

National Council of The Society of
Sigma Gamma Epsilon



NATIONAL HONORARY SOCIETY in the EARTH SCIENCES

Aaron W. Johnson, President
Northwest Missouri State University
800 University Drive
Maryville, MO 64468

Department of Natural Sciences
Phone: 660-562-1569
Fax: 660-562-1055
E-mail: AJ@nwmissouri.edu

Greetings Sig Gammers!

I hope the spring semester brings you renewed energy to complete the academic year. January in northern Missouri is cold, but the hope of spring is around the corner.

During our National Council meeting at GSA in Baltimore in November, the National Council voted to recognize the excellent work Paula Even performs. Paula has been named Associate Director of Sigma Gamma Epsilon. Paula, without your help, SGE would not be able to succeed. In addition, the National Council was able to outline a framework within which to implement one of the more significant proposals from the Biennial convention. Jim Walters and Paula Even are working diligently to implement that framework. We hope to make big announcement in the next few weeks.

We had an excellent poster session at the GSA meeting in Baltimore. Student researchers presented 101 posters. Kayleigh M. Harvey and Carrie A. Menold from Albion College received the Austin Sartin Best Poster Award, and Kate C. Grisi and Michael C. Rygel, from the SUNY Potsdam received the National Council Poster Award. Congratulations!

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 are pleased to announce that three new chapters are in the process of being established: Theta Kappa, at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Theta Lambda at Hofstra University, and Theta Mu at the University of West Georgia. In addition, I am pleased to announce that the Beta Iota Chapter at the University of Houston has been reactivated. Several other chapters are in the process 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 spring semester. We will, as always, make every effort to respond quickly to requests and inquiries. Direct any 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 warm, safe and productive spring,

Best Regards,

Aaron W. Johnson