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Alpha Upsilon Update

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

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

Thanks to all of you who attended our first chapter meeting of the year. It was a pleasure being with you and participating in our Chapter People Bingo and fellowshiping together. Special appreciation is extended to all officers and committee representatives who helped make our September meeting a success.

The delicious refreshments provided by the hostesses were very festive for fall.

It was also exciting to learn more about the many committee projects that Alpha Upsilon will be giving support to this year. Beginning Teacher Support Committee presented a report about our support of the Randolph County Beginning Teachers Tea. Leadership Committee did a member spotlight on long term member, Linda Beddingfield. The Finance Committee presented and members approved the chapter budget for 2023-2024. Each person in attendance received the updated chapter Yearbook. Alpha Upsilon Chapter is off to a good beginning.

We have an exciting year ahead for our Alpha Upsilon Sisters. Let's inspire others to be strong and united in supporting educators in our community.

Thank you for your support,

Mary Pickett

1st Vice President Alpha Upsilon Chapter
2022-2023



[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



Check this out!

World Fellowship Recipient Gives Keynote Speech



President Hilda congratulates Alona

Alona Kladieva addressed those attending the Phoenix Conference at the Friday morning session. Alona is a Ukrainian student studying at the University of Arizona, where she will begin her Ph.D. this fall. In May, she completed her MA in English as a Second Language. After moving to Tucson in August 2021, she started teaching English to immigrants in a nonprofit organization called Literacy Connects. Kladieva was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and is a World Fellowship recipient. She is also a new DKG member. Her heartfelt presentation took audience members on a moving journey of courage and perseverance. Alona's love of teaching and desire to be the best teacher she can be was evident from an early age. She plans to connect research in second-language writing to education and bring innovative teaching methods back to Ukraine.

Recruit!

Since May, NC DKG has inducted 60 new members. We have also reinstated two members for a total of 62 members added to our state. Excellent recruiting ladies!

NC DKG Forever Strong!

New Members, Welcome!



Is your DKG profile up-to-date?

- * Sign into the DKG website — www.dkg.org
- * Click on your name in the top right corner.
- * Select a pencil to update your phone number, email address, or mailing address.
- * Be sure to click SAVE at the bottom!
- * Select the "My Participation" tab to make your information visible to other DKG members.
- * Need help? Here is a [helpful tutorial](#)



It's Harvest Time for NC DKG Chapters!

By: Hilda Parler

- O**rganize your agenda and send it to members at least a week before the meeting.
- C**ommunicate monthly with former members to ask if they would consider reinstatement.
- T**rain incoming officers with outgoing ones and committee chairs for smooth transitions.
- O**bserve and celebrate special events, especially chapter charter anniversaries.
- B**elieve your chapter will increase its membership by recruiting intentionally.
- E**nergize your members by allowing some "stretchercise" time before and after meetings.
- R**ecord meeting minutes correctly by stating what was done and not what was said.

In Strength,
President Hilda

Announcing Second Vice President Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas

Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas has been named to serve as NC DKG second vice president as of September 26, 2023. The resignation of Carolyn J. Lane as first vice president was announced by President Hilda Parlér at the September 16 Fall Executive Board meeting in Greensboro. Janie Webb, NC DKG's former second vice president, moved up to serve as first vice president per our NC DKG Bylaws.

Dr. Thomas has been a member of NC DKG for nine years and is a member of Beta Kappa Chapter in Region V. She is chapter president and served as the regional director in Region V during the 2020-2022 biennium. She also served on the NC DKG Planning Committee. In her new role, Dr. Thomas will sit as a member on The NC DKG Educational Foundation Board of Directors. Please welcome Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas to the NC DKG Executive Committee as second vice president!

DKG International at Work



What's Happening with our Alpha Upsilon Chapter?

NC DKG State Convention



Mary Carol Forkner and Mary Pickett representing Alpha Upsilon at the convention.

Group picture of NCDKG Region VII chapter presidents at 2023 convention



Sheila Groves being presented the 2023 Founders Award by President Beth Winstead.



2023 – 2024 Alpha Upsilon Projects

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

DKG Region VII Project

DKG Region VII Project "Healthy You/Healthy Class" for Beginning Teachers was held in Greensboro on September 7, 2023. A good time was had by all!





September DKG Meeting



Linda Beddingfield as Leadership Committee
"member spotlight" September meeting

Members enjoyed socializing at
our September meeting



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.

Educational Foundation

Winter grant proposals for NCDKGEF are due January 31. Forms are available on the Foundation website. Let the Foundation help you get off to a great start this year! Encourage your members to apply today!

Educational Law and Policy

The state budget was finalized on September 22nd.

Scholarship Recipients

Please remember to continue to send encouraging notes to our scholarship recipients, Chloe Green and Megan Davis. Thanks for all you do to encourage these young ladies.

Social Committee

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

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:

Chloe 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

Membership Committee

Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

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

Communications Committee

We are proud to announce that we received that Newsletter Excellence Award for 2022-2023!

Please send any joys/concerns and committee news to [Lisa Garrison](mailto:Lisa.Garrison@ncdkg.org) or [Sara Warren](mailto:Sara.Warren@ncdkg.org) by November 6th for our next newsletter.

Committee Updates continued

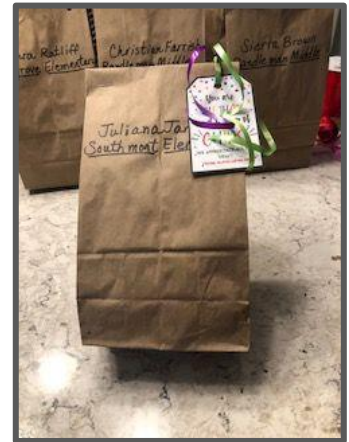
Finance

Let's recycle for budget economy. If you have received a longevity pin and have also received another for a greater number of years we would appreciate you returning the pin of lesser years. We know that you are more proud to have been recognized for serving a greater number of years. Beverly Whitson, Membership Chairperson, would welcome your recycled pin.

Yearbook

The yearbook information for 2023-2024 will be distributed to each member at our September meeting. Thank you so much for your hard work on this Mary Beth!!

Beginning Teacher Committee



We look forward to many new Beginning Teacher treats this year. Please remember to contribute to this committee through donations each meeting.

Alpha Upsilon Meeting Dates



Date: Tuesday, October 17th, 2023

Place: DKG Headquarters

Time: 6:15 pm refreshments, 6:30 pm meeting

Hostess: Barbara Strider, Chairperson

Program: "Nutrition and Taking Care of Yourself" - Debbie Rosenquist, President Chi Chapter; Report from NC DHG Headquarters Committee - Mary Beth Daily, Chairman; Initiation of three new members; Committee Reports from Leadership & Development, Beginning Teacher Support and Social Committee, Show and Tell from October Hostesses

Date: Saturday, November 18th, 2023

Place: Pinewood Country Club

Time: 10:00am

Hostess: Alpha Upsilon Hosting - Leah Sugg, Chairperson

Theme: "Gratitude"

Program: Speaker NC DKG Second Vice-President Janie Webb

Thanksgiving Meal with Delta Nu/ Entertainment by Fine Arts Committee

Date: Saturday, February 20th, 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: Pinewood Country Club (tentatively)

Time: 6:00pm



Member News/Updates



Donna Purkerson wants to thank the members of our chapter.

"Thank you so much for the many kind expressions of love and encouragement you sent to me when my mother, Jewel Applewhite, passed away. Your memorial gift to the Grant-in-Aid Fund, your presence at her funeral, and your thoughtful cards have all brought much joy during a time of deep sorrow. I love our chapter and all of my sweet Alpha Upsilon sisters! Thank you for all the positive contributions to make to my life and to the lives of many others!"

When's Our Next Meeting?

Tuesday, October 17th, 2023

6:15 pm refreshments, 6:30 pm Meeting

NC DKG Headquarters

Programs: "Nutrition and Taking Care of Yourself", Report from NC DKG Headquarters Committee, Initiation, Show and Tell, Committee Reports

This month's hostess:

Barbara Strider

Donations Needed!

Backpacks: pop-top "Beanie Weenies"

Beginning Teachers: Hot Chocolate Packs (Swiss Miss)

This month's influential woman:

Anne Sullivan

1866-1936

"Too often, I think, children are required to write before they have anything to say. Teach them to think and read and talk with self-repression, and they will write because they cannot help it."



When Sullivan began teaching Helen Keller, she followed a strict schedule and introduced new vocabulary words during formal lessons. Before long, Sullivan realized that this routine did not suit her young pupil. Never one to be limited by rules, Sullivan shifted her teaching and entered Keller's world, following her interests and adding vocabulary to those activities. Keller flourished under Sullivan's creative approach to teaching, and remarkably, within six months she learned 575 words, "multiplication tables as high as five and the Braille system." Sullivan was an intuitive teacher who moved well beyond rigid prescriptive teaching methods, and continued to seek methods that best suited her pupil.

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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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:

Please send any joys/concerns and committee news to [Lisa Garrison](#) or [Sara Warren](#) by November 6th for our next newsletter.