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**LETTER**

# Introduction to the issue: University of Tennessee at Martin Eta Alpha Chapter volume

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Welcome to the Eta Alpha Chapter volume of The Compass. The geosciences degree program at The University of Tennessee at Martin celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022, just in time for the 46<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of Sigma Gamma Epsilon. The cover photo for this volume depicts the Joseph E. Johnson EPS (Engineering and Physical Sciences) Building that has been the home of the geosciences program since its construction in 1960. This volume is a series of papers that were initially compiled to be part of the 46<sup>th</sup> biennial convention volume that was to occur in 2019; however, the COVID-19 pandemic, along with additional scheduling difficulties, forced a hiatus of that meeting and consequently this volume. The papers in this volume present the history of the geology program at the University of Tennessee at Martin, along with the history of the student organizations central to its geology mission. UT Martin has a long history of geoscience education service. This volume also presents the history of the Tennessee Earth Science Teachers (TEST) organization. We present the result of several projects undertaken by Eta Alpha SGE members and their faculty mentors.

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