



From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,

Who knew when we gathered together for our February meeting that in a month the world would turn upside down? I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and healthy. I have to admit that I am a little nervous about going back to school in a few weeks. I long to be with my students but I also am conscious of the need to keep the students and staff safe. My school has had too many sudden deaths of students and staff over the years and it is very traumatic.

We in Alpha Zeta are doing our best to keep everyone safe for our planned meeting in September. We will keep an eye on the reports and can cancel if it doesn't seem safe. We do not want to risk any of our important sisters! Both the September and November meetings are scheduled to be held at Siler Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall and that is a very large space so we can easily have people spaced apart for safety.

Remember that we voted to move our fall meetings up a month each so you should start planning earlier for the November auction meeting. That is our one time fundraiser to be able to have the money to offer our Wishful Thinking Grants for beginning teachers and our scholarship for a senior who is going into education.

Janie Webb is excited to try to work with others in Alpha Zeta to recruit some collegiate members now that DKG has revised their guidelines to allow this category of members. She's not taking a rest at all after doing a phenomenal job as our president the past two years!

We have a lot to celebrate in September and I'm really hoping that many of you can attend. We will be inducting in four new members and we will welcome Nancy Smith as a transfer member. There will be office installations, a celebration for the 65 anniversary of Alpha Zeta (chartered April 27, 1955), a recognition of milestones, and the nominees for convention awards. I will be reaching out to some of you for something I'm planning for the September meeting. Included with this newsletter will be the chapter history for 2018-2020 and the hostess groups for this biennium. I will send out the committee chair and membership roster once that has been finalized.

Remember to wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance. Be safe!

Yours in Sisterhood,
Deb Christensen
Alpha Zeta President

A Parting President Message from Janie Webb

The biennium of 2018-2020 was busy for Alpha Zeta Chapter and its members even with the interruption of the COVID-19 global pandemic. I want to thank all members for their time and energy in making Alpha Zeta stand out. It was my honor and privilege to serve as your president for the last two years. Now, as past president, I am sure that the new officers will continue our progress and take us to even greater heights. I am looking forward to being a part of it!

Yours in Sisterhood,
Janie



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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

- July 27, 28 New Chapter Leaders Training online
- Aug. 1 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due
- Aug. 1 NC DKG News deadline
- Aug. 15-Sept. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
- Sept. 1 Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards
- Sept. 15 International Speaker recommendation due
- Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
- Sept. 30 Deadline to enter dues into portal to avoid members being dropped
- Oct. 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due
- Oct. 24 Fall Executive Board Meeting
- Oct. 27 NC DKG Founders Day
- Oct. 31 Deadline to submit Form 72 Society Website Compliance Assurance form
- Nov. 1 Deadline for Lucile Cornetet Seminar PD Award
- Nov. 1 NC DKG News deadline
- Nov. 10 International Speaker request due
- Nov. 15 Deadline to submit nomination form for state officers for the 2021-2023 biennium
- Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS
- Dec. 15 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due

Alpha Zeta Meetings

- September 12 Siler Presbyterian Church 9 am – 12 noon
- November 14 Siler Presbyterian Church 10 am—12 noon
- February 6 TBA 10 am—12 noon
- April 3 Siler Presbyterian Church 9 am – 12 noon

Conventions

- April 23 - 25, 2021** NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort
 - July 10 - 18, 2022** International Convention, New Orleans, LA
- Also check the NC DKG calendar online at <https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html>.

September Meeting Information

When: September 12, 2020
Time: 9:00 am—12:00 pm
Where: Siler Presbyterian Church, 6301 Weddington Rd, Matthews, NC 28104
Cost: \$10.00
RSVP: An EventBrite link will be sent in the August.

Program: Induction of new members, officer installation, 65th Anniversary Celebration, and Recognition of Milestones and Convention Nominations.

Bring: \$25.00 to create a fund for future money requests and we won't have to worry about passing the hat for those events.



“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

What Did Your “Little Voice” Say to YOU?

Each of us has heard that little voice saying, “you can do (fill in the blank).” But are we listening? Are we cultivating our own potential by finding the right environment for generating growth? Following our inner voice can be the first step toward real change! Change fosters growth.

NC DKG chapters are experiencing change as they begin a new biennium. Chapter changes can pave the way for chapter growth. But remember—change can be difficult and growth is often a challenge.

Here are **Five A’s** to ensure change fosters growth at the chapter level. The Five A’s are driven by member engagement.

Members should:

1. Acknowledge what drives change
2. Agree with plans for change
3. Accept their roles in change
4. Act collaboratively to generate change
5. Assume positive results of change

I used this quote recently: “It’s not about perfect. It’s about effort. And when you bring that effort every single day, that’s where transformation happens. That’s how change occurs.” - Jillian Michaels

Question to ponder through this time of change:

Where are you placing your efforts in the upcoming biennium? How will you transform your membership to aid chapter growth?

2019-2021 NC DKG Theme

Ready, Set, GROW!

Cultivate fellowship with Generations of DKG members

Nurture membership with Research-based strategies

Energize members with Opportunities for leadership

Develop chapters with Well-defined programs

You GROW, girl!



BIRTHDAY!

July		August		September		September (con't)	
10	Janie Collins	16	Sylvia Little-Sweat	2	Frankie Ritch	15	Dr. Pascale Glenn
18	Michelle Goode	18	Linda Klein	5	Judy Cline		
20	Diane Maye	18	Elizabeth Mitcham	5	Alice Coleman		
22	Gladys Kerr	25	Dr. Rachel Clarke	15	Sarah Harrison-Burns		

Alpha Zeta News - Meet Our Newest Members!



Michelle Goode

Michelle Goode graduated with a degree in elementary education and a minor in English. She has taught in both Illinois and North Carolina, serving students in grades first through college-level. After having taught and moved from Chicago, she began working at Rea View Elementary where she was chosen as the 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year. She earned her Master's degree, Administrative Certification, and Certificate of Advanced Studies before beginning her career as an assistant principal at Cuthbertson Middle School before transferring to East Elementary. Most recently, she received a grant to participate in the Future Ready Leader's Program, where she prepared for her next step in leadership. Michelle lives in Charlotte with her husband of 21 years, two high school-aged daughters and two dogs. During her free time, she enjoys playing the piano, reading a good book, and traveling.

Amy Herlihy

Mrs. Herlihy graduated from Clemson University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. After graduation, she moved to Sugar Land, Texas to begin her teaching career as an elementary resource teacher. A few years later, she and her family moved to Egypt, then moved again to Norway, and once again to The Netherlands. The family returned to Texas, where Mrs. Herlihy received her Master's degree in administration from the University of Houston. The family's final move came in 2008 to North Carolina. Mrs. Herlihy was hired by UCPS as a fifth grade teacher. She taught fifth and first grade for several years at Fairview Elementary before becoming the assistant principal at Union Elementary in 2012. She is fortunate to work with a principal she greatly admires and a kind and supportive school staff.

Mrs. Herlihy will be married for 35 years on July 20. She has three children. Daniel is a Gastroenterologist in EL Paso, Texas, Elizabeth is a special education teacher in Charleston, SC, and Caitlin recently graduated from Wake Forest Law School in May and starts work in August. All employed after many years of college!!



Alpha Zeta News - Meet Our Newest Members!



Missy Howell

I was born and raised in Monroe. My father was the 4-H agent and later the agricultural extension director for the county, so 4-H was a big part of my life. Public speaking opportunities and state wins in three demonstration competitions gave me confidence, as did the wonderful teachers I had at Walter Bickett Elementary, Monroe Middle, and Monroe High. They inspired me to follow in their footsteps.

I earned my BS in English and Secondary Education from Appalachian State University in 1989. I taught EC my first year and then taught English for 12 years at Anson High School. I was named Teacher of the Year for my school for the 2000-2001 school year.

I became the media coordinator at Anson High in 2002 and received my Masters in Library and Information Studies from UNCG in 2004. I received my National Board certification in 2005. In 2008, I became the media coordinator at Forest Hills High School and will soon start my 31st year as an educator. I really can't imagine being anything else!

I still live in Monroe, just a few blocks from where I grew up and from the homes of my sister, my mom, and the rest of my family. The joys of my life besides teaching are being an aunt to Megan, Braxton, and Luke and being a dog-mom to Maddie.

Nancy Smith

I knew that I was going to be a teacher when my fifth grade teacher let me give the spelling test on Fridays and grade the papers. I got a B.S. and a Masters in education and worked in Apex and Mecklenburg counties. I taught fourth and fifth grade, worked as a teacher's assistant, and a reading tutor.

I was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa for thirty years, serving as president 5 times. Happily, Delta Kappa Gamma invited me to join the Beta Sigma chapter where I served president twice. I am the out-going Regional Director of region VIII and very pleased to be in this chapter.



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NC DKG News

EEC Goals Outlined

By: Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice-President

For the new chapter officers, here are the goals that DKG International has established for the Educational Excellence Committee (EEC). As you plan your biennium include these goals so your chapter members will continue to GROW.

Empowering women through leadership opportunities

1. Empower leaders to impact policy and people worldwide.
2. Validate and support members’ passions and talents to lead.
3. Inspire, mentor and strengthen members’ growth as leaders.

Engaging educators in purposeful programs and projects

1. Provide resources for local programs to involve members in policy discussions on education.
2. Impact educator retention through support for early-career and all educators.
3. Collaborate with DKG Forums to empower members in impacting educational legislation, policy and pedagogy.
4. Provide strategies and resources for the integration of programs and projects that provide personal and professional growth, including but not limited to the visual and performing arts.

Creating global involvement

1. Encourage programs/activities that advance increased awareness of and involvement in changing global issues.
2. Promote participation in DKG/UN relationship, including but not limited to the Schools for Africa project.
3. Collaborate with educational, governmental and social agencies to promote literacy, cultural and social integration of refugees and migrants.

Celebrate Teachers

The stress of school facility closings was especially hard on our working members. They had to learn a whole new way of teaching in a short period of time. Brighten their day by honoring them with a donation to the NC DKG Educational Foundation. By participating in the statewide 101 Donations Challenge, you can celebrate them and support the Educational Foundation at the same time. Donation forms can be found at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/101-challenge.html>. All contributions should be sent to Betty Marshall, Foundation Treasurer, 1112 Anchor Court, Raleigh, NC 27615.



Headquarters Convention Project

This year \$3,310 was received for the convention project from registrations and host chapter donations. These donations were in lieu of persons/chapters seeking full refunds.

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Mosaic Glass Inlay 12-String Guitar

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is proud to present the guitar artwork of North Carolina artist and educator Travis Driver. His unique visual art piece, a customized mosaic glass inlaid 12-stringed guitar, has been donated for a Foundation charity raffle. It is valued at more than \$500. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Proceeds will be used to support Foundation grants for NC educators. Please share this information with friends and family. Don't miss this opportunity to own an amazing piece of art!

Raffle ticket purchase information is available on the Foundation web site www.ncdkgef.org. Tickets may also be obtained from any Foundation Board member. For more information contact Sheila Groves, Board Chair, at svgeta97@gmail.com



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DKG Publications

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin
International Journal for Professional Educators

DKG™ *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*

Presidents' Page
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Chapter Presidents



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DKG International

Becky Sadowski Elected New

International President

Rebecca “Becky” Sadowski of Tennessee has been elected DKG’s 2020-2022 International President. She will serve with Dr. Lace Marie Brogden (Canada) as First Vice President and June Bowers (Nebraska) as Second Vice President. Candace “Candi” Martin of Arkansas will be the Southeast Regional Director.

President Sadowski’s theme will continue to be “Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.” In her President’s Acceptance Speech, she said her focus is “you—our members.” You can watch her entire [acceptance speech](#) online.

The new elected officers, committee and board members for 2020-2022 were installed during the digital highlight Virtual Event of the convention that was cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns. See the other officers and complete elected slate at <https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/ElectedOfficers20202022.aspx>.

Dr. Judith Carlson (Alpha Gamma Chapter), a past NC DKG president, was elected as a director for the DKG Educators Foundation. Dr. Helen Popovich, of Florida and current International Parliamentarian, was named the 2020 Achievement Award Winner during Friday’s events.

The [activities of the Virtual Event](#) will continue to be linked to the DKG website. This includes a workshop presentation by Dr. Patricia Fecher (Gamma Kappa) on July 7.



*Becky Sadowski, 2020-2022
International President*

International Conferences Dates Set

Plans are beginning for the 2021 International Conferences. International leaders send wishes for members “to stay safe and healthy so that we can meet next summer” in Portland, OR (July 7-10, 2021); San Antonio, TX (July 21- 24, 2021); and/or Tampere, Finland (July 28-31, 2021).

Locations have been selected for the three following conventions but dates have not been finalized for all.

- July 2022 International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Summer 2024 International Convention, Gaylord National, DC Area National Harbor, Maryland
- Summer 2026 International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado

Important Websites

www.dkg.org

www.ncdkg.org

www.alphazetanc.weebly.com

www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/