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TO: Members of the National Council of SGE
FROM: Erika R. Elswick, SGE President
RE: **Start of the Fall 2014 semester**

Greetings Sigma Gammers!

I hope the New School Year finds you healthy and happy and ready for new challenges. It has been a busy year for the National Council as well. We have worked to enact many of the proposals that were put forth by you, the membership, during the last SGE Biennial Convention in Charlotte, NC and we were busy preparing for the 43th convention and **SGE's Centennial Celebration** in Lawrence, KS, in the spring of 2015.

We have a great showing for the SGE sponsored poster session at the national Geological Society of America meeting in Vancouver with abstracts representing undergraduate research from across the country. The session will be held on Tuesday, Oct 21, 9:00 am to 6:30 pm. Please make sure you also visit the SGE booth in the Exhibit Hall (booth 544). We were delighted with the enthusiastic participation and the great quality of the science represented in the poster session this fall and we hope to see you there.

I would like to again extend thanks to our Editor, Dr. Larry Davis who got us online. Dr. Davis is always glad to receive contributions of your research. The council also agreed to invest in the transfer of the past issues of *The COMPASS* to electronic format for wider access which got underway this past fall semester. With the publishing of the 41st Biennial Convention, the last of the print copies of the journal were mailed to chapters. The COMPASS can be accessed from the SGE home page at <http://www.sigmagammaepsilon.com> or directly by going to <http://digitalcommons.csbsju.edu/compass/>.

We are pleased to welcome our newest Chapters of SGE, Congratulations to our newest Chapter: *Theta Zeta* at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT. Congratulations to all! We had a large number of inquiries from new schools at the SGE booth at GSA last fall, so we hope to see those applications soon. We also hope to hear back from several chapters that have been dormant and have inquired about re-activation. It is easy to do, just look for the instructions on the webpage.

This coming March we will be holding our Centennial Celebration. SGE was founded at the University of Kansas in 1915. *Alpha* Chapter at KU will be hosting the Biennial Convention and Centennial Event March 27- 29, 2015. Put these dates on your calendar now and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of SGE and be thinking about who you will send as your delegates to the convention.

We are looking forward to a productive and exciting Fall Semester for SGE. As always, we will attempt to respond to your requests and inquires as soon as possible. You can e-mail Paula Even our Administrative Assistant at even@sigmagammaepsilon.com or call 319-505-3391 or fax 319-273-7124 if you have questions regarding your chapter's standing, dues, and this coming spring's round of **Tarr Awards**. You can also visit the **SGE Facebook** page (link on the SGE Website) to keep aware of news items, National Office information, Chapter news, and to swap fundraising and outreach ideas and activities with other chapters, as well as meet new people.

I hope you have a safe and productive semester.