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Beta Beta Chapter Greensboro, NC Region VII NC DKG
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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

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DKG VISION STATEMENT

LEADING WOMEN EDUCATORS IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLDWIDE.

DKG MISSION STATEMENT

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL PROMOTES PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH OF WOMEN EDUCATORS AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.

CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings Sisters,

As we've weathered the unpredictable nature of the coronavirus pandemic over the past year, it's comforting to know that some things don't change. As we usually do around this time in the spring semester, we've opened our chapter for the induction of new members. In response to the pandemic and to ensure the health and safety of all of our sisters, we offered our Induction Ceremony in its entirety remote this year. This option was both convenient and accessible for each of us.

We are pleased to report a large number of prospective members have answered our call, ensuring the continued vitality of the Beta Beta Chapter. We voted to allow thirteen new members to join Delta Kappa Gamma Society International through our chapter. Thank you for entrusting our qualified colleagues to join us through the submission of Prospect Cards, Membership Applications, and finally your electronic vote. We're pleased to provide the continuity of our sisterhood during uncertain and challenging times. We wish you and your family health and well-being as we begin to emerge from our year-long pandemic fatigue.

Warmly

Robin Harris and Adjoa Botwe Rankin

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*CLICK ON THE OFFICER'S NAME TO SEND AN EMAIL.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Click on [Committee Listing](#) to see our list of standing committees.

April 8th Induction Recap

Beta Beta held its induction ceremony on April 8th using the Zoom platform.

Click [here](#) to see the ceremony program.

On Thursday, April 8, 2021, Beta Beta made broke the chapter's initiation record by inducting 13 new sisters. Dr. Pam Misher our DKG sister was the speaker for the ceremony. She discussed key takeaways from the book Leading from the Front by Angie Morgan and Courtney Lynch.

Sisters remember to: (1) Reflect- turn disappointments into teachable moments, (2) Protect your health. Set no more the three goals daily,. Chunk them into manageable tasks, (3) Find a good mentor, (4) Humility and compassion are vital traits, (5) Think before you act and do not overreact,. Listen!, (6) Build resilience, and (7) Courage + Initiative + Perseverance + Integrity = Success. Dr. Misher stated, "If you can dream it you can do it! LIVE YOUR DREAM! Be patient with YOU! We need people like YOU, my sisters".

Dr. Misher is a retired school administrator with over thirty years in education as a former teacher and administrator. She is currently an administrative and curriculum coach for Next Generation Academy, a charter school in Greensboro, North Carolina. She co-owns SPM Educational Consultants with her husband, which provides coaching and instructional feedback to teachers and administrators with the purpose of discovering opportunities for personal and school growth. Additionally, Dr. Misher is married to a former administrator and has two daughters. She was born in Wilmington, NC but currently resides in Greensboro, NC with her husband.

Our Region VII Director and chapter sister, Sharon Sullivan provided well wishes along with our the First Vice-President of NC DKG, Toby Worthington. Sister Worthington encouraged the inductees to get involved in DKG, and try new opportunities including attending the upcoming 2021 Virtual NC DKG Conference.

Please send any newsletter contributions for the May/June issue by Friday, May 28th to [Glasher Robinson](#).

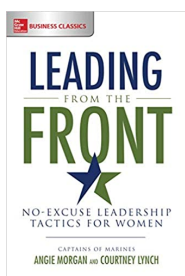
Look for the upcoming issues of the Beta Beta Bulletin:

May/June 2021

Summer 2021



Follow Dr. Misher on social media by clicking each icon below.



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MEMBER NEWS

Recognitions, Celebrations, Well Wishes and Prayer Request



NEW! Beta Beta Sisters

We would like to introduce our 13 new sisters!



Courtney Blake Smith is passionate about maintaining a positive teaching and learning environment for the students, and a great family-oriented culture for staff and her families. She is active in her community and is currently serving as an administrator in Guilford County Schools.

Kendra Bledsoe views herself as an equity leader continually learning more about what it means to be a culturally responsive educator. She serves her community through volunteer opportunities, including children & families, as well as the elderly and those who find themselves experiencing homeless. She is currently a math supervisor for Guilford County Schools.

Karen Braswell believes we reproduce what we reinforce, therefore excellence must be intentional and deliberate. She enjoys her daughters & grandchildren and is an active member of her church. She started her career more than 27 years ago teaching at NCA&T and is currently an administrator in Guilford County Schools.

Hakima Britt understands the home-work balance by enjoying quality time with her daughter as well as fueling her dedication to rekindling a passion and excitement for education, while also rebuilding and reshaping it through her doctoral research and serving as a school administrator in Lexington City Schools.

Keisha Brown describes herself as a cultural leader who is very connected to her students, staff and families. As a school leader for 14 years at the elementary, middle and high school levels, she is dedicated building strong learning foundation for students, developing new teachers and growing others. She is currently a school administrator in Guilford County Schools.

Sharon Jacobs loves all things related to the arts and watching young people grow. She volunteers in her community and faith organizations as well as reaching educators through presenting at national conferences, podcasts and publications. She is currently a school administrator in Guilford County Schools.

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"As Sisters, we take care of each other, watch out for each other,
and comfort each other through good and bad times.
Welcome our sisterhood!"



Sheri Johnson has enjoyed twelve years in education and looks forward to a future of undiscovered opportunities. She enjoys creating, cooking and spending time with her family. She is currently a teacher in Guilford County Schools.

Jasmine Keith loves spending time with her daughter, working out and therapeutic shopping. She started her career in education in 2010 and has served as a camp counselor, tutor, teacher assistant and teacher. She is currently a teacher in Guilford County Schools.

Karen Martin-Jones enjoys spending time with her family, writing, and community involvement in her church and sorority. She strives to bring out the best in teachers and students in her role as an Instructional Coach in Guilford County Schools.

Turkesshia Moore believes that children are our most precious resource and need to know they can contribute to our society, as well as be equipped with the right tools to face the world. She is currently the owner of Brain Power Academic Services and is a Literacy Advisor/Literacy Specialist at Wilson Language.

Paris Pratt believes the education she received in social work directly impacts her ability to foster relationships and promote successful learning for students. As a risk-taker, she is always willing to try new things to enhance student learning. She is currently a teacher in Guilford County Schools.

Kathleen Stevens has a passion for helping students and teachers find their love of math and uses her instructional technology skills & experience to engage learners. She currently serves as the Director of Mathematics for Guilford County Schools.

Nicole True is dedicated to advocating for marginalized students and families while serving for the last seven years as a classroom teacher in Title I schools, as well as supporting the Arts in her community as an instructor and patron. She is currently a teacher in Guilford County Schools.



Name: Stephanie Rakes

Chapter: Beta Beta

Region: VII

Initiation Date: 4/12/18

Current Position: Principal of Vandalia Elementary School

Education: Master of School Administration, UNCG; Bachelor of Science in English Literature, UNCG

Professional Position History: Guilford County Schools K-8 Literacy Supervisor, Regional Academic Coach, Curriculum Facilitator, Academically Gifted Academic Coach, English Teacher
Recent Award: District Principal of the Year Nominee 2021.

Stephanie maintains a very positive persona. She is very uplifting to each of us, especially during our full body meetings. She starts with a kind roll call. Stephanie is always prepared for her committee's report and sometimes engages us in an incentive game to lift our spirits. She has done an exceptional job of guiding our virtual orientation and induction of new members.

Our chapter is most thankful for her committed service to the profession as well as our sisterhood!

BEHIND EVERY
SUCCESSFUL *woman*
IS A TRIBE OF OTHER
successful WOMEN,
WHO HAVE *her back*.

2021 NC DKG Convention News

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

Something for Everyone, Even If Not Registered for Convention

One advantage of a virtual convention is that everyone can participate! With activities before and after the general meetings and workshops, this virtual convention strives to involve everyone!

Before the meetings convene on Friday evening, April 23, virtual activities will begin. Each day, beginning Tuesday, a different area of Region XI, hosts for the convention, will be highlighted through a virtual tour, such as the Carl Sandburg home or the Penland School of Crafts. Also each day, beginning at noon, members can enjoy a showcase of NC DKG activities, such as the naming of award winners and the Ceremony of Remembrance.

After the convention ends on Sunday, members can still visit the Virtual Marketplace until April 30 to donate to the convention project ([Knickers for a New Life](#)) or the Passing of the House for Headquarters. The Virtual Tours and Virtual Showcases will remain available also.

For more specific information on the Virtual Tours or the Virtual Showcases, refer to the Spring issue of [NC DKG News](#) on the website and watch social media for times.

2021 NC DKG CONVENTION REGISTRATION

VIRTUAL MARKETPLACE

APRIL 23-30, 2021

2021 NC DKG Convention is hosting a Virtual Marketplace. The Virtual Marketplace will allow members and guests to **donate** to the convention project and to “Pass the House” to support Headquarters ; **bid on** “Leadership Baskets” and an NC DKG Educational Foundation auction item; and **market** the state chapter fundraising products. Who doesn’t love to give, bid, and shop? Aren’t those three of the favorite aspects of a convention? The Virtual Marketplace will open April 23 and remain open until April 30.

A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION - NC DKG: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention is going to be yet another first for the NC DKG membership. Region XI planning team and the NC DKG Executive Committee invite you to engage in the virtual event designed to celebrate *NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future*.

Convention Virtual Showcases - Tuesday, April 20 thru Sunday, April 25

NC DKG is embracing the world of technology. Activities typically included in the three-day, in-person event will be showcased Tuesday, April 20 through Sunday, April 25. Chapter and member recognitions, awards, and the Ceremony of Remembrance will be shared utilizing virtual presentations. These recorded recognitions require no registration and will be available for viewing beginning on the scheduled date (see chart below) or at your own convenience. What a lovely program these showcases could provide for your upcoming chapter meetings.

Remembering NC DKG Past - Friday, April 23, 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The 2021 NC DKG Convention, for which members will need to register, will begin on Friday. The celebration will feature a look at the past as we gain inspiration from a veteran NC DKG member, engage in a Founders activity, and enjoy the presentation and hear remarks from the Founders Award recipient.

Celebrating NC DKG Present - Saturday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday will kick off with the Executive Board Meeting and subsequent general session. All registered members are invited to *observe* as the executive board conducts business. Registrants will be able to *participate* in the general session as the executive board's recommendations on proposed amendments are presented, and the election of state officers is conducted. Workshops, live and pre-recorded, will occur in the afternoon, and the evening session will celebrate the accomplishments of chapters and members, featuring DKG Membership Director Trish Woodley.

Shaping NC DKG Future - Sunday, April 25, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday's activities will begin with the annual meeting of the NC DKG Educational Foundation. The closing general session will follow, featuring a guest speaker, the announcement of NC DKG Scholarship recipients, and the Beginning Teacher Award winner. The convention will draw to a close with the installation of the newly-elected 2021-2023 NC DKG officers and the passing of the gavel.

Mark your calendars, tell other members, share in your newsletters and on your social media outlets. You do not want to miss A Virtual Celebration - *NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future*. Virtual tours, fun, fellowship, and even "shopping" are scheduled during the convention event.

Convention Virtual Tours and Showcase Schedule	
Tuesday, April 20	Virtual Tour: Penland School of Crafts
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Communication & Marketing Awards
Wednesday, April 21	Virtual Tour: Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Golden Key & Rising Star Awards
Thursday, April 22	Virtual Tour: Blue Ridge Parkway
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Chapter Achievement Awards
Friday, April 23	Virtual Tour: Asheville Restaurants and Irresistible Escapes
	Virtual Showcase: Ceremony of Remembrance
Saturday, April 24	Virtual Tour: John C. Campbell Folk School
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Chapter Presidents
Sunday, April 25	Virtual Tour: Nantahala River Whitewater Rafting
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Regional Directors

STATE NEWS

News and Updates from NC DKG & DKG International

Ready, Set, GROW!

With President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan
NC DKG President

Sisterhood—A Cure for What Ails You

“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy. They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” Marcel Proust *

I recently listened to an NC DKG member express her true feelings as a virtual chapter meeting came to a close. The Saturday morning meeting was well attended, the program was uplifting, the members were engaged and excited to be together, and the Society business was handled efficiently. I was honored to have been a part of such a strong meeting. Everyone felt that the time spent together had been put to good use. Little did we know that it meant something so much more for one of the members in attendance (a.k.a. Sarah).

As the meeting closed, Sarah asked to speak. Here is a snapshot of what she said: “I am so tired that I can hardly breathe, but I would not have missed this meeting today for anything. You lift me up! Being with you gives me strength, makes me smile, and reminds me that I am not alone.”**

There was not a dry eye in the virtual meeting at that moment. We were all taken back to that place of exhaustion, despair, and stress where someone or something gave us hope. For Sarah, at that moment, it was her DKG sisters!

In the words of Marcel Proust, Sarah’s DKG sisters were her “charming gardeners” who made her “soul blossom” that morning. As I write this article for all members to read, I am reminded that it is my responsibility as a member of DKG and the human race to be someone’s “charming gardener” when possible.

As your President and friend, I am asking that each of you find a person that needs to have their “soul blossomed” and become their “charming gardener.” Remember exhaustion and loneliness impact all generations. Whether 25 and active or 95 and retired, and exhaustion and loneliness are real and can lead to depression. It is on us DKG members to come to the aid of another member by bringing them happiness. It might just be the cure to what is ailing them.

*** Marcel Proust was an early 20th-century French writer responsible for what is officially the longest novel in the world entitled *In Search of Lost Time*. Marcel Proust**

****Thank you, Gamma Zeta, for this lovely quote recently used in your chapter newsletter.**

Click [here](#) to read the Mar./Apr. Issue of Get Connected!

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Lessons Learned from Grandma's Gatewood

A chapter president recently introduced me to Grandma Gatewood.* She is a walking example of "making lemonade out of lemons." Let's see what lessons can be learned as we "walk" with Grandma Gatewood.

LESSON ONE: Never Quit! "I thought it would be a nice lark." As a solo female hiker in her late 60's, she found the Appalachian Trail in the 1950's a mess. It was in need of repair, restoration, and remarking. She did not quit or turn back; instead, she finished this notorious trek not once but twice.

LESSON TWO: Travel light! "Make a rain cape and an over-the-shoulder sling bag, and buy a sturdy pair of Keds tennis shoes." Carrying minimal supplies meant weight from unnecessary "baggage" was not a problem. She left it behind and relied upon her natural surroundings for items needed.

LESSON THREE: Make a Difference! "This is no trail. This is a nightmare." Grandma Gatewood used her experience to make a difference. Many credit her for "saving the trail from extinction" because her advocacy led to much-needed trail maintenance.

Questions to ponder as you walk your trail: Can you see it through? Will you leave behind what is weighing you down? And, how can you use your journey to make a difference?

*Appalachian Trail Histories

Thank you, Alpha Nu President, for this inspiration.

NC Educational Foundation Annual Meeting

Kicks off Sunday at Convention The NC DKG Educational Foundation Annual Meeting will be live-streamed on April 25, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. All NC DKG members registered for the convention are encouraged to attend. The Foundation Honor and Remember Program will air on Friday morning during the Virtual Showcase with the Ceremony of Remembrance.

How Does Your Membership GROW?

While the pandemic has been hard, teachers have been working harder to reach every student. Potential DKG members are the creative and enthusiastic educators who have excelled in this pandemic. Look around!

*Your Membership Tip of the Month is brought to you by the NC DKG Membership Committee.
Elizabeth Miars, chair.*

- T:** Technique for chapters to develop supportive relationships
- I:** Develop opportunities to collaborate with a sister chapter. **Activity:** Books for High Point L.E.A.P.
- P:** Item submitted by Mary Ann Hart – Chi Chapter

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



Click [here](#) to read more about the Mentor Project.
Click [here](#) to email Doris Littlejohn.

Click [here](#) to read more about the Ready, Set, GROW initiative.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

News and Updates from DKG International

Click [here](#) to read the Mar./Apr. Issue of DKG News!

HQ Sale Moves Forward

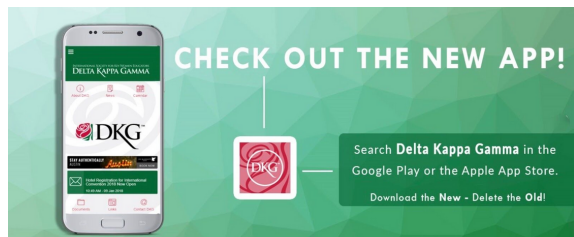
In late January, the Society cleared potential roadblocks to the sale of DKG Headquarters when the Austin City Planning Commission voted on two critical decisions: denying historic designation for the DKG property and recommending its rezoning as Downtown Mixed Use (DMU). A recommendation by the Historic Landmark Commission for historic zoning, if upheld, would have limited what potential buyers could do with the property. The DMU zoning opens the way for a potential buyer to construct a residential tower on the site. The Austin City Council will make a final decision on zoning on March 4. Within the Society, decisions regarding the use of the building fall to the elected DKG administrative board. Charged to be fiscally responsible stewards of the organization, DKG leaders over the past biennia have noted the burden of increasing costs of maintenance, rising property taxes in downtown Austin, and aging wiring that impacts technological improvements. The decision to pursue the sale of the circa-1959 building was based on the desire not only to secure an infusion of capital but also, more importantly, to ensure that members' dues are used to promote and support the Society's mission and vision. International President Becky Sadowski and Executive Director Nita Scott have been extensively involved with DKG's realty advisory group and potential buyer's team in presentations to local governing bodies. Members also participated in this process in a variety of ways in preparation for meetings with both the Historic Landmark Commission and the Planning Commission. Their letters, emails, and several video presentations, created in collaboration with the buyer's team, all made a positive impact on the commissioners by sharing respect for the current building as the fifth location of the Society's headquarters but noting the greater weight of DKG's impact on education worldwide. The potential buyer's plans for the proposed building include a garden space to commemorate the history of DKG and its work throughout the world. The administrative board will consider potential future sites for a headquarters building in the Austin area as the process moves into the final stages. At that time, feedback from members and staff will become critical.

TECHNOLOGY TIP

We are not satisfied with the number of members we have had complete the Let's Connect Survey. Please complete this Google Form survey to help us determine the best way to communicate with current and prospective members.

[Let's Connect Survey](#)

Subscribe to the [DKG YouTube channel](#) and get notifications of International President Becky Sadowski's video updates. In the March/April update, she relays information on the sale of the Austin Headquarters building





MARK YOUR CALENDAR



May 2021

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17							1
18	2	3	4	5 <small>Cinco de Mayo</small>	6	7	8
19	9 <small>Mother's Day</small>	10	11	12	13	14	15
20	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
21	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
22	30 <small>Memorial Day</small>						

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The next chapter meeting will
take place on

Monday, May 17th at 6:00pm.

Please check your inbox for an
invite closer to our meeting date.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr. 1** Convention workshop's link or recorded session due
- Apr. 2** Convention registration with mailed materials deadline
- Apr. 19** Convention registration without mailed materials deadline
- Apr. 26** ASK Time
- May 1** Deadline for application 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 28** ASK Time
- June 30** Membership dues due to chapter treasurers

CONVENTION DATES

- April 23-25, 2021-** NC DKG Convention
- 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 12-16, 2022-** International Convention (New Orleans, LA)
- April 28-30, 2023-** NC DKG Convention (Greenville, NC)

2021 International Conference Links

Hotel and Registration

[Portland Conference Registration](#)
[Portland Hotel Information](#)
[Portland Marriott Downtown](#)
 1401 SW Naito Parkway
 Portland, OR, 97201

[San Antonio Conference Registration](#)
[San Antonio Hotel Information](#)
[San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter](#)
 101 Bowie Street
 San Antonio, TX, 78205

A deposit equal to one night's stay is required to hold each individual reservation. The deposit will be refunded in full to any guest who cancels the reservation before 3 days (72 hours) prior to the day of arrival.

