



Dear Interested Psychology Club and/or Psi Beta Students:

Welcome! You are receiving this information based on your interest in psychology at OCC. This letter includes information about the Psychology Club and Psi Beta (*The National Honor Society in Psychology for the Community and Junior Colleges*). Although independent organizations, we integrate these campus clubs to best serve the interests of our students.

Purpose of Organizations: The purpose of the Psychology Club is to provide all interested students an opportunity to participate in psychology-related activities. Students from all disciplines are encouraged to attend and participate as often as possible. There are no membership dues, applications, or requirements beyond an interest in psychology and attendance at meetings. Psi Beta is a nationally recognized academic honor society. The mission of Psi Beta is to encourage professional development, excellence in scholarship, leadership skills, and participation in research and community service. Membership in Psi Beta provides benefits such as professional development, promoting leadership skills, participation in regional/national conferences, and research opportunities. Requirements and application procedures for the OCC Chapter of Psi Beta are included below.

Activities: Psychology Club and Psi Beta psychology-related activities are designed to stimulate interest, encourage education, promote community contributions, and enjoyment to all those involved. Typical activities and events may include: forum discussions (e.g., nature/nurture debate); panels and lectures; guest speakers (e.g., education in psychology, career paths in the field, how to get into good undergraduate and graduate programs, and specific topics of expertise based on student interest); social activities, outside fieldtrips and events, and Movie Night (i.e., watching and discussing relevant popular culture films); regional and national conferences emphasizing educational opportunities, research, and networking; community service such as volunteering at shelters, sponsoring awareness (e.g., depression, anxiety, AIDS, substance abuse), tutoring, supporting Heather's Teddy Bears, fundraising on behalf of various organizations, and student-initiated projects; workshops emphasizing topics such as study skills, leadership, and personal development; joint activities with other clubs; and facilitating individual student interests.

Meetings: The Psychology Club and Psi Beta meet together. See the "Club Activity Announcement Website" link below for meeting times and locations. Additional activities will be scheduled at alternative times to maximize student attendance. All meetings, activities, dates/times/locations, and any changes will be announced in advance at the link below and/or via email (To be added to our distribution list, please send an email expressing this interest to: jsmolin@occ.cccd.edu). We understand that student class and work schedules may conflict with regular meetings and activities. Regular attendance is encouraged but not required to be a member or participate, we hope to have you involved as much as possible.

Club Activity Announcement Website: <http://occonline.occ.cccd.edu/online/jsmolin/Activity%20Announcements.doc>

I am happy about your interest and look forward to having you as a member in our outstanding OCC Psychology Clubs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me, I am here to help.

Sincerely,
Dr. James Smolin

Psi Beta (*The National Honor Society in Psychology for the Community and Junior Colleges*)
Application Procedures

If interested in Psi Beta, you will be joining a nationally recognized academic honor society, furthering your interest in psychology, and contributing to the community at large. Membership in Psi Beta provides benefits such as professional development, promoting leadership skills, national recognition by the Association of College Honor Societies, education opportunities, interaction with students and professionals in the field, Psi Beta National Newsletter, research, opportunities for participation in national and regional conferences, competition for awards and recognition, and some Federal service occupation requirements.

I encourage you to read more about all of the benefits associated with Psi Beta lifetime-membership by visiting the following websites: <http://psibeta.org/> and <http://psibeta.org/Forms/MemBro.pdf>

Steps to Enroll:

- (1) You must have completed at least 12 community college semester hours, at least one psychology course, and have at least a 3.0 (B) G.P.A. overall and in your psychology course(s). If this is your first semester, no problem, we can get you enrolled at the end of this first semester (and welcome to OCC!).
- (2) Complete a Membership Registration Application. You can download one from the following website: <http://occonline.occ.cccd.edu/online/jsmolin/Psi%20Beta%20Registration%20Form.doc>
- (3) Pay a one-time-only lifetime registration fee (\$50, check or cash). The check should be made out to the *OCC Chapter of Psi Beta*.
- (4) Submit your Membership Registration Application, transcripts (MyOCC transcripts are acceptable.), and registration fee during my office hours (Spring/Fall 2008 Semesters: Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30PM or Thursdays from 9-11AM; Office: Social Science 200-K) or at one of our regular club meetings. *Note:* Applications are accepted at any time during the semester; however, to receive your Psi Beta materials during the semester you apply, procedures must be completed during the first 12 weeks. Applications received after this time will be processed and materials available during the following semester.
- (5) Now, welcome to Psi Beta!

In addition, as a member of Psi Beta you may have the opportunity to serve as an Officer in the organization in one of the following leadership positions: President, Vice-President, ASOCC Representative, Secretary, Historian, and Chapter Delegate. Any of these positions are great opportunities for professional development, demonstration of leadership, and contribution. If you are interested in a specific position(s), please let me know ASAP.

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Registration Information to be Completed by Students Invited to Psi Beta Membership and Returned to Psi Beta Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jim Smolin: jsmolin@occ.cccd.edu

Congratulations for being invited to membership in the Orange Coast College Chapter of Psi Beta National Honor Society in Psychology for Community and Junior Colleges, a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. Membership in Psi Beta not only provides you with a record of outstanding academic achievement, but offers numerous opportunities for leadership development, curricular involvement, community service and personal fulfillment. Membership allows you to network with students and faculty from other colleges and qualifies you to compete for national awards. We hope that you take advantage of all that Psi Beta has to offer!

Please complete and return this form for the chapter's permanent files along with the \$50 national lifetime membership registration fee (payable to "OCC Chapter of Psi Beta") to the Psi Beta faculty advisor. You will then receive further information about membership. To receive newsletters, include your address. Ethnic identity is voluntary. Please see Privacy Policy below.

Once you are registered by the faculty advisor, you may order Psi Beta merchandise at www.psibeta.org.

PSI BETA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Please Print in ink or Type)

NAME: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name or Initial)

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____
(Number) (Street) (Apt)

(City) (State) (Zip)

and Telephone Number) (E-mail Address) (Area Code)

OCC STUDENT ID# (Membership in Psi Beta will be noted on your permanent transcripts): _____

ETHNIC MINORITY IDENTIFICATION: _____
(Optional and only if approve Privacy Policy and submission of ID to Psi Beta)

I accept Psi Beta's Bylaws and Policies found at www.psibeta.org:

SIGNATURE (Sign in ink): _____

After you are inducted, you will be able to update your registration information online with your personal Login and Password. For help email michael@psibeta.org or call toll-free (877) PBETA DC (877-723-8232)

PRIVACY POLICY

Any Personally Identifiable Information provided by you will be used in the following manner.

1. Your Name and Chapter will be listed in the New Member section of both the online (Internet) and printed newsletter.
2. Your Name and Address will be supplied to a third party for the purpose of mailing newsletters. This company is prohibited from disseminating this information.
3. All of your information will be supplied to SyCom Services Corporation (a third party) who manages our distribution center and prints certificates and membership cards. SyCom will not distribute ANY information that violates this policy. .
4. Your racial, ethnic, and demographic information (if you elect to supply the information) will be used for two purposes ONLY: 1) to determine the characteristics and trends of the member population and 2) to provide members with information about additional educational and professional development opportunities.