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Hello fellow members of Sigma Gamma Epsilon!

Welcome back to your academic endeavors in whatever manner that has manifested at your university this year. The GSA Conference is coming in October and is virtual this year! We are proud to be sponsoring our SGE poster session yet again. We have 20 abstracts this year, with research ranging from “Slab Holes in Subduction Zones” to the “Deposition and Diagenesis of the Blossom Sand” and submitted by students from across the nation. We are scheduled for Monday, October 26th from 12:30 – 4:00, with authors having ten minute “presentation windows” to 1) explain their work (~5 minutes time) and 2) answer questions. These will be held in succession throughout the session, so please be aware that these posters will not be viewable for the entire time. There will be 15 minute discussion breaks after every fourth poster. Judges will be asking questions either during your presentation window or in the discussion break. Whether or not you are presenting, I hope to “see” you there!

Our next convention is tentatively scheduled for this coming Spring, 2021 and hosted by the Eta Alpha chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Unfortunately, due to uncertainties related to COVID, we cannot offer more concrete information at this time, but we will stay on top of evolving circumstances and make decisions soon so that you know what to do. Stay tuned!

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*.” The Compass is available on the SGE home page <http://www.sigmagammappsilon.com> or directly at <http://digitalcommons.csbsju.edu/compass>.

REMINDERS! ALL forms are now submitted electronically, with payments for dues, etc. either online or via a check sent in by mail. ALL items – shingles, membership cards, pins, stickers, chapter cord orders, etc. – are now sent to the ADVISOR of the chapter at the department office address listed for the chapter for distribution to members. Chapters have thirty (30) days from date of the notification email from SGE items were mailed 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).

Hope all are well,

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