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Collaboration and Innovation Continues at Psi Alpha

Kristen Mitzel, Director of Operations

One of the amazing things about being a part of a growing organization is seeing the wonderful collaboration of those who believe in our mission. In this publication of our quarterly newsletter, you will see shining students, dedicated advisors, collaborating directors, and more!

We have chartered a record number of chapters this quarter and are anticipating a vast number of new members with their subsequent inductions. With more chapters comes more members with ideas and innovations that continue to bolster Psi Alpha as a whole.

We are constantly inspired by the hard work and dedication of the students and advisors that make up this organization, and I cannot encourage you enough to share your experiences, no matter how big or small, so that we can brag about all the amazing work you are done.

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Featured this month, Daniel Tepedino from Martin High School shares his experience as a chapter delegate and his plans for the expansion and involvement of his chapter with advisor Rachael Peterson. You will also see our amazing national council members and how to contact them, as well as meeting our new addition, Jacquelyn Hamby, the director of chapter relations!

As always, if your chapter is involved in any activities that are serving your school and community, please send photos and a description of your experiences! We welcome new ideas for advisors and students to get more involved with their chapters. Please direct all submissions to:

Kristen Mitzel

Director of Operations

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A message from our Executive Director:

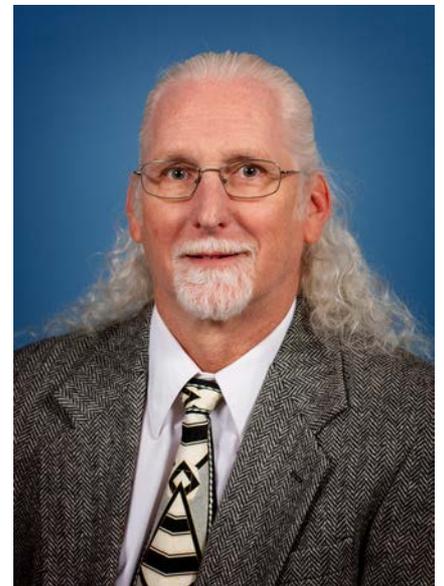
Hello Psi Alpha,

With fall comes many changes to the weather, the trees (depending on where you live), and those with arthritis. Many changes have come to Psi Alpha as well. We are excited to have Jacquelyn Hamby on staff as our Director of Chapter Relations. She has taken over some of Kristen Mitzel's responsibilities so now I can assign Kristen even more responsibilities! We have almost completed filling our National Advisory Board. This group is composed of representatives from a number of important psychology organizations as well as individuals who are front and center in the world of psychology. They will be assisting Psi Alpha in a number of ways and we are fortunate to have their support. We also have a very active National Council who work hard to assure Advisors, Chapters, and student members get what they need.

Jacquelyn and Kristen continue to work on website upgrades, social media connections, and other opportunities for Advisors and members. Please thank them for their work when you have the opportunity to hear from them. Our rate of growth over the past couple of months has been incredible. Welcome to all our chapters and the new student members they will induct. It is a great time to be involved in Psi Alpha. As is always the case, feel free to reach out to me directly if you have ideas to enhance the Psi Alpha experience. Enjoy the upcoming Holidays and please be safe.

Peace

- Dr. Gerber



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Chapter Delegate Spotlight:

Daniel Tepedino

James Martin High School

My name is Daniel Tepedino. I was born in San Jose, Costa Rica, and I am part of the STEM Academy at Martin High School in Arlington, Texas. I've always had a medically oriented interest, leading me to take AP Psychology at my school, which was one of my favorite all-time classes especially because of my teacher, Mrs. Peterson! I more than enjoyed learning about all aspects of Psychology, a subject I was relatively new to at the beginning of the course. Being in Psychology has opened a whole new world of opportunities where I am now part of Psi Alpha and serve as Chapter Delegate. My duties include keeping our members informed of events and news from Psi Alpha, sharing what we are doing with Psi Alpha, and reaching out to other chapters. My duties also include connecting with the University of Texas at Arlington and their Psi Chi Chapter.

I serve on our Executive Board of Officers, voicing opinions for decisions for our chapter and bringing new ideas to the table for events to come. One of my tasks was helping our members get registered with the APA.



As of now, I am working with our co-Presidents to set up a virtual meeting with a local high school to help them start their new chapter. We will also Zoom with other chapters in the Southwest Region to share ideas and collaborate on upcoming events.

Additionally, I'm in charge of writing the Newsletters for our chapter. I plan on doing several throughout the year. There are two main newsletters at the end of each semester where I sum up everything our chapter has done in that time, and then I plan on writing several other smaller ones throughout the semester to recap what events our chapter has done, speak of their success, and place upcoming events to help others within our chapter stay involved. I will then share some of these articles and pictures with Psi Alpha for potential inclusion in the Psi Alpha Newsletter.

If have any questions or if you are interested in being part of a future Zoom, please feel free to contact me at datepedino@gmail.com

We want your thoughts!

Do you have an organization in mind that could use Psi Alpha's support? Let us know! Are you performing service projects with your chapter? Be sure to take photos, and show off your service skills!

Send any submissions to psialphanational@gmail.com to be considered for our next newsletter, to be published in September!

James Martin High School donates pumpkins to their local senior living facility!

Recently our Psi Alpha Chapter at James Martin High School in Arlington Texas hosted a BYOP event in which our members brought their own pumpkins and decorated them during a lunch meeting. Later, members delivered the pumpkins to a senior living facility in our community. Residents picked out a pumpkin for their rooms. We look forward to more events with our neighbors!



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New Psi Alpha Chapters starting out the 2022-2023 school year!

Posnack Jewish day school

Southwest High school

Thelma Salinas

Carrollwood Day School

L&N Stem

St. Pius X St. Mathias Academy

Seneca Valley High School

The Colony High School

Cliffside Park High School

Rock Hill High School

Cypress Bay High School

Bethesda Chevy Chase High School

Community Christian

**Psi Alpha offers a sincere
congratulations to all the new
chapters and advisors joining Psi
Alpha this school year!**

Meet the Psi Alpha National Council



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Our national council is made up of advisors of Psi Alpha chapters in each region of the United States. They aid the national office in determining chapter eligibility, developing bylaws and collaborating with the chapters in their region on a variety of projects. Please reach out to your regional Vice President for anything you need for your chapter!

There is still time to register for APA



AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

First time Psi Alpha Members can activate your free APA Membership before the end of the year!

FREE Membership for new Psi Alpha Members!

Psi Alpha and the American Psychological Association has partnered to provide free APA memberships to first year high school members of Psi Alpha for all of 2022!



Advisors have the Code!

Please ask your advisors to check their advisor email for information about how to gain access to this wonderful feature!

■ Student members will receive benefits like 60% off journals, 25% off books and materials, access to PSYCnet Gold Database, digital subscriptions to Monitor on Psychology and American Psychologist PLUS access 10 full-text articles from APA journals, Earn 5 FREE credits (1 CE credit per program) online and receive printable certificates, and career resources!

■ Any students who have registered online with Psi Alpha, and have paid their membership fee is eligible to receive membership. Memberships extend through the end of 2022. Please email psialphanational@gmail.com for questions.

Season's Greetings



Holidays are here!

Award THE BEST
CONCEPTS

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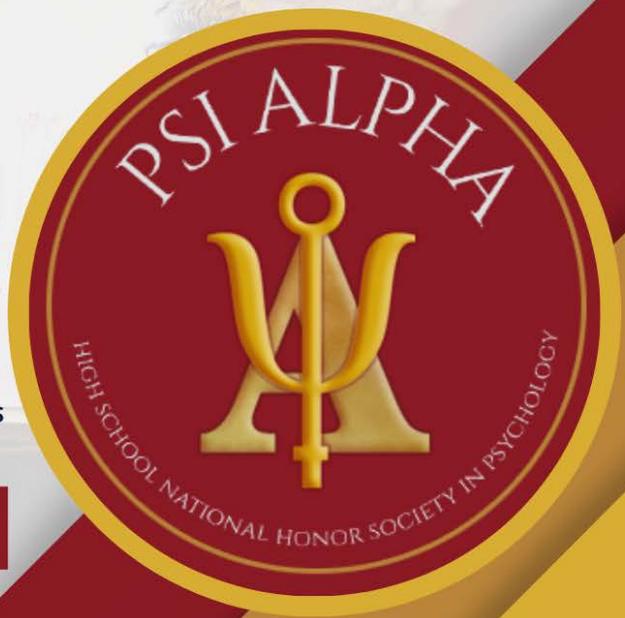


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Reminder for Advisors: Join our Facebook Group!

If you haven't already, head on over to Facebook and become a member of our advisor corner! This is a space for advisors only to talk about their chapter happenings, ask questions, share ideas, and more! All of the national council are members, and you can get connected with all of them! You will be approved by an admin once you request to join! This page is for current and former advisors, as well as those interested in chartering their own chapter!

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