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Hello fellow members of Sigma Gamma Epsilon!

Welcome back to your academic endeavors as another wonderful summer comes to a close. The GSA Convention is really early this year and coming super fast! We are proud to be sponsoring our SGE poster session yet again. We have 27 abstracts this year, with research ranging from Analyses of Aqueous Nutrients to Volcanology, and submitted by students from across the nation. We are scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th, with authors having their posters up in the morning and standing at their stations in the afternoon for discussions as well as judging to see who will be the next recipients of our awards. Whether or not you are presenting, I hope to see you there or at the Sigma Gamma Epsilon Booth.

Our next convention will be held this coming April 3-5, 2020 and hosted by the Eta Alpha chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Please start making plans to have YOUR chapter represented at this next convention. Remember that one official delegate from each chapter and the chapter advisor are entitled to receive travel stipends! More details coming in the Call to Convention...

I encourage all chapters to consider their activities as they plan their years and be eligible to earn an Outstanding Chapter Award or a Service Chapter Award at the end of the academic year. The details on what is needed to be eligible are available on the SGE website. Additionally, your research should be published and one of the **first** journals you should consider is "*The Compass*." Dr. Larry Davis does an outstanding job as Editor-in-Chief, but he needs your submissions in order to create this quality publication. The Compass is available on the SGE home page <http://www.sgeearth.org> or directly at <http://digitalcommons.csbsju.edu/compass>.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE! There has been a policy change by which materials are distributed to chapters. ALL items – shingles, membership cards, pins, stickers, chapter cord orders, etc. – will now be sent to the ADVISOR of the chapter at the department office address listed for the chapter for distribution to members. When shingles, membership cards, pins, stickers, chapter cord orders, etc. have been mailed, the National office will send an email to the Advisor informing them the items have been mailed. Chapters then have thirty (30) days from date of the notification email to contact the national office if items are not received in order to obtain replacements **for free**. Notifications of missing articles **beyond** 30 days' time will be charged full price for replacement. If the advisor of a chapter absolutely wants to designate an alternate to receive shingles/cards/cords, etc., please notify Paula Even via email requesting this change (even@sgeearth.org).

Last but not least, if you have any questions about chapter standing, dues, deadlines and the like, please contact Paula Even at the National Office (even@sgeearth.org or 319-231-7317).

I hope you have a great semester!
Cheers,