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College of Arts and Sciences

Deadline extended to March 27 for PRIME 2006 Applications



Applications are still available in Flipse 508 for this summer's PRIME program. PRIME is a 10-week summer research program geared to students who are serious about graduate work in Psychology and Neuroscience. It is funded by the National Institute of General Medical Science, the American Psychological Association, the Provost of the University, and the Dean of the

College of Arts and Sciences. Students work 20 hours per week with a research faculty mentor, attend weekly meetings, and produce a research project or proposal at the end of the summer. You can participate in PRIME in one of two ways ... either as a Full or JUMPSTART student. Applicants wishing to be Full PRIME students must have completed PSY 204 and PSY 316. They receive a \$1,500 summer stipend and, upon successful completion of the summer program, also receive a \$500 supplies stipend in the Fall. **Full PRIME** students are required to produce a research poster by the end of the program in June. **JUMPSTART** need not have completed PSY 204 or PSY 316. They receive a \$1,000 summer stipend, \$250 Fall supplies allowance, and must produce only a research proposal. Both Full and JUMPSTART students are expected to present their work at the Undergraduate Conference for Research in Psychology in the Fall and the Research and Creativity Forum in the Spring. Questions? Come by the UASP office at Flipse 508 or call 305-284-3303.

Honor Roll Students Get Just Desserts



Psychology and Neuroscience Majors got their **Just Desserts** on Thursday, February 17, in the fifth annual celebration of this event. Our students who made President's, Provost's, or Dean's Honor Roll during the past two semesters were invited to enjoy an array of desserts, cakes, candies, nuts, fruits, and cheeses, and play our challenging games! Over 170

students, parents, faculty, and administrators attended the fun-filled event. **Dean Halleran**, **Vice-Dean & Chairman Rod Wellens**, and other members of the Psychology Department were on hand to congratulate students and join in the fun. Finalists of the *High Rollers Table*, the *Bachelor's Golf Tournament*, the *Honor Bowl*, and the *Target Summa* games had a show-down in the *Balancing Act* followed by a gift-unwrapping contest. The grand prize, a color printer donated by **Director of Undergraduate Studies, Victoria Noriega**, went to winner **Ryan Dullaghan**. **Dr. Frank Penedo** won the **MUSE CUP** for his many contributions to the Undergraduate Program. The **Peer Advisors** were assisted by about twenty students who helped out as part of the interview process for new Peer Advisors. A big thank you to all of you who helped make this year's event a success! Didn't make it to Just Desserts this year? Make the Honor Roll this semester or next and you, too, will be invited to get your **Just Desserts!**

Research and Creativity Forum to Highlight Research

Graduate and Undergraduate students from every discipline at UM will come together on **Thursday, April 6** from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on the green to present their research and projects at the 2006 Citizens Board Research & Creativity Forum (RCF). This is a unique opportunity for students to showcase original research before other students, faculty, administration, and the public during a viewing session. Participants will gain important experience in presenting and defending their work in a setting that is modeled after a professional poster session and exhibition. This is a great chance to learn more about what types of research you might get involved with. All PRIME participants and students completing Psychology Honors Theses will present. Remember, the University of Miami is a research university. Don't miss out on this opportunity to find out how you can add research to your curriculum to make the most out of your undergraduate education. Outstanding presentations will be honored with certificates, ribbons, and/or cash awards at the RCF banquet. For more information, go to www.miami.edu/rcf.

Advising Alert!



Advising Appointments will be posted on-line on Wednesday, March 22.

To make an appointment go to www.psy.miami.edu/advising. From March 27 through April 14, Advisors will be seeing students by appointment. Course offerings for the Summer and Fall are now available on myUM. Be sure to have a schedule with plenty of alternate courses ready before coming to your appointment. Questions? Call UASP at 305-284-3303.

Last day to drop for the Semester is Monday, March 27.

Thinking of dropping a class? March 27 is the last day to do so this semester! Planning and prompt action can avoid an undesirable grade on your transcript. Dropping a class before March 27 will put a "W" on your record. Although having a "W" or two is not a 'bad' thing, a string of them could be a red flag and an indicator of irresponsibility and ill-preparedness. Remember to remain in at least 12 credits to be a full-time student. Questions? Speak to an advisor in UASP before making your decision.

Incompletes

Incompletes are granted only to students who have a non-academic reason for not completing a class. This includes health, legal or family matters. See your Undergraduate Bulletin for details. In order to take an "I", you must be passing the class and have completed more than half of the course work. Speak with your instructor. If you must take an incomplete, you have one year to make it up, i.e., to complete the work for the class. *Do not re-register for the class!* Your instructor will fill out the appropriate forms when he or she submits grades.

Don't know what you will do post-bac?

Come see us **after** the advising period to discuss your options. And don't forget that the Toppel Career Planning and Placement Center and the Counseling Center have career testing services and loads of information about possible careers and graduate schools. If you are having trouble deciding whether graduate school is for you, you might want to check out our practicum course, PSY 365, Introduction to Research and Careers in Psychology.

"Just a Signature"

Advising offered by UASP involves developing an advising alliance between you and the advisor. We try our best to point you in the right direction, to keep careful records, and to help you make the most of your undergraduate education.

UASP advisors do not do "drive-thru" advising. We need a current ACE and will consult your folder each time we sign forms and give advice. As we try to accommodate our 900 plus majors, we do our best to see students on a timely basis. To help ensure that we have the time to work with you appropriately and still have time to serve everyone,

1. please be sure you come prepared to your advising appointment
 - have an idea about what classes you would like to take
 - plan several alternates for each class
 - fill out and sign the course request form
 - fill out the semester grid to get a visual picture of your plan
2. check in with a Peer Advisor when you arrive ... before you ask to see an advisor!

Top 10 Things Not to Say to Your UASP Advisor

10. "Remember when I told you two years ago..."
9. "Who is the best teacher to take for ..."
8. "Can you recommend an easy class?"
7. "I don't need to choose sections.... I'll pick those later."
6. "Can you plan my schedule for me so that I can do a double major, triple minor, study abroad, research, an Honors Thesis, and graduate in 3 years?"
5. "I can only take classes Tuesdays and Thursdays after 2:00."
4. "I'll get my mentor's signature on my 367 form later."
3. "My friend said that I could get an override..."
2. "What's an ACE?"
1. "I just need a signature..."

"Can I register on-line?"

If you are a student in the College of Arts and Sciences, you can register for classes on-line if you have ...

more than 75 credits,
a grade point average over 2.5,
and a declared major

If you have between 30-74 credits, you may register on-line but will need an access code. Present a completed, advisor-approved, Course Request Form in Ashe 200 to get your code.

If you already have a code, go ahead and register. However, remember to check your Psychology Major's Manual and your Bulletin for details about graduation requirements. Remember, you are responsible for your class choices. You will want to stop by UASP sometime before next semester to check your choices and to avoid any unnecessary graduation problems.

Current Psychology Research Projects Psy 367/368

To register for Psy 367 or 368 please come by UASP to pick up the research participation form. You must have the faculty member you will be working with sign the form prior to returning to UASP to officially register. An advisor cannot sign your form until it is signed by the professor with whom you will be working.

Adult Division

Dr. Charles Carver	Positive Mood and Academic Performance and Motivation
Dr. Sheri Johnson	Screening for Mania
Dr. Michael McCullough	Aversive Interpersonal Events, Psychopathology and Health
Dr. Keith Scott	Linda Ray Intervention Project
Dr. Amy Weisman	Culturally Informed Therapy for Schizophrenia Family Factors and Psychopathology: Expressed Emotion, Attributions, and Cohesion in Schizophrenia and High Functioning Autism
Dr. Ray Winters	Relation Between Sleep Deprivation and Mood

Child Division

Dr. Daniel Armstrong	Disclosure of School-age Children Infected with HIV
Dr. Marie Cheour	Infant Sleep: Learning and Brain Maturation
Dr. Alan Delamater	Prescription Practices in Youth with Type 1 Diabetes
Dr. Christine Delgado	CHRIS Project: Preschoolers with Disabilities
Dr. Daryl Greenfield	Head Start and School Readiness
Dr. Lynne Katz	Project Hand-n-Hand
Dr. Annette LaGreca	Healthy Adolescents Project
Dr. Daniel Messinger	Computer Vision and EEG Maternal Lifestyle Study Emotional Expression Siblings of Children with Autism
Dr. Peter Mundy	The Early Social Communication Project (ESCP) Social Information Processing in Asperger Syndrome Early Intervention with Children with Autism EEG Studies of Infants and Children
Dr. Alexandra Quittner	Child Development after Cochlear Implant Cystic Fibrosis Adherence Trial

Health Division

Dr. Mike Antoni	Cognitive Behavioral Stress Mgt. (CBSM) Intervention
Dr. Charles Carver	Long Term Cancer Survivors Quality of Life Breast Cancer Coping and Recovery Project
Dr. Marc Gellman	The GREAT Heart Study
Dr. Barry Hurwitz	Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Disease Progression
Dr. Gail Ironson	Psychoneuroimmunology of HIV/AIDS
Dr. Maria Llabre	Statistical Programming in Psychophysiological and Health Research
Dr. Frank Penedo	Quality of Life Intervention in Advanced Prostate Cancer CBSM in Localized Prostate Cancer Biobehavioral-Cytokine Interactions in Ovarian Cancer Biobehavioral Correlates of Adjustment and Quality of Life in Head and Neck Cancer Biobehavioral Factors in HIV: Immune Messengers and Stress Reactivity in Older Adults with HIV/AIDS CBSM in HIV+ Heterosexual Men with a History of Substance Abuse
Dr. Patrice Saab	Project ACE (Adolescent Cardiovascular Evaluation) Blood Pressure Study
Dr. Biing-Jiun Shen	Psychosocial Factors and Heart Disease Psychosocial Issues Among Patients with Heart Failure

Other Research Opportunities

Interdisciplinary Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences

Exceptional opportunities for talented and committed students interested in conducting rigorous and relevant scientific research about education in the U.S.

The Psychology Department has received a \$5 Million interdisciplinary Ph.D. training grant from the newly created Institute of Education Sciences. A number of research projects focused on child development and educational outcomes conducted by training grant faculty include hands-on research experiences for undergraduate students that will enhance their admission to Ph.D. programs at one of the 9 other prestigious Universities also funded under this initiative. For more information, see the flyer posted outside UASP or contact the training grant project director, Professor Daryl Greenfield. You may also visit the website at irtpes.wceruw.org.

Psychology and Law Program offered at the University of Nebraska

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln is in its second year of offering a year long Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) to house and train 8-10 students interested in studying law and psychology. Participants will work with faculty mentors and joint law and psychology doctoral (JD/Ph.D and MLS/Ph.D.) students in the law and research laboratories, gaining valuable experience to assist in preparing for graduate school in psychology. **Applications will be accepted until all slots are filled.** For more information visit the website at www.unl.edu/psychlawreu/.

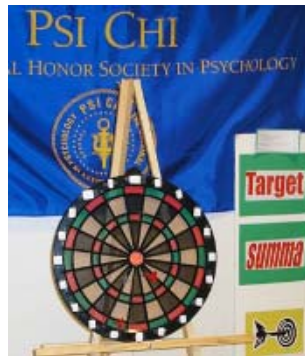
Students and Faculty enjoy another Just Desserts . . .



Honor Roll students and faculty could be seen . . . rolling dice . . . blindfolded . . .



. . . trying to find their way around campus . . . bowling over the big wigs . . .



. . . mastering the green . . . hitting bulls-eye at Target Summa . . .



. . . and spending time visiting with peers and faculty members!



... There were cookies...



... Dean Halleran and Chairman Wellens...



... finalists trying to win a color printer ...



... Kent Schomber...



... cakes and sweets a plenty ..



... nuts, fruits, and cheeses...



... a "UM" drink display ...



... Jeff Lima and Shoshana Brown ...



... Aperna Saini and Quinanna Brown balancing ...



... and the grand prize winner Ryan Dullaghan unwrapping!



Everyone enjoyed spending a fun filled afternoon with faculty, friends, and of course...
Just Desserts!



Summer School Plans?

Summer will be here before you know it. If you're thinking of taking a course somewhere else over the summer, be sure to plan ahead and have it approved before you sign up. To get a course approved, find a copy of the course description from the other institution you'll be attending. Also, get a copy of the TRANSFER EQUIVALENCY FORM (these are available in Ashe 200 or Flipse 508 or online in the Psychology major's manual). Take the course description and Transfer Equivalency Form to the department that offers the equivalent of the course you plan on taking. Once you've received all the necessary signatures, take your Transfer Equivalency Form to the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Center, Ashe 200.

Once you've completed the course at the other institution, it is your responsibility to tell that institution to send your transcripts to UM's Office of the Registrar. You will not receive credit if the transcripts are not officially sent. However, the credits should transfer with the appropriate department and number since you will have had the Transfer Equivalency Form filled out and turned in ahead of time. Check your ACE about 4-6 weeks after the papers have been submitted to make sure everything is in order. Contact an advisor if there are any problems or questions regarding your ACE.

Remember the university residency rule that you must complete your last 45 credits at UM. If you transfer from a 2-year institution, you must complete your last 56 credits at UM.

Summer school at UM

You may want to use your time during the summer to catch-up on courses that you dropped the previous semester, to get ahead in core requirements, or to take a course that you want to concentrate on or don't want to take during the regular semester. Classes usually don't fill up as fast as they do during the school year (with the exception of PSY 204), and you'll have more time to dedicate to that one subject. Also, most summer classes are about 5-6 weeks long. Time flies! The courses are intense! Plan to attend every class to keep up!

If you can't take classes at UM, consider taking courses at a college or university near your home (see above). You will probably want to focus on taking courses that fulfill the general education requirements. General education courses often have direct equivalents and are easier to transfer. Try to avoid taking Psychology courses as many do not transfer to UM. Remember, as a Psychology major, you must complete your upper-division (300+) courses in residency at UM. For more information about what courses to take over summer, speak with an advisor in the UASP office.

INQUIRY... UM's first Undergraduate Research Journal

What is INQUIRY? INQUIRY is University of Miami's first Undergraduate Research Journal consisting of full length research papers as well as shorter abstracts. It is intended to be a journal that reads "more popular science" in that all articles should be interesting to read and include no unexplained jargon. The journal's readership is comprised of undergraduates from many areas across our university. The goal of the journal will be to publish submissions that will interest, entertain, and educate any reader from any division of academia. Student abstracts and other full research papers will be used for the actual INQUIRY journal in the form of an online E-Journal to be released this year and a fully printed journal to be released next year.

If you are interested in becoming a staff member or for more information please contact

Candace at UMInquiryJournal@gmail.com.

Keep checking for meetings and updates!



E-mail Etiquette

What does your e-mail address say about you? A majority of our correspondence today occurs via e-mail. Faculty and staff often receive hundreds of messages per week from students and peers both inside and outside the University. If you're using a "cute" e-mail address such as *crazygirl@hotmail.com*, your message may be discarded as junk mail. To avoid having your e-mail deleted, use your official UM e-mail address when contacting professors, advisors, and with other professional communication. Student e-mail is available from Information Technology through the University of Miami Student Integrated System (UMSIS). Keep in mind that faculty often teach multiple classes in addition to their other duties, so include all the appropriate information in your e-mail. In the subject line you may want to list the course number and topic of the e-mail. Also, if you have had previous conversations via e-mail, reply with history to help jog the recipient's memory of your discussions. It is important to make your e-mails clear, concise, and professional. Remember, the relationships you build today may lead to graduate school/job recommendations or other endeavors in the future.

The Psi Chi Connection

News & Briefs for University of Miami Psi Chi

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2005-2006 Psi Chi Executive Board

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Membership applications were mailed out to all eligible students. New members will be honored at our annual Spring induction banquet.

Note: Occasionally, eligible individuals do not receive an invitation to join Psi Chi. If you are one of those who has fallen through the cracks, don't hesitate to give us a call.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ACTIVE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Psi Chi is a National Honor Society. The national office stipulates that members must meet the following criteria for membership:

1. completion of at least 3 semesters
2. completion of 9 credits in Psychology
3. declaration of Psychology, or Neuroscience major or minor
4. rank in top 35% of class

Remember: you do not have to be a member of Psi Chi to attend our meetings and events! We look forward to having you join us.

Questions? Email us!
PsiChimiami@hotmail.com

Welcome Back from Spring Break!

The semester has already reached the halfway mark. It has been a busy semester for Psi Chi members with opportunities to meet with psychology graduate students and discuss the graduate school application process. At our February meeting, staff from the UM Counseling Center discussed different career opportunities in psychology. Other issues addressed included the difference between psychology graduate programs and various types of psychology research. In addition, Psi Chi members had a visit from Kaplan and learned about the upcoming changes in the GRE. Thanks to all of our speakers for taking time out of their schedules to speak to us.

We have more activities planned for the rest of the semester. Our next meetings will be held March 21st and April 4th. Invitations will be going out in March for the new prospective Psi Chi inductees. Contact PsiChiMiami@hotmail.com if you have any questions regarding membership. Seniors, don't forget to order your Psi Chi graduation materials!

Our last two meetings of the semester will be held on April 4th and 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the UC. On Tuesday, April 18th, elections for the Psi Chi Executive Board will be held. Several positions will be open this year and opened to all current and newly inducted members who are active members of the Psi Chi organization. If you would like to be on the Executive Board, be sure you come to the meeting on April 18th. If you cannot attend this meeting, but would still like to run for a position, please email m.irwine@umiami.edu. All applicants must submit a statement of why you would like the position, a summary of your qualifications, what you feel you can contribute to Psi Chi, and a recent picture to one of the current E-Board members. The Executive Board will be announced and new Psi Chi members will be recognized at the annual Induction Ceremony in April.



Graduation 2006 Materials



Remember to order Psi Chi graduation materials! Graduation cords are \$10.00 and medallions are \$15.00. If you want to order both, the combined price is \$22.00. To order your graduation materials, contact Psi Chi at PsiChiMiami@hotmail.com.

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