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Hilda Parlér NC DKG State President 2023-2025



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 **State Organization** 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

NC DKG Committee Chairs 2023-2025

Awards

Tobey Worthington

Beginning Teacher

Support

Cheryl Wright

Communications &

<u>Marketing</u>

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Dr. Carol Maidon

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Dr. Barbara Perry-

Sheldon

Scholarship Committee

Michelle Taylor

DKG International at Work



International Past President Receives International Achievement Award

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

World Fellowship Recipient Gives Keynote Speech



President Hilda congratulates Alona

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

2023-2025 NC DKG State Leaders

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DKG found its way to the Sheraton Grand at the Wildhorse Pass in Phoenix for the 2023 International Conference where members found themselves surrounded by sunflowers. This iconic flower brought smiles to members' faces, joy to the event spaces, and inspiration to all involved. From centerpieces to conference lapel pins to the Educators Book Award book cover to member paraphernalia, sunflowers were the unifying feature of the Phoenix conference.

Members celebrated the customs of the Gila River Indian Community and the diversity of DKG as they played bingo, watched dancers, ate native cuisine, participated in breakout sessions, listened to guest speakers, and enjoyed the fellowship of others.

After a year of planning with a fabulous steering committee and countless supportive volunteers, it was an incredibly fulfilling experience to see sisters genuinely embrace the "3 R's": rest, recuperation, and rejuvenation. May all DKG sisters take the lessons learned while attending the Phoenix event and weave them into their everyday lives in order to find a continued sense of balance as the new school year begins.

Mova Sa'pe (thank you) to all that attended and a special Mova Sa'pe to the NC DKG members who made the effort to attend the Phoenix event. What a blessing you are to me and to this state.



Top: International Achievement Award Recipient Becky Sadowski (center) with NC DKG Fine Arts Liaison Dedra Davis and International Fine Arts Jury Chair Irene Maskaly.

Top: Pre-conference equestrian ride at KOLI Equestrian Center. Bottom: NC table at First General Session -Carol Bostian, Debra Groce, Connie Savell, Elizabeth Miars, Teresa Cowan, Allison Patton, Leslie Black, Hilda Parlér, Beth Winstead, Dedra Davis.

Glimpses of Conference at Wild Horse Pass in Phoenix



Carol Bostian Delivers "Rays of Celebration" Speech





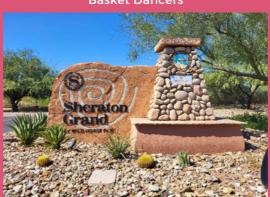
Basket Dancers



Dr. Teresa Cowan Southeast Regional Director

Carol Herzog Northeast Regional Director







Challie Guerra-Beta Lori McClaren-Beta Morgan Blanton-Alpha Gamma Katelyne Stamey-Alpha Gamma Meghan Scott-Alpha Gamma Kelly Pierce-Alpha Gamma Savannah Wilson-Alpha Gamma Brittany Bolick-Alpha Gamma Karen Boone-Alpha Gamma Shelly Campbell-Alpha Gamma Lauren Barbour-Alpha Beta Samantha Lam-Alpha Beta Lisa McDowell-Alpha Beta Danah Miller-Alpha Beta Melissa Pearce-Alpha Beta Suzanne Sweat-Alpha Beta Tracey Patrick-Zeta Angela Bowman-Zeta Morticia Walston-Alpha Psi **Christy Webster-Alpha Psi** Carmela Byrnes-Alpha Psi Rebecca Sanchez-Alpha Psi Sharon Carter-Moore-Alpha Psi Elizabeth Blackmon-Omega Ronna Gore-Omega Rebecca Ham-Omega Heather McPherson-Omega Katherine Scott-Omega Rebekah Vogel-Omega Ashlee White-Omega





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* Reinstated members

NC DKG at Work



Communications & Marketing Committee

Tammy Albright, Chair

Communication is Key

Chapter editors, as you write and distribute your chapter newsletters, go ahead and share them with Hilda Parlér (NC DKG President), Tammy Albright (Communications & Marketing Chair), Dedra Davis (NC DKG News Editor), and your regional director. Doing this throughout the year makes it easier to remember to send them and allows the committee to have them sorted and ready for review on time. It also lets your regional director and our officers know what is going on in your chapter throughout the year. Remember to use the guidelines on the ncdkg.org website as a guide when creating your materials and documents.

NCDKGEF Is Ready to Help You!

Sheila Groves, Foundation Board

Planning something new for "Back to School"? Let the Foundation help you. How about attending a professional conference or workshop? The Foundation can help with that, too. Visit the Foundation website, www.ncdkgef.org, to find information about grants that can be used to support a variety of classroom projects and professional growth opportunities (see page 9 for details). Grants are available to members and non-members. Share this information with your colleagues. Do something special this school year and let the Foundation help! Want to know more about your Foundation? The Board of Directors created a PowerPoint that highlights the benefits to members and suggests how to get involved in Foundation activities. The slides can be found on the NC DKG website under New on the Website. Notes accompany each slide to make it easy for chapters to use this as a program, or you might want to invite a Board member to give the presentation at a chapter meeting.



needs golfers, sponsors,

and hole sponsors. Everyone, not only DKG members, is invited to participate.

Information is available on the Foundation website at www.ncdkgef.org.

Are you ready for some FUN-raising?

Create a team, be a sponsor, and make a donation. Your generosity will allow more funding to support teachers and students throughout North Carolina. Sponsorship and golfer registration forms are available on the Foundation website. Chapters may also donate snacks again this year for golfer goodie bags: Regions I & II peanut butter crackers; Regions III & IV fun size M&Ms; Regions V & VI individual size goldfish crackers; pretzels, etc.; Regions VII & VIII individual size trail mix; Regions IX, X, & XI protein or granola bars. Drop snacks off at the NC DKG Executive Board Meeting on September 16.



Membership/Expansion Committee

Tammy Cullom, Chair

Engaging First Year Members – A Job for Everyone in Your Chapter

This is an excerpt from the article, "After the Induction: Keeping New Members Engaged" which can be accessed while logged into the dkg.org website. Select the Resources tab, then click Membership and you will find this and other critical information All 91 NC DKG Chapters should have at least one new member from the first year of this biennium. You inducted this new member, then welcomed her with warm hugs and smiles. What a nice way for this educator to start her membership in DKG.

Now the real work begins for all members of your chapter. Your collective goal is to keep that member engaged so she will be a lifelong member of DKG. Member retention is the responsibility of each member in your chapter. The DKG article mentions four simple ways to assist your new member before your first meeting.

- Assist your new member in attending meetings
 *Make sure she knows the meeting dates and locations
 *Offer her a ride to the first meeting
 - *Introduce her to members as you enter
- Become your new member's lifelong friend and mentor *Volunteer to help in some way if she is still working *Invite her and another member to lunch or coffee *Check in with a call or text between meetings
- 3. Help your new member get involved in chapter activities *Involve her right away by asking her to give the invocation or assist the hostess team with a meeting *Ask if she has a topic she might want to share later as a program or project
- Encourage the new member to get involved beyond your chapter
 - *Share your past NC DKG convention program books with her so she can start to feel that DKG is bigger than just the chapter
 - *Assist by helping her log into the DKG International website and register her information

Please share your ideas for engaging new members with others in NC DKG by clicking on the Engaging New Members Share Form while logged into dkg.org.



EEC Committee

Carolyn Lane, Chair

Program /Project Collaboration

There are many exciting opportunities available for your chapter to reenergize and rejuvenate meetings. As you continue genuine fellowship within your chapter, consider branching out to other neighboring chapters. This could expand your influence by possibly implementing joint fundraising efforts or shared planning sessions. Trading community project ideas and successes can also be a bond that will strengthen your chapter, as well as develop new friendships and offer a time for sharing with other DKG sisters.

NC DKG at Work

The Leader in Me

Leadership Development Committee

Dr. Phyllis Broughton, Chair



The Leadership Development Committee welcomes you to the beginning of a new biennium. Chair Dr. Phyllis Broughton thanks members serving on this committee: Dr. Teresa Cowan; Stephanie Hinson; Nikki Steckroth; Michelle Wall; Carolyn Lane, consultant, EEC chair, first vice president; and Hilda Parlér, ex officio, NC DKG president. Our goals are the following: cultivate skills that will encourage members to realize their potential as the leader they are; inspire chapter leaders to adopt the "Leader in Me" approach; explore resources, models, and web tools to enhance the understanding of promoting leaders; and implement strategies to make our Society more visible and more influential in educational leadership endeavors. Our committee will work collaboratively to identify and nurture potential leaders, provide them with the necessary tools and resources, and create a supportive environment that encourages leadership development skills at all levels. If anyone has suggestions or questions, please reach out to me or any of our committee members. Let's continue to grow our leaders.

NC DKG Chapter News



Katie Wilson, Katelyn Leonhardt, Blake McMurry, and Kelton Boorman

Delta Sigma Awards Scholarships (Region X, Lincoln)



Four deserving individuals were awarded scholarships by Delta Sigma. The Annette Geymont Memorial Scholarship for Future Educators was awarded to Katelyn Idell Leonhardt, a 2023 graduate of Lincolnton High School attending The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Sigma Future Educator Scholarship was awarded to Blake Alexa McMurry. A 2023 graduate of North Lincoln High School, Blake is attending Appalachian State University. The Buzzing BEE (Beginning Educator Excelling) Award was presented to Katie Wilson, a sixth-grade science teacher at East Lincoln Middle School under the guidance of principal and Delta Sigma member Heather Myers. Kelton Stone Boorman, a music teacher at Norris S. Childers Elementary, was awarded the Delta Sigma Advanced Degree Scholarship. Boorman is pursuing her Master's in School Administration at the University of North Carolina - Charlotte.

Gamma Chi Celebrates 40th Anniversary (Region III, Warren)



Members of Gamma Chi Chapter, chartered on May 7, 1983, celebrated their 40th anniversary on May 16. In celebration, four charter members and six past presidents were honored with a certificate and long stem red rose.

Three grants-in-aid to women pursuing degrees in education and eight professional development grants to members enabling them to attend the NC DKG convention were presented. President Dr. Sylvia Alston and Membership Committee members conducted an induction ceremony for a new member.

In the business session, President Alston reported on the NC DKG Convention. The chapter received the Order of the Rose Award and the Communications Excellence Award. Two members were honored: Debra Clayton received the Golden Key Award, and Sheila Robertson received the Rising Star Award. The meeting ended with a raffle. Proceeds raised by the raffle will be used to aid local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation.



Charter members of Gamma Chi, Mary Catherine Harris, Dr. Janis Meek, Brenda Holloman and Shirley White.

NC DKG Member News

Treasured Treasurer Recognized and Honored

Gamma Chi (Region III, Warren)



Shirley White, and Dr. Sylvia Alston

Gamma Chi Chapter honored Shirley White at their 40th-anniversary celebration for being their only treasurer since the chapter was chartered on May 7, 1983. President Dr. Sylvia Alston presented her with a certificate and gold DKG treasurer pin. White has been a member of DKG for 53 years, having served as president of Xi chapter prior to being a Gamma Chi charter member.

Gamma Chi takes great pride in Shirley singing in the chorus at state conventions, and she also sang in the chorus at an international convention. During her career, White has served as both teacher and principal. The Chamber of Commerce honored her with the Women of Achievement in Education Award in appreciation for her dedication and hard work to promote and improve education. Shirley helps people through religious, civic, and charitable organizations. She treasures her membership in DKG and enjoys the camaraderie of her sisters.

Dr. Alpenfels Retires

Gamma Sigma (Region VI, Moore)



Dr. Anita Alpenfels retired recently after 38 years in education. She served as a music teacher/choral director, Moore County Director of Arts Education and Public Information, Director of Public Information and Community Services, and Executive Director for

Human Resources. Honors include NC Supervisor of the Year, NC Art Education Association; Outstanding Alumnus, Meredith College; Career Woman of the Year, Sandhills Business and Professional Women; Administrator of the Year, Moore County Association of Education Office Professionals; Smallwood Fellow, UNC-Chapel Hill; United Way Spirit of Caring Award; the DKG Society International Scholarship; and the Gilbert-McNairy State Scholarship. Gamma Sigma is honored to have Anita as a member.

Wright Receives DKGIEF Grant

Lambda (Region VI, Robeson and Scotland)



DKGIEF representative writes, "We are pleased that a member from your state has received assistance to help provide support and encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence worldwide. DKGIEF encourages all educators, members, and non-members, who are interested in the Educational Foundation Project Grant, to check the Foundation webpage for the Project Grant information and application."



Special thanks to Delta Kappa Gamma International Educators Foundation for financial support of this worthwhile project.



Pamela Wright, a member of Lambda Chapter, received an Educational Project Grant from Delta Kappa Gamma International Educators Foundation. The grant awarded \$7,060 for Wright's project, "From the Classroom to the Mountains". The project introduced students in the summer youth academy to lessons regarding the weather, rocks, minerals, and landforms. The grant provided educational materials, supplies, transportation, and admission fees to visit Grandfather Mountain. Excitement filled the chartered bus on the $4\frac{1}{2}$ -hour trip from Lumberton to Linville, the site of Grandfather Mountain. The one-day trip provided a first-time mountain experience for most of the students.

The highlight of the trip was riding the shuttle bus up to the highest peak and walking the steps to reach the area near the Mile High Swinging Bridge, with an elevation of 5,278 feet. Students were not allowed to walk across the bridge but enjoyed cooler temperatures and a beautiful view, which included sights of Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. During the summer academy, students attended educational sessions on rocks, minerals, landforms, and weather. A visit to the Wilson Center for Nature Discovery was also included. Students demonstrated their learning by creating and sharing projects with family members and community representatives. An extension of the grant will allow students to visit a television station in the fall to meet with a meteorologist and learn more about weather forecasting.

NC DKG Member News

NC DKGEF Endowment Provides Grant to Attend International Conference in Tampere, Finland



Beta Upsilon Region I, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington) Amy Barsarti



Attending the 2023 DKG International Conference, July 26-29, in Tampere, Finland, was a transformative and energizing event for me. The theme was "Moving Forward with Vitality, Relevance, and Sustainability in Our Changing World," and the sessions I attended have given me so much that I can use in my classroom, school, chapter, and community. The event was held in Tampere Hall, which also houses the "Dinosaur Invasion" exhibition and the Moomin Museum. General sessions included speakers from the Finnish National Agency for Education, the University of Applied Science, the Finnish Institute for Children's Literature, and the University of Helsinki. Breakout sessions included everything from Nordic women authors to working with students to create apps that deal with mental health and societal issues.



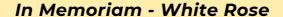
We were treated to delightful music, fabulous food, a night in the park, and a reception at the Vapriikki Museum with an exhibit about the origins of fairy tales. The facet of sustainability was particularly powerful, as we explored it in terms of our schools, the future of education itself, our chapters and DKG as an organization, and our amazing planet. There was truly something to interest and engage everyone, and I urge members to attend such events in the future.

Special thanks to the Dr. Barbara Day-Dr. Mary M. Cauley Endowed Fund for International Study and Travel through Attendance at Professional Conferences and Conventions.





Dr. Kaye Dotson and Dr. Phyllis Broughton collaborated on the article titled "Challenges and Expectations of Baby Boomers Seeking a Graduate Degree". The article was selected for inclusion in the 2023, Volume 89-5 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Journal. The article can be found on page 53. Dr. Phyllis Broughton is a retired Dean of Academic and Student Affairs from Martin Community College, Williamston, North Carolina, and currently a Teaching Assistant Professor of Adult Education at the College of Education, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. Dr. Kaye Dotson is Associate Professor Emerita and Past Program Director of the Library Science Program at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.



We celebrate the lives of these Society members whose deaths were reported to the NC DKG Membership Chair between May 2 and August 1, 2023.



Mary G. Cowand

Theta

June 5, 2023

Jessie C. McDonald

Beta Alpha

March 11, 2023



NC DKG at Work

Upcoming Opportunities / Deadlines

- September 30 Continuing Education for Professional/Personal Growth Educators statewide
- September 30 Learning/Literacy Project Grant Educators statewide
- September 30 <u>Dr. Judith B. Carlson Endowment Grant</u> Educators statewide supporting enrichment activities, travel, field trips, outdoor education, and other experiential learning
- September 30 <u>Margaret Church Endowment Grant</u> Grades 4-12 educators statewide supporting leadership development
- September 30 McCall Gifted Education or Fine Arts Endowment Grant Educators statewide
- September 30 <u>Phyllis Frye Copeland Endowment</u> Active educators in Catawba County for non-consumable materials for hands-on learning experiences
- September 30 The Betsy and Fred Cranford Endowment available to educators in Burke or Caldwell counties
- September 30 Lynda Tamblyn Endowment Grant Educators in Guilford County

The following grants are due in the next cycle by Jan. 31, 2024

- <u>Simmons-Longest Endowment Grant</u> Active & retired NC DKG educators in Region VI for personal growth, leadership development, and professional growth
- Linda G. Richards Endowment Grant NC public school female high school volleyball coaches
- <u>Dr. Barbara Day Dr. Mary M. Cauley Endowed Fund</u> for International Study and Travel through Attendance at Professional Conferences and Conventions Educators statewide
- Groves-Little Early Career Educator's Grant Educators 4 years or less experience, employed in NC public schools



Dates to Remember

2023

Aug. 15 DKG Art Gallery submission window opens

Sept. 1 Deadline to register for NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting

Sept. 1 Application deadline to serve as a DKGIEF Director

Sept. 15 DKG Art Gallery submission window closes

Sept. 15 Deadline to apply for DKG elected positions

Sept. 15 International Speaker applications due

Sept. 16 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, Greensboro

Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due

Sept. 30 Deadline to enter dues to avoid members being dropped

Oct. 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due

Oct. 1 Deadline to submit proposed amendments to *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* for 2024

Oct. 27 NC DKG Founders Day

Nov. 1 Cornetet Individual and Seminar PD Awards applications due

Nov. 1 NC DKG News deadline

Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard deadline to IRS

Dec. 1 DKG Ignite (LMS) applications due

Dec. 15 Chapter directory due to regional director

Dec. 15 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due

Dec. 15 Deadline to submit proposed changes to 2024 NC DKG Standing Rules and Bylaws

2024

April 26-28, 2024 — NC DKG Convention, Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park, Durham

July 9-13, 2024 — DKG 2024 International Convention, Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland

2026

June 30-July 4, 2026 — DKG 2026 International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado

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Mission:

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and personal growth of women
educators and excellence in
education.

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