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

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NC DKG STATE THEME: READY, SET, GROW!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

***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

Dear Alpha Gamma Members,

President Teresa Cowan has shared Jillian Michaels' quote with other NC DKG members over the past several days. It is so appropriate for each of us in so many different circumstances. And, it's amazing that even with us being at home, there is a tremendous amount of information to share with everyone.

We've been blessed in so many ways. Because of our members' hard work and dedication, Alpha Gamma has received both the Presidential Badge for Chapter Achievement and the Communications and Marketing Badge for our efforts to grow our chapter and our individual members. On top of that we have been blessed with a phenomenal group of new members who were installed with hand sanitizer, physical distancing (only 10 inside at a time), and masks! We washed; we wore; and we waited 6 feet apart AND we had a wonderful induction of talented, energized new members.

I was honored with the Golden Key Award and presented with a copy of an appreciation page from the cancelled convention program! We also officially announced the Dr. Judith B. Carlson Endowment. Judith came through her surgery and was in rehab when it was announced that she is a Trustee for the International Education Foundation! Fortunately, she is now at home and well on her way to recovery.

My co-president Kim Shields is already extremely active. She and I have met to review Alpha Gamma information, and she has met with Ala Sue to teach Ala about Venmo as an alternative payment method for members who no longer write checks. A subcommittee consisting of Kim Shield, Adele Byrd, Susan Phipps, and Brenda Reese have also discussed how to help our committees become more active to help everyone feel

valued and to better take care of chapter business. We want to immediately mentor our new inductees as well as current members in ways to help them stay actively involved.

Our new vice president, Adele Byrd, is working on programs and locations for our meetings this year. With the information we have at this time, we are going to plan for our September meeting to be outside at the Valle Crucis Park picnic shelter. If the weather cooperates, we will plan to also hold our October meeting outside. Currently, it looks like we will most likely have to go to a remote meeting at some point, but we will be flexible whether we use a Plan B or Plan C or Plan D. After all, we are all educators, and that is what educators do every day!

Stay safe! Stay healthy!

Sincerely,

Brenda Reese

Brenda Reese, Co-President

Alpha Gamma Chapter

NC DKG



Alpha Gamma Chapter is an active, growing chapter. Susan Phipps created this display for our 2020 state convention which was cancelled so it will be displayed virtually by NC DKG along with those from other chapters.

Meeting Information

It is still early to make definitive decisions about the upcoming year; however, after meeting with our new vice president, Adele Byrd, we do have some tentative plans. Alpha Gamma's vice president is responsible for arranging programs and meeting locations. Your full executive committee will meet around the third week in August to tighten up our calendar. We are going to begin the school year with an outside meeting at Valle Crucis. Hopefully, October will allow us to do the same. Alpha Gamma will undoubtedly host at least one remote meeting this year. Many of you have already held remote meetings; however, for many of you, this will be your first time. We will send you detailed information about how to participate in a Zoom meeting well in advance of the meeting date.

Calendar

Local Items

September 3	Valle Crucis Park \$50.00 Planning/Mentoring: Dr. Teresa Cowan Vote on Rules; Committee Duties
October 1	TBD
November 5	Dubai - Martha Trimble
March 4	Book Club? Zoom? - Maggie Christenbury, Ala Sue Moretz
April 1	Invite Asheville Chapter for Joint Chapter Business and Social How to Grow/Maintain Members
May 6	Induction and Installation; Avery

State items

2020

The Communications and Marketing Committee with the approval of BC DKG President Dr. Teresa Cowan has announced the new dates for the publication of the *NC DKG News*. The new schedule will begin with the fall 2020 issue of the *NC DKG News*.

FALL	September 1
WINTER	December 1
SPRING	March 1
SUMMER	June 1

Other NC DKG Important Dates

October 24	Fall Executive Board Meeting First Presbyterian Church, Burlington
April 23-25	2021 NC DKG Convention Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort Asheville, NC Region XI

* Future dates for some state activities will have flexibility.

International items

July 1-September 30	International Dues Submissions
August 15-September 15	Gallery of Fine Arts Submissions
August 1	<i>Bulletin: Collegial Exchange Submissions</i>
August 15-September 15	Applications Open for Arts and Humanities Fall Gallery Submissions
September 1	Deadline to apply for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards
September 15	Deadline for DKG Arts and Humanities Fall Gallery Submissions

Mark the Dates

July 27-28	New Chapter Leaders Training
August 1	<i>Bulletin: Collegial Exchange</i> submissions due New deadline submission date for <i>NC DKG News</i>
August 15	Submission period opens for DKG Gallery of Fine Arts
September 30	Deadline for grants to NC DKG Education Foundation
October 24	Fall Executive Board Meeting, Burlington
November 1	Cornetet Seminar PD Award applications due Deadline for submissions for Winter <i>NC DKG News</i>
November 10	International Speaker request from Speaker Fund due
November 15	990-N ePostcard due to IRS Nominations for NC DKG officers due

***There will be some flexibility with these dates.**

DUES COLLECTION UPDATE

The health and well-being of all members is far more important than meeting a deadline. Although the *Constitution* notes June 30 as the deadline for members to submit dues payments to chapter treasurers (Article IV.C.1.), it also notes that “The international portion of the dues shall be sent between July 1 and September 30” (Article IV.C.4.).

Consideration for not paying dues will not occur until after September 30, 2020, in light of COVID-19 issues. At this point and in these times of a pandemic, flexibility is paramount.

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Alpha Gamma still has a few members who have not yet paid so this gives them a grace period. Also, for those with special circumstances, if they will contact Ala Moretz, our treasurer, we have ways to help if help is needed (alamoretz@bellsouth.net).

With fewer and fewer members writing checks, my co-president Kim Shields and treasurer Ala Sue Moretz are exploring other payment options. Venmo (<https://www.venmo.com>), Zelle (<https://www.zellepay.com/>), and Paypal (<https://www.paypal.com/us/home>) are three options international suggests. These require only a device with internet and the payment app.

CHAPTER PROJECTS

Committee Apprenticeship

One of the projects your co-presidents want to accomplish this year is to clearly specify the roles of each committee so that we all share the responsibilities for helping our chapter to GROW!

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

On Tuesday, June 30, Alpha Gamma held its induction of new members and installation of new officers at the Watauga Board of Education. Due to COVID-19 rulings, only ten members could be inside at any given time so the video of the ceremony was mailed to all members.

**Congratulations
to our new
members!**

Leslie Howser
Michelle Bolick
Heather Miller
Katie Masters

Hannah Reeder
Carly Mize
Martha Trimble
Kelly Rush

Not Pictured:
Nancy Gryder
Rhiannon Manis
Pam Vesely



L-R - H. Reeder, H. Miller, M. Trimble, L. Howser

New members installed include:

Monica Bolick
Leslie Howser
Katie Masters
Heather Miller
Carly Mize
Hannah Reeder
Kelly Rush
Martha Trimble

Avery County High School
Valle Crucis Elementary School
Avery County—New Graduate
Parkway Elementary School
Green Valley Elementary School
Appalachian State University
Watauga High School
Blowing Rock Elementary School

New members to be installed at a later date:

Nancy Gryder
Rhiannon Manis
Pam Vesely

Lees McRae College
Freedom Trail Elementary School
Lees McRae College

Dr. Teresa Cowan notified Alpha Gamma President, Brenda Reese, that Alpha Gamma received the 2020 Superior Achievement/Presidential Award in late June. She congratulated our chapter for our efforts and growth!

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING AWARD



Dr. Teresa Cowan notified Alpha Gamma President, Brenda Reese, that Alpha Gamma received the 2020 Communication and Marketing Badge in late June. This was in recognition of all of Alpha Gamma's determination to share DKG's goals and promote members growth!

NEW REGION IX DIRECTOR: DR. SUSAN BLACKBURN

Region IX: Dr. Susan Blackburn, Delta Chi [Click here to email](#)

Welcome to Dr. Susan Blackburn, a resident of North Wilkesboro, who is a member of Delta Chi Chapter. She served the chapter as first vice-president and president. In 2016, she was the NC DKG Convention co-chair and is serving her second biennium as a member of the NC DKG Membership/Expansion Committee. Susan is a retired teacher, principal, and director for Wilkes County Schools. Susan is currently employed by Samaritan's Purse.

As we welcome Dr. Blackburn as our new Region IX Director, we send a sincere THANK YOU to Becky Keesler for all of her wonderful work and dedication to Region IX. We especially enjoyed the joint fellowship at the vineyards!

NC DKG NEWS CHAPTER AND MEMBER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

NC DKG News is published in electronic form four times a year and targets every DKG member in NC. It is posted on the state website and links are emailed to presidents and editors, who are asked to share it with every chapter member, either electronically or printed.

Editor Carol Bostian (ncdkgnews@gmail.com) invites chapter presidents and editors to submit news following these guidelines:

- Chapter articles - 125-150 words maximum.
 - Member recognition articles - 75-100 words maximum.
 - If you have longer articles, send a synopsis for the NC DKG News. Publish the full article on the chapter website and a link to that article can be included in the newsletter.
 - Photos - submit photos as an attachment to an email message, not pasted into a Word document.
- Submission deadlines are August 1, Fall issue; November 1, Winter issue; February 1, Spring issue; and May 1, Summer issue.

COLLEGIAL EXCHANGE SUBMISSIONS

Your mind is racing with all that you did this year with virtual school sessions and how your students reacted. Put your thoughts onto paper and share them in an article to the *DKG Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*. The deadline is August 1, 2020. *Collegial Exchange* is a print publication with no designated theme. Ideas for topics include a viewpoint piece, DKG or classroom practice or program, poetry, or creative works. Submit articles to bulletin@dkg.org.

INTERNATIONAL

Nita R. Scott, CAE Executive Director
From the Desk of the Director

Although most of the world has traveled the same roller coaster recently, members of the Society Headquarters staff have certainly experienced the “ups” and “downs” of the COVID-19 pandemic. In March, we naively thought that we could all go home for a couple of weeks and the world would return to normal soon. So, we shut down the office, went home, and planned to return shortly. Two weeks later, we realized that weeks could turn to months, and we began to plan for the long term. All staff members offered creative solutions and ideas about what they could contribute to the work of the Society from home and how they could accomplish that work remotely. Except for a few building-dependent tasks, such as printing and shipping member supplies and new-member cards, members’ needs and operational tasks were handled successfully “at a distance.” Members’ calls were remotely accessed and distributed to appropriate staff, emails were answered from home, calls were returned via personal cell phones, and we all continued to work. I am so proud of our staff for the way they stepped into action and managed almost all the tasks they usually accomplish each day – plus more!

As Texas and Austin move toward a gradual opening, we hope to return on July 13 with 50% of staff in the office on one day and the other 50% on the next. With a schedule of alternating days, all staff will have a chance to return to the building a few days each week. Hours will temporarily be a bit shorter, with the office open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Time each business day. While we look forward to being back to a schedule that looks a little more normal, we cannot predict the future: If the pandemic surges again, city and state officials may mandate another closing. However, this time, we will be much more prepared.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this time. We appreciate how you have cared about our health and safety. We hope you will take care to stay safe as well. So, wash your hands, maintain your social distance, and — until it is time to be together again — we hope you continue to email, call, chat, or even “Zoom” in anytime!

EDUCATORS BOOK AWARD WINNER

“When we make safety our first priority, we may exclude opportunities to experience life on a truly transformational level. We may miss the chance of a lifetime to understand new cultures, the global impact of our talents and abilities, and indeed, what inner strength and resiliency we possess.”

(Goolsby, p. 125)

Unveiled Truth: Lessons I Learned Leading the International School of Kabul by Gail Goolsby is the winner of the 2020 Educators Book Award. In July 2005, Goolsby traveled to Afghanistan to serve as the first principal of the International School of Kabul. This book shares the joys and challenges of

beginning a new school in a war-torn country with a male-dominated culture. While there, Goolsby learned to thrive in a foreign culture while gaining valuable insight into the people of Afghanistan and even herself. She is a member of the Beta Rho Chapter of Kansas State Organization of DKG. Honorable mention winners are Suffrage: The Epic Struggle For Women's Right To Vote by Susan L. Poulson and Think Like Socrates by Shanna Peebles. Suffrage, in a highly readable and informative style, tells the story of the epic struggle for women to gain the right to vote in the United States. Because DKG's founder, Annie Webb Blanton, was a suffragette, this book will be of interest to members. Think Like Socrates gives insightful strategies and ideas for using questions effectively in teaching. The Educators Book Award is given annually to a thought-provoking book with a global impact and serves to honor the work of women writing in the field of education. Committee members must read every book submitted that meets the basic requirements and provide in-depth evaluations, discuss the books submitted, and then vote on their choice for the winner. This year, 18 books were submitted that met the criteria. Submissions are now being accepted for the 2021 award. A nominated book must be copyrighted in its first edition between January 1 and December 31, 2020. Either the publisher or the author may make the application for consideration. The book must be written by one or two women author(s), be research-based, and have a direct or implied relationship to education. For further details, see the DKG website, www.dkg.org, or contact Membership Director Trish Woodley.

The Educators Book Award Committee encourages members to use the books in a chapter meeting, provide information about them in a newsletter, and highlight them in chapter and state organization websites. Book talks, book discussions, or simply sharing copies among members are all great ways to create awareness of these significant writings.

WHAT CAN I "BEE"?

Our state committee for Beginning Teachers is planning a special project for Beginning Teachers this year. While still in the brainstorming segments, the goal is to encourage them to "Bee" all that they can be...with our help. Beginning teachers have so much to learn that anything we can do to help them will make their way a bit sweeter! Watch for future details, and please share with us any ideas you might have that fit our theme.

GET CONNECTED

Get Connected is a newsletter from the DKG International Communication and Marketing Committee available on the International website under Publications tab -> Newsletters. Also, it is posted at ncdkg.org website under International Insights.

DR. BARBARA PERRY-SHELDON'S ARTICLE

The article, *One Woman's Learning Memoir: A Review of Educated*, written by our own Alpha Gamma member and NC DKG Executive Secretary, Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, has been selected for inclusion in the 2020 [Volume 86-3](#) issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Journal*. The article can be found on pages 6-9.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Anticipated Income:	
Balance from December 31, 2019	\$4,663.00
Anticipated Income	8,252.35
Anticipated Disbursements:	
Dues	3,139.00
Projects	1,600.00
Conventions	1,100.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Total Anticipated Disbursements	6,089.00
Amount to Begin 2021:	\$2,163.35

Ala Sue Moretz

Minutes

Alpha Gamma has not held a regular meeting since our last newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS

August

Heather Furr	21
Kim Shields	23
Birgitta McGalliard	31

September

Beth Masters	2
Judith Carlson	18

October

Kay Campany	3
Teresa Shadoin	11
Marjorie Farris	16
Maria Mohr	22
Christy Welch	25
Shawna Williams	31

November

Carol Deal	4
Ebbie Hendrix	4
Louise Osborne	4
Lori Tyler	14
Sheri Little	18
Sherri Hale	23
Margaret Gregor	25
Amanda Grindstaff	25

December

Brenda Reese	4
Carmen Scoggins	22

Ala Sue Moretz 24

January

Leeann Williams	3
Rebekah Saylor	8
Melanie McLeod	9
Clara Hollar	16
Gwen Clark	18

February

Jennifer Luetkemycer	2
Maggie Christenbury	14
Laura Johnson	24

March

Susan McKay	13
Barbara Perry-Sheldon	16
McKinney, Kunz	21
Kelly Walker	28

April

Olivia Haigler	3
Kim Dunnagan	5
Jade Evaul	12
Adele Byrd	18
Nancy Henry	22
Sharareh Nikbakht	29

May

Amy Anderson	23
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June

Judith Geary	9
Kristen Heckle	18
Linda Seamster	19
Linda Queen	25
Donna Green	26

July

Diane Ward	4
Cori Braxton	8
Patty Buckner	9
Susan Phipps	11

***New members will have their birthdays listed in the next newsletter.

CHAPTER PROJECTS

June 22-July 31	Summer Literacy Program BUMC Duke Endowment
July 7-11	Virtual Convention
July	New Officers Remote Training
Fall	Blue Ridge Relay? TBD
Fall	Woolly Worm Festival? Cancelled
December	Hospitality House
January	Beginning Teachers Project
May	Induction

MEMBER UPDATES

“Our” Sheri Little, Bethel Elementary in Watauga County, has accepted a position with Caldwell County at Gamewell Elementary. This is sad but not unexpected news since her husband, Phillip, has left Avery County to be the new principal at South Caldwell High School. She has promised to keep in touch; however, she will be transferring her DKG membership to the Caldwell/Burke chapter. We can still reach her at her personal email address! She will send us her new contact information as soon as she has it. She and Phillip are hoping to find a house a little closer to her in-laws, Linda and Craig Little.

Adele Byrd, in addition to taking classes this summer, is the site director for the Summer Literacy Program at Boone United Methodist Church. She is working closely with the Duke Endowment to make remote learning successful for twenty-six first and second graders!

Kim Dunnagan and a precious little girl, Arabella, visited Crab Orchard Falls for fun in the sun! And, I think they headed to the beach! She reminds us how important spending those special moments with our children is. They go by so quickly!

Sherri Hale’s beautiful daughter was just selected for the varsity cheerleading squad at Watauga High School!

Diane Ward celebrated her beautiful daughter’s twenty-second anniversary! It is amazing how much the two look like each other!

Mabel's Beta Club, sponsored by Christy Welch, just won School of Merit and School of Distinction PLUS National Leadership Winner and Regional Leadership Rep. It has been a "banner" year for Mabel's Beta Club members.

Heather Furr shares Paul Coelho's quote: "The world is changed by your example not your opinion."

Ala Sue Moretz and her wonderful husband celebrated their 47th anniversary this June!

Carol Deal has completed all of her treatments and has resumed her Tuesday afternoon position answering the phone at Boone United Methodist Church!

Laura Johnson and her sister asked you all to help celebrate her mother's 95th birthday. Since COVID-19 prevented her family from celebrating in the normal way, Laura requested that we send cards to her mother. Laura said her mother got so many for her birthday that she reads them daily and keeps them by her chair. Laura notes, "in these strange times, I think this brought her the most joy...Communication with good people cut the loneliness and made her smile, giggle, and/or shed a tear. It has really brightened her day." This is the letter I included with her card:

A special thank you goes out to all Alpha Gamma members who volunteered at Avery's and Watauga's *Back 2 School Festivals*

CELEBRATIONS

The Dr. Judith B. Carlson Endowment

Alpha Gamma has been working on the creation of an endowment for the last three years. Dr. Judith B. Carlson has been the driving force since the inception of the idea and consistently motivated us to move forward. Although we have not finalized all of the details, we agreed at our March meeting that the endowment should bear her name. Judith has undergone surgery this summer. She is still in Florida where she normally goes for the winter months since COVID-19 and her health issues have kept her in Florida. Judith is now at home recuperating where she can receive emails and cards/letters. You may also congratulate her on being selected as a Trustee for the International Education Foundation. She will be happy to hear from you and any of her friends in NC.

Recognition of Golden Apple Recipient

Brigitta McGalliard and her committee selected President Brenda Reese as Alpha Gamma's newest Golden Apple recipient. The selection committee consists of former winners of the Golden Apple. This year's recipient was announced on June 30 and is recognized for this award because of her dedication and commitment to helping Alpha Gamma Grow! Susan Phipps also presented Brenda with a copy of a convention ad designed in her honor.



WEB WATCHER: TECHNOLOGY TIPS

Be Aware of Phishing Scams

Phishing scams have become bolder and more sophisticated but they still have one aim—scam the recipient out of money or personal information to take your money! Several emails currently circulating purport to be from state or international leaders, including President Teresa and President Cathy. Be assured they will not send you an email asking for gift cards or your Amazon account. One recent email hitting NC DKG chapters included a letter from the president to the treasurer asking her to urgently send a payment of \$3,850.00 to a vendor. The email address was not the president's email even though it was her name, so close inspection was needed.

A few recent blog posts by the International Communications and Marketing Committee address phishing and include tips on how to avoid being taken in by scammers. Read them at <http://dkgsi.blogspot.com/search/label/Communications%20and%20Marketing%20Committee>.

Using Website Resources for Internal Marketing

An often-overlooked benefit of being a DKG member and a good internal marketing tool is the opportunity to be published in a professional journal.

DKG has two scholarly publications—*Bulletin: International Journal for Professional Educators* and *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*. Both are peer-reviewed so being published in either is an honor and resume-worthy.

The Journal has three online issues per year and focuses on research-based and documented works.

Collegial Exchange issues, printed and mailed to every member, focus on articles based on practice and experience related to education, the Society, women and children, plus personal reflections and creative works.

Learn more about these quality periodicals on the website under the Publications on the DKG website.

Collegiate Possibilities

Judy B. Bosick, Theta Chapter, Wilmington, shared with Alpha Gamma that two of their Marilyn F. Grinwis Gray Scholarship winners are attending Appalachian State University this fall.

Kaitlyn Jones, from Chapel Hill, is a senior majoring in choral music. She is a dedicated and involved student. She is an active member of the Student Advisory Council for the hHayes School of Music, ACDA, NaFME, and the student representative for the College of Music Society for the Mid-Atlantic Region. She is also Website and Communications Manager for the App State Community Music School. She begins her student teaching this year.

Sarah Scattish is in the 4+1 program at ASU with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and pursuing a Master's degree in Reading Education. Sarah emphasizes that "reading is not merely a privilege, it is a right or all human success."

Depending on their circumstances in the fall, they are two young women Theta Chapter encourages Alpha Gamma to consider for collegiate membership.

When you wear a mask
you are saying
I respect my neighbors.

When you wear a mask
you are saying I respect
doctors and nurses.

When you wear a mask
you are saying I respect
other people!

Andrew Cuomo

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

