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Hello fellow members of Sigma Gamma Epsilon...

...welcome to Spring, 2022!

I hope everyone had safe and healthy holiday season and have had a great start to your Spring semester.

Our SGE Poster Session at the Seattle GSA National Convention this past October was small but mighty. Although COVID issues hamstrung many research efforts as well as resulted in diminished numbers at the convention, we still had an inspiring session. Projects exhibited during the poster presentation were extremely well-done, and all deserved recognition. Two students' investigations were particularly noteworthy. The 2021 Sartin Award was received by Lauren Gossett for her presentation, "Microplastics in the Tennessee River: Are Small Streams a Major Source?". Anuva Anannya was honored with the Charles J. Mankin Best Poster Award for her research, "Detection of Fe/Mg Phyllosilicate-rich Landslides Situated in Impact Craters in the Tyrrhena Terra Region on Mars."

All who participated should consider submitting their work to be considered for publication in *The Compass*. Our Editor-in-Chief, Dan Curtis, is working hard to ensure that we have regular publications of our journal, but we need articles to make it as robust as possible. If you have questions about submitting your work, please read the information on the Sigma Gamma Epsilon webpage (<http://www.SGEearth.org/>) for Instructions for Authors or email Dan ([drcurtis@eiu.edu](mailto:drcurtis@eiu.edu)).

This coming September is our next biennial convention, to be held at the University of Tennessee, Martin and hosted by our friends in Eta Alpha. This will be held in Selmer, TN on September 16 – 18, 2022. As you may know, your participation at the convention is supported and highly encouraged by the National Office. Each chapter is entitled to representation by their Advisor as well as a designated Delegate and any member who would like to participate as an Alternate. As this convention will be held shortly after we head back into our Fall semesters, your chapters might want to consider electing Delegates and Alternates this spring. Formal registration materials and convention details will be sent in March. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paula Even at [even@SGEearth.org](mailto:even@SGEearth.org) or 319-505-3391.

Chapters wishing to have business items brought before the delegates must notify the National Office of their intentions by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Paula Even at [even@SGEearth.org](mailto:even@SGEearth.org).

Have a great semester and see you at the Convention!

Diane Burns, President