

Nu Rho News

The Nu Rho Psi Newsletter

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Welcome to the “alpha” Nu Rho Psi newsletter! There will be 3 issues each year, published on (or about) Nov 1, Feb 1, May 1. The goal is to report on and promote the activities of Nu Rho Psi chapters. Please feel free to send your suggestions, story ideas and news to Ruth Grahn, regra@conncoll.edu or Jan Thorton, Jan.Thorton@oberlin.edu.

Nu Rho Genesis

This section will contain information about how to establish a chapter at your school and news about new chapters and their inductions.

Nine schools have begun Nu Rho Psi chapters in the past year. They include...

Baldwin-Wallace College

Led by G. Andrew Mickley (amickley@bw.edu) and Jacqueline Morris (jmorris@bw.edu), Baldwin-Wallace held their first induction on March 28, 2007, when 15 students became the first members.

Baylor University

The new chapter at Baylor is led by Joe Achor (L_Joseph_Achor@baylor.edu). Stay tuned for induction news from them in the next newsletter.

Drew University

Christina R. McKittrick (cmckittr@drew.edu) leads the group at Drew, where 15 students were inducted on April 30, 2007. The Nu Rho Psi chapter has joined forces with the Neuroscience@Drew club to form a 3rd group, MIND (majorly interested in neuroscience at Drew). Some of the members pictured below attended a talk by Oliver Sacks in NYC in October.



Members of MIND on their way to see Oliver Sacks

Johns Hopkins University

Johns Hopkins has had an active neuroscience club for some time now, so establishing a Nu Rho Psi chapter there was natural. Linda Gorman (lgorman1@jhem.jhu.edu) is their advisor and their first induction is being planned for this fall.

Knox College

Heather Hoffmann (hhoffman@knox.edu) leads the group at Knox, where 10 students and 3 faculty have been inducted.



Knox College inductees

Macalester College

The chapter at Macalester is led by Eric Wiertelak (wiertelak@macalester.edu). They inducted 11 students and 4 faculty to become members on April 17, 2007.



Macalester students and faculty celebrate a Nu Rho Psi induction

St. Mary's of Maryland

Seven students and 5 faculty have been inducted into the Nu Rho Psi chapter at St. Mary's. Aileen M. Bailey (ambailey@smcm.edu) reports that their group is organizing a

Brain Bee for next year's Brain Awareness Week.



Members of Nu Rho Psi at St. Mary's of Maryland

University of Scranton

The first induction was on May 6, 2007. Tim Cannon (cannon@scranton.edu) is leading these students in this year's chapter activities. More information is available at their website: <http://academic.scranton.edu/departement/neuro/nurhopsi/>

University of St. Thomas

Roxanne Prichard (jrprichard@stthomas.edu) is advising the chapter at St. Thomas where their first induction is planned for this fall.

Would you like your school to join? Here are instructions:

<http://www.funfaculty.org/NuRhoPsi/#Application>

Nu Rho Tracts

Look here for future stories about how members chose to focus on neuroscience. Please let us know if you've had an interesting or unusual "tract".

Nu Rho Networks

This section relates to undergraduate conferences, jobs and internships. This issue will focus on regional undergraduate neuroscience conferences. Please send us information about jobs and internships to be included in future issues.

NEURON: NorthEast Under/graduate Research Organization for Neuroscience

NEURON, the first of the regional meetings focused on neuroscience for undergraduates, has been sponsoring an annual meeting each year since 1997. Now NEURON holds two meetings each year, one in Boston, MA and the other in New York City. The meetings planned for the 2007-2008 academic year include one at Northeastern University on October 6, 2007 and the other at Hunter College, on April 12, 2008. See <http://www.albany.edu/neuron/conference/index.html> for more information, or contact the meeting organizers, Cheryl Frye at cafrye@albany.edu or Cheryl McCormick at emcmormi@brocku.ca.

SYNAPSE: Symposium for Young Neuroscientists and Professors of the Southeast

SYNAPSE hosted its first meeting in 2003 and established an annual meeting in 2006. The most recent meeting was held at Davidson College in 2007. Professor Darcy Kelley of Columbia University was the keynote speaker. Their next meeting will take place on March 15, 2008 at The College of Charleston. See <http://www.cofc.edu/synapse> for more information, or contact Chris Korey at koreyc@cofc.edu.

MIDBRAINS

MIDBRAINS is the newest of the regional neuroscience organizations. Their first meeting was held on April 28, 2007 at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN. There were 12 individual student presentations and 30 posters and Apostolos Georgopoulos gave the keynote address. They are busy planning their second meeting, scheduled for May 3, 2008 at Macalester. See <http://www.macalester.edu/midbrainconference/> for more information or contact Eric Wiertelak at wiertelak@macalester.edu.

Psi-napses: Links to useful stuff



<http://www.funfaculty.org/NuRhoPsi/>



<http://brainweek.dana.org/>



Nu Rho Podia

This section will be devoted to the community outreach activities of our members.
Please share your stories with us!