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College of Arts & Sciences

Welcome from the Chairman Dr. A. Rodney Wellens

The faculty and staff of the Psychology Department welcome you to the new academic year and all it has to offer! We hope your summer has given you a change of pace that will help prepare you for the challenges that the new academic year will bring. We are attempting to accommodate an increase in demand for psychology courses by carefully scheduling our them throughout the day and evening hours. In addition, we are planning to work with the Study Abroad Program to increase the number of overseas experiences available to our majors. A big part of current thinking in psychology relates to individual and group differences in how we see the world, how we interact with each other and how we view ourselves and our environment. Adding an overseas experience to your undergraduate curriculum can give you first-hand knowledge about these topics that will help set you apart from the mainstream when applying for graduate programs or a full-time job after graduation.

Another part of the UM experience available to you is the opportunity to participate in research to learn first-hand what it is like to explore the intricacies of human thought and behavior. About 40% of our graduating seniors have participated in psychology research as part of their curriculum. Students planning to go to graduate, law, or medical school are especially encouraged to participate in this unique opportunity. Over twenty-seven of our Psychology and Neuroscience graduating students turned their research efforts into a Senior Honors Thesis last academic year.

As the Psychology major continues to grow, the structure of our advising program becomes more important. Be sure to stop by Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology on the 5th floor of the Flipse Building to take advantage of the services offered by our award-winning program. Have a great year!

Welcome from the Director of Undergraduate Studies Dr. Victoria Noriega

On behalf of all of us in Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology (UASP), welcome to the Fall Semester of academic year 2009-2010 at the University of Miami! As many of you know, UASP is the comprehensive advising center serving all Psychology and Neuroscience majors. We are located on the fifth floor of the Flipse Building in what is sometimes called the 'fish bowl' because of our glass enclosure.

UASP is staffed by me, the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Assistant Director of Advising Sean Kilpatrick, and Advisor Rachel Acosta. Assisting us are eighteen highly-trained Peer Advisors. A few details about all of us can be found on pages two and three. Our general mission is to help you get the most out of your undergraduate education. We can help with orientation, advising, mentoring, research, summer programs, and post-baccalaureate planning. You will want to stop by and see us at least once each semester.

As one of the most innovative and comprehensive departments on campus, Psychology offers Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees that make for a well-rounded liberal arts education. We can help you add double majors or minors to expand your horizons and still graduate on time.

Although designed with undergraduates in mind, Psychology News contains valuable information for everyone in the Department, as well as other students, faculty, and administrators. If you have something you would like to announce, celebrate, or suggest, please let us know. Call UASP at 305-284-3303.

There is also lots of information on our website at www.psy.miami.edu.



Get a G.R.I.P.P. on your future!

Join the office of Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology (UASP) for a series of sessions on applying to graduate school. Questions? Contact Sean Kilpatrick at smkilpatrick@miami.edu or 305 - 284-3303.

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Place: Flipse Lecture Hall (FLP 536)

Session 1: Wed. Sept. 16 (Speakers: Dr. Noriega and Sean Kilpatrick)

Learn about the Graduate School application process

Session 2: Wed. Sept. 30 (Speakers: Psychology Faculty—TBA)

Discover what programs might look for in an applicant

Session 3: Wed. Oct. 14 (Speakers: Dr. Noriega, Rachel Acosta, and Toppel)

Learn about Resumes, Personal Statements and Interviews

Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology

The UASP staff is here to help you with schedule changes and curriculum planning. We can 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 8:30am until 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Stop by anytime or call us at 305-284-3303.



Rachel Acosta, Advisor, assists students with general advising questions for Psychology and Neuroscience majors. She graduated *cum laude* from Florida International University with a Bachelor of Arts and major in English. During her college work, Rachel took several courses in linguistics and gender studies. Before coming to the University of Miami, Rachel worked in the Career Services office at F.I.U. where she provided various career planning services, such as reviewing resumes and assisting employers with their recruitment efforts. In addition to working with students, Rachel also has experience in event planning. She can be reached at racosta@miami.edu.



Sean Kilpatrick, Assistant Director of Advising, helps Psychology and Neuroscience majors with advising, graduate school, and career planning issues. Sean graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Arts degree and double majors in Psychology and Criminology. After working as a Peer Advisor for two years, Sean decided to stay with UASP and work as an Advisor after he graduated. During his undergraduate career, Sean conducted sociological research at Florida International University for several years. His background in research makes him an excellent resource for students. Sean will finish his Master's in Higher Education with a concentration in Enrollment Management at the end of the fall semester. He can be contacted at smkilpatrick@miami.edu.



Dr. Victoria Noriega, Director of Undergraduate Studies for Psychology, is available to all students to discuss curriculum, academic progress, and future plans. She serves as the faculty advisor for all Neuroscience and Psychology majors, the FACT/FORUM program, and PSY/NEU 498 & 499 (Senior Honors Thesis). Dr. Noriega came to UM as an undergraduate transfer student in 1979. As a single mom of two small boys, she graduated with a B.A. and major 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, and completed her internship in a community mental health center and her residency in a forensic setting. As an undergraduate, graduate student, and now faculty and administrator, Dr. Noriega has had first-hand experience in many roles. She can be reached at vnoriega@miami.edu.

Introducing Peer Advisors for 2009-2010

Andrew Bromley is a sophomore majoring in Neuroscience (Neurobiology track) with a minor in Chemistry. He plans to attend medical school and become an orthopedic surgeon. Andrew has assisted in research specializing in spinal cord injury at the Miller School of Medicine. He is a member of **Beta Beta Beta** and enjoys attending athletic events on campus. This is his first year as a Peer Advisor. a.bromley@umiami.edu



Tracy Carter is a senior majoring in Psychology & German with a minor in Biology. Tracy's involvement with the Head Start program has led to an interest in a Ph.D. in Clinical Child Psychology. Tracy is a member of the **Honor Council**, **C.O.P.E.**, and her sorority, **Zeta Tau Alpha**. Tracy spent a semester at the Chinese University of Hong Kong during Fall 2008 through UM's study abroad program. This is her third year as a Peer Advisor. t.carter3@umiami.edu



Cole Brown is a senior majoring in Neuroscience (Psychobiology track) with a minor in Chemistry. He is involved in neuroscience research at the university and participates in **C.O.P.E.** He would like to attend graduate school for a program in the Health Sciences. This is his second year as a Peer Advisor. c.brown20@umiami.edu



Ross Feldgreber is a junior majoring in Psychology with a Business minor. Ross would like to attend veterinary school to become an orthopedic specialist for animals. This year, he is working in Dr. Saab's lab. Ross is also a member of the **Sigma Alpha Mu** fraternity and **C.O.P.E.** In his free time, Ross plays for the University of Miami **Club Ultimate Frisbee team**. This is his second year as a Peer Advisor. r.feldgreber@umiami.edu



Alida Lambert is a junior majoring in Psychology with minors in Sociology and Human & Social Development. She works as a research assistant in Dr. Quittner's Child Health Lab. She plans to attend graduate school and pursue a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. She is a member of **C.O.P.E.**, **Greenpeace**, and **Big Brothers Big Sisters**. This is her first year as a Peer Advisor. a.lambert1@umiami.edu



Jennifer LeMay is a junior majoring in Psychology on the pre-med track. Jennifer plans to become either a pediatrician or a child psychologist. She has been a competitive gymnast for fourteen years and enjoys photography. Jennifer is a research assistant in the Mood and Anxiety Lab and a first-year member of **C.O.P.E.** This is her second year as a Peer Advisor. jlemay@umiami.edu



Adam Margol is a senior majoring in Psychology with minors in Spanish and Business Administration. He plans to attend graduate school to earn a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Adam is involved in **GRIPP**, research with Dr. Durocher and Dr. La Greca, his fraternity **Sigma Alpha Epsilon**, **C.O.P.E.**, and many other activities on campus. This is his third year as a Peer Advisor. a.margol@umiami.edu



Andrew Moskowitz is a senior majoring in Psychology and Criminology with a minor in Sports Administration. Andrew is the chair of **C.O.P.E.** and is involved in his fraternity, **Sigma Alpha Mu**. He was also an Orientation Fellow. Andrew plans to pursue his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and hopes to work for the CIA. Andrew is working in Dr. Siemer's lab. This is his third year as a Peer Advisor. a.moskowitz@umiami.edu



Stephanie Novotny is a junior majoring in Psychology with minors in Biology & English. She will pursue a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. She is a member of **C.O.P.E.**, on the E-board for **Student Awareness for Eating Disorders (SAFED)**, and is a Desk Assistant in Hecht. Stephanie is also involved with UM/NSU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. This is her second year as a Peer Advisor. snovotny@umiami.edu



Christine Pao is a junior majoring in Neuroscience (Neurobiology track) with a minor in Chemistry. She plans to go to medical school where she hopes to become a Pediatrician. She is a member of **Relay for Life** and **UM Alternative Breaks**. This is her second year as a Peer Advisor. c.pao@umiami.edu



Sara Pullen is a senior majoring in Neuroscience (Psychobiology track) with minors in English and Chemistry. She plans to go to medical school and hopes to participate in **Doctors Without Borders**. Sara is involved in **Psi Chi**, **Eta Sigma Phi**, **Gamma Sigma Alpha**, and **Delta Delta Delta**. This is her first year as a Peer Advisor. s.pullen@umiami.edu



Sonya Richards is a senior majoring in Psychology with a minor in History. She is a member of **Alpha Delta Pi Sorority**. She also loves to travel and spend time with her family and friends. Sonya is a student pilot with 20 hours of flying experience. She spent the previous spring semester in Slovenia through UM's study abroad program. This is her third year as a Peer Advisor. srichards2@umiami.edu



Amelia Rowley is a senior majoring in Psychology with a minor in Biology. In the future, Amelia plans to pursue her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Amelia is involved with the UM/NSU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities and **GRIPP**. She is also a member of the **Frost School of Music** choral ensembles, **Big Brothers Big Sisters**, and is the Vice President of **Psi Chi**. This is her third year as a Peer Advisor. a.rowley@umiami.edu



Jacklyn Schroder is a sophomore majoring in Psychology with a minor in Anthropology. She plans to attend graduate school to pursue a Ph.D. in Psychology. She is involved in research with Dr. McCullough's lab, and is the historian of **Random Acts of Kindness**. This is her first year as a Peer Advisor. jschroder@umiami.edu



Michael Sheffield is a junior majoring in Neuroscience (Psychobiology track) with a minor in Chemistry. He plans to attend medical school to become a neurologist. Michael is a **UMAA Student Ambassador** and a member of **Psi Chi**. He enjoys playing the piano and watching movies with friends. This is his second year as a Peer Advisor. m.sheffield@umiami.edu



Michael Ulló is a sophomore majoring in Psychology with minors in Biology and Chemistry. He plans to attend medical school and work towards becoming a dermatologist. He is currently a workshop leader for **Biology 150** and a volunteer at **Doctor's Hospital**. This is his first year as a peer advisor. mullo@umiami.edu



Jessica Weiss is a junior majoring in Psychology with Chemistry and English minors. She is a member of **Alpha Delta Pi Sorority** and is currently serving on the executive board as the social chair and risk manager. She hopes to attend medical school after graduation. This is her first year as a peer advisor. jweiss7@umiami.edu



Kiara Wesley is a junior majoring in Psychology with minors in Theater and Human and Social Development. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Currently, she is a research assistant for Dr. Kim and a new member of **C.O.P.E.** Kiara also remains an active member of **United Black Students** and the **Senior Class Gift Committee**. This is her first year as a Peer Advisor. kwesley@umiami.edu



PRIME 2009



As part of an effort by the American Psychological Association (APA) and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) to increase minority representation in areas of biopsychological research and career pipeline, twenty-two students were funded to do research this summer. Special matching funds from the Department's scholarship fund provided by Fred C. and Helen D. Flipse allowed eleven non-minority students to participate in the program as well.

Participants in the PRIME summer program had the opportunity to work closely with a faculty mentor and other members of the faculty's research team for ten weeks on an individual research project. Students worked a minimum of 20 hours per week on their research and attended weekly meetings with Dr. Victoria Noriega and the graduate student mentors, Tanya Tran and Katie Chipungu. The weekly meetings covered various topics including graduate school and research in psychology. The meetings also served as a forum for students to share their own thoughts and ideas.



On July 23, students finalized their posters and presented their research to faculty, friends, and family. You can check out some of their posters on the walls of our "Hall of Research." We are extremely proud of all their hard work and effort!



PRIME Project Titles

Brian Becraft (Dr. Quittner)

Differences in Facilitative Language Techniques Prior to and 24 Months After Cochlear Implantation

Elsbeth Black (Dr. Lieberman)

Potential Correlation Between In-Group/Out-Group Affiliation and Nonconscious Behavioral Mimicry

Johayra Bouza (Dr. Shearer)

The Relationship Between Family Home and School Involvement and School Readiness

Cristina Calderon (Dr. Messinger)

Measuring Infant Smiles with Computer Vision

Tracy Carter (Dr. Shearer)

The Protective Influence of Positive Peer Play on Preschool Behavior Problems

Constanza Covarrubias (Dr. Henderson)

The Influence of Dysphoric-Mood State and Rumination on Intentional Forgetting

Cristina De Armas (Dr. Henderson)

Theory of Minds in Relation to Observed Peer Interactions Among Children with High Functioning Autism

Roberto Guerra (Dr. Siemer)

The Relationship Between Personality Factors and the Use of Emotion Regulation Strategies

Heather Hollebeak (Dr. Gellman)

Differences in Central Obesity Among Hispanic Subgroups

Sara Klaben (Dr. Ehrenreich)

Parent-Child Concordance in Reports of Anxiety and Depression in a Normative Sample Participating in a Universal Prevention Program

Janice Leon (Dr. Kim)

Healthy Lifestyle Behaviors: Fruit and Vegetable Consumption

Adam Margol (Dr. Durocher)

Comparing Two Methods to Measure Preference for Adult Attention in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Kathryn Michael (Dr. Joormann)

Rumination and Working Memory in Depression

Andrew Moskowitz (Dr. Siemer)

Using Individual Differences to Predict Preferences for Anger in Frustrating Situations

Stephanie Novotny (Dr. Alessandri)

Changes in Developmental Rate of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Comparison of LEAP, TEACCH and Eclectic Preschool Educational Models

Lauren Parker (Dr. La Greca)

Parent and Child-Reports of Children's Posttraumatic Stress Reactions Following a Natural Disaster

Ashley Ramos (Dr. Joormann)

The Relationship Between Depressive Symptoms and Positive Imagery

Amelia Rowley (Dr. Durocher)

The Relationship Between ADOS Severity Score and Preference for Adult Attention in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Marietta Suarez (Dr. Ironson)

Content Frequency of Prayer of Patients with HIV/AIDS in Relation to Health Locus of Control, Depression, and Perceived Stress

Sierra Winings (Dr. Kim)

Prevalence of Physical Examination among Inner City Sample

Mary Woody (Dr. Joormann)

The Effects of Rumination and Gender on the Psychological and Biological Recovery from Stress

PSY 367/368 Research Projects in Psychology

To register for Research, come by UASP to pick up the *Permission to Register for 367/8* form. You must have the faculty member sign the form. To get more information about the requirements for each project, go to www.psy.miami.edu/undergraduate.

Adult Division

Dr. Charles Carver

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

Dr. Sheri Johnson

Dr. Jutta Joormann

Talk Fast Study
Processing of Emotional Information in Depression
Emotion and Mood Regulation in Depression and Social Anxiety
Autobiographical Memory in Social Phobia

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 Emotion Regulation

Dr. Amy Weisman de Mamani

Schizophrenia Family Study
Rat-do

Child Division

Dr. Michael Alessandri

Dr. Daniel Armstrong

The Comparison of Two Comprehensive Treatment Models for Autism
Disclosure of School-age Children Infected with HIV

Dr. Jill Ehrenreich-May

Psychotropic Medication Use in the Pediatric Cancer Population
Emotion Detectives: A Recreational Anxiety and Depression Prevention for Kids
Adolescent Panic Disorder in a Pediatric Primary Care Clinic
Psychotherapy Alliance (Therapist-Client Relationship) Coding in an Adolescent Treatment Study

Dr. Daryl Greenfield

Dr. Heather Henderson

Head Start and School Readiness
Adolescent Temperament Study
EGI Studies with Individuals with High Functioning Autism
Temperament Over Time Study

Dr. Marygrace Yale Kaiser

Executive Functions, Social Competence, and Preschoolers' School Readiness
Language Skills in Head Start Children

Dr. Lynne Katz

Project Hand-in-Hand

Dr. Annette La Greca

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

Dr. Kristin Lindahl

Dr. Maria Llabre

Dr. Daniel Messinger

Study of Family Interaction and Treatment Outcome
Horseback Riding in Children with Autism
Emotional Expression
Siblings of Children with Autism
Computer Vision and EEG
Continuous Measurement
Parent-Child Play in Infancy

Dr. Alexandra Quittner

Childhood Development after Cochlear Implantation
Cystic Fibrosis Adherence Trial
Dr. Quittner's Child Health Lab

Dr. Rebecca Shearer

Classroom Social/Emotional Adjustment and School Readiness in Head Start

Health Division

Dr. Marc Gellman

Dr. Barry Hurwitz

Dr. Gail Ironson

Dr. Youngmee Kim

Dr. Philip McCabe

Dr. Frank Penedo

Hispanic Community Health Study/Study of Latinos
Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Disease Progression
Psychoneuroimmunology of HIV/AIDS
Biomarkers of Cancer Caregiving Stress
Cognitive Function in Parkinson's Disease - Dr. Bonnie Levin
Cognitive and Behavioral Stress Management and Prostate Cancer
Ethnicity and Determinants of Quality of Life Following Prostate Cancer Treatment
Biobehavioral-Cytokine Interactions in Ovarian Cancer
Quality of Life Intervention in Advanced Prostate Cancer
Biobehavioral-Cytokine Interactions in Ovarian Cancer

Dr. Patrice G. Saab

Dr. Monica Webb

Heart Smart
Lights Out Program

Log on to www.psy.miami.edu for more Undergraduate Research Opportunities!

Alumni News

Lauren Brown '06 **PSY/SOC**
After completing her Ed.S. in School Psychology at the University of Florida, Lauren is now working as a School Psychologist for the Hillsborough County School System with Forrest Hills Elementary.

Ivanna Colangelo '08 **PSY/CMP**
Ivanna graduated *cum laude* in December 2008. She is working in the Mental Health field at the Boehm House in Rochester, New York. She helps with counseling, case management, overseeing medications, and writing bills for Medicaid.

Courtney George '08 **CRI & PSY/SPA**
Courtney graduated last December and will be going to law school at Georgetown University.

Amanda Hauns '07 **PSY/BIL**
Amanda was recently accepted to the University of Pennsylvania for a second Bachelor's in Nursing and a Master's in Nursing. She will become a Nurse Practitioner and work with psychiatric patients.

Yvonne Marschner '05 **PSY/APY**
Yvonne has recently graduated from the University of Munich with her Master's in Psychology. She has returned to the United States to look for a job and apply to a Ph.D. program.

Sophia Maurasse '02 **PSY/CHM & BIL**
Upon receiving her B.S. from UM, Sophia taught an S.A.T. course for Kaplan and tutored writing at F.I.U. while applying to medical school. She attended and graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine. Sophia is currently in her second year of residency in Adult Psychiatry at George Washington University and is hoping to do fellowships in child and adolescent psychiatry as well as in psychosomatic medicine.

Jacqueline Pierluisi '09 **PSY/COS**
After graduating *summa cum laude* in the spring, Jacqueline will be attending Harvard Law School.

Khara Schenker '07 **PSY/ENG**
Khara started her Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology at La Salle University in Philadelphia this fall.

Alexandra DeSmidt '09 **NEUB/INS & CHM**
Alexandra is working as a Research Associate/Technician with Dr. Lu in the University of Miami Department of Biology. She plans to take some time off and travel before attending graduate school.

Colin Gallagher '07 **NEUP/CHM**
Colin will be attending Drexel University in the Fall for his M.S. in Experimental Psychology.

Anik Huffman '05 **NEUP/CHM**
Anik is currently pursuing a double Master's in Mental Health Counseling and in Marriage and Family Therapy, with a certificate in Lifestyle Medicine. He also helped write an article on the effects of high fructose corn syrup with regard to health implications; it is under review.

Congratulations Laura!

Laura Vallverdu is a Psychology major here at the University of Miami. However, she is better known for her tennis playing abilities.

Laura was one of three UM women's tennis players last season to be selected ITA All-Americans. She also finished ranked No. 10 in the final Campbell/ITA singles poll.

For the 2008-09 season, Laura was runner-up at the NCAA Women's Tennis Singles Championships in College Station, Texas, and ended the year with her third-straight 30-win season. She held a record of 33-8 (26-4 dual). She also went 18-8 against nationally ranked competitors after missing almost the entire fall season with an injury. She is a three-time All-ACC performer.

Recently, Laura was named as the Atlantic Coast Conference's Women's Tennis Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She is also considering applying to Ph.D. programs in Clinical Psychology. Good luck during the upcoming season!



Studying Abroad

By Sonya Richards



When I decided to go to Slovenia, I didn't realize how much I would learn from the experience. My program had over 300 study abroad students from around the world and only four students (including me) from the US. This allowed me to make friends with students from all over.

Slovenia is a small country but, as any travel guide will tell you, it is the total package. With Alps and ski slopes to the north, Mediterranean beaches to the south, and beautiful lakes and rivers in-between there was plenty to keep me busy without leaving the country. The best part is that all of these places were less than an hour away from the city I studied in, Ljubljana.

Ljubljana is the capital city with a population of only 250,000 (the entire country is barely over 2 million) and was the perfect city for a home-base because of its small town atmosphere and scenic old center, complete with its own castle.

One of the major benefits of studying in Slovenia was its proximity to so many other countries. Slovenia shares borders with Italy, Austria, Hungary, and Croatia. Weekend visits to countries such as Bosnia and Serbia were also easy and fun thanks to trips that were planned by the University's student organization.

Looking back, I can say that I enjoyed my study abroad experience because of the people I met, the countries and cities I visited, and the wonderful country and city I picked as my home-base.



The Psi Chi Connection

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President's Message

By Kendra Anderson

2009–2010 Psi Chi Executive Board

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Dr. Frank
Penedo
Psi Chi
Advisor



Welcome to a new year with Psi Chi! I hope you had an amazing summer and are ready to come back to UM for a fresh start. This year I am excited to work with my new E-board and welcome new and returning **psychology and neuroscience majors** to our club. We will be getting more involved on campus and in the psychology community in Miami. Our club plans to host guest speakers

to provide members with information about specific psychology classes, research projects at UM, the Psychology GRE, the path to becoming a professional, and the many modern career trends in psychology.

We'll also be mixing things up with movie nights, hot topics, and game nights. In addition, we'll be reaching out to the community by volunteering at psychology-related institutions and nearby hospitals.

All of these experiences will be paired with advice and support from Dr. Frank Penedo, an Associate Professor of Psychology, who has been our advisor for Psi Chi for many years. We also plan to strengthen our relationship with Kaplan Test Preparation Center, which donates a full test prep course to the most outstanding Psi Chi member of the year. **A member can win this free Kaplan course by attending meetings frequently and being involved in Psi Chi activities.**

So start off your year right with Psi Chi. Come join us to see what's in store for this year and meet our new members! Remember that you can still be an associate member and attend meetings even if you don't meet the requirements to be a full member. **If you want to know more about Psi Chi check out our website (<http://psichimiami.wordpress.com/>) or e-mail us at Psichimiami@gmail.com.** See you around!

Meetings are open to everyone
regardless of membership

Please refer to our
website for updated information!
psichimiami.wordpress.com

TUNS

The Undergraduate Neuroscience Society



A Welcome from the President

By Timothy Boyce

Hello and welcome! First and foremost, TUNS is a student-run organization that is open to anyone who is interested in the fields of Neuroscience and Psychology. Our primary objective is to connect members to fellow enthusiasts and faculty. In addition, our goal is to keep members up-to-date with the current research being conducted in neuroscience, especially here at UM.

Once again, thanks to Dr. McCabe, our faculty advisor, and the Psychology Department there is no fee to become a member of TUNS. There is no cost to attend any of our meetings or lectures that we have once a month, or the end of the year Student-Faculty Mixer. We also have club t-shirts that can be purchased for a nominal fee.

This year we will have a variety of events, including a tour of the Lois Pope Life Center at the medical school.

If you are curious about neuroscience and would like to learn about the research being done at the University of Miami, you should join TUNS. We will be having our first meeting in the next two weeks and will be sending out reminders through our list-serve. If you have any questions or want to be added to the list-serve please email tuns_um@yahoo.com or contact me directly at t.boyce@umiami.edu.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Join our listserv to receive information about our upcoming meetings! E-mail tuns_um@yahoo.com

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