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Greetings Sig Gammers!

I hope this fall semester finds you safe, healthy, and happy, after a warm, wet summer.

We are pleased to welcome our newest Chapters of SGE: Theta Kappa at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, Theta Lambda at Hofstra University, Theta Nu at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, and Theta Xi at Allegheny College. In addition, we are happy to announce that Upsilon Chapter at West Virginia University, Beta Iota at the University of Houston, Zeta Omicron at Millsaps College, Zeta Pi at Baylor University, Eta Theta at Florida Atlantic University, Eta Omega at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, and Theta Gamma at Angelo State University have all been reactivated. We continue to receive inquiries from new schools and dormant chapters. We hope to see those applications in the coming year. If you are interested in reactivating your chapter, contact Paula Even at the National Office ([even@sigmagammaepsilon.com](mailto:even@sigmagammaepsilon.com)) or (319) 505-3391.

Dr. Larry Davis continues to do an excellent job as Editor-in-Chief for The Compass. Dr. Davis is glad to receive your research contributions. The Compass is available on the SGE home page <http://www.sigmagammaepsilon.com> or directly at <http://digitalcommons.csbsju.edu/compass>.

We have a great showing for the SGE sponsored poster session at the GSA Annual Meeting in Denver, with more than 30 abstracts showcasing undergraduate research projects from across the country. The session is scheduled for 9:00 am to 6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 27. Also, please stop by the Sigma Gamma Epsilon Booth (#566) in the Exhibit Hall.

We are excited about the upcoming year and anticipate an exciting fall semester for SGE. We currently are finalizing the bylaws for the charitable foundation that will become part of Sigma Gamma Epsilon. We hope to be able to announce the foundation and our first ever fundraising challenge this fall.

As always, we will make every effort to respond quickly to requests and inquiries. Direct questions about chapter standing, dues, and the dates and deadlines for awards (Tarr, Quality Chapter, Service, etc.) to the National Office. I encourage you to visit the SGE Facebook page (accessed via the SGE Website) to remain abreast of news items, National Office information, Chapter news, and to swap ideas about fundraising, outreach, and other activities with members of other chapters.

I hope you have a safe and productive semester and I hope the Fall semester brings you renewed energy to complete the academic year.

I hope each of you has a brilliant fall semester.

Best Regards,

Aaron W. Johnson