Letter from the President

WELCOME TO ANOTHER SEMESTER AND ANOTHER YEAR EVERYONE!

To formally introduce myself—my name is Jill DiPietro and I am the 2012-2013 Psychology Club President.

I have been at Millersville University since 2010 and plan on graduating in December of this year. I have always had a passion for psychology and plan on continuing to graduate school after graduation in hopes to work with emotionally challenged children in the future.

Aside from being Psych Club President, I definitely keep myself busy! I work as a waitress at a restaurant in the city of Lancaster as well as the YWCA of Lancaster in the childcare department. I own a non-profit organization that helps those suffering with mental illnesses as well as volunteer at a few other organizations. I have very high hopes for Psych Club this year and am excited to see where the club goes next fall! Thank you all for allowing me to represent the department and Psych Club as your President!

Jill DiPietro
Meet Your Professors

Are you interested in getting to know your professors on a closer level but don’t know how? Maybe you’re thinking about participating in research with a professor but don’t know where to begin. Psych Club can help!

Each new semester Psych Club hosts a Brown Bag Lunch— for those that haven’t attended in the past, this is a great opportunity to meet Millersville’s Psychology professors on a more personal level. At the Brown Bags, students can speak with professors in the department and ask them questions about the field or their interest of study. This is a great opportunity to form an early bond with a department professor. Also keep on the lookout for opportunities in which a professor may be a featured speaker. On Wednesday, April 10, 2013, Dr. Tuleya-Payne and Dr. Baker will be hosting an informational session on School Counseling and School Psychology. The two professors will be discussing the similarities and differences of the fields. They will be answering any questions that students may have!

Food Drive

It has long since been a Millersville University’s Psychology Club tradition to collect non-perishable items for a food drive to support a local non-profit organization in Lancaster County.

Psych Club is proud to say that the food drive held in November of 2012 was a huge success! Over the course of three weeks we were able to collect 1,339 non-perishable items to donate to Lancaster County Council of Churches, LCCC works within the community to provide necessities that some may be living without. While donating the food items, I met with a wonderful volunteer that explained that without our yearly donations some members in the community may not be able to have a meal on Thanksgiving. A big thank you goes out to all of our students and professors that donated items to our annual food drive. See you next year!

Number of Items Collected in 2012 Food Drive:

1,339

Did you know?

Lancaster County is the third highest county in Pennsylvania for homeless residents. According to the United Way of Lancaster County, had a population of 481 homeless people, including 142 children, at any given time. Thankfully, these numbers are declining, from 666 in 2009, although the numbers are still not where they should be. There are only a few homeless shelters in Lancaster and unfortunately, these organizations don’t have the resources to feed almost 500 people 365 days a year. Every little bit can count, so remember to help out these organizations that donated items to our annual food drive next fall!!

Reference: United Way of Lancaster County

Congratulations Student Presenters!

Daniel Albohn
Jessica Clark
Fernanda Chardulo Dias De Andrade
Hannah Driskell
Dean Fischer
Dana Hampton
Crystal Hoefling
Melissa Horger
Kirsten Lamber
Allison Lindt
Donte Wallace Peeks
Clarissa Sube
Victoria Vanburen

Eastern Psychological Association Conference

Each year the Eastern Psychological Association conducts a convention that features some of the brightest minds in psychology as well as upcoming psychology students. This year, the 84th annual conference was held in Times Square in New York City. The theme of the conference this year was “Consuming Psychological Science”, thus speakers discussed food consumption from different perspectives including sensory, developmental, social, learning clinical, and cognitive. This year, the EPA featured 11 Millersville University student speakers and four faculty mentors: Drs. Cook, Foster-Clark, Gallagher, Rush, Vredenburg-Rudy and Woo. Psych Club was able to fund costs for two hotel rooms and transportation to NYC!

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