

# OMICRON-PSI E-NEWSLETTER

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## WWW.OMICRONPSI.COM

Can you believe it? Finally we have gotten out of the middle ages and admitted that our computer knowledge is only limited to basic programs. We always thought we would get much smarter on computers and hence, one day, create our own Web Site. As the years passed by faster than we would have liked, we finally had to admit our limitations.

The good news is we finally hired an expert to create a web site for us. Even with this expert it took a great deal of work and we don't think we have everything right. There will be changes so please be patient.

We want you to know this is really not our web site. This

is your web site. There is a forum area where you will be able to talk with other students for answers to questions and for support.

Online membership is possible on our web site and chapters will no longer have to handle membership dues. This will make it easier for the chapter presidents and the advisors who already have enough on their plates.

This web site also allows Omicron-Psi members to become a more active part of the society. As a member you will receive this quarterly newsletter, downloadable scholarship application as well as know who are the scholarship recipients.



Computer Crazy

We want you to feel free to visit this web site and please let us know what we can do to improve it.

Our office is always open to you and we answer our emails promptly. We are not a "know all" society of one, but a group of many intelligent nontraditional adults.

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### Special points of interest:

- Omicron-Psi has a new Web Site.
- Omicron-Psi has created a new member certificate.
- Membership dues now include honor cords.
- All newsletter will be quarterly with news updates on the web site.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Omicron-Psi would like to take a moment and thank all of you who have applied for a scholarship. We encourage you to continue to apply. An scholarship application can be downloaded from our web site [www.omicronpsi.com](http://www.omicronpsi.com).

Gina Michele Miranda from the University of Maine at Fort Kent received one of the scholarships. Her essay, "What makes a person great" is on the following page as well as many of her achievements and activities. Congratulations Gina!

Michael J. Hoag from Suny Potsdam in New York is also received a scholarship. He is the President of the Non-Trad Student Organization, and is on the board of Paces. He is also a member of the Psychology Club, Navy Club and American Legion.

## WHAT MAKES A PERSON GREAT BY GINA MARANDA

There have been so many people over the years that we have considered "great". The list includes those who have led countries, changed laws, fought for freedom, stood up, and even died for what they believed in, and even changed the course of history. We must also not forget those who have made great gains in the world of research, technology, and in general, the study of life and how to improve and advance it. How can we not think of such people as Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Mother Theresa, Abraham Lincoln, all of the gifted people who have attained the distinction of the Nobel Prize Award, just to name a very few.

If we think about these people, it would cause one to think that the only thing that makes a person great is to really alter the course of history or of the lives of numerous people all at once.

We must not stop at that level though; we must look more closely at those who often get very little recognition, at least on a global scale.

If we glance inside any classroom, we can see the hard work and dedication of so many wonderful teachers, who devote their lives to encouraging and guiding students to reach for the stars

and maximize their true potential. If we look at those who work in the medical profession, we see those who are doing their best to give people dignity, respect and support on various levels, as well as trying to alleviate pain and provide maximum independence to those who have little hope at times. If we look at fireman or policeman, we see those who go to work everyday, knowing they may need to put their lives on the

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line in order to save someone else, but they do so with pride and dedication each step of the way.

In thinking about what makes people great, it is difficult not to let our thoughts wander to the events of September 11, 2001. As I think back to what I was doing, I will never forget the disbelief I was feeling as events unfolded before me. I could not in my wildest dreams fathom that what I was witnessing was occurring before my

very eyes rather than it being some new plot for another movie.

I wept for the families, I grew angry that such a tragedy could occur, I was fearful, yet determined not to allow these events to strangle my enthusiasm for life and I cheered those who so selflessly gave of themselves to do whatever they could to try to make things more bearable.

In seeing everything that has occurred in history, and in my own personal experiences throughout my life, what makes a person great has a very significant if almost simplistic meaning to me.

I feel that in order to be "great", people must simply look beyond their own personal gains and comforts, and attempt to selflessly be available to those around them. It need not be in a way that causes great pain or even sacrifice on their part, but rather, simply something that allows the other person to feel good about themselves, if only for a moment. Being a great person, to me, is simply striving to be the best person you can be, sharing that with others, and never expecting great rewards from this, other than knowing deep down that hopefully, somewhere along the line, you have touched someone's life, for even the briefest of moments.

### *Gina Michele Miranda*

*Gina attends the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Her college and community activities include:*

*Curriculum Committee Class Representative*

*Student Nursing Organization*

*National Student Nursing Association/Maine Student Association*

*American OT Association/Maine OT Association*

*Visiting the elderly in various area nursing homes.*

*Various Fundraising activities for charity.*

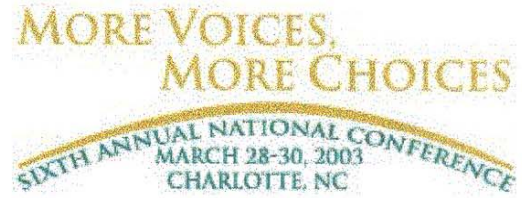


## NEW MEMBER CERTIFICATE DESIGN

After many attempts at new designs, we are proud to announce that a new gold/blue foil stamped member certificate has been created. We are expecting them to be off the presses and into our office by the end of January 2003. So those individuals applying for membership in 2003 will be receiving these certificates. We are sure you will be as proud of them as we are.



PRESENTS



Hosted by The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the Charlotte Area Educational Consortium and East Carolina University

You are invited to ANTSHE's sixth annual national conference March 28-30 at [Hilton Charlotte University Place](#) in NC. Highlighting the power of recruiting and retaining adult and nontraditional students, this year's conference will cover a variety of topics for both adult students and academic professionals including:

- Orientation and Advising
- Careers
- Professional Development
- Graduate School
- Nontraditional Student Groups
- Academic Services and Programs
- Issues and Trends Facing Adult Learners
- Reaching and Supporting Adult Students
- Technology and Distance Education

If you are part of the adult learner community, don't miss this opportunity to join a growing international force of students, professionals, institutions and organizations. Start making your plans to attend the ANTSHE 2003 conference.

[Registration](#) details available online in Acrobat Reader/PDF format. For more information, contact UNC Charlotte's Office of Adult Students and Evening Services at 704-687-2596 or [oases@email.uncc.edu](mailto:oases@email.uncc.edu).

## WHAT IS INCLUDED WITH OMICRON-PSI MEMBERSHIP

We have always been proud of the fact that in spite of rising prices all around us we were able to keep our original membership price the same. The original membership dues were \$25 which included the pin and certificate. Many students ordered the honor cords separately for \$14.90, which included shipping.

We are happy to now include the honor cords with the membership pin and membership certificate for a

new membership dues amount of \$35. It makes less work for us and less cost to you.



We had already updated our Honor Cords to a gold metallic rope with a deep blue cord to make the set correspond with our blue/gold colors.

A silver metallic is also available for the two year colleges. If you should already be a member and not have your honor cords you will still be able to purchase them on line for the original price including a small handling charge. We are able to take charge cards online through a safe and secure site.

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**WE ARE NOT JUST ANOTHER HONOR SOCIETY**

Omicron-Psi members are dedicated to becoming active participants in community activities. We recognize the need to reach out and make the difference in our homes and neighborhoods. As members we continually press on towards a higher purpose. That purpose is one that lies outside of ourselves and reaches into the depths of others. Too many in our society have taken a non-involvement nap yet awoken just long enough to complain about the environment in which they are a part of. We assess the needs of our environment and take an active position in helping others. It is important to become part of the solution, to remain inactive is to remain part of the problem.

Always keep in mind that Omicron-Psi stands for honor, honesty, integrity and service. As an Omicron-Psi Chapter you are dedicating yourself to continually encourage your chapter members to live by Omicron-Psi standards of conduct in every aspect of their lives.

Be dedicated to become the example for future generations.

We are on the Web.  
[www.omicronpsi.com](http://www.omicronpsi.com)

*God Bless America*