



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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President's Message

Alpha Zeta Sisters,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and staying cool in this heat!

In case you missed my email in April, we had a wonderful time at Convention in Wilmington.

We received several awards which I am thrilled to share! We won the new Communications Excellence Award for our amazing newsletter, website, and Facebook page that Deb Christensen oversees. We were the only one in our region to receive this honor! I know you will join me in celebrating the work Deb does for our chapter. This award was so well-deserved because of her leadership and because of the contributions of each chapter member.

As a chapter, we also won the Chapter of Excellence Award, becoming one of only 15 chapters in the state to receive this honor! It was an honor to accept this award on behalf of the hard work of our sisters. YOU are the reason we received this award!

Lastly, one of the most precious moments of Convention was when our own Tommie Wall was recognized as a recipient of the Golden Key Award for her dedication, commitment, and service to Alpha Zeta. I'd like to thank Frances for helping to keep this a secret and for ensuring she was there! Frances kept telling Tommie that she needed to be there to support me, but little did she know, she was about to be recognized. Tommie is truly a backbone of our chapter, and I know you will all join me in congratulating her on this special recognition.

Also, the Executive Council will be meeting in August and I would love to gather some feedback from you as we begin planning for the upcoming year. Please take a few minutes to complete this anonymous survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDAv5IN5UzAFM2h37GCvDKwlm5O8LSjQe1ZfwFYhHqfX6eAA/viewform>

Click on the link and you should be able to access it. There are just a few questions to answer. You do not have to provide your name; it is completely optional. We will use your feedback to meet the needs of the chapter in 2017-2018! If you could complete this survey by August 4, I would greatly appreciate it.

Lastly, there is a lot happening in the Schroeder household. My husband and I will welcome our second child in December of this year! Austin is so excited to be a big brother. We have been busy turning our upstairs loft into a playroom for Austin and his future sibling and turning our guest bedroom into Austin's new "big boy" room. Needless to say, we have been busy this summer preparing for our new addition!

I look forward to seeing you all in October at our first meeting!

Kim



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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 .”

“Let’s Sparkle!”

“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

Upcoming Events

September 30, 2016	NC DKG Educational Foundation grant applications due
August 1, 2017	Deadline to submit to the Bulletin: Collegial Exchange
August 11, 2017	Deadline to apply for DKGNext! (Form online)
August 12, 2017	New State Committee Chairmen Meeting in Asheboro
September 1, 2017	Applications due to state president to apply for the DKG International Speaker’s Fund
September 9, 2017	Executive Board Meeting, Elon, NC, Registration Form
September 30, 2017	Submission deadline for Chapter Visit Request Form
September 30, 2017	Deadline to apply for Educational Foundation grant
April 27 - 29, 2018	Eta State NC Convention, Charlotte University Hilton, Charlotte, NC (Region VI)
July 16 - 20, 2018	DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

Plans Underway for Next Eta State NC Convention

Region VI is preparing for the 2018 Eta State NC Convention to be held in Charlotte April 27-29 at the Charlotte University Hilton.

Convention Chair Doris Littlejohn of Gamma Gamma Chapter is working with Registrar Linda Truitt, Delta Rho, and Treasurer Terry Norris, Delta Rho, to make your experience one to remember! Watch for more information soon.

DKG Scholarship Applications Online

The new DKG International Scholarship application for the 2018-2019 academic year is available on the [Forms tab](#) of the International web-site. You will need to be logged in to access it.

Scholarships are available to members who are pursuing doctoral, masters, and other advanced degrees in their field of study—\$6,000 for advanced degrees and \$10,000 toward a doctoral degree.

Members are encouraged to start filling out an application a few months before the next due date, as it will take some careful thought and planning to complete the application packet and collect other required academic documentation.

The deadline is February 1, 2018, to submit the application and all supporting documentation. Be sure to follow the directions carefully and complete all sections of the application.

Apply for an Educational Foundation Grant

The application deadline is quickly approaching for grants from the NC DKG Educational Foundation. The deadline is September 30, 2017. Six grants of up to \$250 each will again be offered in the literacy/learning projects and the continuing education categories. The application is available under the [Grants tab](#) on the Foundation website.



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Eta State President Connie’s Message



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Let’s Sparkle!

During the 2017-2019 Biennium, *Let’s Sparkle!* This theme will continue the excitement of the last two years. DKG members can influence positive change in attitude toward education as we communicate with others and share the great things happening in our chapters, schools, and communities. If we use our Voices of Influence, we can change the perception of education today. As we Sparkle, consider the possibility that, as members of DKG, we are jewels with multifaceted sides.

Individually we all have different strengths and skills; collectively we have the power to change the world. Our greatest strategy should be to tell others of all the accomplishments our members have achieved. There is no need to keep the diamond “in the rough.” We should sand, polish, and shine so it will Sparkle!

Two weeks ago our Leadership Development Committee sponsored “A Leadership Launch—Igniting Your View of Leadership” Seminar at Caraway Conference Center. Twenty-eight Eta State members inspired us with their leadership expertise and love for DKG! We had many Rising Stars attending the Seminar. They have the potential to be strong leaders in our state. We believe they will Sparkle!

The Awards Committee met in June and updated the Chapter Achievement Award for 2017-2018. The form can be found on the Eta State Website! This year an Eta State Wellness Initiative has been included to emphasize our health and well-being. We, as women, tend to take very good care of jobs, families, and others but neglect ourselves. Learn to Sparkle! Look for more ideas to meet the initiative in the next Eta Data! Sixty-five Eta State members are planning to attend the Southeast Regional Conference! I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Myrtle Beach where we know that North Carolina will Sparkle!

Connie

Alpha Zeta Scholarship Winner

The Scholarship Committee has selected a winner from the four outstanding young ladies from Union County who applied for the Alpha Zeta Scholarship. They were all very impressive. We chose Chloe Thompson from Porter Ridge High School who really stood out from the others. - Helen Rose, Scholarship Committee Chair

Happy Birthday!

July		August		September	
10	Janie Collins	7	Jean Davis	2	Frankie Ritch
20	Diane Maye	16	Sylvia Little-Sweat	5	Judy Cline
22	Gladys Kerr	18	Linda Klein	5	Alice Coleman
		25	Dr. Rachel Clarke	15	Sarah Harrison-Burns



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2017 - 2019 Eta State Committee Chairs

Awards

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Planning

Scholarship

Member News

Former Alpha Zeta sister, **April Dawkins** completed her doctoral program at the University of South Carolina and has moved to Greensboro, NC to begin her new position as an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. She will be teaching future school librarians. If you would like to contact her, her new address is:

1 Pisgah Forest Circle
Greensboro, NC 27455

She is planning to rejoin DKG and is looking at chapters in her area.

Deb Christensen spent a wonderful two weeks in Europe with her mother on a river cruise along the Danube River from Nuremberg to Budapest. They also did a pre-cruise visit to Prague.

Congratulations to **Dr. Kim Schroeder** and her husband on their news that there will be a new addition to the family in December.

Congratulations to **Tommie Wall** for the Golden Key Award that she received at the 2017 Eta State Convention.

Contact Information for New State Officers

You may contact the new officers at the following email addresses:

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Meet Our New Alpha Zeta Sisters!



Lisa Moniz

I am happy to be starting my 24th year in education. I’ve been a media coordinator in North Carolina since 1995 and have worked in the Union County Public School district since 2006. In January 2017, I moved to UCPS Technology Services to become a Library Media Services Coordinator at the district level. As a graduate of Monroe High School, I’m a proud product of the school district in which I work.

When I was growing up, I intended to pursue counseling or social work because I wanted to follow in my mother’s footsteps, so I graduated from Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C. with a B.S. in Psychology and minors in Education and English. After spending a few years working in human services, I decided to change paths and empower children in another way. I went on to obtain a Master of Library and Information Studies degree at the University of N.C. at Greensboro and now I am working toward a graduate certificate in Educational Technology from Appalachian State University. I’m planning my capstone project so I’m near the end of the program.

In addition to my teaching license, I also hold a North Carolina Public Library Certification, which enables me to work in all realms of library services for children. I love children and strive to be an advocate for them. I have been fortunate enough to have opportunities to work with students in grades PK-12 from all walks of life in both public and independent schools. A special interest of mine is mindful practice such as meditation and yoga.

I am excited about the positive implications that mindful practice has in the field of education. In 2016, I co-authored a book called *The Mindful Librarian* and presented on the topic of mindful practice at the 2016 American Library Association annual conference. In June 2017 I was quoted in an article in *American Libraries* magazine and since then I have been invited to do speaking engagements at several school and public libraries.

I live in Charlotte, N.C. with my husband Richard, who is the director of library services at Johnson & Wales University. We each have adult stepsons from our previous marriages (Dennis and Kevin) and we have three children still with us at home. Richard’s son Christopher is a 7th grader at Holy Trinity Middle School, my son Jameson is a 7th grader at Quail Hollow Middle School and my daughter Riley is a senior at Cato Middle College High School, where I serve as Secretary of the newly formed PTSA. I’m honored to be a part of Delta Kappa Gamma and I look forward to getting to know you all!



Paula Tautfest

Paula Tautfest is the School Library Media Coordinator at Cuthbertson High School and was a founding staff member there in 2009. She also worked at Marvin Elementary as well as opened and worked at Marvin Ridge Middle School, all part of Union County Public Schools.

A native North Carolinian who attended both East Carolina University and University of NC at Charlotte, Paula began her career in Charlotte-Mecklenburg; then continued it in Beaverton, OR; Spartanburg, SC; and Charleston, SC; before returning to NC. She feels especially blessed to have had such an amazing variety of schools, students, and experiences throughout her Library Media career which all started when she was offered a part time job in the public library of her hometown when she was 16. The rest is history!

Paula is an avid reader, writer, and photographer, and enjoys cooking, working in the yard, and her family! She is married to Don Tautfest, and they have 4 grown children (2 sons and 2 daughters) as well as two adorable tiny grandsons that they love spending time with.

NOTE: Paula will be initiated at our October meeting.

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A Few Photos from Initiation and Convention



More photos can be found on the Alpha Zeta [website](#).



Looking for a Few Good Women—From Many

Would you like to spend an expense-free weekend at DKG headquarters discussing the future of the Society? Then complete the DKGNext application to see if you are chosen to represent a particular DKG population.

DKGNext 2016-2018 will involve a diverse mix of up to ten members in a weekend Think Tank event in Austin, September 29-30, 2017.

The DKGNext Think Tank will be comprised of interested members who may or may not have been identified as DKG leaders and who represent multiple populations of DKG members. The information requested on the application is designed to ensure diversity among those selected.

The discussion will be an examination of DKG and how its present status affects its future status. The application says, “We want YOU to be heard.” The application, due August 11, can be found at <http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Forms/Applications/DKGMember/Forms/Applications.aspx?hkey=304b7921-fc47-4c95-be94-b2d68b581495>.

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com