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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™**

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



## President's Message

Everyone,

We hope you are safe, well, and enjoying our beautiful fall colors! By the time you read this message, the weather promises to be crisp and really feel like autumn. Weather has agreed with us for September and October and allowed us to meet outside. We have arranged to use the board meeting room at the Watauga Board of Education building on November 5 so we can once more meet in person. Adele Byrd is exploring ways to also offer this meeting remotely for those of you who cannot meet in person. Watch for details.

Please place October 24 on your calendar. This year the Fall Executive Committee meeting has been expanded to include all of our members. Registration is free at: <https://tinyurl.com/y2eyye44> with registration open through October 20...so if you have not already, please register as soon as you read this.

Please check out Kim Shields' article on committees in this newsletter. Committee work is a strong focus for our chapter this year. If you have a preference about your committee choice, please contact her as soon as possible. She is finalizing committee chairs and completing assignments to committees.

Two of our service projects are coming up very soon. Our December Hospitality House dinner is scheduled for December 14 with our Beginning Teacher Project at Susan Phipps' house in early

January. Watch for information on how to sign up to bring food to Hospitality House and for which businesses to contact for donations for first year teachers. Our current lists show we need to plan for a total of 30 beginning teachers this year plus 2 extra bags for next year's convocation door prizes.

This year is off to a great start. Make it even better by remembering to

VOTE!!! (Early voting: October 15-31)

Best Wishes,  
Brenda Reese and Kim Shields  
Co-Presidents

## November Chapter Meeting

When

Thursday, Nov. 5th, 5-7pm

Where

175 Pioneer Trail Boone, NC

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Attend (RSVP)

[Click here to sign up to bring Refreshments](#)

[Click here to sign up to bring Door Prizes](#)

## From the October Chapter Meeting

[October 1, 2020 - Chapter Meeting Minutes](#)

[October 1, 2020 - Chapter Treasurer's Report](#)

[Alpha Gamma Chapter Beginning Teachers Project](#) - Email Brenda or Kim to sign up

<b>Order Officers:</b> Chapter officers, all of whom will be members of the society, shall be president, vice president, a recording secretary and a corresponding secretary who shall be elected, and a treasurer and a historian, who shall be appointed by the executive board. The president shall appoint the parliamentarian.	<b>Change to consistent accounts:</b> Change to record Officers will be appointed along with the treasurer, historian and parliamentarian. Another corresponding secretary (retrieved) shall also be appointed. Recording secretary will be secretary. It will read: Chapter officers, all of whom will be members of the society, shall be president and recording secretary, appointed by the Executive Board. The president shall appoint the parliamentarian.
<b>Executive Board Membership:</b> The Executive Board shall include the elected chapter officer, the historian, and the parliamentarian. The historian and the parliamentarian shall be ex officio members without vote.	<b>The Executive Board (EB) picks the elected chapter officers, the historian, the editor and the parliamentarian (not president). The historian and the parliamentarian shall be ex officio members without votes.</b>
<b>Number of meetings:</b> parliamentarian office.	<b>Change to determine if not:</b> Parliamentarian. The EB will select a meeting as one will be given business and vote measures.

[Listing of Accepted Chang...](#)

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created by this Agreement as a component Fund within the Foundation to receive gifts and be administered according to this Agreement.

**2. INITIAL GIFT TO THE FUND**  
The Chapter has donated to this Foundation ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) as an initial gift to establish the Fund.

**3. PURPOSES (Disbursement)**  
The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial support to enable personal growth of education in North Carolina, with priority given to those from the counties of Watauga and Avery.

**4. DISTRIBUTIONS**  
Distributions from the Fund shall be based on policies established by the Foundation for Limited Endowment Funds. Grants shall be awarded at a time that coincides with the granting cycle established annually for the Foundation. The maximum distribution under the Foundation's current policy is the amount in contributions and earnings over and above the establishment amount of \$10,000, minus a sum to be received by the Foundation. All distributions from the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes of the Fund set forth in #3 above. During the granting cycle, the Chapter may order Annual Distributions for one year, but

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MARK THE DATES

April 1 Travel Program, Avery Library  
April 23-25 NC SDC Convention, Asheville Croome Plaza And Resort  
May 6 Induction  
July 5-10 International Conference, Portland, OR  
July 21-24 International Conference, San Antonio, Texas

**ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER DATES**

NOV. 5 Watauga Board of Education  
Program by Nancy Snyder  
(New Inductee and LMC Professor)  
DEC. 14 Hospitality House Service Project  
JAN. TBD Beginning Teachers Packing Party  
FEB. 25 Zoom Meeting for Book Club  
APR. 1 Travel Divvvy Watauga county

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# ONE STOP EARLY VOTING

Registered voters in **Watauga County** can vote at these sites and times:

- October 15 until October 30 Weekdays 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
- October 17 Saturday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- October 24 Saturday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- October 31 Saturday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

- Watauga County Administration Bldg., Commissioners' Board Room**  
814 West King Street, Boone, NC 29607
- ASU - Plemmons Student Union - Blue Ridge Ballroom**  
263 Locust Street, Boone, NC 28608
- Blowing Rock Town Hall**  
1036 Main Street, Blowing rock, NC 20605
- Deep Gap Fire Department**  
6583 Old 41 South, Deep Gap, NC 28618
- High Country Vacation Homes (Foscoe)**  
520 Church Road, Boone, NC 28607
- Western Watauga Community Center**  
1081 Old US HWY. 421, Sugar Grove, NC 28679

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Registered voters in **Avery County** can vote at this site and listed times.

- October 15-16 Thursday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- October 17 Saturday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- October 19-23 Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- October 24 Saturday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- October 26-30 Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- October 31 Saturday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Avery County Dive In (Pool Complex)**  
200 Montezuma Street, Newland, NC 28657

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NOVEMBER 3, ELECTION DAY 6:30 AM - 7:30 PM Watauga & Avery

# Affirmations

## AFFIRMATIONS... AS WE MOVE INTO DISTANCE LEARNING

The best I can do is my best.

How human of me to feel nervous about trying something new!

I will give myself the same grace I give others.

I may not be able to control this situation, but I have control over my attitude.

This is only temporary.

I can do difficult things.

I don't have to have it all figured out to move forward.

I will make mistakes and that is okay.

Shared with me by: A Good Friend in Pennsylvania

## Chapter News

### DKG Alpha Gamma Committees and Chairs

If you haven't already signed up for a committee, please choose one and let either Brenda Reese or Kim Shields know which one you choose. [The list is linked here.](#)

### [Committees: Duties of Officers](#)

### A Call for New Member Nominations

As Alpha Gamma's Membership Committee chairman and Co-Chair, we encourage each member to think about all the excellent female teachers you know in Watauga and Avery Counties. Consider if they would be a good match for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma and, remember, they do not need to be traditional classroom teachers or school administrators. They can teach out in the community in such roles as dance instructors, nutritionists, fitness instructors, etc., etc., etc.

**A special appeal is sent to our newest members** who are still in schools, colleges, and central offices. You have your finger on the pulse of our two school systems and are apt to spot talented educators through your professional channels (unlike our retired members).

Please send the names and contact info (email, phone number) to [Susan](#) or 828-264-9955 at your earliest convenience. We will compile a list of all nominees and we will vote for or against each nominee at a future date during the winter. Then in the spring we will schedule DKG orientation sessions in each county to familiarize these nominees with our organization. (You do not need to ask these individuals if they would like to join because the orientation process will take care of that.)

**Thank you** for putting some thought into this vital effort to strengthen our chapter! We are counting on you!

Susan Phipps and Keana Triplett

### **Let's Fill-to-Overflowing the New Teacher Goody Bags!**

With this newsletter you will receive a copy of a letter to prospective businesses willing to donate to our project to support brand new teachers in Avery and Watauga. The bags will be filled at the beginning of January so **now** is the time to approach businesses for donations. We plan to pack 30 bags. As the letter says, a business does not need to specialize in school supplies. Anything they could donate to ease a new teacher's budget would be greatly appreciated! If they are unable to donate 30 items, that's fine. We can mix and match various items.

[Here is a letter you can download and share with businesses.](#)

As donations come in, we will share with you about some of those gifts to encourage you to keep soliciting. It will be so worth the effort in the end! **Thank You!**

### **Website Compliance**

Thanks to the great efforts of our wonderful Sherri Hale, our website is now in compliance, and our seal is posted at the bottom of our website!



Alpha Gamma Co-President, Brenda Reese, extends a sincere thank you to her new Region IX Director, Dr. Susan Blackburn, for honoring the Alpha Gamma Chapter as its guest speaker at the October meeting. Dr. Blackburn spoke to the group with a focused message entitled: Let's Get Engaged! Opportunities for Leadership and Engagement! Her message was designed to encourage both new and experienced Alpha Gamma members to become more involved and engaged within Delta Kappa Gamma at the chapter, state, and international levels.



Keana Triplett (Watauga High School) is inducted into our Alpha Gamma Chapter at our October meeting. Keana taught in Ashe County and is the 2015 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year.



Rhiannon Manis (Freedom Trail Elementary School) is inducted into our Alpha Gamma Chapter at our October meeting at the Valle Crucis Park. Rhiannon has been a teammate of another recently inducted member, Jade Evaul, for several years. They continue to make a great team although at different grade levels this year!

## The Buzzing BEE

### Beginning Educator Excelling

Just as a Rose cannot grow with the BEE, educators cannot grow without outstanding support provided by fellow educators. DKG promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. The NC DKG Beginning Teacher Support Committee advocates for initially licensed teachers by identifying



excellence, supporting their journey, and creating relationships in an effort to sustain and retain quality educators.

This year the BEE award is being presented for the first time. Two young teachers have already been recognized. **Katie Masters**, who is an exceptional children's teacher in Mitchell County, is recognized for her efforts to promote the social/emotional development of her students during our COVID-19 crisis. **Libby Rose**, who teaches in Watauga County, is recognized for her efforts to support her students wherever they may be, including cheering them on at the soccer field.

With the unusual schedules and situations teachers are experiencing this year our members may need to get creative in how they can interact with and see our beginning teachers in action. Twitter, school and classroom newsletters, and FaceBook posts give us glimpses of what teaching looks in 2020 and how our young teachers accept the challenge! Be aware of their efforts and present them with a BEE Award to encourage them and let them know they are appreciated.

## State News

### **October 24 Virtual Event Open to All Register Now!!!**

Register now for the October 24 Every Member Counts: Celebrating NC DKG virtual event that is open to all NC DKG members. The registration form may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y2eyye44>. Deadline to register is October 20. There is no registration fee. This event, an expanded Fall Executive Board Meeting, includes the business portion in the morning, consisting of reports and vignettes, and workshops in the afternoon. The Star of the Southeast, an award normally presented at the International convention, will be announced before lunch.

Voting on business by the Executive Board will take place prior to the meeting and results will be announced by NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan during her president's report. Other reports will highlight current happenings, progress on goals, and time-sensitive updates.

The addition of workshops in the afternoon makes this Fall Executive Board Meeting unique.

Registrants will have the opportunity to attend two of eight workshops during the afternoon sessions.

Regional directors will meet with chapter presidents prior to or following the virtual meeting.

*ETA DATA, OCTOBER 15, 2020: STATE ARTICLE*

### **Look Up Members in the Directory**

Need an address for a member? Look her up in the DKG Directory! Log in to the website, click on MyDKG, then Directory. Remember the directory is only as good as the info members enter so everyone is encouraged to update and share their info under the My Participation on tab!

*ETA DATA OCTOBER 15, 2020 STATE ARTICLE*

\*\*\*Several of you have asked for contact information for our chapter in a manner that can be kept confidential. Using the DKG Directory is the easiest way for us to get the information and have it kept confidential. Please bring your computer with you to our November meeting if you need help putting your information into the confidential website. Several of us will be glad to help.

International Website: <https://www.dkg.org>

NC DKG Website: <https://www.ncdkg.org>

DATE TO PLACE ON YOUR CALENDAR

## Convention Dates

**April 23-25, 2021** – NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza and Resort

**July 7-10, 2021** – International Conference, Portland, OR

**July 21-24, 2021** – International Conference, San Antonio, TX

**July 28-31, 2021** – International Conference, Tampere, Finland

**July 12-16, 2022** – International Convention, New Orleans, LA

## International News

### DKG International Educators Foundation Benefits Teachers

The DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) was established earlier this year when the DKG Educational Foundation and the DKG Supporting Corporation merged. Its mission is to support effective educational projects, the educational and charitable activities of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and professional growth of educators worldwide.

Each month, *Eta Data's* calendar lists due dates for upcoming applications that DKG members may apply for, such as the Cornet Awards for individual professional development or seminars or DKG Scholarships. These fall under the DKGIEF, as do World Fellowship, Emergency Fund, and others.

Now is the time for members to begin preparing applications that will be due February 1 for as many as 31 scholarships available for those pursuing advanced degrees. Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. Applications are currently available on the Society website under the Apply/Submit tab-Applications.

Dr. Judith Carlson, an NC DKG past state president and past chair of the NC DKG Educational Foundation, was elected to the DKGIEF Board of Directors this summer. Judith says, "The Board has met and we are fully engaged in visions of fund-raising and of awarding funds to worthy proposals that will impact education, teachers and learners. Please visit the website, read the *DKG News*, and *Collegial Exchange* for ongoing news of our work as we break ground and bring fresh and creative ideas to the newly merged Board."

*INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION FROM ETA DATA OCTOBER 15, 2020*

## Growing as a Professional Educator

MEET AMANDA GRINDSTAFF

NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT CRANBERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

My name is Amanda Grindstaff and I have been involved with Avery County Schools in some way since 1982. In 1982, my Dad started working for School Maintenance when I was three years old. I grew up hearing about boilers and water systems. I knew if the heat didn't work at Avery High that the system would call my Dad. I also knew if I were to get in trouble at school, I was sunk because Daddy was always around somewhere. I have spent my entire school career in Avery County from the time I started kindergarten until I graduated with an administrative certificate. What I did as far as graduate courses were completed through Appalachian State online. Needless to say, this is my home and my people.





My great grandparents were educators in Avery County. She taught, and he was a principal. He started the first lunch program at Riverside Elementary. They inspired me to become an educator.

My actual first job with Avery County Schools was mowing. I mowed one summer, and the next summer I worked in the personnel office as the secretary. I put in CEUs and made interview appointments. My first teaching position came immediately after I graduated from Lees McRae. I started at Banner Elk Elementary as an assistant in a K-2 combination class. After 8 days, I took an interim position at Riverside Elementary teaching art and technology. The following year I taught PE and weightlifting at Avery High for one semester. I finished the year at Freedom Trail teaching Pre-K. I then moved to Newland Elementary where the next few years were quite interesting. I taught a 1-2 combination, 3 years of kindergarten, 2 years of second, 1 year of 4th, another year of second, 7 more years of kindergarten and finished my teaching in 4th grade again. I enjoyed teaching.

I started back to school at Appalachian State in 2013. Our school system offered the deal of a lifetime. They told us if we would agree to enroll in the Reading Specialist certification program, they would pay for it. They also said beyond that, if we would complete the masters part of that program, they would pay for half of that as well. Needless to say, I have a Reading Specialist Certification and a masters in reading--graduating in 2016. On my own, I began the administration program in 2017. I want my doctorate, but in curriculum and instruction. I decided that I would go through with the administration part of things to add that certificate. I graduated with my administration certificate in 2018 after completing it in a year and a half. I will complete my doctorate at some point, but, currently, I am enjoying not being in school.

My new job is assistant principal at Cranberry Middle School. Like many people, I put in for this job because I didn't know who would be placed at the school where I worked. When they called me about the job, I was asked if I could choose, which school I would want and why. I chose Cranberry because the Cranberry community has so many people I know from the community--church, family, and friends. I felt like I had been offered a ride home.

When I showed up on the first day of work, I knew I was home. I feel very blessed. Part of my inspiration comes from others in my family that quit school because of a bad experience. I determined early on that no matter what, I would never let a kid know that I didn't like them. I have always seen it as a challenge to pick the meanest, hardest one to work with and try to find a way to connect. I have had issues with them a time or two but for the most part it's worked. Kids that no one else can get along with have been some of the best ones I've had.



## Technology Corner

Check out these technology tips and tricks from DKG International on [Technology Tools and Security Tips](#).

## DKG - Alpha Gamma Chapter Information

[Alpha Gamma Dates 2020-2021](#)

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

## [Alpha Gamma Birthday List](#)

### **NC DKG State Contacts**

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

NC DKG State Website: [www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)

Region IX Director [Dr. Susan Blackburn](#), Delta Chi

### **ALPHA GAMMA OFFICERS**

Co-President - [Brenda Reese](#)

Co-President - [Kim Shields](#)

Vice President - [Adele Byrd](#)

Secretary - [Melanie McLeod](#)

Treasurer - [Ala Sue Moretz](#)

Editor - [Sherri Hale](#)

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS/MENTEES**

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

### **Newsletter**

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