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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 14,
2019

Fall Executive Board Meeting, Burlington, NC

May 1–3,
2020

NC DKG State Convention
Embassy Suites
Greensboro, NC

July
2020

International Conference,
Philadelphia, PA



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Message from President Karen Parker

Happy Fall, Alpha Beta Sisters! The beginning of school, Friday night football games, cool mornings, pumpkins on porches.....all reminders that we are very quickly headed into fall....and with the coming of fall is the beginning of a new year in Alpha Beta! I am excited to see what this next year holds for us as a chapter.

I was privileged to represent you all at the NC DKG executive committee meeting last week in Burlington. At this meeting, our new

NC DKG President Teresa Cowan shared her vision for our state. She has adopted as her theme for this biennium, "Ready, Set, GROW!" with four areas of focus:

- ☑ Cultivate fellowship with **G**enerations of DKG members.
- ☑ Nurture membership with **R**esearch-based strategies.
- ☑ Energize members with **O**pportunities for leadership.
- ☑ Develop chapters with **W**ell-defined programs.

President Cowan's desire is to continue to grow our organization to a healthier, more vibrant one. As part of her effort towards this goal, President Cowan is planning to establish a statewide mentor program between chapters, enabling stronger, healthier chapters to be an encouragement and support to under-involved chapters. As sisters in DKG, we have been invited to rally our efforts towards two very worthy.....**See Page 2**

**President
Karen Parker
2018-2020**



Excellence in Teaching

Congratulations to **Dr. Johna Lee Faulconer**, an associate professor in the College of Education Department of Literacy Studies, English Education, and History Education. She received the **Max Ray Joyner Award for Excellence in Teaching Distance Education**. She was selected for her commitment and enthusiasm in teaching

and mentoring off-campus student and demonstrated excellence in the delivery of courses offered through distance education.

To received this award, she received recommendations, including peer and student reviews, and provide representative samples of course syllabi, tests and teaching materials.



Pictured L to R: College of Edu. Dean, Grant Hayes; Dr. Johna Faulconer; and Dr. Kristin Gehsmann.



Message From President (Cont.)

causes. Our region has been challenged to recognize 101 teachers with a \$10 contribution made in their honor to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. This challenge breaks down to about 10 recognitions per chapter, but I feel that Alpha Beta can surpass that goal. I will be sharing more about this at our September meeting. This foundation enables NC DKG to advance learning in the classroom across our state through grants.

Another great opportunity for us to ban together as DKG sisters is in an effort to offer assistance to those that have faced devastation from Hurricane Dorian just a few short weeks ago. Many schools in the Outer Banks area suffered substantial damage. NC DKG has chosen to focus efforts on helping the K-12 school on Ocracoke through Dollars for Dorian. This school has suffered severe damage and has a long road back to recovery. If you would like to help with this endeavor and bless this school, we will have a basket for donations on Tuesday night at our meeting. The deadline for donations is October 1. I hope several of you will consider participating in these two opportunities to contribute to the work of NC DKG.

As we begin this new year, let me invite each of you to refocus on our purpose as a society and do your part to contribute to its purposes and mission. Together we can champion the cause of education and make a difference as we **GROW!!! Karen Parker** - abetapresident@gmail.com

Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes/Treasurer's Report



Please read the minutes and treasurer's report before each meeting.

Upcoming Alpha Beta 2019-20 Chapter Meetings

- Sept. 24, 2019
- Dec. 3, 2019
- Feb. 25, 2020
- May 5, 2020



Our meeting place is at **First Baptist Church** in Smithfield, NC.



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**.

Looking at a Bright Future

We were so fortunate to have a high school student present to our members. **Atiqu Ulfat Prithu** came to the US as an exchange student, but had not been placed with a family. One of our members, Yvette Davis, who has hosted exchange students in the past, agreed to invite her into her home.

It was very interesting to hear Atiqu's perspective on the education she was experiencing in the US and the one she would go back to in Bangladesh. She was very passionate about women getting the opportunity to get a well-rounded education.

I believe she has a very bright future ahead and she will make a positive impact on her younger sister. We wish her well.



Scholarship Recipient



Congratulations to **Kailey Rea** our **2019 recipient** of the **Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment**. Kailey graduated from North Johnston High School and plans to become a middle school math teacher. She is a teaching fellow going to NC State University. Her Mom is a teacher in Johnston County Schools.

Kudos to the Scholarship Committee, congratulations to Kailey and way to go Alpha Beta. In Kailey, we've achieved our mission of promoting professional and personal excellence and excellence in education.



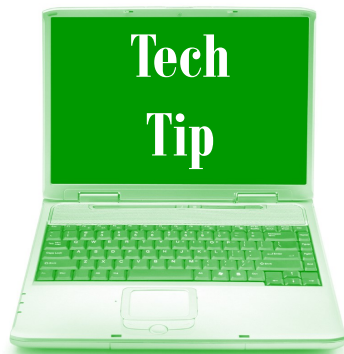
Pictured L to R: Lorine Davis and Kailey Rea



Kailey Rea Endowment Recipient



Tech Tip



20 TECH TIPS FOR TEACHERS

I discovered a wonderful resource developed by **Kasey Bell**. She put together a list of twenty tips that she believes will help teachers be even more successful as they embrace technology in the classroom.

For the next few newsletters, I will highlight four (4) of the tech tips with a brief description. If you want to get additional information, you can check out the additional links and resources provided by Kasey in her book, ***Shake Up Learning!*** Also, you can subscribe to Kasey's podcasts and blog posts on her Web site.

20 TECH TIPS FOR TEACHERS

shakeup.link/techtips

- Shift Your Mindset** – Mindset is the biggest battle to overcoming technology fears. The first thing you need to do is to be positive. The classroom can be full of obstacles and technology is no exception. Never let it become an excuse if you don't believe you are quick to learn with technology. It is important that you approach technology with a positive and flexible attitude.
- Take Risks** – The magic can happen outside of your comfort zone. It is ok to step out and try new things in the classroom. It is important that you model risk-taking in your classroom. It is okay to let your students know when you fail or make a mistake. Find ways to push students out of their comfort zones, give them new ideas, perspectives, and ways to approach a problem that can help them see the value in failing forward.
- Start With the Why** – When planning a digital learning experience, begin with your learning outcomes, not the technology. This idea is perhaps the most important tip of all. Everything we do as teachers should always come down student learning and doing what's best for kids. Just because you are using technology doesn't ensure you are meeting any objectives or learning outcomes. Find the best tools in your toolbox to help you get there.
- Get Tech in Student's Hands** – Modeling is great, especially when it comes to technology use. Kasey believes it is way more important to get technology into the hands of learners even at the cost of giving up control.





State Name Change

I have some great news to share regarding a change to the state name. One of the business items members addressed during the state convention in early May was to vote on amendments. One of the amendments was to make the name change official. Eta State is now **The**



North Carolina State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, abbreviated as NC DKG. The change was part of an alignment of the state documents with the International Constitution and Standing Rules adopted at the convention.

Some of the highlights of the state convention included chapter and individual awards, workshops, vendors, banquet, installation of new officers, the Ceremony of Remembrance, the birthday brunch with the recognition of notable NC DKG women. The convention also hosted a special guest, International President Cathy Daugherty.

DKG Educational Foundation



DKG Educational Foundation (DKGEF) has some great news to share. To date, DKGEF has given out more than **\$130,000** in funds to support professional development opportunities. The following list breaks down how the contributions have supported members:

- ☑ **Cornetet Individual Awards for Professional Development**—\$21,564.34
- ☑ **Cornetet Professional Development Seminar Awards** to state organizations implementing full-scale professional development events—\$9,932.11
- ☑ **Project Awards** touching all areas of education and available to members and nonmembers—\$99,702.91

You are encouraged to apply for the one or more of these awards. For more details, go to www.dkgef.org and click on the **Apply/Submit** tab.

Let's Stay Connected



Alpha Beta Chapter NC
Closed Group



Message From President Cowan

Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, NC DKG President, shares that she has often heard that **growth for the sake of growth is counterproductive**. She says she believes that wholeheartedly. But she also believes and has witnessed firsthand the following quote by John O'Leary, **"the only evidence of life is growth."** The 2019 - 2021 biennium theme, **Ready, Set, GROW!**, is her attempt in finding balance with these two statements.



Dr. Teresa H. Cowan
NC DKG President

Ready, Set, GROW! captures the value of DKG tradition while welcoming the need for adaptation as we move into the future she believes is already here! She shares she used to tell her students that if they are the same at the end of the year as they were at the beginning of the year, then she believes she failed them. She shares that she believes her role as an educator was to assist them in adapting in order to increase their likelihood for success. She sees her role as NC DKG President in the same regard.

President Cowan believes DKG is at a pivotal crossroads as a Society. She shares two important questions or ones similar to them that are being posed across the Society:

- What do the next 90 years look like for DKG?**
- Will there be another 85 years for NC DKG?**

She believes the bigger question for each of us as members is the following:

- "What are you willing to do for this Society?"**

As our President, she says she is willing to **GROW**. She wants to know if we are you willing to join her. She wants to know if we are you ready to make adaptations to foster growth. Also, we wants to know if we are willing to accept adaptations to stimulate continued growth.

She says if the words of support and encouragement she has received of late are any indication, **SHE BELIEVES THAT WE ARE!!!!** She believes the members of NC DKG are willing to **Ready, Set, GROW!** personally, professionally and as an organization.

She wants to challenge NC DKG members to **Ready, Set, GROW!** With her challenge comes a few reminders:

GROWth is not easy, it can be painful, and can often get pretty messy along the way. But for those willing to "get their hands dirty," the harvest is rewarding.

She knows together we can cultivate, nurture, energize, and develop as we **Ready, Set, GROW!**

NC DKG New Officers



2019-2021 NC DKG Theme

Ready, Set, **GROW!**

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Develop chapters with **W**ell-defined programs

You **GROW**, girl!

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Message From International President Cathy Daugherty



President Cathy Daugherty wants members to know that their voice is heard by the leaders of this Society. Through a variety of venues, she shares that our leaders have actively solicited members' opinions the last decade. President Daugherty thinks the most effective way feedback has come from members has been through surveys provided during luncheon sessions of conferences. She believes members have appreciated receiving timely survey results which offers immediate gratification, needed insight, and clarity moving forward for the group sponsoring the survey. President Daugherty shared preliminary results of the 2019 International President's Survey offered to attendees at each of the international conferences held this summer. These results have been tabulated. You can see the questions and results on **Page 9**.

If you were unable to be in attendance at one or more of the 2019 International Conferences, you have the opportunity to add to these preliminary findings by taking the survey posted on the DKG website by **September 30**. To access the **2019 IP Survey**, go to www.dkg.org, click on **HEARING WHAT YOU SAY**. The Administrative Board will review results at its November 2019 meeting as it plans future international events.

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



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**Cathy P.
Daugherty
2018-2020**

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Question 1:

Based on responses from four of the five international conference attendees, the optimal time of year to attend an international event (conference or convention) occurs in Quarter 3 during the months of July, August, and September (3.433 out of 4). This reply supports comments shared by members who noted in Question 5 (additional comments) that July was the best month for international meetings based on the schedules of members who are actively employed.



What time of year is optimal for you to attend an international event (such as a conference or convention)?

Ranking of responses:
4 points=most favored, 1 point=least favored
Arts & Humanities invalidated

What length of time would you prefer for an international event (such as a conference or convention)?

Ranking of responses:
4 points=most favored, 1 point=least favored
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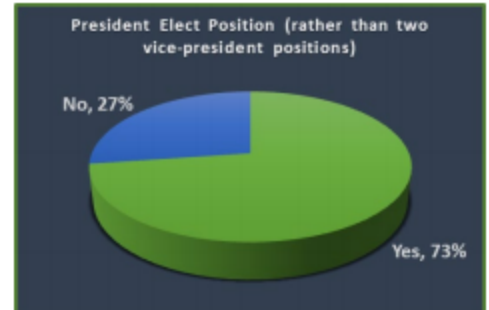


Are you in favor of a name change for the Society?

Question 2:

The data collected for this item confirmed that members definitely prefer the length of conventions/conferences to remain the same (2.862). The next favorable response was for "a long weekend in the summer" (2.551) with "a week in the summer" following closely (2.48).

Would you support an international president-elect position with one vice president versus the two (first and second) vice president positions we currently have?



Question 3:

This item required a simple YES or NO response but allowed those answering YES to provide ideas for a new name for the Society. Replies to this item overwhelmingly did not support a name change for our organization. Those who did want to see a name change suggested DKG Key Women Educators, International Women Educators, International Society of Women Educators, Leading Women Educators, and variations of these names.

Question 4:

The question "Would you support an international president-elect with one vice president versus the two (first and second) vice president positions we currently have?" garnered 73% affirmative responses compared to 27% negative responses.

Sept. - Feb. Birthdays



A special **“Birthday Wish”** from your Alpha Beta Sisters

September	October	November
Mary Nell Ferguson - 4	Glenda Toler - 4	Karen Parker - 2
Ramona Cash - 5	Karen Creech- 22	Janice White - 5
Becky Kuszmaul - 11	Mary Ann Lee - 22	Denise Byrd - 9
Jennifer Bare - 18	Terri Sessoms - 25	Sandra Edwards - 9
Laura Faye Canaday - 26		Larkeysha Sheppard - 11
Heather Pennica - 27		Barbara Barnes - 14
Betty Ferrell - 26		Ashley Radford - 18
		Sonya Kiser - 28



December	January	February
Jenny Batten-Wiley - 1	Carolyn Riddick - 1	Morgan Dickens - 3
Lynda Sutton - 2	Leigh Anne Nichols - 4	Kristy Stephenson - 4
Jennifer Roberts - 7	Joyce Matthews - 13	Gayle Barbour - 21
Abby Salas - 15	Cathy Cox - 16	Jean Stowers - 26
Pamela Batchelor - 29	Kimberly Drown - 21	Mary Helen Sills - 26
Johna Falconer - 29	Jennifer Swartz - 27	
	Ann Parrish - 28	
	Heather Barbour - 31	
	Glenda Hales - 31	

***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.

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.

Alpha Beta Chapter

Organized April 19, 1952



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: alphabetachapternc@gmail.com



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 alphabetachapternc@gmail.com



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Established 5-11-2000

Date of Contribution: _____
Contribution in Memory/Honor of: _____
Person to be Notified of Contribution: _____
Address of Person to be Notified: _____
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Amount: _____ Check Number: _____ Cash: _____

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DATES TO REMEMBER - ETA STATE NC

September 30	Deadline to submit NC DKG Educational Foundation proposal for a grant (up to \$500)
October 10	Deadline to submit to the Eta State News
October 27	Eta State NC's Founders Day (Eta State NC will be 84)
November 15	Deadline for nominations for Eta State NC Officers for the 2019-2021 biennium
December 1	Deadline for amendments to the Eta State Bylaws and/or the Eta State Standing Rules

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 VII)
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DATES TO REMEMBER - DKG INTERNATIONAL

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| 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 |

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| 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 |