



OUR MISSION

Students With Psychosis empowers students and advocates globally through community-building and collaboration. Students With Psychosis aims to expand mental health/brain health advocacy at the college level to ensure psychosis representation, including a global perspective. Too often is psychosis left out of the mental health/brain health conversation on college campuses, and our narrative is also often limited, excluding intersectional community members. Our primary objectives include: growing and connecting our virtual and in-person programs, organizing outreach initiatives, and founding in-person college clubs/affiliates/hubs

Virtual Programming

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Students With Psychosis launched our virtual programming in April of 2020 and continues to strengthen and expand these programs to be more inclusive and accessible. Virtual programming includes over 31+ hours of facilitated programs each week. All video calls have live captions for accessibility needs; turning on video and audio is not required for the participant. Video calls include peer support groups, discussion groups, guest speaker events, office hours, game nights, and creative meetings. Video calls are on the Google Meets platform for live caption accessibility needs. Live caption auto-generated translations are available in German, Portuguese (Brazil), and Spanish (Mexico).

Students With Psychosis community groups on the Discord platform help meet the needs of our intersectional community members and help hold Students With Psychosis responsible in matters of inclusion and diversity. Community groups include the LGBTQIA+ Group, BIPOC Group, and Comorbidity Group. We are adding more community groups based on the feedback of our student leader and advocacy community. Areas that we are looking into to expand include but are not limited to psychosis representation (media, workplace, education, etc.) and global perspective (language, culture, history, etc.).

Twice a day, hour-long live chats are only text-based also on Discord, while hangouts are only audio and text-based with live captioning but no video held on Google Meets. While all other programming is private, monthly open mics are streamed publicly on social media. Student leaders who would like to get more involved can run for a leadership position in a community group or apply to our virtual internship program. Students With Psychosis also works with the student leader's school to receive college credit or fulfill an internship requirement. Student leaders can also join our advocacy program and ambassador program. Learn more https://sws.ngo/