

# DELTA SIGMA LINC

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# TEACHERS OF THE YEAR!

Delta Sigma proudly celebrates the recognition of two of its members as Teachers of the Year in their respective fields. This prestigious honor, bestowed upon them by colleagues and administrators, signifies not only excellence in teaching but also a deep commitment, passion, and the profound impact they have on shaping the futures of their students.



So LUCKY  
to have  
you!



Pictured with their families are our Teachers of the Year, **Denise Wright**, 1st grade teacher at Norris S. Childers Elementary (left) and **Shelby Barkley**, 5th grade teacher at S. Ray Lower Elementary (right). Congratulations ladies!



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



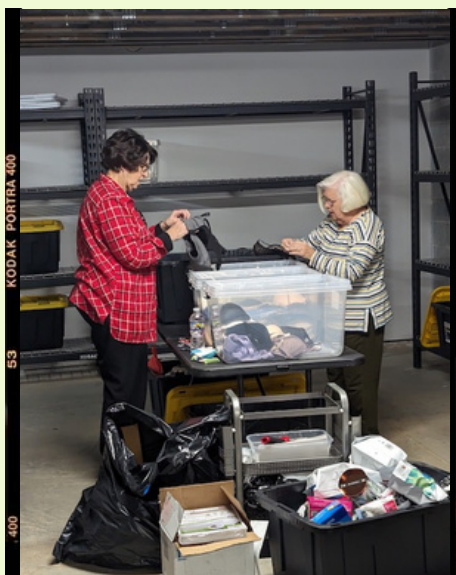
Dear Delta Sigma Sisters,

We had a great meeting on February 26th with the super program and a wonderful time of fellowship with our sisters in Delta Sigma. It was exciting to have several of our candidates for membership who will be inducted as sisters on May 2nd. Please make plans to attend this special event where we will recognize our scholarship winners and induce our new members.

As the weather begins to change, it reminds me to think about what needs to change in my own life. I strive to show love and kindness to others regardless of what is currently going on in my life. I seek grace and mercy each day as I try to be more understanding of others. What about you? As we spring forward shortly, is there something that needs to change? Being stagnant does not help us grow. I encourage you to ponder on how you can spring into summer with a positive change in your own life.

Blessings to you,  
Rhonda Kever Hager, Ed. D.

## DELTA SIGMA VOLUNTEERS AT AMY'S HOUSE



In February, 10 Delta Sigma members volunteered their time at Amy's House helping sort donations. Donations are not only used by residents of Amy's House but also available when they move out and are starting a new household on their own. Thanks to members Elaine Jenkins, Elaine Boysworth, Jill Eaddy, Sam Sipe, Kennan Eaddy, Wanda Lutz, Sara Miller, Libby Fletcher, Edwina Beam, and Rhonda Hager!





# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: AMY'S HOUSE



Skip Steele, board member at the Lincoln County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCCADV) spoke at our February meeting. The LCCADV was organized in 1993 by citizens who were concerned about domestic violence issues, as a 501(c) (3) non-profit. On January 9, 1995, Amy's House officially opened in a four-room former mill house, offering shelter, support, services and assistance for 7-8 people. Since then, it has been a safe haven for families displaced by violence and a transitional step until they can recover, heal, empower and make plans for their future.

For the first 15 years, the shelter was able to stay open for 6-8 months of the year, operating on state and federal grants. In 2013, the coalition opened Amy's Closet, a non-profit boutique that resales donated women's clothing, accessories, and housewares in Denver in 2013 and in Lincolnton in 2016, and has increased its self-funding to be able to operate year-round. Additionally, Amy's Closet provides clothes and household linens to survivors, at no charge, to help as they begin their new lives. The boutique is run completely by around 130 volunteers.

In 2023, the LCCADV opened a new facility that increased its capacity by 4-5 times. It has 12 bedrooms, 5 of which are family rooms. The building is state-of-the-art and is a net-zero energy building, meaning 100% of its energy demand is met by on-site renewable energy. Each year, Amy's house serves approximately 150 people, 70% of which are children.

If you would like to make a donation to the Lincoln County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCCADV), you can do so through PayPal @amysclosetnc@gmail.com or by using the QR code below. LCCADV is a 501(c)3, EIN #56-1822730.



## WANT TO HELP?

Delta Sigma will host 2 additional workdays on March 7th and 21st. Sign up to help by using the Sign Up Genius or contacting Rhonda Hager. March 7th's workday will be from 9:00 to 12:00. March 21st's workday will be from 12:00-6:00. Members do not have to be able to work the entire time to volunteer!

Amy's house is always in need of in-kind donations as well. Frequently needed items include **full size toiletries and personal care items for adults and children, car seats and booster seats (new or used under 5 years old from manufactured date), over the counter first aid and medication, \$25 gift cards to Walmart or Gas Cards (Murphey's or Shell).**

All items must be dropped off at an Amy's Closet location: 1584B Highway 16 Business in Denver or 849 Laurel Street in Lincolnton.

# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: HESED HOUSE



At our February meeting, Keith Poston, the Executive Director for the Hesed House of Hope spoke to members. Hesed House, the sole homeless shelter in Lincoln County, is a non-profit organization that originated in 2008, rotating between five area churches. Breaking ground on its permanent facility in 2009, the new shelter opened in 2012, initially serving as a wintertime shelter until 2017. With 10 female beds, 14 male beds, and 2 family suites, along with a dedicated staff of 10, Hesed House aims to provide stable living conditions for its residents.

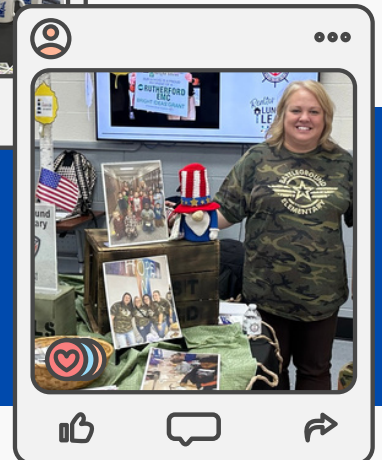
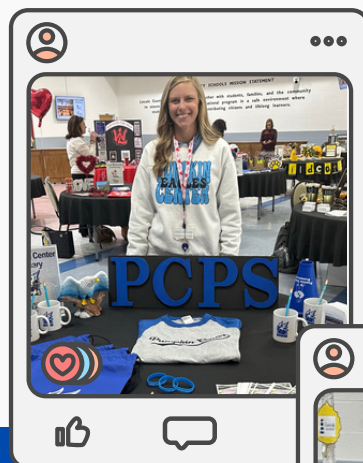
Hesed House is partnering with the United Way on a new Essential Housing Project. The aim of this project is to build 13 units aimed at housing essential community members such as firefighters, police officers, teachers, and the elderly that struggle to afford housing. The project will be presented to the city council on March 7th.

## WANT TO HELP?

The vast majority of Hesed House's funding comes from community donations. Additionally, they have many daily needs for which they are happy to accept in-kind donations. Items include **cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, single ply toilet paper, paper towels, snacks, coffee, creamer, sugar, filters, 33- or 13-gallon trash bags, drinks, bleach, floor cleaner, dish detergent, disinfectant spray (not wipes), lotion, breakfast items (eggs, milk, breakfast meat), lunch items for working residents (meat, bread, chips).**

## FACEBOOK FEATURES

Delta Sigma members and principals Kristen Reynolds and Kelly Withrow were featured on Lincoln County School's Facebook page!



“Realtor Lunch and Learn



Our principals had the unique opportunity to showcase their schools to local realtors today! Special thank-you to all the realtors that came out to learn about all the wonderful things happening in Lincoln County Schools!”



# NC DKG NEWS

## Special Regional Event April 6th - Asheville, NC

Join us for an exciting day starting at 10 am at the **Folk Art Center**. Experience craft demonstrations by the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Don't miss this educational and creative opportunity. Enjoy lunch at your chosen spot. At 1 pm, join a private tour and tasting at the **French Broad Chocolate Factory**. The day includes a "Bean to Bar" Chocolate tour exploring cacao farming and chocolate-making. Compare flavor notes in chocolate samples and participate in discussions with chances to win prizes. Optional second chocolate tour at 3 pm. It's the ultimate ladies' day out for fun, food, and friends.



## Registration Info

**Folk Art Center and French Broad  
Chocolate Factory Tour in Asheville, NC  
April 6, 10:00 AM**

Register for the event [here](#).

Registration and \$10 payment must be complete by March 15, 2025.

# NC DKG CONVENTION

Get ready for the 2024 NC DKG Convention taking place from April 26-28, 2024 in Durham, NC. Don't forget to mark your calendars! Convention registration opens on February 1st, 2024 and ends April 9, 2024. This goes for everyone, including award recipients, guests, presenters, and volunteers. You can register [here](#).

To make the most of your stay, reserve a room at the Sheraton Imperial Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park for a special group rate of \$119.00 per night. This group rate is available from April 25 through April 28. Make sure to book your room by March 21 to take advantage of this special rate!

**REGISTER NOW**



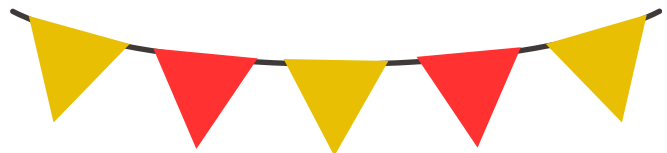


# Next Meeting

**Thursday, May 2, 2024, Dinner Meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
Boger City United Methodist Church, Social time at 5:30 p.m.**

## Say Cheese!

Check out these fabulous pictures from our last meeting!



# Important Reminders

## Scholarship & World Fellowship

The Delta Sigma Chapter's \$250 **award for Professional Development** is an individual award granted to a member to participate in workshops, seminars, or other professional learning opportunities. To apply, complete the form below and submit by **March 15th**.

The Delta Sigma Chapter offers one \$500 scholarship annually to one member of the Society to enhance the fulfillment of its fifth purpose, "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in **pursuing graduate study...**" Complete details can be seen [here](#). To apply, complete the form below by **March 15th** along with the required [recommendation](#) and verification of acceptance and enrollment in program of study.

### All Delta Sigma Scholarship Applications

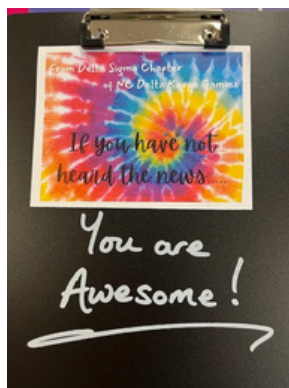
Future Educator Scholarship  
Professional Development Scholarship  
Advanced Degree Scholarship

## Finance

\$89 Membership Dues will be taken at the May meeting and ALL dues need to be paid by May 31s. Your \$60 fundraiser donation (voted by members in lieu of fashion show) will be due in October 2024.

## Beginning Teacher Support

Shoutout to our Beginning Teacher Support Committee for the gift they provided at the last BT meeting. Each teacher received a clipboard with a note that read, "If you have not heard the news...you are awesome!"



## Member News

- Congratulations to Jennifer Carroll's daughter, Megan, for winning the high school Martin Luther King Essay Contest.
- Congratulations to Judy Jones's son, Matthew, for his ad hoc teaching position in the art department at Gardner Webb and Exhibit of work in Boiling Springs!



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## 2024 DKG Convention



The 2024 International Convention will be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, U.S.A. The Gaylord National Resort overlooks the Potomac River with waterfront terraces at its back door and the bustling town of National Harbor at its front. From malls to boutiques, live entertainment to casinos, wine bars to restaurants, and ferry terminals to Ferris Wheels, National Harbor has whatever might be your interest. And, if you desire, take the short trip over the river to Washington D.C. and Alexandria, Virginia.

Of course, the convention will also offer all the excitement you have come to expect and more: enjoying keynote speakers, engaging in breakout sessions, networking with members, connecting with old friends, and using your member voice when you vote on proposed amendments to the Society's governing documents.

Save the date! July 9 – 13, 2024.

## Great Speakers!

### Margot Shetterly

AWARD WINNING AUTHOR | RESEARCHER | ENTREPRENEUR  
Keynote Speaker | Wednesday, July 10 Luncheon

Margot Lee Shetterly is the Author of the #1 New York Times best-selling book *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race*.

### Andre Bradford

AWARD-WINNING SLAM POET | AUTHOR  
Keynote Speaker | Friday, July 12 Luncheon

Andre Bradford, a.k.a. S.C. Says, is an Austin based slam poet who has been performing slam poetry since 2013. His poetry covers a gamut of topics ranging from being mixed race, to social justice, to mental health awareness, to never settling in relationships. Slam poetry is an art form he loves due to its raw vulnerability and its ability to cultivate transparency and dialogues into many different walks of life.





# CALENDARS & RESOURCES

## Delta Sigma

Event	Date/Time	Location
Fourth Meeting <i>(Scholarship &amp; World Fellowship)</i>	Thursday, 5/2/24 - 6:00 dinner meeting	Boger City UMC
Executive Board Meeting	Thursday, 5/30/24 - 4:30 Refreshments at 4:00	Boger City UMC
Summer Planning Meeting	Wednesday, 6/5/24 - 3:30 Refreshments at 3:00	Boger City UMC

### Update Your DKG Profile Sign into the DKG website – [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

Click on your name in the top right corner. Select the 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!](#)

### Delta Sigma Executive Board

Rhonda Hager - President, [contact](#)  
 Kelton Boorman - Vice President  
 Lori Haight - Treasurer  
 Shelia Wright - Secretary  
 Kennan Eaddy - Editor, [contact](#)  
 Jenny Dellinger - Website

Heather Myers - Ed Law & Policy  
 Kelton Boorman - Programs & Fine Arts  
 Libby Fletcher - Finance  
 Jill Eaddy - Communications  
 Darla Stines - Beginning Teachers  
 Gayle Reid - Scholarships & World Fellowship  
 Elaine Boysworth & Abbey Parker - Membership

### NC DKG

Convention - 4/26/24-4/28/24  
 Durham, NC

### International

Convention - 2024  
 Maryland

### Important Links for Chapter Members

International Website: <https://www.dkg.org>

NC DKG Website: <https://www.ncdkg.org>

\*Delta Sigma Website: <http://deltasigmanc.weebly.com>

Delta Sigma Chapter Facebook Page:

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

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