



PSM News

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Message from NPSMA President

We at the NPSMA are reeling from the news of the passing of Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) Schiller Friedman, the co-founder of the NPSMA, and dear friend to all who knew her. Liz was a respected leader and one of the members of the ad hoc committee challenging us to broaden the NPSMA umbrella to include all STEM masters - something we have been talking about the last few months through this newsletter and within the organization. Before it was woke or trendy, Liz was an inclusive educator. In her own words, "Everything I do is through a cultural lens - be it facilitating conversations about the attrition rate of underrepresented minority students in STEM, teaching the history of immigration and innovation in Chicago, or introducing a new generation to Korean and Filipino martial arts. My passion is education and helping students of all levels gain the skills and competencies they need for professional careers and personal growth." We will be publishing a special newsletter to accommodate all of your personal tributes to Liz. Please send your pictures and personal recollections to our Operations Manager, Derek Payne, at manager@npsma.org. Please do this before the 1st of August. A live tribute was shared by Dr. Marcel Blais at the monthly "Ask NPSMA" and can be viewed [here](#) (the tribute begins at the 2:15 mark).



We are grateful to our conference committee, helmed by Max Houck (Florida International University), who are planning a

very special conference in Tampa on November 1-4. The program and agenda will be available on our [website](#) shortly.

A special shout out to Starra Priestaf (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) for volunteering to improve our digital footprint. If you are on LinkedIn, please connect with us at our [Professional Science Master's Initiative](#) and [Professional Science Master's Alumni and Students](#) pages. If you would like us to highlight your student's or program's accomplishments, please "tag" us by adding @National Professional Science Master's Association or @Professional Science Master's to your post.

Our marketing committee co-chaired by Meghan Dovick (University of Utah) and Victor Ugaz (Texas A&M University) are working closely with the digital team to ensure that we are branding the NPSMA, so that we are no longer the best kept secret! If you would like to join the efforts, we welcome you!

Best,



Seema Freer, Ph.D.,
President, NPSMA
Temple University





Become a Beta Tester for msIDP©

You can help the NPSMA by participating in the evaluation and improvement of its Individual Development Plan for STEM Master's students, a student-directed advising tool. If you haven't downloaded msIDP, would like to do so, and have your program invited to beta-test msIDP, please send a request to Linda Strausbaugh (linda.strausbaugh@uconn.edu).

***** REGISTRATION OPEN NOW! *****

NPSMA Annual Conference and Workshop:

Link to Conference and Registration Information

November 1-4, 2023 in Tampa, FL

[Reserve your hotel room](#) by September 30 to receive the discounted rate



We are planning to meet in Tampa, Florida on **November 1-4, 2023** for the [NPSMA's Annual Conference and Workshop](#) at the [Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore](#). Additional details regarding the

conference program will be forthcoming. The conference planning committee would like to welcome your presentation proposals and ideas for sponsorship. Send proposals and ideas to [Max Houck](#), NPSMA Conference Planning Committee Chair.

Publication Deadline Reminder:

Make sure to send us your article about a successful alumni with photo so we can get it into the upcoming **PSM ALUMNI and GRADUATION CHRONICLE** 2023 edition! This publication highlights successful PSM Alumni and PSM program graduates. **Deadline is August 1, 2023** - send articles to NPSMA VP for Publications [Dagmar Beck \(dkbeck@rice.edu\)](mailto:dkbeck@rice.edu)

NPSMA Annual Membership Renewal Invoices

Invoices for annual NPSMA membership renewal dues have been sent out and are past due. The annual dues are for \$525 (one affiliated program), \$1,050 (two affiliated programs), \$1,575 (three affiliated programs), and \$2,100 (four or more affiliated programs). If you have any issues or questions, please contact Operations Manager Derek Payne at manager@npsma.org.

In case you missed it...

- **Fall 2022 curated issue of the [PSM Alumni and Graduation CHRONICLE](#).** This yearly NPSMA publication features alumni and student profiles to demonstrate the full-range competitive advantage of a PSM degree, and highlights why PSM programs are attracting students from across the globe. Click [HERE](#) to read the latest issue.
- **"Ask NPSMA" Presentations.** View many of these previously engaging sessions anytime, along with other PSM videos on the [PSM YouTube Channel](#). Additional videos are being continually added so check back often.

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