



From A to Z

Alpha Zeta Chapter

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President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,

As I try to reflect back on this past year, I have seen people going above and beyond in every profession. From the healthcare workers trying to keep people alive, to the educators who have really done everything in their power to help students feel connected and learning, to the delivery drivers, and other essential workers who kept grocery stores stocked and kept bringing us what we needed so we could stay safe at home. Let's not forget the restaurants and other businesses that have suffered due to the closures. Our chapter has also tried to keep going through this pandemic and I'm so grateful to all of you for staying connected whenever you could. You all made our induction ceremony and annual auction happen. Without the funds raised from the auction we couldn't offer our beginning teacher grants or scholarships for a future educator. We weathered technical difficulties, changes in the Governor's orders on size gatherings, and trying to keep our families safe.

As the number of people who have been vaccinated increases and the number of new infections goes down I am hopeful about the future. I'm also excited because the NC DKG Virtual Convention starts this week. There are virtual presentations (including the Ceremony of Remembrance and awards) each night, starting on Tuesday. I encourage everyone to register for this convention if you're able to. The main business meetings and workshop presentations will be Friday night through Sunday. Registration closes Monday, April 19th at noon. This is such a great opportunity for everyone to see what is happening on the state level and to learn from other chapters. Last year's convention was canceled except for a few virtual presentations but this year we are so fortunate to have a full virtual conference to attend! Please consider making the time to attend!

I'm also looking forward to our May 1st meeting at Siler Presbyterian Church. We will also have our usual Zoom option for anyone that does not feel comfortable attending in person. Please remember to RSVP so that the hostess group knows how much food to prepare.

I am blessed to have had Janie to answer my questions as I navigated this first year of the biennium and I'm thankful to the committee chairs and everyone who is doing their part. We are definitely stronger together and I can't wait to see what Alpha Zeta can continue to do!

Yours in Sisterhood,
Deb Christensen
Alpha Zeta President



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Mission Statement

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

Elevator Speech

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international honor society of women educators, which encourages and supports professional growth through legislative efforts, conferences, workshops, and offers scholarships to members and future educators.

Theme

“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.”

Ready, Set, GROW!

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Upcoming Events

Apr. 19 NC DKG Convention registration deadline at noon

Apr. 23-25 NC DKG Virtual Convention

Apr. 26 ASK Time

May 1 Deadline for applications for Cornet Individual PD Awards

May 1 NC DKG News deadline

May 2 ASK Time

May 11 DKG Founders Day

May 15 Bulletin: Journal submissions due

June 8 Early registration deadline for Portland conference

June 23 Early registration deadline for San Antonio conference

June 28 ASK Time

June 30 Membership dues due to chapter treasurers

July 1 New Biennium begins

July International Conferences (two dates and locations)

Alpha Zeta Meetings

August Executive Board Meeting

Sept. 4 Chapter Meeting TBA

Conventions

July 7-10, 2021 — International Conference, Portland, OR

July 21-24, 2021 — International Conference, San Antonio, TX

April 29-May 1, 2022 — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort

July 10 - 18, 2022 International Convention, New Orleans, LA

Also check the NC DKG calendar online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html>.

May Meeting Information

When: May 1, 2021

Time: 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Where: Siler Presbyterian Church, 6301 Weddington Rd, Matthews, NC 28104 and on Zoom

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/EsECSpSTz89Npa1v8>

Bring: \$10.00 to cover the cost of breakfast

Zoom information: [https://zoom.us/j/92758666761?](https://zoom.us/j/92758666761?pwd=Sk1vaWF1M2kvZDRScmd2ZFIdmE0QT09)

[pwd=Sk1vaWF1M2kvZDRScmd2ZFIdmE0QT09](https://zoom.us/j/92758666761?pwd=Sk1vaWF1M2kvZDRScmd2ZFIdmE0QT09)

Meeting ID: 927 5866 6761, Passcode: 32bKkW



“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

Lessons Learned?

Grandma Gatewood taught us to never quit, travel light, and make a difference. Were you able to apply these insightful lessons that were gleaned from her experiences? Let me share how some implemented the lessons learned from Grandma Gatewood.



See **Gamma Delta GROW!**

Included photos of their mentor chapter in newsletters to embrace **Generational Diversity**



See Alpha GROW!

Using **research data** to align retired and active members in their *Partner Up project*



See Gamma Psi GROW!

Penny Freeland fulfilled **Opportunities for Leadership** as a recipient of two NC AEA awards in the field of art

See Gamma Zeta GROW!



Well-defined programs included presentations on Suffragettes and Black History

2019-2021 NC DKG Theme
 Ready, Set, **GROW!**
 Cultivate fellowship with **G**enerations of DKG members
 Nurture membership with **R**esearch-based strategies
 Energize members with **O**pportunities for leadership
 Develop chapters with **W**ell-defined programs
 You **GROW**, girl!

Like Grandma Gatewood, I aim to never quit, I strive to travel light, and I pray that my actions make a difference. But when it feels like I am alone, I recall this Jewish proverb: *Every blade of grass has an angel bending over it saying, “Grow, grow.”*

As convention approaches, here are a few ideas for you to ponder: Do you hear your “angel” encouraging you to grow? Who or what is preventing you from embracing that encouragement?



May	June	June (cont.)	July
1 Paula Taufest	6 Tracy Strickland	21 Davida Zike	10 Janie Collins
	8 Sarah Miller	26 Kathy Glasheen	18 Michelle Goode
	21 Lisa Stephens		20 Diane Maye
			22 Gladys Kerr



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Alpha Zeta News

Chapter newsletters are now protected behind a password on the Alpha Zeta website. When you are on the Alpha Zeta website and you click on News and Communication on the left menu you'll be brought to a page with a login screen. The username is AZmember and the password is @lphaZ3ta. That is how you can access past newsletters on the Alpha Zeta website.

Kathy Glasheen

Shared that she will be retiring from NC this year (after 32.5 years) and has already accepted a position for next year at Rock Hill HS teaching science. Congratulations, Kathy!

Spring Art Gallery

Paula Tautfest and Deb Christensen both had entries accepted into the DKG Spring Art Gallery. Paula submitted two photographs and Deb submitted a photograph and a photograph with a Haiku for a multimedia entry. You can see their works here: <http://dkggallery.dkg.org/dkggallery/>.

Alpha Zeta Recruitment

We did not receive any nominations for membership for our final meeting this year but we are not limited to having an induction ceremony in the spring so if you have anyone you think might make a good addition to our chapter, please nominate them.

Remember you can print copies of our [brochure](#) to share information with prospective members. This was also not a normal year and I don't know many teachers who wanted to add one more thing to their plates but hopefully the next school year will be better!

Clipboard and Keyrings for Sale

We purchased some clipboards and keyrings to sell at the 2020 NC DKG Convention but that was cancelled and this year's convention is virtual so we would thought we'd advertise them to our members in case you know anyone who would like to buy one or if any of you wanted to buy one as a gift. They have sayings about teaching and education on them. The clipboards are \$10 each and the keyrings are \$5 each. Lisa Stephens currently has all the inventory at her house. We considered trying to sell at the convention's virtual marketplace but the shipping costs were going to be too high.

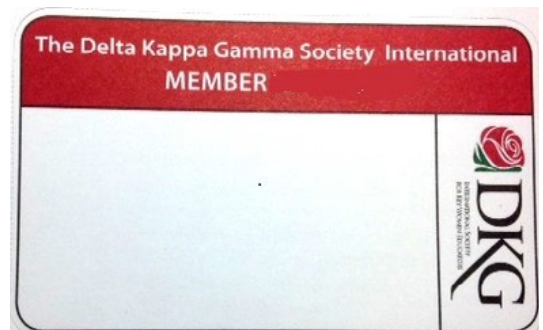
Alpha Zeta Dues Due!

Please remember to **send your dues to Lisa Stephens by June 15th**. Your check should be made out to Alpha Zeta for \$76.00 and may be postdated to June 15th. It is imperative that Lisa receives them by this date in order to make sure that the correct paperwork is submitted to International and NC DKG. Her address is:

Lisa Stephens
5728 Verrazano Drive
Waxhaw, NC. 28173

We would also like all members to contribute \$25.00 once a year to help support the different collections we are asked to make throughout the year. This would keep us from having to pass a hat at meetings. You can either include the \$25.00 with your dues or pay it separately at the September meeting but we'd really like everyone to make this contribution to help support society projects.

All dues must be paid no later than June 15th.



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NC DKG News

2021 NC DKG Convention is This Week!

Excitement is building as the time nears for our 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention. Bonnie Golden and Patty Higgins, convention co-chairs, and Region XI members have worked hard to make it an event to remember.

Activities for the convention will begin on Tuesday, April 20, with virtual tours of Region XI. Watch the NC DKG website and Facebook page daily around noon for the posting of the links. Also posted daily beginning Tuesday, available for everyone, will be Virtual Showcases, highlighting the awards for chapters and members, such as Golden Key and Communications Excellence Awards, and the Ceremony of Remembrance. See the complete list in the [Spring NC DKG News](#), page 4. The Virtual Marketplace, also available for everyone, will open on Friday. Watch the website and Facebook for the link.

Registered members will receive an Events Logistics document via email a day or two before the convention officially begins on Friday. It will have links to the meetings and workshops needed to fully participate in the convention.

Registration Ends at Noon, Monday, April 19

As a virtual event, there will be no “on-site” or “day of” registration for the convention. Registration will end April 19 at noon. The link for registration is <https://bit.ly/2021NCDKGConvention>.

Only those registered will be eligible to vote on the proposed amendments and the election of officers.

EEC Equals Well-Defined Programs

Engaging Workshops to be Offered

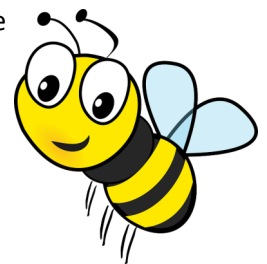
By: Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice-President

Over 30 workshops are being offered by members on Saturday during the 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention, which is right around the corner. If you have not registered yet, we encourage you to do so immediately! The variety of engaging workshops will include several on instructional topics, such as online learning, “old school” strategies, math, and STEM; committee sessions; chapter program ideas; saving our DKG history; COREBarre exercise; and more. The [Workshop at a Glance](#) file lists all the sessions. We have so much to share with one another!

New Award at NC DKG Convention

The first Beginning Teacher Award will be presented at the 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention by the Beginning Teacher Support Committee. They have also submitted a proposal to make this an annual award.

During their workshop in Session I on Saturday, the committee will share how the Beginning Educators Excelling (BEE) certificates have been accepted and implemented across the state in creative and innovative ways and hope to learn from chapters how they are using them.



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NC DKG News

2021 Virtual Convention–NC DKG: Past, Present and Future April 23-25, 2021

Prepare Now for Virtual Convention

Now, before the first virtual tour or showcase kicks off the NC DKG Virtual Convention, is the time to prepare for watching and participating. Virtual events, such as the tours, showcases and marketplace, will be available through the

NC DKG YouTube channel, the NC DKG Face-book page, and/or the NC DKG web-site. Members may want to save time by going to the YouTube channel now to subscribe and click on the bell so they will get notifications. They will be able to find the channel easier if they are subscribed to it. Otherwise, they can type NC DKG in the search bar. Downloading the YouTube app is recommended but watching it through a web browser will also work.



[NC DKG YouTube](#)



[NC DKG Facebook](#)



[NC DKG Website](#)

The access method for different events may vary, so members are encouraged to watch the NC DKG website and the Facebook page for announcements each day about where the files will be available. They will be in all three places if file formats allow!

Members registered for the convention will find the meetings and the live workshops through the NC DKG YouTube channel. Leaders and presenters will use the Zoom platform to be able to interact and share the screen. All other

registrants will use YouTube to view the proceedings through a link provided to them.

During the Executive Board meeting on Saturday, comments and questions will be made through the chat feature on the YouTube platform. Assigned leaders will monitor the chat feature to ensure members are heard. Only Executive Board members will be able to vote during the board meeting (through a Google form link provided to them) but all registrants are welcome to attend the meeting.

Review Materials Posted on Convention Webpage

New items are being added almost daily to the [NC DKG Convention Webpage](#). Recent additions to check out include revised job descriptions for the four related personnel positions and budget proposals for NC DKG and Headquarters, all of which will be brought before the Executive Board for discussion.

Also recently added is the [2021 amendment proposal grouping document](#). Proposals for amendments, shared with members in digital form in March, are grouped to make the presentation of and voting on the 42 proposals easier. More detailed information is in the introduction of the document. The Rules Committee urges members to read the proposals and be prepared to vote on them during the Second General Meeting on Saturday. Only members registered for the convention may vote.

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State Committee Interest Form Online

NC DKG committees carry out the operations of the organization, setting goals and working for the betterment of members. Presidents select committee members based on interests and skills. If you are interested in serving on a state committee for the coming biennium, fill out the [NC DKG Committee Interest Form 2021](#) found on the state website in the “New on the website...” box on the lower right. Learn more about the committees by clicking on them under the More →Committees tab on the top right.

Become active on the state level. NC DKG needs you!

Donations So Far...

Convention Project (Knickers for New Life) - \$2,482.80

Pass the House (Headquarters) - \$2,299.50

(Does not include funds promised via mailed donations.) Great job! Let’s keep it GROWing!



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Read the spring issue of the NC DKG News at <http://bit.ly/NCDKG-NewsSpring2021>

DKG Publications

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to go to publication)



The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin
International Journal for Professional Educators



Get Connected!

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DKG International Registration Open for Conferences

Hotel and conference registrations are open for the Portland and San Antonio international conferences slated for this summer. The final format—in-person or hybrid— for both conferences is still under consideration.

Portland, scheduled for July 7-10, will convene at the [Portland Marriott Downtown](#) if held in-person. San Antonio will be held at the [San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter](#) July 21-24.

Conference registration can be found on the [Events](#) page.

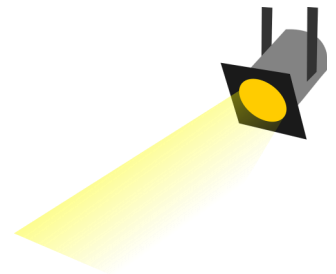
On state and international sites

Member Spotlights

Members are the shining stars of DKG, and both North Carolina and International are highlighting members who are showing leadership and excellence in professional and personal ways that make them stars.

NC DKG is honoring member excellence in a prime spot on the homepage of the website. Anyone may nominate an NC DKG member for the spotlight. Use the link under the spotlight section to find the [Member Spotlight Nomination form](#).

International is also spotlighting a member on the DKG homepage and includes chapters and state organizations in their nomination process. There is a link under the spot-light section to read more about the honoree and to find the [nomination form](#). NC DKG has many worthy members for the state and international spotlight sections! Nominate someone from your chapter today.



T: Technique to develop supportive relationships

I: Develop opportunities to work in partnership with a sister chapter.

Activity: Community Project Collaboration

P: Item submitted by Robyn Lam, Gamma Sigma Chapter

Visit [Mentor Project](#) on the state website or contact [Doris Littlejohn](#).



Parliamentary True or False?

Chapters that do not wish to include collegiate persons may omit the Collegiate category from the Membership section of their Rules.

False.

Membership classification is defined in the DKG *Constitution*, Article III, Section B and should not be reworded, lessened, or embellished in chapter rules. All categories must be included in all chapter rules. Chapters do establish their **method** for selecting active members.



Important Websites

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/