The 2016 Sigma Tau Delta convention will be held in Minneapolis March 2nd-5th.
   - You must register for the convention January 4th—19th.
   - The theme is “Finding Home.”
   - Submissions for the convention are accepted from September 28th—October 26th.

If you are not yet a member of Sigma Tau Delta, you may apply through Professor Rutledge. You must be a member in order to submit work to the convention.

The convention literature is *The Soul Thief* by Charles Baxter. It can be purchased on Amazon for around $10. It is not required that you read this book to attend the convention, but the convention will revolve very much around the themes present in it. I have purchased it and will read it.

Regarding Submissions:

- You may submit two works:
  - ONE critical essay, creative nonfiction, poetry collection, fiction, or drama
  - AND ONE additional critical essays or other genre submission that deals with *The Soul Thief*
    - This category is eligible of awards up to $600.
    - AND/OR a proposal for a roundtable session.
- Acceptance or denial notifications will be sent on December 16th.

Regarding Awards:

- There are many awards for exceptional works presented at the conference; these vary in amounts that may be viewed further on the website.

Regarding Scholarships:

- Junior Scholarship (March 21, 2016)—must be an undergraduate student in junior year; amount up to $3,000.
- Senior Scholarship (March 21, 2016)—each chapter may nominate 3 members; must be an undergraduate in their senior year; the student must be enrolling in a fall undergraduate or graduate program following the end of the Spring semester in which it is awarded; amount up to $4,000.
- **William C. Johnson Distinguished Scholarship** (March 21, 2016)—primarily involvement in the Society at some level; additional submission material is required; amount up to $5,000.

- **Part-Time Undergraduate Scholarship** (March 21, 2016)—must be a part time student; amount up to $2,500.

- **P.C. Somerville Awards for Future Teachers** (March 21, 2016)—must be teaching English by September of the following year; amount up to $2,000.

- **Study Abroad Scholarship Fall Round** (November 9, 2015—President Chelsea’s birthday, if you want to get her a present)—undergraduate student planning to study a term or a year in a certified undergraduate program abroad; amount up to $3,000.
  - There is also a Spring Round; see website for more information.
  - These applications will be accepted September 7th—November 9th.

- **Summer Program Scholarship** (November 9, 2015—applies toward summer of 2016)—current undergraduate members, but including seniors about to graduate; to go toward a summer program at home or abroad that follows with Sigma Tau Delta’s mission; amount up to $1,500.
  - These applications will be accepted September 7th—November 9th.

- **Scholarly Paper Awards** (March 21, 2016)—for English related papers submitted at other conferences or respectable places; undergraduate students; amount up to $250.