



## Eta Data – Tips for Chapter Editors of North Carolina

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**Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide**

### Eta Professional Affairs Committee Seminar -- March 26

Using Research-based Instructional  
Strategies for the 21st Century Learner

**See flyer on last page in this issue.**

#### Program Summary:

During the last four years, North Carolina education has been engaged in a massive reform effort. The teacher education preparation programs as well as the teacher candidate and teacher standards have all been reformed to address preparation of our students for the needs in the 21st century. According to Thrilling and Fadel (2009) those skills include life and career skills; learning and innovation skills; information, media, and technology skills; and core subjects and 21st century themes (global awareness; financial, economic, business, and entrepreneurial literacy; civic literacy; and health literacy). Further, they note that effective professional development activities are “experiential, engaging teachers in concrete task[s]” (p. 138). Therefore, **teachers are encouraged to bring their laptops so they may participate in various activities.**

Highlighting the 21st century technology skills, **Dr. Bobby Hobgood will share his knowledge of the “digital natives” (our students) and the effective use of technology** as he describes strategies for teaching the digital mind and leads teachers in an interactive session of various technology activities, websites, and projects that have proven to facilitate learning. According to Hobgood (2009) “Teaching and learning with technology means

#### CHECKLIST OF IMPORTANT DATES – see Eta State website

**March 1, 2011 -- “Going Green Challenge”  
chapter reports due to Linda Little**

**March 11 – Registration for Professional  
Affairs Seminar due to Dr. Carolyn  
Maidon, but do not delay.  
<http://www.campbell.edu/education/>**

**March 15, 2011 – Eta State Chapter  
Excellence Award forms due to  
Regional Directors**

**March 15, 2011 - Deadline - adjusted - for  
advertisements in the convention  
program**

**March 26 -- Professional Affairs Committee  
Seminar**

**March 29 – Reservation for Pre-Convention  
Seminar due to Anne Briley**

**Before April 1, 2011 – Form 6 with written  
tribute for Ceremony of Remembrance to  
Margaret Church, Membership**

**Before April 1, 2011 – Deadline for all Form 6  
and tributes, for inclusion at convention  
Ceremony of Remembrance, to Margaret  
Church**

**April 28 – 29, 2011 -- Pre-Convention  
Workshop with Joy Heaton: “Your  
Body is an Educator: Are You  
Listening?”**

**April 29, 2011 - April 29, 2011 Friday night,  
Executive Board meeting with chapter  
presidents**

**April 30 – May 1, 2011 – Eta State  
Convention, Doubletree Inn and  
Gateway Convention Center, Rocky  
Mount**

integrating technology in ways that support learning goals. The technology should serve you. You should never be a slave to any given technology.”

Next **Ms. Vicki Smith will highlight the 21st century thinking skills teachers need to develop in their students** by teaching our participants various activities that brain-based research has proven to enhance students’ learning. “Brain-based education is the engagement of strategies based on principle derived from an understanding of the brain... [it] is learning in accordance with the way the brain is naturally designed to learn” (Jensen, 2008, p. 4). Knowledge of neuroscience can enhance student comprehension. We now know that emotions play a large part in the learning process. According to Gregory and Chapman (2007), research shows that instructional strategies such as classifying, compare/contrast, Venn diagrams, mind maps, and word webs are but a few examples of activities that engage the student’s mind.

Thanks in part to a Lucile Cornet Professional Development Award, seven sites will carry (our first ever) teleconference. Teachers will be able to choose a site from those listed below.

**Seating space is limited at each site though, so you need to register early.**

Campbell University RTP Satellite,  
East Carolina University,  
Tri County Community College  
(Murphy),  
UNC-Asheville,  
UNC-Greensboro,  
Western Carolina,  
Wilkes Community College

**Lastly Dr. Hobgood will demonstrate how to access the thousands of inquiry-based activities, lesson plans, webinar courses offered for Continuing Renewal Credits (CEUs), and learning materials that are posted on the LearnNC website** for teachers to use at no cost to them in an interactive closing session that ties technology and brain-based instructional strategies together.

## References

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**See the International website for the February Tip of the Month from the International Communications Committee:**

**“Broadcasting the Buzz.”**

International Website:

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

Eta State Website:

[www.deltakappagamma.org/NC](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NC)

## Wanted: Musicians at the Convention!

*Do you sing or play an instrument?  
Please join other Delta Kappa Gamma sisters in music by singing in the Convention Chorus or playing in Convention Instrumental Ensemble. It promises to be low stress and high fun!  
For more information, contact Elizabeth Beam at [elizabethbeam@aol.com](mailto:elizabethbeam@aol.com)*

**ADS for the program booklet are due to Lina Bracey by March 15.**

**Cost: 1/8 page - \$25; 1/4 page - \$45; 1/2 page - \$80; full page - \$150. Ads could be for one's entrepreneurial business; congratulations to chapter members for achievements, NBCT's, advertising what you are selling at convention, etc.**

### MAKE YOUR CONVENTION HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW!

Call 1-252-937-6888 Monday – Friday 8-5 pm Mention “Delta Kappa Gamma” for group rates.



### *DKG Fine Arts Gallery*



The DKG Network now has a *DKG Fine Arts Gallery* to showcase the fine art of DKG sisters. Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and click on DKG Network. Register (very simple – put in your e-mail address and the password delta01) and then click on “Library.” There you will see “DKG Fine Arts Gallery.” At the present time, there is craftwork from Beth Wingfield of Mu Chapter of Eta State highlighted along with watercolor paintings from Florida, poetry from Texas, and even a picture of a DKG sister portraying a character in a musical! If you have digital pictures of your art work, crafts, performances, poetry, or any other fine art, send them to Patricia Taylor at [pianopt1@yahoo.com](mailto:pianopt1@yahoo.com), along with written permission to showcase your work and a description of your work. This gallery is viewed by DKG sisters from all over the world! Spread the news!

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**Look for the next  
*Eta Data* –  
March 15, 2011**



*Eta State Professional Development Day*  
*March 26, 2011*  
*9:30 Registration ~ Program 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

## *Using Research-based Instructional Strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner*



### *Program*

*Effectively Teaching our Digital Native Students*

*Using Brain-based Research in our Classrooms*

*Blending Technology and Brain-based Teaching*

**Registration Fee: \$25 (CEUs available) members and non-members invited**  
Light breakfast foods and lunch provided and workshop materials

**Multiple Locations:** Campbell University RTP Satellite, East Carolina University, Tri County Community College (Murphy), University of North Carolina at Asheville, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Western Carolina University, and Wilkes Community College.

*Each site has limited seating ~ register early!*

Register online at <http://www.campbell.edu/education/>