

# Alpha Beta Bits

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – Eta State, NC

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

September 15, 2018

Fall Executive Board Meeting, Elon College

> May 2—5, 2019

Eta State Convention Hickory, NC

> May 1—3, 2020

Eta State Convention Greensboro, NC



#### ALPHA BETA CHAPTER OFFICERS

Karen Parker President

Trudy Farnell 1st Vice President

**Terri Sessoms** 2nd Vice President

> Ann Brown Secretary

Becky Kuszmaul Treasurer

# Message from President Karen Parker

Good evening ladies! Like you, I am closing a busy Christmas season and looking forward to a new vear....2019!!! Can you believe it? As we anticipate the arrival of a new year, it is always a time of reflection and goal setting. I hope that reflecting upon your activity in Alpha Beta will remind you of the reasons that you joined this organization and renew your dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma. We are privileged to have the opportunity to network professionally with our sisters and to

share in opportunities to make an impact in our community.

Pre-K classrooms at Selma Elementary were impacted this year as each and every child carried home a book for Christmas due to the generosity of our group. Special thanks to Amy Stanley and Heather Pennica and the Literacy Committee for organizing this project! Seventy-four books were delivered to these students before the Christmas holidays.

Right around the corner is another opportunity

for us to make an impact, not only on our community, but on our profession. Renee Wiggs and the Beginning Teacher Support Committee have been in contact with Janet the director of Lebo, Beginning Teacher Support for Johnston County Schools (JCS), and are currently in the process of collecting supplies for new teachers. These can be turned in at the AG Glenn Building in Smithfield. What a...See Page 2

President Karen Parker 2018-2020



# Show and Sell/Raffle

I'm pleased to announce we had a very successful **Show and Sell Program.** Thank you for providing such wonderful items for the sell.

We were able to raise **\$600**. The raffle was a success also with **\$200** raised. The funds from the **Show and Sell** will benefit the **Alpha Beta Endowment** and raffle funds will be used to benefit several of our ongoing projects.

Remember if you would like to donate to the **Alpha Beta Endowment Funds**, you can complete the form on **Page 13**.









**Message From President (Cont.)** 

Great opportunity to impact those beginning their career as teachers!!!!

Alpha Beta has a history of making an impact in our organization. Please remember to contact LarKeysha Sheppard with the names of sisters, both past and present, who have made notable contributions to the society on a local, state, or international level. These ladies will be recognized at the 85th Birthday Celebration of Eta State at the State Convention in Hickory. Our Awards Committee is working on this. Nominations are due to Eta State February 1. 2019. Please contact LarKeysha Sheppard by at **Isheppard9@hotmail.com** with the names of those sisters that you would like to see recognized.

I hope you and your family have enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to seeing each of you in February! Karen - <u>abetapresident@gmail.com</u>



### ETA STATE NC VISION (VIEW)

<u>V</u>oices of <u>Influence</u> <u>Empowering</u> North Carolina <u>W</u>omen Educators

### 2017-2019 ETA STATE NC THEME

"Let's SPARKLE!"



Don't forget, you can donate to our **Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment Fund** in honor and/or memory of one of our Sisters. See copies of the form on **Page 12**.

# **Annual Show and Sell**















# **Annual Show and Sell Cont.**













# **Opportunities for Creativity**

In late Dec. I signed up for a mosaic art class. To my surprise, one of my Alpha Beta Sisters, Terri Sessoms, also signed up for the class. We worked on our projects for almost seven hours. It was a great day of fun and fellowship. The class was offered by two Johnston County School (JCS) art teachers, Jane Roberts, who recently retired and her daughter, Mary Katherine, who teaches art in an elementary school in Johnston County Schools. Our projects turned out great, even if I have to say so myself.





Karen's Finished Project



# Leadership Quest



Ready for a wonderful professional development opportunity close to home? You are in luck. Eta State is offering one entitled, **A Leadership Quest: Discovering How YOU Sparkle!** I had the opportunity to attend an Eta State leadership seminar and I can honestly say it was an outstanding professional experience. The registration deadline is quickly approaching for the Leadership Development Seminar. It will be held on March 22- 23, 2019, at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro.

- e: The registration form is available on the **Eta State NC Website** under the **Forms** tab and it can be completed online. If you want a hard copy of the form, I have included a copy on **Page 16** for your convenience.
- Single room registration will be \$75. Registrants paying by credit card will be charged a \$3.00 processing fee. There is a limited number of spaces remaining, so register soon. If you have questions, feel free to email **Tonya Welch**, **Leadership Development Committee Chair**, at <u>tpwelch@gtcc.edu</u>.

### **Innovative Teachers and Students**

Congratulations to one of our Alpha Beta Sisters, **Stacy Holloman**, Pine Level Elementary, who was one of several recipients of a Johnston County Schools (JCS) Grant for \$16,000. The grants were awarded in December to use in innovative practices in JCS classrooms and schools.

The JCS department of Academic Innovation funded the grants from within their budget. The department awarded \$500 grants to 32 students and teachers who submitted proposals detailing why they needed the funds to be innovative.

Another Alpha Beta Sister, Amy Stanley, JCS Director of Digital Innovation, shared that the idea for the grants came from a national conference she attended. The grants would be given to students and teachers who had innovative ideas that could improve their community or school. Once the teachers and students were identified, the grant was presented to them to bring their ideas to reality.

Amy also shared that this is the first year that JCS has offered this type of grant to its students. Proposals from students ranged from wanting money to buy drones to simulate how bees pollinate flowers to new audio/visual equipment to improve a school's news broadcast.

Before receiving the grant money, students used their mentor's smartphone to record their broadcast. With the awarded funds they plan to buy a camera, a microphone, and other materials to enhance their newscast.



Stacy Holloman and her Pine Level Elementary students

Innovative ideas behind the teacher's grants ranged from creating flexible learning environments in the classroom to purchasing STEM supplies for students. Stacy plans to use the grant funds to promote collaboration, communication, and high order thinking through games and morning meetings. Way to go, Stacy! Information Courtesy of JCS

# Let's Stay Connected



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### Eta State NC Convention 2019

The Eta State NC 2019 Convention is going to be held at the Crowne Plaza, Hickory Hotel, May 3-5. Hotel rooms fill pretty quickly so make your reservations ASAP by calling the hotel at 828-323-1000. The rate is \$95 plus tax. Remember to ask for the DKG block of rooms and pricing.

Ads can be purchased for the 2019 Eta State NC Convention program! Here are some suggestions to get you motivated and thinking:

- Honor/memorialize a chapter member or members
- Celebrate chapter projects and/or causes
- Promote businesses owned by chapter members
- Recognize accomplishments/honors of members, teams, and committees



The Saturday afternoon sessions are always a popular part of the convention and afford learning and sharing opportunities. Strands for topics include:

- ☑ DKG Society,
- Professional Growth, and
- Personal Growth.

The deadline for proposals is February 1, **2019**. If you would like to present a session, complete the form found on Page 15.



Nominate **Members** for Recognition

President Karen Parker received an email encouraging her to nominate members from our chapter for recognition at the 85th Birthday Celebration at the state convention in May. She shared this information with us at our last meeting, then asked Larkeysha Sheppard, Awards Committee Chairman, to send out an email asking you to help identify members for each of these awards. Larkeysha and her committee will complete the forms, but we need your help to get the nominations in before the **February 1, 2019** deadline.

#### Awards:

Golden Key Award: Designed to honor members who are in the background getting things done without personal glory or gain for themselves. These members are the backbone of chapters across the state. They are dedicated members who are the thread that holds the chapter together and have a deep and abiding love for DKG. They may have never held an office, but because of them the chapter moves along fulfilling the purposes of this great society.

**Rising Star Award:** The Eta State Rising Star Award is intended to recognize and encourage key women educators in their early years of active membership in NC Delta Kappa Gamma. These members demonstrate exceptional growth in education, leadership, and contributions to the organization consistent with DKG's vision and purposes. Rising Star nominees reflect strong potential for successful leadership at the chapter and state levels and beyond.

Founders Award: By vote of the 1981 convention, a Founders Award was set aside to honor a North Carolina woman who may or may not be a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and who has made an outstanding contribution to the improvement to the quality of human life through education, research, publications, or service. The first recipient, Dr. Laura Anderton conducted cancer research and studies on birth defects. The last and eighteenth recipient was Dr. Janis Meek, NC State Consultant: NC Dept. of Public Instruction, Career & Technical Education. The award, the highest honor Eta State can bestow upon a woman, is presented at the convention the second year of the biennium.

### Message From President Savell

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

President Savell shared that December is a time of excitement and anticipation in the eyes of children. As a retired third grade teacher, she always loved reading Christmas stories and sharing holiday traditions with them. One tradition was making dough ornaments. She said the process was tedious and having time to complete them by Christmas break was tight. The ornaments would air dry for several days; then the students would paint the ornaments, allowing time to let them dry, add ribbon to hang them, and wrap them.

Many times it seemed like there was not enough time in the day to get everything done so she allowed stress to take the joy out of the activity with her class. As we approach the holidays, she wants us to remember to enjoy the small tasks and not get caught up in the things that take the joy away from our heart. She also wanted us to remember that everyone does not feel the same excitement of the season. We need to be a source of comfort to those who are sad!

To read more of President Savell's message, go to **Vol. 10, No. 6** of the Eta State Newsletter. Also, you can email her at: <u>mcdpm59@gmail.com</u>.



### President Connie Savell 2017-2019

GOALS	Encourage <mark>S</mark> avvy leadership
S	Inspire <b>P</b> assionate, meaningful programs and projects
Ρ	Analyze and <b>A</b> rticulate current educational issues
A R	Further <b>R</b> espect for diversity in membership
к К	Promote Knowledge through lifelong learning
L	
Е	Establish and Launch a member wellness initiative
	Advocate Excellence in education

## Message From International President Cathy Daugherty



We are in for a very special treat this year. Our **International President Cathy Daugherty** will be Eta State NC's Society Representative at the May 2019 convention in Hickory. In expressing her excitement about coming to North Carolina, President Daugherty said, "What better way for me to celebrate the biennium as international president than to serve as the Society Representative to my home state of North Carolina and my hometown of Hickory! My educational journey will come full circle with this visit in my current DKG role and in this location where I first decided to become an educator."

President Daugherty, a retired Latin instructor, has been a Society member since 1988. She received the 2016 DKG Achievement Award while she was international first vice president. She also serves as Virginia's parliamentarian and chapter webmaster.

It would be a great opportunity for us to honor President Daugherty by attending the convention in May. I hope members of our chapter will have a great showing at the convention. It will be a great time of fellowship and professional development.





To read more details from President Daugherty's message, go to **www.dkg.org**, and look under **Resources**.

### **Dec.**— May Birthdays



### A special "Birthday Wish" from your Alpha Beta Sisters

December	January	February
Jenny Batten-Wiley - I	Carolyn Riddick - I	Morgan Dickens - 3
Jennifer Roberts - 7	Leigh Ann Nichols - 4	Kristy Stephenson - 4
Abby Salas - 15	Joyce Matthews - 13	Gayle Barbour - 21
Pamela Batchelor - 29	Cathy Cox - 16	Jean Stowers - 26
Johna Faulconer - 29	Jennifer Swartz - 27	Mary Helen Sills - 26
	Ann Parrish - 28	
	Heather Barbour - 31	
	Glenda Hales - 3 I	



March	April	May
Darla Peedin - 9	Bess Ragsdale - 14	Terry Dickens - I
Carol Massenburg - 13	Frances Warren - 14	Trudy Farnell - 8
Angie Proctor - 14	Olive Cooke - 16	Jennifer Moore - 13
Renee Wiggs - 28	Yvette Davis - 27	Karen Hicks - 17
Marlene Sanders - 30		Sybil Edwards - 18
		Lorine Davis - 23

**\* SPECIAL NOTE :** If you have a birthday in the months listed above and you do not see your name on the list, please contact Karen at: **alphabetachapternc@gmail.com**. She will make sure you are included on the list.

# **Purpose and Mission**





The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

> Alpha Beta Chapter Organized April 19, 1952

**TO UNITE** women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

**TO HONOR** women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.

**TO ADVANCE** the professional interest and position of women in education.

**TO INITIATE, ENDORSE, AND SUPPORT** desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.

**TO ENDOW** scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.

**TO STIMULATE** the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

**TO INFORM** the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.



# **Thoughts and Prayers**



We have several members or their family members who are not doing well. I know they will appreciate you keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Barnes	Betty Ferrell	Maylene Sanders
Laura Faye Canaday	Glenda Hales	Bess Ragsdale

If you would like to add someone to this list, please contact Karen at: <u>alphabetachapternc@gmail.com</u>



If you have an idea for an article or information you would like to see added to the newsletter, please contact the editor, **Karen Creech**, at <u>alphabetachapternc@gmail.com</u>



### DATES TO REMEMBER - ETA STATE NC

### 2019

January 10	Deadline to submit to the Eta State News
February 1	Deadline for scholarship applications to Eta State NC; \$1,000 for master's, \$4,000 for doctor's
February 1	Deadline for Founders Award nomination
March 1	Deadline to submit Chapter Achievement form, Rising Star and Golden Key nominations and Communications Excellence form
March 22-23	Leadership Development Seminar, Asheboro, NC
April 10	Deadline to submit to the Eta State News
May 3-5	Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza Hickory, NC (Region X)

### 2020

May 1-3	Eta State NC Convention,	Embassy Suites Hotel,
	Greensboro, NC (Region \	/II)

### **DATES TO REMEMBER - DKG INTERNATIONAL**

October 1	Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Journal
November 1	Deadline for Lucile Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award application
December 15	Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Collegial Exchange
2019	
January 3	Deadline for applications for the DKG Educational Foundation Projects
February 1	Deadline for scholarship applications to DKG International; \$6,000 for master's, \$10,000 for doctor's
February 1	Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadlines: May 1 and September 1)
February 5	Deadline for DKG Fine Arts Gallery submissions
March 1	Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Journal
May 1	Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadlines: February 1 and September 1)
May 11	DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 90 years young!)
May 15	Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Journal
June 21-24	Leading Effective Meetings Seminar, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC
June 27-29	Southeast Regional Conference, Crowne Plaza, Asheville, NC

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#### **Contribution to: Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment Fund**

Established 5-11-2000

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#### 2019 Eta State NC Convention Program Ad Order Form

It's never too early to start placing orders for ads in our 2019 Eta State NC Convention program! Prices are the same as last year. The ads can be placed for a variety of reasons. Think about someone you or your chapter would like to honor or something you would like to share with your Eta State NC Sisters – your projects, your members, even your businesses! Need a jump start? Here are some suggestions to get you motivated and thinking—take it from here!

- Honor/memorialize a chapter member or members (officers, beginning teachers, "veteran" members, anyone you'd like to publicly recognize)
- Celebrate chapter projects and/or causes
- Promote businesses owned by chapter members
- Recognize accomplishments/honors of members, teams, and committees such as years of professional service, National Board Certification, Teacher of the Year honors, Ph. D. recipients
- Welcome convention attendees

Complete the information below and save a copy for your records. Checks or money orders should be made out to "Eta State." Please send form and payment to:

Nancy Tunstall 664 Cole Farm Road Warrenton, NC 27589

Ads should be emailed to Nancy Tunstall at <u>nancytunstall@gmail.com</u>. If you have questions, please email her or call her at 252-456-2051.

Ad copy may be submitted in pdf format, Word format or jpeg. The higher the resolution of pictures, the clearer they will appear. Ads may be submitted exactly as they should appear in the booklet, or you may submit an approximation of how you want the ad to appear with assistance needed from Nancy in finalizing the design. After Nancy completes the ad, the ad will be returned to you for final approval.

Forms and ad copies should be submitted by 3/31/2019 (sooner is better).

Sponsor Chapter Ad Sponsor (if different from chapter) Contact Name Contact email

Select ad size: (Note: numbers in parentheses gives the actual width and height of ad as it will appear)

1/8 page	(3.75" x 2.5")	\$25.00
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1/2 page	(7.5" x 5")	\$80.00
1 page	(7.5" x 10")	\$150.00

### 2019 Eta State NC Convention Workshop Form Eta State Convention in Hickory, NC May 3-5, 2019 Saturday, May 4, 2019 - One Hour Long Afternoon Sessions Deadline for submission: February 1, 2019

\*Date of Submission:\_\_

\*Date Received (to be completed by Elizabeth Miars):\_\_\_\_\_

\*Workshop Title

\*Provide a brief synopsis of the session

\*Required:

HANDOUTS, COMPUTERS AND/OR PROJECTORS are the responsibility of the presenters.

Check all Strands that apply: 
DKG Society Business 
Personal Growth 
Professional Growth

#### **Check your preference:**

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#### Name Your Facilitator:

The **Facilitator** will introduce presenters and help with setup and pack up of materials. You may list a facilitator for your breakout session or a volunteer will be assigned to you.

Facilitator Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Presenter Bios:** Bios **(names and chapters)** are required for the program inserts. If you are submitting a session for an Eta State Committee please include the names and chapters of **each** committee member even if they are not participating in the presentation. Submission of the biographical information can be done as an attachment, in a Word or as a Google document, to aid in transcription. Provide a brief biographical profile for use in introducing the presenter/s.

Submit completed form by February 1, 2019 to Elizabeth Miars at etastatevp2018@gmail.com A confirmation message will be generated when submission is received.

### "A Leadership Quest: Discovering How YOU Sparkle!"

Leadership Development Seminar

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Eta State

March 22-23, 2019

Caraway Conference Center, 4756 Caraway Mountain Road, Sophia, N.C. 27350

Seminar Registration - Mail completed registration form to: Tonya Welch, 3851 Grayson Drive, Winston Salem, NC 27107 Deadline for registration and payment: January 15, 2019 Make all checks payable to: Eta State No refunds after March 1, 2019

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