



PSI CHI. THE INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN PSYCHOLOGY

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Dear Rocky Mountain Region Psi Chi Members,

Welcome to the Fall 2026 e-newsletter for the Rocky Mountain Region! As I begin my last year serving as the Vice-President for the Rocky Mountain Region, I want to start with both an introduction and a message of gratitude. For those of you who have not met me, my name is Rona McCall. I am honored to be serving for my fourth and final year in the role of Psi Chi Vice-President for the Rocky Mountain Region. Over the past three years, I have enjoyed supporting chapters in the region and working with the Psi Chi organization to provide opportunities for chapters, faculty, and students worldwide. This includes gathering at a regional convention like many of us did when we attended the 2026 Rocky Mountain Psychological Association (RMPA) convention in Boise, Idaho.

Before moving on to the exciting events happening this year, I want to take a moment to reflect on last year. Highlights included outstanding chapter events, serving in communities, new chapters joining the region, and outstanding research presented at our regional convention. I must extend my gratitude to last year's regional steering committee members: Jeremy Tost (faculty, Colorado Mesa University), Paige Lloyd (faculty, University of Denver), and Erika Yevara (student, Regis University) for helping with planning and programming at the 2026 RMPA. Their support, ideas, and energy made my job at the RMPA convention easy!

Psi Chi at 2027 Rocky Mountain Psychological Association (RMPA)

The 2027 RMPA convention will be April 1–3 in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center.

- Proposals for RMPA are due **Tuesday, December 1, 2026**. Additional details are available on the [RMPA Convention website](#).
- **Psi Chi Regional Research Awards at RMPA**
 - Graduate and undergraduate Psi Chi members are eligible to apply for the Regional Research Award (\$400).
 - When you submit your proposal to RMPA, you will have the opportunity to indicate whether you would like to be considered. If you want to be considered, you must select that you are willing to give an oral presentation.
 - Early registration deadline is March 2, 2027.

During my tenure as VP, I have tried to weave an annual theme into much of the Psi Chi programming at RMPA to engage both students and faculty. Past themes have explored mentorship, unique career paths, and play. This year's theme, *"Failing, Spectacularly!"* will shape the keynote and many Psi Chi events as we consider what we can learn from our failures, both small and spectacular.

Recognizing and promoting excellence in the science and application of psychology

As the programming continues to come together, Psi Chi looks forward to hosting the following events at RMPA 2027:

- The Annual Psi Chi at RMPA Service Event
- Psi Chi Research Awards
- How to Convention Tips
- Professional Development Sessions and Workshops
- Applying for Graduate School Sessions and Workshops
- Psi Chi and Psi Beta Honor Society Chapter Event
- Social Events for All Students Attending the Convention including the return of **Hot Chocolate and Psychology Ghost Stories**

Psi Chi at RMPA Service Project is set!

For this year's Psi Chi service project, we will be partnering with the Utah Food Bank at their main warehouse on the afternoon of Thursday, April 1. The Psi Chi service activity and convention programming are open to all students, both graduate and undergraduate, regardless of current Psi Chi membership.

- Convention participants will serve in two groups of 25: one from 1:00–2:30 p.m. and one from 2:30–4:00 p.m.
- Service Project preregistration is open. Participants should register at the same time as they register for the RMPA convention on Cvent (coming soon!).
- Students on the participation waitlist after preregistration closes should check for available slots at 1:00 p.m. in the Granite Conference Center.
- Students are encouraged to register for the service event prior to the convention.
- Faculty interested in participating should email me at rockymtnvp@psichi.org.
- Open spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.
- Registered participants will receive separate email communications with additional information closer to the event.
- Once again this year, everyone who participates in the service activity will get a fun and unique Psi Chi at RMPA service project T-shirt.

Psi Chi Regional Travel Grants can help you get to 2027 RMPA

Psi Chi student members are encouraged to offset travel expenses to RMPA by applying for a [Regional Travel Grant](#). Travel grants range from \$150–\$400.

Applications are due by February 3, 2027. [Apply HERE](#).

Questions or Ideas for Psi Chi Programming at RMPA

Is there something you want included in the Psi Chi programming at RMPA? Please email me with your suggestions at rockymtnvp@psichi.org.

Psi Chi Opportunities for Chapters, Students, and Faculty

There are so many exciting things happening at Psi Chi! [Psi Chi](#)'s mission is *"recognizing and promoting excellence in the science and application of psychology,"* and you will find many opportunities at psichi.org to support you on your journey.

Grants and Awards

Please make sure to visit the [Psi Chi Grants and Awards webpage](#) to learn about the many different funding opportunities Psi Chi offers chapters, undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty.

Chapter and Membership Links

Wondering how to become a member or start, build, or run a chapter? Visit the Membership and Chapter tabs for [membership requirements](#), chapter recruitment, information about the induction ceremony, [leadership opportunities](#), and how to create a [model chapter](#).

Don't forget chapters can submit for the

- [Kay Wilson Officer Team Leadership Award](#) (\$1,500; due March 1)
- [Ruth Hubbard Cousins Chapter Award](#) (\$2,000; due April 15)
- [Model Chapter Awards](#) (\$100, due May 15)

Advisors, don't forget about the [Membership Assistance Program](#) that the Board increased to 400 waivers.

Opportunities to Share Scholarship

Want to find some good reading materials? Check out the [Publication section](#) of the Psi Chi website. You will find the [Eye on Psi Chi magazine](#), engaging [podcasts](#), thoughtful [blogs](#), and peer-reviewed research in the [Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research](#). Maybe after checking out the webpage, you or your lab will be inspired to submit your own research for publication consideration.

Professional Development

Did you know that the Psi Chi website offers helpful articles about careers and professional development? Go to [Publication Search](#) to find information that can help you prepare for your major, graduate school, and your career.

Another helpful reminder is to keep your [membership profile](#) up to date. Make sure you add your nonuniversity email address to your member profile so you can stay connected with Psi Chi after you graduate!

Looking for a way to stand out on LinkedIn or connect with other Psi Chi members? When you access the [Membership Dashboard](#), you can now download a PDF of your membership certificate and upload it to LinkedIn as a credential.

As a new year approaches, I wish you all a successful semester, trimester, quarter, or term. As fall settles into the Rocky Mountain Region, I hope you will also find time to enjoy the season while continuing to embrace the ideals of Psi Chi: curiosity, scholarship, service, and a commitment to supporting one another. Most of all, I hope you take time to have fun, try something new, make memories, and seek out a little adventure.

Please reach out to me with any questions at rockymtnvp@psichi.org.

Adventure on!

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