

**DKG SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE  
 FOR THE 2021 NC DKG CONVENTION**



The North Carolina State Organization—NC DKG is pleased to welcome DKG Membership Director Patricia “Trish” Woodley as the Society Representative for the 2021 NC DKG Convention. She joined Society Headquarters in June 2018 as International Membership Director. Woodley, an experienced educator and EMT-B, taught pre-medical classes at the secondary level for nine years serving as the Career and Technical Education (CATE) Department chair for five years. Additionally, she taught Medical Terminology for Medical and Pharmacy Assistants for four years post-secondary before accepting the position of membership director. Woodley was inducted in 2010 to Texas Xi Chapter.

Woodley earned a Bachelor of Education in Youth and Community Studies and a Master of Arts in Education with a concentration in Curriculum and Instruction and is currently working toward her doctorate.

Woodley serves as a liaison for International membership, expansion, educational excellence, educators

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**2021 NC DKG CONVENTION PROJECT  
 KNICKERS FOR NEW LIFE**

NC DKG 2021 Region XI Convention Co-chairs  
 Bonnie Golden & Patty Higgins



*Girls? Education? DKG?  
 Africa? UNICEF?*

In honor of the DKG 10-year partnership with the Schools for Africa project, Region XI selected Knickers for New Life for the convention project for 2021. One hundred percent of all donations go to this charity. Yes! We said 100%. Knickers for New Life is an official nonprofit ministry.

Thousands of girls in Uganda miss a week of school every month. With no access to basic sanitary products, many girls are forced to quit school. Without an education, they are faced with a life of poverty, disease/HIV, child marriage/teen pregnancy, and they are at greater risk for human trafficking.



Knickers for New Life partners with schools in Uganda, providing knickers (underwear), sanitary supplies, separate latrines for girls and boys, hand-wash stations, and mosquito-repellent soap. **A girl’s needs for the year can be met for \$35—a small investment with a big impact!** Every year that a girl stays in school will increase her socio-economic prospects for the rest of her life.

Donations to Knickers for New Life can be made in the Virtual Marketplace during the convention. Please join Region XI in making this a successful convention project for 2021.

Learn more about KFNL

<https://knickersfornewlife.org/>  
<https://knickersfornewlife.org/album/asante/>



## Ready, Set, **GROW!** In Action

### SISTERHOOD—A CURE FOR WHAT AILS YOU

*“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy. They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”*

*Marcel Proust \**

I recently listened to an NC DKG member express her true feelings as a virtual chapter meeting came to a close. The Saturday morning meeting was well attended, the program was uplifting, the members were engaged and excited to be together, and the Society business was handled efficiently. I was honored to have been a part of such a strong meeting. Everyone felt that the time spent together had been put to good use. Little did we know that it meant something so much more for one of the members in attendance (*a.k.a. Sarah*).

As the meeting closed, Sarah asked to speak. Here is a snapshot of what she said:

*“I am so tired that I can hardly breathe, but I would not have missed this meeting today for anything. You lift me up! Being with you gives me strength, makes me smile and reminds me that I am not alone.”\*\**

There was not a dry eye in the virtual meeting at that moment. We were all taken back to that place of exhaustion, despair, and stress where someone or something gave us hope. For Sarah, at that moment, it was her DKG sisters!

In the words of Marcel Proust, Sarah’s DKG sisters were her “*charming gardeners*” who made her “*soul blossom*” that morning. As I write this article for all members to read, I am reminded that it is my responsibility as a member of DKG and the human race to be someone’s “*charming gardener*” when possible.

As your President and friend, I am asking that each of you find a person that needs to have their “*soul blossomed*” and become their “*charming gardener*.” Remember: exhaustion and loneliness impacts all generations. Whether 25 and active or 95 and retired, exhaustion and loneliness are real and can lead to depression. It is on us as DKG members to come to the aid of another member by bringing them happiness! It might just be the cure to what is ailing them.

*Dr. Teresa H. Cowan*

NC DKG President

\* **Marcel Proust** was an early 20th-century French writer responsible for what is officially the longest novel in the world entitled *In Search of Lost Time*. [Marcel Proust](#)

\*\*Thank you, **Gamma Zeta**, for this lovely quote recently used in your chapter newsletter.

### 2019-2021 NC DKG Executive Committee

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### DKG Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education  
Worldwide



### DKG Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



**IN MEMORIAM  
- WHITE ROSES -**

Name	Chapter	Date of Death
Shirley C. Lindley	Alpha Upsilon	May 12, 2020
Eranda M. Stallings	Gamma Omicron	June 6, 2020
Judy S. Holloway	Alpha Mu	October 14, 2020
Jean Y. Gill	Beta Pi	October 27, 2020
Marsha M. Boone	Gamma	November 9, 2020
Kathleen M. Dougherty	Alpha Gamma	November 10, 2020
Dr. Essie N. Hayes	Delta Chi	November 21, 2020
Susan V. Hendrick	Gamma Beta	November 24, 2020
Pamela E. Thomas	Upsilon	December 20, 2020
Etta T. Idol	Delta Chi	December 7, 2020
Mildred B. Matthews	Gamma Psi	December 21, 2020

We celebrate the lives of these Society members whose deaths have been reported to 2019-2021 NC DKG Membership Chair Elizabeth Miars between November 2, 2020, and February 1, 2021.

**REPORTING THE DEATH OF A MEMBER**

Chapter presidents are reminded to **report the death of a member immediately** to DKG International and to NC DKG. The interactive [Form 6](#) can be found at [www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org) under [Forms](#). Complete Form 6 online and email or mail a copy to:

- Membership Director [Trish Woodley](#)
- NC DKG Membership Chair [Elizabeth Miars](#)
- NC DKG President [Dr. Teresa Cowan](#)
- NC DKG Treasurer [Leslie Black](#)

**DKG SOCIETY CONVENTION REPRESENTATIVE**

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book award, and International Speakers Fund committees. She also serves as the editor for the *Presidents' Page*. Woodley is a member of the Texas Society of Association Executives, and is participating in the Leadership Class of 2021. She is also excited to participate in DKG Ignite this summer.

Woodley is a native Texan and lives in the countryside outside of Austin with her two dogs and one cat and enjoys watching football and listening to live music in her spare time. She has one daughter who is currently a junior studying criminal justice at Sam Houston State University and is on the Dean's List. Woodley also has two adult sons; one is an executive at Apple, and the other is in the U. S. Army. Woodley also has two grandsons and one granddaughter.

**REJUVENATING THE LEADER WITHIN FOR  
INSPIRING THE LEADER IN OTHERS**

NC DKG Leadership Development Committee  
*Carolyn Coram, Chair*

You deserve to be proud. You are a recognized leader among educators worldwide. Yet, are you pandemic weary? Are you longing to be refreshed in realizing your value, passion for life, and giftedness to encourage and lead others? Your NC DKG Leadership Development Committee has a virtual leadership "spa" event, "Rejuvenating the Leader Within for Inspiring the Leader in Others," planned for you. The "spa" event, scheduled for Saturday, April 24, noon-5:30 p.m., will be limited to an intimate number to enhance participation.



Leading the "spa" event are yoga specialist Cyndy Moore (Canada), primordial sound meditation instructor Wynne Anderson (Tennessee), educator and author Pamela Teel Wright (North Carolina), and other special guests and committee members focused on refreshing the "can do" spirit that resides so generously within you.

If you are a leader within your chapter or know of a fellow NC DKG chapter member (potential DKG leader) who would benefit from this affirming seminar, encourage them to register for the convention and participate in this "spa" event. Attendees registered for the 2021 NC DKG Convention will have the option to register for the leadership "spa" event on the convention registration form. Check the NC DKG website for the registration form. If you have questions, want to recommend a participant, or need additional information regarding this "limited attendance" revitalizing event, contact committee chair [Carolyn Coram](#).



## 2021 NC DKG CONVENTION

### 🌀🌀🌀 A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION - NC DKG: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE 🌀🌀🌀

The 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention is going to be yet another first for the NC DKG membership. Region XI planning team and the NC DKG Executive Committee invite you to engage in the virtual event designed to celebrate *NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future*.

#### **Convention Virtual Showcases - Tuesday, April 20 thru Sunday, April 25**

NC DKG is embracing the world of technology. Activities typically included in the three-day, in-person event will be showcased Tuesday, April 20 through Sunday, April 25. Chapter and member recognitions, awards, and the Ceremony of Remembrance will be shared utilizing virtual presentations. These recorded recognitions require no registration and will be available for viewing beginning on the scheduled date (see chart below) or at your own convenience. What a lovely program these showcases could provide for your upcoming chapter meetings.

#### **Remembering NC DKG Past - Friday, April 23, 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The 2021 NC DKG Convention, for which members will need to register, will begin on Friday. The celebration will feature a look at the past as we gain inspiration from a veteran NC DKG member, engage in a Founders activity, and enjoy the presentation and hear remarks from the Founders Award recipient.

#### **Celebrating NC DKG Present - Saturday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Saturday will kick off with the Executive Board Meeting and subsequent general session. All registered members are invited to *observe* as the executive board conducts business. Registrants will be able to *participate* in the general session as the executive board's recommendations on proposed amendments are presented, and the election of state officers is conducted. Workshops, live and pre-recorded, will occur in the afternoon, and the evening session will celebrate the accomplishments of chapters and members, featuring DKG Membership Director Trish Woodley.

#### **Shaping NC DKG Future - Sunday, April 25, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Sunday's activities will begin with the annual meeting of the NC DKG Educational Foundation. The closing general session will follow, featuring a guest speaker, the announcement of NC DKG Scholarship recipients, and the Beginning Teacher Award winner. The convention will draw to a close with the installation of the newly-elected 2021-2023 NC DKG officers and the passing of the gavel.

Mark your calendars, tell other members, share in your newsletters and on your social media outlets. You do not want to miss A Virtual Celebration - *NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future*. Virtual tours, fun, fellowship, and even "shopping" are scheduled during the convention event.

<b>Convention Virtual Tours and Showcase Schedule</b>	
Tuesday, April 20	Virtual Tour: Penland School of Crafts
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Communication & Marketing Awards
Wednesday, April 21	Virtual Tour: Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Golden Key & Rising Star Awards
Thursday, April 22	Virtual Tour: Blue Ridge Parkway
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Chapter Achievement Awards
Friday, April 23	Virtual Tour: Asheville Restaurants and Irresistible Escapes
	Virtual Showcase: Ceremony of Remembrance
Saturday, April 24	Virtual Tour: John C. Campbell Folk School
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Chapter Presidents
Sunday, April 25	Virtual Tour: Nantahala River Whitewater Rafting
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Regional Directors

# NC DKG Convention 2021

**Coming Soon!**

## 2021 NC DKG CONVENTION

**A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION**

**NC DKG: PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE**

**WHEN?** April 23-25, 2021

**WHERE?** The comfort of your home

**How?** Zoom, live-stream, & YouTube



### Region XI Convention Hosts

Join us as we celebrate the past, present, and future of NC DKG with speakers, workshops, chapter and member recognitions, virtual tours, auction items, marketplace, fun, and fellowship!



**Registration is now open!  
Check the NC DKG website  
for the registration form.**



**Make plans now  
to attend!**

### 2021 CONVENTION PROGRAM ADS

The convention program is a guide to everything happening at the convention. For 2021, the program will be an e-magazine with color ads. These ads will also be featured during the virtual convention. Those who place ads will receive one print copy of the program book with black & white ads.

**Now** is the time to place your ad order! Think about someone you or your chapter would like to honor or projects, events, even your business you would like to share with your NC DKG sisters.

The ad form is available on the NC DKG website:

[Instructions](#) & [Ad Form](#)

**Deadline: March 15, 2021**

Questions? Contact [Carol Bostian, Editor](#)

## 2021 CONVENTION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



2021 NC DKG Convention registration is **now open!** The \$25 registration fee covers the cost of materials and postage.

Members that register on or before April 2 will receive materials needed to participate in the virtual event (convention bling, flyer containing virtual links, activity packets, and additional information) through the mail. The first 350 registrants will also receive an iconic NC DKG 2020 convention bag. Those who register after April 2 are not guaranteed convention materials but will receive links to attend convention sessions in a follow-up email.



Convention registration will be online using the Google Form found at <https://bit.ly/2021NCDKGConvention>. Payment will be by credit card or check following the directions on the form. For your records, a copy of the registration form will be sent to the email address provided in the form.

Payment by credit card will be made using a secure online portal provided by Square. There will be a \$4.50 processing fee. An invoice from Square will be sent via email when your registration is processed. If you choose to pay by check, print the registration invoice that will be emailed to you and mail a check payable to NC DKG Convention to Leslie Black, NC DKG Treasurer, 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609.

You do not want to miss A Virtual Celebration - *NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future* on April 23-25, 2021. Virtual tours, a business meeting including voting on officers and proposed amendments, workshops or a leadership seminar, as well as shopping in the virtual marketplace are available for **convention registrants**. Tell other members, and share in your newsletters and on your social media outlets - let's make this registration an all-time high!

**Early Registration Deadline: April 2, 2021**

**Registration closes Monday, April 19, at noon!**

An interactive registration form can be found on the NC DKG website:

<https://bit.ly/2021NCDKGConvention>



NC DKG First Vice-President & EEC Chair  
*Tobey Worthington*

Are you ready to Engage, Empower, and Create opportunities for NC DKG members to GROW? Would you like to share your professional insights? Do you have a hobby or talent of interest to others? Then, we need *you* to present a workshop for the 2021 NC DKG Convention! As a virtual event, we can think above and beyond what has been done before. There are no limits to seating space, allotted time, technology tools, or on-site presenters. DKG members and friends are encouraged to apply to present a workshop. Proposals should be aligned with the "Ready, Set, GROW!" theme goals (listed in the workshop proposal form) or DKG Society business. [Workshop applications](#) are available on the NC DKG website. Let's share some excellent, unique workshops that will help us all GROW!

**Deadline: Monday, March 15, 2021**

## VIRTUAL SHOWCASES FOR 2021 AWARDS

NC DKG Awards Committee  
*Donna Rudisill, Chair*



The Awards Committee would like to thank all chapters that submitted nominations for the Golden Key Award, Rising Star Award, Founders Award, and Chapter Achievement Award. Each of these awards is intended to recognize chapters and members for promoting personal and professional growth and excellence in education. Your commitment to GROWing is evident in all of the projects and activities that happened, even during a pandemic!

The 2021 NC DKG Convention awards showcases will begin on Tuesday, April 20, and will continue through Sunday, April 25. A schedule for the premiere of each showcase can be found on page 4. The presentations will also be available on the NC DKG website following the 2021 convention. Watch the NC DKG Facebook page and website for more details about the virtual awards showcases.

## VIRTUAL VENDORS

The 2021 NC DKG Virtual Marketplace is now accepting virtual vendors. The vendor form describes parameters for participation. Want to participate? Review the parameters and submit! There is no vendor fee, but there are specific steps that vendors must follow to be included. Virtual Marketplace is open to chapter fundraising projects in which 100% of the proceeds go to chapter initiatives.



The vendor form is available on the NC DKG website:

<http://bit.ly/21VirtualMarketVendorApp>

**Deadline: March 25, 2021**

## 2021 NC DKG CONVENTION VIRTUAL MARKETPLACE



2021 NC DKG Convention is hosting a Virtual Marketplace.

The Virtual Marketplace will allow members and guests to **donate** to the convention project and to "Pass the House" to support Headquarters; **bid** on "Leadership Baskets" and an NC DKG Educational Foundation auction item; and **market** the state chapter fundraising products. Who doesn't love to give, bid, and shop? Aren't those three of the favorite aspects of a convention? The Virtual Marketplace will open on April 23 and remain open until April 30.

## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International North Carolina State Organization

### NC DKG News

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## 2021-2023 NC DKG OFFICER NOMINEES PRESENTED

### Presentation of the Ballot for the 2021-2023 NC DKG State Officers for President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Secretary

The nominations committee is very excited to present the nominations for the 2021-2023 NC DKG state offices of president, first vice-president, second vice-president, and secretary. The recommendations submitted display the dedication and passion these nominees all share for NC DKG through the work and service they have given in both their chapters and at the state level. We are honored to present this ballot to our membership for consideration at this year's state convention!

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#### NC DKG President Nominees



**Beth Winstead**

**Beth Winstead**, a member of Beta Alpha Chapter (*Region II, Pitt*), was inducted into DKG in 2004. Winstead has served her chapter as president and second vice-president. She has served on Beta Alpha's ceremony, finance, communications and marketing committees and has been the chapter webmaster and yearbook editor. At the state level, Winstead has been the NC DKG webmaster since 2006, has served on the executive board, ex-officio, and was co-chair for the 2014 state convention in Greenville, NC. As the state webmaster, she has worked with every state committee to keep NC DKG updated online and on social media. Winstead has served on the state communications and marketing committee. She lives in Greenville and has worked and served at East Carolina University in many roles, including department heads, faculty senator, on-campus committees, and associate director. She is currently a part-time librarian at Pearsall Library at NC Wesleyan College.

**Tobey Worthington**



**Tobey Worthington**, a member of Mu Chapter (*Region I, Edgecombe & Nash*), was inducted into DKG in 2004. She served Mu as chapter president (2 terms), first vice-president, and second vice-president. Worthington has served on Mu Chapter programs and projects, beginning teacher support, and communications and marketing committees while chairing the rules, scholarship and world fellowship, nominations, and educational excellence committees. She has been a regional director for Region I. Worthington currently serves as NC DKG first vice-president. Worthington served on the state scholarships (2 terms) and rules committees and was the 2018 DKG International Arts & Humanities Conference volunteer coordinator. She has been a Golden Gift recipient. Worthington lives in Rocky Mount and taught high school science for 22 years. She serves as the Salvation Army Angel Tree coordinator, volunteers to coordinate collecting provisions for the homeless, and organizes special projects for EC high school students.

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#### NC DKG First Vice-President Nominee Hilda Parlér

**Hilda Parlér**, a member of Gamma Theta (*Region I, Wake*), was inducted into DKG in 2010. She has been Gamma Theta president and recording secretary. Parlér has been on the nominations committee for Gamma Theta. She served as chair for Gamma Tau's awards and communications and marketing committees. Parlér served as NC DKG secretary and is currently the NC DKG second-vice president. She has served on the awards and minutes approval committees at the state level and is a member of the NC DKG Educational Foundation board of directors. She lives in Louisburg and has been an educator in mathematics in middle school for 28 years, and was a curriculum specialist for four and a half years in public and private schools. Parlér was the founder and president of two charter schools. She has served as president, second vice-president, and secretary for the Wake Forest Woman's Club.



**NC DKG Second Vice-President Nominees**



**Tammy Cullom**

**Tammy Cullom**, a member of Alpha Psi Chapter (*Region II, Craven & Pamlico*), was inducted into DKG in 1996. She has held leadership positions in Alpha Psi Chapter including president, first vice-president,

second vice-president, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary. Cullom has been the historian, is on the chapter beginning teacher support, newsletter, and world fellowship committees, and served as chair of the rules, scholarship, educational law and policy, yearbook, finance, and membership committees. She has also been on the NC DKG awards and membership (2 terms) committees and chair of the beginning teacher support and rules committees. Cullom currently serves on the state finance committee. She lives in New Bern and has been a first- and second-grade teacher, DPI workshop presenter, assistant principal, principal, director of elementary education, all for Craven County Schools. Currently, Cullom is the Quality Enhancement Coordinator for Craven Smart Start and Region 2 School-Age Consultant.

**Carolyn Lane**



**Carolyn Lane**, a member of Gamma Epsilon Chapter (*Region II, Jones*), was inducted into DKG in 1993. She has held the chapter offices of president and vice-president. Lane has served on the standing

rules and educational law committees and chair of the beginning teacher support, membership, fundraiser, and scholarship committees for Gamma Epsilon. She has served on the NC DKG nominations and leadership development committees and chair of the NC DKG personnel committee. Lane has served as Regional Director for Region II, presented at multiple NC DKG conventions, and was one of the first recipients of the NC DKG Golden Key award. She lives in Pollocksville and is retired from teaching at the middle school level in Johnston and Jones counties and assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. Lane organized and managed a county 21<sup>st</sup>-century after-school program and became a national facilitator for Thinking Maps Incorporated.



**Nominee for NC DKG Secretary Patty Higgins**

**Patty Higgins**, a member of Gamma Chapter (*Region XI, Buncombe & Madison*), was inducted into DKG in 2003. She has held many leadership positions in Gamma Chapter, including president, second vice-president, treasurer, and parliamentarian. Higgins has served on the Gamma communications and marketing and finance committees and chair of the rules and program committees. Currently, she is the chapter treasurer and newsletter editor. Higgins served as regional director for Region XI during the 2018-2020 biennium. She is serving as

co-chair for the 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention. Higgins lives in Weaverville and taught in elementary education for 30 years. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theater on the campus of Mars Hill University since 2012 and secretary since May of that year. Since 1998, Higgins has been an assistant to the director of the Southern Appalachian Chamber Singers.

**Next NC DKG News  
Deadline:  
May 1, 2021**

**NOTICE:**

Send address and email changes **IMMEDIATELY** to your chapter treasurer and to the DKG International Office.  
Log in to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) to change your personal information.





## RULES COMMITTEE AT WORK

Rules Committee  
*Sheila Groves, Chair*

The NC DKG Rules Committee is processing proposals submitted for amending NC DKG *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*. Proposed amendments will be emailed to chapter presidents by March 12 for distribution to all members. Please read and begin a conversation about these changes and how they might *grow* our state organization. The NC DKG Executive Board will vote on whether to recommend each proposal for adoption or not. However, **members** registered for the 2021 NC DKG Convention have the final vote on adopting the proposed amendments. Make plans to register and attend the general session business meeting on Saturday, April 24. Your vote is important!

## DUES INFORMATION FOR SPRING INDUCTEES

NC DKG Treasurer  
*Leslie Black*



The dues structure for DKG may be a little confusing for members inducted after December 31. Details for spring inductee dues are as follows:

- Members inducted between January 1 through March 31 pay half dues (state-\$7.50 and international-\$20.00), initiate fee (\$10), and scholarship fee (\$1) for a total of \$38.50. Chapters set their dues for spring inductees. These new members will pay full dues for the next year beginning July 1.
- Members inducted between April 1 through May 31 pay the full dues amount (state-\$15.00 and international-\$40), initiate fee (\$10), and scholarship fee (\$1) for a total of \$66 plus chapter dues. Treasurers will credit these dues to the next year beginning July 1.

If you have questions, contact NC DKG Treasurer [Leslie Black](#).



## DELTA DOLLAR\$ UPDATE

NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan announced that \$3,445.37 was collected to support Louisiana DKG members impacted by multiple hurricanes in 2020. Thank you for your generosity!

## FUTURE NC DKG CONVENTION LOCATIONS

NC DKG Executive Secretary  
*Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon*

Going virtual for the NC DKG convention in 2021 means that our hotel contracts have been moved to a year later. Shifting the schedule has allowed planning for this year's convention to proceed as a virtual event and has avoided paying contract cancellation fees.

The NC DKG 2022 convention will be in Asheville at the Crowne Plaza Resort, April 29-May 1, 2022. Greenville will be the site of the 2023 convention, April 28-30, 2023. This schedule keeps the regional convention rotation in place. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to once again enjoy in-person fellowship with your NC DKG colleagues.



## NEWS FROM THE NCDKG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



NCDKG Educational Foundation  
*Sharon Frazier, Vice Chair*

The NCDKG Educational Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the Marilyn F. Grinwis Gray Scholarship, sponsored by Theta Chapter. This scholarship is available for individuals enrolled in music education or elementary education in an NC college or university. The applications are available on the Foundation website - [ncdkgef.org](http://ncdkgef.org). The **deadline** for all applications is **March 15, 2021**.

**Special Note:** Be sure to attend the live streaming of the NCDKG Educational Foundation Annual Meeting on April 25, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. Projects sponsored by awarded grants, reports from successful fundraisers, and news of new endowments will be highlighted.

## BETA GAMMA HOSTS "MEET THE AUTHOR" EVENT

Beta Gamma Co-Presidents

AnJanette Hunt & Nina Fuller

Members of **Beta Gamma Chapter** (*Region VII, Guilford*) were joined by Region VII director Sharon Sullivan and two other Greensboro chapters for a "Meet the Author" event. Author Kendra Alston ([www.kendraalston.com](http://www.kendraalston.com)) shared her writing/self-publishing process and became a published author of two amazing children's books while working in the school system herself as a coach. Kendra also shared that she helps teachers obtain their National Board Certification, and she is currently getting her doctorate degree as she helps to publish books for other new authors. Beta Gamma left the Zoom event pleased as Kendra also expressed interest in joining a local DKG chapter in Charlotte!



Author Kendra Alston

## LAMBDA CONTINUES TO GROW DURING THE PANDEMIC!

Lambda President

Christina Wilkins

COVID-19 has limited contacts with the school system, but **Lambda** members (*Region VI, Robeson & Scotland*) continued to GROW. The chapter wrote encouraging notes to beginning teachers during this unique time in education. The EEC team sent each school's Teacher of the Year and Principal of the Year a note congratulating them on their achievement. Lambda awarded Lexi Caulder, a UNC-Pembroke education student who will graduate this year, a \$500.00 grant-in-aid. Lambda member Janice Gardner was elected president of the Robeson County Reading Council. Lambda is "forward moving ever."

## BAGS FOR BT'S

Alpha Omicron Editor

Terry Denny

**Alpha Omicron** (*Region III, Wake*) has been working hard to give BT's at our schools a little personal support during this pandemic stress. In December, the beginning teacher support committee collected gift cards to Panera and Starbucks donated by chapter members to give to 15 beginning teachers at Lacy Elementary and Oberlin Middle schools. Sally Melvin and her daughter donated bags, and June Atkinson donated autographed books. An inspirational poem and an assortment of sweet treats were also included in each bag. Committee members Cindy Carlton and Susan Cherry assembled the bags, which were delivered before the holiday break. These were received with enthusiasm and appreciation. A similar collection will be done in the spring to continue our encouragement.



## ALPHA DELTA PRESENTS MINI-GRANTS

Alpha Delta Co-president

Dr. Deborah Russell

**Alpha Delta** (*Region VII, Caswell & Rockingham*) gives two mini-grants annually in Rockingham and Caswell counties as its beginning teacher support project. The \$200 grants help provide enrichment materials and encouragement to early career teachers with the goal to retain quality educators.

This year's recipient from Caswell County is India Trice, an English teacher at Bartlett Yancey High School. She will use the grant to purchase props to enhance her students' virtual talk show. Rockingham County's recipient is Candice Corcoran, a second-grade teacher at Central Elementary in Eden, who will use the grant to fund a class book project. The additional funds from the mini-grant will make it possible for every student in the class to get a copy of the book they are writing and producing together.

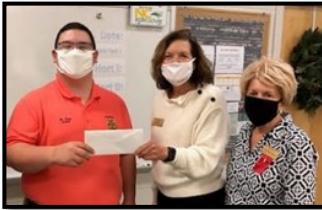


India Trice (l) and Candice Corcoran (r) receive \$200 grant checks

## THETA AWARDS EDUCATOR GRANTS

### Theta Scholarship Committee Member

Judy Busick



The scholarship committee of **Theta Chapter** (Region IV, Brunswick, New Hanover, & Pender) is pleased to announce the Theta educator grant winners, available to

educators in New Hanover or Pender County Public Schools and implemented in spring 2021. We are excited that the number of applications doubled from last year with many worthy projects. The available funds allowed Theta to award four grants with a maximum value of \$500 each. Committee members delivered checks to four happy teachers: Christopher Hicks, Topsail High; Trevor Judy, West Pender Middle; Miranda Spencer, New Hanover High; and Shirley Womble, Malpass Corner Elementary. Congratulations to our recipients!



## BETA UPSILON MEETS WITH STATE SENATOR

### Beta Upsilon President

Phyllis Broughton



Senator Don Davis

State Senator Don Davis met with the **Beta Upsilon** (Region I, Bertie, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Tyrell, & Washington) members at a recent Zoom meeting. Senator Davis shared thoughts on education in North Carolina and about national issues relating to education. He noted that the COVID-19 pandemic is still causing many challenges for parents, teachers, and students. Many teachers have also faced salary concerns since pay raises were not allocated for all teachers, and retired educators received no retirement cost of living benefits increase during the last legislative session.

Senator Davis stressed the need for more broadband internet connectivity, especially since COVID-19 has dramatically increased online learning needs. He noted that grants enabled progress to be made, but the state still has much to do so that all students have internet access. Senator Davis concluded his remarks by extending his best wishes to North Carolina educators .

## DELTA MU – MEETING IN A VIRTUAL WORLD

### Delta Mu President

Willie Harriett

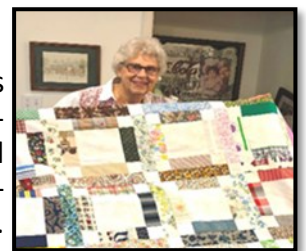
**Delta Mu** (Region IV, Sampson, Wayne, & Harnett), like other chapters, has had to think outside the box during the pandemic to conduct chapter business. Despite the challenges of social distancing, illnesses, and other pandemic related restrictions, we are proud to say that we continue to grow our chapter as we meet virtually! Older members are being taught by younger members how to operate Zoom. New member Natalie Hulbert initiated “Adopt a Teacher,” where members collected materials for STEM activities. Nicole Jordan started a pen pal project. Members were asked to donate greeting cards and a \$10 donation to purchase McDonald’s gift cards to be sent for member birthdays. We have enjoyed making this an active year for Delta Mu.

## COVID-19 CREATIVITY

### Mu Treasurer

Ann Davis

COVID-19 safety measures have kept lots of DKG members at home. Many enjoyed expressing themselves creatively with the extra free time. Mu member Ann Robbins used her time during the pandemic to create three different pieced quilt tops. Robbins’ most special quilt is the Scrapy Memory Quilt that she lovingly pieced from many, varied fabrics used by Ann and her mother over the years to make clothing. What about you? Let’s share what you have been creating while COVID-19 has kept you at home!



Mu member Ann Robbins displays the Scrapy Memory Quilt created during the 2020 pandemic

## ALPHA THETA GROWS DURING THE PANDEMIC

### Alpha Theta Member

Becky Keesler

Despite disappointments caused by the pandemic, **Alpha Theta** (Region IX, Surry) found a new way to GROW! For years, the December silent auction fundraiser has provided great fun, fellowship, Christmas shopping opportunities, and—best of all—a great financial boost to our budget. As President Sonia Dickerson wrote in her invitation for participation: “Using our theme of *Ready, Set, GROW!*, we want you to donate to Alpha Theta in honor of or in memory of a woman in your life who helped you grow as an individual.” For the virtual December program, members who made donations were invited to share their tributes. Former teachers, mothers, co-workers, and Alpha Theta charter members were among the awesome women honored for helping us grow into leading women educators. Nearly \$1,000 was donated, far surpassing the total from our silent auction in recent years.



Alpha Theta auction shoppers

## GAMMA PSI CARING HEARTS PROJECT

### Gamma Psi Editor

Sharon Harvey

**Gamma Psi Chapter** (Region IX, Yadkin) developed a project called “Caring Hearts” to encourage our sisters to deal with today’s unique educational issues. Retired members are sending cards with personal notes of encouragement to help boost each teacher’s morale as they struggle to keep themselves and their students safe while continuing to deliver quality instruction. The words are heartfelt and inspiring to let each of our 21 sisters “in the trenches” know that we are supporting their determination to provide for their students during these difficult times. Some sisters added surprises of handmade cards, favorite recipes, lottery tickets, gift cards, and goody bags. The project has gotten high praise from the recipients who shared in a recent survey that some messages arrived at just the right needed moment.



Melva Emisten with “Caring Hearts” cards

## PITT COUNTY CHAPTERS CELEBRATE HOLIDAYS WITH ANGEL TREE PROJECT

### Beta Alpha President

Ann Carol Stocks

Each December, Pitt County’s three DKG chapters have a tri-chapter holiday event where members gather for a time of fellowship and camaraderie. The chapters usually participate in a joint project sponsored by the host chapter. No gathering was allowed in 2020 due to COVID restrictions, so **Delta**, **Delta Xi**, and **Beta Alpha** (Region II, Pitt) participated in the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree project this year. Delta, the “host” chapter, coordinated the project by assigning each chapter a family and distributing information about the children, ages, and needs/desires. Chapters coordinated the efforts to purchase gifts for their families, whether through individual purchases or personal shoppers! Thanks to everyone’s efforts, three families had a great Christmas holiday!



Pitt County DKG shoppers collect Angel Tree donations

## SIGMA CHAPTER BUZZING BT’S

### Sigma President

Wendy Piro

**Sigma Chapter** (Region II, Lenoir) has worked with our school-based mentors to nominate beginning teachers in their third year of teaching to be recognized each month by our chapter. Recipients receive a certificate, a brochure about DKG, as well as a goody bag filled with teaching supplies. Recognizing these beginning teachers is our project this year that promotes DKG in our community.



Sigma BT bag

## A “Masked Basket Party” for BT’s

Delta Rho Beginning Teacher Support Member  
*Debra Groce*

The Beginning Teacher Team for **Delta Rho** (Region VI, Lee) recently held a “masked basket party.” The BT team worked carefully wearing masks and gloves and practicing social distancing while assembling 53 baskets for delivery to new teachers in the Lee County Schools district. Baskets contained notebook paper, Post-It notes, glue sticks, pencils, pens, Expo Dry Erase Markers, hand sanitizer, and Kleenex. This service usually coincides with New Teacher Orientation, but delivery was delayed this year due to COVID. Beginning teachers also receive “buddies” from Delta Rho who send emails, cards, and small gifts to lift teachers’ spirits and thank them for their commitment and dedication to students and our vocation.



BT Team members Ada James (l) and Linda Truitt (r) assemble BT baskets

## ALPHA ZETA HOSTS GRANT-IN-AID AUCTION

Alpha Zeta Member  
*Terry Denny*

**Alpha Zeta** (Region VIII, Mecklenburg & Union) recently held its annual Grant-in-Aid auction to support educator scholarships and beginning teacher grants. The meeting was also in recognition of the chapter’s 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The event was offered to members both virtually and in-person, with social distancing measures in place. The meeting opened with a welcome from President Deb Christensen and inspirational thoughts provided by Tommie Wall. After conducting chapter business, members gathered to enjoy refreshments while bidding for things ranging from holiday decorations, gift cards, delicious homemade baked goods, gifts, and much more! Hostess “elves” Dr. Rachel Clarke and Dr. Grace Faris showcased the items. Members participating virtually also bid on items, and delivery arrangements were made to transfer their purchases safely. Approximately \$1,400 was raised from the auction to support future teacher scholarships and beginning teacher grants.



## DELTA CHI PRESENTS BEE CERTIFICATES

Delta Chi Editor  
*Susan Kuenzel*

**Delta Chi** (Region IX, Wilkes) has recognized two beginning teachers with BEE-ginning Teacher Certificates. Members recognized Daniel Ferguson, sixth-grade social studies/science teacher at Central Wilkes Middle School, during the October meeting, and Brandy Webb, a second-grade teacher at North Wilkesboro Elementary School, during the November meeting.

Delta Chi has been holding limited-capacity in-person meetings combined with Zoom attendance. Delta Chi has also collected clothing and supplies for homeless students in conjunction with the county school social workers and supplies and personal goodies for all beginning teachers.



Andrea Byers (r) presents Brandy Webb (l) with a BEE-ginning Teacher Certificate

## BETA OMICRON ADOPTS LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Beta Gamma President  
*Mary Beth Dailey*

As part of the NC DKG effort to provide support for hurricane victims, **Beta Omicron** (Region VII, South Guilford) has been in contact with a sister chapter, Alpha Gamma, in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Beta Omicron Chapter sent 19 gift cards from Target, Lowe’s, and Home Depot to help Alpha Gamma members recover from the multiple hurricanes that impacted them last fall. You GROW, girls!



**Correction:** The correct chapter for Wendy Bryant Motley is Delta Rho, not Alpha Rho as printed in the list of members selected for the Fall Fine Arts Gallery in the winter 2020 *NC DKG News*.

# NC DKG Members GROW!

## Gamma Psi

(Region XI, Yadkin)

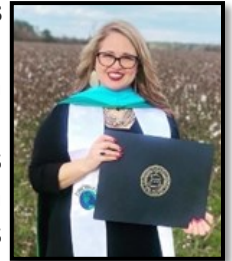
**Tonya Smith** recently wrote the article "Beginning Teacher Encouragement," published in NC Beginning Teacher Newsletter in January 2021. Tonya is the 2020 Burroughs Wellcome Fund Piedmont-Triad Region Teacher of the Year. [Click here](#) to read Tonya's article.



## Lambda


(Region VI, Robeson & Scotland)

Lambda member **Leslie Harris** received her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Educational Administration in December 2020. Her future plans are "to be a professor of education working to prepare future teachers for the classroom while researching education in rural schools."




Presentations on Africa at Gamma Psi meetings by member **Karen Winters Spencer** led her to guide her seventh-grade students to take on a more global outlook. They recently read the book *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. As a culminating project, the students are participating in the Iron Giraffe Challenge to raise money to help build a well in a needy village in South Sudan. Karen stated, "We tend to really take for granted how fortunate we are. May we show empathy to our fellow man." Learn more about Elkin Middle School's South Sudan project and ways to donate to the well fund on page 8 of the [Gamma Psi newsletter](#).

### Welcome New NC DKG Inductees



**Eta**  
Emily Hutchins



**Alpha Theta**  
Marie Hauser  
Elizabeth Martin

Names of newly inducted members are published in the issue immediately following receipt of the new member's induction fees by the NC DKG Treasurer.

## Iota

(Region II, Wayne)

The State Board of Community Colleges recently presented its highest honor, the I.E. Ready Award, to Wayne Community College trustee **Veda McNair**. The I.E. Ready Award, named for Isaac Epps Ready, the first state director of the North Carolina Community College System, was created in 1983 to recognize those who make significant contributions to establishing, developing, or enhancing the community college system. McNair is a crusader for community college education. She has served on the Wayne Community College Board of Trustees for 15 years, chaired the Board, and played a role in installing two presidents.





### MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Submit your awesome chapter members for the DKG or NC DKG membership spotlight.

[DKG International Member Spotlight Form](#)  
[NC DKG Member Spotlight Form](#)

### NC DKG News

NC DKG members and chapters are encouraged to send information to be used in the *NC DKG News* to [Carol Bostian](#), Editor

**Newsletter Deadlines:**  
 August 1 . . . . . Fall  
 November 1 . . . . . Winter  
 February 1 . . . . . Spring  
 May 1 . . . . . Summer

## NC DKG Members Published in the *DKG Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

Articles written by two NC DKG members and photographs by two members have been selected for inclusion in the 2021 Volume 87-2 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*.



The article "Joint Chapter Mystery Trip: An 'Out of This Word' Adventure," on page 41, was submitted by **Amy Smith, Delta Pi (Region VIII, Ireland)**.

**Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, Alpha Phi (Region XI, Buncombe & Madison)**, contributed the article "Serendipity: It's a DKG Thing!" found on pages 35-36.



The photograph "Heart of the Rose" by **Gamma Zeta member Julia Thorn (Region II, Carteret)**, located on page 37, and the photograph "Sailors Delight" by **Dr. Mandy Taylor, Gamma Delta (Region IX, Alleghany & Ashe)**, on page 57, were selected from the Spring 2020 Fine Arts Gallery for inclusion in the *Bulletin*.



### DKG NEWS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The DKG International newsletter, *DKG News*, is an "online only" publication. Sign in on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). Then you can read the January/February 2021 *DKG News Vol. 78-1* [HERE](#).

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



### 2021

- March 1** NC DKG Awards applications due ([Chapter Achievement](#), [Golden Key](#), [Rising Star](#), [Newsletter Excellence](#), [Website Excellence](#) and/or [Communications Excellence Awards](#))
- March 1** Recommendations due for International Achievement Award
- March 1** *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
- May 1** Deadline for applications for Cornet Individual PD Awards
- May 1** NC DKG News deadline
- May 11** DKG Founders Day
- May 15** *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
- June 30** Membership dues due to chapter treasurers

### CONVENTION & CONFERENCE DATES

#### 2021

- April 20** NC DKG Showcases & Virtual Tours begin
- April 23-25** 2021 NC DKG *Virtual Convention*  
From the comfort of your home
- July 7-10** 2021 International Conference  
Portland, Oregon
- July 21-24** 2021 International Conference  
San Antonio, Texas

#### 2022

- July 12-16** 2022 International Convention  
New Orleans, Louisiana

### SURVEY SAYS . . .

Have you taken the survey on the DKG homepage? DKG President Becky Sadowski is encouraging members to answer the current survey question to help guide decisions about the 2021 summer conferences. She says, "As we move forward with planning for 2021 International conferences, we are offering an opportunity for members to share their thoughts regarding attendance at these DKG events."

Are you ready? Go to the [DKG website](#) and sign in. Look in the upper right section of the page to find the survey question. You may need to scroll down to submit your response.

The survey question changes periodically, so check back often to share your thoughts on each question. Your input is valuable to planning and operations.

## 2021 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

DKG will host two International Conferences in July 2021. The final format (hybrid vs. virtual) is still pending. **Registration opens online on February 22.** Watch the DKG website and the March/April 2021 *DKG News* for more details.



“DKG: A World of Opportunities, Contributions, Impact” is the conference theme for Portland, Oregon. This conference will take place July 7-10, 2021. DKG President Becky Sadowski encourages members to discover meaningful opportunities to contribute and to make a difference for a positive impact on women and children in our world. Plan to visit the Columbia River Gorge with Multnomah Falls, Astoria - the first western settlement along the Pacific Ocean, or the beautiful Rose, Japanese, and Chinese gardens. Catch the spirit of the Pacific Northwest in Portland! Click the button for the conference schedule and hotel information.

[Portland Conference Information](#)



San Antonio, Texas welcomes DKG members July 21-24, 2021, to the “DKG: Opportunities • Contributions • Impact” Conference. Members will celebrate all we have realized because of membership in DKG. Speakers include Diane Phillips, President of DKG Quebec State Organization; Wendy Gates Corbett, author and international speaker; and Becky Sadowski, DKG International President. Sites you may choose to visit include the Alamo, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, San Fernando De Bexar Cathedral, or McNay Art Museum. Be sure to save time for shopping at the El Mercado/Market Square. Click the button for the conference schedule and hotel information.

[San Antonio Conference Information](#)

## DKG HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

DKG International continues efforts to keep members informed about the sale of DKG Headquarters in Austin, TX. DKG President Becky Sadowski shared the following information. DKG leaders, the buyer’s team, and the realty advisory group representing DKG met with the Austin City Planning Commission in late January. The Austin Historic Landmark Commission, DKG members and leaders, and the buyer’s team made presentations before the Commission voted on two critical decisions: the historic designation for the DKG property was denied, and a recommendation for Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) rezoning was approved without any conditional overlays, such as height restrictions. These decisions clear the way for approval of a demolition permit and, hopefully, the DMU rezoning approval by the Austin City Council when the case is heard at its meeting on February 18.



During the next few months, DKG leaders will provide more information regarding these and other next steps as soon as possible. The Administrative Board will begin considering potential future sites for a headquarters building in the Austin area as the process moves into the final stages. At that time, feedback from members and staff will become critical. If you have any questions or feedback from members that might require a response, please feel free to reach out to [Nita Scott](#) and [Sarah Sanchez](#).