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Hello fellow members of Sigma Gamma Epsilon...

A new year, a new semester in which SGE students shine!

I hope everyone had nice holidays and are working towards finishing out your academic year with a bang. If you would, please visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Sigma-Gamma-Epsilon-129715933744861/>) and give us a like! Look it over, contribute your comments and photos and join the conversation with fellow community members.

We had a robust turnout for the SGE Poster Session at the Indianapolis GSA National Convention in November. Over 60 projects were accepted for presentation in the session, and all were extremely interesting. It really is quite impressive how many great projects are being pursued by our Sigma Gamma Epsilon colleagues! Always a difficult decision, but two students were honored for their research being noteworthy. The 2018 National Council Best Poster Award was bestowed upon Katherine Jones from the Delta Xi Chapter at Trinity University. Katherine's project was entitled, "*Insights Into the Precambrian Llano Uplift from Geochronology of the Cambrian Hickory Sandstone, Central Texas.*" The 2018 Austin A. Sartin Best Poster Award was given to Caroline Johnstone from the Eta Tau Chapter at the University of Dayton. Caroline's project was entitled, "*Characterizing Interactions Between Surface and Groundwater in the Great Miami Valley Watershed Using Stable Isotope and Chemical Analysis.*" Congratulations, Katherine and Caroline!!

Dr. Larry Davis has continued to provide the society with stellar service as Editor-in-Chief of The Compass. He would love to have some more submissions, though. This is YOUR opportunity to showcase your research talents! Take advantage of the fact that the honors society to which you belong has a respected peer reviewed journal that could be the vehicle for your first publication. One suggestion that was made at the National Convention was to have chapters submit multiple papers all at the same time so that YOUR chapter can be the focus of an entire issue. What a great way to show how strong your individual chapters are in the society! Access is online through the SGE home page (<http://www.sigmagammappsilon.com>) 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 for distribution to members.

Chapters now have thirty (30) days from date of order/request to notify that items were 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@sigmagammaepsilon.com).

Remember if you are approaching graduation, lifetime membership fees have been reduced to \$100 and there is a one-time incentive in your first year after graduation to receive a 25% discount! You can remain a part of the society and partake of all of the benefits as well as participate in future events for a mere \$75.

Our next convention will be held in Spring, 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.

Best to all of you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Burns". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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