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Mr. Thomas Macfee, President
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Dear Thomas:

I would like to thank the Soil Science Society of Georgia for their contribution to help defray expenses associated with Soil Judging activities at the University of Georgia. In March, we participated in the National contest hosted by California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA. The team placed 3rd overall and 3rd in team judging of 21 teams from across the country competing in the activity.

Team members for the 2006 national contest included Andrew Croy, an Environmental Soil Science major from Forsyth County; Tony DeMarco, an Environmental Soil Science major from Gwinnett County (7th place individual); Gus McCormick, an Environmental Soil Science major from Bullock County; Anthony McEver, an Environmental Soil Science major from Baldwin County; and Charles Moore, an Environmental Soil Science major from Hart County.

More important than our success in this and other contests is the opportunity for students to travel to other parts of the country and learn about the agriculture, people, and soil resources in these areas. As faculty, we can present much information in the classroom, but there is no substitute for seeing and experiencing conditions in other areas to enhance learning and understanding. Without the support of the SSSGA and others in the soil science community, this opportunity would not be possible.

Again, thank you and the SSSGA for your support. If you need any further information from me, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Larry T. West
Professor