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Hello members of Sigma Gamma Epsilon!

I hope you all had an enjoyable and refreshing semester break and are ready to begin the Spring semester, if you haven't already!

Great news, our annual SGE Poster Session at the Pittsburgh GSA National Convention this past October has 63 submissions, a huge increase from last year! I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the award winners. Two participants were jointly awarded the 2023 Austin A. Sartin Award, Kathleen Farr and Michael Buchanan. Both are members of the Eta Nu Chapter at James Madison University and their research project involved field mapping in western Virginia. Their study was titled "Geological Investigations of Bedrock and Surficial Geology in the Southern Half of the Rawley Springs Quadrangle, Virginia". The winner of our Charles J. Mankin Best Poster Award was E Vigil, a member of the Theta Omega Chapter at Tennessee Tech University. Their presentation was titled "Insect Herbivory from the Middle Eocene Claiborne Formation as an Analog for Future Climate Change". You can see photos of the award recipients on the SGE website (sgearth.org) as well as links to their abstracts. Please consider presenting your research at our next SGE Poster Session at the National GSA Convention in Anaheim, California this September. You could be one of the next award winners!

The Spring semester is award season for SGE. Every chapter is encouraged to submit a recipient for the W.A Tarr Award. Additionally, please review the requirements for the James C. Walters Outstanding Chapter Award and SGE Chapter Service Awards. We only gave out three James C. Walters Outstanding Chapter awards last year and one SGE Chapter Service awards. I suspect we have many more chapters that could receive one of these awards if they applied. Forms and guidelines for these awards can be found under the "Awards" link in the "Our Community" section of our website.

Our number of active chapters increased this year and we are in the process of establishing two additional chapters. If your chapter has become inactive please contact me and I can help you reactivate.

If you have any questions about your chapter standing, deadlines and the like, please contact Lee Potter at the National Office, 319-505-3391 or potter@SGEearth.org. Of course, you are always welcome to contact me directly (SW-Bennett1@wiu.edu) and I will answer your questions or find someone that can.

I wish you all an enjoyable and successful Spring semester,

Steve Bennett, SGE National President