



## PSM News

### October 2023

#### Message from NPSMA President

It's almost time for our [Annual Conference](#) and we look forward to seeing you all in Tampa this year. Our theme is Education, Science, and workforce and we will be hearing from leading PSM Program Directors and Suzanne Ortega, President, Council of Graduate Schools (CGS). This annual event has become an inclusive gathering of colleagues whose student outcome data demonstrate the impact of the PSM 'Science Plus Career Readiness Competencies' curriculum. This focus on STEM plus professional competencies led to the development of [mSIDP](#), the only Individual Development Plan designed specifically for students pursuing a STEM professional master's degree, created by Deborah Silver (Rutgers University), Linda Strausbaugh (Emerita, University of Connecticut), and the late Liz Friedman (University of Illinois Chicago).

In an earlier newsletter, I had informed you about the **STEM Master's Initiative** ad hoc committee that was charged with exploring how we could expand our PSM umbrella and share the impact of our innovative curriculum with non-PSM STEM Master's programs. Among the many recommendations of this committee, one was to change the name of our association to **National Professional STEM Master's Association** to reflect the broader engagement of our organization beyond our outstanding PSM Affiliated programs. While the [PSM affiliated member programs](#) are required to demonstrate the career readiness and professional competencies built in their master's program, we will now welcome all STEM Master's programs to join the organization as [associated members](#). The new NPSMA will serve as a workforce development resource for all STEM Master's

programs, while offering affiliation to those programs that adopt the Science Plus curriculum.

Details of the STEM Master's Initiative, the new National Professional STEM Master's Association, and the accompanying rebranding, will be announced at the conference and be reflected on our website thereafter. Many thanks to our Marketing and Digital Communications Committees, who have been particularly busy with this effort.

Many thanks also to all who contributed to the [special newsletter remembering Liz Friedman](#), who was part of the STEM Master's Initiative.

See you in Tampa!



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](mailto: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.](#)** The deadline to receive the discounted rate has been extended to October 11.



### Publication Submission 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. Send articles to NPSMA VP for Publications [Dagmar Beck \(dkbeck@rice.edu\)](mailto:dkbeck@rice.edu)

## Job Opportunity

The University of Findlay has a job opening for an Assistant Professor of Computer Science. For more information visit the following: [https://findlay.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/careers/job/Visiting-Instructor-of-Computer-Science\\_R0003229](https://findlay.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/careers/job/Visiting-Instructor-of-Computer-Science_R0003229)

## 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](mailto: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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