

# Candidate Statements

## Office: President

*Michelle Alfaro*

Hello! My name is Michelle Alfaro and I am running for the office of president. I served as president this past year and I feel that I would continue to be an asset to the club in a positive way. Having a great executive board to work with this past year, we were able to implement new ideas into the club such as fall induction and letters to all psychology majors informing them about Psi Chi. I would plan to continue the growth of Psi Chi and involve both undergraduate and graduate students. I have learned a great deal over this past year and I would like to take these experiences and develop them into new ideas for this coming year. We have had a productive year and I would like to continue that for next year. As president, I will go beyond what is asked of me and I will always represent Psi Chi in a positive manner. Thank you.

## Office: Vice President

*Catalina Zech*

Hello, my name is Cathy Zech and I intend on running for Vice-President. I have served this previous year as treasurer, and I feel I have learned and developed a great deal from this experience. As an officer duties often overlap and it is required of us to perform tasks that are not necessarily in our job description. With that being said, I feel I have assisted in many duties that are required of a Vice-President. I have worked hand in hand with Michelle (the current president) and assisted in the coordination of various events. Overall, I feel we have had a successful year in Psi Chi and would love the opportunity to serve the chapter again in hopes of making next year even better than the last.

*Jasmyne Lewis*

I want to hold the position as a Vice President because I am a supportive, informative, positive and a reliable leader. When filling in the gaps as a Vice President, I believe that it is vital to enjoy doing it. I have learned that a Vice President's job is to make themselves available to serve when necessary. I personally strive in serving others in my daily life. In my personal life, supporting others is considered my strength, and as a member, I do my best to support Psi Chi in that area. As a current member, I enjoy generating positivity, and supporting the organization during its different stages of growth. I love working and collaborating with others who want to make difference within this organization. I do my best to make myself available for any assistance needed and I am sure I am capable of doing the same as Vice President. I do my best to be punctual, serving, and available for assistance. As Vice President, I think it is important to have these qualities or the job would probably be dull to do. Having learned what former successful Vice Presidents have done, I want to continue on where they have left off in their victories within the organization. Composing essays, which is a Vice President's task, is challenging to me but I consider this task an opportunity to grow. Having been a member for almost two years, I have observed that presence makes a difference and I strive to make a

difference within this organization. I am aware that the Vice President is the person who fills in the gaps when others are not present, and since I do have experience in that area, with confidence I know I can fully meet my duties. If elected as your 2008-2009 Vice President, I would do my best to serve Psi Chi/Psychology Club with a positive attitude, enthusiasm, and heart in making it grow to continue to be eventful and exciting to be a part of. As you vote, please remember that support is motivation to move forward.

**Office: Secretary**

*Vanessa Orozco*

I believe that I am qualified to be Secretary for Psi Chi because I have experience with the duties of a secretary from my job at a MedSpa. I am in charge of e-mailing new specials and announcements to customers, while also replying to any concerns clients e-mail the Spa. I also have experience with writing up reports because I complete monthly reports on the MedSpa.

*Kourtney Hicks*

My name is Kourtney Hicks, and I am interested in running for the position of Secretary or for the position of Historian. I believe that I would be qualified for the position of Secretary because of my attention to detail, my excellent organizational skills, and my dedication to Psi Chi. As for the position of Historian, I love to take photographs and make scrapbooks during my free time. In either position, I would work hard to make Psi Chi an enjoyable experience for everyone.

**Office: Treasurer**

*Amanda Gurtis*

My name is Amanda Gurtis and I am running for the position of treasurer. I truly believe that I would excel in this position. I am around money everyday of my life. I have to close out a cash box five days a week at my current job and with my last job I was a cashier among other positions. I do live on my own so I know what it is like to have to make money stretch. I know how to disperse money in the most profitable ways. I spend everyday dealing with money and how is the best way to spend money, etc. I believe I would be great at this position because I have been doing this for years. I pay for my tuition which we all know is expensive so I really have to make my money work for me.

*Jasmyne Lewis*

The reason why I would like to hold this position is because I have experience and it would allow me the opportunity to enhance my leadership abilities and skills. This would ultimately make me a stronger leader within the realm of Psychology. The most recent experience in working with money was when I was part of a fundraising committee who was in charge of advertising the organization during this year. As part of the committee, I was in charge of

implementing successful fundraisers. Based on my past involvement with Psi Chi, I am confident that I would be a great candidate as Treasurer and that this position would challenge me to grow and develop my leadership abilities and my interpersonal communication. Having been a member last year, I would efficiently serve as a medium between the executive board and the members of our organization. As the Treasurer, I will contribute my time, dedication, heart, loyalty and positive attitude to Psi Chi. As a struggling college student, I have been able to balance my personal financial responsibilities that must be endured for the privilege of a private education. I also know how important it is to make sure that all chapter dues and membership fees are handled with honesty and accuracy. *To live and not make a Difference is a Life in Vain*, so I hope that I can begin the journey of reaching my goals by you voting for me as your 2008-2009 Psi Chi Treasurer.

### **Office: Public Relations**

*Monique Sheppard*

My name is Monique Sheppard and I would be great for the Public Relations Position in Psi Chi. I have many abilities including excellent verbal and written communication skills, creativity, and am involved heavily on campus. Therefore, I would be an asset for getting the word out on our club happenings, events, and achievements. I am in Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and the Art Club, and have applied for positions in ASULV, Landis Leadership program, and Order of Omega; so my connections to many other organizations will help ensure that others know about us and what we do. Pick me as I can also make cool flyers and banners with my Art knowledge (I am an Art and Psychology double major). I am also well connected through my sorority with the communications department and KULV, so it wouldn't be hard to get ads on the radio for our events. I am cool, extroverted and hard working, and I will not disappoint if you elect me as the Public Relations officer for Psi Chi 2008-2009.

*Jasmyne Lewis*

I would like to hold the Public Relations position because I know I have what it takes to be resourceful in helping Psi Chi be well-known on campus. Holding this position would be an opportunity to grow as a leader in planning events, socializing with others, promoting Psi Chi and the Psychology Club, and developing ideas to strengthen both groups to the best of my abilities. It is important as a PR to have connections, communication skills and humility. I feel, as a resident on campus, I have these advantages. I talked with some of my residential peers who were formerly psychology majors and realized that they seldom heard about Psi Chi and the Psychology Club. Knowing this motivated me to want to spread the word about this organization to not only commuters but to residents as well. I came up with ideas on how students can learn about this organization and I am eager to share these ideas on how that is possible. One idea I had in mind is developing, organizing, and promoting fun and informative events such as, Psi Chi and Psychology Club trivia or something similar to that degree. Another reason I believe I am suited for this position is because I am a great communicator who enjoys working with others, listening to advice and learning how to apply them. In regards to this position, it is important for a PR to want to hear suggestions on how a club can grow as an organization and

how it can be well represented. As an involved student, I know how important it is to want the 411 about the organization one is a part of, and I am confident that I have the ability to provide it. If you elect me as your 2008-2009 Public Relations Officer, I would do my best to serve you the best that I can.

**Office: Historian**

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*Vanessa Orozco*

I believe that I am qualified to be Historian for Psi Chi because I have experience in photography and with archiving photos from my job. I work at a MedSpa where I take before and after pictures of our clients. I organize those photos on file, as well as create an album to display them. I also enjoy taking pictures and creating scrapbooks from photos I take as a hobby.