

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Kappa 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 -Congratulations AK sisters!

What an amazing celebration Alpha Kappa's 60th Anniversary turned out to be! It was a wonderful day of food, fellowship, and a tribute to the foundation of our chapter planned and executed by the Celebration committee led by Delores Hudson.

Monica was spot on in her elegant statement of the Occasion to set the stage for our gathering. The musical entertainment of selected songs also helped set the mood for the moment. How appropriate that Roxanne Jester is both a talented singer and is studying music therapy education, perhaps a member of the next generation of AK. The background slide show of pictures compiled by Connie shown during the luncheon highlighted the members who have worked through the years to continue the goals and expectations of the founders.

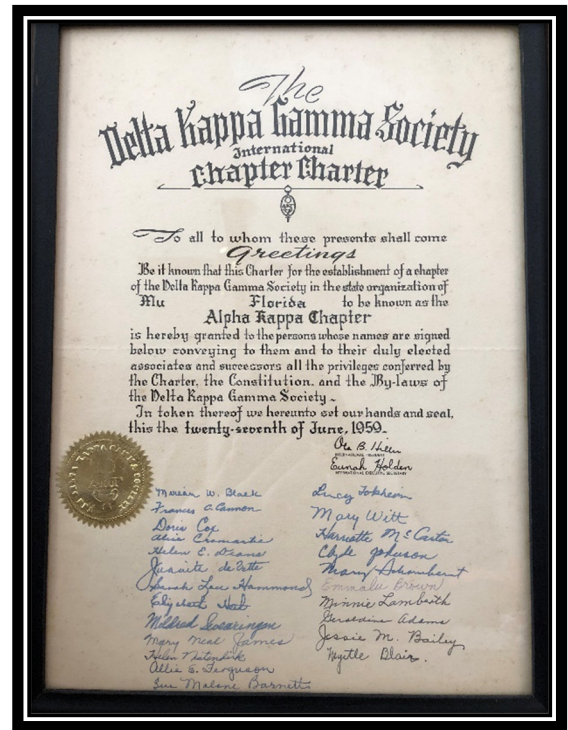


True to the commitment of AK members, Gale Workman spent hours and hours doing, what every teacher does, her homework to honor our founding members. Her presentation, We Stand on Their Shoulders: Alpha Kappa Charter Members, 1959 returned us to the time period that our founders lived in when they set about creating an organization for Key Women Educators. They were forward looking women in a time for their time!

We were delighted to have Anne Black, initiated in 1961 with us for the celebration, our District 1 Directors, Linda Wunderly and Kathy Diesner, and Sharon Simmons, President of Beta Phi as our guests.

From the welcome to the delicious 60 shaped cake, the 60th Anniversary of Alpha Kappa was filled with history, honor, and homage to our founders and our founders' ideals that guide us as we continue to move forward in our support of education.





Member Spotlight – Dawn James

Dawn has been a teacher for twenty years. She currently teaches kindergarten at DeSoto Trail Elementary. Dawn was inducted into Alpha Kappa in 2005 and has served as recording secretary, President-elect, and President for Alpha Kappa. She earned her National Board Certification in 2004.



Dawn supervises pre-service teachers, interns, and observers from FSU and Flagler to support and inspire the future generation of educators. She has served as a facilitator for Leon County Schools First Year Teacher Program and the Systematic Vocabulary Initiative. She has had the honor of being selected three times, by her principals, to participate in the Superintendent's Teacher Leadership Team. Her colleagues have also recognized her achievements by naming her Teacher of the Year for Fort Braden School in 2006.

Dawn has enjoyed being team leader and a grade level mentor to members of her kindergarten team throughout the years. She loves working with young children and is continuously looking for ways to develop and enhance her students' learning. The "Aha Moments" her children experience fill Dawn with great joy. She looks expectantly to her remaining years in education and with Alpha Kappa.

Charter Member of AK Reflects on Teaching, FSU History

“Teaching is such a rewarding profession ... and once a teacher always a teacher. We hire UF students to ride/exercise the eight horses here at the farm. I am accused of asking the riders once a week: How are classes coming along?” And many times I get into a good discussion on learning. My friends then repeat the phrase “always a teacher.” I can’t help it – it’s just me.”

Dr. Frances C. Cannon, one of the 23 women who signed the AK Chapter Charter in 1959, lives in Gainesville, Florida. She wrote this reflection in a July 13, 2019, letter, acknowledging receipt of photos and the program from AK chapter’s celebration luncheon on June 27, 2019.

Dr. Cannon, FSU Professor Emerita, was on the Leisure Services faculty, 1961-1991. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Physical Education from Florida State College for Women (1947) and her master’s degree from FSU (1948). In 1962 she received a DKG Scholarship to complete her Ed.D. at FSU.

Dr. Cannon is one of four alumnae in the FSU classes of 1946-1948 whom FSU credits with the idea and fundraising for Heritage Tower constructed at FSU University Center in 1998. The tower is known as “The Torch” for the three torches at the top.

About “The Torch,” Dr. Cannon reflected (July 13, 2019): “Yea, I had great fun with Mary Lou (Norwood) and the others (Sarah Lewis Marxson and Shirly Rodgers Tellander) in planning the torch statue, raising the money and watching it being built and dedicated. I was thrilled when asked to deliver the address at the dedication, where we had those attending to light a candle and “pass the torch” to the person next to them. You may recognize pictures of the three torches that are used on so many FSU publications. Great memories.”

Note: Thank you to Gale Workman for hours upon hours of research about the history of our 23 founders presented at our 60th anniversary celebration.



Candace Gautney - New Assistant Principal of ACE

On June 5th, Candace was named the new Assistant Principal of Adult and Community Education, which is part of Leon County Schools. She will be overseeing GED classes and GED testing. This program is housed at 10 different sites in the county, from one at the Bannerman School House, to classes held at Woodville School. They serve hundreds of students each year, who come seeking classes and GED testing. They also serve homeless individuals at the Kearney Center, and incarcerated adults at the Leon County Jail. Overall, the goal is to help these individuals acquire their GED or High School Diploma. Candace is looking forward to serving our county's students in a different way. Her years teaching elementary, coordinating testing, and serving as a counselor have prepared her well for this next chapter in her career!



Adult &
Community
Education
SCHOOL

A Great Start for a Better Future!



Nancy Rosenbaum was honored by her colleagues and administrators at Florida State University School. She was presented with the Swiss Army Knife Award for being indispensable and was also awarded the Director's Award for Leaders Who Inspire. Congratulations, Nancy. We are proud of you.





Meet Your District I Directors – Our District I Directors have been so faithful in attending Alpha Kappa functions. Kathy Diesner and Linda Wunderly are sisters and have attended an AK chapter meeting, our Founder’s Day Luncheon and our 60th Birthday Celebration. The District I meeting will be held in Marianna, FL, at the Eastside Baptist Church, 4785 Hwy 90, January 25, 2020, 9:00 CST. Please plan to attend.

Update Your Information at DKG International

Alpha Kappa members can now sign on to the international website and update your own information.

- ❖ Have a picture (selfie) ready if you want to add/change your picture.
- ❖ Go to <https://dkg.org>
- ❖ At top right of page, go to **Sign In** . . . use your membership number which is on your membership card. The password is dkg2014society (all lower case).
- ❖ At the top right of the next page, you will find **MyDKG**, mouse over it to see a pull down with the word “account”. Click on account. You will see all your personal information. Follow the directions to edit each section. Be sure to save.

Proposed Chapter 2019-2020 Budget

Anticipated Income	Chapter	State/International
Balance brought forward	\$ 308.77	
Initiation fees: 4 @ \$5		\$ 20.00
Initiates pins: 4 @ \$15.45		61.80
Dues, active: 52 @ \$8.40, \$58	436.80	3016.00
Dues, reserve: 7 @ \$4.40, \$27	30.80	189.00
Chapt assessment: 52 @ \$15.00	780.00	
Woodbery Sch Fd: 59 @ \$.60	35.40	
Grant-in-Aid: 59 @ \$3.00	177.00	
TOTAL	\$1768.77	\$3286.80
Total Income		\$5055.57

Anticipated Expenses

Dues/Fees/International	\$ 3225.00
International Scholarship Fund	59.00
Initiates pins	61.80
Woodbery Sch. Fund	35.40
Grant-in-Aid	177.00
BBCC	50.00
Gift cards	50.00
Postage	75.00
Supplies	150.00
Meetings	100.00
President's expenses	300.00
Leadership Workshop	200.00

Total Expenses **\$4483.20**

Anticipated balance, June 30, 2020 **\$ 572.37**

Note: Based on Active dues of \$85.00 and Reserve dues of \$35.00.

Did you Know??

Did you know that if you shop at Amazon Smile you can designate DKG Educational Foundation as the charity that will get a percentage of your purchases? Below is an accounting of the donations being made.

This is the quarterly AmazonSmile donation notification.

Your charity, **Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation**, recently received a quarterly donation of **\$97.61** thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com.

To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of \$1,650.39 to Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. You can track your impact throughout the year at your My Impact page.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

Next Chapter Meeting: August 24, 10 - 12 at Ginny Densmore's home, 9713 Waters Meet Drive. Members last names beginning with A – K should bring snacks to share. We have a wonderful year planned. Please be there!