

**DATE: May 19**

**TO: advisors and officers**

**SUBJECT: Your Graduates Deserve a Special Ceremony!**



## **Your Graduates Deserve a Special Ceremony!**

With many commencement ceremonies delayed or canceled, Psi Chi is proud to provide our new [Virtual Graduation Ceremony](#). On behalf of Psi Chi, please share this ceremony with your graduating members via a Zoom meeting or another video conferencing software of your choice.

Narrated by Psi Chi's [Executive Director](#), this video celebrates students' accomplishments and provides tips to help members stay connected to Psi Chi after they graduate. Four versions are available that you can choose from:

- [Ceremony for Students Earning a Bachelor's Degree](#)
- [Ceremony for Students Earning a Master's Degree](#)
- [Ceremony for Students Earning a Doctoral Degree](#)
- [Ceremony for Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral Levels](#)

**UPCOMING LIVE EVENTS**

### **Chapter Chat: Help Helped Me Conversation**

As part of Mental Health Awareness month, let's have a conversation with Dr. R. Eric Landrum about how to help students with isolation and anxiety and how to connect with local mental health resources while social distancing!

*May 20 at 2 p.m. EDT. [Register HERE](#).*

### **COVID-19's Impact on Graduate Admissions Applications**

In this candid forum, Psi Chi's Three Heads columnists interview five graduate admissions experts. View all [panelists and moderators](#).

*May 22 at 2 p.m. EDT. [Register HERE](#).*

### **Difficult Dialogues**

This workshop with [Diversity Director](#) Dr. Susanna Gallor will help you facilitate controversial discussions that lead to connections between participants.

*June 10 at 1 p.m. EDT. [Register HERE](#).*

## CONVENTION UPDATES

All spring Psi Chi in-person conventions have been canceled or postponed. But, here is some good news! You are invited to join us for the following three special events later this year:

- [EPA 2020 Virtual Convention](#): July 17–18
- [APA 2020 Virtual Convention](#): August 6–9
- [WPA 2020](#) (San Francisco, CA): October 29–November 1

Students who were unable to present posters or papers at regional conventions this spring are also encouraged to present electronically in our new Open Science Framework (OSF) [Student Research Repository](#).

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- [Chapter Activity Grants](#)—May 31

- [Faculty Advisor Research Grants](#)—July 1
- [Mamie Phipps Clark Diversity Research Grants](#)—July 1

## CHAPTER SUPPORT

Due to Covid-19, many chapters are finding it challenging to recruit, enroll, and induct members. Here are three online solutions to keep your chapter healthy:

- Send out [Membership Invitations](#) with specific deadlines.
- Switch to Psi Chi's new [Individual Payment Option](#). New members can pay us directly via credit card so that you don't have to collect individual membership fees in person.
- Request financial assistance through the new [COVID-19 Member Support Fund](#) for students who are struggling to afford Psi Chi membership or graduation regalia.

Thank you for all you do for your students! We are honored to support you and your members in advancing the science and application of psychology!