

History of the National Adult Education Honor Society

In 1991, an adult education practitioner organized the first NAEHS induction ceremony to provide meaningful recognition to 17 deserving adult students. In particular was one elderly lady, a single parent with a quadriplegic daughter and a full time job in a textile plant, who had vowed years before to return to school to complete her high school education. On her third attempt, she was finally able to earn a GED. Other students had also demonstrated remarkable perseverance in achieving their educational goals and were included in that first celebration.



With 17 printed certificates, an "Induction Ceremony" was held for the honorees and their families. Everyone who witnessed that first ceremony was impressed by the impact it had upon the honorees and their families. The local press ran a story and soon other practitioners called for information about this new honor society.

Following that first small ceremony, it was decided to award lapel pins and letters of recommendation for employment along with the NAEHS membership certificates. Within a few years, other practitioners around the state were conducting NAEHS inductions for their better students. Word spread, and as they say, "The rest is history." Along with Rochester Alternative and Adult Center for Education (RACE), programs from Alaska to Maine and California to Florida give recognition to deserving students.

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