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Hello esteemed Sigma Gamma Epsilon members!

Welcome back to your academic life for the Fall 2021 semester. The GSA Conference is coming in October, and we are proud to be hosting our SGE poster session once again. Although COVID issues kept many researchers from the field and data collection, we have several submissions that are truly worth reviewing if you go to the convention. We are scheduled for Sunday, October 10th from 2:30 – 6:30 pm with presenters being at their booths from 4 – 6 pm. Whether or not you are presenting, I hope that you can attend!

Our next SGE Biannual Convention is scheduled for September 16 - 18, 2022 and will be hosted by the Eta Alpha Chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin. This should be an exciting conference, and the actual site where we will stay is the UT Martin Coon Creek Science Center and Selmer Center. The Coon Creek Science Center sits on 240 acres of one of the most important fossil sites in North America, and any fossils that you find while there – you get to keep! We will have star gazing and perhaps a local band for entertainment as well. Information on registration, delegates, reservations and more will be forthcoming in early Spring.

I encourage all chapters to consider their activities as members plan their years to make sure that they will be eligible to earn an Outstanding Chapter Award or a Service Chapter Award. Additionally, your research should be published, and one of the **first** journals you should consider is “*The Compass*.” Our peer-reviewed journal now has established publication dates of Dec 15th and May 15th, with deadlines for submissions one month in advance. Information for all is available on the SGE website, <http://www.sigmagammaepsilon.com/>. Questions regarding The Compass should be directed to the National Editor-in-Chief, Dan Curtis (drcurtis@eiu.edu).

NEW THIS YEAR! New members now initiate with a one-time \$55 fee that comes with **Lifetime Membership** (local chapters may have additional dues). Returning members will pay \$15 for Lifetime Membership (if a new certificate is requested, the cost is \$25).

If you have any questions about chapter standing, the new fee structure, deadlines and the like, please contact Paula Even at the National Office, 319-505-3391 or even@sgeearth.org.

I hope all are well and that your semester is fulfilling and rewarding!

Cheers,