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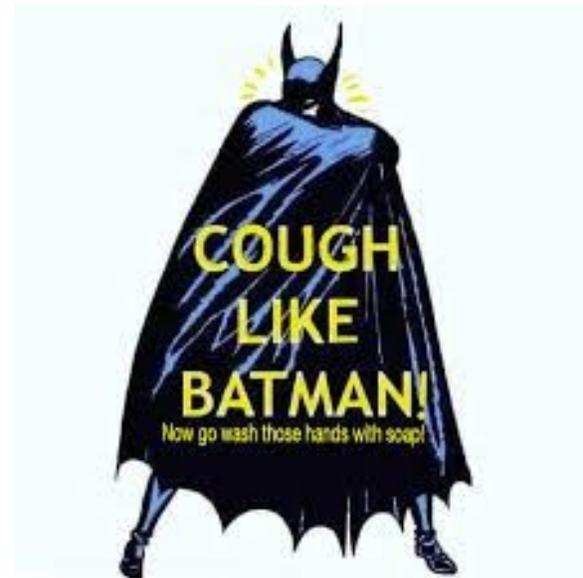
Chair Talk from Eric Wiertelak

Happy April Fools' Day!



Welcome back to classes! Although nothing about the return to classes after Spring Break this year is like business as usual, all of us in the Psychology Department are happy to be back in classes with you, even if they must be online for now. We know we are all in this together, but physical and social isolation isn't always easy-- please take good care of yourselves. As for me, I was really psyched for

Spring Break to be over, because I was finally released from spending over two months straight in my house to come back to work. And it is great to be back... at home. So, even though we all can't be together physically, let's all recognize that we can still find something to celebrate this April: Awards! Honor society inductions! New members of the Psychology community! This issue of Psycho-Babble is full of good news, so read on. And remember to:



Congratulations Cari Gillen-O'Neel!

Cari is the winner of the 2020 Minnesota Psychological Association's Mink Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching. Yeah, Cari!

The psychology department gives three awards each year to graduating seniors. Congratulations to the 2019 award winners:

**Paterson Award nominee -
Cristina Martin**

The Paterson is given by the Minnesota Psychological Association to the outstanding college senior planning a career in psychology. The purpose of this award is to recognize and encourage high achievement in psychology at the undergraduate level.



Walter D. Mink Award - Courtney Brennan & Maya Shenoy



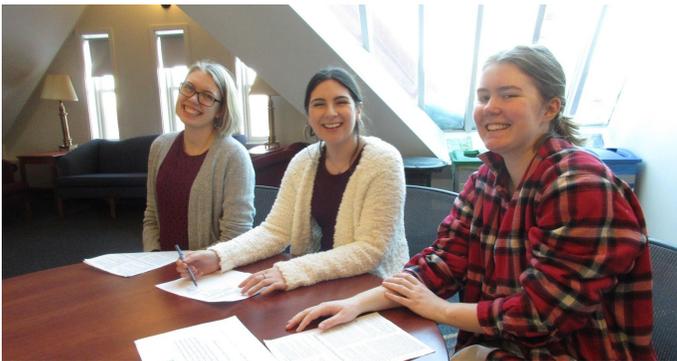
Given to a senior who has a strong academic record and has also provided outstanding service to the department, the college or the broader community.

Jack Rossmann Award - Nuria Morales Coskran & Deb Pickford



Honors a graduating senior psych major who has an excellent academic record and has also made distinguished contributions in the application of academic psych through activities such as applied research, internships, or community service.

Psi Chi Induction



(L to R) Ella Becker, Stephanie Konadu-Acheampong, Nuria Morales Coskran, Valeria Bustamante Callejas, Maria Guzman, Anh Nguyen, Allison Dwinnell, Nishta Amin, Lydia Simpson, and Nita Senesathith. Nancy Gomez, Emma Janiszewski, Isabel Meyer-Mueller joined but are on study away and will be inducted next year. Thank you Courtney Brennan, Cristina Martin and Kristina Nazarova for officiating. Congratulations everyone!



Become a Psych Leader or Nominate a Classmate

We are eager for nominations for next year's psych club leaders. Leaders play an incredibly important role in the department. They build community in the department by helping out with a variety of events, including lunches, panels, volunteer experiences, guest lecturers, game nights, and Friday Socials. Ideally, leaders generate ideas for new activities that other students would find engaging and informative, and they inspire other students to get involved in the life of the department. We expect that serving as a Psych Club leader will typically take about 1 - 2 hours a week, although your time commitment will vary from week to week.

Please consider nominating yourself or someone else to this important role. Please send names to Eric Wiertelak by Monday, April 13. We will contact all students who are nominated to make sure they're interested in the commitment. The decision about next year's psych leaders is made by faculty and staff. 2020-21 leaders will be announced in the May Psycho-Babble.

Mesmerizing Major - Antony Gor

Favorite Movie: Coco

Favorite Book: Crime and Punishment

Favorite place to eat in the twin cities: Trieu Chau

What do you do when you are not studying? Cooking

Where did you grow up? Sugar Land, Texas

Interesting fact about my hometown: one of the most ethnically diverse areas in the world

Tell us something about your family: I have three sisters and no brothers

Tell us something that you are pleased with or proud of about yourself: I'm pleased with my growth as a writer. I never thought I'd excel with writing at the college level, but here I stand, conqueror of mandatory writing credits at Mac.



Welcome New Psychology Majors & Minors



Briah Cooley '21 New Orleans, LA



Mia Mullen '23 Milwaukee, WI

Majors who are Seniors: Major Plan



Planning to graduate in May? If so, now is the time to check your major plan to make sure you've taken care of all of your requirements. Please email your advisor to get this taken care of. You can also email Eric Wiertelak with any issues or concerns.

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