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Subject: Midwestern Regional VP Fall Letter

Dear Midwestern Psi Chi advisors and members,

Well, here we are! The new academic year has begun, even in the midst of a global pandemic. I am confident that 2020 will be one we will not soon forget. Throughout these challenging times, the Psi Chi Central Office, the Board of Directors, and the Midwest Psychological Association have been hard at work. Please reach out if there are ways we can better support you or other members of your local chapters. There are a number of ways to contact me, but the most direct is my email: rootluna@hope.edu.

I’d like to draw your attention to several key Psi Chi opportunities and deadlines related to MPA that are quickly approaching:

1. The 2021 Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA) convention will be **April 22–24, 2021**! We do not yet know if it will be possible to host an in-person convention. Virtual options are being explored—stay tuned!

2. The MPA convention submission deadline is **November 4 at 11:59 p.m. EST**. The website is **LIVE**! You can find submission details for both the main program and Psi Chi at the MPA website. When you complete your submission, we will ask you about your preferences for an in-person or virtual convention.

3. We have invited Dr. Acacia Parks (Happify, Inc.) as Psi Chi’s Distinguished Lecturer this year, as we were not able to hear from her this past spring. Dr. Parks is currently Chief Science Officer at Happify, Inc., which aims to use current technology to deliver evidence-based, self-help interventions for well-being and mental health.

4. Is there something you would like to see at MPA? I would love to hear your suggestions for MPA 2021. The steering committee is currently discussing the MPA program.

Additionally, we’ve switched over to a public Psi Chi Midwestern Region Facebook page. Be sure to like or follow us to keep up with current announcements, share programs, or request feedback as a part of our online community.
And for the first time ever, we’re hosting a Midwestern Regional Fall Virtual Event: **The Highs and Lows of Psi Chi Chapters During COVID-19.** This event will be held **Friday, October 9, 3:00–4:30 p.m. EST.** Log on to learn from other chapters, share your chapter success stories (and less-than-success stories too!), have your questions answered about submitting to MPA 2021, and learn more about current support opportunities from Psi Chi (such as [COVID-19 member support fund](#), [switching to individual new member payment](#), [free learning opportunities](#), [Psi Chi podcasts](#), [research grants for undergraduate and graduate students](#), [regional travel grants](#), [model chapter awards](#), the upcoming [Chapter Challenge fundraiser](#), this year’s [Presidential theme](#), and more)! Come when you can and leave when you must. Register [HERE](#) for the link.

I hope to “see” you on October 9!

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