Hello Western Region Faculty Advisors,

Well, here we are in a new world where many of us are working from home and learning new ways to teach. The fall newsletter email summarizes Psi Chi events and presentations at WPA, as well as links to Psi Chi resources. Just a heads up, there will be a virtual Psi Chi Regional event (date to be determined) but members may attend any of these Regional Events they wish.

WPA’s 100th Anniversary!

Western Psychological Association convention 2020 is going virtual from October 28–31, 2020. WPA program can be found HERE.

Planned Events:

- **Faculty Advisor Discussion Session** (Thursday, Oct. 29 at 9:45–10:45 a.m. PST) includes Dr. Martha S. Zlokovich, Dr. Regan A. R. Gurung, and a panel of Psi Chi advisors to help answer questions that advisors may have and share new information about what is currently going on in the Psi Chi organization.

- **How to Get Into Graduate School** panel presentation (Thursday, Oct. 29 at 1:30–3 p.m. PST) is mainly for undergraduates. The panel goes over different career choices, the process for applying to grad school programs (e.g., choosing the right universities, letters of recommendation, personal statement, etc.), and what to do to stay in graduate school.

- **Chapter Exchange** (Friday, Oct. 30 at 1–2:30 p.m. PST) brings together representatives from various Psi Chi chapters and this year focuses on interactive activities where students may network with one another as well as share ideas.

- **Psi Chi/Psi Beta Connection** (Friday, Oct. 30 at 2:30–4 p.m. PST) goes over the connection between Psi Chi and Psi Beta and includes activities and discussions that explore this connection between our two organizations further.

Planned Speakers:

- **Dr. Ira Hyman** is our Distinguished Lecturer (Friday, Oct. 30 at 10–11 a.m. PST) and his talk is entitled “Crime Blindness: Selective Attention Disrupts Eyewitness Awareness and Memory.” According to his abstract, “People do not constantly watch for crimes and accidents. Potential witnesses may not notice or accurately recall a crime or accident. Even when watching for the event, attention capture frequently occurs late. Expecting people will notice crimes may be problematic when witnesses are focused on other activities.”
• Dr. Regan A.R. Gurung is Psi Chi’s Past-President (Thursday, Oct. 29 at 12:30–1:30 p.m. PST) and is an expert in teaching and learning. Dr. Gurung’s talk is entitled “Studying Like a Champion: Suggestions From Cognitive Science.” I suggest letting your students know about this talk on the best practices for learning!

WPA Convention 2021
Deadline for proposals is December 1, 2020 (more information coming soon).

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Western Region Fall Virtual Event
Date TBD. Event includes Chapter Exchange and how to apply to the Western Psychological Association convention.

PSI CHI Resources and Events

• The Chapter Challenge is back!
• Learn about Psi Chi President Dr. Deborah O’Brien’s theme of Psychological Science: We Have Answers.
• Find out about Psi Chi’s COVID-19 Support Fund.
• Does your chapter want to switch to individual payments? Find out more.
• Psi Chi’s 2020–21 Membership Drive is here!
• Psi Chi has FREE learning resources and podcasts.
• New HelpHelpedMe Officer position for Psi Chi chapters.
• Psi Chi Board of Directors has created a grace period for students who were not able to join Psi Chi due to COVID-19: any students who graduated between March 1, 2020, and August 31, 2021, and who met chapter eligibility criteria to join Psi Chi as student members at the time of graduation, be allowed to join Psi Chi until December 2021.

Updated Faculty Advisor List
I would like to get an updated list of faculty advisors. Whether you have been an advisor for years or just a few months, please add your information to the list. I promise not to send you any follow-up emails unless you are interested in joining me on a steering committee or helping out at WPA. Forward this email if you are not the current faculty advisor. Thanks to all of our fearless advisors for your continuous support over the years!! We could not do it without all of your time and dedication.

Please take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,
Jill Yamashita, PhD
Psi Chi Western Region VP