

**Candidates:** I will.

**Lyla:** You will then sign the chapter roll virtually for now, as the President reads your name. Your signature will be evidence of your pledge.

- **Samantha** reads out the list of names
- **Melissa** *acknowledge candidates on roll (Virtually by nodding of the head)*

*[As each name is read, the candidate comes forward, receives a membership certificate and signs the chapter registration book. ] (Virtually. Pause as each name is read aloud.)*

**Melissa:** You are now entered into the records for our Psi Chi MCU Chapter as members with all honors afforded to you.

**Samantha:** We welcome you to Psi Chi's fellowship of common interest, mutual assistance, and high endeavor.