**Balanced Man Scholarship
Sample Banquet Script**

**Introduction and Welcome**(Chapter President or BMS Chairman)

(Allow members and guests 5-10 minutes to find their seats)

Good evening and welcome to the 2014 Balanced Man Scholarship awards banquet. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I am the \_(balanced man scholarship chairman/president)\_ of the \_(college/university name)\_ chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, better known as SigEp.

Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge our distinguished guests this evening. First, I would like to thank all of the alumni volunteers in attendance. Volunteers play a critical role in mentoring chapter leadership and ensuring the long-term viability of our chapter’s success (applause). Next, I would like to thank all of the parents in attendance, without whom, these young men would not be who they are today (applause). Finally, I would like to recognize the faculty and staff with us tonight: The Dean of Students, Dr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (applause), Professor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, vice chair of the engineering department (applause), Mr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life (applause), and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, our keynote speaker for the evening.

Tonight we will recognize and reward some of the best and brightest young men of the \_(college/university name)\_ class of \_(graduation year)\_. Among them are a number of varsity athletes, class presidents, valedictorians, team captains, entrepreneurs, volunteers in their communities and leaders of their peers.

At this time, I would like to invite our chaplain, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to deliver an invocation.

Ruler of the Universe, may you bless this meal we are about to receive. May you bless and guide our friends with whom we share it, and may you watch over them as they embark on this journey. Amen.

Please enjoy your meal.

(Allow 20 minutes for members and guests to begin their meal)

**Keynote Speech**

I would now like to introduce our keynote speaker for the evening: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

[keynote speaker biography]

(applause)

[keynote speech]

(applause)

Thank you.

**Chapter Member Scholarships**(AVC president or chapter counselor)

Tonight’s banquet is not only to recognize the outstanding incoming freshmen who have applied for our scholarship, but also to recognize our own brothers’ accomplishments here at \_(college/university name)\_ (college or university). In the past year, Sigma Phi Epsilon was awarded \_(name and describe chapter honors and awards)\_. These feats can only be accomplished through the work of motivated brothers who are committed to pushing SigEp to the next level.

I would now like to invite Mr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our (AVC president or chapter counselor) to present several awards to members of the chapter. [Short biography of AVC president or chapter counselor]

 [Description and presentation of awards for members of the chapter]

Thank you and congratulations to all of the men who work diligently for the betterment of themselves and the chapter (applause).

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And now, the moment we’ve all been waiting for. I would like to invite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, our \_(balanced man scholarship chairman/president)\_, to present the \_\_\_\_(year)\_\_\_\_ Balanced Man Scholarships.

The Ancient Greeks believed in developing a Sound Mind and a Sound Body as the way to live a fulfilling life. SigEp adopted this philosophy with the Balanced Man Ideal and since 1990 has awarded the Balanced Man Scholarship to recognize incoming students who exemplify these qualities in their everyday lives.

Each year, SigEp awards over $225,000 across the nation with its Balanced Man Scholarships. The Balanced Man Scholarship awards students who embody the balanced man ideal as demonstrated by their commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to health and well-being. There are over 160 chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon offering the Balanced Man Scholarship.

The \_(college/university name)\_ Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon has offered the Balanced Man Scholarship annually since \_(year started)\_, awarding over $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This year, we are awarding $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in scholarships. The young men here tonight have shown themselves to be the most outstanding of their peers. Before we announce the scholarship recipients, we would like to introduce each of the finalists. When your name is called, please step to the front of the room to receive a certificate.

[Finalist Biographies]

(Applause)

Thank you. Finalists, you may return to your seats.

Our first $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ scholarship recipient is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (applause). [Recipient bio]

Our second $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ scholarship recipient is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (applause).
[Recipient bio]

**Conclusion**

That concludes this evening’s ceremony, we would like to once again thank all of you for attending and we hope that you enjoyed tonight’s Balanced Man Scholarship banquet. Lastly, to the finalists: we hope you understand how truly proud your schools, communities and especially your parents are of you all. We were sincerely impressed by the quality of the applicants this year. You should be proud of your outstanding accomplishments but also remember that you have a great journey ahead of you in college. I strongly encourage you to continue striving for excellence in your everyday lives and take advantage of opportunities to surround yourself with others who would do the same. Thank you and good night.