



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta sisters,

Hope this letter finds all enjoying the summertime and that you are winding down the long, hot, lazy days until Fall. It will be here before we know it. As many of us return from our many trips and exciting times, I would like us to prepare for a new year with the changes for NC DKG (formerly known as Eta State). The members of the Executive Board will be looking to correlate our by-laws and chapter rules with those changes at our meeting on August 17th. I will be sending those changes out to our membership in September to receive member questions and input. We will discuss and vote at our Oct. 5th meeting for chapter approval. The changes to NC DKG were discussed at length at conference in May and will help further our chapters with the ability to *Empower, Engage and Create*.

Dr. Teresa Cowan, NC DKG President, has chosen her theme to be **Ready, Set, GROW!** for the biennium. Her goals are centered around the need for growing as NC DKG adapts, changes and is forward moving ever. She has tasked all chapters to cultivate fellowship, nurture membership, energize members with opportunities for leadership and develop chapters with our programs. I know that Alpha Zeta chapter can rise to the tasks that Dr. Cowan has placed before us. We must continue to offer ways to fellowship outside of our chapter meetings such as the play which a few of us attended in the spring. I will continue to talk about our chapter growth with "Each One, Reach One". There are opportunities for leadership within our chapter and we need each of you to assist. We offer various programs that we hope interest and assist our members in their personal and professional development. I am open to suggestions in any of the areas of ways to always make our chapter better. Congratulations and thank you to all who helped us attain the status of "Excellent" for our chapter achievement.

As stated earlier, the Executive Board meeting will be held on Saturday, August 17th at 10 am at my home. I will be sending out information to those members who need to attend. Our next full member meeting will be on Saturday, October 5th at 10 am at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Monroe and will be hosted by the Marshville/Wingate group. We will be celebrating our Golden Key Award (Wanda Allen), Founders' Award (Tommie Wall), Rising Star Award (Rachel Clarke) and Birthday Recognition (Peggy Harris and Frankie Ritch) nominees. We will also remember Jane Clawson with our Ceremony of Remembrance. I look forward to seeing all of our members on October 5th!!!

Yours in Sisterhood,

Janie Webb
Alpha Zeta President



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Send in your Alpha Zeta News!

Please email any information you'd like to share with your sisters—for example; weddings, births, graduations, celebrations, conferences attended, special recognitions, etc. Please email your information to Deb at the email listed above.

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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.”

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Upcoming Events

- Aug. 10 NC DKG committee transition meeting
- Aug. 15-Sept. 15 Submission period for the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts
- Sept. 1 DKGEF Cornetet Individual PD applications due
- Sept. 3 Deadline to register for the NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting
- Sept. 14 NC DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting, Burlington
- Sept. 15 International Speaker Fund applications due
- Sept. 15 Applications due for International Officers and Elected Committees positions
- Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications deadline
- Oct. 1 Amendment proposals to International *Constitution/ISR* due
- Oct. 1 Submission deadline for the *Bulletin: Journal*
- Nov. 1 DKGEF Cornetet Seminar PD applications due
- Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
- Dec. 1 DKG Ignite (LMS) applications due
- Dec. 15 *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due

Alpha Zeta Meetings

- Oct. 5 At Golden Corral, 10:00 am
- Dec. 7 Annual Grant In Aid Auction
- Feb. 1 TBA
- April 4 TBA

Conventions

- May 1 - 3, 2020** Eta State NC Convention, Embassy Suites, Greensboro, Region VII
 - July 7 - 11, 2020** International Convention, Philadelphia, PA
 - April 23 - 25, 2021** NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort
 - July 10 - 18, 2022** International Convention, New Orleans, LA
- Also check the Eta State NC calendar online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html>.

October Meeting Information

- When:** October 5, 2019
- Time:** 10:00 am
- Where:** Golden Corral, 2507 W Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe, NC 28110
- Cost:** \$10.00
- RSVP:** EventBrite link will be sent in September.
- Hostess Group:** Marshville/Wingate Group
- Program:** Educational Law and Policy

We will also be recognizing our convention nominees and have a Ceremony of Remembrance for Jane Clawson.



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Eta State President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

“The Only Evidence of Life is GROWTH!”

I have often heard that growth for the sake of growth is counterproductive. I believe that wholeheartedly. But I also believe and have witnessed firsthand the above quote by John O’Leary that “the only evidence of life is growth.” The 2019-2021 biennium theme, Ready, Set, GROW!, is my attempt in finding balance with these two statements.

Ready, Set, GROW! captures the value of DKG tradition while welcoming the need for adaptation as we move into the future. (The future that is already here!) I used to tell my students that if you are the same at the end of the year as you were at the beginning of the year then I have failed you. My role as an educator was to assist them in adapting to middle school in order to increase their likelihood for success. I was their agent of growth. Now I see my role as NC DKG President in the same regard.

DKG is at a pivotal crossroads as a Society. What do the next 90 years look like for DKG? Will there be another 85 years for NC DKG? Those are two questions or ones similar to them that are being posed across the Society. But I believe the bigger question for each of us as members is the following:

“What are you willing to do for this Society?”

As your President, I am willing to **GROW**. Are you willing to join me? Are you ready to **make adaptations to foster growth**? Are you willing to **accept adaptations to stimulate continued growth**? If the words of support and encouragement I have received of late are any indication, **I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE!!!!** I believe the members of NC DKG are willing to **Ready, Set, GROW!** personally, professionally and as an organization.

NC DKG members, I challenge you to **Ready, Set, GROW!** With my challenge comes a few reminders: **GROW**th is not easy, it can be painful, and can often get pretty messy along the way. But for those willing to “get their hands dirty,” the harvest is rewarding.

Together we can cultivate, nurture, energize, and develop as we **Ready, Set, GROW!**



Happy Birthday!

| July | | August | | September | |
|------|---------------|--------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 10 | Janie Collins | 16 | Sylvia Little-Sweat | 2 | Frankie Ritch |
| 20 | Diane Maye | 18 | Linda Klein | 5 | Judy Cline |
| 22 | Gladys Kerr | 25 | Dr. Rachel Clarke | 5 | Alice Coleman |
| | | | | 15 | Sarah Harrison-Burns |



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Eta State Convention Recap

Fund\$ for Florence

The Eta State convention project brought in over \$2,600 in gift cards for our teacher-members still recovering from Hurricane Florence.

Passing of the House

The traditional Passing of the House contributions to Headquarters and table sales of note cards netted over \$2,000 for NC DKG’s Headquarters.

State Name Change Adopted

Members attending the state convention in early May voted to pass all the presented amendments to the state *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*, thus making the name change official—Eta State is now **The North Carolina State Organization** of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, abbreviated as NC DKG.

The change was part of an alignment of the state documents with the International *Constitution* and *Standing Rules* adopted at the convention last summer in Austin.

Highlights of the convention include attendance by International President Cathy Daugherty, chapter and individual awards, work-shops, vendors, and the Ceremony of Remembrance.

Contact Information for New State Officers

President—Dr. Teresa Cowan, cowan2019eta@gmail.com

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Actions Approved by the International Administrative Board

The DKG Administrative Board took action on several items during its May 2019 meeting. Among the actions were the approval of a recommendation that the 2022 International Convention be held at the Sheraton in New Orleans, Louisiana, during the week of July 10–18, 2022 (pending International Executive Board approval).

They also approved, pending International Executive Board approval, the scheduling of three international conferences in 2021 and made a recommendation that Finland be the site of the 2021 International Conference in Europe.

The Board approved the statement, “All educators who identify as women may be invited to membership,” as the Society’s inclusivity statement.

The potential merger of the DKG Educational Foundation and the DKG Supporting Corporation received Administrative Board support. An Ad hoc committee was appointed to pursue the merger and an additional ad hoc committee will be charged with developing Bylaws for the new entity. They will report to the Administrative Board at the November 2019 meeting.

The full list of major actions taken by the Board can be found by clicking on the appropriate rotator on the DKG homepage or visiting the Administrative Board page. You will need to be logged in to see the file.

The International Administrative Board consists of the International Officers, Regional Directors, Members-at-Large, Area Representatives, Immediate Past President, Parliamentarian, and Executive Director.

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Alpha Zeta Convention Recap from President Janie Webb

Alpha Zeta chapter received another Chapter of Excellence Recognition Award. Kudos to all as you each had a hand in this recognition for our chapter. We also received another Communications Excellence Award and were the only chapter from our region to do so.

While our nominees for the Founders’ Award, Golden Key Award and Rising Star Award did not receive the state award, we are honored to have had them represent our chapter. The nominees were Tommie Wall for the Founders’ Award, Wanda Allen for the Golden Key Award and Rachel Clarke for the Rising Star Award. Peggy Harris, and Frankie Ritch were recognized in the Eta State 85th Birthday Recognition video during the Sunday Brunch. LaRue Perry was remembered in the Ceremony of Remembrance on Sunday morning as well.

| Chapters of Excellent Achievement | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Tota | Region II | Beta Xi | Region VII |
| Kappa | Region VIII | Beta Omicron | Region VII |
| Omicron | Region II | Beta Tau | Region VIII |
| Upsilon | Region IV | Gamma Zeta | Region II |
| Chi | Region VII | Gamma Theta | Region III |
| Alpha Zeta | Region VIII | Delta Mu | Region IV |
| Alpha Mu | Region VIII | Delta Xi | Region II |
| Alpha Upsilon | Region VII | Delta Rho | Region VI |
| Alpha Psi | Region II | Delta Sigma | Region X |
| Beta Beta | Region VII | Delta Chi | Region IX |
| Beta Theta | Region I | | |



Scholarship Applications Due Sept. 1

The Report from International at the NC DKG Convention in April shared that \$26,684 for scholarships were given to NC members last year. North Carolina has received \$131,200 for Cornetet grants, seminar attendants, and project winners. Sixty-four members have received \$363,300 in scholarships.

Learn more about scholarship awards by going to the DKG Educational Foundation website and clicking on Apply. September 1 is the deadline to apply for Cornetet Individual Awards for Professional Development. Scholarship and project monies are one of the benefits of DKG membership.

“W” is for Well-Defined Programs

By: Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice-President

I am Tobey Worthington of Rocky Mount (Mu Chapter, Region I) and I look forward to working with you. As First Vice-President, in accordance with NC DKG *Bylaws*, I am the Chair of the Educational Excellence Committee (EEC).

As EEC Chair, I am prepared to collaborate with EEC committee members and NC DKG members to develop chapters with Well-defined programs—the W in GROW. In an effort to see chapters grow, EEC will act as a state resource to those striving to provide Well-defined programs at the chapter level. The EEC focus will be expanding knowledge and insights into long-term International projects, such as Schools for Africa, UNICEF and Early-Career Educators, as well as short-term, local projects for personal and professional growth. As your chapter works to develop and provide Well-defined chapter programs for the upcoming biennium, remember EEC is your state resource.

Remember the “W” for Well-defined programs.

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Alpha Zeta Member News

Rachel Clarke—After 14 years as a principal I've moved on to a new position of Director, Union County After School Care Program. Basically - I oversee the ASC program for UCPS. Nearly every elementary school in UCPS has an after school program offered to students during the school year, and we also run the UCPS Summer Camp at several sites. I oversee the whole program - hiring, licensing, programming, etc. Totally different than the principalship, so I am LEARNING a LOT...but I love it!

Gladys Kerr—Is still substituting and teaching piano.

Heather Shulman—I am moving to Bethel Elementary school in Cabarrus county. Also, I will be presenting with another media coordinator at the NC School Library Media Association Conference in October. I'll let you know my new email address once I am officially in their system.



Deb Christensen—I moved into a new home before the end of the school year. I also spent two weeks in July on a Viking river cruise with my mom. We stayed in Paris and then traveled the Moselle and Rhine Rivers between Trier, Germany and Basel, Switzerland. We then spent two nights in Zurich, Switzerland before returning home.

Selfie with my mom in Kleine Scheidegg, a mountain pass in the Swiss Alps.

Important Additional Alpha Zeta Information

- ⇒ Linda Klein is stepping down from her position as secretary. Please keep Linda in your prayers as she receives cancer treatments.
- ⇒ Remember to bring your water bottles filled with change for Schools for Africa to our October meeting. Check donations will also be accepted.
- ⇒ Kappa Chapter said: We have a special speaker lined up for our October meeting and wonder if any of you would like to join us as a multi-chapter meeting.

The date: Thursday, October 10, 2019

The time: 5-7 p.m.

The Place: Jimmie's Restaurant, 724 Brighton Park Drive, Mint Hill, is reserved as our meeting location, with capacity for 70 attendees. There is no charge to reserve the room. We have met here before, the food is satisfying and we will order from the menu, separate checks.

The Speaker: Freebird McKinney, 2018-2019 NC State Teacher of the Year

“In my current role as a Professional Academic, I have taught at several high schools, teaching a variety of social studies courses. I have also held multiple positions of leadership and have served on many student support groups, as well as led student organizations focused on service learning. In short, I am “The Village Teacher.”

You can read more about Mr. McKinney on his website: <https://www.thevillageteacher-freebird.com/>

Let Janie Webb know before October 1st if you'd like to attend.

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Welcome to Our New Alpha Zeta Member!

My name is Pascale Glenn and I have been an active “Zeta” for three short months. We have a great group of can-do positive “movers and shakers” and we’re excited to have more educators join us. With the addition of each new member, we become stronger and more capable of making a real difference in our world.

Like you, I am an educator, currently working in public school administration in Union County and I have dedicated the last 25 years of my career, making sure that students and teachers have opportunities to grow and thrive personally and professionally. I earned my Doctorate in Education Administration in School Leadership but I have never lost my passion for life-long learning and contributing to the collective good. Being a daughter, a wife and mother coupled with being an educator and a Zeta is a life well lived...and for that, I show my gratitude each day.

Alpha Zeta Directory Update

If you have not either given Deb a photo or had one taken at a meeting last year, please be sure to send a photo or plan to get your picture taken in October so the pictorial directory can be updated. Also, if you could please email any changes to your mailing address, email address, and/or job details to Deb, that information can be updated.

The following people have updated photos: Wanda Allen, Frances Davis, Peggy Griffin, Peggy Harris, Louise Napier, Frankie Ritch, and Tommie Wall.

Tech Tip

A Fillable Forms Primer

Collection of information via pdf forms or fillable forms is increasing. These forms allow the user to enter information directly into them, and as in the case of the Chapter Achievement Award form, it even calculates the points! Then send the form directly to the committee or person who needs the information.

Fillable forms work great but it’s not always intuitive to get through the process. Here are some tips from Webmaste, Beth Winstead on using these fillable forms:

Find the form you need on the website, usually on the forms page—<https://www.ncdkg.org/forms.html>.

1. Download form to your computer. This is key – you cannot just fill the form out from the page.
2. Save the form on your computer – Note the location YOUR computer uses to save the forms. For some this could be a folder named download, for some the desktop, etc. You can also choose where to put it.
3. Open and fill out the downloaded form.
4. Save the form again – on your computer.
5. Open an email and attach the form to send to the person to whom it is to be submitted.

Important Websites

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/

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No Major Changes in Awards Forms

The 2019-2020 Chapter Achievement Award and the Communication Excellence Award forms will remain basically the same for next year, so chapters are encouraged to begin planting seeds to GROW, collecting information, and submitting newsletters.

Communications Excellence Award criteria can be found at https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/2019-2020communications_excellence_award_form.pdf.

Contact new chair Dedra Davis at ncdkgcm@gmail.com with questions.

A link to the Chapter Achievement Award form can be found on the [Forms tab](#) of the NC DKG website.

For questions on this form, contact the new chair of the Awards Committee, Teresa Shadoin, at etastateawards@gmail.com.

How will your chapter GROW this year?