

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Alpha Kappa - Florida Mission Statement The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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President's Message – Stacy Thompson



We made it past the snow days! This Florida born girl thought she would never see that! Even though the snow days interrupted many people's normal working life, the once in a lifetime experience made life long memories. I guess it is a good reminder to continue the grind, but

not to forget to take some time for creating memories.

I am excited about our committee rededication meeting and to see what talents and experiences everyone has to bring to the table. We are such a well rounded group of women and I can't wait to get to know you better.

Sending love to all.



New Year Events - Please mark your calendar!

- Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - 5:30 pm Eastside Library, 1583 Pedrick Rd. Program: The topic will be **"Let's Work Together-Committees"**. It is very important that you attend. Your input is needed.
- Saturday, Feb 15 at noon, Lunch and Social with the Lundquist residents, at the Lundquist House, 316-A Stadium Dr.
- The Spring DKG FL State Convention, April 25-27, 2025 at Lake Mary, FL.
- Sunday, May 18 at 1:00 pm, The Founders' Day Celebrations, at St. Stephen Lutheran Church

A Surprise - In Case You Haven't Heard!

At a recent Big Bend Coordinating Council meeting, Rhonda was surprised as it was announced that a scholarship in her name has been established, the Rhonda Work Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will award money to a woman graduating senior from a public high school in Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, or Wakulla counties and attending either Tallahassee State College, Florida A&M University or Florida State University. The award money will be sent to the student's account at the college or university she attends.

To make a contribution to this scholarship, make checks out to BBCC DKG noting in the memo line that it is for the Rhonda Work Scholarship Fund. Send your check to Charlotte Johnson-Davis, 205 Winn Cay Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32312.



Rhonda says, "When opportunity comes your way, grab it, learn and grow, and cherish the friendships that you discover. Giving is the greatest gift we can give to others and is the gift that is the greatest reward for the giver."

New Year, New Semester with the Lundquist Ladies

If you missed the Fall semester dinner at the Lundquist house, you missed a great time. Catherine Conner and I met with Kamaya and Gabriele at the Cold Stone Creamery to plan for the Spring semester. The house is at capacity (17) for the Spring and they are looking forward to a busy semester filled with lots of hard work and fun times.

We decided on a lunch/social on **February 15th** for our semester Alpha Kappa get together. This is an opportunity to really understand the meaning of our relationship with the Lundquist residents. The residents are very grateful for the contribution that we make to help reduce their living costs while pursuing their higher education goals. They are currently asking for pantry staples (e.g., boxed goods, canned goods, and cleaning supplies. They are not currently in need of paper goods.

There is still an interest by some of having a mentor from AK. If you are interested, please talk to some of our members who are actively mentoring one of the residents to learn about the reciprocal rewards that this relationship provides and make a connection at the social on February 15th.

Please email Nancy Watson at watsonnh@gmail.com, or text her at 1-850-228-0297. She has included a link below so you can let her know what you will bring to contribute to the lunch. She thought it would be fun to do a Valentine's theme and has purchased the paper goods with that in mind. You can sign up for

your contribution for the potluck lunch at this link: Evite <https://evite.me/Sx6ECBSMHq> When you select the item you want to bring (e.g., desserts), look for the **Confirm 1 signup** link. It will take you to another page to add a description of your dish and your email to complete the signup.

Pictured is Kamaya, the house liaison, accepting a donation of 5 shower curtains with bath rugs for their bathrooms, along with some oranges, lemons, grapefruits and brownies.



The Southern Scholarship Foundation has been “Making College Affordable” for 70 years with rent free housing in cooperative living and learning communities to increase equitable access to higher education. They have over 11,000 alumni, created a savings of over \$400 million for students with limited financial resources who demonstrate excellent academic merit and exemplify good character to attend institutions of higher education.”

The residents are planning an end of semester celebration of hard work and a send-off for the new graduates. If you would like to send a donation to assist some residents with the cost of gas and meals for the trip to the Orlando area, please make your donation to Patte Casey, our Treasurer. You can send a check by mail, and note that it is for the Lundquist trip or send your donation by Zelle. The Zelle account is CHAPTER ALPHA KAPPA.

*Enjoy the Winter Weather
Spring is on the Way*



AK Mentors and their Mentees



Sonia (left) is mentored by Connie Lewis. She is shown here with the snowman at FSU. She was so excited to see snow for the first time. She is from India. We have shared many activities together.



Dr. Monica Hayes (mentor center) and her two mentees enjoying a meal out.



The snow duck above is courtesy of the Lundquist Ladies. Everyone had fun in the snow.

There are other ladies at the Lundquist house who would like a mentor. Please let me know if you are interested in being a mentor. Contact Connie Lewis, lewisc47@comcast.net.

