



## PSM News

### February 2023

#### Message from NPSMA President

Warm greetings to all our members of the National Professional Science Master's Association (NPSMA) and a special welcome to our new members. The NPSMA leadership have met a few times already this new calendar year with the purpose of planning and looking ahead at 2023. The Board, on behalf of the organization, wants to first express deep appreciation and gratitude to Past President Kristin Kuter for her leadership, diligence, and guidance to our organization. I am personally grateful to have Kristin and Tim Born (President Elect, NPSMA) alongside me as I start my tenure as President of the organization.

Looking ahead, we are working on:

- our NPSMA website with the help of many volunteers from across NPSMA
- our social media presence, starting with LinkedIn. All members are requested to connect with our page, National Professional Science Master's Association, and with each other
- engagement with Council of Graduate Schools, our founders from Sloan, and original PSM members
- creating a community through our monthly "Ask NPSMA" and possible regional meetings

The NPSMA exists to provide effective advocacy and services for PSM leaders. Are there ways in which we can serve your specific program/s by offering national level programming, one-on-one conversations or data that may help with your planning? Please reach out to us at the organization through our NPSMA Operations Manager, Derek Payne, who can be reached at [manager@npsma.org](mailto:manager@npsma.org).

We would love to see new faces in our committees, working groups, and the board. A great way to engage is to attend our monthly "Ask NPSMA" meetings or just reaching out to us. If you are interested in creating

events for alumni, students, and faculty engagement, please let us know; we would love to facilitate and advertise your efforts.

NPSMA is successful because our member organizations are passionate about their work. Our annual conference highlights our diversity in geography, demography, and unity in purpose. From our inception, we are committed to workforce development in STEM through Master's programs. We now have enough collective data to recommend our model to other disciplines as well. Thank you for joining us in the journey which started 25 years ago and stay connected as we look ahead to the next 25 years!

with best regards,



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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) ).

## **NPSMA 2023 Annual Conference and Workshop:**

***Save the dates Nov 1-4, 2023 for the event in Tampa, Florida***



We are planning to meet in Tampa, Florida on **November 1-4, 2023** for the NPSMA's Annual Conference and Workshop. 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.

### **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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