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To All Collegiate and Alumni Chapters of Phi Chi Theta:

Greetings and welcome to what I hope will be another exciting and successful year for you and Phi Chi Theta. We had so many wonderful successes last year that I hope to repeat this year.

Last year we hosted three successful regional meetings with both record numbers of attendees and participation. We installed three new collegiate chapters and are about to install the Detroit Alumni Chapter. We presented 38 performance awards, three Chapter Growth Awards and the Executive Director's Award. We are looking forward to presenting even more awards this year at the 2010 National Chapter Meeting in Orlando, FL.

Our focus for this school year will be finalizing plans for the 2010 National Chapter Meeting and completing all chapter visitations. Please work with your regional directors to schedule these visits. We will continue the level of communications coming from the National Office to include two issues of the IRIS and National Executive Council Newsletters. We will continue to reach out to our lost alumni. We are in the process of reaching out to several of them to speak at the 2010 National Chapter Meeting. We will continue to work on several expansion opportunities. Finally, we will work to release additional reference tools for chapter use.

You will receive monthly updates on the National Chapter Meeting. Please plan early for this meeting and budget accordingly. We are trying to make it as affordable as possible. Meeting registration fees and lodging costs will be released in the near future. All chapters are required to send one delegate. However, additional visitors from each chapter are welcome and encouraged to attend. Recent graduates and all alumni-at-large are also welcome.

Please start to plan your calendars for the year. Make sure that you focus on conducting a balanced program with opportunities for both professional and personal development. Make sure that your program includes a number of social events and community service projects. Please recruit new members who are dedicated to the values of Phi Chi Theta. Properly educate them about our history and traditions. Make sure they understand what it means to be a member of Phi Chi Theta. This is our common bond.

I wish you all the best of luck in the coming year.

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Gary Hodge  
National President  
Life Member

