



# From A to Z *Alpha Zeta Chapter*

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## President's Message

Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,

It's after 9 pm but it was so beautiful outside tonight so I took a break from working on this newsletter to work in my garden. I pulled some weeds, watered plants, rearranged my mesh to keep the rabbits from eating my azaleas, and cleaned and filled the birdbath. It was so cool and humid free, it was just heavenly! I love seeing all the flowers and shrubs blooming around my house. I hope all of you have been able to get out and enjoy the nice weather we've had this week.

It's hard to believe the first year of my term as chapter president is coming to a close. Where did the year go? In the last newsletter I talked about what we accomplished in spite of the challenges of the pandemic. Now it's time to look at where we are going. Thank you to those of you who have already filled out the survey. The link is in this newsletter if you haven't gotten a chance yet. I'm working with the executive board now to find a date to meet to plan for the 2021-2022 year.

From the twelve people who have responded the majority would like to keep meetings on Saturdays, have a meal, continue to have inspirational thoughts, and are interested in making a connection with an international chapter (I really think this could be fun).

A lot of members stated they'd like for us to find ways to do more to support the beginning teachers in our area and I think that's a great project to work on. There were some terrific suggestions in the comments. What would you like to see us do and where would you like to see us go in the future? Share your thoughts!

Later in the newsletter I included the story from NC Data but I thought I should mention it here too. I applied for and was selected to be the next webmaster for NC DKG. Beth Winstead, the current webmaster, will be moving into the role of NC DKG President. I originally wasn't going to apply for this job but encouragement from chapter members and others made me reconsider. Thanks to all for your support! Do you have more to give? See page 7 to volunteer for a state committee. You might have a talent that NC DKG needs! Deadline is June 30th.

Let's continue GROWing and then later we will be LINKING the past, present and future.

Yours in Sisterhood,  
*Deb Christensen*  
Alpha Zeta President



PRESIDENT & EDITOR:  
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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!

“DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

## Upcoming Events

- June 23 Early registration deadline for San Antonio conference
- June 28 ASK Time
- June 30 Membership dues due to chapter treasurers
- July 1 New DKG biennium begins
- July 1 Window opens for chapters to file 990-N with the IRS
- July 15 Form 15 due from chapters to state treasurer
- Aug. 1 *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due
- Aug. 1 *NC DKG News* deadline
- Aug. 15-Sept. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
- Aug. 21 Transition Meeting in Asheboro for new NC DKG leaders
- Sept. 1 Deadline for applications for Cornetet Individual PD Awards
- Sept. 15 International Speaker recommendation due
- Sept. 15 Nominations due for international offices or elected committees
- Sept. 18 Fall Executive Board Meeting, Greensboro Embassy Suites
- Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
- Sept. 30 Deadline to enter dues into portal to avoid members being dropped

### Alpha Zeta Meetings

- Summer Executive Board Meeting
- Sept. 11 Chapter Meeting TBA

### Conventions

- July 7-10, 2021 — International Conference, Portland, OR
- July 22-24, 2021 — International Conference, San Antonio, TX
- April 29-May 1, 2022 — NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort
- July 12-16, 2022 — International Convention, New Orleans, LA
- April 28-30, 2023 — NC DKG Convention, Greenville

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



July		August	
10	Janie Collins	11	Brenda Owens
18	Michelle Goode	16	Sylvia Little-Sweat
20	Diane Maye	18	Elizabeth Mitcham
22	Gladys Kerr	25	Rachel Clarke

## NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

### Overcoming Barriers,

### Fostering a Positive Transition

Throughout the biennium we have focused on striving for growth to ensure reaching goals. Over the last few months we have looked at GROWth angels and GROWth barriers. I, one last time, invite you to join me in celebrating those who heard “angels” as they worked to overcome “barriers.”



#### See NC DKG Awardees GROW!

Awards across the **Generations**: Beginning Teacher, Scholarship, Rising Star, and Golden Key recipients



#### See NC DKG State Organization GROW!

Using **research data** from the convention evaluation to make improvements in future events



#### See **Winstead, Parlér, Cullom, and Higgins** GROW!

NC DKG 2021-2023 Executive Committee

each welcoming the **Opportunity for Leadership**



#### See the **Leadership Development Committee** GROW!

**Well-defined program** hosted “Rejuvenating the Leader within for Inspiring the Leader in Others”

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!

As NC DKG executive leadership transitions take place, here are a few final questions to ponder: How will you be “an angel” to the new NC DKG leaders? How will you continue to GROW as you LINK to new biennium opportunities?



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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.

## Alpha Zeta Member Survey—Last Call

If you have not yet filled out the member survey, please do so as soon as possible. Only about 12 people have responded so far and it would be wonderful to have more feedback to be sure the chapter is doing what it can to meet your needs and those of our community, schools, and educators. Here's the link: <https://forms.gle/GxuSyCJ3b22NKYFy5> The executive board will be meeting soon to plan the programs beginning with our first chapter gathering on September 11th. Thank you to everyone who has already taken care of this task. Your input is very helpful!

## Alpha Zeta Recruitment

We did not receive any nominations for membership 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.

## Clipboard and Keyrings for Sale

We purchased some clipboards and keyrings and will try to sell them at the 2022 NC DKG Convention. If you know anyone who would like to buy one or if any of you want to buy one as a gift we have them available. They have sayings about teaching and education on them. The clipboards are \$10 each and the keyrings are \$5 each. Janie Webb currently has all the inventory at her house.

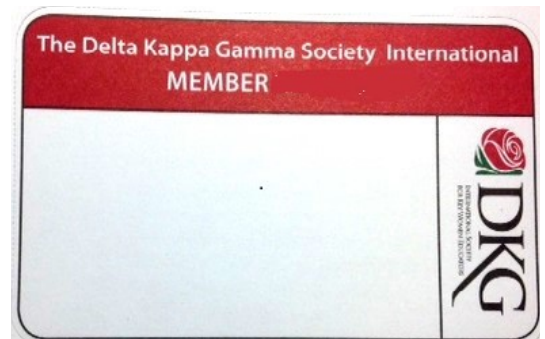
## Alpha Zeta Dues Due!

Please remember to **send your dues to Lisa Stephens by June 28<sup>th</sup>**. Your check should be made out to Alpha Zeta for \$76.00 (reserve is \$45.00) and may be postdated to June 28<sup>th</sup>. 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. You can also send through Venmo to @Lisa-Stephens-233.

Her mailing 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.



## Ready, Set, GROW!

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## NC DKG News

### *New Officers Elected at Convention*

Beth Winstead will lead NC DKG for the 2021-2023 biennium. Beth was elected President during Saturday’s vote by registered members attending the 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention.

Elected to serve with Beth were Hilda Parlér as First Vice President, Tammy Cullom as Second Vice President, and Patrice (Patty) Higgins as Secretary.

The installation of officers took place virtually on Sunday afternoon and was led by Immediate Past President Connie Savell.

NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan kicked off the convention on Friday night, April 23, 2021, via Zoom and Facebook Live. Highlights of the convention

included the presentation of the Founders Award to Dr. Mandy K. Cohen, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, who has led NC’s COVID-19 response; the presentation of the Chapter Achievement, Scholarship, and Beginning Teacher Awards; and guest speakers Trish Woodley, International Membership Director, and Watha Kollmeyer from the convention project Knickers for New Life.

See more convention details in the NC DKG News Summer edition. (See link on page 6)



*Beth Winstead, left, is pinned as NC DKG President by her mother, Anne Briley, a past state Executive Secretary*

### EEC Equals Well-Defined Programs

### EEC Ideas Online

***By: Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice President***

International goals for Education Excellence are:

- **Empowering** women through leadership opportunities
- **Engaging** educators in purposeful programs and projects
- **Creating** global involvement

The international website, as well as our state website, has ideas for programs and projects which will help your chapter plan for next year. Thank you to all who have submitted to these EEC resources. Hopefully, more will contribute so we have a extensive resource for chapters.

I have enjoyed serving NC as the EEC chairman and welcome Hilda Parlér to this position. EEC is in good hands!

### New Region I Director Named

Tobey Worthington has agreed to become Region I Director, replacing Rhonda Allen who has served in the role on an interim basis since this biennium began. Tobey previously served as Region I Director before becoming NC DKG First Vice President. President Teresa expressed appreciation to Rhonda for her service and willingness to continue in that role until another director could be named and to Tobey for agreeing to fulfill the position.



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## NC DKG News

### ***New Executive Secretary and Webmaster Named***

Elizabeth Miars and Deb Christensen have been selected to serve as the new Executive Secretary and Webmaster, respectively, beginning July 1, 2021.

[Elizabeth Miars](#) will succeed Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon who has served as Executive Secretary since 2014 and was given special recognition at the April 2021 NC DKG Convention for her extended service. Elizabeth has served NC DKG as second vice president and membership/expansion chair and Theta Chapter (Region IV) as president, editor, and webmaster. She has been a member for over 25 years.

[Deb Christensen](#) will become webmaster, replacing Beth Winstead who was elected NC DKG President at the recent convention. Deb, a member of Alpha Zeta Chapter (Region VIII), is a school library media specialist, her chapter’s president, editor, and webmaster, a past chair of the NC DKG Communications and Marketing Committee, and has served as president and webmaster of the NC School Library Media Association.

***Congratulations to both ladies and thank you for being willing to serve NC DKG.***



*Elizabeth Miars, left, and Deb Christensen, right, will assume the roles of executive secretary and webmaster, respectively, on July 1.*

## Scholarships and Grants Available—One Benefit of DKG Membership

### NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants

*By: Sharon Frazier, Vice Chair, NCDKGEF*

The next cycle of grant opportunities is almost upon us. Take time to look at the grants that are available as you make plans for the Fall. You might be interested in taking a class; you may have a project that you would really like to do in your classroom; or perhaps your chapter has a project that they would like to start. There are grants for all of those.

The NC DKG Educational Foundation's purpose is to aid teachers and chapters by providing funds for projects or activities that might ordinarily not be possible. Please visit our website [www.ncdkgef.org](http://www.ncdkgef.org) and search under Grants.

All applications will be updated by June 30, 2021, and will be due September 30.

### DKG International Educators Foundation Grants

[DKGIEF](#) supports effective educational projects and professional growth of educators worldwide. Two specific funds available for members to apply for professional development and educational degrees are opening soon.

**Cornetet Individual Awards** will fund participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses and workshops, plus other degree programs. Applications are due May 1 and September 1. The Apply button is available on the [Cornetet page](#) after logging in to the website.

**Scholarship Funds** awards 31 scholarships for members pursuing advanced degrees—\$6,000 for graduate studies and \$10,000 for doctorates. Those [applications](#) will be available on the website July 1 and are due by February 1.

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## State Committee Interest Form

The deadline to apply to serve on a state committee this coming biennium is **June 30**.

If you are interested, fill out the revised [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 or by reading the committee reports in the 2021 [convention program book online](#), beginning on page 35.

## NC DKG Headquarters Funding Update

As chapters collect dues, NC DKG encourages you to collect \$2 or \$3 per member for Headquarters. Your chapter can receive points for the Chapter Achievement Award for your donation! The day-to-day needs of Headquarters, our NC DKG home, are covered by donations only. For example, in March and April, the power company noticed a higher-than-normal bill for Headquarters, which turned out to be because of a corroded and leaking water heater. Re-placing the water heater had to be paid for from the Headquarters Fund made possible by donations. Mary Beth Dailey, chair, and the Headquarters Committee would like to thank everyone who made a donation to Headquarters during the convention. The total contributed was \$3,447.23 and is greatly appreciated.



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Read the summer issue of the NC DKG News at <https://bit.ly/3vBwTpJ>

# DKG Publications

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to go to publication)



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



Get Connected!

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## DKG International

### Going to a Conference This Summer?

Plans are being finalized for the two international conferences this summer in Portland (July 7-10) and San Antonio (July 22-24), with plans leaning towards a hybrid model. Early bird registration for the Portland conference is June 8 and June 23 for San Antonio. (See the [DKG website](#) or the May/June 2021 [DKG News](#) for more information on the conferences' formats and speakers.

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

*\*If you plan to go to an international conference this summer, please email your name to [Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon](#). She will share a list of those going with you.*

### DKG Headquarters' Sale Moving Along

International President Becky Sadowski shared the following update concerning the sale of DKG Headquarters:

The Austin City Council met on Thursday, May 20, to consider the rezoning request needed to move forward with the sale of the Society Headquarters building. I am pleased to report that the rezoning request was approved. With this approval and the previously approved demolition permit, the DKG property now has the potential to support plans for a successful redevelopment project.

DKG has now entered the closing period of the contract with the current buyer. We will continue to keep you updated as we approach the end of this period and enter into the last steps of the sale. As indicated in previous updates, we appreciate so much your interest and support as we move through this lengthy process.

**T:** Technique to develop supportive relationships

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

**Activity:** Staying Connected

**P:** Item submitted by Mary Beth Dailey, president of Beta Omicron Chapter

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



### Contribute to Collegial Exchange

*Collegial Exchange* is written by members and is not theme-based. Submissions for the next issue are due August 1. The submission form and rubric may be found under the Publications tab → [Bulletin—Magazine](#).



**Important Websites**

[www.alphazetanc.weebly.com](http://www.alphazetanc.weebly.com)

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

[www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)

[www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlphaZetaNC/)