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May 28

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May 31

SSI Ends  
June 18

SSI Exam Days  
June 20-21

SSI Starts  
June 25

SSI Ends  
July 26

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# Psychology & Neuroscience Undergraduate Newsletter

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## *Post-Commencement Info*

Congratulations to the 455 students who graduated with a B.A. in Psychology, a B.S. in Psychology, and/or a B.S. in Neuroscience on Sunday, May 12, 2019! We were glad to celebrate your achievements with your friends and family.

Diplomas for undergraduate degree recipients are ordered by the Office of the Registrar after graduation and mailed to each graduate's home address (as listed in ConnectCarolina) in mid-July. It is the graduate's responsibility to make sure that this is where your diploma should be delivered. [Learn how to change your student address online.](#)

Diplomas sent to international addresses are shipped via regular international U.S. Postal Service, which does not include tracking information. Be aware that diplomas must pass through the destination country's Customs office, which can significantly delay delivery. Graduates with overseas home addresses may want to consider requesting expedited delivery, which includes tracking information.

To request expedited delivery of your diploma via Federal Express, the cost will be \$15 for domestic deliveries and \$30 for international deliveries. [Email the Office of the Registrar](#) to request expedited delivery.

If it has been more than four weeks since your diploma's estimated delivery date (mid-July), and you still live at the home address listed in your ConnectCarolina account, email your name, PID, and home address to the [Office of the Registrar](#) to request assistance.

Photos taken by Photo Specialties during the Department's Commencement Ceremony will be available for purchase. Photo Specialties will contact the student and family via the contact information provided at the graduation ceremony. You should receive instructions on how to purchase photos by mid-June.



## *Commencement Award Recipients*

Congratulations to all of the following award recipients who were honored at our 2019 Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 12, 2019!

**Dr. Patrick Harrison**, Teaching Assistant Professor, received the Psi Chi Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Faculty Member. Dr. Harrison received this award as he bases his teaching philosophy on bringing energy, enthusiasm, and utility to subject matter that many students otherwise might find intimidating. This year, he taught Lab Research in Psychology, Statistical Methods in Psychology, and Statistical Principles of Research.

**Grant Canipe**, a graduate student in Developmental Psychology, received the Psi Chi Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Student. Grant received this award as he is an outstanding and dedicated instructor of undergraduate students, particularly in the Developmental Psychology course. He is also an exceptional researcher in the Cheatham Nutrition and Cognition Laboratory.

**Dr. Eva Telzer**, Assistant Professor of Developmental Psychology, received the Psychology Club Award for Excellence in Research Mentoring. Dr. Telzer received this award as she is passionate about helping her students genuinely succeed in the academic world. She ensures that she is there to guide her students through their first research projects, but also gives them enough space to experiment, ensuring the next generation of researchers are capable of anything.

**Heidi Vuletich**, a graduate student in Developmental and Social Psychology, received the Psychology Club Award for Excellence in Research Mentoring. Heidi received this award because she has taken strides to reduce the negative stereotypes associated with the rigidity and all too often impersonal nature of the lab environment. Heidi has shown incredible commitment to fostering research development in undergraduates.

**Rawan Ajeen**, a graduating Senior, received the Susan M. Mchale Award for Outstanding Psychological Research by a Student Who Enhances Diversity. Rawan received this award for several research projects involving psychiatry, nutrition, and design and interpretation of psychological research. For her honors project, she built a website to examine factors that influence hunger in Yemen, analyzing the different coping mechanisms employed during times of food insecurity. She was commended for her ability to weave together a research agenda that gives a voice to those underrepresented in research.

**Brianna Baker**, a graduating Senior, received the J. Steven Reznick Award for Diversity Enhancement in Psychological Research. Brianna received this award for her impressive record of prior research and her service as undergraduate research ambassador, where she facilitated a cohort in their pursuit of research experiences. For her honors thesis, she examined the influence of personal resources in conjunction with community factors on the development of post-traumatic stress following Hurricane Matthew in a predominately Black community. Her nominator described her as driven, motivated, and destined for great success.

**Melissa Burroughs**, graduating Senior, received the Dashiell-Thurstone Prize. Melissa, working with her mentors Dr. Eva Telzer and Kathy Do, won for her outstanding senior honors thesis, "Using Neural Measure of Risk Taking to Predict Binge-Drinking in Late Adolescence."

**Claudia Foubert**, graduating Senior, received the Dashiell-Thurstone Prize. Claudia, working with her mentor Dr. Kelly Giovanello, won for her outstanding senior honors thesis, "Free Recall Organization in Young People at Varying Risk for Schizophrenia."

**Shannon Sweeney**, graduating Senior and member of the 2017-18 Honors Class, received the Dashiell-Thurstone Prize. Shannon working with her mentors Drs. Heather Hazlett, Joseph Piven and Jessica Cohen, won for her outstanding honors thesis, "Cerebellar Volumes in School-Age Boys with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Fragile X Syndrome."





## Check out our Website!

Have you visited us [online](#)? We have all kinds of information you can check out on our website, including some of the following features.

[Academic Advising](#)—meet our academic advisors online! You can schedule an appointment via email with a faculty member to talk about major requirements, course scheduling, transfer student issues, study abroad, and graduate school and career counseling.

[What Can I Do with a Major in Psychology?](#)—the title says it all! A degree in PSYC can get you started in a variety of careers.

[Study Abroad](#)—it is never too early to consider a learning experience of a lifetime. Check out programs in places like Ecuador, Chile, Ireland, and more! You can even study abroad with PSYC professors!

[Clubs & Volunteer Opportunities](#)—are you interested in enriching your undergraduate experience? Join a club or volunteer in the community!

[Undergraduate Research](#)—research experience is critical to pursuing research careers or graduate school. Learn more about how to get involved here!

[Meet Undergraduate Researchers](#)—check out spotlights on our majors & minors who conduct research in the department!

## Jobs & Other Opportunities

Looking for a post-baccalaureate position in psychology? Check out an [online database of active positions](#)! You can also subscribe by email to be notified of new postings. This is a great resource for new graduates!



UNC's Center for Public Engagement for Science is seeking undergraduate students to participate in a research study. You may be eligible if you are 18 years or older, speak English, and have not yet declared your major or are not majoring in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics discipline. Study participants will join a 90-minute focus group discussion about drinking water and receive a \$20 gift card. Email [Victoria Triana](#) for more information and to join.



Interested in health psychology? The Society for Health Psychology is committed to educating undergraduates about health psychology and providing them with health psychology resources. Resources include tips on applying to graduate school, how to become a health psychologist, and research and clinical training resources. Learn more about the Society for Health Psychology, a division of the American Psychologist Association—Division

38, through their [Facebook](#) and join with a Student Membership today. Student resources are [available online](#)!



Dr. Stephen Freeland's research lab at the Institute for Medical Research and Durham Veteran Affairs Medical Center has several positions available, including Data Technicians, Clinical Research Associates, and Clinical Trial Assistants. This is a great opportunity to take a year or two gaining research experience before graduate or medical school. [Learn more and apply online.](#)



The Department of Psychology and Neuroscience is offering summer classes for Summer Session II—June 24—July 30! Get ahead on your major requirements during the summer! We're offering PSYC 101 Intro to Psychology, PSYC 175 Online Intro to Neuroscience, PSYC 210 Statistical Principles of Psychological Research, PSYC 220 Biopsychology, PSYC 222 Online Learning, PSYC 230 Cognitive Psych, PSYC 245 Abnormal Psych, PSYC 250 Developmental Psych, PSYC 260 Social Psych, PSYC 270 Laboratory Research in Psychology, and PSYC 504 Health Psych. [Learn more about Summer School!](#)

