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Greetings Sig Gammers!

I hope the spring semester brings you renewed energy to complete the academic year. March in the Rockies brings changeable weather, with snowy days interspersed with sunny reminders of spring.

During our National Council meeting at GSA in Denver in September, the National Council continued to work on one remaining initiative from the last National Convention. We continue to move forward with our efforts to establish a Sigma Gamma Epsilon Foundation, and will continue to inform you, our members, as we move forward.

We had an excellent poster session at the GSA meeting in Denver. Student researchers presented 36 posters. Alexa Harrison and Nicholas Schrecongost from Radford University (Epsilon Eta Chapter) received the Austin Sartin Best Poster Award for "Eruptive Sequence and Processes in a Neoproterozoic Intracontinental Rift: The Mt. Rogers Formation, SW VA." Jessica Robinson and Allison Jones from the University of the Pacific (Eta Upsilon) received the National Council Best Poster Award for "Preliminary Outcrop-scale RF/PHI Petrofabric Analysis of Conglomerate from the Jurassic Tuttle Lake Formation; Mount Tallac Roof Pendant, El Dorado, County CA."

Dr. Larry Davis continues to do an excellent job as Editor-in-Chief for The Compass. The Compass is an ideal venue for publication of narrowly focused research projects, especially those projects that incorporate undergraduate students in the research process. 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 welcome Theta Omicron chapter at Indiana University Northwest. 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](mailto:even@sigmagammaepsilon.com)) or (319) 505-3391.

The National Convention is quickly approaching. I encourage all members to attend. This is your organization, and your leadership is the key to maintaining a vibrant, relevant organization. The National Office 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