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Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, and to update you on what I would like to achieve as the National Editor of The Compass.

I have been teaching at The University of Texas at San Antonio since 2014. I became involved with Sigma Gamma Epsilon when I discovered in 2020 that we had an inactive chapter that needed the attention of an advisor, so here I am! I went through the very simple process of reactivating the chapter and recruiting an outstanding group of students dedicated to scholarly and service pursuits.

I began my tenure as National Editor late in 2022, and I have some short-term and long-term goals for The Compass. My short-term goals are to publish two volumes per year in May and December. I plan to institute a policy of rolling submissions so that anytime you have a paper ready for publication, you may submit it for peer review and once the final manuscript is accepted it will be published in the next edition of The Compass. I also plan to create a template that may be used by members when writing their manuscripts. I would like to compile a list of peers willing to review manuscripts. Advisors, I call on you to contact faculty members at your colleges and universities to ask for their intermittent participation as reviewers. You can forward their names, emails, and their specialties to me. This will make the review process run far more efficiently.

Long-term, I hope to get to the point that we have enough submissions so that we can publish four times per year. This will come with growth in the society but will also come with help from all of you. This is where I need your help again! Please help us get the word out to your members about the opportunity to publish their research in The Compass. The Compass is a great place for members to showcase their hard work at an undergraduate and graduate level.

I am looking forward to working with all of you to expand the impact of The Compass. Look for the next volume toward the end of May!

Sincerely,

Janet Vote, National Editor