To: Fall Mailing Eblast to Midwestern Region  
Date: October 4, 2021  
Subject: Midwestern Regional VP Fall Letter

Dear Midwestern Psi Chi advisors and members,

I hope this letter finds you engaging in the elements of your work, and the academic year brings you energy and joy, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and our cultural climate. Psi Chi’s Central Office Staff and the Board of Directors continue to work to serve you and your needs. If you have ideas about how we can support you and your local chapters, please reach out! There are a number of ways to contact me, but the most direct is my email: rootluna@hope.edu. This will be my last year serving as the Vice-President of the Midwestern region, and I would love to hear from you.

We have several upcoming opportunities, both at the organizational and regional level:

1. The 2022 Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA) convention will be April 21–23, 2022! We are hopeful that the convention will be in person in Chicago. If the convention is in person, COVID mitigation procedures will be in place. If necessary, the convention will be held virtually.
2. The MPA convention submission deadline is Tuesday, November 2 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. Back this year is the opportunity to submit your research in a data-blitz format, so be sure to indicate your preference when you submit.
3. We have invited Dr. Mesmin Destin (Northwestern University) as Psi Chi’s Distinguished Lecturer this year. I am so excited to hear him present on his research, which focuses on social environments, particularly socioeconomic resources, that shape students’ identities, motivations, behaviors, and life trajectories.
4. Is there something you would like to see at MPA? I would love to hear your suggestions for MPA 2022. If you have an idea for a session, please reach out! The steering committee is currently discussing the MPA program.
5. Psi Chi has a multitude of opportunities available, including switching to individual payment for membership dues, free learning opportunities, Psi Chi podcasts, research grants for undergraduate
and graduate students, regional travel grants, and model chapter awards.

You may already know that 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. You can also follow Psi Chi on Twitter and Instagram!

Finally, we have one open graduate student position for the Midwestern Region’s Psi Chi Steering Committee! This is an opportunity to help shape the 2022 meeting sessions and speakers, and it is a great opportunity to be more actively involved in Psi Chi and MPA. Primary committee responsibilities include contributing ideas to the program, reviewing student abstracts, and actively participating in programming at the convention in April. If you would like to be considered, please send an email with your name and a statement detailing your interest in the committee to rootluna@hope.edu by October 15, 2021.

Thank you, and I hope to hear from you!

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