



Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for **April 28, 2022** and plan to attend the next Delta Sigma Chapter meeting! The meeting will be hosted by the Scholarship Committee and will begin **6:00 p.m.** at **Boger City United Methodist Church**. This will be a very eventful meeting! In addition to inducting new members and installing new chapter officers for the next biennium, scholarship and award winners will be recognized. Currently, this meeting will be in-person and include dinner. Watch for an email from Frankie Beam regarding attendance a few weeks prior to the meeting. A prompt RSVP to Frankie will provide the Scholarship Committee with an accurate meal count for planning purposes. Make plans to be present to enjoy the fellowship and celebrations!



Deadlines & Dates to Remember!

- Jan. 15 -** 2022 Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions open
- Feb. 15** Bulletin: Journal submissions due
- Mar. 1** DKGIEF Project applications due
- Mar. 1** Deadline for postmarks for mailed 2022 NC DKG Convention Registration
- Apr. 10** Deadline for Early Bird Registration For 2022 NC DKG Convention
- Apr. 28** Delta Sigma Spring Meeting

Delta Sigma Assists Seniors

This holiday season, Delta Sigma teamed up with Lincoln County's Department of Social Services' Adult Services program to provide holiday gifts for aging, disabled, and elderly adults in our community.



Meredith Eller from DSS accepts Delta Sigma Donations

Twenty-seven Delta Sigma sisters participated in this project either by shopping for gifts or donating money. Our participation was great enough to serve all the angels in the DSS program as well as pick up a couple extra angels from a local nursing home -- 21 seniors total! Our "adult angels" were gifted with items such as blankets, toiletries, socks, grocery store gift cards, household cleaning items, snacks, and puzzle books. As a surprise treat, sisters dropping off gifts received a small goodie bag from Santa! Thank you to everyone who participated through donating, shopping, and helping with item drop off and delivery for making this project a success!

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President's Message



Delta Sigma members,

It was wonderful to see so many of your faces at our January meeting. Even though it was virtual, we had our highest attendance since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During our introduction activity, Pancakes or Waffles, we learned

that some of the things our membership loves best are pajamas, ice cream, world travel, and days when schools aren't struggling to find substitutes! Thank you to our committee chairs for great updates on educational law, beginning teacher activities, upcoming scholarship deadlines, and new membership ideas.

We also kicked off our new Sister-Sister program! Membership spent a lot of time thoughtfully making pairs between our working and retired members that also align educational roles. We successfully worked in breakout groups, some of us for our first time, to hear a little more about our sisters. It was so much fun to learn new tidbits about members! Who knew banana and mayonnaise sandwiches would be a favorite of more than one person!

We have some new exciting things we are going to try. Perhaps the most helpful for some of you is our new Venmo account to help us transfer money back and forth! If you're struggling to remember your dues or fashion show donations because you never carry cash or checks, you can now Venmo

@deltastigmaDKG. Of course, we will still be accepting cash and checks too! Additionally, in lieu of the fashion show this year, we are going to try a community fundraising event - honor a favorite teacher to support a new teacher! As we do not have a February meeting, please be on the lookout in your emails for more information!

We hope that the cancellation of our February meeting will provide you with a small respite from your daily hustle. Since you already had time blocked off in your calendar, consider planning a specific self-care activity for yourself that day! Our last meeting of the year will be a big one! We will have our scholarship presentation ceremony, induct new members, and

install new officers. In addition, NC House Representative Jason Saine is planning on attending! We are currently planning on holding this meeting face-to-face but will remain flexible if necessary. If you haven't marked your calendars for April 28th at 6:00 p.m., please do so!

I look forward to seeing everyone again! If you need anything, or have any ideas you'd like to share, please reach out to me or one of our committee chairs!

Sincerely,

[Kennan Eaddy](#)

Delta Sigma President, 2020-2022

Recognition, Awards, and Celebrations of Members

Kennan Eaddy was a 2021 Fall NC DKG Education Foundation Grant Recipient. (See more information on page 9.) Congratulations, Kennan!

Representing Battleground Elementary, **Katie Crocker**, colleague Chelsea Proctor, and their students were recently recognized at a Board of Education meeting for implementing high quality social supports for social and emotional learning by using classroom meetings and zones of regulation. (See *Lincoln Times News* article, January 14, 2022.)

Congratulations to **Phyllis Tallent** on the birth of her granddaughter, Randi Rose Dellinger, born December 17th. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 ¾ inches long. Phyllis is ecstatic!

Rhonda Hager was also featured in an *Lincoln Times News* article addressing Alzheimer's and dementia (January 5, 2022). The article highlighted Rhonda's journey providing loving care for a parent with dementia and helping others dealing with this illness to find "joy" in their lives.

Please share joyous and celebratory news with our members. Email your news to the [newsletter editor](#).

Member Spotlight



Sara Miller

Encouragement is the key word Sara Miller uses to describe DKG. She believes Delta Sigma does a lot of encouraging by providing scholarships to high school seniors interested in teaching.

“We encourage and help them get started... We provide direct encouragement to first and second year teachers through our beginning teacher support program... Look at those who have been encouraged by Delta Sigma,” she declared. Sara was also delighted to participate in the activities supporting and encouraging working members last year.



Sara encourages new members to get involved with DKG by making meetings a priority and putting forth the effort to reach out to those you don't know well. She feels the icebreaker activities structured into our meetings help, but taking the initiative to talk to someone you don't know is important. She urges everyone to participate in the chapter's community and service projects. One of Sara's favorite activities is the fashion show fundraiser. It is a time when members work together for a common cause and enjoy the comraderie while preparing for the fashion show.

Sara has been a member of DKG for almost 38 years. She joined Beta Epsilon chapter in 1984 when it was comprised of members from the four areas of Lincolnton, Bessemer City, Cherryville, and Kings Mountain. At that time, the chapter consisted of only 25 members per area. Sara knew several teachers in the chapter, and was honored to be invited to join this esteemed group of women educators. She also enjoyed networking with other women educators outside her district. Each year, each area in the chapter hosted a dinner meeting and everyone dressed up for the occasion, something Sara enjoyed. There was a more formal social aspect to the organization and 100% participation was expected. Members were required to write a note to the president explaining any absence.

Positive changes came in 2010 when Lincoln County members decided to form their own chapter. She feels it was a wonderful change of direction stating, “The Lincoln County chapter has much more involvement in our local schools. We now provide scholarships to our own high school students and support the new teachers in our own county.”

Sara has been a positive and encouraging force in her career. She received her undergraduate degree in English, a Master's Degree in counseling, and an Educational Specialist degree in school administration, all from Appalachian State University. Her educational experiences have been varied. Sara student taught at West Lincoln High School and spent her first five years teaching English there. Upon completion of her counseling degree, she became a counselor at Lincolnton Junior High School for three years. Sara also served as the EC Program Director at the County Office for 3 – 4 years and believes Exceptional Children have extra special teachers! Her county-wide experiences were invaluable.

In her first few years as a principal, Sara spent one half of her day teaching first grade and the other half as an administrator; she was truly a teaching principal. Her first assignment was at Aspen Primary School - the year the school burned. After the fire, Oaklawn and Park Schools were reorganized to accommodate the students from Aspen. Sara then became principal at Oaklawn. In 1986, she became principal of both North Brook #1 and North Brook #2 while a new school was being built. The combined, new North Brook Elementary School opened in 1987. Sara experienced the many exciting aspects of opening a new school with a new staff. She remained at North Brook for nine years – the longest at any location. She spent three additional years at S. Ray Lowder before retirement in 1998. Thoroughly enjoying each school, Sara says she learned a lot and worked with wonderful staff members.



In retirement, Sara participated in education from a different perspective. She served as a Lincoln County School Board member for two years, filling a vacancy left when a member moved out of district. She shared, “It was very interesting and time consuming

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work.” But, retirement also brought new adventures with her husband Steve. They have been together since their first date to the prom during their senior year of high school. They love to travel and explore new places. They once volunteered to work on a wildlife refuge in Savannah, Georgia during winter months. Many may be surprised to find that Sara and Steve have spent 12 summers living in an RV on a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Elk Refuge in Jackson, Wyoming. Each year, they spent 5 – 6 months volunteering at the visitor’s center for two or two and a half days a week. The rest of the week they spent exploring and enjoying the wildlife, scenery, and gorgeous sunsets; meeting new people; and making new friends from all across the country. Once, Sara even shared an embrace with Harrison Ford who was one of 15-20 pilots with private planes volunteering to take young people (16 and younger) on plane rides. Of course Steve took a photo!



Fishing in Haines, Alaska

After admiring her quilting skills, one of Sara’s fellow volunteers at the reserve encouraged her to bring a sewing machine to Wyoming the next summer so she could teach her to quilt. It is a hobby Sara still enjoys today. She not only makes quilts, but also makes table toppers and wall hangings for herself and family members. Sara has finished afghan sized quilts for her two nephews and plans to work on quilts for her two nieces this year. She has even converted a spare bedroom into her sewing/project room to pursue her creative interests.

In addition to quilting, Sara is an active member of First Baptist Church, serving on committees and teaching Sunday School once a month at Lincoln Rehabilitation Center (as COVID protocols allow). She loves to cook and read. She is a member of the Priscilla Book Club. Recently, Sara read a book she had difficulty putting down - *The Lincoln Highway*. The book is set in the 1950’s when an 18-year old boy, Emmett, released from a juvenile work farm intends to pick up his eight-year-old brother and hopes to journey to California to find the mother who abandoned them. However, two friends from the

work farm end up diverting his plan. The story chronicles the boys’ adventures and difficulties as they make their way to New York City.

Recently, Sara experienced health issues related to her heart. She feels as though she lost last spring, summer, and fall due to the myriad of tests, procedures, and doctor’s appointments that eventually led to surgery. She is recovering quite well and is half way through the heart rehab program. She is so thankful for the repairs made to her heart and is very appreciative for the prayers of family, friends, church family, and Delta Sigma sisters. She shared, “I don’t think I would have made it without those prayers.”



Celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary in Hawaii

Sara reminds us that February is American Heart Month, a time to reinforce the importance of heart health. During the past year, she had numerous tests indicating everything was “normal” with her heart. She knew it was not. She had to be persistent with health care professionals to get to the root of the problem. She wonders how many people have just accepted test results despite how they felt and are no longer with us. Ever the encourager herself, Sara says, “Pay attention to your symptoms and go back to your doctor. Be your own advocate.”



Sara is a cherished and valued member of Delta Sigma. She is a supporter of all chapter efforts whether it is by arranging flowers for the fashion show, donating to fundraisers and projects, participating in meetings, or sending cards to fellow members.

With quiet elegance, she sets an example for the *encouragement* she contends is the heart of our chapter. Sara stated she tries to be a positive person and find “joys” in each and every day. Not surprisingly, she *encourages* each of us to do the same!

Note of Interest: The Lincoln Highway was one of the first transcontinental highways in America built and completed in 1913. The original highway ran from Times Square to San Francisco.

Register and Participate in the 2022 NC Convention

Make this the year you participate fully in the 2022 NC DKG Convention being held in Asheville on April 29-May 1 by presenting a workshop, honoring a friend with an ad, raising money for your chapter by being a vendor, and volunteering your time.

Convention & Hotel Registration

[Register now](#) for the 2022 NC DKG Convention and be a part of the fun in Asheville the last weekend in April. Registration via a Google form is available by check or credit card until April 10th. Early bird registration for Beginning Teachers and Collegiate members is \$25 and is \$35 for all other members. One day registration is \$20. Mail checks to Leslie Black, Convention Treasurer, 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609-8212. Contact [Leslie](#) with questions regarding payment. The registration form also provides an opportunity for donating to Headquarters as part of “Pass the House” and contains information about donating to the convention project MANNA FoodBank.

Everyone must register, including award recipients, presenters, guests, and those who are volunteering during the convention. Submit one registration form per person. Refunds will *not* be issued if you do not attend the event.

Contact NC DKG Executive Secretary [Elizabeth Miars](#) with questions regarding registration.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations may be made by calling the toll-free number 1-844- 330-0296 (24/7) and mentioning the group name “Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma.” The special group rate is \$155 for two queen beds and only applies to Friday and Saturday nights. Reservations may also be made online at [Eta State Delta Kappa Gamma](#).



Volunteers

Volunteers will make this convention successful. There are lots of ways to help, so check out the [Volunteer Form](#) or contact Convention Chair [Connie Savell](#).

BYOB – Should be Fun!

New at convention this year will be BYOB— Bring Your Own Bag. Returning attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite past convention bag (or any bag), as bags will be provided for first-time attendees only. It will be fun to see the variety of bags!



Convention Project Supports Local Food Bank

Even if you do not attend the convention in April, consider donating to this worthy project to fight hunger in Western North Carolina. Food insecurity is growing and a local food bank that is a member of Feeding America is the 2022 NC DKG Convention project.



The Mountain Area Nutritional Needs Alliance (MANNA), a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, works to end food insecurity for students and families in Western North Carolina. Founded in 1982 by the Hunger Awareness Group in Asheville, MANNA FoodBank currently distributes more than 50,000 pounds of food *every day* to over 200 partner pantries and other human service organizations.

Every \$1 donated to MANNA helps provide four meals for people across Western NC.

Chapters and/or members are invited to support the convention project with donations. Checks and money orders may be written to MANNA FoodBank with reference to the 2022 NC DKG Convention Project. Bring checks to the convention or mail to MANNA FoodBank at 627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville, NC 28805. To make a secure, online donation, visit the [MANNA donation page](#), choose “Designate My Donation,” select “Other Info,” and then enter NC DKG State Convention Project.

Visit the [MANNA FoodBank website](#) for more information or contact [Connie Savell](#), Convention Chair.

Publications

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DKG Publications Online - Great Resources for Members

The “Publications” tab on the DKG website is an excellent place to find all DKG International publications in digital format in one location. Sign in on www.dkg.org to access these excellent publications. Below are descriptions of three major publications and highlights of topics contained in current issues.



The *DKG News* is an “online only” publication. Nominees for the 2022-2024 DKG officers headline the Jan/Feb issue of *DKG News*. Information on all the nominees is contained in this

issue (Vol. 79-1). Also included in this issue are convention updates, World Fellowship recipients, an article on the difference in the DKG Facebook accounts, highlights of the November Administrative Board actions, and a good article on saying YES to chapter leadership roles.

Log in to the [DKG website](http://www.dkg.org) and click on the “Publications” tab to read either the pdf file or the Flipbook edition.



With two print issues per

year, *The Collegial Exchange* focuses on articles based on practice and experience related to education, women, children, and Society issues. It also includes personal reflections and creative works along with book and technology reviews.

An article entitled “The Reluctant Leader” is a highlight in the latest issue (Vol. 88-2). A Wilkes County, NC teacher, Lori Holguin, shares her journey to find her “voice” through DKG leadership experiences.

Also in this issue, a California teachers advocates for greater investment in music and other arts education

programs in her article entitled “The Power of Music in Schools.”

In another article, “Principals! The Greatest Gift You Can Give is Your Time,” Louisiana principal Sheri Higdon shares her insights into the investment of time in students, faculty, staff, and the school community. She asserts principals are always busy, but the “busyness” must be focused on the right things.

Dr. Claire Smith, a teacher in Vancouver, Washington, shares how the pandemic has opened new directions in reading in her article “Reading in the Time of Pandemic.”



Published online three times per year,

the *DKG Bulletin: International Journal for Professional Educators* is a more scholarly publication. It focuses on research-based and documented works on announced themes or topics of interest to educators.

The latest issue of the *Journal* focuses on the “Well-being School or Classroom.” Authors Gross and Prather propose three strategic approaches for addressing disruptive student behaviors in the classroom and advancing the social/emotional development of today’s learners in their article “Well-being in Classrooms after COVID-19: A “3-D” Approach for Addressing Student Trama.”

Sharlene McGowan shares her doctoral research summary in “The Role of High School Counselors.” Acknowledging the changes of the role of school counselors over the years, McGowan contends the role of the high school counselor is ambiguous and in recent years, has been intensified by the need to help students with mental health issues, crises, and trama.

Make time to take advantage of these excellent resources!

Committee Reports/Announcements

Beginning Teacher Support Committee (Katie Crocker):

Beginning teachers in the district met on January 31st. Delta Sigma provided hot chocolate, water, donuts, and donut holes.



Each teacher received a small bag of chocolate pretzel snowball M&Ms with a note saying, "There is SNOW place to work like LCS. Warm Wishes: From Delta Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma." A huge thank you goes to committee members Deanna Dunn, Darla Stines, and Edwina Beam for assistance in providing these refreshments and gifts. A shout out also goes to Kennan Eaddy who shared the the M&M idea and the cute saying.

Our chapter president recently received the following email message from Juli Burchett, administrative assistant to the Chief of Human Resources: "Thank you Kennan for all DKG does for our BTs. Katie brought by the items today. I can't tell you how much I appreciate DKG. You're Awesome! Happy Friday!" Kudos to the Beginning Teacher Support Committee!

Finance Committee (Libby Fletcher):

The Finance Committee worked with Kennan Eaddy to set up a Venmo account @deltasigmaDKG to assist members in paying fashion show donations or dues. With the first transfer, members will be asked to confirm the Delta Sigma DKG identity by entering the last 4 digets of the phone number. *You can click "Pay without confirming" as long as you see our DKG photo.* You **MUST** put details in the memo – for example, 2023 DKG dues, DKG Angels Service Project, etc. Members may still continue to pay with cash or checks, but this Venmo will provide a convenient way to pay electronically.



Legislative Law & Policy Committee (Heather Myers):

The NC General Assembly finally approved a budget in November 2021. The links below provide a budget summary and commentary related to education in NC.

<https://www.ednc.org/12-13-2021-at-long-last-a-budget-what-does-it-mean-for-education/#the-budget-process>



<https://www.publicschoolsfirstnc.org/know-the-issues/education-budget/>

Scholarship/World Fellowship/Schools for Africa Committee (Judy Shuford):

One of the purposes of DKG International is to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study. There are up to 30 international scholarships available - some as much as \$10,000 for a doctorate and \$6,000 for an advanced degree. Applications are found on the [DKG website](#) (log in required). Cornetet applications for professional development are also on the website and are due **May 1, 2022** and **November 1, 2023**.



In the January North Carolina DKG Educational Foundation Newsletter (*In A Nutshell*) edited by Sherry Willis, there are applications for Continuing Education for Professional/Personal Growth. Some award \$500 and some award \$1,000. The applications were due January 31, 2022. This notice is late for this year, but you might consider checking this website for next year. It is www.ncdkgef.org.

Locally, Delta Sigma plans to award three high school senior scholarships this year at \$1,000 each. The Annette Geymont Memorial Scholarship is funded by the Geymont family, and two Delta Sigma Future Educator Scholarships are funded by the chapter. The applications have been sent to the four high schools and are due **March 15, 2022**.

All principals have been contacted to see if they have an outstanding first year teacher they would like to nominate for The Buzzing BEE Award (Beginning Educator Excelling Award). This was previously called The Most Promising Young Woman Educator Award. A number of principals have responded. The applications are being returned and are due **March 15, 2022**.

Delta Sigma awards an advanced degree scholarship of \$500 and a professional development scholarship of \$250. If anyone is interested, please contact Judy Shuford for the requirements and an application. The deadline is also **March 15, 2022**.

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Membership and Nominations Committee (Rhonda Hager):

The Membership and Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the results of officer elections. Officers for the 2022-2024 biennium will be Rhonda Hager, President; Kelton Boorman, Vice-President; Sheila Wright, Secretary; and Lori Haight, Treasurer. Officers will be installed at the April 28th meeting.



Ten nominees were presented for membership at the January 24th meeting and voting was conducted electronically. Prospective members and their sponsors will attend an orientation session prior to induction on April 28, 2022.

At the January 24th chapter meeting, the Membership Committee proposed a member achievement program to recognize active participation. Details will be confirmed at the summer planning session. The committee also announced a membership engagement program – “Sister-Sister.” The program is an expansion of the working member support project implemented last year by retired members. Many thanks to Elaine Jenkins and Elaine Boysworth for leading the effort to connect retired members with a different working member each month through cards, gifts, and words of encouragement. The Sister-Sister Program pairs working and retired members long-term to engage in developing a meaningful relationship with another Delta Sigma sister. Fun activities will be planned for sister pairs each month and at meetings. The program was successfully kicked off at the January 24th meeting with virtual breakout sessions of sister pairs discussing a variety of fun topics. Keep your eyes open for emails each month from Rhonda Hager for details about Sister-Sister activities!



February Sister-Sister Activity

Reach out to your sister partner by February 15th to discuss the following question and find out **WHY she is passionate** about educating others.

Why do you LOVE education and what drove you to make a difference choosing this profession?

Schools for Africa

By Judy Shuford



Schools for Africa became the Society’s first official international project in 2010. The project is a partnership between UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Foundation (now the Peter Kramer Stiftung). Schools for Africa

aims to provide quality education to millions of children in Africa with a special focus on the most marginalized.

To date, Schools for Africa has helped more than 30 million children achieve the dream of an education. It supports the work of UNICEF to build and furnish schools, train teachers, facilitate school access to disadvantaged children especially girls and marginalized children, provide access to clean water, and supply students with school materials.

To see videos of action go to the [DKG website](#) and click on Schools for Africa under the Programs/Projects tab. Direct donations may be made to UNICEF using the [Schools for Africa flyer](#) (donation form). Please consider donating to this worthy project.



“Linking the Past, Present and Future”

Honoring Our Leaders

As we congratulate our newly elected officers for the 2022-2024 biennium, let us also remember to offer thanks to those who have led the way by serving as President of Delta Sigma during the last 12 years.

2010 – 2012	Gayle Reid
2012 – 2014	Elaine Jenkins
2014 – 2016	Edwina Beam
2016 – 2018	Libby Fletcher
2018 – 2020	Rhonda Hager
2020 – 2022	Kennan Eaddy



Delta Sigma Member Presents at National Conference

Jenny Dellinger recently returned from the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) national conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she and her Marshall University colleague, Dr. Kim McFall, presented an Idea Lab session entitled “Inclusion & Diversity Investigation Tool--Collection Development Crowdsourced Database.” Jenny and Kim (utilizing

the amazing tech skills of the Computer Science department at Marshall) designed a database for school librarians to upload their collections to and compare with others around the globe, examining both the diversity of authors/creators of books and the characters in those books.



Jenny shared, “It is so important, especially in this day and age, that students not only be able to find *themselves* represented in a library’s collection, but also be able to see the lives and experiences of *others not like them* in those stories. This free database will help librarians turn a critical eye to their own collection of books and begin to see where areas for improvement can be found and whose voices may be missing in the stories. We teach the concept of ‘windows, mirrors, and sliding glass doors’ in our collection development courses, and this database is an incredible tool to assist practicing librarians in building collections that represent us all.”



Jenny was able to attend this national conference thanks to the Delta Sigma Professional Development Award, which covered the cost of her conference registration. Always up for adventure, Jenny and Kim also visited Arches

National Park after the conclusion of the conference, for a once-in-a-lifetime look at another part of this beautiful country.

NC DKG Education Foundation Recipient

This fall, Kennan Eaddy was awarded the NCDKG Educational Foundation's Continuing Education for Professional/Personal Growth Grant to attend the North Carolina School Counselors’ Association Fall Conference. The NCSCA conference provides comprehensive professional development tailored to counselors. As her first year as the lead counselor in Lincoln County Schools, she is responsible for all counselor professional development. She wrote to the Foundation, “It is necessary for me to receive appropriate professional development now more than ever so I can effectively lead all the counselors in my district. While I previously worked in an elementary school, I’m now responsible for all counselors K-12. This means providing them with professional development, collaborating with them on difficult ethical decisions, and coaching them through trending topics. The information I receive in convention sessions I attend at this conference will then be passed down to all our counselors through monthly professional development meetings led by myself.”

Key sessions included at the conference were Helping the Helper: Self-Care for Counselors; Standing Tall Through It All; Legal Literacy and Ethical Practice in the Complex World of School Counseling; How Do You View the World? A Discussion of Diversity and Equity; Crisis Intervention: Do You Know How to Respond?; as well as an additional four breakout sessions on a variety of topics. Being able to attend this conference provided crucial information for Kennan to be successful in her new role.

Leadership Links Everyone



Celebrate successes with your chapter and members. By celebrating successes, you reinforce motivation for the next achievement, and you show appreciation for the work of the members. Send a handwritten note or text message to members indicating your appreciation.

Your Leadership Tip of the Month is brought to you by the NC DKG Leadership Development Committee.



November & January Meeting Highlights

The members of the Delta Sigma met on Thursday, November 4th at Boger City United Methodist Church. The meeting was hosted by the Education Law and Policy Committee.

Dr. Cale Sain, Director of Career and Technical Education for Lincoln County Schools, was the guest speaker along with Kennan Eaddy. They shared information regarding myFutureNC and the district's Project 414 initiative.



Project 414 is aligned with the mission of myFutureNC, a statewide nonprofit organization focused on educational attainment and is a collaboration between NC education leaders, business, and government. The mission of myFutureNC is to prepare North Carolina for the future by empowering individuals, strengthening communities, and ensuring economic viability in a global economy. The goal of myFutureNC is to ensure that by 2030, two million 25- to 44-year-olds in NC will have a high quality postsecondary credential or degree to close the educational attainment gap.

Specifically in Lincoln County Schools, Project 414 focuses on enhancing career information, options, and planning for students in grades 4 -12. Gaston College continues this focus in the 13th and 14th years. Other community partners include Lincoln Economic Development (LEDA), Lincolnton City and Lincoln County Governments, and Atrium Health Lincoln. Dr. Sain emphasized the project was designed to prepare students for the workforce, college, or military, but ultimately prepare students for the future with the “end” in mind - retirement...not just graduation.

Following the program, Heather Myers led the group in a Thanksgiving paper plate drawing activity. Wendy Mosteller was declared the “winner” of the



activity and given a gift card. Dr. Elaine Jenkins was also presented a gift card for identifying the most members in the latest “Who Am I?” activity in the September newsletter.

Highlights of the business meeting include:

- Announcements of member news and recognitions
- Approval of the minutes followed by committee reports
- Discussion of the fashion show fundraiser in April
- Decision to adopt “angels” for Christmas through DSS adult services

On January 24th, thirty-eight Delta Sigma members met via Zoom. Kennan Eaddy led a “Pancakes or Waffles” icebreaker activity to open the meeting.

Highlights of the business meeting include:

- Approval of the minutes and treasurer’s report.
 - Election of officers for the next bienneium.
 - Presentation of nominees for membership and voting process on prospective members.
 - Presentation of committee reports (See pages 7-8 for further details.)
 - Cancellation of the spring fashion show due to Covid related concerns
 - Discussion of a fundraising idea to honor favorite teachers (Details and logistics will be developed and announced in the coming months.)
 - Report on holiday service project (See page 1.)
- Special Note: Any donated funds not used for “angel” gifts were used to purchase fast food gift cards and donated to Hesus House of Hope for distribution.

The Membership Committee shared a proposal to recognize member achievement for active participation and also kicked-off a “Sister-Sister” member engagement project. The project paired working members with retired members with the goal of enhancing meaningful, supportive relationships among members. The remaining portion of the meeting was spent in virtual breakout rooms where small groups of members shared and discussed a variety of topics. Monthly activities are being planned to maintain Sister-Sister contact throughout the year.





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 submissions of member news, committee briefs, and articles for inclusion in the newsletter to the editor by **March 31, 2022**

Kennan Eaddy, President

Elaine Boysworth, Editor



Remaining 2021-2022 Delta Sigma Calendar

EVENT/HOST	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Fourth Meeting (Scholarship)	Thursday, April 28, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Boger City UMC
Executive Board Meeting	Monday, May 9, 2022	4:30 p.m.	Boger City UMC

State and International Calendar

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crown Plaza	April 29-May 1, 2022	Asheville, NC
International Convention	July 12-16, 2022	New Orleans, LA
NC DKG Convention	April 28-30, 2023	Greenville, NC



Important Web 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/>

(If you have a Facebook account please join our Delta Sigma Facebook page.)



Technology Tip



Ever been called by your own phone number? Offered an extended car warranty? It seems impossible to end those pesky robocalls, but here are a few tips for dealing with them from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

- Don't answer numbers you don't recognize, even if it has the same area code.
- Don't trust the number on your Caller ID. (It may be spoofed and look like a familiar number.)
- Sign up for the [Do NOT Call Registry](#). It is worth doing, but only weeds out some calls. Remember, under FTC rules, some robocalls don't require your permission. To find out more about those types of calls click [here](#).
- If you answer a call and there is a pause or recorded message, hang up. It is a robocall or someone trying to determine if your number is being answered.
- Click [here](#) to file a NC complaint or call 844-8-NO-ROBO.
- To file a federal complaint, [click here](#).