Dear Midwestern Psi Chi members,

I hope you are enjoying the beginning of autumn as well as the new academic year. Welcome, new Psi Chi members! I am excited to continue to serve you as your 2018–20 Midwest Vice-President. I welcome your feedback about the region and your ideas about how to make our annual convention even better in 2020! There are a number of ways to contact me, but the most direct is my email: rootluna@hope.edu.

Below, I’ve listed several key Psi Chi opportunities and deadlines for this fall:

1. The 2020 Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA) convention will be April 23–25, 2020! Be sure to plan to attend!

2. The MPA convention submission deadline is November 5 at 11:59 p.m. EST. The website is LIVE! (By the way, have you seen the new website?! It looks great!) You can find submission details for both the main program and Psi Chi at the MPA website. We are thrilled to have Dr. Acacia Parks (Happify, Inc) as Psi Chi’s Distinguished Lecturer this year. Dr. Parks is currently Chief Scientist at Happify, Inc, which aims to use current technology to deliver evidence-based, self-help interventions for well-being and mental health. Her work is one example of #PsychEverywhere.

3. Is there something you would like to see at MPA? I would love to hear your suggestions for MPA 2019 at rootluna@hope.edu. The steering committee is currently working on the MPA program.

4. Faculty advisors: Thank you for all the work you do for your Psi Chi chapters! We love to celebrate you at MPA and provide space for you connect with one another. Because it is such a busy time, in an effort to reach as many advisors as possible, please complete this poll. I’d like to know the type of appreciation event you would want to attend and when you anticipate you would be available during the convention. This event is for you, so please let me know your thoughts.

5. Perhaps you’ve heard—it’s Psi Chi’s 90th anniversary year! Throughout the academic year ahead, we’re releasing 26 unique ways to celebrate Psi Chi—check out this link to learn more.

6. You can also honor Psi Chi’s 90th anniversary year by taking part in the Fall 2019 & Spring 2020 #PsychEverywhere Membership Drive. Our hope is for all eligible members to join Psi Chi. Plus, winning chapters are awarded $50 toward merchandise at the Psi Chi store.
7. The 2019–20 cycle of grants and awards is now open. Remember, these include Undergraduate Research Grants (Oct. 15), Regional Travel Grants (Jan. 30), and Graduate Research Grants (Oct. 15). And it’s never too early to start thinking about that Model Chapter Award. Check out more details and upcoming deadlines for additional programs.

8. Don’t forget about the research opportunities available through Psi Chi’s Network for International Collaborative Exchange (NICE). Check out both arms of this platform: NICE:CROWD and NICE:CONNECT, which provide collaboration and cross-cultural opportunities.

9. For those of you that are currently members of our Facebook group, thank you! The group has been a wonderful way to keep track of current announcements, share programs, or request feedback. We are excited to announce that we are moving to a public Midwestern Facebook Page, rather than a closed group! Please take the time to visit and like our new page here! (LINK TO COME)

10. This year, the Psi Chi Chapter Challenge officially runs from November 1–December 3 and supports ALL member programs. Find out how you can get started today at www.psichi.org/chapterchallenge

I hope to hear from you!

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