

UNCW Psi Chi

# Meeting 2/20/2020

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20 FEBRUARY 2020 / 5:30 PM / TL 1011

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**TOPIC:** Paws4People, Assistance Dog Training Program

## NOTES

- Mission - Educate & empower people to utilize Assistance Dogs to transform their lives.
- Specialize in placement with children, Veterans, Active-Duty Military, & Military Dependents.
- Training
  - Purpose Breeding - breed golden retrievers and labradors to control the past experiences of the dogs
  - Whelping/Nursing - birth to 3 weeks
  - Puppy Development - 3 to 20 weeks, confidence & basic commands
  - Obedience & Skills Training - 5 to 15 months, full obedience & skills training
  - Paws4Prisons Program - about 12 months, Inmates learn & help train the Assistance dogs
    - Potential clients meet the Assistance dogs at the prisons.
  - Public Access or Facility-Based Training - 16 to 24 months

- Dog is placed with a client & undergoes the black/red or green vest test.
- Clients go through a learning process before taking their dog home & are required to renew their annually.
- Classes 1 & 2 - learning about what service dogs do & dog behavior
- Classes 3 & 4 - opportunity to work with paws4people service dogs
  - Graduates that complete the 4-course UNCW program may be offered employment
- Puppy Development Center, Wilmington
  - Puppy Internship Opportunities
  - Volunteer Opportunities - 7 days a week, minimum 2 hr training
  - Puppy Outings - no training requirements

## REMINDERS:

- Psi Chi Meetings (Thursdays @ 5:30pm, TL 1011) - March 5 (Dr. Kirkwood), March 19, April 2 (Jennifer Myers), & April 16
- Panera Fundraiser (Feb. 21 @ 4-8pm, Oleander Location) - Keep your receipt and email Paige ([ple7882@uncw.edu](mailto:ple7882@uncw.edu)) a copy to earn 1 point. Bring your friends!!
- Mindfulness Silent Hike (Feb. 22 @ 10am, Fort Fisher Visitors Center) - Mindfulness hike put on by UNCW's Association of Self Care for Future Health Professionals. Attendance will count as 1 point.
- Dean's Day of Service (Feb. 22 @ 8 am) - sign up through OSLE, earn 1 csp/hour
- Induction Ceremony - April 18, 2020
  - Membership Application Deadline - February 28, 2020
  - Membership Dues Deadline - March 5, 2020