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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

**The NC DKG North Carolina State Chapter - Alpha Gamma Chapter
Avery & Watauga Counties - Region IX**



President's Message

Ladies,

As the school year comes to a close, we recognize your weariness, and understand the fatigue that is weighing you down in this final stretch. You have had to make so many adjustments to your schedule these past months, and you may have even had feelings of hopelessness at times. May you be encouraged to finish the school year strong with this quote from Gary Ryan Blair. We are rooting for you as you finish out the year with the precious lives entrusted in your care for this season.

**“EVERY TASK, GOAL, RACE
AND YEAR COMES TO
AN END...
THEREFORE, MAKE IT
A HABIT TO ALWAYS
FINISH STRONG.”**

— GARY RYAN BLAIR —

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Congratulations to our very own Brenda Reese for being the recipient of the 2021 Region IX Golden Key Award. We are so very proud of this well-deserved honor bestowed upon her.

Our May 6 meeting and induction ceremony will be held from 5:30 - 7:00 at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in the Meadowview Room (same location as April's meeting). Please make plans to come a few minutes early to enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Adele will also set up a link for a ZOOM virtual meeting.

There is a lot to share with you as we finish out this school year, and prepare for next year. Please make plans now to attend on Thursday, May 6.

Regards,
Brenda Reese (Co-President)
Kim Shields (Co-President)

Click here to sign up to bring Refreshments

Click here to sign up to bring Door Prizes

April 1
April 23-25
May 6
July 7-10
July 21-24

ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER DATES

NOV. 5
DEC. 14
JAN. TBD
FEB. 25
APR. 1

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Methodist Church with Watauga County Schools providing meals. The literacy part of the program will run from 9:00-12:00 p.m. (Reading, writing, phonics, instruction) with enrichment activities taking place in the afternoon from 12:30-4:00 p.m. Enrichment activities will include working on projects in relation to the morning literacy part of the program. The Summer Literacy Program will be in need of volunteers, and a survey will be sent out to request volunteers.

GUEST SPEAKER - MS. MARTHA TRIMBLE
Ms. Trimble is a middle grades teacher at Bowling Rock Elementary School who is working with 7th grade students in the Watauga County Schools Virtual Academy Program. Some of her accomplishments include a master's degree in Secondary Education, a master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration, as well as obtaining Watauga County Teacher of the Year in 2016.

For our meeting, Ms. Trimble lead a presentation detailing her educational leadership experience with an educational program titled *Teacher Way*. She was able to lead a group of educators at Dubai Modern Education School in

DKG Business Meeting (4...

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- *Junaluska* (Urut Histories, edited by Susan C. Keefe)
- Linda Castillo Series
- *Ancient Remedies* by Dr. Josh Axe
- *What if it's True?* by Charles Martin
- *Americans Don't* by Jeanine Cummins
- *If You Tell* by Gregg Olsen (3 Sisters' True Story of Family Secrets)
- *Vesper Flights* by Helen Macdonald
- *One More Day Everywhere* by Glen Heggstad
- *Where Teachers Thrive* by Susan Moore Johnson
- *Learning from Lincoln: Leadership Practices* by Harvey B. Alvy and Pam Robbins
- *Every Day I Fight* by Stuart Scott (His battle with cancer)
- *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson
- *Miss Bessie* by Susan P. Moretz

Book Recommendations fr...

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Time to Pay Annual Dues!

- Dues are \$83.00, check made payable to DKG. (\$26.00 for reserve members.)
- Members may pay through the **Venmo app** - @AlaSue-Moretz
- Members may pay at chapter meeting - March, April, or May.
- Checks should be mailed to my address: 2371 Big Hill Rd, Boone, NC 28607
- **Dues are due by June 30, 2021.**
- Our chapter receives achievement award points when our dues are collected and paid to the state Treasurer by the due date. Please help us meet this deadline!
- Please contact Ala Sue, Brenda, Kim, or Susan P. if you have any questions or concerns about your membership or if you need financial assistance.



DUES INFORMATION FOR SPRING INDUCTEES

NC DKG Treasurer
Leslie Black

The dues structure for DKG may be a little confusing for members inducted after December 31. Details for spring inductee dues are as follows:

- Members inducted between January 1 through March 31 pay half dues (state-\$7.50 and international-\$20.00), initiate fee (\$10.00), and scholarship fee (\$1.00) for a total of \$38.50. These new members will pay full dues for the next year beginning July 1.
- Members inducted between April 1 through May 31 pay the full dues amount (state-\$15.00 and international-\$40.00), initiate fee (\$10.00), and scholarship fee (\$1.00) for a total of \$66.00 plus chapter dues. Treasurers will credit these dues to the next year beginning July 1.

If you have questions, please contact NC DKG Treasurer, Leslie Black.

DKG May Meeting/New Member Induction

When

Thursday, May 6th, 5:30-7pm

Where

3505 Bamboo Road Boone, NC

More information

We have had several changes in location due to COVID restrictions on meeting locations; therefore, we will once again be meeting at Mount Vernon church on Thursday, May 6, with refreshments from 5:00-5:30 and our meeting/induction to follow from 5:30-7:00. We have Kim to thank for smoothing the way for us. We look forward to seeing you there! We miss seeing everyone in person, and we have lots to catch up on!

Information to join Zoom meeting:

Time: May 6, 2021 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72577411284?pwd=VEpiRDJlM2M3RzBNKzQvQThCQS9PQT09>

Meeting ID: 725 7741 1284

Passcode: E4qYF8

Chapter News

BRENDA REESE WINS GOLDEN KEY AWARD

Brenda Reese was the recipient of the Golden Key Award for Region IX. Congratulations Brenda for this well-deserved award. You can watch the recognition video at the [NC DKG website](#) or at the link below.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1to9bWzd3YGzOMbD_K_PYPVwSu1U9Dv8m/view

CONGRATULATIONS ALPHA GAMMA MEMBERS!

All of your hard work and dedication over the past "unique" year, earned our chapter multiple awards at the April state convention. Alpha Gamma received a Superior rating on Chapter Achievement due to your continued active involvement, AND Alpha Gamma was awarded the Communication Excellence Award because we met and exceeded the newsletter and website excellence criteria! A special THANK YOU goes to Sherri Hale, our editor, who has gone far over and above in helping us reach goals we have been discussing for YEARS! She has made them materialize in a wonderful fashion!

BARBARA PERRY-SHELDON RECOGNIZED AT STATE CONVENTION

Alpha Gamma's Barbara Perry-Sheldon received Special Recognition by President Teresa Cowan at our state convention. Barbara was recognized for her years of dedication, service, and graciousness under pressure.

Just during the pandemic year, Barbara quietly and graciously completed the following activities: Locally, she gave four blankets to Hospitality House at Christmas and donated to the collection for Louisiana hurricane victims. At the International level, she participated in all of the virtual Philly conference and in the Leadership Seminar sponsored by Tennessee. She contributed her Philly registration money to the International Educational Foundation. At our state level she donated to the NC DKG Foundation and to the convention project which was the NC DKG Headquarters. In her spare time, she has submitted an article to the DKG Journal editor for future publication - *Global Education: Two Perspectives*. She also serves as ex officio on the Planning, Finance, Headquarters Committees due to her position as Executive Secretary for NC DKG.

SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Boone United Methodist Church
June 14-July 22, 2021**

Plans for the Summer Literacy Program, funded by the Duke Endowment, and sponsored by Boone United Methodist Church, are well underway. This is the third year our chapter has been actively involved. Carol Deal and Brenda Reese are on the planning committee, Adele Byrd was the morning site director last summer, and many of Alpha Gamma's members volunteered both of the last two summers. This year the six week program will run from June 14 to July 22. The literacy focus will be from 9:00-12:00 each day with enrichment activities occurring from 12:30-4:00. We will have a sign up sheet available at both our April and May meetings so you can select the time and dates you would like to assist with this wonderful project. It is even more important this summer since so many of our youngsters have struggled with virtual instruction and have fallen further behind in their literacy skills!

SHARE A CUP OF GRATITUDE!

Dr. Judith Carlson invited donors to the Education Foundation to gather up one of their pretty tea cups, a teabag of their favorite flavor, may be a yummy scone and a hat! They were invited to a virtual tea party where the Education Foundation Directors shared a Cup of Gratitude with donors. Attendees were donors who had supported the mission in a significant way. The tea party was enjoyed on Friday, April 23 prior to the start of the convention. Fellowship, a progress report, success stories, and the chance to share our appreciation with a cup of gratitude completed the session!

Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love!

Olivia Haigler Announces the Birth of Kimber Laurel Haigler

Olivia Haigler, Watauga High School, is thrilled to announce the birth of her beautiful daughter. Kimber Laurel Haigler was born on March 19th at 5:01 after Olivia was in labor for over 48 hours! Kimber weighed 9 pounds and measured 20 inches. This is one of her newborn pictures made about a week ago. As hard as it is to be away from school during the spring time which is always Olivia's busiest time in horticulture and FFA, Olivia is enjoying the time spent with Kimber and knows it will go by way too fast!



Alpha Gamma Member Named 2021 Watauga County Principal of the Year

The Alpha Gamma Chapter is thrilled to congratulate its member, Patty Buckner, as Watauga County's 2021 Principal of the Year. She began her professional career as a teacher assistant at Bethel School, taught first grade at Bethel and Parkway, and served as assistant principal at Parkway before becoming Parkway's principal in 2017. Ms. Buckner also became an Alpha Gamma member in 2017. Her passion and dedication comes through in every aspect of administration, including being a mentor to newer principals in the system!



DKG Alpha Gamma New Members

Olivia Boudwin, Bethel School

I am from Apex, North Carolina, born and raised. I recently graduated from Appalachian State with a degree in Child Development Birth-Kindergarten education and a minor in Spanish. My past couple of summers have been dedicated to Camp Twin Lakes where I worked and volunteered with children with serious illness, disability, and other life challenges. As a first year teacher, I have fallen in love with Bethel, and I am so excited to continue my journey in the Watauga community! (Olivia is also a BEE recipient and is engaged to Ben Brown, another BEE recipient!)



Ashley Pennell, Appalachian State University

Ashley is an Assistant Professor of Reading Education at Appalachian State University. She works with pre-service and in-service teachers pursuing degrees in Elementary Education, Special Education, and Reading Education, and researches early literacy development and reading difficulties in this role. Ashley's favorite part of her work at App is working with teachers as they tutor children in the

Anderson Reading Clinic. Having earned all three of her degrees from Appalachian, Ashley is a Mountaineer through and through. Before joining the faculty, Ashley was a first-grade and second-grade teacher in Watauga County (Bethel) and Davie County (Shady Grove Elementary). She was born and raised in Concord, NC, but has lived in Boone for 13 years. While she loves her work as an educator, her favorite role is being a mother to her two children, Cora (3.5) and George (2 months). Ashley currently lives in Valle Crucis with her husband, Clayton, children, and two dogs.



Kacie Poplin, Blowing Rock School

Kacie teaches first grade at Blowing Rock Elementary School. Before transferring to Blowing Rock, Kacie taught at Valle Crucis Elementary School. Kacie attended Elkin High School and received her degree from Appalachian State University. She taught and will teach for the Summer Literacy Program funded by the Duke Endowment at Boone United Methodist Church. Kacie is also a recipient of the Beginning Educator Excelling certificate.



Anne Sukow, Bethel School

My name is Anne Sukow. I was born and raised in Watauga County. I attended Appalachian State University, and graduated from there in December 2000. During college, I worked at Mabel Elementary School. There I served as a tutor, substitute teacher, and after school site director. I accepted a position at Bethel Elementary School in 2001, where I have been teaching for 20 years. I have taught 3rd-6th grades, and currently teach 5th. I received my Master's degree in Library Science from Appalachian State University in 2019, and my National Board Certification in 2020.



I live in Valle Crucis, with my husband, Patrick, and our two sons, Brodie and Cullen. We have a dog, Hotch. We enjoy spending time outside, especially hiking.

Information on Educational Foundation grants

NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants
Foundation Learning/Literacy
Foundation Personal/Professional Growth
Dr. Judith B. Carlson Endowment *NEW
Margaret Church Endowment
Sally & Fred Cranford Endowment
Delta Rho Chapter Endowment
Groves-Little Endowment
Maive & Don McCall Endowment
Linda G. Richards Endowment *NEW
Simmons-Longest Endowment *NEW
Lynda Tamblyn Endowment

Grant applications for the fall cycle are due on September 30, 2021. Applications will be on line in June. Grants will be awarded on November 1, 2021.



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State News

Annual Regional Gathering: May 22
Stone Center for Performing Arts

Susan Blackburn, our Region 9 Director, shared the following:

I appreciate those of you who participated in the survey regarding our annual regional gathering. The majority of you selected May 22 as your preferred date and 9:00-11:00a.m. as your preferred time. I was not able to secure the Roaring River Vineyards due to another event taking place there that day, however I have made other arrangements that I hope you will find inviting.

On Saturday, May 22, we will begin our meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Stone Center for Performing Arts, which is located in the back of the Wilkes County Board of Education at 613 Cherry St., North Wilkesboro. This is a beautiful venue and home to the Wilkes County Hall of Fame. We will have a light breakfast and fellowship along with some engaging speakers and topics. At 10:00a.m. we will head over to Samaritan's Purse Wilkes Office and Warehouse located at [401 Elkin Hwy., North Wilkesboro](#), for a tour of the warehouse. This will include a tour of an Emergency Field Hospital that was used in NYC last year during the height of the Covid Pandemic, international disaster relief supplies, US Disaster Response Vehicles and more! The tour will take about an hour.

Please complete this [RSVP form](#) by May 15 to let me know who will be coming. I look forward to seeing you all!!

DELTA DOLLAR\$ UPDATE

The NC DKG News - North Carolina (Spring 2021) gave the latest update for Delta Dollar\$. NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan announced that \$3,445.37 was collected to support Louisiana DKG members impacted by multiple hurricanes in 2020. Thank you for your generosity. A special thank you goes to our Alpha Gamma members who graciously donated to this cause!

SURVEY SAYS...

Have you taken the survey on the DKG homepage? Members are encouraged to answer the current survey question to help guide decisions about the 2021 summer conferences. Are you ready? Go to the DKG website and sign in. Look in the upper right section of the page to find the survey question. You may need to scroll down to submit your response.

The survey question changes periodically, so check back often to share your thoughts on each question. Your input is valuable to planning and operations.

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State Committee Interest Form Online

NC DKG committees carry out the operations of the organization, setting goals and working for the betterment of members. Presidents select committee members based on interests and skills.

If you are interested in serving on a state committee for the upcoming biennium, fill out the NC DKG Committee Interest Form 2021 found on the state website in the "New o 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.

Become active on the state level. NC DKG needs you! Serving on a state committee also earns Alpha Gamma points on Chapter Achievement and gives our members a change to enlarge their networks.

Eta Data
April 15, 2021

Member Spotlights

Members are the shining stars of DKG, and both North Carolina and International are highlighting members who are showing leadership and excellence in professional and personal ways that make them stars.

NC DKG is honoring member excellence in a prime spot on the homepage of the website. Anyone may nominate a NC DKG member for the spotlight. Use the link under the spotlight section to find the Member Spotlight Nomination form.

International is also spotlighting a member on the DKG homepage and includes chapters and state organizations in their nomination process. There is a link under the spotlight section to read more about the honoree and to find the nomination form.

NC DKG has many worthy members for the state and international spotlight sections! Alpha Gamma has many deserving members. Please think about this and share possible names at our May meeting.

Eta Data
April 15, 2021

FUTURE NC DKG CONVENTION LOCATIONS

NC DKG Executive Secretary

Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon

Going virtual for the NC DKG convention in 2021 means that our hotel contracts have been moved to a year later. Shifting the schedule has avoided paying contract cancellation fees.

The NC DKG 2022 convention will be in Asheville at the Crowne Plaza Resort, April 29-May 1, 2022. Greenville is the site of the 2023 convention, April 28-30, 2023. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to once again enjoy in-person fellowship with your NC DKG colleagues.

International News

GAPP Changes Affecting Digital Communications

September/October 2020

The Policy for Digital Communications GAPP--Guidelines and Policies/Procedures--was recently updated in the Society's continuing effort to combat phishing emails and protect members' privacy. Since one of the purposes of the Policy for Digital Communications is to "establish policy on privacy, confidentiality, and security in digital communications, one update suggests using BCC when mailing to groups." An addition says, "Wherever possible and practical, the Society will use contact forms rather than emails to facilitate member communication with society personnel and leaders." The section ends with "All lists of contact information will be password protected. Chapters and state organizations may not link to contact information lists without providing password protection." Our Sherri Hale has been excellent about staying on top of these guideline for all of our protection.

Common Ground

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A deluge of facts rarely changes hearts and minds. But sharing your personal experience can be the start of finding common ground.

Jennifer King Lindley
REAL SIMPLE

April 2021

Possibility

Anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you.

Misty Copeland
Powderhorn Ranch

Alpha Gamma has the right people to support you. DKG has the right people to support you. We support each other!

DKG - Alpha Gamma Chapter Information

[Alpha Gamma Dates 2020-2021](#)

[State and International Dates 2020-2021](#)

[Alpha Gamma Birthday List](#)

NC DKG State Contacts

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NC DKG State Website: www.ncdkg.org
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS/MENTEES

[Click here for a list of our current committees and chairs.](#)

Information for the newsletter can be sent to Brenda Reese or Sherri Hale.

