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Alpha Upsilon Update

<https://alphaupsilonnc.weebly.com/>

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

It is hard to believe that the month of February has arrived. Spring is just around the corner. I hope that you are well and are looking forward to attending our next Alpha Upsilon Chapter meeting on Saturday, February 17 th .

The Executive Board of Alpha Upsilon Chapter met on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at the NC DKG Headquarters at 6:00pm. Pizza and light refreshments were served. The meeting was well attended by Alpha Upsilon officers and committee chairmen.

Many important subjects were discussed and voted on during the business meeting. Some of the topics included the Alpha Upsilon Chapter budget, a review of the Rose Bud and Rose Award, a review of the Chapter Strategic Plan, and the presentation of 2024-2026 Slate of Chapter Officers. Committee reports were heard from the following committees: Scholarship, Beginning Teacher, Leadership, Nominating, and Communication. NC DKG Convention and chapter updates were also provided. A plan for a NC DKG convention program advertisement was set in motion.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the February 17 chapter meeting at the lovely home of Mary Carol Forkner. The meeting is a brunch meeting which begins at 9:30. Dr. Phyllis Broughton, NC DKG Leadership Chairman will be our guest speaker. She will be discussing "Generational Differences" and how we can use this information to make our chapter member relationships stronger. A Schools of Africa report will also be delivered by Linda Beddingfield, World Fellowship chairman.

Your attendance at this meeting is especially important since our chapter will be voting on Alpha Upsilon's new 2024-2026 Slate of Chapter Officers. These officers will be installed at our April meeting, but July 1 is when they will officially take office. Additionally, all members will be recognized for their years of service and dedication at the February meeting.

Thank you for your loyalty to our Alpha Upsilon Chapter. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the chapter president.

With, DKG love,

Mary Pickett

President Alpha Upsilon Chapter

NC DKG Region VII Director

2022-2024



[To contact Mary Pickett, click here.](#)

When you are unable to attend, please email [Renee Green](#) to let her know you are going to be absent! We need 14 people to have a quorum when voting on items.

State and International News

Convention Dates

NC DKG Convention:
Durham, NC - April 26-28, 2024

International Conventions:
Aurora, Colorado - June 30 - July 4, 2024
Harbor, Maryland - July 9-13, 2024



Greetings, NC DKG Members!

As we prepare for the season to be jolly, I am bringing you up to date with a bird's-eye view of the plans for our 2024 state convention in Durham at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport April 26-28, 2024. This year's convention is hosted by our chapters in Region III.

Convention chair Nikki Steckroth is busy organizing plans with the Convention Planning Committee. The NC DKG officers and related personnel are coordinating the logistics to make this a very unique and memorable convention.

Solicitations of potential sponsors (businesses and individuals) and donors for the Friday Evening **Recruit** Reception buffet and the Sunday **Recognize** Brunch have begun by those of us who volunteered to solicit. The Finance and Executive Committees approved the lists of sponsors submitted by the volunteers before solicitations could begin. We hope to get many sponsors to help defray convention costs for our members and enable more members to attend.

I hope you experienced a safe and blessed Thanksgiving. I am thankful to be in such splendid company of Key Women Educators. Here is the link to the [bird's-eye view](#) of our plans so far.

Seasons Greetings!

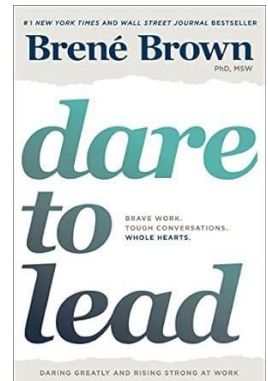
President Hilda

Join us for an enlightening Zoom book review led by Dr. Mary Earp, member of Beta Upsilon and assistant professor of education at Chowan University the **First Session will be Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 7-8 p.m.**

Delve into Brené Brown's insightful exploration of daring greatly, rising strong, and navigating the complexities of leadership.

The engaging sessions will highlight the essence of responsible and courageous leadership for both current and aspiring leaders. Dr. Earp will guide us through Brown's perspectives, shedding light on the qualities that define impactful leadership.

To participate, [complete this form](#). If you have questions, please contact [Phyllis Broughton](#), chair of the NC DKG Leadership Development Committee. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and connect with other leaders.



NORTH CAROLINA STATE ORGANIZATION 2023 Fall Executive Board Meeting Highlights

The NC DKG Executive Board meeting was held on September 16, 2023, with a quorum in attendance. President Hilda A. Parlér presided. Matroba Tarver presented the inspiration. Parlér highlighted the 2023-2025 theme, "Recruit! Retain! Recognize! NC DKG Forever Strong," in her report. She stated that her primary goal is to increase membership by 2% by the end of the biennium. She will motivate chapters to Recruit and Reinstate members.

Parlér announced to the board that Carolyn Lane resigned as NC DKG first vice president. According to NC DKG Bylaws and Standing Rules, Second Vice President Janie Webb will step up to first vice president. President Parlér will appoint a qualified candidate to fill the second vice president vacancy.

Treasurer Leslie Black reported that 99 members registered for the fall Executive Board meeting. Black announced that NC DKG funds have been invested with RBC (Dennis Hobbs) based on the Investment Policy approved at the 2023 NC DKG Convention. She reminded chapter presidents to ensure their treasurers submit the 990-N form to the IRS before November 15, 2023. Awards Committee Chair Tobey Worthington recognized the committee members and reviewed the year's goals. Award recognitions will be presented at the Sunday brunch at the 2024 NC DKG convention. She mentioned that all award descriptions, guidelines, and nomination forms will be posted soon on the NC DKG website Forms page.

NC DKG Executive Secretary Elizabeth Miars presented information about a proposal for a three-year (2025, 2026, 2027) agreement with the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham as the location for the NC DKG convention.



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[Convention Project - The Durham Rescue Mission](#)


North Carolina State Organization

Convention Registration

Everyone must register, including award recipients, presenters, guests, and those volunteering during the convention. An interactive registration form can be found at the link below or click the QR code:

[Registration Form](#)

Opens February 1, 2024
Early Registration ends April 9



[Workshop Proposal Form](#)

Deadline to submit is February 15.



Vendor/Exhibit Table

Vendor applications are required for all members or chapters requesting tables for the convention Marketplace. Payment can be made by credit card or by check. Forms are available at the link below or click the QR code:

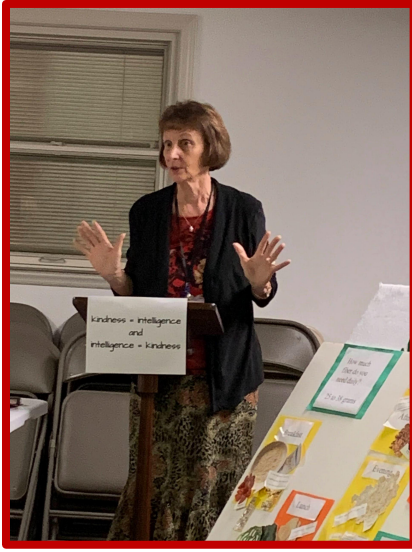
[Vendor Request Form](#)

Due March 15, 2024



What's Happening with our Alpha Upsilon Chapter?

October Meeting



Debbie Rosenquist, President of Chi Chapter presented "Nutrition and Taking Care of Yourself"



Alpha Upsilon inducted Lorie Johnson at our October meeting.
We are so excited to welcome her into our sisterhood.

2023 – 2024 Alpha Upsilon Projects

****Grants-in-Aid****
Schools for Africa
Beginning Teacher Support
Beginning Teacher Tea
BackPack Pals
Mentoring other chapters/members



November Meeting



Alpha Upsilon and Delta Nu gathered at Pinewood Country Club in November 2023 for a Thanksgiving Meal.

NC DKG Second Vice-President Janie Webb spoke on gratitude. Entertainment was provided by the Fine Arts Committee.



January Executive Meeting

The Alpha Upsilon Executive Board Met on January 23rd, 2024 at DKG Headquarters.

The board discussed the following topics:

Presentation and approval of the following officers for 2024-2026:

- Leah Sugg, President
- Linda Beddingfield, 1st Vice President
- Amanda Julian, 2nd Vice President
- Beverly Whitson, Recording Secretary
- Lorie Johnson, Corresponding Secretary



The board reviewed the ROSE award, golden key and Rising Star Guidelines. The board reviewed the components of the newsletter, website and communications excellence award. The team reviewed the points sheet as well in preparation for the March 1st deadline.

Angie Kern reviewed the DKG Scholarship Application. This will be provided to all local high schools the first week of February.

“The Alpha Upsilon and Delta Nu Chapters of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International wish to award a \$1,500 Grant-in-Aid Scholarship to a woman who plans to enter the teaching profession, a female teaching assistant who is working towards a teaching degree, and/or a female teacher who is pursuing an advanced degree.

Two \$1,500 Scholarships may be awarded this year.”

It's Time to Celebrate!

January

12th - Linda Beddingfield
16th - Robin Adams
20th - Angela Kern

February

7th - Nancy Welborn
23rd - Barbara Childers

March

27th - Sue McCullah

April

2nd - Rhonda Dillingham
25th - Delarius Harris
30th - Helen Shore

May

30th - Patricia Edwards
31st - Leah Sugg

June

6th - Sara Warren
11th - Patti Tucker
12th - Lisa Garrison
13th - Devin Wilson
24th - Andrea Foxworth

July

6th - Frances Jones
11th - Mary Beth White
18th - Reneé Green
24th - Susan Tolbert

August

7th - Paige Motley
31st - Alison Hargett

September

2nd - Beverly Whitson

October

1st - Barbara Strider
5th - Mary Pickett
27th - Leigh Harris

November

6th - Mary Carol Forkner
14th - Vanessa Brooks
21st - Lorraine Sherrill

December

2nd - Patsyanna Barker
11th - Julie Bates
17th - Amanda Julian
21st - Donna Purkerson
23rd - DeAnna Hurley-Chamberlain
25th - Nancy Hulin

Committee Updates

Leadership & Development Committee

Check out the NCDKG Leadership & Development website for recommendations of leadership articles, books and resources.

Social Committee

We look forward to planning some social events for this upcoming year.

Educational Law and Policy

Check out the [NCDKG News Winter 2023](#) for an update on Educational Law and Policy article by our fellow Alpha Upsilon member Rhonda Dillingham.

Scholarship

2024 Scholarship Application is available to applicants and will be made available to local schools this week. This is a scholarship awarded to women pursuing education as a future career or teachers pursuing an advanced degree.

Applications are due by April 1st.



Grant-in-Aid Fund



As always, we welcome contributions to the Donna Lee Loflin Fund of DKG. These contributions help us to grow the grant-in-aid fund, so we can continue to offering assistance to women pursuing a degree in education. The two girls we are supporting this year, along with their information are:

Chloee Green

Birthday: May 17

email: greenckl@appstate.edu

289 Ambling Way Unit 1133N

Boone, NC 28607

Megan Davis

Birthday: April 15

email: mdavis791@my.pfeiffer.edu

7047 High Pine Church Road

Asheboro, NC 27205

Educational Foundation

Tee it Up for Teachers took place once again this year at Colonial Country Club in Thomasville, NC. Our fourth golf charity tournament on October 7th raised more than \$10,000 for Foundation grants.

Save the date for October 12, 2024!

Committee Updates continued...

Finance

The budget is adequate and the treasury is doing well.



Yearbook

The yearbook for 2023-2024 was distributed to each member at our September meeting. If you have not received yours yet, please see Mary Beth.

Membership Committee

Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!
Who do you know that would benefit from networking with other teachers?

Communications Committee

Please send any joys/concerns and committee news to [Lisa Garrison](#) or [Sara Warren](#) by February 23rd for our next newsletter.

Buzzing Bee Award

Madyson Tippet (center) was selected as one of three Buzzing Bee Award winners for Randolph County. Pictured with her is Principal of Tabernacle Elementary, Beth Davis on her left, and our DKG sister, Paige Motley on her right.



Beginning Teacher Committee

Beginning Teachers were gifted a treat bag before Thanksgiving Break to encourage them during the holiday season.



Beginning Teachers Committee sent a valentine card that said, "You are EXTRA special, Valentine!" which had a small pack of EXTRA chewing gum in it.

Alpha Upsilon Meeting Dates



Date: Saturday, February 17th, 2024

Place: Mary Carol Forkner's Home

Time: 9:30am

Hostess: Patricia Edwards, Chairperson

Program: NC DKG officer Phyllis Broughton - "Generational Differences"

Presentation of longevity pins and service recognition; Election of new Alpha Upsilon Chapter Officers 2024-2026; Vote on Convention Program Ad

Show and Tell from February Hostesses

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Hostess: Delta Nu - RSVP to Leah Sugg

Place: TBD

Time: 6:00pm

Invitation from Delta Nu will be coming soon!



Don't forget to wear your pin!

♥ Member News/Other Updates ♥

- Helen Shore has had another hip replacement. Join us in sending well wishes for a speedy, complete healing.
- Sara Warren's son, Lukas, had two surgeries over the holidays. He had a back surgery at Thanksgiving and a tonsil surgery at Christmas. He has recovered nicely.
- Continued prayers and well wishes for Alpha Upsilon teachers in the classroom through the flu and cold season. This season is tough to stay well and stay positive.
- Lisa Garrison is expecting a baby granddaughter in early August.
- Nancy Welborn turns 97 on February 7. Her niece would like for us to flood Nancy with an abundance of cards. She no longer has a phone in her room, but she can be reached at Brookdale of Asheboro, NC. Speak to a member of the Clare Bridge staff to get Nancy to the phone. She still enjoys seeing friends and getting small Coke's and Dr. Pepper in the small cans. Her address is:

Nancy Welborn
514 Vision Drive
Room 410
Asheboro, NC 27203

When's Our Next Meeting?

Saturday, February 17th, 2024

9:30am

Mary Carol Forkner's House

Programs:

- NC DKG officer Phyllis Broughton - "Generational Differences"
- Presentation of longevity pins and service recognition;
- Election of new Alpha Upsilon Chapter Officers 2024-2026;
- Vote on Convention Program Ad; Show and Tell from February Hostesses

This month's hostess:

Patricia Edwards

Donations Needed!

Backpacks: apple sauce cups

Beginning Teachers: Peeps (4 pk)

We serve 70 total beginning teachers so please bring 3-4 packs.

This month's influential woman:

Ketanji Brown Jackson

1970 - present

"Be open to new ideas and experiences because you never know when someone else will have an interesting thought or when a new door will open to take you on the journey of your dreams."



In April 2022, Ketanji Brown Jackson made history as the first Black woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. As a young woman, she loved the law and set her sights on Harvard University. After being discouraged by a high school guidance counselor, Jackson not only graduated magna cum laude from the university, but went on to attend Harvard Law School and served as editor of the "Harvard Law Review."

Alpha Upsilon Information:

- President- Lynn Smith
- 1st Vice President- Mary Pickett
- 2nd Vice President - Leah Sugg
- Recording Secretary- Amanda Julian
- Corresponding Secretary- Renee Green
- Treasurer- Helen Shore
- Parliamentarian: Patricia Edwards
- Region VII Director - Mary Pickett
- Editors- Sara Warren & Lisa Garrison

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DKG International Website:

www.dkg.org

DKG Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/dkgorg>

DKG Pinterest:

<https://www.pinterest.com/DKGS1/>



Mission Statement: 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

Notes from your newsletter editors:

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