

## **Scholarship Recipients**

Three scholarships were awarded to three very deserving individuals. The Annette Geymont

Memorial Scholarship for Future Educators is awarded to Caroline Marie Jenkins.

Caroline is the daughter



of Patrick and Melanie Jenkins of Vale, N.C. She is a senior at West Lincoln High School and will be attending Appalachian State University in the fall. She has a passion for writing and wants to spread that fire within to her students to fuel their spark. So teaching English and writing will be her plan.

The Sigma Future Educator

Scholarship is awarded to Haley Nichole Navarro.

Haley is the daughter of Gus and Kerri Navarro of Iron Station, N.C. Hayley is a senior at East Lincoln High



School and will be attending Western Carolina University in the fall. While there, she will pursue a

major in Inclusive Education, a dual-major of Elementary and Special Education. Having a sister with Cerebral Palsy has influenced her to become an educator.

The Most Promising Young Woman Educator Award is

presented to Haley Hallman. Hayley is a first-grade teacher at S. Ray Lowder Elementary School under the guidance of Principal Scott Carpenter. Mr.



Carpenter says Haley accomplishes all tasks with great initiative, a positive attitude, and a smile on her face.

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## **2020-2022 Committee Chairs**

**Beginning Teacher Support** - Katie Crocker  
**Scholarship, World Fellowship and Schools for Africa** - Judy Shuford & Sara Miller (co-chairs)  
**Education Law and Policy** - Heather Myers  
**Membership and Nomination** - Rhonda Hager  
**Finance** - Libby Fletcher  
**Communication and Publicity** - Elaine Boysworth

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## Message from Dr. Teresa Cowan, NC DKG President



### Getting or Giving? It's Personal!

*'Give and Get' through NC DKG membership can have an impact worldwide.*

When I wrote that phrase last month, I would have never guessed what state of affairs our world would be

in today. But knowing that, let me showcase giving personally by chapters and members as they GROW! in spite of these challenging times.



#### See **Beta Alpha GROW!**

Dr. Gail Marsal imparted her wisdom and knowledge on Generational Differences to chapter members

#### See **Chi GROW!**

Communications Committee uses Evite for meetings and reports data of response rates in chapter minutes

#### See **Gamma Psi GROW!**

Dr. Myra Cox, Superintendent, Elkin City Schools,



Opportunity for Leadership enhanced through Institute in Study Abroad - Ireland

#### See **Delta Sigma GROW!**

80+ Volunteer Hours during the Tour of Homes



Well-defined community service project benefiting Lincoln County

In the recent **Gamma Psi** newsletter, the president included the following: *"I challenge you to build bridges that bind and connect people. I challenge you to support the world you want to share. I challenge you to look within and find that seed that can grow only if you nurture it."*

### A question to ponder during this time of self-quarantine:

How do we, as members of NC DKG, face challenges so that it is possible to Ready, Set, GROW! in spite of obstacles?

## Coronavirus and Stay-at-Home Orders Postpone 2020 NC DKG Convention

What a difference a month makes! The March Eta Data was filled with excitement and news about the upcoming NC DKG Convention scheduled for early May. An international outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) has caused statewide stay-at-home orders from the governor, causing the indefinite postponement of the convention and other gatherings.

If you had registered but have not heard from the hotel, call 1-800-Embassy to verify the cancellation. They did not have emails for everyone. Individual registrations for the convention are still intact, though. Members who have registered should have received an email from NC DKG Treasurer Leslie Black verifying their registration. Once the convention is rescheduled, new registrations will be open without a late fee until one week before the new date. Updates will be posted on the NC DKG website and social media when decisions are made.

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## 101 Challenge

The NC DKG Educational Foundation encourages members to show their love and celebrate a teacher by participating in the 101 Challenge.



The 101 Challenge recognizes teachers for their hard work and the impact they have made in the field of education. With a \$10 donation, you can recognize a special teacher in your life.

As a bonus, an individual has offered to double all donations made in February. "So, please donate now," urges the Foundation Board. All certificates and information can be found on the [NC DKG](#) Foundation website.

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## Mosaic Glass Inlay 12-String Guitar

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is proud to present the guitar artwork of North Carolina artist and educator Travis Driver. His unique visual art piece, a customized mosaic glass inlaid 12-stringed guitar, has been donated for a Foundation charity raffle. It is valued at more than \$500. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Proceeds will be used to support Foundation grants for N.C. educators. Please share this information with friends and family. Don't miss this opportunity to own an amazing piece of art!



Raffle ticket purchase information is available on the Foundation web site [2020 Charity Raffle](#). Tickets may also be obtained from any Foundation Board member. For more information, contact Sheila Groves, Board Chair, at [svgeta97@gmail.com](mailto:svgeta97@gmail.com)

The drawing will be held on **October 17, 2020**.

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### "Too Soon To Tell"

*By: Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, NC DKG President*

You GROW, girls! Thank you for answering the 2020 Convention & Training Google Survey. I asked you to use your voices of influence, and it

worked. In less than three days, over 600 responses were submitted, representing all regions and each NC DKG chapter.

Here are the highlights:

#### Consensus on Dates & Format:

- June is too soon for face-to-face training events.
- New Leader Training combined with the Convention is a positive plan for 2020.
- Late summer or fall convention is a positive idea for 2020.
- It is time to explore virtual training modules for New Leader Trainings.

#### Consensus of Concerns & Questions:

- State mandates and health concerns
- Family time needed instead of DKG time
- Fall is a busy time already
- Missing school

On behalf of the Administrative Board, I say thank you again for your patience in this difficult time. Please know that we are working tirelessly to find the right solution for NC DKG—a solution that is first, physically safe and second, fiscally sound while attempting to heed the voice of the membership. Continue to stay safe, stay home, and stay tuned for updates.

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Dear Sisters,

It is not the April that I thought was going to happen. But as scripture reminds me that everything happens for a reason. This season has given us all time doing

things differently. For many of you, it has been teaching in different ways and being separated from the classes you have bonded with for months. Some of you have been working to deliver food and learning packets and assisting families with the many needs that COVID-19 pandemic have created. For all of us, it has been missing spending time with the people we love outside of our household.

The Hager house in March and April has had a full nest as Alyssa has been home from college, and Ben is living at home and contracting his "shouse" (shop and house combined) nearby on his land. Nothing could make this retired educator and mom happier than having both her adult children at home during this time. We have spent time as a family, eating together, completing projects, and enjoying the outdoors. I hope during this time you have enjoyed some of the things that bring you happiness and joy.

I feel so blessed for our Delta Sigma organization for this 10 years of our organization. There is so much to celebrate with Fashion Show donations, chapter achievement recognitions, and dedicated teachers who are continuing to teach with all the resources they have. I am proud of the many ways you continue to give to our community.

Stay safe and take care,

Sincerely,

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## The DKG US Forum Aids Members

*By: Kennan Eaddy  
NC DKG US Forum Representative*

How can the DKG US Forum aid members in fulfilling the Delta Kappa Gamma purpose to initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators? Here are some ways:

- The Forum keeps members well-informed.
- It supports non-partisan federal legislation in the interests of education and women.
- It uses the U.S. Forum Connection to provide members with relevant information on pending issues.
- The Forum nurtures confident and capable educational advocates.
- Informed constituents seek opportunities to support education through legislation.
- Collective voices of influence can be created and heard throughout DKG.

As the NC DKG US Forum Representative, my role is to help disseminate information to chapters, and my goal is to do so using a user-friendly medium, making it simpler to communicate to all members. As information is delivered to you, I urge all chapters to re-prioritize Educational Law and Policy and participate in our legislative process. Making Connections: Contact Kennan at [knnneddy@gmail.com](mailto:knnneddy@gmail.com) with questions about the U.S. Forum

## Fashion Show Follow Up

By: Rhonda Hager, Delta Sigma President

It was disappointing that we were not able to hold our Annual Fashion Show after all the hard work and the preparation had been done. The time of planning, selling tickets, volunteering for jobs, and lining up models had gone VERY well thanks to Kennan, who spearheaded the efforts. We had a great line-up of vendors, including Chico's of Gastonia, Leprechaun House, 7th Moon Boutique,

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Red Bone Willy's, Crafted Mercantile, and a new vendor, Twisted Tulip. A special thanks to Kelton Stone, who worked collaboratively with her mother to get the printing of the Fashion Show signs and tickets designed and the printing donated for this year's Fashion Show. That was a huge savings for us! Also, the redesign of the posters and tickets was fabulous!

Thank you to Wanda Lutz, who organized and distributed the tickets to members. We had good participation from the drive-by drop off of funds at Boger City Methodist on March 20. I appreciate Wanda and Libby for being at Boger City Methodist the entire time of drop off to collect, record, and count money. Laurie gets a special thanks for making the bank deposit on a Friday afternoon by waiting in the drive-thru line at the bank for a LONG, LONG time.

Our ticket donations went very well. We need to recognize Libby, Wanda, Kay, Edwina, and Nelva, who each sold more than 14 tickets and were able to get those ticket funds donated toward scholarship and beginning teacher support. Way to go, ladies! Thank you goes to each member who got even one ticket donated, or perhaps you purchased the tickets yourself. All the funds will go toward our scholarship and beginning teacher support.

At this time, we have collected \$3089 in donations, member ticket purchases, and food money donations. We still have 12 members who still owe for their \$10-member ticket. If you are one of these 12, please send you \$10 to Laurie.

Kennan Eaddy, President, Elect added, "We are so fortunate to be surrounded by community members who stepped up with donations during this unprecedented time to ensure that our organization can continue providing scholarships and supporting new teachers. Our goal this year was to have "all hands on deck" for fashion show planning, and I appreciate every member who stepped up to help with organization. Though we were unable to hold our event this year, we will all be refreshed and

ready to jump into planning to make next year's show the best!"

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## Chapter Achievement Points

By: Rhonda Hager, President Delta Sigma

At our summer planning meeting, we played a GROW game where members found other members that had participated in different activities of the organization. The topic of growing in Delta Sigma and ways we could become more involved and engaged in our local chapter and NC DKG was shared. In September, the tri-fold board was introduced to our chapter, and areas for growth were targeted. In our tenth year as a chapter, the goal was to achieve Superior Chapter Achievement. The chairpersons of each committee worked to identify areas for growth and areas we could branch out to learn. We have had lots of growth among our members, and our efforts to volunteer hours were just a few ways our chapter contributed to community efforts and our achievement of chapter points. Our great newsletters, website, Facebook group, and newspaper articles gave our chapter additional points toward chapter achievement. We had Kelton Stone, who submitted an NC DKG Education Grant, Linda Yoder, who submitted a photo for the International Fine Arts Gallery and chairpersons who helped to get all the activities documented for our chapter. Hats off to Elaine Boysworth, who edited our submissions for Rising Star and Golden Key award nominees. It was a TEAM effort!

It is with great excitement that Delta Sigma earned 650 points in chapter achievement this year, which earns our chapter a **Superior Chapter Achievement Award**. We grew 100 points from 2018-19 to 2019-20 in our chapter achievements. Although the official recognition will come later since NC DKG has been postponed, Delta Sigma should be incredibly proud of this award. We have grown as a chapter, and this is fantastic!!!

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## Rising Star

By: Rhonda Hager, Delta Sigma President

The NC DKG, Rising Star Award, is intended to recognize and encourage key women educators in their early years of active membership in N.C. Delta Kappa Gamma. These members demonstrate exceptional growth in education, leadership, and contributions to the organization consistent with our Vision and Purposes. Rising Star nominees reflect the strong potential for successful leadership at the chapter and state levels and beyond.

Delta Sigma has nominated Shelia Wright as our Rising Star Nominee. Shelia has earned her Master's in Reading Education and her add-on in Masters in School Administration and Curriculum and Instruction from UNCC. She has received her certification as a See Saw Ambassador, NEWSELA Certified Teacher, EPIC Master Teacher, Prodigy Ambassador, and Brain Pop Educator. Her professional achievements are outstanding.

Shelia has been instrumental in working with Delta Sigma's Beginning Teacher Committee for several years. She has diligently worked to secure gift items for our first- and second-year teachers for each quarter since she has been inducted to Delta Sigma in 2017. She has organized a panel of teachers to serve as guest presenters to our first- and second-year teachers at an afterschool meeting hosted by the school district. The panel offers words of wisdom and lessons learned from Delta Sigma chapter members from elementary through high school. This session has become an annual event with the school district's beginning teacher program, and Delta Sigma is consistently requested to assist with this panel discussion based on the quality of panel members and information they provide. Shelia's work with these efforts have provided great leadership to this committee and our work with beginning teachers.

Besides her leadership in the classroom and in the school where she serves as assistant principal, Shelia co-coaches the Elementary Battle of the

Books team. This school has a long legacy of having well-prepared teams for competition that really know and understand the books on the assigned reading list and can provide plenty of supporting evidence to the answers they provide. This role requires numerous after school hours with students from the beginning of the year until March, annually. Shelia has also served as a lead teacher for the school district's summer reading camps where she organized materials for teachers, created testing groups, as well as monitored student portfolios to ensure student achievement was properly documented. Her leadership in this area has been a tremendous help to the district and students. In the community, Shelia has served as a Relay for Life team captain. She coordinated Relay for Life fundraisers for her school and helped raise over \$3000. Shelia is a two-time Breast Cancer Survivor! She has a passion for finding a cure for cancer and building awareness in the community.

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## Golden Key

By: Rhonda Hager, Delta Sigma President

The NC DKG Golden Key Award honors Delta Kappa Gamma members who have made a significant contribution to Delta Kappa Gamma at various levels of the Society. The Golden Key Award is designed for those members who are often in the background getting things done without personal glory or gain for themselves but have a deep abiding love for DKG.

Elaine became a member of DKG in 2003 and an active leader in Delta Sigma as a charter member since 2010. She served as the very first Vice-President of the newly formed chapter and then became the chapter's



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president. She also served as the editor of the Delta Sigma LINC newsletter for two years. Elaine has served on and chaired the Program and Fine Arts Committee as well as the Education Law and Policy Committee. She has been instrumental in advocating for public education by keeping members informed of current legislative issues and their potential impact. Elaine has taken an active role in all nine Delta Sigma Fashion Show fundraisers, working in the kitchen, and also modeling for the show. The monies from these fundraisers support scholarships for local high school seniors who plan to enter the field of education and support Lincoln County Schools' beginning teachers. She has also been a leader in Delta Sigma's efforts to support beginning teachers. For many years, Delta Sigma members adopted individual beginning teachers through the chapter's THAT (Teachers Helping Another Teacher) program to provide encouragement and support. Many times, Elaine would volunteer to adopt more than one teacher and connected with them by visiting these teachers at school and taking them on special outings. Even while serving as Associate Superintendent, she made Delta Sigma a priority with her time and effort to lead by setting a high standard. She truly has led by example in Delta Sigma always volunteering to support any chapter project. Also, she is a vocal advocate for a strong public education system in our community and N.C.

Dr. Elaine Jenkins' professionalism and passion for public education is inspirational to everyone she meets. It is a privilege to be Elaine's colleague; she not only inspires but sets high expectations for all. She has mentored and coached many teachers and administrators to be the best they could be, not settling for anything less than outstanding. Her desire for excellence continues to motivate others to excel and become an advocate for public education.

Elaine's involvement in DKG has extended beyond the chapter level; she has held leadership positions at the state level connecting the efforts of Delta

Sigma to NC DKG. Her work with education law and policy has kept NC DKG members informed of critical issues that impact education. Her contributions are evident by her leadership roles; however, those roles do not adequately reflect her passion and constant insistence on securing adequate funding for public education. In celebrating and reflecting on Delta Sigma's first decade, Elaine Jenkins' contributions are worthy of Golden Key Award recognition.

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## Shelter in Place, Not a problem for Delta Sigma

The times are changing, but Delta Sigma can adapt and thrive in the change. Members have been busy gardening, homeschooling, “zooming,” enjoying the time with family, and being productive. Take the time to write a letter, call a friend, and check on individuals who live by themselves. Check out what our members have been doing during this shelter in place days.

Elaine Jenkins: I could have sent a picture of me cooking – but then people would not believe that. Then there was the picture of Bill cutting and coloring my hair, but I thought that would be just too entertaining, so attached is a picture of Christmas spiders (based on an old German story) that we are making to give away. My classroom instruction for this project came from the DKG convention in Asheville last summer. Who knew that there would be time to do this!

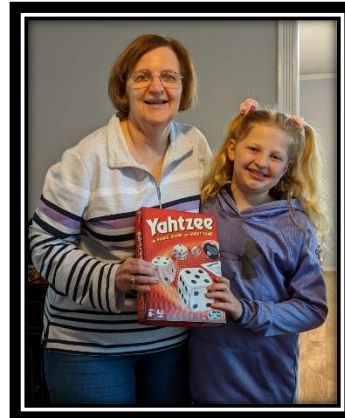




**Libby Fletcher:** The Fletcher boys completed the construction of a new swing set (designed by Ross) just in time for the quarantine to begin. Reading with grandchildren



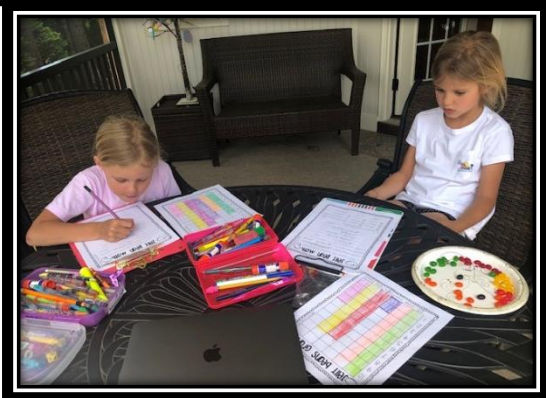
**Pat Carpenter:** Spending time playing games with my granddaughter! Hopefully making memories for her.



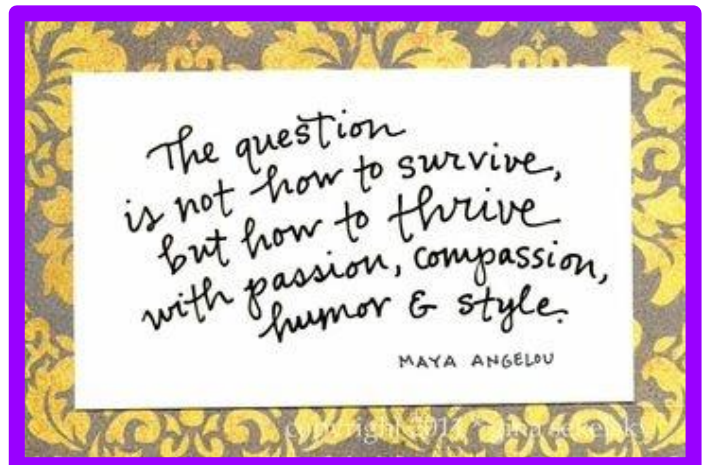
**Wanda Lutz:** We set up our own pickle ball court on the driveway and have had a "ball" playing. The grandkids take a break from their homeschooling and give the old folks a workout!



**Brenda Kinney:** What we have been doing while staying in place! Family time,



Schoolwork, and outside as much as possible!



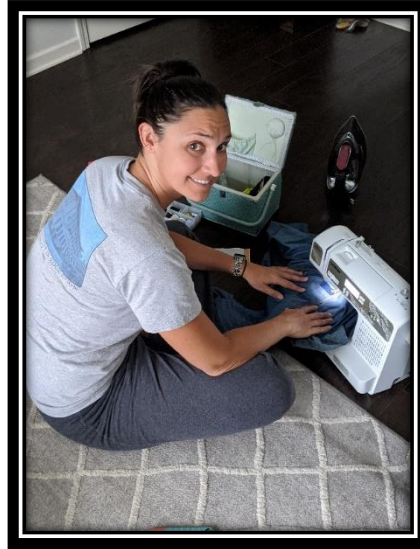


**Jill Eaddy:** Staying at home is not all that bad this time of year. Walking in the big church parking lot right behind my house and replenishing some of my flower pots.

Also cooking, which I do not enjoy, but I guess we have to eat.



**Kennan Eaddy:** Catching up on mending clothes



**Elaine Boysworth:** Gardening, showing us her heirloom tomato plants.



**Abbey Parker:** Card Board Testimony



**Edwina Beam:** Hands-on math with grandson CJ



**Kristen Reynolds:** Baking with her daughter Blakely for her 7th birthday.



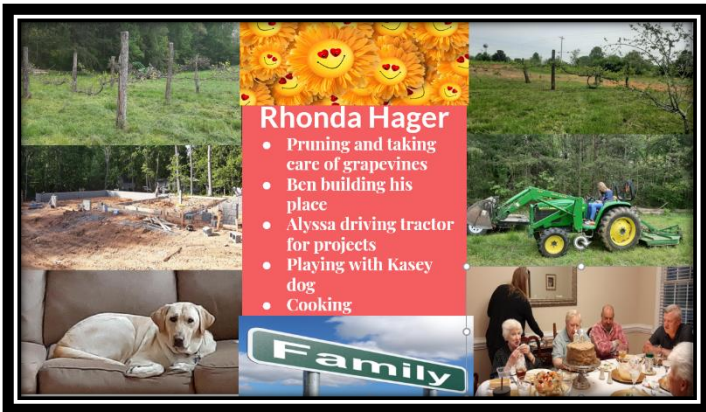
**Katie Crocker:** Recess with my children



**Sheila Wright:** Gardening and reading



**Rhonda Hager:** Gardening, home projects, cooking, and spending time with family



## Quarantine Virtual Fun Resources

**Mental Health Apps:** MindShift, PTSD Coach, BellyBio, Take a Breath, Providence, Relax and Sleep Well with Glenn Harold, and T2 Mood Tracker.

**Cooking:** [Quarantine Cooking with Paula Deen, Joanna Gaines](#)

**Fun:** [Some Good News](#)

## Recognition, Awards, and Celebrations of Members

Please share joyous and celebratory news with our members, email your news to the editor, Jennifer Luper ([jenniferluper@att.net](mailto:jenniferluper@att.net))

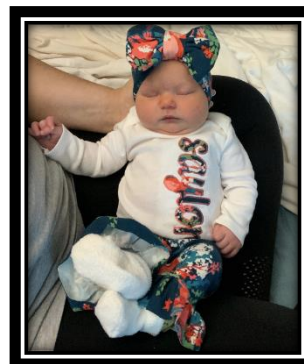
### Recognition:

**Linda Yoder:** Photography accepted to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts



### Celebrations:

**Kqisha Dagenhart:** Daughter Saylor Belle Dagenhart born on March 22, 2020. 8 lbs. 9 oz. and 21.5 inches





## Delta Sigma Calendar

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Summer Leadership Training	Cancelled	TBD	Black Mountain
Executive Board Transition	May 11, 2020	4:00 p.m.	Zoom Meeting



Inducted 11 new members!



Cupcake decorating for battered women shelter.



Watch Delta Sigma GROW!  
Region X  
Lincoln County



Over 80 hours of service given by members for tour of homes.



Chapter Achievement Awards



### Mission Statement:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

### DKG International Vision:

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

### NC DKG Vision:

Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators

### Delta Sigma LINC Submissions

Send to newsletter editor submissions of member news, committee briefs and articles for inclusion by June 15, 2020

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## State and International Calendar

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
NC DKG Convention	TBD	Greensboro, NC
International Convention	July 7-11, 2020	Philadelphia, PA
NC DKG Convention	April 23-25, 2021	Asheville, NC
International Convention	June 11-14, 2022	New Orleans, LA

## Important Web Links for Chapter Members

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

NC DKG Website: [NC DKG News](#)

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

April Eta Data: <https://tinyurl.com/ycjholob>

Delta Sigma Chapter Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/DeltaSigmaChapterDKG/>

