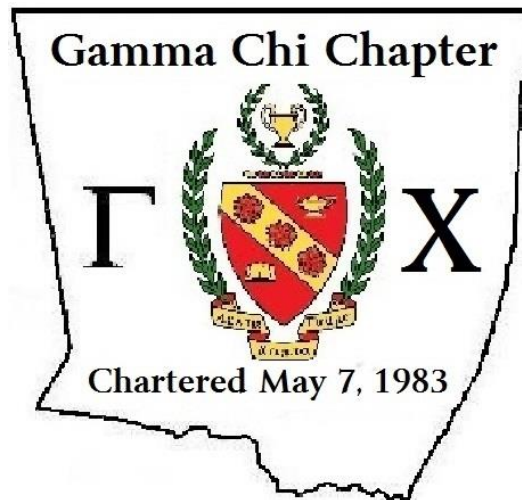


HISTORY OF THE GAMMA CHI CHAPTER 2012 - PRESENT

**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
NORTH CAROLINA STATE ORGANIZATION
REGION III, WARREN COUNTY**



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OFFICERS AND RELATED PERSONNEL 2012-2014



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NANCY TUNSTALL

With continuing enthusiasm and energy for excellence, Nancy Tunstall accepted the role of leadership of Gamma Chi Chapter for a second biennium, with the theme, “Sharing Our Vision – Strengthening Our Society: Focus, Dedication and Discipline.” Nancy’s dedication to the vision and mission of Delta Kappa Gamma also caught the attention of Eta State, as she took on the role of Regional Director for Region III and received training in Asheboro for her duties.

Following a summer during which chapter leaders engaged in training and planning, including attendance at the International Convention in New York City by the president and treasurer, the new biennium began with a visit by Eta State President Linda Little at the first meeting. Also at the meeting, Eta State First Vice President Pat Taylor made a surprise visit and led a flash mob composed of several of our members who danced to Patti LaBelle’s *New Attitude* in recognition of our new committee structure. Chapter Rules were revised and a Strategic Action Plan was adopted with goals of encouraging attendance at meetings; honoring members; increasing membership; encouraging members to assume leadership roles; and preserving the history of Gamma Chi Chapter. Our history through 2012 was unveiled, and our two historians, Melba Johnston and Mary Catherine Harris, were presented rose pins in appreciation for their dedication to preserving Gamma Chi’s history.



Melba Johnston &
Mary Catherine Harris

Connie King was Gamma Chi’s nominee for the 2012 Women of Warren event sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County. Past president Dr. Janis Meek was the nominee for Eta State’s 2013 Founders Award, and Treasurer Shirley White was nominated for the 2013 Golden Key Award.

The Chapter initiated a NBCT Grant of \$500.00, available for certification or recertification, and also a Professional Development Grant of up to \$250.00, as money is available, to encourage participation by members in opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Again, Gamma Chi provided goodie bags for all new teachers, books for the Norlina Library, children’s books for health care offices, and support of Delta Kappa Gamma International and Eta State projects.



At the 2013 Eta State Convention, the chapter received the Eta State Superior Chapter Achievement Award which resulted in the chapter receiving an engraved crystal vase containing three red roses and the Presidential Chapter Achievement Award, the highest award given to a chapter. The chapter also received the Newsletter and Website Excellence Awards. To the left is pictured Treasurer Shirley White and President Nancy Tunstall holding the crystal base shortly after the presentation.

Gamma Chi celebrated the lives and mourned the losses of sisters Ethel Draper and Betsy Little.

The Gamma Chi website, www.deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi, was recertified for the biennium. Diane Moose, DKG International Communications and Publicity Chair, said, "I think this is one of the most well done websites I have looked at!"



At the December 2012 meeting, President Nancy Tunstall presented a slide show, "Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture," a reorientation on the basics of Delta Kappa Gamma. During the March 2013 meeting, Betty Anne Shearin, a Gamma Chi sister, shared her experiences of teaching in Africa. Shown at the left are members modeling clothes that Betty Anne brought back from Africa. From left to right are Betty Anne Shearin, Karen Paynter, Laura Kearney, Chris Skinner and Rebecca Bolton.

Richard and Catherine Blankenship made a generous donation of \$1,000 to the Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund, in memory of their mother, Nancy Blankenship, a charter member. Additional scholarship funds were provided through the raffle of an afghan made by Sylvia Alston's mother, Mrs. Josephine Myrick.

At the 2013 Eta State Convention, Nancy Tunstall conducted a workshop entitled *How to Motivate Member Excellence*. Attending the convention with the president were Mary Austell, Debra Clayton, Connie King, Shirley White and Patricia Williamson. Gamma Chi received the following awards: Superior Chapter Achievement Award, Presidential Award, and Newspaper and Website Excellence Award.

May 2013 found Gamma Chi members celebrating the 30th birthday of the chapter, chartered on May 7, 1983, at the Henderson Country Club, Henderson, NC. Gamma Chi honored its five active charter members by presenting them with a long stemmed red rose. Pictured from left to right are Shirley White, Dr. Janis Meek, Brenda Holloman, Mary Catherine Harris and Harriet Banzet.



The chapter awarded a Professional Development Grant to Jessica Williams and Nancy Tunstall to attend the Leadership Development Seminar and to Edwina Rooker for a creative writing course. Morgan Leigh Coleman's grant-in-aid was renewed and Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid were made to high school seniors Melissa Hunter and Brooke Sikes. An Initiation Ceremony in May 2013 welcomed Maryanne Henry to Gamma Chi.



Debra Clayton, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White attended the 2013 Southeast Regional Conference in Orlando, Florida. The picture on the left was taken after the Presidents Banquet. From left to right are Gamma Chi President Nancy Tunstall, Eta State President Pat Taylor, DKG President Dr. Beverly Helms, Gamma Chi Treasurer Shirley White and Gamma Chi member Debra Clayton. Nancy Tunstall was appointed to the 2013-2015 Eta State Communications and Publicity Committee.

Heidi Hogan and Tracey Neal were initiated into the chapter at the October 2013 meeting, at which Representative Michael Wray was the speaker. At the December 2013 meeting, Dana Watkins and Anna Cervantes presented a program about the local Citizens Against Domestic Violence. Elizabeth Hundley Moseley spoke about the ABCs of Women's Health Issues at the March 2014 meeting.

Attending the 2014 Eta State Convention were Debra Clayton, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White and Patricia Williamson. Shirley White received the prestigious Golden Key Award for Region III. Gamma Chi once again received the President's Award which is the highest honor that a chapter can receive. The chapter also receive the Newsletter and Website Excellence Awards.



At the May 2014 meeting, we remembered our deceased sister, Betsy Brown, in a memorial service. A record number of new members were initiated. Pictured from left to right are: Jennifer Wilker, Erin Simons, Jenny O'Meara, Evelyn Hall, Ashley Barnette and Aimee Anderson. Grants-in-aid were awarded to Morgan Leigh Coleman and Emily Hargrove. Member Jill Coleman received a scholarship. The meeting

concluded with the installation of new officers and the passing of the gavel.

OFFICERS AND RELATED PERSONNEL 2014-2016



DEBRA CLAYTON

Debra Clayton enthusiastically accepted and stepped up to the challenge of leading Gamma Chi Chapter as president for the 2014-2016 biennium. With support from former two-term president, Nancy Tunstall, and from her mother and long-time Gamma Chi sister, Shirley White, Debra began preparation by attending the Chapter Leader Training in June. She encouraged members to jump on board with the theme, "Key Women Educators – Committing, Collaborating, Celebrating!" From left, Shirley White, Debra Clayton & Nancy Tunstall as they attend Chapter Leader Training held in Goldsboro.

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At the first meeting of the new biennium, Jana Miller presented a program on the “Newspaper in Education Literacy Program.” LaTrenda Hawkins was initiated into Gamma Chi at this meeting. Members generously brought items for the New Teacher Bags project. These items were later assembled prior to American Education Week in November by (from left) Mary Austell, Ann Kilian, Mary Brodie Raiford, Nancy Tunstall and Jeffrey Evans.

Other projects pursued by the members included collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education, donating children’s books for various doctors’ offices, and soliciting chapter scholarship funds through the Afghan Raffle.

The 2014-2016 Strategic Action Plan formed a framework for chapter goals: encouraging attendance at meetings, honoring members, increasing membership, encouraging accepting leadership roles, and preserving Gamma Chi history.

Through contributions and funds raised from the Afghan Raffle, the chapter offered the following financial aids: scholarship for members pursuing graduate degrees, valued at \$500.00; grants-in-aid for nonmembers pursuing a degree in education, valued at \$500.00; NBCT grants for members pursuing national board certification, valued at \$500.00; and Professional Development Grants for members or prospective members, valued at up to \$250.00.



State President Pat Taylor attended the December 2014 meeting and presented an interactive program on Delta Kappa Gamma trivia. Mary Catherine Harris presented the program at the March 2015 meeting, sharing her recent trip to Africa, “Zooming in on Zambia: Lessons Learned.” President Debra Clayton, left, thanks Mary Catherine Harris for her program.

Capping off the first year of the biennium was the May meeting, during which Catherine and Richard Blankenship and other family members assisted in presenting the Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid to Mila Alston and Kelsie Clary. Morgan Leigh Coleman was awarded the Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid, and Jill Coleman received the Gamma Chi Scholarship Award.

Members celebrated the life and mourned the loss of Sue Skinner.

Five new members were inducted in May 2015: (from left to right) Anna Brickey, Diane Colin, Lynne Lassiter, Jamie Pernell, and Charlene Spence.



The president, along with Mary Austell, Nancy Tunstall, Shirley White, and Patricia Williamson, attended the 2015 Eta State Convention. Gamma Chi received the President’s Award (left with Debra holding the crystal engraved vase), and Nancy Tunstall was recognized for excellence in newsletter and website presentation.



President Debra Clayton and Treasurer Shirley White attended the 34th Southeast Regional Conference of Delta Kappa Gamma in Savannah, Georgia in July of 2015. At the

conference, the 2014-2016 International President Dr. Lyn Schmid encouraged the theme: “85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life.”



The new Eta State NC President Sheila Groves came on board in 2015 with the theme: “Create the Future – Imagine, Inspire, Ignite.” Eta State NC President Groves selected Nancy Tunstall to serve as chair of the Eta State NC Communications and Publicity Committee, and Debra Clayton was asked to serve on the Eta State NC Finance Committee. Pictured from left, Debra Clayton and Nancy Tunstall attend the 2015 Eta State NC Executive Board meeting at Elon University in September.

As the second half of the biennium got under way, the October meeting allowed committees to meet and plan for the year. In December, Gamma Chi sister Diane Colin (right) provided a program of special music using various flutes, and in March Noel Robertson, local history enthusiast, presented an enlightening program: “Preservation Warrenton – Preserving the Past for the Future.”



Requests for resignation from membership were received from LaTrenda Hawkins, Alice Jefferson, Gwen Kilian, Susan Lynch, and Louise Mitchum.



Debra Clayton was nominated for the Rising Star recognition and Mary Austell for the Golden Key Award at the 2016 Eta State Convention. The Rising Star Award is a new award that was presented to only twelve women statewide. Debra, center, was among the twelve. Pictured with Debra is her mother, Shirley White, left, and Eta State NC President Sheila Groves who presented the award. In addition to assisting with awards presentation for the Newsletter Excellence Award and Website Excellence Award at the state convention, Nancy Tunstall conducted a breakout session, “Newsletters, Links, and Paint – Useful Tips.” Also, the Eta State NC president engaged Nancy to design and format the convention program booklet.

Region III Director Bonnie Siegner attended the May 2016 meeting, with a full agenda including initiation of members, scholarship and grant-in-aid presentations, celebration of life service, and installation of officers.

New members inducted were: from left, Cicelia Aguilar, Lori Fleming, Patricia Hargrove, Sheila Robertson, Charis Shattuck, Kristin Speakman, and Carleen Stephenson-Gordon.

Mila Alston and Kelsie Clary received the Nancy Blankenship Grant-in-Aid for a second year, and Brooke Sikes was recognized to receive the Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid. Ashley Barnette received a scholarship.



Jeffrey Evans, Melba Johnston, and Edwina Rooker were remembered in a celebration of life service, along with Louise Twitty, long-time member who had resigned prior to her death.

Officers for the new 2016-2018 biennium were installed, as follows: President – Debra Clayton, First Vice-President – Patricia Williamson, Second Vice-President – Loree Harris, Recording Secretary – Mary Catherine Harris, Corresponding Secretary – Aimee Anderson and Treasurer – Shirley White

OFFICERS AND RELATED PERSONNEL 2016-2018



DEBRA CLAYTON

- President – Debra Clayton*
- First Vice-President – Patricia Williamson*
- Second Vice-President – Loree Harris*
- Recording Secretary/Historian – Mary Catherine Harris*
- Corresponding Secretary – Aimee Anderson*
- Treasurer – Shirley White*
- Parliamentarian – Harriet Banzet*
- Editor/Webmaster – Nancy Tunstall*
- Photographer – Brooke Callahan*

Debra Clayton again accepted the role of Gamma Chi Chapter president for the 2016-2018 biennium, marking her second term of leadership. From the outset, she challenged members to aim for superior standards of chapter achievement, while setting the pace herself with enthusiasm. Along with Nancy Tunstall (left), chairman of the Eta State NC Communications and Publicity Committee, the president attended the annual fall Eta State NC Executive Board meeting at Elon University in September.



At the first chapter meeting of the new biennium, Elizabeth Moseley (left), daughter of Gamma Chi member Danylu Hundley, made a presentation about Reach Out and Read, a nonprofit organization that trains and supports medical providers who give books to children and advice to parents during well-child exams about the importance of reading aloud.

The traditional projects of donating items for New Teacher Bags and children’s books for various doctors’ officers, collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education, and conducting the Afghan Raffle for scholarship funds were begun.

Eta State NC President Sheila Groves (left) attended the December 2016 meeting and engaged members in a game about Delta Kappa Gamma. At the March meeting, Gamma Chi member Jenny O’Meara presented “The Three Greatest Lessons I Learned Teaching in Burkina Faso,” based on her time of teaching in West Africa.



From left to right: Richard Blankenship & granddaughters, Ashley Barnette, Diane Colin, Evelyn Hall, Jenny O’Meara and Erin Simons

Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid presentations were the highlight of the May 2017 meeting. Richard Blankenship presented Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid to Mila Alston and Kelsie Clary, and Nancy Blankenship Professional Development Grants to Ashley Barnette, Diane Colin, Evelyn Hall, Jenny O’Meara, and Erin Simons. Josephine Myrick assisted in the presentation of the Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid to Tiffany Thorpe Hunter. Ashley Barnette

received the Gamma Chi Scholarship and Aimee Anderson received the Gamma Chi Professional Development Grant.

Members celebrated the life of Edith Allen in a memorial ceremony.

Gamma Chi welcomed four new members in May 2017: Betsy Clark, Elizabeth Seitz, Maria Smith, and Martina Taylor-Fuller.



From left to right: Tiffany Hunter and Josephine Myrick



Attending the convention from left to right:
Shirley White, Nancy Tunstall, Dr. Janis Meek, Evelyn Hall, Debra White and Ashley Barnette

Individual awards received at the Eta State NC Convention in April 2017 included: Dr. Janis Meek, Founders Award; Mary Austell, Golden Key for Region III; and Ashley Barnette, Rising Star. Gamma Chi Chapter received the Superior Chapter Achievement Award, Presidential Award and Communications Excellence Award. Nancy Tunstall designed and formatted the Eta State NC Convention program book.

Gamma Chi continued to shine on the state level with several members in state positions: Debra Clayton, Finance Committee chair; Ashley Barnette, Beginning Teacher Support Committee; and Nancy

Tunstall, formatter and designer of the Convention program book.

Three members attended the Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar in Sophia, NC: from left to right, Evelyn Hall, Erin Simons and Jenny O'Meara. Attending the 2017 Southeast Regional Conference were Debra Clayton, Nancy Tunstall and Shirley White.



Region III Director Cheryl Wright helped to kick off the second half of the biennium with her attendance at the October meeting. She emphasized some of the new state initiatives, including the Eta State Wellness Initiative and the Life Straw Program, which focuses on providing safe drinking water in developing countries.



Connie Savell, Eta State NC president, attended the December meeting, commending Gamma Chi for participation on the state level and encouraging members to spread stories of positive happenings in education, in line with her theme, "Let's Sparkle." Nancy Tunstall presented the program at the March meeting, "Everything You Need to Know about DKG."

The May 2018 meeting marked the end of the biennium. Installed into membership from left to right were Lisa Bender, Katrinka Brewer, Shirley Cava, and Gail Coleman.



Members of the Blankenship family presented Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid to Mila Alston and Carthia Kornegay and the Nancy Blankenship Professional Development Grant to Evelyn Hall. Josephine Myrick assisted in the presentation of the Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid to Myasia Royster. Aimee Anderson and Ashley Barnette received Gamma Chi Professional Development Grants.



Officers for the 2018-2020 biennium were installed: from left to right: Evelyn Hall, president; Betsy Clark, 1st vice-president; Diane Colin, 2nd vice-president; Ashley Barnette, recording secretary; Aimee Anderson, corresponding secretary; Shirley White, treasurer; and Nancy Tunstall, parliamentarian.

Evelyn Hall was selected to participate in the 2018 Leadership Management Seminar at the University of Texas at Austin in July, continuing to build on her strong foundation for leadership of the Gamma Chi Chapter.

Also in July, Nancy Tunstall was selected North Carolina's Star of the Southeast at the DKG International Convention in Austin, Texas.

OFFICERS AND RELATED PERSONNEL 2018-2020



EVELYN HALL

President – Evelyn Hall
First Vice-President – Betsy Clark
Second Vice-President – Diane Colin
Recording Secretary – Ashley Barnette
Corresponding Secretary – Aimee Anderson
Treasurer – Shirley White
Parliamentarian/Editor/Webmaster – Nancy Tunstall
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Evelyn Hall, with enthusiasm for Delta Kappa Gamma from the beginning of her four years in membership, accepted the role of Gamma Chi Chapter president for the 2018-2020 biennium. Her sparkling personality matched the theme she offered, “Let’s Sparkle—From the Inside Out,” emphasizing self-care and wellness and tapping into the focus proposed by North Carolina State President Connie Savell. The new president, along with Mary Austell, Shirley White, and Betsy Clark, attended the leaders’ training workshop in June. Evelyn was selected to attend the DKG Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in July in Austin, Texas with all expenses paid.



Saddened by the dissolution of our mother chapter, Xi, Gamma Chi welcomed two members through transfer from Xi: Linda Hall and Vivien Windley.

At the first meeting of the new biennium in October 2018, the program centered on a wellness presentation by Betsy Clark. This initial meeting served once again as the kick-off for familiar projects of collecting items for New Teacher Bags and Box Tops for Education, Afghan Raffle for scholarship funds, and Chapter Raffle for contributions to the NC DKG Educational Foundation and local libraries, as well as collecting buttons for Gamma Chi Sister Sheila Robertson’s art classes. Awards were presented for perfect attendance, member excellence and milestones in membership. Mary Catherine Harris was chosen to be our Golden Key nominee along with Evelyn Hall for the Rising Star nominee for state awards given at the state convention in May. Awards Committee Chair Dr. Sylvia Alston (right) presented Nancy Tunstall with the Gamma Chi-DKG Star of the Southeast Award for distinctive service to her chapter, state organization and community in honor of her being recognized with this honor at the DKG International Convention in July.



Region III Director Terry Anne Denny (left) attended the December 2018 meeting. She presented a program on issues common to Delta Kappa Gamma chapters, emphasizing the importance of retaining and recruiting members, recognizing the range of differences among members, and supporting one another. The program planned for March by members Debra Clayton and Patricia Williamson was postponed due to technical difficulties.



On April 28, 2019, Gamma Chi held a Spring Cookout for beginning teachers at the lake home of Elaine and Richard Blankenship. The Blankenships have been patrons of Gamma Chi for many years. They annually contribute to the Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund in memory of their mother, Nancy Blankenship, who was a charter member and attended faithfully until her

death. They graciously allow the use of their lovely lake home and furnish the food for these events to honor the beginning teachers of Warren County. Members attending the cookout, from left to right, were Mary Catherine Harris, Aimee Anderson, Norma Retzlaff, Betsy Clark, Shirley White, Nancy Tunstall, Linda Hall, Evelyn Hall, and Elaine and Richard Blankenship. (Debra White is not pictured.)



At the state convention in May, Gamma Chi received the Superior Chapter Achievement Award and Communications Excellence Award for website and newsletters. Evelyn Hall received one of five Rising Star awards, and Nancy Tunstall was recognized for designing and editing the convention book. Jenny O'Meara and Nancy Tunstall presented workshops at the convention

Celebration marked the May meeting as grants-in-aid and professional development grants were awarded. Receiving the Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid were high school seniors Ellen Denning, Faith Nickole Heisler, and Hailey Kaye Stroud. Former recipient Mila Alston received the Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid to continue her studies in graduate school. Receiving Gamma Chi Professional Development Grants were members Mary Austell, Evelyn Hall, and Jenny O'Meara. Jenny O'Meara (right) was recognized for her presentation on Design Thinking with a donation in her honor to the NC DKG Leadership Fund.



Evelyn Hall, Nancy Tunstall, and Shirley White attended the International Arts and Humanities Conference. New North Carolina State President Dr. Teresa Cowan appointed three Gamma Chi sisters to state committees: Ashley Barnette, Beginning Teacher Support; Aimee Anderson, Membership/Expansion; and Evelyn Hall, Nominations.

At the September 2019 meeting, Gamma Chi welcomed Pattie Rodwell into membership. Debra Clayton and Patricia Williamson presented their previously postponed program on the Dominican Republic and Global Education. Again, the chapter launched the New Teacher Bag and Box Tops for Education projects, the Afghan Raffle for scholarship funds, and the Chapter Raffle in support of the NC DKG Educational Foundation and local libraries. On September 20, 2019, Gamma Chi sponsored a welcome meal at the lake home of the Blankenships for the new teachers of Warren County.



Highlighting the December meeting was a visit and program by NC DKG President Dr. Teresa Cowan, pictured at the left. After dinner, beautiful Christmas music was provided by Sallye Duncan at the keyboard and Diane Colin on flute. Gamma Chi sister Donna Liles presented a program in March, "In the Footsteps of Cicely Saunders," honoring the work of this trailblazer and model for current hospice care. Also, at the meeting, Gamma Chi welcomed Kathy Stewart, entering as a new member, and Michele Stallings upon reinstatement of her membership.

The COVID 19 pandemic interrupted the schedule of routines and meetings of Gamma Chi, beginning mid-March 2020. Because the NC DKG Convention scheduled for May was cancelled, awards were presented virtually. Gamma Chi achieved the prestigious Presidential Award and the Communications Excellence Award. Mary Catherine Harris was awarded the Golden Key Award for Region III.

OFFICERS AND RELATED PERSONNEL 2020-2022



EVELYN HALL

President – Evelyn Hall
First Vice-President – Betsy Clark
Second Vice-President – Diane Colin
Recording Secretary – Ashley Barnette
Corresponding Secretary – Lisa Bender
Treasurer – Shirley White
Parliamentarian/Editor/Webmaster – Nancy Tunstall
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Having completed one biennium at the helm of Gamma Chi Chapter, Evelyn Hall demonstrated her usual enthusiasm and creativity in leading the chapter forward amid the limitations of the continuing COVID 19 pandemic. She challenged members with the theme, “GROW with Gamma Chi.” Edited by Nancy Tunstall, the Gamma Chi Newsletter kept members informed and connected regularly; and virtual gatherings became the norm as the biennium got under way.

The first official meeting of the biennium took place by Zoom in January 2021. Nominees for NC DKG Awards were approved: Dr. Mandy Cohen, Founders Award; Dr. Sylvia Alston, Golden Key Award; and Jenny O’Meara, Rising Star Award. Awards were presented for milestones in membership.

Again in March, members gathered through Zoom in the comfort of their homes. Region III Director Kat Nolan joined the meeting. She shared ideas about how to grow the chapter and encouraged planning for sustainability and future leadership.

Gamma Chi was well represented at the 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention. Lisa Bender was selected to participate in the Leadership Development Retreat entitled “Rejuvenating the Leader Within for Inspiring the Leader in Others.” Diane Colin and her students also participated in the convention, performing with a drum that she received through a NC DKG Educational Grant.

Closing out the first year of the biennium, the May meeting took place by Zoom. Gamma Chi Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid were presented to Ellen Denning, Faith Heisler, Heidi Labra-Franco, and Hailey Stroud. Mila Alston received a Gamma Chi Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid. These were all renewals from the previous year.

Continuing the theme of “GROW with Gamma Chi,” the second year of the biennium kicked off with an in-person meeting at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Warrenton, with a Zoom option for the meeting also available. The growing pains brought on by the pandemic seemed to be easing with increased opportunities for gathering. Three new members were inducted: from left, Kathy Stewart, Shannon Fuller and Kirby Alston.



The Gamma Chi Afghan Raffle campaign in support of the Scholarship and Grant Fund and the New Teacher Bag Project were launched once again. Member Milestone Awards for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 were presented.



Highlights of the December meeting at Norlina United Methodist Church were a visit from NC DKG President Beth Winstead (see picture at left with President Evelyn Hall (left) presenting NC DKG President Beth Winstead with a poinsettia), and a surprise celebration of Shirley White's "50+ Years in DKG" (see picture on the right with front row from left, President Evelyn Hall, Shirley White and Debra Clayton; back row from left, Betsy Clark and Nancy Tunstall).



Announcement was made of the recent induction of Hailey Stroud (left) and Mila Alston as Gamma Chi Chapter's first collegiate members. They have been recipients of Gamma Chi Grants-in-Aid. As in the past, the December gathering served as momentum for contributions to the Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund and World Fellowship. The Arts & Humanities Jury of DKG International accepted two entries by Gamma Chi members Sheila Robertson and Nancy Tunstall.

Literacy was the focus of the March meeting at Littleton Baptist Church, with a program on "Exploring Services Offered by The Warren County Memorial Library" by Evelyn Hall.

Gamma Chi closed out the biennium with the May meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. A Celebration of Life ceremony honored deceased members Harriett Faulkner and Nell White.

Nancy Blankenship Grant-in-Aid certificates were presented to Faith Heisler, Heidi Labra-Franco, and Hailey Stroud. Robin Edwards received the Gamma Chi Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid, and Dr. Sylvia Alston received the Shirley White Professional Development Grant.



An induction ceremony welcomed Rachel Smith (left) as a new member of Gamma Chi and Josephine Myrick as an honorary member. Gamma Chi awards presented at the NC DKG Convention were announced: Superior Chapter Achievement Award and Communications Excellence Award for the chapter; Region III Golden Key Award to Dr. Sylvia Alston; and Rising Star Award to Betsy Clark.

Looking ahead to the new biennium, the following officers were installed for 2022-2024: from left, Dr. Sylvia Alston, president; Sheila Robertson, first vice president; Aimee Cooper, second vice president; Betsy Clark, recording secretary, Evelyn Hall, corresponding secretary, Shirley White, treasurer; and Nancy Tunstall, parliamentarian.



OFFICERS AND RELATED PERSONNEL 2022-2024



DR. SYLVIA ALSTON

President – Dr. Sylvia Alston
First Vice-President – Sheila Robertson
Second Vice-President – Aimee Cooper
Recording Secretary – Betsy Clark
Corresponding Secretary – Evelyn Hall
Treasurer – Shirley White
Parliamentarian/Editor/Webmaster – Nancy Tunstall
Historian – Mary Catherine Harris
Photographer – Melanie Burnette
World Fellowship Representative – Loree Harris

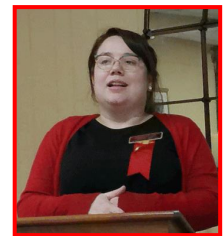
Stressing the importance of each member and with intention to address the needs of all members, veteran educator Dr. Sylvia Alston took the helm of Gamma Chi Chapter for the new biennium. She joined other chapters internationally in focusing on the theme, “The Ever-Widening Circle of Delta Kappa Gamma,” encouraging relevant and vibrant programs, reinstatement of members, broader range of recruitment of members, engagement of reserve members, and increased awareness of benefits of DKG membership.



At the September meeting, Dr. Dutchess Maye, young educator and CEO of an education consulting firm, set the tone for the biennium and offered reminders of the power of personal choice with a program entitled, “How to Rock Your Day Every Day.” The Strategic Plan for 2022-2024 was approved, stating goals: to encourage members to actively attend chapter meetings; to honor members; to increase membership; to encourage members to assume leadership roles; and to preserve the rich history of the

Gamma Chi Chapter.

Region III Regional Director Tiffany Long attended the December meeting. She presented an abbreviated version of Eric Cork’s “Alphabet of Education,” using letters of Gamma: G – Go the extra mile for kids; A – Act to make a difference; and M – Make the most of each day, which is a blessing. Nancy Tunstall’s photography entries, “Perfect Pose” and “Celebrating Thanksgiving,” were accepted into the Fall 2022 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts.



At the March meeting, President Alston initiated a new program component, “Meet a Member,” as she presented Aimee A. Cooper to share her professional story. The program included an opportunity for members to discuss the positives of Gamma Chi and to suggest areas for improvement.



Marking the 40th anniversary of Gamma Chi Chapter, the first year of the biennium ended with celebration of numerous awards and events. Our charter members were recognized: from left, Mary Catherine Harris, Dr. Janis Meek, Brenda Holloman, Shirley White and Harriet Banzet (not pictured). Sara Council was inducted into membership in

Gamma Chi. Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid were presented to Heidi Labra-Franco and Holly Hughes. Robin West Edwards received a Gamma Chi Josephine Myrick Grant-in-Aid. Gamma Chi member Pattie Rodwell received two grants from the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Debra Clayton (left) was recognized as recipient of the Region III Golden Key Award and Sheila Robertson (right) as one of eleven women statewide to receive the Rising Star Award. It was announced that Gamma Chi Chapter received the Order of the Rose Award and the NC DKG Communications Excellence Award at the state convention. Eight members of Gamma Chi attended the NC DKG convention in Greenville. Diane Colin took her students for a drum circle performance at the state convention, and Sheila Robertson presented a workshop entitled, “Using Recycled and ‘Cheap Stuff’ to Make Art.” Evelyn Hall chaired the NC DKG Nominations Committee which presented a new slate of state officers at the convention.



NC DKG Past President and DKG Southeast Regional Director Dr. Teresa Cowan (left, President Dr. Sylvia Alston on the right) visited as the second year of the biennium got under way in September 2023. She stressed the importance of vitality, relevance, and sustainability in the organization, issuing a challenge to apply these to such degree that somebody would know and care if Gamma Chi should cease to exist. It was announced that two Gamma Chi members had been appointed to state committees: Dr. Sylvia Alston to the NC DKG Planning Committee and Nancy Tunstall to the NC DKG Minutes Review/Approval Committee.

The holiday spirit was alive at the December meeting as members enjoyed a Dirty Santa/Chinese Christmas Gift Exchange. Two members were recognized for the acceptance of their photography entries into the Fall DKG Gallery of Fine Arts: Sheila Robertson for “Niagara Falls at Night” and Nancy Tunstall for “Easter in June” and “Hurricane Ian Passes By.”

Musical talents of Gamma Chi members Diane Colin and Sallye Duncan were on display at the March meeting as they took members on a musical tour of Ireland. In attendance was NC DKG President Hilda Parler (left), who emphasized the importance of diversity at all levels in membership. The Beginning Teacher Award for Excellence was initiated at this meeting, with Robin Edwards (left) receiving the trophy presented to her by Nancy Tunstall (right).



Charter member and long-time treasurer of Gamma Chi Shirley White was remembered in a memorial service at the May meeting. Accepting a white rose in Shirley’s memory was her daughter and member Debra Clayton (left) presented by President Dr. Sylvia Alston (right). Teresa Abbott was inducted into membership in Gamma Chi. Nancy Blankenship Grants-in-Aid



were presented to Bethany Bellamy and Lenisha Northington and a Nancy Blankenship Scholarship to Rachel Smith. Josephine Myrick assisted in presenting the Josephine Myrick Scholarship to Christine Skinner. Aimee Cooper, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Sallye Duncan, Robin Edwards, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Rachel Smith, and Nancy Tunstall received Shirley White Professional Development Grants.

Throughout the biennium, Gamma Chi continued to support education in multiple ways in the community and to support DKG projects on the state and international levels, while also recognizing milestones and achievements of members within the chapter.

The following officers were installed for 2024-2026, from left: Sheila Robertson, president; Aimee Cooper, first vice-president; Norma Retzlaff, second vice-president; Evelyn Hall, recording secretary; Gail Coleman, corresponding secretary; Debra Clayton, treasurer; and Nancy Tunstall, parliamentarian.



GAMMA CHI CHAPTER CHARTER MEMBERS

(ALL CHARTER MEMBERS TRANSFERRED FROM XI CHAPTER WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF MARGARET FISCHEL WHO TRANSFERRED FROM ALPHA PSI)

<i>Harriet D. Banzet</i>	*Nannie Margaret B. Hurst	*Myrtice H. Pierce
*Nancy P. Blankenship	Mildred Johnson	*Lorraine Porter
Becky Blaylock	*Melba G. Johnston	*Rachael Ricks
*Betsy Brown	*Cassie Jones	*Edwina Rooker
*Josephine Cannon	*Elizabeth Little	*Mary W. Shields
*Annette Daniel	*Alma Mayfield	*Sue D. Skinner
*Elizabeth Daniel	Mary Pat McGhee	*Geraldine Spragins
*Ethel Draper	<i>Dr. Janis Meek</i>	*Louise Threewitts
*Margaret Fischel	*Katie N. Moore	*Louise Twitty
<i>Mary Catherine Harris</i>	*Katherine Mustian	*Nellie J. White
*Bessie Hicks	*Elizabeth Palmer	*Shirley H. White
<i>Brenda H. Holloman</i>	*Mildred Peeler	Jean F. Williams (White)
*Louise K. Hunter	*Emily Burt Person	*Nancy H. Williams

* – deceased *italicized* – reserve member *red* – active member

GAMMA CHI MEMBERS OVER THE YEARS (BY DATE)

Biennium	Name	Became Gamma Chi Member:			Left Gamma Chi Chapter due to:			
		Joined	Transferred	Reinstated	Died	Resigned	Dropped	Transferred
Charter Members	Harriet D. Banzet		05/07/83					
	Nancy P. Blankenship		05/07/83		06/27/10			
	Becky Blaylock		05/07/83			10/03/02		
	Betsy Brown		05/07/83		07/30/13			
	Josephine Cannon		05/07/83			09/03/87		
	Annette Daniel		05/07/83			08/06/99		
	Elizabeth Daniel		10/06/83			10/12/10		
	Ethel Draper		05/07/83			03/26/12		
	Margaret Fischel		11/04/83			09/04/92		
	Mary Catherine Harris		05/07/83					
	Bessie Hicks		12/01/83			04/21/99		
	Brenda H. Holloman		10/06/83					
	Louise K. Hunter		05/07/83			01/30/05		
	Nannie Margaret B. Hurst		05/07/83			06/07/89		
	Mildred Johnson		05/07/83				10/05/17	
	Melba G. Johnston		10/06/83			8/16/15		
	Cassie Jones		05/07/83	12/04/97			12/06/01	11/01/97
	Elizabeth (Betsy) Little		05/07/83			06/13/12		
	Alma Mayfield		10/06/83				12/04/97	
	Mary Pat McGhee		10/06/83					05/03/84
	Janis Meek		10/06/83					
	Katie N. Moore		10/06/83			10/21/91		
	Katherine Mustian		12/01/83			12/04/07		
	Elizabeth Palmer		05/03/84			02/09/01		
	Mildred Peeler		12/01/83				12/05/96	
	Emily Burt Person		10/06/83			06/28/91		
	Myrtice H. Pierce		05/07/83			04/30/02		
	Lorraine Porter		05/07/83			04/14/11		
	Rachael Ricks		05/07/83			09/11/10		
	Edwina Rooker		05/07/83	10/04/12		09/24/15	10/01/09	
	Mary W. Shields		05/07/83			04/20/96		
	Sue D. Skinner		05/07/83			10/23/14		
Geraldine Spragins		10/06/83			11/28/08			
Louise Threewitts		10/06/83			09/19/98			
Louise Twitty		05/07/83				10/31/14		
Nellie J. White		05/07/83			05/18/19			
Shirley H. White		05/07/83			03/29/24			
Jean F. Williams (White)		05/07/83				8/12/15		
Nancy H. Williams		05/07/83			01/16/92			

Biennium	Name	Became Gamma Chi Member:			Left Gamma Chi Chapter due to:			
		Joined	Transferred	Reinstated	Died	Resigned	Dropped	Transferred
1984 - '86	Ann Kilian	10/04/84						
	Sandra Norwood	09/03/85					11/01/00	
	Dawn P. Sweeney	09/03/85				12/05/96		
	Brenda Fuller	10/03/85						
1986 - '88	Edith Allen		10/16/86		11/21/16			
	Crystal Brantley	10/16/86						
	Danylu Hundley	10/16/86						
	Mary L. Hunter	10/16/86				03/05/92		
	Elaine G. Coleman	09/03/87						
1988 - '90	Mary Austell	09/29/88						
	Martha B. Overby	10/03/89						
1990 - '92	Paula Aycock	10/04/90						
	Sophie Fischel		10/03/91		04/10/93			
	Laura B. Kearney	10/03/91						
1992 - '94	Lou Ann Bender	10/22/92						
	Connie King	10/07/93						
	Kay B. Ross (Beaver)	10/07/93						
1994 - '96	Laura Kolb		09/24/94			12/03/09		
	Harriett Faulkner	10/06/94			01/24/20			
	Norma Retzlaff	10/06/94						
	Brenda Travis	05/17/95				01/25/03		
	Amy Warren	05/17/95				01/25/03		
	Annette Litzenbergen		10/05/95					11/21/97
	Mary Ann Johnson	05/02/96				11/01/18		
1996 - '98	Jeffrey Evans	05/01/97			7/31/15			
	Diane Reavis	05/01/97				11/01/18		
	Kim Fuller Burton	05/07/98				12/02/10		
	Emmy Lou Coleman	05/07/98						
1998 - '00	Paige Lamberson	05/06/99					11/01/17	
	Nancy Tunstall	05/06/99						
2000 - '02	Jill Coleman	05/03/01						
	Loree Harris	05/03/01						
	Donna Liles	05/03/01		01/04/16		12/01/05		
	Virginia Bernard	04/25/02						
	Mary Brodie Raiford	04/25/02						
	Michele Stallings	04/25/02		02/03/20		12/01/11		
2002 - '04	Katy Jones	05/01/03						
	Christine Skinner	05/01/03						
	Melanie Burnette	10/02/03						
	Diana Parham (Bobbitt)	05/06/04						

Biennium	Name	Became Gamma Chi Member:			Left Gamma Chi Chapter due to:			
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2002 - '04 (cont'd)	Angela Vaughan	05/06/04				12/04/14		
	Sharon West	05/06/04				11/01/17		
2004 - '06	Jennifer Brauer	05/05/05				12/01/11		
	Susan Lynch	05/05/05				10/01/15		
	Pat Riethmeier	10/06/05						10/03/13
	Sylvia Alston		10/06/05					
	Karen Paynter	05/04/06						
2006 - '08	Debra Clayton	05/03/07						
	Patricia Williamson	05/03/07						
	Renee Mizelle	10/04/07						
	Raegan Ross	05/01/08				11/01/18		
2008 - '10	Kristen Boyd	10/02/08						
	Lynn Meyers	05/07/09					11/01/14	
	Trina Paynter	05/07/09						
	Sallye Duncan	05/06/10						
	Donna Smith	05/06/10				10/04/12		
2010 - '12	Elizabeth Reid		10/07/10		03/01/11			
	Rebecca Bolton	05/05/11					11/01/16	
	Elizabeth Shearin	05/05/11				10/06/16		
	Margaret Shupe	05/05/11				10/03/13		
	Brooke Comer (Callahan)	05/03/12						
	Alice Jefferson	05/03/12				11/01/15		
	Gwen Kilian	05/03/12				11/01/15		
	Louise Mitchum	05/03/12				11/01/15		
	Joyce Walker	05/03/12				10/03/13		
2012 - '14	Maryanne Henry (Edwards)	05/03/13				06/30/22		
	Heidi Hogan	10/03/13				11/01/17		
	Tracy Neal	10/03/13						
	Aimee Anderson (Cooper)	05/01/14						
	Ashley Barnette	05/01/14						
	Evelyn Hall	05/01/14						
	Jenny O'Meara	05/01/14						
	Erin Simons (Riggan)	05/01/14						
	Jennifer Wilker	05/01/14				11/01/18		
2014 - '16	LaTrenda Hawkins	10/02/14		10/06/16		11/01/15 11/01/18		
	Anna Brickey	05/07/15				11/01/17		
	Diane Colin	05/07/15						
	Lynne Lassiter	05/07/15				11/1/17		
	Jamie Pernell	05/07/15				11/01/17		

	Charlene Spence	05/07/15					11/01/17	
Biennium	Name	Became Gamma Chi Member:			Left Gamma Chi Chapter due to:			
		Joined	Transferred	Reinstated	Died	Resigned	Dropped	Transferred
2014 – '16 (cont'd)	Cicelia Aguilar	05/05/16					11/01/17	
	Lori Fleming	05/05/16				10/06/16		
	Patricia Hargrove	05/05/16					10/01/20	
	Sheila Robertson	05/05/16						
	Charis Shattuck	05/05/16				11/01/18		
	Kristin Speakman	05/05/16				10/04/18		
	Carleen Stephenson-Gordon	05/05/16					11/01/17	
2016 – '18	Betsy Clark	05/04/17						
	Liz Seitz	05/04/17					11/01/17	
	Maria Smith	05/04/17				11/01/18		
	Martina Taylor-Fuller	05/04/17					11/01/17	
	Lisa Bender	05/08/18						
	Katrinka Brewer	05/08/18						
	Shirley Cava	05/08/18						
2018 – '20	Gail Coleman	05/08/18						
	Vivien Windley		10/05/18			07/01/20		
	Linda Hall		10/10/18					
2020 – '22	Kathy Stewart	01/22/20						
	Kirby Alston	09/02/21						
	Mila Alston	09/02/21					10/01/23	
	Shannon Fuller	09/02/21						
	Hailey Stroud	09/02/21						
	Rachel Smith	03/03/22						
	Josephine Myrick	05/12/22						
2022 – '24	Robin Edwards	07/01/22						
	Sara Council	03/02/23						
	Teresa Abbott	05/16/24						

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Teresa Abbott	05/16/24						
Cicelia Aguilar	05/05/16					11/01/17	
Edith Allen		10/16/86		11/21/16			
Kirby Alston	09/02/21						
Mila Alston	09/02/21					10/01/23	
Sylvia Alston		10/06/05					
Mary Austell	09/29/88						
Paula Aycock	10/04/90						
Harriet D. Banzet		05/07/83					
Ashley Barnette	05/01/14						
Kay Beaver	10/07/93						
Lisa Bender	05/08/18						
Lou Ann Bender	10/22/92						
Virginia Bernard	04/25/02						
Nancy P. Blankenship		05/07/83		06/27/10			
Becky Blaylock		05/07/83			10/03/02		
Diana Bobbitt	05/06/04						
Rebecca Bolton	05/05/11					11/01/16	
Kristen Boyd	10/02/08						
Crystal Brantley	10/16/86						
Jennifer Brauer	05/05/05				12/01/11		
Katrinka Brewer	05/08/18						
Anna Brickey	05/07/15				11/01/17		
Betsy Brown		05/07/83		07/30/13			
Melanie Burnette	10/02/03						
Kim Fuller Burton	05/07/98				12/02/10		
Brooke Comer (Callahan)	05/03/12						
Josephine Cannon		05/07/83			09/03/87		
Shirley Cava	05/08/18						
Betsy Clark	05/04/17						
Debra Clayton	05/03/07						
Elaine G. Coleman	09/03/87						
Emmy Lou Coleman	05/07/98						
Gail Coleman	05/08/18						
Jill Coleman	05/03/01						
Diane Colin	05/07/15						
Aimee Anderson (Cooper)	05/01/14						
Sara Council	03/02/23						
Annette Daniel		05/07/83		08/06/99			

Elizabeth Daniel		10/06/83		10/12/10			
Name	Became Gamma Chi Member:			Left Gamma Chi Chapter due to:			
	Joined	Transferred	Reinstated	Died	Resigned	Dropped	Transferred
Ethel Draper		05/07/83		03/26/12			
Sallye Duncan	05/06/10						
Maryanne Henry (Edwards)	05/02/13				06/30/22		
Robin Edwards	07/01/22						
Jeffrey Evans	05/01/97			7/31/15			
Harriett Faulkner	10/06/94			01/24/20			
Margaret Fischel		11/04/83		09/04/92			
Sophie Fischel		10/03/91		04/10/93			
Lori Fleming	05/05/16				10/06/16		
Brenda Fuller	10/03/85						
Shannon Fuller	09/02/21						
Evelyn Hall	05/01/14						
Linda Hall		10/10/18					
Patricia Hargrove	05/05/16					10/01/20	
Loree Harris	05/03/01						
Mary Catherine Harris		05/07/83					
LaTrenda Hawkins	10/02/14		10/06/16		11/01/15 11/01/18		
Bessie Hicks		12/01/83		04/21/99			
Heidi Hogan	10/03/13				11/01/17		
Brenda H. Holloman		10/06/83					
Danylu Hundley	10/16/86						
Louise K. Hunter		05/07/83		01/30/05			
Mary L. Hunter	10/16/86				03/05/92		
Nannie Margaret B. Hurst		05/07/83		06/07/89			
Alice Jefferson	05/03/12				11/01/15		
Mary Ann Johnson	05/02/96				11/01/18		
Mildred Johnson		05/07/83			10/05/17		
Melba G. Johnston		10/06/83		8/16/15			
Cassie Jones		05/07/83	12/04/97		12/06/01	11/01/97	
Katy Jones	05/01/03						
Laura B. Kearney	10/03/91						
Ann R. Kilian	10/04/84						
Gwen Kilian	05/03/12				11/01/15		
Connie King	10/07/93						
Laura Kolb		09/24/94			12/03/09		
Paige Lamberson	05/06/99					11/01/17	
Lynne Lassiter	05/07/15				11/01/17		
Donna Liles	05/03/01		01/04/16		12/01/05		
Elizabeth (Betsy) Little		05/07/83		06/13/12			

Annette Litzenbergen		10/05/95					11/21/97
Name	Became Gamma Chi Member:			Left Gamma Chi Chapter due to:			
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Susan Lynch	05/05/05				10/01/15		
Alma Mayfield		10/06/83			12/04/97		
Mary Pat McGhee		10/06/83					05/03/84
Janis Meek		10/06/83					
Lynn Meyers	05/07/09					11/01/14	
Louise Mitchum	05/03/12				11/01/15		
Renee Mizelle	10/04/07						
Katie N. Moore		10/06/83		10/21/91			
Katherine Mustian		12/01/83		12/04/07			
Josephine Myrick	05/12/22						
Tracy Neal	10/03/13						
Sandra Norwood	09/03/85					11/01/00	
Jenny O'Meara	05/01/14						
Martha B. Overby	10/03/89						
Elizabeth Palmer		05/03/84		02/09/01			
Karen Paynter	05/04/06						
Trina Paynter	05/07/09						
Mildred Peeler		12/01/83			12/05/96		
Jamie Pernell	05/07/15				11/01/17		
Emily Burt Person		10/06/83		06/28/91			
Myrtice H. Pierce		05/07/83		04/30/02			
Lorraine Porter		05/07/83		04/14/11			
Mary Brodie Raiford	04/25/02						
Diane Reavis	05/01/97				11/01/18		
Elizabeth Reid		10/07/10		03/01/11			
Norma Retzlaff	10/06/94						
Rachael Ricks		05/07/83		09/11/10			
Pat Riethmeier	10/06/05						10/03/13
Erin Simons (Riggan)	05/01/14						
Sheila Robertson	05/05/16						
Edwina Rooker		05/07/83	10/04/12	09/24/15	10/01/09		
Raegan Ross	05/01/08				11/01/18		
Liz Seitz	05/04/17					11/01/17	
Charis Shattuck	05/05/16				11/01/18		
Elizabeth Shearin	05/05/11				10/06/16		
Mary W. Shields		05/07/83		04/20/96			
Margaret Shupe	05/05/11				10/03/13		
Christine Skinner	05/01/03						
Sue D. Skinner		05/07/83		10/23/14			

Donna Smith	05/06/10				10/04/12		
Name	Became Gamma Chi Member:			Left Gamma Chi Chapter due to:			
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Maria Smith	05/04/17				11/01/18		
Rachel Smith	03/03/22						
Kristin Speakman	05/05/16				10/04/18		
Charlene Spence	05/07/15					11/01/17	
Geraldine Spragins		10/06/83		11/28/08			
Michele Stallings	04/25/02		02/03/20		12/01/11		
Carleen Stephenson-Gordon	05/05/16					11/01/17	
Kathy Stewart	01/22/20						
Hailey Stroud	09/02/21						
Dawn P. Sweeney	09/03/85				12/05/96		
Martina Taylor-Fuller	05/04/17					11/01/17	
Louise Threewitts		10/06/83		09/19/98			
Brenda Travis	05/17/95				01/25/03		
Nancy Tunstall	05/06/99						
Louise Twitty		05/07/83		01/02/16	11/01/14		
Angela Vaughan	05/06/04				12/04/14		
Joyce Walker	05/03/12				10/03/13		
Amy Warren	05/17/95				01/25/03		
Sharon West	05/06/04				11/01/17		
Nellie J. White		05/07/83		05/18/19			
Shirley H. White		05/07/83		03/29/24			
Jean F. White		05/07/83			03/12/15		
Jennifer Wilker	05/01/14				11/01/18		
Nancy H. Williams		05/07/83		01/16/92			
Patricia Williamson	05/03/07						
Vivien Windley		10/05/18			07/01/20		

GAMMA CHI SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS-IN-AID 1986-2012

Biennium	Name	Scholarship	Grant-in-Aid	Amount
1984 - '86	Lynne Scott		03/06/86	\$250.00
1986 - '88	Janis Meek	10/16/86		\$250.00
	Sandra Norwood	10/16/86		\$250.00
	Melissa Draffin		04/30/87	\$250.00
	Danylu Hundley	05/18/88		\$250.00
1988 - '90	Halona Richardson		05/04/89	\$250.00
	April Beddingfield		05/03/90	\$250.00
1990 - '92	April Beddingfield		05/02/91	\$250.00
	Gail Coleman		05/02/91	\$250.00
	Kendra Davis		05/02/91	\$250.00
	Mildred S. Johnson	05/07/92		\$250.00
	Chenoa Richardson		05/07/92	\$250.00
	Catherine Sledge		05/07/92	\$250.00
1992 - '94	Mildred S. Johnson	05/06/93		\$250.00
	Sharon Richardson		05/06/93	\$250.00
	Catherine Sledge		05/06/93	\$250.00
	Emmy Lou Coleman		05/05/94	\$300.00
	Rhonda Kearney		05/05/94	\$300.00
1994 - '96	Emmy Lou Coleman		05/11/95	\$350.00
	Debra Marie Raynor		05/11/95	\$350.00
	Emmy Lou Coleman		05/02/96	\$350.00
	Debra Marie Raynor		05/02/96	\$350.00
1996 - '98	Emmy Lou Coleman		05/01/97	\$350.00
	Debra Marie Raynor		05/01/97	\$350.00
	Janis Meek	05/07/98		\$350.00
	Michelle Callahan		05/07/98	\$350.00
	Sharon West		05/07/98	\$350.00
1998 - '00	Sharon West		05/06/99	\$350.00
	Harriett Faulkner	05/06/99		\$350.00
	Amy Warren	05/06/99		\$350.00
	Sharon West		05/04/00	\$350.00
	Kimberly Jones		05/04/00	\$350.00
2000 - '02	Emmy Lou Coleman	05/03/01		\$350.00
	Kirby Alston		05/03/01	\$350.00
	Emmy Lou Coleman	04/25/02		\$400.00
	Paula Dickerson		04/25/02	\$400.00
	Sonya Alston		04/25/02	\$400.00

Biennium	Name	Scholarship	Grant-in-Aid	Amount
2002 - '04	Emmy Lou Coleman	05/01/03		\$400.00
	Paula Dickerson		05/01/03	\$400.00
	Sharon West	05/06/04		\$400.00
	Paula Dickerson		05/06/04	\$400.00
2004 - '06	Kim Burton	05/05/05		\$400.00
	Paula Dickerson		05/05/05	\$400.00
	Sharon West	05/05/05		\$400.00
	Kim Burton	05/04/06		\$400.00
	Amanda Hollifield		05/04/06	\$400.00
	Jamie West		05/04/06	\$400.00
2006 - '08	Melanie Burnette	05/03/07		\$450.00
	Paula Dickerson		05/03/07	\$450.00
	Melanie Burnette	05/01/08		\$450.00
	Robin West Cross		05/01/08	\$450.00
2008 - '10	Raegan Ross	05/07/09		\$500.00
	Autumn Armstrong		05/07/09	\$500.00
	Jalasha Wynn		05/06/10	\$500.00
	Toni Nichole Pitchford		05/06/10	\$500.00
2010 - '12	Raegan Ross	05/05/11		\$500.00
	Alicia Steverson		05/05/11	\$500.00
	Morgan Leigh Coleman		05/03/12	\$500.00
	Alicia Steverson		05/03/12	\$500.00
Total Awarded:				\$21,200.00

GAMMA CHI FINANCIAL AWARDS 2012-PRESENT

Biennium	Name	Type of Aid	Date	Amount
2012 - '14	Edwina Rooker	Professional Development Grant	12/06/12	\$65.00
	Jessica Williams	Professional Development Grant	03/07/13	\$185.00
	Morgan Leigh Coleman	Grant-in-Aid	05/02/13	\$500.00
	Melissa Hunter	Grant-in-Aid	05/02/13	\$500.00
	Brooke Sikes	Grant-in-Aid	05/02/13	\$500.00
	Nancy Tunstall	Professional Development Grant	05/02/13	207.95
	Edwina Rooker	Professional Development Grant	10/03/13	\$65.00
	Edwina Rooker	Professional Development Grant	12/05/13	\$65.00
	Jill Coleman	Scholarship	05/01/14	\$500.00
	Morgan Leigh Coleman	Grant-in-Aid	05/01/14	\$500.00
	Emily Hargrove	Grant-in-Aid	05/01/14	\$500.00
2014 - '16	Edwina Rooker	Professional Development Grant	10/02/14	\$75.00
	Mila Alston	Grant-in-Aid	05/07/15	\$500.00
	Kelsie Clary	Grant-in-Aid	05/07/15	\$500.00
	Jill Coleman	Scholarship	05/07/15	\$500.00
	Morgan Leigh Coleman	Grant-in-Aid	05/07/15	\$500.00
	Aimee Anderson	Professional Development Grant	12/03/15	\$195.00
	Mila Alston	Grant-in-Aid	05/05/16	\$500.00
	Kelsie Clary	Grant-in-Aid	05/05/16	\$500.00
	Brooke Sikes	Grant-in-Aid	05/05/16	\$500.00
	Ashley Barnette	Scholarship	05/05/16	\$500.00
	Nancy Tunstall	Professional Development Grant	05/05/16	\$292.05
2016 - '18	Aimee Anderson	Professional Development Grant	12/01/16	\$238.00
	Mila Alston	Grant-in-Aid	05/04/17	\$500.00
	Kelsie Clary	Grant-in-Aid	05/04/17	\$500.00
	Tiffany Thorpe Hunter	Grant-in-Aid	05/04/17	\$500.00
	Ashley Barnette	Scholarship	05/04/17	\$500.00
	Ashley Barnette	Professional Development Grant	05/04/17	\$100.50
	Evelyn Hall	Professional Development Grant	05/04/17	\$97.00
	Evelyn Hall	Professional Development Grant	05/04/17	\$75.00
	Jenny O'Meara	Professional Development Grant	05/04/17	\$60.00
	Erin Simons	Professional Development Grant	05/04/17	\$60.00
	Mila Alston	Grant-in-Aid	05/08/18	\$500.00
	Cathia Kornegay	Grant-in-Aid	05/08/18	\$500.00
	Evelyn Hall	Professional Development Grant	05/08/18	\$675.00
	Myasia Royster	Grant-in-Aid	05/08/18	\$500.00
Aimee Anderson	Professional Development Grant	05/08/18	\$156.01	

	Ashley Barnette	Professional Development Grant	05/08/18	\$411.12
2018 - '20	Ashley Barnette	Professional Development Grant	10/04/18	\$255.00
	Aimee Anderson	Professional Development Grant	10/04/18	\$95.00
	Mary Austell	Professional Development Grant	03/07/19	\$209.35
	Jenny O'Meara	Professional Development Grant	03/07/19	\$190.35
	Evelyn Hall	Professional Development Grant	05/07/19	\$973.11
	Mila Alston	Grant-in-Aid	05/07/19	\$500.00
	Ellen Denning	Grant-in-Aid	05/07/19	\$500.00
	Faith Nickole Heisler	Grant-in-Aid	05/07/19	\$500.00
	Hailey Kaye Stroud	Grant-in-Aid	05/07/19	\$500.00
	Mila Alston	Grant-in-Aid	04/28/20	\$500.00
	Ellen Denning	Grant-in-Aid	04/28/20	\$500.00
	Faith Nickole Heisler	Grant-in-Aid	04/28/20	\$500.00
	Heidy F. Labra-Franco	Grant-in-Aid	04/28/20	\$500.00
	Hailey Kaye Stroud	Grant-in-Aid	04/28/20	\$500.00
	Aimee Anderson	Professional Development Grant	07/06/20	\$199.99
2020 - '22	Mila Alston	Grant-in-Aid	05/01/21	\$500.00
	Ellen Denning	Grant-in-Aid	05/01/21	\$500.00
	Robin Edwards	Grant-in-Aid	05/01/21	\$500.00
	Faith Nickole Heisler	Grant-in-Aid	05/01/21	\$500.00
	Heidy F. Labra-Franco	Grant-in-Aid	05/01/21	\$500.00
	Hailey Kaye Stroud	Grant-in-Aid	05/01/21	\$500.00
	Robin Edwards	Grant-in-Aid	05/12/22	\$500.00
	Faith Nickole Heisler	Grant-in-Aid	05/12/22	\$500.00
	Heidy F. Labra-Franco	Grant-in-Aid	05/12/22	\$500.00
	Hailey Kaye Stroud	Grant-in-Aid	05/12/22	\$500.00
	Dr. Sylvia Alston	Professional Development Grant	05/12/22	\$1,000.00
	Betsy Clark	Professional Development Grant	05/12/22	\$383.06
	Dr. Sylvia Alston	Professional Development Grant	05/12/22	\$383.06
	Evelyn Hall	Professional Development Grant	05/12/22	\$383.06
	Nancy Tunstall	Professional Development Grant	05/12/22	\$383.06
Shirley White	Professional Development Grant	05/12/22	\$383.06	
2022 - '24	Aimee Cooper	Professional Development Grant	07/30/22	\$400.00
	Heidy Labra-Franco	Grant-in-Aid	5/16/23	\$500.00
	Holly Hughes	Grant-in-Aid	5/16/23	\$500.00
	Robin Edwards	Grant-in-Aid	5/16/23	\$500.00
	Dr. Sylvia Alston	Professional Development Grant	5/16/23	\$259.51
	Debra Clayton	Professional Development Grant	5/16/23	\$259.51
	Gail Coleman	Professional Development Grant	5/16/23	\$259.51
	Sallye Duncan	Professional Development Grant	5/16/23	\$259.51
	Evelyn Hall	Professional Development Grant	5/16/23	\$259.51
Sheila Roberson	Professional Development Grant	5/16/23	\$259.51	


2022 – '24	Nancy Tunstall	Professional Development Grant	5/16/23	\$259.51
	Shirley White	Professional Development Grant	5/16/23	\$259.51
	Bethany Bellamy	Grant-in-Aid	5/16/24	\$1,000.00
	Debra Clayton	Professional Development Grant	5/16/24	\$180.07
	Gail Coleman	Professional Development Grant	5/16/24	135.07
	Diane Colin	Professional Development Grant	5/16/24	30.00
	Aimee Cooper	Professional Development Grant	5/16/24	\$349.00
	Sallye Duncan	Professional Development Grant	5/16/24	\$30.00
	Robin Edwards	Professional Development Grant	5/16/24	\$250.07
	Lenesha Northington	Grant-in-Aid	5/16/24	\$1,000.00
	Norma Retzlaff	Professional Development Grant	5/16/24	\$260.07
	Sheila Robertson	Professional Development Grant	5/16/24	\$180.07
	Chris Skinner	Scholarship	5/16/24	\$1,000.00
	Rachel Smith	Professional Development Grant	5/16/24	\$260.07
	Rachel Smith	Scholarship	5/16/24	\$1,000.00
	Nancy Tunstall	Professional Development Grant	5/16/24	\$180.07
Total Awarded				\$37,691.30

NC DKG CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISEMENTS




The Gamma Chi Chapter of Warren County salutes member **Shirley White** for 40 years of active membership in DKG



2011 Advertisement





DKG
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER
of Warren County
honors
Edith Allen
for 53 years of dedicated membership in DKG


2012 Advertisement


GAMMA CHI CHAPTER
OF WARREN COUNTY HONORS



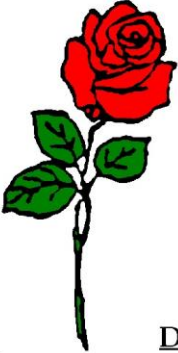
Dr. Janis P. Meek
2013 Nominee
for the
Founders Award



Shirley H. White
2013 Nominee
for the
Golden Key Award
(Treasurer for the
last 30 years)



Nancy A. Tunstall
2012 Golden Key
Region III Recipient
(President/Editor/
Webmaster and
Region III Director)



*Some
of
our
Roses*

Longevity Members (40+)
Edith Allen (54 years)
Shirley White (42 years)
Louise Twitty (41 years)
Jean White (41 years)
Melba Johnston (40 years)

NBCT Members
Melanie Burnette
Gwen Kilian
Betty Anne Shearin
Angela Vaughan
Sharon West
Patricia Williamson

Doctoral Degree Members
Dr. Sylvia Alston
Dr. Janis Meek
Dr. Louise Mitchum

2013 Advertisement

Region III
Warren County
Chartered May 7, 1983

2013 Presidential Chapter
Achievement Award Winner

Gamma Chi Chapter

Honors Its 5 Active Charter Members



Harriet Banzet
Mary Catherine Harris
Brenda Holloman
Dr. Janis Meek
Shirley White

2014 Advertisement




Region III *Warren County*

Gamma Chi Chapter

*2013, 2014 Presidential Chapter
Achievement Award Winner*

Honors Its Leaders

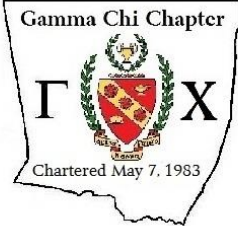
"Teachers as Leaders"

Nancy Tunstall
President
2010-14,
2012 Golden
Key Recipient,
2012-14 Region
III Director

Debra Clayton
President

Shirley White
Treasurer
1983-present,
2014 Golden
Key Recipient




2015 Advertisement

Gamma Chi Chapter
Region III **Γ X** *Warren County*
 Chartered May 7, 1983

Gamma Chi Chapter

*2013-2015 Presidential Chapter Achievement
 Award Recipient*
**Honors Its Member
 Excellence Award Recipients**



*(left to right) Nancy Tunstall, Mary Austell, Ann Killian,
 Harriet Banzet, Shirley White and President Debra Clayton
 (not pictured: Loree Harris)*

2016 Advertisement



Debra Clayton
2014-2018 Gamma Chi President
and 2016 Rising Star Recipient

*Gamma Chi Honors You &
 Thanks You for Your Leadership*

2017 Advertisement (1st one)



GAMMA CHI CHAPTER

AN AWARD WINNING CHAPTER!

Located in Warren County, Region III



Gamma Chi Chapter is proud of all our members especially our 2017 nominees for the:

Founders Award



Dr. Janis Meek

Golden Key Award



Mary Austell

Rising Star Award



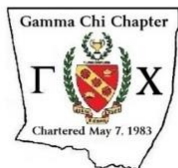
Ashley Barnette

2017 Advertisement (2nd one)

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER OF WARREN COUNTY, REGION III AN AWARD WINNING CHAPTER



*Presidential Chapter
Achievement Award
2013
2014
2015
2017*



Golden Key Award



*Nancy Tunstall
2012*



*Shirley White
2014*



*Mary Austell
2017*



*Mary Catherine Harris
2018 Nominee*



*Rising Star
Award*



*Debra
Clayton
2016*



*Ashley
Barnette
2017*



*Evelyn Hall
2018
Nominee*

Founders Award



*Dr. Janis Meek
2017*



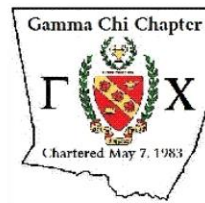
*Newsletter
Excellence Award
2008-2016*

*Website
Excellence Award
2012-2016*

*Communications
Excellence Award
2017*

2018 Advertisement

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER OF WARREN COUNTY, REGION III



Gamma Chi Nominees for Recognition at the Eta State NC 85th Birthday Celebration

IN MEMORY OF



Edith
Allen



Nancy
Blankenship



Melba
Johnston



Rachael
Ricks



Sue
Skinner

IN HONOR OF



Dr. Sylvia
Alston



Mary
Austell



Ashley
Bannette



Debra
Clayton



Evelyn
Hall



Mary Catherine
Harris



Dr. Janis
Meek



Nancy
Tunstall



Shirley
White

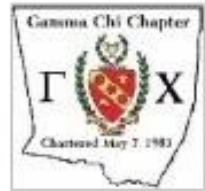
Share the SPARKLE! Just a few of our sparkling 2018-2019 projects:

- * Presented Gamma Chi Professional Development Grants and Grants-in-Aid to members and non-members (\$3,057)
- * Contributed to International Funds: World Fellowship (\$128) and Emergency Fund (\$100)
- * Contributed to Schools for Africa (\$100)
- * Contributed to Eta State NC Funds: Headquarters (\$174), NC DKG Educational Foundation (\$100), Pauline Longest Leadership Fund (\$25) and Eta State NC Scholarship Fund (\$25)
- * Contributed to the Warren Education Fund (\$100)
- * Presented goodie bags to new Warren County Teachers and gave them a spring cookout
- * Presented children's books to the Warren County Department of Health for the "Reach Out and Read" program

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER



GAMMA CHI CHAPTER OF WARREN COUNTY, REGION III



In Honor of Shirley H. White



- ◆ 50-Year Active Member, 1970-present
- ◆ Charter Member of Gamma Chi
- ◆ Our Only Treasurer, 1983-present
- ◆ 2014 Golden Key Recipient
- ◆ We treasure you!

Ready, Set, **GROW!** See how Gamma Chi GROWS!

- * Sponsored a Welcome Meal for new county teachers and presented them with goodie bags
- * Presented 5 Gamma Chi Professional Development Grants and 4 Gamma Chi Grants-in-Aid
- * Contributed to schools for Africa, World Fellowship and Emergency Fund
- * Contributed to NC DRG Headquarters, NC DRG Educational Foundation, Pauline Longest Leadership Fund and NC DRG Scholarship Fund
- * Presented children's books to a new start-up library/resource center in the county
- * Presented certificates and pins for milestones, member excellence and perfect attendance at meetings
- * Six members attended the 2019 NC DRG Convention and two presented workshops
- * Three members serve on state committees, one member received a NC DRG Educational Foundation grant and two had entries in the Fall 2019 DRG Gallery of Fine Arts

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER



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“Linking the Past, Present and Future”

GOLDEN KEY



RECIPIENTS



Nancy Tunstall, 2012 Shirley White, 2014



Mary Austell, 2017



Mary Cathorins Harris, 2020

2022 GOLDEN KEY NOMINEE



Dr. Sylvia Alston

RISING STAR



RECIPIENTS



Debra Clayton, 2016 Ashley Barnette, 2017



Evelyn Hall, 2019

2022 RISING STAR NOMINEE



Betsy Clark



Gamma Chi Chapter
of Warren County



Gamma Chi Chapter

Members in Action!



Welcoming New Teachers



Providing Books for Preschools



Attending DKG Convention



Sharing their Talent



Presenting Scholarships



Inducting New Members

GAMMA CHI - WARREN COUNTY - REGION III

**Dedicated
DKG Member
for 53+ Years**

**Gamma Chi
Treasurer
for 40+ Years**



**Gamma Chi
Charter Member**

**Sang in the
Convention
Chorus**

**Golden Key
Recipient**

Shirley White
GAMMA CHI'S TREASURED ROSE

**A dear friend and mentor to many,
Shirley demonstrated the DKG
genuine spiritual fellowship in
everything that she did!**

We love you, Shirley!