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TO: Active Chapters of Sigma Gamma Epsilon  
Members of the National Council of SGE

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RE: Start of the Fall 2012 semester

Greetings Sigma Gammers!

I hope the new school year finds you healthy and happy and ready for new challenges. It has been a busy year for the National Council. We continue to work to enact many of the proposals that were put forth by you, the membership, during the 2010 SGE Biennial Convention. Many of the details are found in Secretary-Treasurer Dr. James Walters' letter.

We hope you will be sending delegates to the 2012 SGE Biennial Convention, November 3, the Saturday before the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting. The convention is your way of keeping the society current.

We have a great set of abstracts submitted for the SGE sponsored poster session at the national Geological Society of America meeting in Charlotte, NC this November with 97 abstracts representing undergraduate research from across the country. We are delighted with the participation and the quality of the abstracts submitted. We are looking forward to the poster session and we hope you will stop by session T3. *Sigma Gamma Epsilon Undergraduate Research (Posters)* to meet your colleagues and to discuss their research.

*The COMPASS* with our editor, Dr. Larry Davis, is moving forward with articles for the next edition. We hope you will consider submitting your research for an upcoming issue of the journal, current guidelines and instructions can be found on the SGE website. <http://www.sigmagamaepsilon.com/>. Be one of the first in the e-journal format.

We are pleased to welcome our newest Chapters of SGE: SUNY New Paltz as the *Theta Beta* Chapter; Angelo State University as the *Theta Gamma* Chapter. They held their installation ceremonies this spring semester; we hope to see you at the Biennial Convention!

We are looking forward to a productive and exciting Fall Semester for SGE. If you have questions regarding your chapter's standing, dues, or the **W.A. Tarr Awards** for the spring, you can e-mail Paula Even our Administrative Assistant at [even@sigmagammaepsilon.com](mailto:even@sigmagammaepsilon.com) or call 319-273-3818 or fax 319-273-7124. You can also visit the SGE website or **SGE Facebook** page (link found on the SGE Website) get caught up on Society news items, National Office information, Chapter news; swap fundraising and outreach ideas and activities; and meet new people.

I hope you have a safe and productive semester.

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SGE President