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Greetings Sig Gammers!

I hope the fall semester finds you refreshed after a summer break, and ready to dive headlong into the upcoming academic year. August in the Rockies is verdant, but the wind brings a hint of fall.

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.sigmagamaepsilon.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 Seattle, with more than 60 abstracts showcasing undergraduate research projects from across the country. As of this writing, the session has not yet been officially scheduled by the GSA Annual Meeting organizing committee. Expect the session to be a full day, probably on Monday or Tuesday. Also, please stop by the Sigma Gamma Epsilon Booth (#722) in the Exhibit Hall.

The 44th Sigma Gamma Epsilon Biennial Convention is slated for September 22-24, 2017, at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois. The convention will extend from Friday afternoon until Sunday late morning with a field trip on Saturday. I encourage each chapter to send more than one member if possible. Chapter advisors are welcome to attend as well. The Convention is your chance to shape the future of Sigma Gamma Epsilon. Your contributions and vision for the future make Sigma Gamma Epsilon the vibrant organization that it is.

We are pleased to announce the addition of the Theta Rho Chapter at Temple University, and the Theta Pi Chapter at Florida State University. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to these new chapters and their attendant members of Sigma Gamma Epsilon. In addition we have received communication from several other chapters which are in the process forming or of becoming active again. We welcome all of you to or back to Sigma Gamma Epsilon. If you are interested in reactivating your chapter, contact Paula Even at the National Office (even@sigmagammaepsilon.com) or (319) 505-3391.

We are excited about the fall semester. As always, we will make every effort to respond quickly to requests and inquiries. Questions about chapter standing, dues, and the dates and deadlines for awards (Tarr, Quality Chapter, Service, etc.) should be directed 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 fulfilling, exciting, and academically rewarding fall.

Best Regards,

Aaron W. Johnson