

# Psychology News



Undergraduate Edition for Psychology & Neuroscience Majors

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College of Arts & Sciences



**Congratulations  
to our Graduating  
Psychology &  
Neuroscience  
Majors!**

**Class of 2010**

# PRIME and JUMP START!

The 2010 PRIME Welcome Reception is right around the corner! It will be held on Tuesday, **May 25 at 10:00 a.m.** in Flipse 502. This year, Dr. Victoria Noriega will be welcoming 19 PRIME students and their mentors at the PRIME Welcome Breakfast! Congratulations to the 2010 PRIME students!

PRIME (Psychology Research Intitatives Mentorship Experience) is the summer research program designed for minority students interested

## PRIME Student

Omosalewa Adenikinju  
Jessica Alvarez  
Lauren Anderson  
Olajide Bamishigbin  
Irene Daboin  
Christina Garcia  
Merissa Goolsarran  
Jasmine Hanson  
Jennifer LeMay  
Samantha Mergler  
Stephanie Novotny  
Ashley Ramos  
Milena Rodriguez  
Kristina Samour  
Michael Sheffield  
Phillip Tai  
Kathryn Taylor  
Sierra Winnings  
Nicole Yehudai

## PRIME Mentor

Dr. Patrice Saab  
Dr. Heather Henderson  
Dr. Mike Alessandri  
Dr. Youngmee Kim  
Dr. Heather Henderson  
Dr. Amy Weisman  
Dr. Craig Marker  
Dr. Craig Marker  
Dr. Jennifer Durocher  
Dr. Jutta Joorman  
Dr. Mike Alessandri  
Dr. Jutta Joorman  
Dr. Rebecca Shearer  
Dr. Jennifer Durocher  
Dr. Debra Lieberman  
Dr. Matthias Siemer  
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Dr. Youngmee Kim  
Dr. Heather Henderson

in pursuing careers in psychobiological sciences. The program was originally funded through a grant by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and administered by the American Psychological Association. It is now funded by an endowment to the Psychology Department for student and faculty research from the Flipse family.

In addition, the Department will be offering PRIME II, a matching program for all students, regardless of ethnicity or research interest. PRIME II is also made possible by funds provided by the Flipse family.

Students can participate as a Full PRIME or JUMP START (Just for University of Miami Psychology Students to Accelerate Research Training). Full PRIME students are required to produce a research poster at the end of the summer session. They collect, analyze, and present results on original data at several conferences during the summer and coming year.

JUMP START students (who have not completed PSY 204 and PSY 316) do a literature review, contemplate various hypotheses, and make a research proposal that will also be presented at the end of the summer. Both Full PRIME and JUMP START students work closely with their mentors, the Director, the graduate student coordinators, Stephanie Sacks and Tanya Tran, and other PRIME students to get the most out of their summer research experience. If you are interested in PRIME, come by UASP (Flipse 508) to get more information about next year's program.

## Research, Creativity, & Innovation Forum Results!

On Tuesday, April 6, undergraduate students from every discipline met to present their research projects at the 2010 Research & Creativity Forum.

Congrats to the following students!

### Social Science:

**2nd Place** Tracy  
Carter

**3rd Place** Brian  
Becraft

### Biological Sciences:

**2nd Place** Sinthia  
Samad

### Arts:

**2nd Place** Melanie  
D'Andrea

## Thank You Test Takers!

Many thanks to the 34 students who participated in the ACAT Senior Assessment exam. This was the sixth year that the Department of Psychology has given such an assessment and the data will be used, along with past and future test results, to assess the Department, the curriculum, and make plans for future directions. As a token of our appreciation, participants received \$25 cash after the exam. This test was a good sample of the PSY GRE and let students see where they stand relative to their peers, as well as the national population.

We would also like to congratulate **Ashley Ramos** for earning the highest score. For her excellent performance, Ashley will receive an additional \$50! Great job Ashley!

Keep an eye out for future test dates. Thanks again to this year's volunteers!

## It's not too late ... PSY 367/368 Research Projects in Psychology

Interested in getting involved with research next fall? Visit [www.psy.miami.edu](http://www.psy.miami.edu) to get more information about the requirements and detailed descriptions for each project. To register for Research, come by UASP to pick up the *Permission to Register for 367/8* form, which must be signed by your faculty mentor before you can register for the course. Don't worry, research can be added until the last day to add, Friday September 2nd!

Note: Projects with a \* are actively searching for summer research assistants.

### Adult Division

**Dr. Charles Carver**

Positive Mood, Academic Performance, and Motivation  
Happiness and Its Relation to Information Processing  
The Impulsivity Study  
Psychology Mood Lab Study  
Bipolar Disorder Research

**Dr. Jutta Joormann**

Emotion and Mood Regulation in Depression and Social Anxiety  
Response to and Recovery From Stress in Depression and Social Anxiety  
Facebook: A New Way to Worry and Ruminant?

**Dr. Debra Lieberman**

The Psychophysiology of Disgust

**Dr. Craig Marker**

Social Anxiety Study  
Spider Study  
Panic Disorder Study  
Disgust Study

**Dr. Michael McCullough**

Aversive Interpersonal Events, Psychopathology, and Health  
Religion and Self-control

**Dr. Matthias Siemer**

Cognitive Causes and Consequences of Moods and Emotions  
Individual Differences in Mood and Emotion Regulation

**Dr. Amy Weisman de Mamani**

Schizophrenia Family Study  
Rat-do

### Child Division

**Dr. Michael Alessandri**

The Comparison of Two Comprehensive Treatment Models for Autism

**Dr. Daniel Armstrong**

Disclosure of School-age Children Infected with HIV  
Psychotropic Medication Use in the Pediatric Cancer Population

**Dr. Brian Doss**

Evaluation of Couple Interventions

**Dr. Jill Ehrenreich**

Adolescent Panic Disorder in a Pediatric Primary Care Clinic  
Psychotherapy Alliance (Therapist-Client Relationship) Coding in Adolescent Treatment Study

**Dr. Daryl Greenfield**

Head Start and School Readiness

**Dr. Heather Henderson**

Adolescent Temperament Study  
EGI Studies with Individuals with High Functioning Autism

**Dr. Marygrace Yale Kaiser**

Executive Functions, Social Competence, and Preschoolers' School Readiness

**Dr. Lynn Katz**

Project Hand-in-Hand  
Linda Ray Intervention Center

**Dr. Kristin Lindahl**

Project Copes

**Dr. Annette La Greca**

Close Relationships Study  
Center for Treatment Research on Adolescent Drug Abuse (CTRADA)

**Dr. Maria Llabre**

Horseback Riding in Children with Autism

**Dr. Daniel Messinger**

Emotional Expression  
Siblings of Children with Autism  
Computer Vision and EEG  
Continuous Measurement

**Dr. Alexandra Quittner**

Parent-Child Play in Infancy  
Childhood Development after Cochlear Implantation  
Cystic Fibrosis Adherence Trial  
Dr. Quittner's Child Health Lab

**Dr. Rebecca Shearer**

A Daily Phone Diary Procedure to Assess Behavioral Engagement in the Treatment of Adolescent \*  
Classroom Social/Emotional Adjustment and School Readiness in Head Start

### Health Division

**Dr. Michael Antoni**

Project CARE/Breast Cancer Research  
Family Care-giving and Technology Development

**Dr. Marc Gellman**

Hispanic Community Health Study/Study of Latinos

**Dr. Barry Hurwitz**

Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Disease Progression

**Dr. Gail Ironson**

Psychoneuroimmunology of HIV/AIDS

**Dr. Youngmee Kim**

Biomarkers of Cancer Caregiving Stress

**Dr. Philip McCabe**

Cognitive Function in Parkinson's Disease - Dr. Bonnie Levin

**Dr. Frank Penedo**

Quality of Life Intervention in Advanced Prostate Cancer  
Ethnicity and Determinants of Quality of Life Following Prostate Cancer Treatment  
Psychosocial Issues Among Patients with Heart Failure  
Quality of Life Intervention in Advanced Prostate Cancer  
Biobehavioral-Cytokine Interactions in Ovarian Cancer

**Dr. Patrice G. Saab**

Heart Smart

**Dr. Monica Webb**

Lights Out Program

# 2010 Undergraduate Awards

## Psychology & Neuroscience Phi Beta Kappa

Heidi Bryant  
James Cavaretta  
Constanza Covarrubias  
Cristine Garcia  
Catherine Hoepfner  
Clayton Jackson  
Christopher Jimenez  
Jose Martinez  
Daniella Meair  
Gregory Mlacker

Jennifer Newsome  
Angelica Ortiz  
Emily Packard  
Kavita Patel  
Jenesis Ramirez  
Lauren Reece  
Gracielen Rodriguez  
Yonit Rosengarten  
Matthew Sacino  
Elizabeth Thomas



Outstanding Psychology Major  
Heidi Bryant

Outstanding Neuroscience Major  
Chris Jimenez

Psi Chi Award  
Kendra Anderson

Eber Award Winner  
Tracy Carter

## Important Information for Research Volunteers!

If you are currently volunteering in a research lab, or plan on volunteering in the future, please read the following information as the policy regarding volunteers has recently changed.

Currently, University of Miami students, graduating seniors and students from other institutions are allowed to volunteer in faculty labs provided that:

- Students do not displace any paid employee
- The volunteers MUST follow the procedures and fill out ALL paperwork associated with the position BEFORE beginning the Volunteer assignment
- Volunteers under the age of 18 must also submit a completed Parental Consent Form.

The applications for UM undergraduates and International Students are available at UASP.

University of Miami undergraduate students, except for international students, will need to submit copies of all completed paperwork to [Sean Kilpatrick](mailto:smkilpatrick@miami.edu) at [smkilpatrick@miami.edu](mailto:smkilpatrick@miami.edu) or in the UASP office, Flipse 508.

International undergraduate students should submit copies of all paperwork to [Jossie Dauval](mailto:jdauval@miami.edu) at [jdauval@miami.edu](mailto:jdauval@miami.edu) at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the assignment.

Feel free to stop in if you have any questions!

**Exceptions:** Students who are being paid as a research assistant, are enrolled in a summer program (e.g. PRIME), or are participating in PSY/NEU 367/368 do not need to complete these forms.

## 2010 Lois Pope Summer Research Fellows

This summer, 11 Neuroscience students will participate in the Lois Pope Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship. Each student will participate in an intensive Neuroscience research experience in a research laboratory with a UM faculty member. Each student researcher will be given a \$2,500 stipend and will spend at least 40 hours per week for 10 weeks doing full-time research. After completing the fellowship, students are to present their work at either the Research, Creativity, & Innovation Day Forum or the Neuroscience Day. Congratulations to the 2010 Pope students!

Student	Mentor
Monica Brahmhatt	Dr. Micheal Norenberg
Dale Brown	Dr. Ronald Goldberg
Pietro Bortoletto	Dr. Marco Amendola
Christine Hartmann	Dr. Liyong Wang
Teresa Micotta	Dr. James Wilson
Dayaris Morffi	Dr. Coleen Atkins
Mejdi Najjar	Dr. Isaac Skromne
Angelica Ortiz	Dr. Ronald Goldberg
Christine Pao	Dr. Clinton Wright
Matthew Sacino	Dr. Marc Lemmon
Sana Shamji	Dr. Sanjoy Bhattacharya

## Senior Honors Thesis

Senior Honors in Psychology or Neuroscience, PSY/NEU 498/499, provides advanced Psychology and Neuroscience majors with experience in research methodology while earning course credit. For students considering graduate, medical, or other professional schools, completing an honors thesis enhances their application. Participation in the course requires that students attend the PSY/NEU 498/499 weekly seminar and write an original research paper under the supervision of a mentor. Students who successfully complete PSY/NEU 498/499 will receive Departmental Honors in Psychology.

The prerequisites to enroll are:

1. Have 18 completed credits in major
2. Have completed PSY 316
3. Have a cumulative GPA greater than 3.30 and a PSY or NEU GPA greater than 3.5
4. Have at least one semester of research experience
5. Have permission from research mentor
6. Have permission from the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Ready to sign up for your Senior Honors Thesis? Come by the UASP (Flipse 508), to pick up a *Permission to Register for PSY/NEU 498/499 Form*.

## Senior Honors Theses for the Spring 2010 Graduating Class

### Psychology

- Brian Becraft - Dr. Alexander Quittner** - Differences in Facilitative Language Techniques for Deaf Children Prior To and 24 Months After Cochlear Implantation
- Johayra Bouza - Dr. Rebecca Shearer** - The Relationship between Family Home and School Involvement and Behavior Problems
- Heidi Bryant - Dr. Michael Alessandri** - A Comparison of Maternal and Paternal Basic Scores for Individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Tracy Carter - Dr. Rebecca Shearer** - Positive Play Interaction Mediates the Relationship Between Early Behavior Problems and School Readiness Outcomes for Head Start Children
- Devon Gangi - Dr. Daniel Messinger** - Initiating Joint Attention and Language Ability in Siblings of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Karin Garcia - Dr. Linnette Castillo** - Change in Community Integration and Depression After Traumatic Brain Injury
- Roberto Guerra - Dr. Matthias Siemer** - The Relationship Between Emotion Regulation Strategies, Personality Traits, and Depression
- Heather Hollembeak - Dr. Marc Gellman** - Differences in Obesity among Hispanic Subgroups
- Sara Klaben - Dr. Jill Ehrenreich May** - Parent-Child Concordance in Reports of Anxiety and Depression Amongst a Normative Sample Participating in a Universal Prevention Program.
- Adam Margol - Dr. Jennifer Durocher** - Examining Results of a Social Motivation Assessment as a Predictor of Joint Attention Intervention Success in Children with ASD
- Andrew Moskowitz - Dr. Matthias Siemer** - Individual Differences in Anger Regulation Between Collegiate Athletes and Non-Athletes
- Ashley Ramos - Dr. Jutta Joorman** - The Relationship between Depressive Symptoms and Positive Imagery
- Christine Romero - Dr. Heather Henderson** - The Mediating Role of Parenting on the Relation between Gender and Children's Social Problem-Solving Skills
- Amelia Rowley - Dr. Jennifer Durocher** - The Relationship Between Autism Symptom Severity and Social Motivation
- Marietta Suarez - Dr. Gail Irnson** - The Relationship Between Qualitative Social Support, Depression, and Quality Of Life in HIV-Positive Individuals.

### Neuroscience

- Veronica Alvarez - Dr. Michael Norenberg** - The Interaction Between Ammonia and Cytokines on the Mitochondrial Permeability Transition in Astrocytes
- Mohammad Ashouri - Dr. Brian Noga** - Electrical Stimulation of the MLR in Animals with Spinal Cord Injury
- Timothy Boyce - Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg** - Intrinsic and Extrinsic Determinants of Retinal Ganglion Cell Fate
- Cole Brown - Dr. Phil McCabe** - Oxytocin Attenuates Inflammatory Stree Response in Vascular THP-1 Cells.
- Nauman Chaudhry - Dr. John Hackman** - 5-HT<sub>2C</sub> Receptors Enhance NMDA Induced Depolarizations of Motoneurons via Activation of a Tyrosine Kinase Receptor
- Phillip Chong - Dr. Antoni Barrientos** - Generation of Yeast Models of Neurodegenerative Disorders
- Jehan Feroz - Dr. Jacqueline Gajavelli** - Gene Transfer of Analgesic Peptides for Spinal Cord Injury Neuropathic Pain
- Julian Bryan Iorgulescu - Dr. Damien Pearse** - Acute Putrescine Supplementation of Schwann Cell Implants Improves Sensory and Serotonergic Axon Growth and Functional Recovery in Spinal Cord Injured Rats.
- Christopher Jimenez - Dr. Helen Bramlett** - The Effects of Necrostatin on Necroptosis after Traumatic Brain Injury
- Jennifer Kaplan - Dr. Michael Antoni** - The Correlation Between Salivary Cortisol Levels, Perceived Stress, and Emotional Well-Being in Women Treated For Breast Cancer
- Sophie Khokhwalla - Dr. Sari Izenwasser** - Nicotine Reward Differs in Adolescent vs. Adult Male and Female Rats
- Gregory Mlacker - Dr. Isaac Skromne** - Do Cdx and Gdf11 Work together in Assigning Posterior Identity to Neuronal Progenitors

# "Team UASP" Supports Relay for Life



On Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Team UASP participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. To raise money, UASP hosted it's very first Bake Sale with goods baked by our very own PALs. The PALs also gave Faculty and Staff in Flipse "the bird," which would be removed and relocated by a PAL after a donation of at least \$1. PALs Andrew Moskowitz, Kiara Wesley, and Ross Feldgreber participated in the onsite activities, which included pie and wing eating contests. Dr. Noriega, Sean Kilpatrick, and PAL Mike Ullo were put in "jail," one of the onsite fundraisers. Sean Kilpatrick also participated with fiancée Susan Leary in "The Best Friends Game." UASP's on site fundraiser included a raffle, featuring baseball tickets donated by President Shalala. The Psychology department also generously pledged to match our fundraising up to \$300 dollars, bringing the UASP total to \$1,205! Special thanks to PALs Ross Feldgreber and Christine Pao, who were on the Relay for Life planning committee, for all their help throughout the event. Thanks also goes to Team UASP captain, Sara Pullen, for all her hard work. On behalf of the UASP, thank you to everyone who helped us support this important cause!



UASP Staff and Kent Schomber take time to pose with Sebastian



PALs Kiara Wesley, Andrew Moskowitz, Ross Feldgreber and Christine Pao



Dr. Wellens came by to show his support

## Announcing New PALs!

UASP is pleased to announce the new Peer Advising Liaisons for 2010-2011! Congratulations to these eight students who were picked from a large pool of qualified students. Please join us in welcoming them to our team!

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|------------------|----------------------|
| Vandita Acharya  | Jahneille Cunningham |
| Elizabeth Hale   | Brittany Friedman    |
| Monica Gerstner  | Charlie Levinson     |
| Kimberly Stanton | Christopher Sterwald |

Want to be a PAL? Applications for the 2011-2012 school year will be available during the Spring 2011 semester.

## Study Abroad

The UM study abroad advisors are your official source for study abroad information at the University of Miami. Meet with the advisors in Allen Hall 111 or contact them at (305) 284-3434 to discuss your options. You should meet with the study abroad advisors at least two semesters prior to when you would like to study abroad.



Ryan Mancinelli spent Spring 2010 at the University of Sydney

## Last Chance for Lost & Found!

Here at UASP, we have collected many things that are left in the Flipse classrooms and in the student lobby. If you have lost something, please stop by our office to see if we have it. These items will be donated if they are not claimed by the end of the Spring semester. Here is a current list of what is in our Lost & Found: **A hat, a USB, a bag, 2 pairs of sunglasses, and 3 umbrellas.**



## UASP Says Farewell

Thank you and congratulations to each of our seven graduating Peer Advising Liaisons. These students have played a vital role in numerous Departmental initiatives and have helped develop several new programs, including the "Get a G.R.I.P.P." series on graduate school, research, and careers in psychology. We are very proud of their accomplishments and appreciate all their hard work! We will definitely miss each and every one around the office! Best of luck in the future!



Front Row: Adam Margol, Cole Brown and Andrew Moskowitz,. Back Row: Tracy Carter, Amelia Rowley, Sonya Richards and Sara Pullen

## Dear PAL

Dear PAL:

*I am a Freshman who recently got involved with this new girl. She's super hot and is so distracting! To make a long story short, my grades have started to tank. I received numerous academic alerts and just don't know what to do. I want to go to med school and need good grades but I'm just soooo into this girl. What should I do?*

Sincerely,  
Love Lost



Dear Love Lost:

Many students have the challenge of trying to balance school with their personal life. Luckily, you've written to someone with a great deal of experience in this area. No matter how important your relationship is with this babesickle, you have to start taking school seriously! Your undergrad years go by very quickly. At times it may be difficult to keep your academic life, social life, and work life in check ... but it is doable! Now is the time to prioritize and get your academic feet on the ground.

I recommend you come see us in Flipse 508—we may be able to help you get your academic life back on track. You should also utilize the numerous school-wide services, such as the ARC (Academic Resource Center) on the second floor of the UC. At the ARC, you can take advantage of free tutoring services in many subject areas. They also have good information on study skills and time management. The University also provides free counseling at the Counseling Center, located in Building 21-R. If need be, you can meet with an advisor in UASP and discuss dropping courses to lighten your academic load. And remember ... she will probably lose interest if you fall behind or flunk out of school. So ... get your nose into a book and get back on track!

Sincerely,  
Your PAL

PS—You may also want to check out the Wellness Center website for their meditation classes to help you relax and get control of your thoughts ... at least some of the time!

Have a question for a PAL?  
Email it to [UASP.PAL@gmail.com](mailto:UASP.PAL@gmail.com)

Thinking of volunteering in a research lab?

Already a research volunteer?

Be sure to read the information on page 4,

as the policy regarding volunteers has recently changed.

# 2010 Graduates Plan to...

- Kristina Adler '10** PSY  
 Congratulations to Kristina, who plans to pursue her Master's in Counseling and Research at the University of Miami.
- Kendra Anderson '10** PSY  
 Kendra plans to attend Florida State University where she will pursue her Master's of Social Work.
- Mohamed Ashouri '10** NEUB  
 Congratulations to Mohammad, who plans to attend Florida State University Medical School.
- Bryan Becraft '10** PSY  
 Bryan plans to attend Nova Southeastern University, where he will pursue his Psy. D.
- Tracy Carter '10** PSY  
 Tracy plans to attend the University of North Carolina Greensboro where she will pursue her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
- Phillip Chong '10** NEUB  
 After graduation, Phillip plans to attend the University of Florida Medical School.
- Jehan Feroz '10** NEUP  
 Jehan was admitted to the D.O. program at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.
- Devon Gangi '10** PSY  
 Devon is pursuing her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology here at UM with Dr. Messinger.
- Payam Habib '10** PSY  
 After graduation, Payam plans to attend the University of Miami Law School.
- Payman Habib '10** PSY  
 After being accepted to the St. Thomas University, Syracuse University, and University of Toledo Schools of Law, Payman currently plans to attend Syracuse University in the fall.
- John Jenista '10** BIL/PSY  
 Congratulations to John, who plans to attend Nova Southeastern Dental School on a full scholarship from the U.S. Navy.
- Sara Klaben '10** PSY  
 Sara is headed to Tel Aviv University in Israel after spending the summer working with Bunk 1, a company that works to encourage communication between parents and children away at summer camp.
- Alex Loff '10** PSY  
 Alex will be working with Medically Developed Formulas and plans to attend graduate school in the future to earn his MBA .
- Patricia Lopez '10** CPR/PSY  
 Congratulations to Patricia, who will attend Carlos Albizu University where she will pursue her Psy.D.
- Genna Matz '10** PSY  
 Genna plans to attend Brooklyn College where she will pursue her Master's in School Psychology.
- Rebecca Navarro '10** PSY  
 After being accepted to New York University and Temple Dental Schools, Rebecca has decided to attend NYU in the fall.
- Marissa Orenstein '10** NEUB  
 After graduation, Marissa plans to attend the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.
- Brittany Tedeschi '10** PSY  
 Brittany was accepted to the Master's program in Higher Education at Florida State University.
- Anu Thekkumkattil '10** NEUP  
 Anu was admitted to the D.O. program at Nova Southeastern University and the M.D. program at the University of Miami Boca Campus. She is still deciding which school she will attend in the Fall.

Graduates ... Are you making plans in 2010? We want to know!  
 Email [smkilpatrick@miami.edu](mailto:smkilpatrick@miami.edu) to see your name in the next newsletter!

# Congratulations Graduates!

## College of Arts and Sciences Psychology

Kristina Adler	Ana Coronado	Christen Greczylo	Kelsie MacRay	Anthony Perez	Kristen Selema
Ivan Adrien	Amanda Costales	Stephanie Guedj	Ruben Magalhaes	Abigail Perpich	Olivia Shea
Nela Ahmed	Lillie Coston	Roberto Guerra	Adam Margol	Andrea Peterson	Cindy Silva
Kendra Anderson	Gabrielle Dalmasy	Oriani Guzman	Kayla Marmaros	Christina Potter	Yamile Solis
Janelle Arias	Emily Dash	Payam Habib	Hala Marouf	Matthew Racher	Carl Speer
Kristina Astone	Cristina De Armas	Jamey Hammond	Tomas Matamoros	Jenesis Ramirez	Sean Stokes
Christina Augustin	Cristina Delgado	Catherine Hoepfner	Genna Matz	Courtnee Reid	Giselle Stowell Alonso
Monica Babilonia	Eduardo Domenech	Heather Hollebeck	Bridget McHugh	Sonya Richards	Marietta Suarez
Joelle Barchan	Kelly Donnelly	Erica Isaac	Daniella Meair	Marissa Rivlin	Carol Sutton
Brian Becraft	Joseph Dubery	John Jenista	Annette Medina	Ana Robleto	Brittany Tedeschi
Brittany Benz	Gabriella Espitalier-Noel	Dallas Karch	Elizabeth Menne	Tatiana Rodriguez-	Carolina Tejedor
Alexis Bitting	Mary Fay	Shira Kharrazi	Angeline Merzier	Anderson	Elizabeth Thomas
Odalys Borges	Alexandra Fernandez	Shawn Khurana	Yanisel Mesa	Christine Romero	Marta Tobenas
Johayra Bouza	Lee Fredette	Sara Kimsey	Emmanuel Miguez	James Ronaldson	Jessica Ulrich
Heidi Bryant	Maria Pia Freile	Jacqueline Kirstein	Nicole Monroe	John Root Jr.	Yesenia Urrutia
Kristen Burton	Eric Friedman	Sara Klaben	Zully Montiel King	Lauren Rosenfeld	Laura Vallverdu
Allison Butler	Jenny Gajera	David Korn	Andrew Moskowitz	Yonit Rosengarten	Brett Van Leer
Lee Anne Cannella	Devon Gangi	Peggy Laguerre	Samantha Nagy	Amelia Rowley	Greenberg
Jessica Cardenas	Harry Garcia	Carla Lanser	Rebecca Navarro	Naekia Rowley	Erica Verde
Tracy Carter	Karin Garcia	Alexander Leon	Jennifer Newsome	Melissa Russo	Daniel Verna
Cassandra Cespedes	Melissa Gathright	Ivette Lierandi	Erin O'Conner	Davis Saadian	Joelle Vogel
Stephanie Ciccolella	Jeffrey Gencarelli	Alex Loff	Jae Opoin	Christa Sacco	Joao Pedro Volz
Jennifer Clark	Kristin Gillig	Lesley Lomberg	Nicole Padula	Sofia Salazar Hernandez	Patrice Ward
Justin Collymore	Christina Gonzalez	Molly Losonczy	Luis Pagliara	Glenrick Samuels	Erin Watkins
Cristina Cora	Ashleyann Gosselin	Elizabeth Lutz	Angieville Pereyra	Amy Scholl	Andreina Zambrano

## Neuroscience

Nicholas Ahye	Phillip Chong	Akshay Goyal	Michael Keenan	Marissa Orenstein	Sarah Shafi
Stefania Altman	Daniel Cristancho	Jose Guerra	Sophie Khokhawalla	Kerim Ozdamar	Christopher Somsok
Veronica Alvarez	Michael Delgado	Damon Helms	Natt Kuttikun	Sara Pullen	Satyan Sreenath
Mohamed Ashouri	Renee Drolet	Nina Hirsch	Lucy Lam	Jonathon Raof	Joan Tankou
Sean-Michael Boffeli	Erin Elder	Julian Iorgulescu	Justin Madigan	Lauren Reece	Anu Thekkumkattil
Timothy Boyce	Dalal Eldick	Daniel Janiczak	Jennifer Massaro	Alexa Rosen	Christie Thomas
Cole Brown	Valentina Espinosa	Christopher Jimenez	Gregory Mlacker	Alejandra Salazar	Joshua Weiss
Steven Carlson	Evan Feldstein	Priscilla Jiron	David Nery	Sinthia Samad	Zachary Wilsemore
Nauman Chaudhry	Jehan Feroz	Jennifer Kaplan	Carolyn Norton	Olivia Severdija	Kevin Willeford

## School of Communication

Karen Araque	Jenna Galardi	Katrina Kane
Alyssa Banker	Vanessa Garcia	Meghan Kanodia
Yannique Barker	Vanegas	Goda Karosait
Hannah Barnett	Caitlin Garson	Laurelyn Kraus
Jared Bassman	Reem Ghareeb	Meredith Laing
Jasmine Brooks	Dayna Gold	Alison Leventhal
Cristelle Castillo	Natalie Goldstein	Patricia Lopez
Rosanna Castro	Sophia Gonzalez	Alexandra Lyon
Christin Clay	Stephanie Grossinger	Lionel Moise
Carolina Correa	Natalia Grubman	Tatiana Montenegro
Melania D'Andrea	Michael Harari	Alyssa Neufeld
Lisa Dillinger	Kai Hazlewood	Lindsay Noris
Randi Fisch	Helen Hebel	Sasha Ramsaw

## School of Education

Josh Cantor	Adriana Lopez
Melissa Caride	Nicole Lorenzo
Casey Ellenberger	Meaghan Pelletier
Jessica Kearns	Kassandra Perez

## School of Music School of Nursing

Keisha Baisden	Kristen Coote
Patricia Chaviano	Giselle Lie-Ten-Soeng
Alexander Delicata	Jasmine Londono
Bethany Tallman	Lorena Ramirez
Anthony Yeung	

# Hats Off!

- Edward Cotton '11** PSY  
Edward plans to attend the Public Health Summer Fellows Program, which is a collaborative effort between the Morehouse School of Medicine and Emory University.
- Courtney Cross-Johnson '11** PSY  
Courtney was recently nominated for UM Student Employee of the Year and was honored at a banquet on April 14th in the Hurricane 100 room.
- Adriana Ferrari '11** PSY  
Hats off to Adriana who recently displayed four original works of art at the Lowe Art Museum!
- Shani Jones '12** NEUP  
Shani will be attending the Undergraduate Summer Workshop in Cognitive Science at UPenn.
- Stephanie Karapetian '11** PSY  
Congrats to Stephanie, who was recently tapped into Rho Lambda, the Greek Women's Honor Society.
- Sara Klaben '10** PSY  
Sara was recently tapped into Iron Arrow, the highest honor attainable at UM! Way to go Sara!
- Sophie Khokowalla '10** NEUP  
Congratulations also goes to Sophie, who was tapped into Iron Arrow, the highest honor at UM!
- Amelia Rowley '10** PSY  
Amelia recently represented the UASP PALs as a nominee for the UM Student Employee of the Year.
- Marina Sarno '11** PSY/CRI  
Marina will be attending the Undergraduate Summer Workshop in Cognitive Science at UPenn.
- Matthew Sacino '11** NEUB/CHM  
Hats off to Matthew, who received an Honorable Mention from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program for his work on axonal regeneration in the Central Nervous System.
- Amy Scholl '10** PSY  
Amy was recently nominated for the Miami Commitment Senior Award and was honored at UM's Student Employment Banquet on April 14th.
- Mike Unger '11** PSY  
This summer, Mike will be interning with Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan. Mike will help assess teens ages 14-19 and develop strategies to help them improve critical life-skills.
- Jessica Weiss '11** PSY  
Congratulations to Jessica, who was tapped into the Greek Women's Honor Society, Rho Lambda. Jessica was also accepted into the University of Pennsylvania summer Internship in Addiction Research.
- Kiara Wesley '11** PSY  
Kiara received a scholarship at the Woodson Williams Marshall Association/UM Black Alumni Society Scholarship Reception, which recognizes students for their academic achievements, leadership and commitment to service. Kiara was also tapped into Mortar Board National College Honor Society.

## TUNS

### President's Message

By: Matthew Sacino



Hello everyone. I want to take this moment to introduce myself as the President of The Undergraduate Neuroscience Society (TUNS) for the 2010-2011 academic year. TUNS is a student run organization sporting members who are intrigued by the fields of Neuroscience and Psychology. Our underlying goal is to enhance interest in the field while connecting students and faculty.

Next year TUNS has several activities planned, from enticing lectures on break-through research being performed by notable faculty, to tours of the Lois Pope Research Center at the medical campus, and opportunities to volunteer for great causes. Furthermore, TUNS is a perfect opportunity to learn about research opportunities around campus that you perhaps would like to engage in.

Thanks to Dr. McCabe, our faculty advisor, and the Psychology Department everyone is able to enjoy a full year of FREE membership! This includes all lectures, events, and the end of the year Faculty-Student Mixer. If you are interested in a TUNS t-shirt, you can always purchase one at any of our meetings. If you are interested in graduate or medical school, or would just like to be leader in the field of neuroscience, please feel free to join us for the upcoming year. If you have any questions or want to be added to the list-serve please email [tuns\\_um@yahoo.com](mailto:tuns_um@yahoo.com) or contact me directly at [m.sacino@umiami.edu](mailto:m.sacino@umiami.edu). I look forward to seeing you next year!

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Thanks to the outgoing officers for all their hard work this past year!

**Kendra Anderson** - President  
**Amelia Rowley** - Vice President  
**Daniela Ferro** - Treasurer  
**Daniella Meair** - Secretary  
**Angelica Ortiz** - Public Relations  
Co-Chair  
**Christina Castro** - Public Relations  
Co-Chair



**Dr. Frank Penedo**  
Psi Chi  
Advisor

## President's Message

By: Kendra Anderson



Hey Psi Chi!

We've had a great year with all of our neat events, exciting meetings, inspiring guest speakers, and crazy psychology movie nights. It has been nice to get to know all of you and see how much Psi Chi means to you. We are also glad to see more faces at our meetings and events this year, it's great that everyone has been so involved!

The 2009-2010 school year has been an amazing year in which we worked with other organizations on campus and touched people in the Miami community. I believe that we have now proven ourselves, not only as an academic organization, but also a great resource for psychology and neuroscience students who need advice, want to volunteer, or just want to have a good time with fellow students.

I am glad to announce that we will be ending this year with the induction of 52 outstanding psychology and neuroscience students. We will also be announcing our new e-board for the 2010-2011 year:

- **Margarita Leira** – Co-President
- **Angelica Ortiz** – Co-President
- **Daniela Ferro** – Vice President
- **Gilly Bortman** – Treasurer
- **Sarah Silverman** – Secretary
- **Ashley Tirado** – Public Relations
- **Mia Esposito** – Public Relations

I would like to thank these important people for making Psi Chi what it is today:

**Maria Almeida** - For always answering all of my crazy questions and helping me with all things Psi Chi

**Kent** - For keeping me out of trouble, always asking what is going on in Psi Chi, and letting me know that I can always count on seeing your smiling face on the fifth floor of Flipse

**Dr. Frank Penedo** - For being a great adviser to Psi Chi for many years and always giving me great advice

**Dr. Victoria Noriega** - For letting us be a part of "Just Desserts," putting us in the newsletter, and always spreading the word about Psi Chi through e-mail

**Sean Kilpatrick** - For giving me creative ideas, helping me with induction, and allowing me to use the UASP office as Psi Chi's personal mailbox

I would also like to thank all of the members that have been part of our club, we are happy that we can provide you with such an educational and interactive club. Best of luck to you during your undergrad years! Congratulations graduating seniors!

It's been a great year, take care,

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