

# Annual Report

## of the Executive Officer (2006-07)

Lisa Mantooh | Psi Chi Executive Officer/Chief Operations Officer

The 2006–07 year under the leadership of Psi Chi National President, John Davis and the National Council has been a year focusing on leadership, change, and an eye for the future of Psi Chi. Leadership was a major focus of the National Council as the first National Leadership Conference was held in January 2007. Change was another important focus as the National Council led the search for a new Executive Officer and a new editor for the *Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research*. With an eye toward the future of our organization, the National Council worked to create new partnerships with organizations whose missions parallel Psi Chi's.

The 2006–07 year began with the resignation of Psi Chi Executive Officer Paula Miller who relocated with her husband to North Carolina. Mrs. Miller was honored with a tribute by her colleagues and friends in the Winter 2007 *Eye on Psi Chi* and by the National Council at the 2007 National Leadership Conference meeting in January.

Psi Chi National President Davis led the search committee to hire a new Executive Officer. On March 1, Lisa Mantooh began the position as Executive Officer. Dr. Susan Krauss Whitbourne coordinated the search for a new editor for the *Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research*. Dr. Warren Jones (University of Tennessee at Knoxville) retired after 6 years serving in the position as editor. Dr. Christopher Koch (George Fox University, OR; Psi Chi Past-President) has been named incoming editor.

The first National Leadership Conference (NLC) was held in Atlanta, GA, on January 5–7, 2007. The NLC was held at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter NW Hotel. The first NLC was a success with 92 people in attendance—74 were participants (39 presidents and 35 faculty advisors).

All six regions were represented with a total of 53 chapters from across the nation. Planning has already begun on the second NLC to be held in January 2009.

Psi Chi has continued to be a leader among academic honor societies. The partnerships Psi Chi formed for the benefit of its members continued to be an emphasis of the National Council.

Psi Chi continued its pattern of growth with 10 new charter installations and 23,252 new members during 2006–07. Psi Chi has inducted a total of 537,202 members since the founding of Psi Chi on September 4, 1929.

### Psi Chi National Council (2006–07)

The Psi Chi National Council members for the 2006–07 year were:

President: John Davis, PhD  
President-Elect: Vincent Prohaska, PhD  
Past-President: Robert Youth, PhD  
Eastern Vice-President: Susan Krauss Whitbourne, PhD  
Midwestern Vice-President: Betsy L. Morgan, PhD  
Rocky Mountain Vice-President: Melanie Domenech Rodríguez, PhD  
Southeastern Vice-President: Michael Newlin, PhD  
Southwestern Vice-President: Richard Kasschau, PhD  
Western Vice-President: Deana Julka, PhD  
Executive Director: Virginia Andreoli Mathie, PhD  
Outgoing Executive Officer/Chief Operations Officer: Paula Miller  
Executive Officer/Chief Operations Officer: Lisa Mantooh

### Committees

The 2006–07 Psi Chi Committee members and chairs (c) appointed by President John Davis were:

Executive Committee/Finance: Davis (c), Prohaska, Youth, Mathie, Mantooh  
Nomination/Election: Youth (c), Morgan, Kathryn Kelly, Carla Reyes, Ronald Taylor  
Research Grants Committee: Domenech Rodríguez (c), Whitbourne, Kasschau  
Research Awards Committee: Newlin (c), Morgan, Julka  
Regional Psi Chi Awards: National Office Staff  
National/Chapter Psi Chi Awards: National Office Staff/Executive Committee  
Program Committee: Davis (c), Prohaska, Youth, Whitbourne, Julka  
External Affairs: Morgan (c), Whitbourne, Julka  
Internal Affairs: Kasschau (c), Youth, Morgan  
Diversity Task Force: Prohaska (c), Newlin, Lori Barker-Hackett, Joe Horvat, Carla Reyes

International Task Force: Davis (c), Whitbourne, Domenech Rodríguez, Newlin  
National Leadership Conference Task Force: Youth (co), Mathie (co), Davis  
Grants/Awards Assessment Task Force: Prohaska (c), Newlin, Mathie  
Journal Editor Search Task Force: Whitbourne (c), Prohaska, Youth

### National Elections

The Psi Chi Nomination/Election Committee received nominations from chapters for the positions of President-Elect and Vice-Presidents and provided ballots to the chapters for a national election. Dr. Robert Youth, (Dowling College, NY), served as the Nominations/Election Committee Chair. Vice-Presidents' terms of office began on July 1, 2007, while the President-Elect's term of office began immediately after the 2007 Psi Chi National Council Meeting in August. Elected to serve were **Dr. Scott VanderStoep** (Hope College, MI) as President-Elect; **Dr. Jason Young** (Hunter College, CUNY) as Eastern Vice-President; **Dr. Melanie Domenech Rodríguez** (Utah State University) as Rocky Mountain Vice-President; and **Dr. Ngoc Bui** (University of La Verne, CA) as Western Vice-President. Psi Chi appreciates the commitment each member of the National Council has given to support our organization. Psi Chi is blessed to have distinguished professionals furthering the mission of Psi Chi.

### Chapters & Members

The 2006-07 year was one of continued growth for Psi Chi in both members and chapters. While the installation of new chapters are declining, Psi Chi did acquire 10 new chapters for the year.

### Certificates

Psi Chi continued its service of providing certificates of recognition and appreciation for its members and chapters. During the 2006-07 year, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to 192 chapter offers and 50 faculty advisors; Service Award Certificates were presented to 10 worthy chapter members. Certificates of Recognition for scholarly contributions were presented to Psi Chi members who presented papers at conventions during the 2006-07 year. In addition, 60 Name Change Certificates, 293 Replacement Certificates, and 111 Transfer Certificates were mailed.

## 2007 National Leadership Conference

The goal of the NLC was to provide workshops, keynote speakers, and interactive sessions that help chapter presidents develop skills to be effective leaders of their chapter and in the profession. In addition, the conference helped chapter advisors enhance their leadership skills and expand their impact on psychology education.

On Friday evening, a reception was held to welcome participants to the NLC. This was a time for the participants to get to know each other and begin forging relationships for the future success of Psi Chi.

Following breakfast on Saturday morning, participants had the opportunity to hear from Dr. Alan Kraut, Executive Director of APS, who spoke on "Leading by Example: APS and National Policy in Psychology." The remainder of the morning participants adjourned to breakout sessions designed to guide the chapter presidents and faculty advisors in specific leadership areas such as ethics, leaders as mentors, and other effective leader strategies.

Diane F. Halpern, PhD, of the Berger Institute for Work, Family, and Children (director) and Claremont McKenna College (professor of psychology) began the afternoon session with a presentation on "When Follow the Leader is No Longer a Children's Game." By all accounts, the 2007 NLC was a success for all participants, and the planning for the 2009 NLC has begun.

## 2006–07 Award/Grant Winners

Psi Chi designated \$300,550 for awards and grants during the 2006–07 year of which \$183,673.52 was awarded to members.

### APA Science Directorate Internship Grant

See page 18 of the Awards section.

### APS Albert Bandura Graduate Research Award

This year's award recipient was **Deah Lawson** of the University of Alabama in Huntsville. The award for her paper entitled "The Mitigating Effects of Suspicion on Post-Identification Feedback" was presented during the 2007 APS National Convention in Washington DC. As the recipient of the Bandura award, Ms. Lawson received expenses for the trip, a plaque for herself and one to place in her honor at her university.

### Alynn & Bacon Research Awards

See page 10 of the Awards section.

### Cousins Award

Psi Chi's Ruth Hubbard Cousins National Chapter Award for the outstanding 2006–07 Chapter was presented to the **Stephen F. Austin University (TX)** Chapter for the excellence of its total program. The award was presented during the Psi Chi Award Ceremony at the 2007 APA National Convention. Following the award presentation, the winning essay was presented by the chapter president. The winning chapter received a \$3,500 check, expenses for an officer to attend the convention, and a plaque to be displayed in the chapter's psychology department.

### Denmark Award

Psi Chi's Florence L. Denmark National Faculty Advisor Award for the outstanding 2006–07 faculty advisor was presented to **Lauren Scharff, PhD** (Stephen F. Austin University, TX) for her commitment to her students and Psi Chi. She has served in the capacity of faculty advisor to the chapter guiding her students for future success within the university and beyond. The Denmark winner receives a trip to the APA Convention where the award is presented to the recipient at the Psi Chi Award Ceremony.

### Erlbaum Award

See page 17 of the Awards section.

### Faculty Advisor Research Grants

These grants are available to two faculty advisors in each of the six regions. Twelve grants of up to \$2,000 each are available. This year's recipients were:

Jonna Kwiatkowski, Emmanuel College (MA, Eastern Region)  
Fang Zhang, Assumption College (MA, Eastern Region)  
Matthew Kelley, Lake Forest College (IL, Midwestern Region)  
Carla J. Reyes, University of Utah (Rocky Mountain Region)  
Jonathan F. Bassett, Lander University (SC, Southeastern Region)  
Chris Koch, George Fox University (OR, Western Region)  
Kimberly A. Cox, Southern Oregon University (Western Region)

### FBI National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crimes Internship Grants

This is the second year that the FBI and Psi Chi have partnered to offer this grant. The purpose of the grant is to further the goals of Psi Chi by providing funds for undergraduate or graduate Psi Chi members to conduct research at the FBI National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crimes (NCAVC). Two Psi Chi members who were selected for one of the 14-week unpaid NCAVC internship positions were awarded living expenses up to \$7,000. The winners for the 2006–07 year were **K. Chandler Yonge** (Mississippi State University) and **Sarah Kunkel** (Marshall University, WV).

### Guilford Award

See page 11 of the Awards section.

### Graduate Research Grants

Students winning the 2006–07 Graduate Research Grants were:

Nicholas Aramovich, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Lillian Chen, University of Michigan  
Ryan Fehr, University of Maryland, College Park  
Molly M. Jameson, Ball State University (IN)  
Angela Kelling, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Stephanie M. LaMattina, University of Maine  
Cynthia J. Najdowski, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Ana Amelia L. Baumann Neves, Utah State University  
Elizabeth J. Rahn, University of Georgia  
Leah H. Rubin, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Jenny Snyder, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Melissa Surawski, University of New Hampshire  
Ryan D. Ward, Utah State University  
Susan Wenze, American University (DC)

## Psi Chi Growth Statistics, 1981–2007

Fiscal Year	New Members	Total Members	New Chapters	Total Chapters
1981-1982	7,322	134,982	27	548
1982-1983	7,231	142,213	23	571
1983-1984	7,337	149,550	23	594
1984-1985	8,262	157,812	19	613
1985-1986	8,210	166,022	15	628
1986-1987	8,732	174,754	15	643
1987-1988	9,738	184,492	20	663
1988-1989	10,667	195,159	15	678
1989-1990	12,384	207,543	28	706
1990-1991	14,030	221,573	28	734
1991-1992	14,918	236,491	25	759
1992-1993	16,089	252,580	47	806
1993-1994	17,359	269,939	36	842
1994-1995	17,511	287,450	33	875
1995-1996	18,414	305,864	15	890
1996-1997	19,316	325,180	25	915
1997-1998	18,934	344,114	22	937
1998-1999	19,420	363,534	19	956
1999-2000	19,516	383,050	18	974
2000-2001	19,435	402,485	17	991
2001-2002	20,496	422,981	13	1,004
2002-2003	22,380	445,361	9	1,013
2003-2004	22,280	467,641	14	1,027
2004-2005	22,994	490,635	16	1,043
2005-2006	23,315	513,950	20	1,063
<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>23,252</b>	<b>537,202</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,073</b>

*Schools closed:* Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford (NJ); Forest Institute of Professional Psychology-Alabama; Michigan State University, Graduate School; Nasson College (ME); Parsons College (IA); Phillips University (OK); Rollins College, Brevard Campus (FL); Saint Meinrad College (IN); Tarkio College (MO); Trinity College (VT); Upsala College (NJ); Westmar University (IA); and William Woods University (MO).

*Schools merged:* Douglass College (NJ); Edgecliff College (OH); Long Island University, Southampton College (NY); Mundelein College (IL); New York University-University Heights; and University of Detroit Mercy-Nichols (MI).

**Intel ISEF Awards**

This is the first year Psi Chi has partnered with the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair to offer awards to high school students based on behavioral science projects presented at this competition. Michael Newlin, PhD, chair of the Psi Chi Research Awards Committee, was pleased to announce the first set of winners. The 2006–07 award winners of the Intel ISEF competition are:

- Annie Minoff, Yorktown High School (VA)
- Mark A. Vitale, duPont Manual High School (KY)
- Reed Falkner, Taylor McGraw, and Bradley Shields, Oxford High School (MS)

**Kay Wilson Leadership Award for Outstanding Chapter President**

The Psi Chi/Kay Wilson Leadership Award was established to honor the late Kay Wilson, Executive Director of Psi Chi from 1991–2003. The award is presented annually to one chapter president who demonstrates excellence in leadership of the local chapter. This year's recipient was **Ashley Dawn Powell** of Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

**Lewis Distinguished Lecturer**

**Alan Kazdin, PhD** (Yale University, CT), was selected as Psi Chi's 16th Frederick Howell Lewis Distinguished Lecture at the 2007 Psi Chi/APA National Convention in San Francisco, CA. Psi Chi provides a \$1,000 honorarium, in addition to paying the travel expenses, to the person selected for this honor.

**Model Chapter Awards**

The Model Chapter Awards were developed to recognize those chapters that meet the basic criteria of submitting annual/financial reports, submitting chapter activities/officer reports for the magazine, voting in national elections, holding inductions each year, participating in at least one service project, participating in a regional or undergraduate research convention, participating in the Psi Chi awards program, and owing no debt to the national office. All chapters meeting the criteria receive \$100 and a certificate recognizing them as a model chapter. No submissions are needed. Chapters receiving this designation for the 2006–07 year were:

- Belmont University (TN)
- Davidson College (NC)
- Dowling College (NY)
- Drury University (MO)
- Emporia State University (KS)
- Friends University (KS)
- Hope College (MI)
- Mesa State College (CO)
- Millersville University of Pennsylvania (PA)
- Milligan College (TN)
- Morningside College (IA)
- Mount Olive College (NC)
- Rogers State University (OK)
- Saint Vincent College (PA)
- Stephen F. Austin State University (TX)
- University of Central Missouri (MO)
- University of Illinois at Chicago (IL)
- University of La Verne (CA)

- University of Mary Washington (VA)
- University of Pittsburgh (PA)
- University of Victoria (BC)
- University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- Utah State University
- Winthrop University (SC)

**National Convention Research Awards**

Each year up to 16 (8 undergraduate and 8 graduate) awards are available to Psi Chi members submitting the best research papers for presentation during the Psi Chi paper/poster sessions at the APA and APS National Conventions. For the 2006–07 year, the winners for the APA convention were:

- Donald Nathanson, Georgetown University (DC); "Childhood Pet Attachment and Anxiety in College Students"
- Kristena M. Kops, Weber State University (UT); "Controlled Exposure to Light Therapy on Melatonin Suppression and Fatigue"
- Christopher M. Boeding, University of Central Missouri; "Distinguishing Between Scientific and Nonscientific Psychology Books"
- Nick J. Richardson, St. Ambrose University (IA); "Undergraduate Student Research Experiences: Are All Research Experiences Rated Equally."
- Stephanie S. Smolinski, Pepperdine University (CA); "Out of Touch: Touch's Roles in Development, Healing, Culture, and Psychotherapy"
- Guadalupe Espinoza, San Diego State University (CA); "Patriarchal Beliefs and Parenting Factors in Relation to Teen Relationship Violence in Mexican Adolescents"

For the 2006–07 year, the winners for the APS convention were:

- Leila Ostad-Hashemi, Rutgers University–New Brunswick (NJ); "Examining the Modulation of the Serotonin Transporter by Interleukin-4"
- Elizabeth Wieland, Alma College (MI); "Music-Dependant Memory: The Effect of Key and Memory Recall"

**Newman Award**

The winner of the 2006–07 Psi Chi/APA Edwin B. Newman Graduate Research Award, **Darby Saxbe** (University of California, Los Angeles), received expenses for the trip to San Francisco, CA, in addition to a plaque for herself and a plaque to be displayed in the university's department. Drs. Michael Newlin and Betsy L. Morgan served as the Psi Chi judges for this year's award. Drs. Thomas D. Oakland and Cathy Epkins served as the APA judges.

**NSF/REU Grants**

See page 18 of the Awards section.

**Regional Faculty Advisor Awards**

This is the tenth anniversary of Psi Chi providing these awards for two outstanding faculty advisors in each of the six regions. Each recipient receives \$500. The 2006–07 winners were:

- Dr. Barbara Kucinski, University of Pittsburgh (PA)
- Daniel W. McNeil, West Virginia University
- Dr. Cynthia Bane, Wartburg College (IA)

**Regional Chapter Awards**

Psi Chi has been providing these awards for 10 years. The 2006–07 winners are:

- Colorado State University
- Saint Vincent College (PA)
- Towson University (MD)
- West Virginia University

**Regional Research Award Winners**

*Eastern Regional Research Award winners (14):*

- Jillian M. Roth, Albright College (PA)
- Kimberly McClure, Le Moyne College (NY)
- William G. Danahy, Hampden-Sydney College (VA)
- David Scarisbrick, Wilkes University (PA)
- Jennifer E. Lynons, College of Saint Rose (NY)
- David Polsinelli, Villa Julie College (MD)
- Eileen Todd, College of Saint Rose (NY)
- Kelly E. Jones, Elizabethtown College (PA)
- Brandi Klein, Saint Vincent College (PA)
- Lindsey A. Riley, Washington College (MD)
- Megan E. Guffin, Middlebury College (VT)
- Natale R. Sciolino, Buffalo State College, SUNY
- Jolie Baumann, Ithaca College (NY)
- Shelby Cochran, Ursinus College (PA)
- Natalie Nardone, Monmouth University (NJ)

*Midwestern Regional Research Award winners (19):*

- Wendy N. Young, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- Lynn Clure, Rockhurst University (MO)
- Alyssa Williams, John Carroll University (OH)
- Brianne Nillisen and Caitlin Young, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse
- Sarah Olbrantz and Megan Peterson, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse
- Nathaniel DeYoung and Alicia Hofelich, Hope College (MI)
- Lindsey D. Matson, University of Kansas
- Tiffany Everdeing, Simpson College (IA)
- Stacy Myers and Lauren Chorney, Kent State University (OH)
- Jessica M. Keel, Erica L. Breitenbach, and Christina Winebrenner, Northern Kentucky University
- Jacquelyn N. Giem and Cecilia F. Montano, Andrews University (MI)
- Rachel Mirecki, Marquette University (WI)
- Brandilyn R. Shipler, Morningside College (IA)
- Sherrisse Mayo, Karin Olson, Brianne Brink, and Vida Murphy, Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Megan McCall, Scripps College (CA)

*Rocky Mountain Regional Research Award winners (4):*

- Katie M. Coombs, Montana State University; Mike Kavanaugh, COBR Center for Structural & Functional Neurosciences
- Patricia Gonzales, Matt Jaramillo, and Monica Rosales, Colorado State University
- Mary Elizabeth Skyler Staats, Southern Utah University
- Elizabeth M. Goetter, Regis University (CO)

*Southeastern Regional Research Award winners (14):*

- Matthew R. Calamia, Louisiana State University
- Elizabeth A. Williams, Winthrop University (SC)
- M. Catherine Park, The Citadel (SC)
- Justine N. Rossi and Courtney M. Mitchell, Winthrop University (SC)
- Jessica J. Hudgins and Hallie A. Farmer, Winthrop University (SC)
- Julie M. Gamble and Ashley M. Stripling, University of Florida
- Caleb J. Dispenza, The Citadel (SC)
- Matthew F. Lazenka, East Tennessee State University
- Jennifer L. Thill, Tennessee Technological University
- Kathleen A. Blake, Catawba College (NC)

Shalena L. Heard, Spelman College (GA); Brandi Cage, Howard University Department of Psychology (DC), John Hopkins (MD)  
 Sarah B. Brooksbank and Kari S. Harper, Emory & Henry College (VA)  
 Rebecca A. Madill, Emory & Henry University (VA)  
 Katharine R. O'Brien, AgnesScott College (GA)

#### Southwestern Regional Research Award winners (12):

Lindsey R. Eason, Texas Tech University  
 Emily L. Johnson, St. Edwards University (TX)  
 Christine D. Poliquit, University of Texas-Pan American  
 Maranda M. Leonared, University of Central Arkansas  
 Kevin J. Smith, University of St. Thomas (TX)  
 Shelly Tang, Southwestern University (TX)  
 Lauren E. Huffman, Stephen F. Austin State University (TX)  
 Jennifer K. McGinty, Stephen F. Austin State University (TX)  
 Susan L. Lopas, University of Houston (TX)  
 Nathan C. Prihoda, University of St. Thomas (TX)  
 Mirna A. Alvarado, University of Houston (TX)

#### Western Regional Research Award winners (12):

Eureka Kasthuri, San Diego State University (CA)  
 Pricilla Miranda, Pacific Union College (CA)  
 Amanda C. Potoczak, University of San Diego (CA)  
 Natlaie C. Bruce, Biola University (CA)  
 Michelle Lowe, Pepperdine University, Seaver College (CA)  
 Marisa Luna, San Diego State University (CA)  
 Ashley Williamson, California State University, East Bay  
 Brandon A. Yabko, San Diego State University (CA)  
 Adriana J. Nevado, University of California, Berkeley  
 Elide S. Flores, University of La Verne (CA)  
 Samantha J. Simmons, California State University, Northridge  
 Ayesha R. Brookshier, Western Washington University.

#### Summer Research Grants

See page 15 of the Awards section.

#### SuperLab Research Grants

This is the fourth year that Cedrus® has sponsored the Psi Chi/SuperLab Research Grant. Each year, one undergraduate and one graduate Psi Chi member receive a copy of the SuperLab experimental lab software and a response pad from Cedrus. The grant is intended to introduce students to the process of applying for a research grant. This year's winner was **Eileen Marks** of Belmont University (TN).

#### Thelma Hunt Grant

Psi Chi's Thelma Hunt Grants are presented annually to enable members to complete empirical research that addresses a question directly related to Psi Chi as posed by either the Psi Chi National Council or the research submitting a proposal. The Hunt Grants focus on research directly related to the mission of Psi Chi. The winners of the 2006–07 Hunt Grants were **Christopher Koch** (George Fox University, OR), "Assessing Skills and Attitudes of Award Winners and Psi Chi Journal Author," and **Kristina McDougal**, Utah State University, "Psi Chi Member's Satisfaction and Involvement With Research."

#### Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference Grants

These grants were initiated to provide funding to support local/regional undergraduate psychology

research conferences. Funding is for conferences that invite presenters from at least three schools in the area. Preference is given to newly developed conferences in geographic areas not currently served by such conferences. Each funded conference is provided up to \$1,000 with a total of \$15,000 allotted annually to this grant program. Schools winning Psi Chi's conference grants for this year were:

Georgia Southern University  
 Kutztown University (PA)  
 Molloy College (NY)  
 University of Texas at Arlington  
 California State University, San Marcos  
 Friends University (KS)  
 Culver-Stockton College (MO)  
 Mount Union College (OH)  
 Calvin College (MI)  
 State University of New York at New Paltz  
 Ohio Northern University  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 Our Lady of the Lake University (TX)  
 Concordia College (MN)  
 San Jose State University (CA)  
 Texas Lutheran University  
 Rockford College (IL)  
 University of Victoria (BC)

#### Undergraduate Research Grants

Students winning the 2006–07 Undergraduate Research Grants were as follows:

Chak Fu Lam, Middlebury College (VT)  
 Megan Mull, Butler University (IN)  
 Sharon Burkitt, Ohio Dominican University  
 Megan Murphy, St. Michael's College (IN)  
 Kyle Mathewson, University of Victoria (BC)  
 Ashley A. Smigelski, Canisius College (NY)  
 Kathryn J. Guess, Metropolitan State College of Denver (CO)  
 Natalie Nardone, Monmouth University (NJ)  
 Ny Thi Tran, Georgia Southern University  
 Jacquelyn McGill, St. Mary's College of Maryland  
 Leigh Mingle, Southwestern University (TX)  
 Julianne Doyen, Texas State University – San Marcos  
 Caroline Cragwall, Wake Forest University (NC)  
 Sandhya A. Kishore, Pomona College (CA)  
 Timothy Schoenfeld, Pepperdine University (CA)  
 Alanna Joy Raines, Monmouth University (NJ)

#### Website Awards

In its sixth year, these awards are presented to Psi Chi chapters that create the best websites. Three awards of \$200 each were presented to:

California State University, Fresno  
[psych.csufresno.edu/psichi/](http://psych.csufresno.edu/psichi/)  
 University of Victoria (BC)  
[web.uvic.ca/~psichi/](http://web.uvic.ca/~psichi/)  
 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay  
[www.uwgb.edu/psychology/psichi/](http://www.uwgb.edu/psychology/psichi/)

#### Conventions

##### 2006–07 National Conventions

##### Psi Chi 2006 Psi Chi National Convention at APA

The 77th National Convention of Psi Chi was held from August 10–13, 2006, in New Orleans, LA, in

conjunction with the 114th APA National Convention. Program highlights included the following:

##### Thursday, August 10, 2006

- Psi Chi Discussion Hour: "An Informal Talk with Gerald Koocher, APA President"
- Psi Chi/STP Pedagogical Debate: "Should Psychology Adopt a Theory of Multiple Intelligences?"
- Psi Chi National Honor Society Annual Reports & Open Forum
- Psi Chi/Frederick Howell Lewis Distinguished Lecture: "The 10 Commandments of Helping Students Distinguish Science From Pseudoscience in Psychology," Scott O. Lilienfeld, Emory University (GA)

##### Friday, August 11, 2006

- Psi Chi Poster Session
- Psi Chi Innovative Career Paths in Psychology: "Integrating Career Paths: Catholic Priest and Forensic Psychologist"
- Psi Chi Research Award Presentations and Awards Ceremony
- Psi Chi Social Hour: "Psi Beta Anniversary/Carol Tracy Retirement Toast"

##### Psi Chi National Convention at APS

A Psi Chi program was presented during the 19th annual APS Convention held in Washington, DC, on May 25–26, 2007. The events were as follows:

##### Friday, May 25, 2007

- Psi Chi Distinguished Speaker: "Assessing the Validity of Implicit Association Test (IAT) Measures," Anthony G. Greenwald, University of Washington

##### Saturday, May 26, 2007

- Psi Chi Poster Session (Poster Session V)
- Psi Chi Teaching Workshop: "The Influence of Grades on Teaching Effectiveness Ratings"
- Psi Chi Symposium: "Resources Available to Support Undergraduate Psychology Research Projects"
  - An Overview of the Psi Chi Grant and Awards Programs. Virginia Andreoli Mathie (Psi Chi National Office, Psi Chi Executive Director)
  - A Discussion of Advanced Leadership Training; Robert A. Youth, Dowling College (NY)
  - An Overview of Opportunities That Exist for Research at the FBI National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime; Cynthia Lent, FBI Social Behavioral Science Research

##### 2007 Regional Conventions

Psi Chi's six regional vice-presidents each sponsored Psi Chi programs at their respective regional psychological association conventions. The vice-presidents are to be commended for providing programs that informed members about graduate schools and careers, featured distinguished lectures by prominent psychologists, provided venues for ideas and discussion among chapter leaders, and offered members a forum to present their research in both paper and poster sessions.

##### Psi Chi NEPA Regional Convention

Coordinated by Psi Chi Eastern Vice-President Susan Whitbourne, it was held October 20–21, 2006, in Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, NH.

##### Saturday, October 21, 2006

- Psi Chi Workshop: "How to Get Into Graduate School"

- Psi Chi Exchange
- Psi Chi Distinguished Speaker: "What Makes Departments Great?"
- Psi Chi Reception & Awards Ceremony

## Psi Chi Southeastern Regional Convention

Coordinated by Psi Chi Southeastern Vice-President Michael H. Newlin, it was held February 21–24, 2007 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, LA.

### Thursday, February 22, 2007

- Orientation: "Everything You Need to Know About Attending SEPA"
- CEPO/Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Program
- Psi Chi Faculty Advisor Appreciation Luncheon
- Psi Chi/SEPA Invited Address: "Cyber-Stalking Happened to Me," Jayne A. Hitchcock, University of Maryland University College and President of WHOA (Working to Halt Online Abuse)

### Friday, February 23, 2007

- CEPO/Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Program
- Psi Chi Panel Discussion: "Preparing for Graduate School I: Preparation Strategies"
- Psi Chi Panel Discussion: "Preparing for Graduate School II: The Application Process"

## Psi Chi Eastern Regional Convention

Coordinated by Psi Chi Eastern Vice-President Susan Whitbourne, it was held March 22–25, 2007, at the Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel in Philadelphia, PA.

### Friday, March 23, 2007

- Psi Chi Symposium: "Applying to Graduate School in Psychology: A Mini-Workshop"
  - Preparing for Graduate School: GPAs, GREs, Admission Criteria, and Acceptance Rates.
  - Identifying and Targeting Compatible Graduate Programs. Selling It: Personal Statements and Admission Interviews.
- Psi Chi Distinguished Speaker: "The Paradox of Choice: Why More is Less," Barry Schwartz, Swarthmore College (PA)
- Psi Chi Session: "Feedback From the National Leadership Conference"
- Psi Chi Session: "The Little Inadvertent Lies and Deceptions in Student Papers"
- Psi Chi Session: "Penn Graduate School of Education Information Session"

### Saturday, March 24, 2007

- Psi Chi Faculty Advisor/Chapter President Breakfast
- Careers in Psychology for the 21st Century
- Psi Chi Awards Ceremony

## Psi Chi Southwestern Regional Convention

Coordinated by Southwestern Vice-President, Richard Kasschau, it was held April 5–7, 2007 at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel in Ft. Worth, TX.

### Thursday, April 5, 2007

- Psi Chi Workshop: Chapter Presidents Reveal the Inside Story: The BEST Thing Our Chapter Does
- Psi Chi Conversation Hour With Alice Eagly
- SWPA Social Hour

### Friday, April 6, 2007

- Psi Chi Paper Session I
- Psi Chi Faculty Advisors Luncheon

- Psi Chi Invited Address: "Nature's Powerful Tutors: The Educational Value of Free Play and Exploration," Peter Gray, Boston College (MA)
- Psi Chi Poster Session
- Psi Chi Conversation Hour With Peter Gray
- Psi Chi Awards Ceremony

### Saturday, April 7, 2007

- Psi Chi Paper Session II

## Psi Chi Rocky Mountain Regional Convention

Coordinated by Rocky Mountain Vice-President Melanie Domenech Rodríguez, it was held April 12–14, 2007, at the Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel in Greenwood Village, CO.

### Friday, April 13, 2007

- Psi Chi Symposium: "Calling All Psi Chi Members: Strengthening Your Psi Chi Chapter"
- Psi Chi Question & Answer Session: "Calling All Psi Chi Faculty Advisors: Strengthening Your Local Chapter"
- Psi Chi Faculty Advisor Appreciation Lunch
- Psi Chi Symposium: "Myth Busters: The Academic Edition"
- Psi Chi Roundtable: "Staying Awake for the Punch Line: On Surviving and Making the Most of Your Didactic Classes"
- Psi Chi Poster Session
- Psi Chi Awards Ceremony & Social Hour

### Saturday, April 14, 2007

- Psi Chi Oral Paper Session
- Psi Chi Distinguished Lecture: "Acceptance and Commitment Therapy: Model, Data, and Implications," Steven C. Hayes, University of Nevada, Reno
- Psi Chi Conversation Hour With Distinguished Speaker Steven Hayes
- Psi Chi Symposium: "How to Tackle the IRB"
- Psi Chi Symposium: "Effective Chapter Leadership: Tips From the Psi Chi National Leadership Conference"
- Psi Chi Symposium: "Riding the Research Rocket: How to Write Grants, Conduct Research, and Get Published"

## Psi Chi Western Regional Convention

Coordinated by Western Vice-President Deana Julka, it was held May 3–6, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver, Vancouver, BC.

### Thursday, May 3, 2007

- Psi Chi/CUPP Symposium: "Challenges to Undergraduate Research and Solutions for Them"

### Friday, May 4, 2007

- Psi Chi Poster Session
- Psi Chi Distinguished Lecture: "Family Lessons in Attachment and Aggression: Research Findings and Intervention Strategies," Marlene M. Moretti, Simon Fraser University (BC)
- Psi Chi Graduate School Exchange

### Saturday, May 5, 2007

- Psi Chi Advisor Appreciation Breakfast
- Psi Chi Symposium: "Preparing Yourself for Your Future in Psychology"
- Psi Chi Chapter Exchange and Social Hour

## Psi Chi Midwestern Regional Convention

Coordinated by Midwestern Vice-President Betsy L. Morgan, it was held in Chicago, IL, at the Palmer House Hilton, May 3–5, 2007.

### Thursday, May 3, 2007

- Psi Chi Poster Session I
- Psi Chi Poster Session II
- Psi Chi Poster Session III
- Psi Chi Distinguished Lecture: "The 10 Commandments of Helping Students Distinguish Science From Pseudoscience in Psychology," Scott O. Lilienfeld, Emory University (GA)
- Conversation Hour With Dr. Lilienfeld

### Friday, May 4, 2007

- Psi Chi Symposium: "Tips for Getting Into Graduate School"
- Psi Chi Poster Session: Midwestern Regional Research Award Winners
- Psi Chi Chapter Exchange: "Ideas for Improving Your Chapter"
- Psi Chi Advisor Statistical Workshop: "Overseeing Undergraduate Research: Refresher Tips on Using ANOVA in SPSS"
- Psi Chi Awards Presentation and Reception

## National Office

National Office staff for the 2006–07 year included the following people:

### Virginia Andreoli Mathie, PhD

Executive Director; Associate Editor, *Eye on Psi Chi*

### Paula Miller

Outgoing Executive Officer/Chief Operations Officer; Editor, *Eye on Psi Chi*

### Lisa Mantooth

Executive Officer/Chief Operations Officer; Editor, *Eye on Psi Chi* (effective March 1, 2007)

### Scott Gast

Information Systems Manager; Contributing Editor, *Eye on Psi Chi*

### Amie Austin Hearn

Director of Membership Services

### Susan Iles

Director of Publishing; Associate Editor, *Eye on Psi Chi*; Managing Editor, *Journal of Undergraduate Research*

### Melissa Strickland

Director of Finance/Awards

The Psi Chi National Office administers the operations of our growing organization. With each year and each new member, the National Office staff is striving to serve our members more effectively and efficiently. Registration of new members, publication of *Eye on Psi Chi* and *Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research*, maintaining and upgrading the Psi Chi website and database, as well as administering the many awards and grants programs are details that the National Office manages on a daily basis. The National Office is also responsible for managing and reporting the financial statements, preparing for regional and national conventions, processing orders from chapters, and preparing the chapter mailings. It is amazing the tasks completed by a small staff which manage a very large organization.

## Financial Report

Psi Chi's financial status is secure with revenue from investments offsetting increasing expenses. Fees from chartering of new chapters are down, but that

is expected as Psi Chi has chapters in over 1,073 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada. Psi Chi membership is also slightly down over previous years' totals. Psi Chi's awards and grants program is an under utilized resource that is available to all members. Of the \$300,550 designated for awards and grants, \$183,673.52 was awarded to members in 2006–07.

### Summary

One of the most important aspects of the 2006–07 year was the implementation of the first National Leadership Conference (NLC). The NLC gives our members the opportunity to build leadership skills and stronger chapters. The attendees have the opportunity to hear from prominent psychologists, leaders of Psi Chi, and successful chapters. It is a wonderful opportunity to network with other chapter presidents and faculty advisors. It is a venture that will continue and grow with each new conference.

Psi Chi has seen changes in the National Office and the National Council during this year. While Psi Chi will miss the contributions of Paula Miller (Outgoing Executive Officer) and retiring National Council members Deana Julka, Susan Krauss Whitbourne, and Robert Youth, Psi Chi is a better organization because of their dedication. It is from their efforts, as well as the efforts of the Psi Chi National Office staff, and the rest of the Psi Chi National Council that the annual success of Psi Chi meets and is driven by our purpose:

“Psi Chi is a national honor society whose purpose shall be to encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology.”

**Do you know a college or university without a Psi Chi chapter?**  
**If so, please encourage them to start one!**

For information on the charter application process and to request a charter application, please email the Psi Chi National Office ([charter@psichi.org](mailto:charter@psichi.org)).

## PSI CHI, INC. Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ending June 30, 2007 *(with comparative totals for 2005 & 2006)*

Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05
Membership and Chapter Fees	817,511	816,877	803,805
Auxiliary Activities	292,297	272,780	259,440
Interest Income	25,998	18,438	12,905
<b>Net Earnings on Investments</b>	<b>694,709</b>	<b>394,761</b>	<b>263,831</b>
<b>Total Revenue, Gains and Other Support</b>	<b>1,830,515</b>	<b>1,108,489</b>	<b>1,339,981</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Programs and Meetings	598,514	525,153	558,876
Publications	210,928	221,133	211,202
Chapters	284,187	303,924	246,948
Management and General	84,119	61,342	60,211
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,177,748</b>	<b>1,111,552</b>	<b>1,077,237</b>
Change in Net Assets	652,767	391,304	262,744
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>4,879,142</b>	<b>4,487,707</b>	<b>4,224,963</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>5,531,909</b>	<b>4,879,011</b>	<b>4,487,707</b>

The above numbers have been excerpted from Psi Chi's June 30, 2007, unaudited financial statements. A copy of the complete audit report is available upon request from the Psi Chi National Office.

## Financial Analysis Worksheet 2006–07

	Budget FY2006	Audit FY2006	Budget FY2007	Preaudit FY2007	Budget FY2008
TOTAL REVENUE	1,041,000	1,502,987	1,043,000	1,830,515	1,043,000
EXPENSES	775,000	816,877	775,000	817,511	775,000
	256,000	272,780	256,000	292,297	256,000
	10,000	18,569	12,000	25,998	12,000
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	0	394,761	0	694,709	0
	1,041,000	1,502,987	1,043,000	1,830,515	1,043,000
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS (RESERVES)	1,185,021	1,111,552	1,396,471	1,177,748	1,431,319
RESERVES AS A PERCENT OF: REVENUE	-144,021	391,435	-353,471	652,767	-388,319
EXPENSES		<b>392,899</b>		<b>1,045,589</b>	<b>4,487,707</b>