Dear Interested Psi Beta and/or Psychology Club Students:

Welcome! I am happy about your interest in psychology at OCC. This letter includes information about Psi Beta (The National Honor Society in Psychology for the Community and Junior Colleges) and the Psychology Club. Although independent organizations, we integrate the club and society meetings and activities to best serve the interests of our students.

*Purpose of Organizations:* Psi Beta is a nationally recognized academic honor society. The mission of Psi Beta is to encourage professional development, excellence in scholarship, leadership skills, and participation in research and community service. Requirements and application procedures for the OCC Chapter of Psi Beta are included below. The purpose of the Psychology Club is to provide all interested students an opportunity to participate in psychology-related activities. There are no membership dues, applications, or requirements beyond an interest in psychology. Students from all disciplines are encouraged to attend and participate as often as possible. In addition, students may have the opportunity to serve as an Officer in these organizations in one of the following leadership positions: President, Vice-President, ASOCC Interclub Council Representative, Secretary, Historian, or Chapter Delegate. Any of these positions are great opportunities for professional development, demonstration of leadership, and contribution. If you are interested in a specific position(s), please let me know.

*Activities:* Psi Beta and Psychology Club meetings and activities are designed to stimulate interest, encourage education, promote community contributions, and enjoyment to all those involved. Typical activities and events may include: forum discussions (e.g., nature/nurture debate); guest speakers and panels (e.g., education in psychology, career paths in the field, getting into graduate school, and specific topics based on student interest); social activities, fieldtrips and events, and Movie Night (i.e., watching and discussing relevant films); regional and national conferences emphasizing educational opportunities, research, and networking; community service such as volunteering at shelters, sponsoring awareness (e.g., depression, anxiety, AIDS, substance abuse), tutoring, Heather’s Teddy Bear Drive, fundraising on behalf of various organizations, and student-initiated projects; workshops emphasizing topics such as study skills, leadership, and personal development; joint activities with other clubs; and facilitating individual student interests.

*Meetings:* Once approved on campus for the semester, Psi Beta and the Psychology Club meet together. See the *Announcements Website* link below for meeting times and locations. Additional activities will be scheduled at alternative times to facilitate student participation. We understand that student class and work schedules may conflict with regular meetings and activities. Regular attendance is encouraged but not required to be a member or participate, we hope to have you involved as much as possible.

*Announcements Website:* http://occonline.occ.cccd.edu/online/jsmolin/PBPC.Announcements.docx *(Note: The information on this website is subject to change or revision.)*

If you have any questions or I can assist in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Dr. James Smolin
Psi Beta Application and Registration Procedures

If interested in Psi Beta, you will be joining a nationally recognized academic honor society, furthering your interest in psychology, and contributing to the community at large. Membership in Psi Beta provides benefits such as professional development, promoting leadership skills, national recognition by the Association of College Honor Societies, education opportunities, interaction with students and professionals in the field, Psi Beta National Newsletter, research, opportunities for participation in national and regional conferences, competition for awards and recognition, and some Federal service occupation requirements.

I encourage you to read more about all of the benefits associated with Psi Beta lifetime-membership by visiting http://psibeta.org

OCC Psi Beta Chapter Induction Requirements and Procedures:

1. Complete at least 12 community college semester hours (Overall GPA: 3.25 minimum); courses completed outside OCC must be approved by the Psi Beta Advisor.
2. Complete at least one psychology course (Overall GPA: 3.00 minimum).
3. An interest in psychology.
4. Good standing in the community.
5. Complete a Psi Beta Application (see below) and submit with your OCC transcripts (MyOCC transcripts are acceptable). Submit the application and transcripts during my office hours (Office Hours and Location: http://occonline.occ.cccd.edu/online/jsmolin), at one of our regular meetings, to my mailbox in the Administration Building, or at the Academic Honors Office (Watson Hall).
6. One-time-only lifetime registration fee ($50). Payment Procedures: Once membership eligibility is verified based on the application and transcripts, you will receive an invitation email from Psi Beta with additional registration information and payment instructions (PayPal or credit card). Be sure to include an email you use regularly on the Psi Beta Application to ensure meeting payment deadlines.
7. Induction Period Deadlines: We provide both Fall and Spring Semester inductions. Completed applications and transcripts received during the first eight weeks of either semester.
8. You will receive official notification about your induction into Psi Beta via email.
9. Psi Beta inductees will receive a membership certificate and pin. You can pick up your materials at the Academic Honors Office after your formal induction date.

Psi Beta Information
http://occonline.occ.cccd.edu/online/jsmolin/PBPC.Information%20Letter.docx

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Congratulations on being invited for membership in the Orange Coast College Chapter of Psi Beta (The National Honor Society in Psychology for Community and Junior Colleges), a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. Membership in Psi Beta not only provides you with a record of outstanding academic achievement, but offers numerous opportunities for leadership development, curricular involvement, community service and personal fulfillment. Membership allows you to network with students and faculty from other colleges and qualifies you to compete for national awards. We hope that you take advantage of all that Psi Beta has to offer.

*Psi Beta Application Information and Procedures:*  
http://occonline.occ.cccd.edu/online/jsmolin/PBPC.Information%20Letter.docx

For further information contact: jsmolin@occ.cccd.edu

**Application and Registration Checklist:**
- Completed *Psi Beta Application*
- OCC transcripts
- Lifetime registration fee (see application procedure instructions)

*Psi Beta Application*  
*(Please print clearly in ink or type)*

Name: ________________________________

OCC Student ID: __________________________

OCC Student Email: ________________________________

*I accept Psi Beta’s Bylaws and Policies found at www.psibeta.org:*

Signature (Sign in ink): ________________________________

Psi Beta Privacy Policy

Any Personally Identifiable Information provided by you will be used in the following manner.

1. Your Name and Chapter will be listed in the New Member section of both the online (Internet) and printed newsletter.

2. Your Name and Address will be supplied to a third party for the purpose of mailing newsletters. This company is prohibited from disseminating this information.

3. All of your information will be supplied to SyCom Services Corporation (a third party) who manages our distribution center and prints certificates and membership cards. SyCom will not distribute ANY information that violates this policy.

4. Your racial, ethnic, and demographic information (if you elect to supply the information) will be used for two purposes ONLY: (1) to determine the characteristics and trends of the member population and (2) to provide members with information about additional educational and professional development opportunities.