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**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™**

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# Alpha Upsilon Update

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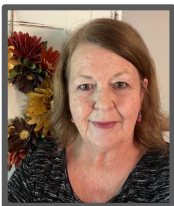
Dear Sisters,

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 year, I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. I know good things are going to happen this year.

I want to thank all of you for the love offering I received. It meant more to me than you will ever know. Because of you, I got to spend time with the grandchildren this summer. They are doing okay but missing their daddy a great deal. The start of school was hard but they are doing fine now.

I want to let you know I am resigning from my DKG duties for the foreseeable future. This becomes effective on Saturday, September 16th, 2023. After talking to my doctor, looking after Robert, and taking care of my own health I need to back away for now. I love all of you and will miss you terribly but it has to be done at this time.

Wishing for you a great year and God bless.



In DKG Sister Love,

*Lynn Smith*

President Alpha Upsilon Chapter  
2022-2023



[To contact Lynn Smith, 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!

**DKG**  
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

**NC DELTA KAPPA GAMMA REGION 7**

SUPPORTING 2023-2024 BEGINNING TEACHERS 1,2,3 AT

## HEALTHY YOU, HEALTHY CLASS

SEPT. 7, 2023 5PM-7PM  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
1000 W. FRIENDLY AVE.  
GREENSBORO, NC 27401

**FOOD**

**DOOR PRIZES**

SESSIONS PROVIDED:

- TECH IN THE CLASSROOM
- TAKING CARE OF YOUR BODY + SOCIAL EMOTIONAL HEALTH
- FIRST DAYS, FIRST WEEKS, FIRST MONTHS TIPS

LINK TO REGISTRATION:  
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/AYPRTRDRZQFD3PNC7](https://forms.gle/AYPRTRDRZQFD3PNC7)

SCAN ME

## Educators Book Award

*Voices of Newcomers: Experiences of Multilingual Learners*



Patricia Woodley, committee member Janis Barr, author Dr. Denise Furlong, International President Dr. Debbie LeBlanc, and committee member Leslie Black



## Is your DKG profile up-to-date?

- \* Sign into the DKG website — [www.dkg.org](http://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](#)



# NC DKG News

## President Letter

By: Hilda Parler

My fellow NC DKG Members,

I am honored and humbled to accept the position as the next NC DKG state president for the 2023-2025 biennium. My vision for NC DKG is centered on three key principles: The 3 R's – Recruit new members, Retain active members, and Recognize all members. These principles are based on the foundation of NC DKG Forever Strong as a thriving organization. I am committed to making them a reality.

First and foremost, we must robustly recruit, both new collegiate members and former members to join and rejoin our organization. We have so much to offer, and we need to get the word out by marketing NC DKG to those women who educate across North Carolina. By increasing our membership, we can expand our reach and impact, and we can ensure that we are serving the needs of those women and ultimately the needs of students. It is not enough to only recruit members – we also need to retain our current members. We can achieve this by providing meaningful and engaging opportunities for professional development, networking, and community service allowing members to take an active role. Encouraging members to serve in state positions or volunteer on state committees and at NC DKG and DKG events helps them see the DKG big picture. This means fostering a culture of support and collaboration where all members feel valued and included.

Finally, we should recognize and celebrate the contributions of all our members. Each and every one of us has something valuable to offer, and it is important that we acknowledge and honor those contributions at each chapter meeting along with those at state conventions. Members can be recognized through awards, scholarships, letters of comparison to NC DKG Founders, and presentations at chapter meetings. Recognition ceremonies can also be published in newsletters, local newspapers, social media, and on our state website. As your state president, I again emphasize that I am committed to these principles and will work tirelessly to make NC DKG the best it can be. But I can't do it alone – I need your help, trust, and support. Together, we will ensure NC DKG Forever Strong is the basis for all our successes.

In Strength,  
*President Hilda*

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



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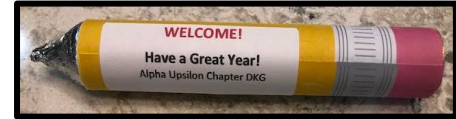
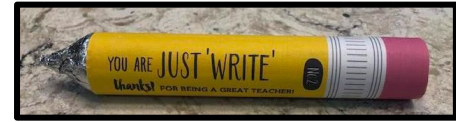


# What's Happening with our Alpha Upsilon Chapter?

## Uplifting Beginning Teachers



The beginning teacher orientation in Randolph County Schools was on August 7, 2023. Our DKG chapter provided refreshments and a special pencil to welcome the new teachers. The pencil was made of a roll of Rolo candy and a Hershey Kiss by members of the Beginning Teacher Committee of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Forty-seven teachers were in attendance.



Our Chapter Officers and BT1 Committee members posed for a quick photo before cleanup after serving BT1s during their orientation session on Monday, August 7, 2023.



The Beginning Teacher Committee prepared a favor for the beginning teachers of Randolph County to be delivered mid-September. The favor, a package of microwave popcorn, was a thank you for the teachers' efforts for a successful beginning to a new school year. The tag attached to the package stated "Just Popping By To Say Thanks!" The back of the tag said, "We hope you've had a good beginning!"

It its May meeting, the ACS Board of Education approved the naming of the LP media center in honor of the legendary, Mrs. Marie Boone. Mrs. Boone devoted her life to educating the students of Lindley Park and Asheboro City Schools. She was the epitome of our Leopards LEAP with Pride motto, and we are thrilled to honor her in this way.



### 2023 – 2024 Alpha Upsilon Projects

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

# 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

Fall grant proposals for NCDKGEF are due September 30. Forms are available on the Foundation website. Funds may be used for professional or personal growth, literacy/learning projects, gifted education and fine arts projects, field trips, teacher travel, leadership opportunities and more! Let the Foundation help you get off to a great start this year! Encourage your members to apply today!

## Educational Foundation

Tee It Up for Teachers, the Foundation's annual charity golf tournament, will be held October 7 at the Colonial Country Club in Thomasville. Be a sponsor or play on a team. Forms and more information can be found on the Foundation website. Snack items donated by chapters are much appreciated! Your participation makes granting possible!

## 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](mailto:greenckl@appstate.edu)

289 Ambling Way Unit 1133N

Boone, NC 28607

Megan Davis

Birthday: April 15

email: [mdavis791@my.pfeiffer.edu](mailto: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@ncdkgef.org) or [Sara Warren](mailto:Sara.Warren@ncdkgef.org) by October 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.

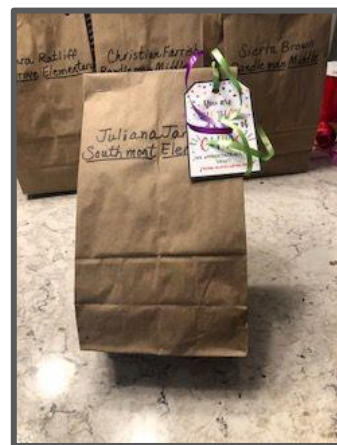
## Yearbook

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



For Teacher Appreciation week BTs received a bag with a Mt. Dew and a bag of chips. The tag said  
You Are All That and a Bag of Chips! We Appreciate All You "DEW"!"



In April, the Beginning Teachers Committee remembered teachers with a sweet treat for Easter. Participating teachers received a honey bun with an attached tag that read "HAPPY EASTER Honey Bunny". The committee greatly appreciates the monetary donation given at the February meeting and all the candy donations given throughout the year which helped us provide small reminders that Alpha Upsilon is a supporter and encourager.



# Alpha Upsilon Meeting Dates



Date: Tuesday, October 17th, 2023  
Place: DKG Headquarters  
Time: 6:15pm  
Hostess: Barbara Strider, Chairperson

Date: Saturday, November 18th, 2023  
Place: Pinewood Country Club  
Time: 10:00am  
Hostess: Alpha Upsilon Hosting - Leah Sugg, Chairperson

Date: Saturday, February 20th, 2024  
Place: Mary Carol Forkner's Home  
Time: 9:30am  
Hostess: Patricia Edwards, Chairperson

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024  
Hostess: Delta Nu - RSVP to Leah Sugg  
Place: TBD



WEAR DKG KEY PIN TO ALL MEETINGS



## Member News/Updates



Barbara Childers want to thank the members of our chapter for helping her daughter.

*"Words cannot truly express my gratitude and humbleness for the generous monetary donation that my "sisters" of Alpha Upsilon gave me on behalf of my daughter and son-in-law who lost their home and belongings due to a fire. Your thoughtfulness during such a devastating time was greatly appreciated and encouraging. Your kindness reminds me of the old adage "A friend in need is a friend indeed". I thank you all!"*

Sara Warren is now in a new position at Charles W. McCrary Elementary School. She is teaching a K-1 Comprehensive Resource classroom. The children in her self contained classroom are lucky to have her!

Lisa Garrison is retiring from Archdale Elementary School after 30 years. She is starting a new adventure as the Director of Educational Programing at the Nido and Mariana Qubein Children's Museum in High Point on October 2, 2023.



## When's Our Next Meeting?

Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

6:15 pm refreshments, 6:30 pm Meeting

NC DKG Headquarters

Programs: Healthy You, Healthy Class;  
Member Bingo, Committee Reports, New  
Members, Longevity Pins, Show and Tell

**This month's hostess:**

**Mary Pickett**

### Donations Needed!

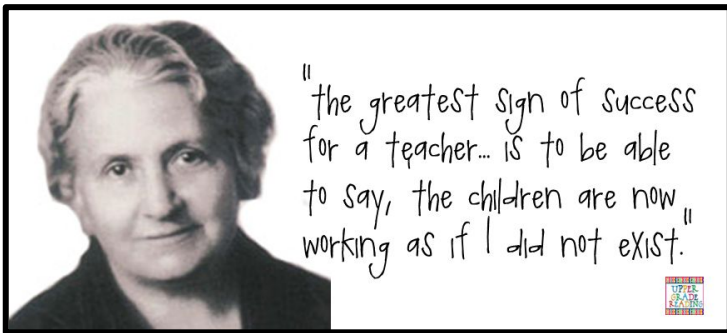
Backpacks: Individual Mac & Cheese Cups

Beginning Teachers: Small Individually  
Wrapped Kit Kats (for 47 BTs)

## This month's influential woman:

# Maria Montessori

1870-1952



Maria Montessori pioneered the concept of child-centered education with the Montessori system which is based on belief in the creative potential of children, their drive to learn, and the right of each child to be treated as an individual.

## 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

### Alpha Upsilon Chapter Website:

<https://alphaupsilonnc.weebly.com>

### DKG International Website:

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

### DKG Facebook:

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

### DKG Pinterest:

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



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

## Notes from your newsletter editors:

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