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Dear Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapter Leaders:

First of all, a word of thanks for being part of the Science Olympiad family in such an unprecedented time! This school year will be different than any other in our 37-year history, and as you know Science Olympiad is responding to the global pandemic with a bold plan, introducing new [Ways to Play](#) that allow students, teachers and volunteers to continue their involvement with their favorite program.

A recent survey of 3,500 respondents showed that overwhelmingly, people want and need Science Olympiad now more than ever, and we vow to “*meet them where they’re at*” – whether in the classroom, after school or at home. While this season may not look and feel the same, we are confident our [Satellite SO](#), [mini SO](#) and [MY SO](#) models and programs will engage, challenge and inspire students, keeping their STEM skills fresh and their career pathways lit brightly.

In conjunction with our Science Olympiad Alumni Task Force, we’ve developed new tools to keep you informed and connected to Science Olympiad, Inc. while acting as a Science Olympiad College Alumni Chapter: a Chapter Agreement, a registration form, new volunteer training, mentoring guidelines, a national map and a new webpage devoted to YOU! We’ll be offering more resources to our college chapters in the form of webinars, networking and opportunities to meet up – once we can meet up again! To further meet your needs, in June we added a new Program Manager and Alumni Coordinator at the national office, Mary-Margaret Koch, an Illinois Science Olympiad alum from American University. She will be here to answer questions, connect chapters and make your experience more enriching – both for you, and the students you are serving.

In this crucial year, we are counting on our college-level partners to join us, and we look forward to coming out on the other side stronger, with our Science Olympiad programs and family intact. Thank you for your support of and advocacy for the next generation of Science Olympiad alums.

Regards,

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