

Psychology News

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College of Arts and Sciences

FACT FORUM in 7th Year!



Despite several hurricane interruptions, FACT (Freshman Advising Contact Term) is now in full swing with 125 students in eight different sections. This is the 7th year for FACT FORUM, our unique advising, orientation, and mentoring program to help first-year students acclimate to the University, understand policies and procedures, and explore opportunities that will help them make the most of their college experience. The small group setting

allows students to get to know one another and develop an advising alliance with Dr. Noriega, Clark Lee, and the Peer Advisors. The program is designed to empower students to do thoughtful curriculum planning that will best suit their needs. Within the next couple of weeks, FACT students will be working on their Spring schedules, developing their four year plans, and choosing a FORUM mentor, i.e., a PSY 120 instructor. FORUM stands for Faculty Overview of Research and Undergraduate Mentoring and is the second part of Psychology's one-of-a-kind program. FORUM gives students a broad overview of Psychology and Neuroscience research. Faculty members currently conducting research will lead small classes in weekly meetings, discussing classical and contemporary research in Psychology and Neuroscience. FORUM faculty for Spring 2006 are featured on page 4 for Psychology majors and in the Neuro Notes insert for Neuroscience majors.



DX - Brian Gonzalez, PA



IF - Charlene Bobb, PA



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IQ - Sean Kilpatrick, PA



CY - Mark Cusick, PA



2P - Olga Moas, PA



2R - Kellen Horney, PA



DZ - Sheila Nadiminti, PA



Transfer to Psychology (TOP)

UASP offers a special orientation class to help transfer students make the most of their time at UM. Transfer to Psychology (TOP) is a semester-long program which provides transfer students majoring in Psychology or Neuroscience with the resources they need for thoughtful, proactive planning.

This semester we have nearly 35 students enrolled in the one-credit class called PSY 365. Students review such topics as transfer evaluations, curriculum requirements, job/career opportunities, the Study Abroad program, and research, among others. We hope the TOP class will provide transfer students with the information and skills needed to make a smooth transition to the University of Miami. Please join us in welcoming all the transfer students to the Department and to UM!

Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology

The UASP staff is here to help you with schedule changes and curriculum planning. We can also give you information on how to get involved with research, find a mentor, and do an Honors Thesis. Our office is located on the fifth floor of the Flipse Building in room 508 and is open 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Stop by anytime or call us at 305- 284-3303.



Clark Lee, Psychology Advisor, can assist Psychology majors with general advising questions. Clark joined USAP this year after recently moving to Coral Gables with her husband who is attending UM's School of Law. In 2002, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC. Through an intensive independent study during undergraduate studies, she gained experience in Clinical Psychology. Since graduation, she has worked in the fields of school readiness implementation, non-profit fundraising, and event coordination. She is currently considering graduate school options. Clark's wide range of experiences will be an asset to the UASP advising team. Please stop by FHF 508 to welcome Clark to the Department and Miami. She can be reached at clee@miami.edu.



Anna Fredericks, Assistant Director of Advising, is here to help Psychology & Neuroscience students with advising, graduate school, and career planning issues. Anna graduated with a double major in Psychology and Speech Communication from Augustana College in Illinois. For over ten years, Anna worked in public relations and marketing at several governmental and non-profit organizations. While working as the State Director of Communications at the American Cancer Society, she decided to pursue her interest in Psychology and began working as a Clinic Coordinator and Research Assistant for the Behavioral Oncology Program at the University of Louisville. Anna is currently enrolled in the Masters in Mental Health Counseling Program in the School of Education and is expecting her first baby in December! She can be reached at anabfred@miami.edu.



Dr. Victoria Noriega, Director of Undergraduate Studies and Academic Services for Psychology, is also available to all students for consultation regarding your curriculum, your academic progress, and your future. She serves as the faculty advisor for all Neuroscience and Psychology majors, the FACT/FORUM program, and PSY 498 & 499 (Senior Honors Thesis). Dr. Noriega is a California native who came to UM as an undergraduate transfer student in 1979. As a single mom of two small boys, she graduated with a B.A. in Psychology in 1984. After working for a biomedical firm for several years, she returned to the University to earn her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. Dr. Noriega was in the Adult Clinical program, did her dissertation on breast cancer, her internship in a community mental health center, and her residency in a forensic setting. As an

undergraduate, graduate student, and now faculty member and administrator, Dr. Noriega has had first hand experience in many roles in the Department. She can be reached at vnoriega@miami.edu.



Mark Your Calendar

Advising for registration appointments will be posted online at www.psy.miami.edu on October 17. You can schedule an appointment with either Dr. Noriega or Anna Fredericks. **Note: All Neuroscience majors should make their appointment with Dr. Noriega.** Please come prepared to your advising appointment. Check course listings, sections, and pick several alternates. Advising will be by appointment only from October 24 through November 11. Appointments go fast so sign up early!

Registration begins November 7th. Check **myUM** for your registration appointment time.

Online registration is available if you have 75 or more credits and a GPA of 2.5 or above. If you have more than 30 credits (but less than 75), you need a pin number to register online. You must see us to have your Course Request Form signed to obtain a PIN number from Arts and Sciences, Ashe 200. Remember, if you register online, you should continue to receive advising to ensure that you are on the right track to graduation.

Last day to drop a class - Thursday, October 27. This is the final day that classes may be dropped for the Fall semester. Come by UASP (Flipse 508) before dropping a class. A (W) will be recorded on your ACE transcript. This is not a problem if you don't make it a habit!

Seniors - Be sure to get a senior credit check with Marian Dahman! Call 305-284-4333 or stop by Ashe 200 for an appointment.

FACT Students:
Don't forget to take the opportunity to hear President Shalala address the Freshmen Class!
Attend the President's Reception
Friday, November 4th
Storer Auditorium
School of Business
5:30 - 7 p.m.

Introducing Peer Advisors for 2005-2006



Ansel Amaral is a junior majoring in Neuroscience (Psychobiology track) and minoring in Chemistry. He plans to go to medical school and enter a M.D./Ph.D. program. He enjoys doing cardiac research and is involved in an NIH physician scientist training program. Ansel is also the Historian of the Indian Student's Association. This is his second year as a Peer Advisor. a.amaral@umiami.edu



Sean Kilpatrick is a senior pursuing a double major in Psychology and Criminology. He plans to attend graduate school to earn a Ph.D. in Criminology. Sean is involved in infant research at UM and also works at Florida International University (FIU) on a research study examining homicides, suicides, and other fatalities. This is Sean's second year as a Peer Advisor. s.kilpatrick@umiami.edu



Charlene Bobb is a junior majoring in Psychology and minoring in Sociology. In the future she plans to attend graduate school in Psychology. Charlene also works as a tutor at the Academic Resource Center and volunteers as a Research Assistant. This is her first year as a Peer Advisor. c.bobb@umiami.edu



Olga Moas is a senior and will be graduating in December with a B.A. degree with a major in Psychology and minor in Sociology. She plans to attend graduate school in pursuit of a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology. Olga recently completed the NSF Summer Program in Applied Psychology at Clemson University in South Carolina. This is Olga's third year as a Peer Advisor. olgamoas@gmail.com



Shoshana Brown is a junior majoring in Psychology. She plans to attend graduate school to attain a Ph.D. in Public Health. She hopes to someday become the U.S. Secretary of Health and make a global contribution in the AIDS epidemic. This fall, Shoshana is attending the Semester at Sea study abroad program. This is her second year as a Peer Advisor. s.brown14@umiami.edu



Sheila Nadiminti is a senior majoring in Neuroscience (Psychobiology track) and minoring in Chemistry. She plans on attending dental school to become an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. Sheila enjoys playing the violin and piano and is an active member of several volunteer organizations. This is Sheila's third year as a Peer Advisor. s.nadiminti@umiami.edu



Mark Cusick is a senior and third year Peer Advisor majoring in Psychology. He hopes to apply to graduate programs in child development and family therapy. He is active in the UM "Band of the Hour" and enjoys volunteering, tennis, and participating in Christian clubs on campus. He is working with Dr. Messinger on his senior honors thesis. m.cusick@umiami.edu



Danielle Sanchez is a junior pursuing a B.S. degree in Communication. She is double majoring in Communication Studies and Psychology with a minor in Education. She plans to go to graduate school to study School Psychology. She is also an employee of the UM Bookstore, and in her free time enjoys watching movies and relaxing at the beach. This is Danielle's first year as a Peer Advisor. d.sanchez4@gmail.com



Vicky Edelman is a sophomore majoring in Psychology. She plans to attend graduate school to become a marriage and family therapist. Vicky is a UM Ambassador for the Alumni Association and is very active in her sorority, Delta Phi Epsilon. This is her first year as a Peer Advisor. v.edelman@umiami.edu



Pooja Sheth is a junior majoring in Neuroscience (Neurobiology track) and Philosophy with a minor in Chemistry. She plans to attend medical school to specialize in Neurology. Pooja is co-Vice-President of Minority Women in Medicine, and she enjoys traveling. This is her second year as a Peer Advisor. p.sheth@umiami.edu



Brian Gonzales is a senior majoring in Psychology and minoring in Chemistry. Next year he hopes to enter a Ph.D. graduate program in Psychology. Brian is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and a member of the Honor Council. This is his first year as a Peer Advisor. b.gonzalez2@umiami.edu



Amy Sun is a junior majoring in Psychology and minoring in English. She plans to earn a Ph.D. and eventually conduct research for a non-profit organization. She is actively involved in the Volunteer LINK, UM Alternative Breaks, Be the Change, and the upcoming Random Acts of Kindness. This is her second year as a Peer Advisor. a_sun85@yahoo.com



Kellen Horney, a senior and third year Peer Advisor, is majoring in Psychology and minoring in Marketing. He plans to get his MBA and work in the sports marketing field. Kellen finished an internship at Wisconsin Sports Development Corporation as a marketing intern. He is involved in intramural basketball/flag football, club tennis, and Habitat for Humanity. k.horney@umiami.edu



Juan Villamar is a senior majoring in Psychology and minoring in English. He plans to attend graduate school to obtain a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. Juan enjoys playing the guitar and bass, as well as helping others. He is a member of S.I.G. and the Philosophy Club. This is his second year as a Peer Advisor. andresvillamar@hotmail.com



Matthew Irwine is a senior majoring in Neuroscience (Psychobiology track). He plans to go to medical school following graduation. Matt is a member of the Men's Rowing Team at UM and is the current President of the Psychology Honor Society, Psi Chi. This is his second year with UASP. m.irwine@umiami.edu



Caitlin Walsh is a sophomore majoring in Psychology. She plans to go to graduate school to pursue a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Caitlin loves animals, spending time with friends, and relaxing at the beach. This is her first year as a Peer Advisor. c.walsh1@umiami.edu

FORUM Mentors for Spring 2006



Dr. Marie Cheour is an Associate Professor in the Child Division. She earned her M.S. and Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology at the University of Helsinki in Finland and completed her post-doctoral work at Northwestern University in Illinois. Dr. Cheour is interested in the development of memory and language in infants and children, and most of her graduate work focused on this topic. She is currently running EEG and fMRI studies, which offer many opportunities for UM students to get involved in research. She spends her free time cooking and taking kickboxing classes. **Dr. Cheour's FORUM will meet on Mondays from 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.**



Dr. Marc Gellman is the Associate Director of the Division of Health Psychology and Research Associate Professor in the Departments of Psychology and Medicine. Dr. Gellman is a true UM HURRICANE, having received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Miami before joining the faculty. His academic and research interests are in the areas of health psychology and behavioral medicine, with a special emphasis on stress and heart disease. He is a member of a team of researchers participating in a research study funded by the National Institutes of Health examining the biobehavioral bases of coronary heart disease risk and management. Dr. Gellman teaches PSY 305, Drugs and Behavior. His plans for the FORUM class are to explore the various career opportunities in the fields of health psychology and behavioral medicine. **Dr. Gellman's FORUM will meet on Tuesdays from 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.**



Dr. Kristin Lindahl is an Associate Professor of Child Psychology. She is originally from upstate New York and received her B.A. at the University of Rochester (1985) and her Ph.D. in Child Clinical Psychology from the University of Denver in 1992. She did her internship at Boston's Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School. Her research interests are guided by theories on family systems and focus on how ethnicity, parent-child and whole family processes, among other things, are related to child adjustment. Her research utilizes both self-report and observational methodologies to better understand how dysfunction in one family subsystem might affect another. She is an avid UM sports fan, especially football, baseball, and women's soccer. **Dr. Lindahl's FORUM will meet on Wednesdays from 9:05 to 9:55 a.m.**



Dr. Neena Malik is an Assistant Professor in the Child Division. She earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology, child and family focus, from the University of Denver. Dr. Malik is interested in understanding the links among poverty, trauma, violence, and child outcome from a cross-cultural perspective. She enjoys traveling, cooking, politics, and following 'Canes football. In FORUM, she plans on orienting students to Psychology, including basic research concepts, different types of research, and various careers in Psychology. **Dr. Malik's FORUM will meet on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.**



Dr. Michael McCullough is an Associate Professor in the Adult Division. A native Floridian from Jacksonville, Dr. McCullough completed his B.S. with a major in psychology at the University of Florida. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University. Despite past Gator ties, Dr. McCullough was drawn to UM by its 'exceptionally strong Psychology Department,' and (no doubt) winning football team. His original interest was in writing and filmmaking, but finding himself without motivation in that area, he turned to the diverse world of psychology. He has many research interests including longitudinal studies on forgiveness, gratitude, and religious development in adulthood. In his spare time, he enjoys being with his family, cycling, reading, and playing music with his band "the Mysterytones." **Dr. McCullough's FORUM will meet on Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.**



Dr. Daniel Messinger is an Associate Professor of Psychology in the Child Division. He received his Bachelor's degree at Haverford College, his Master's degree at the University of Chicago, and completed his doctoral degree at the University of Utah. Dr. Messinger specializes in child research, and is particularly interested in the development of infant emotions and communication and the effects of prenatal cocaine exposure on development. In his free time, Dr. Messinger enjoys swimming, running, and bicycling with his daughter. Dr. Messinger hopes to engage his FORUM students in discussions about how development occurs, the meaning of emotions, autism, and the effects of prenatal drug exposure.

Dr. Messinger's FORUM will meet on Tuesdays from 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.



Dr. Frank Penedo is an Assistant Professor of Psychology and the UM/Miller School of Medicine Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is a native of Miami who earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees at UM and conducted his clinical internship at the University of Pittsburgh. Besides the general overview of research that will be offered in all FORUM sections, Dr. Penedo plans to discuss research on how psychosocial factors such as stress, coping, and personality relate to physical health and quality of life. Dr. Penedo is currently leading and co-leading several research projects focusing on how psychosocial factors such as stress, coping and personality styles relate to health status and immune function in several disease populations including prostate, head and neck and ovarian cancer and older men living with HIV/AIDS. **Dr. Penedo's FORUM will meet on Thursdays from 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.**



Dr. Marygrace Yale Kaiser is a Research Assistant Professor in the Child Division. She completed her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology at UM in 1999. She has had an interest in child psychology since high school and acquired valuable research experience as an undergraduate that led her to pursue a career in research. Once at UM, she began working with others in early social development of children leading to her current focus on risk factors for developmental disabilities. Dr. Yale Kaiser's FORUM sections will explore research in different aspects of child and adolescent development. She will also discuss the importance of getting involved in research and the ways in which to apply the experience to individual interests. In her spare time she enjoys reading, spending time with her three nephews, and her son, Jackson Tyler. **Dr. Yale Kaiser's FORUM will meet on Mondays from 10:10 - 11:00 a.m.**

Summer 2005 Busy in Research



Summer 2005 was the eighth year for our research program, PRIME (Psychology Research Initiatives Mentorship Experience). This year we discovered that two students who participated in the very first PRIME class in 1998 were offered faculty positions. **Monica Webb**, who worked with Dr. Gellman, went on to graduate school at the University of South Florida in Tampa. She will join the faculty at Syracuse University this fall. **Marisol Diaz**, a mentee of Dr. Johnson is now a member of the faculty at



Texas A & M Department of Psychology. Her areas of research are genetic, cross-cultural assessment, and bulimia research. Another student from that same year, **Evelyn Alvarez**, who worked with Dr. Scott, came back to South Florida after finishing graduate school at the University of South Florida. Evelyn is doing an internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Pediatric Health.



PRIME, which is funded by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and administered by the American Psychological Association, is designed to encourage ethnic minority students to pursue a career in the biomedical/biopsychological sciences. Thanks to matching funds provided to us by **Provost Glaser**, we also are able to provide similar opportunities to all students regardless of ethnicity or research topic. This year 16 students participated in PRIME. Each worked closely with a faculty mentor and other members of the faculty's research laboratory for ten weeks on an individual research project. Students were expected to work a minimum of 20 hours per week on their research and attend weekly meetings with Dr. Noriega. Graduate students, **Iheoma Iruka** and **Lisa Ibanez**, also helped mentor students. The weekly meetings covered various topics, which included graduate school and different career paths in Psychology. On July 22, students presented their posters to faculty, friends, and family. If you're interested in the PRIME program, look for application information in the next issue of the newsletter.



Other Summer Research

Fayez Raza, a junior Neuroscience major, was awarded a summer stipend for research from the Honors Program. He worked in Dr. Mary Eaton's lab at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. Fayez gained excellent research experience and hopes to continue learning about spinal injury and treatments.

Sarah Uddin, a senior Neuroscience major (Psychobiology track), also spent the summer at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis through the Honors Summer Research Fellowship. Sarah worked with Dr. Eva Widerstrom-Noga, investigating the psychological as well as physiological aspects of pain in patients with spinal cord injury (SCI) in order to find more effective pain-alleviating interventions. Her experience included conducting patient interviews, researching and presenting studies covering various topics related to pain, and investigating the relationship between depression and pain intensity. Sarah hopes to explore this field further as part of her senior thesis and/or in graduate school.

Olga Moas, a senior Psychology major, participated in the NSF/DoD Summer Program in Applied Research at Clemson University in South Carolina. She was a research intern in the Human Stress and Motion Science Laboratory under the supervision of Dr. Eric Muth. In addition to conducting a literature review, Olga prepared and collected preliminary data for a study on the effects of stress on patients with functional dyspepsia. Olga found the program to be intense, but appreciated the opportunity to develop skills that she will need in graduate school and in her career as a researcher.

Sophomores, **Roberto Colon**, a Psychology major, **Katrina Ramos**, a Psychology major, and **John Thurston**, a Neuroscience major (Neurobiology tack) attended the American Psychological Association Summer Science Institute (SSI) at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. The SSI is a two-week research program in Psychology, including lectures, lab research, and discussion sessions. Participants designed their own experiments, recruited subjects, collected and analyzed data, and put together posters to be presented to their peers and professors. Top professors at Vanderbilt lectured on their respective fields of research and took the students to lunch to get to know them personally.

According to Roberto Colon, "It was a rigorous program, which we laughingly referred to as 'psych boot camp', but it was also an experience that we will never forget, and it opened our eyes to a lot of options we had not even imagined!"

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Pre-Law & Pre-MBA Test Preparation and the Application Process Information Sessions will be held **Tuesday, October 18, 2005** from 11 a.m. - noon or from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., or **Wednesday, October 19** from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. All UM undergraduates are invited to attend at the School of Business Storer Auditorium. No need to RSVP and dress is casual.
- ❖ UM's New & Improved Graduate School Fair will take place on **Wednesday, October 19** from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Wellness Center. All students interested in graduate school may attend. Contact the Toppel Career Center at 305-284-5451 for more information.
- ❖ A free sample GMAT and LSAT test will be administered on **Friday, October 28** and **Friday, November 18**. The GMAT will be offered from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Computer lab, 204 Jenkins. The LSAT test will be given from 2 pm - 5 p.m. in the School of Business, Room SB 502, 5th Floor. Students must RSVP by stopping by 215 Jenkins or calling the School of Business at 305-284-4052. Students may take one free practice exam each semester.
- ❖ The Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) will be held **November 2-5** at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Norman Anderson, APA's CEO will deliver the keynote address this year. For more information, visit the ABRCMS web site at www.abrcms.org.
- ❖ College of Arts & Sciences Fall 2005 Graduation will be held on **Thursday, December 15** at 8:30 a.m. in the Convocation Center.

Notes from Abroad



Studying abroad is an inimitable experience that broadens your worldview and intensifies your personal and educational growth. My semester abroad in Paris was characterized by mornings studying at the Sorbonne, afternoons shopping along the Rue de Rivoli, dinners in the Latin Quarter, and nights out at the Bastille. The plethora of lingual, social, and educative activities

available in Paris is simply unparalleled.

Study abroad added the final touch to the interdisciplinary nature of my UM degree, ensuring that I am graduating with a well-rounded range of experiences. As I am majoring in Neurobiology, living overseas and experiencing a different way of life helped me to focus my career plans and opened doors to my future personal and professional life. I urge each undergraduate, no matter your major or career plans, to take advantage of the many opportunities offered by the study abroad program.

Sincerely,

Kim Esham '06

A Study Abroad Information Session will be held on **October 18** from 12-2 p.m. in the UC Flamingo Ballroom. For more information, stop by the Study Abroad office at 212 Allen Hall or contact them at ieep@miami.edu or 305-284-3434.

Alumni News

Heather Hundhausen married Garrett Green in 2004 and gave birth to their son, Gabriel on March 23, 2005. Heather has been working on a Masters in Marriage and Family Counseling in Gainesville and recently relocated back to South Florida. Congratulations to Heather and her new family!

Jamie Jirout, BA '05 PSY/BUA, began a doctoral program in Developmental Psychology at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was accepted as a PIER Fellow giving her guaranteed funding for five years, including full tuition and a sizable living stipend. Jamie credits her research experience from the PRIME program at UM for her acceptance. Congratulations to Jamie on her achievement!

Alina Klein, BS '04 PSY/CHM & FRE, recently spent six months working in Israel as a research assistant for the head of the Child Clinical Department at Tel Aviv University. She enjoyed her opportunity to work, spend time with her grandfather and family, and learn Hebrew. Back in the States, she plans to take the GRE and begin applying to grad school. Best of luck, Alina!



Kristen Klufas, BS '03 PSY/BIL, a former Psychology Peer Advisor, married James Joseph (JJ) Hanson on May 29, 2005. JJ is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and is currently stationed at Camp Pendleton. The couple is living in San Juan Capistrano, California. While JJ awaits his first overseas deployment in early December,

Kristen wants to get into a graduate program in education to become certified as a high school math teacher. We wish them both all the best and safe travels!

Marilyn Sampilo, BA '03 PSY/SOC, began a doctoral program in School Psychology at the University of Iowa this fall. Since graduation, Marilyn has been working as a research assistant in Pediatric Psychology in Washington D.C. She recently presented a poster at APA on the research she conducted with Dr. Ken Tercyak at Georgetown. We wish Marilyn the best of luck in her new program and new city!

Congrats to Rebecca Rosen!

- Rebecca scored the highest on the Psychology Assessment
- Exam taken last April. For her winning score, she received a
- \$50 gift certificate to the UM Bookstore! Rebecca graduated
- in May '05 with a B.S. with a PSY major & Biology minor.

Great job, Rebecca!

The Psi Chi Connection

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Dr. Frank Penedo
Psi Chi Advisor

**Meetings are held on
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
in UC 233**

**October 19
November 2**

PSI CHI Induction Requirements

PSI CHI is the national honor society for Psychology. Members are chosen yearly according to the following criteria:

- 1) Students must be a declared Psychology/Neuroscience major or minor.
- 2) Completion of at least nine credits in Psychology.
- 3) A minimum 3.0 GPA
- 4) Ranked in the top 35% of the class.
(This varies from year to year.)

Membership invitations are sent out every year in mid-February or March. If you did not get an invitation last year but think you may be eligible, email PSI CHI at psichimiami@hotmail.com.

President's Welcome by Matt Irwine



Welcome back to all Psychology and Neuroscience students, faculty, and staff! This semester promises to be a very exciting one for both our department and the Psi Chi Honor Society! Some of the events taking place during the fall months include guest speakers, Kaplan sponsored workshops, volunteer opportunities, and much more. We are pleased to have the ongoing support of our advisor, Dr. Frank Penedo. In addition, we are excited to continue working with Kaplan, our official sponsor. Don't forget that Psi Chi members receive discounts on Kaplan's wide array of test preparation courses. Kaplan also offers a scholarship to our members based on participation in Psi Chi events. Attending meetings is very beneficial to your development in the study of Psychology and we will do our best to answer your questions regarding your future in Psychology. Our new executive board is eager to promote the goal of Psi Chi, which is "to provide academic recognition to its members...[and] to nurture the spark of that accomplishment by offering a climate congenial to its creative development." We look forward to having everyone's support in this endeavor. Our first meeting of the semester got off to a great start last month and the new officers introduced themselves to the club. General membership requirements were discussed and Psi Chi members suggested topics and ideas for upcoming speakers. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 19th in UC 233 at 6:30 p.m.** Remember, you do not have to be a member of Psi Chi to attend our meetings and events. Please join us to see what's new with Psi Chi this year and let us help you build your future now!

Psi Chi Points Earn Kaplan Scholarship

Kaplan Review has donated a \$550 scholarship to the UM chapter of Psi Chi to be used toward a test-prep class at Kaplan. The scholarship is awarded to the member who earns the most participation points each semester. We encourage everyone to participate in all of Psi Chi's upcoming events to enrich your collegiate experience while earning points toward the scholarship!

**For general information about
PSI CHI go to www.psichi.org.**

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