



# ETA SIGMA GAMMA

December 2023 Newsletter

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## Call for Journal Submissions

Call for submissions for Special Issue ESG Monograph on Food Access and Sustainability. For more information, [click here](#). Submit manuscript and Chapter Sponsor Form to Dr. Mark Kelley at [mark.kelley@wmich.edu](mailto:mark.kelley@wmich.edu).

## Conference Planning

We will be abck at SOPHE and need volunteers to help us plan the ESG portion of the conference. Any and all help is appreciated as we want this to be a memorable event for ESG. If interested in serving on this committee, please contact Jenn Evans at [je.evans@northeastern.edu](mailto:je.evans@northeastern.edu)

## Open Board Positions

### Call for Open Board Positions

**Vice President**

**Secretary/Communications Director**

**Student Members-At-Large**

- Submit name to: [nationaloffice@etasigmagamma.org](mailto:nationaloffice@etasigmagamma.org)
- Nominations until January 15; voting February 1-15
- Newly elected positions join the board March, 2024
- **We need students on the board!** If you have an energetic undergrad or grad student please nominate them!

# Its Awards Season!

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

These awards are to recognize outstanding individuals in the studies or field of health education. Some are only presented by the National Board while others may also be given by local chapters. The deadline for applications is **January 15, 2024**

### FOUNDERS AWARD

[Apply here](#)

### LOREN B. BENSLEY, JR. GAMMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

[Apply here](#)

### JOHN P. MCGOVERN, M.D NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

[Apply here](#)

### NCHEC/ESG OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR OF THE YEAR

[Apply here](#)

### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

[Apply here](#)

## WE WILL BE BACK AT SOPHE IN ST. LOUIS!

The ESG annual meeting will again be back In person at SOPHE, with a full pre-conference day. Increased [travel grant](#) funds are available to support student attendance.

# 2024 National Case Study Competition

The National Case Study Competition in Health Education, [Society for Public Health Education](#) (SOPHE), [Eta Sigma Gamma](#) (ESG), and the [National Commission for Health Education Credentialing](#) (NCHEC) are pleased to announce their partnership to expand the National Case Study Competition in 2024. All four entities will be collaborating to continue the tradition of providing students with a top-tier professional development experience.

Now is the time for schools, students, and advisors to begin planning to participate in the competition. Beginning in spring 2024, the Competition will be dually conducted, continuing the practice of offering an online competition experience, but adding on onsite option for students choosing to attend the [SOPHE Annual Conference in St. Louis](#).

## **Dates to Note:**

- Registration opens for the competition (Early January, 2024)
- Registration closes (February 16, 2024)
- Case and materials e-mailed to participating schools (February, 26 & 27, 2024)
- Onsite portion at the Hyatt at the Arch in St. Louis, MO (March 18, 2024)
- Online portion of competition (March 19, 2024)

More information will be coming soon. If you have questions about the competition, contact Karl Larson, NCSCHE Executive Director, at [ncsche@gmail.com](mailto:ncsche@gmail.com).



# Chapter Spotlight



**Epsilon Xi chapter** at Salisbury University – albeit a relatively new chapter – has quickly established itself as an accomplished one. Since 2017, the chapter has won numerous national chapter awards as well as individual members winning the Founder’s Award and Gamman of the Year Award. Our chapter continues to be active on campus and in our community.

- In Spring 2023, two Gammans attended the SOPHE conference in Atlanta, GA in 2023. One of these students presented a poster titled "Understanding HIV Criminalization Through the Social Determinants of Health."
- Over the past few semesters, the chapter hosted numerous tabling events on campus to provide information and resources to students, faculty, and staff on topics including stress management, menu planning on a budget, reproductive health, mental health, and healthy relationships.
- Every year, the chapter hosts an “Alumni Afternoon” networking event where an alumni from the program talks to current students about careers, credentialing, and graduate school.
- Every year, the chapter teaches a lesson on sexually transmitted infection, called STI Mythbusting, in their general education wellness course. In doing so, they are able to reach an average of 200 undergraduate students a semester.





- Every spring, the chapter forms a Relay for Life team. The 2023 team sold succulent plants on campus and donated all proceeds to the American Cancer Society. Gammans also made Cancer Care Packages made from items our chapter members donated.
- Every year the chapter gives back to their local Life Crisis Center by holding a fundraiser and donating 100% of proceeds to this important community organization.
- The chapter continues to be active in other fundraising efforts, such as annual Custom Ink t-shirt fundraisers and volunteering for Seagull Century, the bike race on the Eastern shore of Maryland that is held every October. This fundraising allows the chapter to sponsor a CHES exam scholarship every semester that is awarded to applicants who are in good standing. For the fall 2023 semester, they were able to sponsor a total of 5 students' CHES registration fee!

**Way to go Epsilon Xi!**



We continue to move forward with planning to meet back together at SOPHE In St. Louis! We have planned Monday, March 18 to be an ESG day, with planned activities, annual business meeting, and our awards ceremony occurring on the 18th. Watch for more Information coming early next year. Also, a reminder that we have expanded the [travel scholarship](#) to assist student members attend the conference. I encourage you to nominate yourself or others for one of the numerous national individual awards.

In addition, I would like to announce the establishment of the [\*\*Judith K. Luebke Membership Scholarship\*\*](#), made available from a memorial gift from Judy and her family, to support the cost of annual ESG membership dues for student members facing extreme financial barriers. Judy was a long-time supporter of ESG and professional preparation of students, and we are honored to be able to continue her legacy in supporting students. We are projecting being able to fund 8-10 such scholarships per year. If you have a student who is struggling to afford ESG membership, please contact: [nationaloffice@etasigmagamma.org](mailto:nationaloffice@etasigmagamma.org).

Thank you for your continued commitment to ESG!

*Bob Bensley*  
*National ESG President*