



# Alpha Beta Bits

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
NC DKG North Carolina State Organization

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## Dates to Remember

NC DKG State Convention  
April 29-May 1, 2022  
Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort

DKG International Convention  
July 12-16, 2022  
New Orleans, LA

NC DKG Convention  
April 28-30, 2023  
Greenville, NC

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## Message from our President

President  
Trudy Farnell  
2020-2022



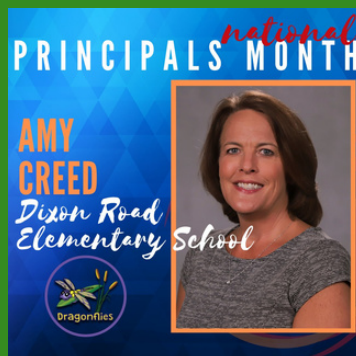
Do you ever think about the silly things that make you happy? When I opened my den blinds this morning, I saw clear evidence of the season's chill on the hood of my husband's car. I immediately thought of collards being kissed by the first frost. But there is more than the pungent odor of smelly greens fueling my engine on this cold November morning. I have a sense of thanksgiving that is more potent than in past years. The pandemic is not over, but I am grateful that we have a fighting chance against it. On the surface, public education seems like a mess, but looking beyond the current crisis, I see a serious attempt to address issues that have been on the back burner for too long. Gratitude this year goes beyond the classroom as there is an awakened appreciation for cafeteria workers, custodians, and school bus drivers. In Alpha Beta, we have members who are involved in school administration and leadership. The Johnston County Board of Education has significant ties to our chapter members. I am grateful for you. Nattering nabobs of negativism (not an Agnew fan, but the characterization is spot on) make governance so difficult and yet you continue to serve.

Within our chapter, we are represented well by our committees. We are living up to the mandate "to initiate, endorse, and support ...suitable endeavors in the interests of education (goal 4). Our Literacy Committee exceeded its expectation when it offered grants to teachers promoting literacy in their classrooms. You will want to hear this exciting report at the December 7th meeting. Our Beginning Teachers Support Committee has kept you up to date on the services rendered to our new teachers.

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## Members Recognition

We are lucky in our sisterhood to have many active educators, 2 of which are currently principals in Johnston County Schools! We want to congratulate Amy Creed, the new principal of Dixon Road Elementary and Jennifer Swartz, principal at West Johnston High for their recent recognition for principal's appreciation month.



## Important Links

Our Website:  
[deltakappagamma.org/](http://deltakappagamma.org/)  
NC-alpha-beta/

NC Chapter Website:  
[www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)

International Website:  
[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

# Message from our President (cont.)

If you have not listened to First V.P. Mary Daughtry's interview with Suzanne Sweat concerning JoCo Teach, please reach back into your email and view it before the December meeting. The work done in this program certainly does, "advance the professional interest and position of women in education" (goal 3). We have many reasons to be proud of what we have accomplished during this hard time and should be eagerly anticipating the near future.

I hope you are considering your own role in Alpha Beta. There are committee positions to fill. If you are an experienced committee chair, please begin the process of mentoring a newer member to take leadership. If you have not really engaged in the inner working of our chapter, 2022 might be your year. Please go to your By-Laws and look at what each committee does. Look for a fit that will allow you to showcase your gifts and graces. Especially for those who are currently practicing educators, Delta Kappa Gamma offers opportunities for you to demonstrate growth and leadership in our profession and our organization should be a resource when you are making your Professional Development Plan. Every committee addresses a goal for Delta Kappa Gamma. One of our busiest committees for the next few months will be the Nominations Committee. More than ever, we need to recognize that, in addition to enjoying our social interactions, we are a working organization. We are charged with encouraging a new generation of DKG members. The best way to understand and appreciate an organization is through participation in carrying out its mission. Please be ready to answer a call to service at either the committee or executive level.

One of the perks of being Chapter President is that I read the newsletters of other chapters. We are not the only chapter moving, gingerly, back to face to face meetings. I know that COVID remains a concern and for some December 7 is still a question mark. The fellowship hall at Centenary is large and we will be spaced. I appreciate the caution with which the Church has opened its doors and I feel as safe there as anywhere. In the end, comfort levels are important, and I will still be wearing my mask except when eating or conducting business. Gathering begins at 6:00 to sign in (5:30ish if you are bringing an item for SHOW AND SELL). There will be coffee and dessert, some business to conduct, a special musical guest, and a host of wonderful energetic DKG pin wearing women ready to spend money. Are you excited? Me too.

## Alpha Beta Chapter Minutes/Treasurer's Report



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

**December 7, 2021**

**Show & Sell**

**February 22, 2022**

**May 5, 2022**



**Alpha Beta  
2021-22 Chapter Meeting**



Don't forget, you can donate to our **Alpha Beta Chapter Endowment Fund** in honor and/or memory of one of our Sisters. You can find the form on the last page of this newsletter. Also included is the **Alpha Beta Chapter of DKG Expense Form**.

## 4 Literacy Grants awarded



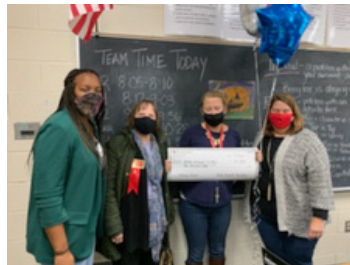
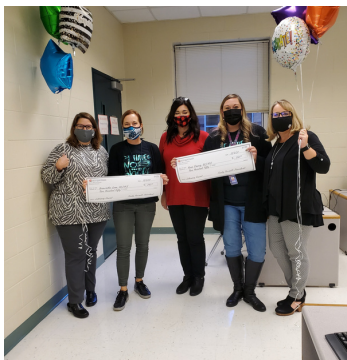
The Literacy Committee was honored to award 4 Literacy Grants to Johnston County Teachers. Here are the 4 topics that were awarded:

Phonics Enhancement Project by Stacy Holloman  
3rd Grade at Pine Level Elementary

ESL Focus in the Media Center by Samantha Lam  
West Johnston Media Center

Graphic Novels in the Media Center by Kara Emery  
West Johnston Media Center

First Chapter Friday by Ashley Levesque  
7th Grade at Clayton Middle



## JoCo Teach Program

Since we were not able to meet in person in September. Mary Daughtry was able to do a great interview with Suzanne Sweat the coordinator of the JoCoTeach program. Suzanne was scheduled to be our guest speaker.

Here is the link to that program:

<https://bit.ly/jocoteachzoom>

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Here is another resource provided by Mrs. Sweat about the program:

<https://bit.ly/jocoteachinfo>

If you haven't watched you definitely want to take a few minutes to learn more about this great teacher development program right here in Johnston County.



## Show and Sell



Last year we were not able to have one of our favorite fundraisers, Show and Sell! What is Show and Sell and how does it work?

Members bring their favorite homemade goodies, crafts or other holiday items, and during the December meeting there is friendly silent bidding war on the items.

The funds raised from this fundraiser go to general fund to help with the outreach efforts (Beginning Teacher Support and Literacy Grants, etc) We hope you will participate this year either by bringing something to auction or bidding on items brought by other members.



# Tech Tip - Rejuvenate with Blogs

The daily work of a teacher is taxing to say the least, but sometimes when there is a break and you want to rejuvenate your energy. A few minutes reading a good blog can help create a little reflection on your practice and provide fresh ideas that save time and help you feel more productive.



Now you might be saying - when do I have time for that? or where do I even start?

Here are a few creative ways to find the time:

1. On your commute to work - if you have 15 minutes either way you can use one of those to listen to a podcast or blog using a reader like Voice Dream  
<https://www.voicedream.com/reader/>
2. On a workday - have it playing in the background while you grade papers or change your bulletin board
3. During your planning for just a few minutes 1 day a week (then set it aside to let it marinate til next week or use the idea that week to see if it helps you)

Where to start:

Start with the bloggers that are offering real solutions and ideas from their own classroom or coaching experience. Here are my top 4 recommendations

1. Cult of Pedagogy - If I could only pick 1 this would be it - Jennifer Gonzalez has it all blog posts, podcasts, videos. A real educator who is still in the classroom.  
<https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/>
2. Pernille Ripp - If you are passionate about reading Pernille is your girl - the creator of the Global Read Aloud and so many great ideas. Check her out at <https://pernillesripp.com/>
3. Catlin Tucker - currently she is a coach, but taught for 16 years, she has great technology ideas and time savers for every subject and grade level. <https://catlintucker.com/>
4. Alice Keeler - if you are a math teacher or just love Google- you have to check out her blog <https://alicekeeler.com/>

If you really get into Blogging - here is a list of others you might want to explore

<https://bit.ly/top100bloggers>

The Digital Learning Team for Johnston County Schools also has a blog - if you don't subscribe by email it's really easy to sign up. Tech tips and updates right in your inbox (almost every week)

<https://jcstechleader.blogspot.com/>



## Scholarship Opportunity for Members

One of the DKG Purposes is “To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to nonmember women educators.” NC DKG offers scholarships for postbaccalaureate and doctorate studies. Applications are now online and are due February 1, 2022. (There is also a link on the NC DKG homepage.)

Information requested for the application includes three letters of reference, official transcripts or documentation of enrollment in the program, a copy of a current teaching/administration license, an essay on what DKG means to you, and a listing of related DKG experiences. Applicants are encouraged to begin gathering application materials now. Contact Scholarship Committee Chair Michelle Benigno with questions.

Over 30 scholarships are awarded each year through the DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) to members pursuing advanced degrees. Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000.

Those applications are also due **February 1, 2022**. NC DKG members may apply for both an NC DKG and an International scholarship within a given year.

The membership requirement for International applicants is three years for doctoral studies and one year for other graduate studies and two calendar years from induction for NC DKG. NC DKG Educational Foundation also offers scholarships. The Spring grant cycle will include awarding five grants, as well as the Groves-Little, Richards, Simmons-Longest, and the Church. **The due date for these is January 31, 2022.**



## Convention Update



Plans are taking shape for an in-person state convention this spring at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort in Asheville on April 29 to May 1, 2022. Hotel reservations may be made by calling the toll-free number 1-844-330-0296 (24/7) and mentioning the group name “Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma” in order to receive the special group rate of \$155 for two queen beds. Reservations may also be made online at Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma. The vendor form for individuals or chapters wishing to sell in the Convention Marketplace is ready and posted online for applications now. See the vendor form for prices and payment options. Convention Chair Connie Savell is seeking volunteers for the convention. This is a chance for all members to be involved! A variety of options are available to enhance members’ convention experience and are listed on the volunteer form. A link will be shared later to sign up for specific times. Watch for more information coming soon on the Convention Program Ad form and Workshop Presenters form. Be talking with your chapter members now about ads and encouraging members to present!

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## International News



### Celebrating 100 Years since our Chartering

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International came into being on May 29, 1929. Our initial purpose—to enhance education and advance women in the profession—has never changed through the years. Now we are getting ready to celebrate the 100th year, and each chapter is encouraged to plan a way to share the excitement prior to the

Celebratory Conference to be held during July 2029 in Austin, Texas, the birthplace of the Society. Plans are already being developed to have members come together that year for one big event. The Centennial Celebration Committee is working to make this a most enjoyable, exciting, and educational conference and welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Email suggestions to [CelebrateDKG@protonmail.com](mailto:CelebrateDKG@protonmail.com).

# Dates to Remember

## Dates from NC DKG

- Sept. 15 Nominations due for international offices or elected committees
- Sept. 18 NC DKG Fall Executive Board meeting, virtual
- Sept. 27 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
- Sept. 30 Deadline to enter dues into portal to avoid members being dropped
- Oct. 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due
- Oct. 1 Proposed amendments to DKG Constitution and International Standing Rules due
- Oct. 25 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Oct. 27 NC DKG Founders Day
- Nov. 1 Cornetet Individual and Seminar PD Awards applications due
- Nov. 1 NC DKG News deadline
- Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard deadline to IRS
- Nov. 22 ASK Time for chapter presidents
- Dec. 15 Chapter directory due to regional director
- Dec. 15 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due

## Dates from DKG International

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



## Chapter Birthdays

January	February	March	April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 - Carolyn Riddick</li><li>4 - Leigh Anne Nichols</li><li>16 - Cathy Cox</li><li>27 - Jennifer Swartz</li><li>28 - Ann Parrish</li><li>31 - Glenda Hales</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3 - Morgan Dickens</li><li>4 - Kristy Stephenson</li><li>21 - Gayle Barbour</li><li>26 - Jean Stowers</li><li>26 - Mary Helen Sills</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9 - Darla Peedin</li><li>13 - Carol Massenburg</li><li>14 - Angie Proctor</li><li>28 - Renee Wiggs</li><li>30 - Marlene Sanders</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>14 - Frances Warren</li><li>16 - Olive Cooke</li></ul>

# Purpose and Mission



The Delta Kappa  
Gamma Society  
International

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

**Vision Statement:** *Leading Women  
Educators, Impacting Education  
Worldwide*

**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**

**Laura Faye Canaday**

**Ramona Cash**

**Sybil Edwards**

**Betty Ferrell**

**Glenda Hales**

**Maylene Sanders**

If you would like to add someone to this list, please contact  
Amy Stanley.



If you have an idea for an article or information, you would like to see added to the newsletter, please contact the editor, Amy Stanley



**Contribution**  
**NCCF Alpha Beta Teacher Recruitment Endowment Fund**

Contributor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. of Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution in memory or honor of :

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Person to be Notified of Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If mailing contribution, send to Treasurer:  
 Rebecca Kuszmaul  
 (See Chapter Notebook for Address)

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 (To be completed by Treasurer)

Date Contribution Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributor's Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed to NCCF: \_\_\_\_\_ AB Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NC Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma**  
**Expense Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Submitting: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH INVOICE/RECEIPT OF EXPENDITURES TO THIS FORM**

Reason for expenditures:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Awards: _____	
Beginning Teacher Support _____	_____
_____	_____
Biography _____	_____
Communication _____	_____
Historian(Scrapbook) _____	_____
Leadership _____	_____
Literacy _____	_____
Membership (Orientation, Nominations, Installations) _____	_____
Necrology/Remembrance _____	_____
President's Expenses: Lodging _____	_____
Registration _____	_____
Meals _____	_____
Travel _____	_____
Scholarship _____	_____
Annie Blanton Scholarship _____	_____
Social (Flowers, Gifts, Meeting Expenses) _____	_____
_____	_____
Supplies _____	_____
Miscellaneous _____	_____
<b>TOTAL</b> _____	_____

Check Written To? \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Check to be returned: directly to individual \_\_\_\_\_ or mailed to vendor \_\_\_\_\_?

If check is returned to requestor directly, complete this section when member receives the check.

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(To be completed by Treasurer)

Receipts attached? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by President: \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_