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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

Dear Alpha Gamma Members,

The beginning of this year has certainly proven to be different than any other year for our DKG chapter. We held our induction ceremony while donning masks and social distancing, attended the annual conference with Teresa Cowan via a ZOOM meeting, and held our first Executive Committee meeting and September chapter meeting outside to ensure safety for everyone present. No one could have imagined any of this just a few months ago. But, we believe as in everything else, we have risen to the challenge, and are adjusting nicely.

NC DKG President, Teresa Cowan, joined us for our September meeting at Valle Crucis Park to kick off the year with the theme of "Ready, Set, Grow". We introduced new plans that we, Alpha Gamma, will be implementing to help our chapter become stronger and have everyone more engaged. So, be sure to read the rest of the newsletter so you can stay on top of what's going on.

Everyone signed up for their committee of choice. If you have not yet signed up, you will be given the opportunity to do so in October. Meanwhile, many of us are working diligently to establish clearer guidelines for the individual committees and their duties. Once these have been resolved, we will be sending these out so you and the other members can begin working together.

We hope to see you at our next meeting, October 1. The meeting will be from 5:30 - 7:00 at Valle Crucis Park. Be sure to arrive early for refreshments! Our guest will be Susan Blackburn, Region IX Director.

We salute you, educators, for all that you do for the children in our community, and for the flexibility to work within the confines of our present situation. We think you are amazing!

Sincerely,  
Kim Shields, Co-President  
Alpha Gamma Chapter  
NC DKG

## October Chapter Meeting

When

Thursday, Oct. 1st, 5-7pm

Where

2892 Broadstone Road Banner Elk, NC

More information

Click on Get Directions under the map on the right to get directions to Valle Crucis Park.

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

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

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

### From the September Chapter Meeting

[September 3, 2020 - Chapter Meeting Minutes](#)

[September 3, 2020 - Chapter Treasurer's Report](#)

Please review the next three documents before our October meeting.

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## Limited Endowment - Alph...

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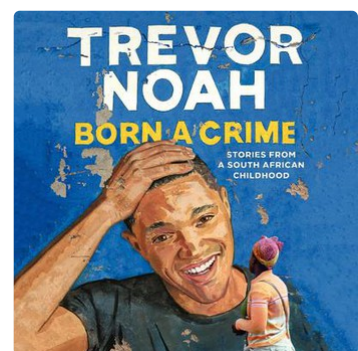


## Chapter News

### Joint Venture with Alpha Phi

#### Mentoring Project with Alpha Phi from Asheville

Dr. Teresa Cowan is instituting a new mentoring project this year where one chapter is paired with another to...wait for it... TO GROW! Alpha Gamma is fortunate enough to be paired with NC DKG's President, Dr. Teresa Cowan's chapter in Asheville. Her wonderful Alpha Phi Chapter President, Danielle Parker (2020-2022) is already in contact with us. We have been thinking about a joint venture with our two chapters. The idea of doing a joint book club is on the table, especially because it can easily fit a remote format as we move into uncharted winter weather with COVID 19



still here. Alpha Phi has chosen the book, *Born a Crime*, by Trevor Noah. Here is Google's description of the book:

*Trevor Noah's **Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood** is a funny, honest collection that details the popular comedian's coming of age in south Africa as apartheid ended.*

*Born a Crime* is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist... The stories collected here are by turns hilarious, dramatic and deeply affecting.

Ala Sue Moretz and Maggie Christenbury have done an excellent job with our last two books. Partnering with Alpha Phi should only enhance the process. I have emailed President Danielle Parker to see what her thoughts are. I am impressed with the book enough to go ahead and purchase a copy. We should be able to give you definitive details by our October 1 meeting so you will have time to purchase and read when we get the final determination. (Amazon has used copies for around \$5.00.)

### **Chapter Achievement**

This year NC DKG has completely revamped the RECOGNITION OF CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT format. It is broken down into Chapter Activities/Responsibilities with Chapter Leadership, Chapter Representation, Chapter Communications, Chapter Activities/Responsibilities, Chapter Project(s): Not Individual/personal service, Chapter Strategic Plan, Chapter Attendance, Scholarships, Contributions to: International, NC DKG Activities, NC DKG, and Support of International/NC DKG Activities.

Alpha Gamma is well on its way with Ala Sue Moretz, our treasurer, faithfully submitting all of her reports on time. Chapter members regularly attend required meetings. Kim Shields and Sherri Hale have given our chapter communications a shot in the arm as they have helped us with newsletters, Facebook for our chapter, and are in the process of getting our website up and running! We are encouraging our new member, Michelle Bolick, to submit some of her art to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. Adele Byrd and Brenda Reese will be submitting an article on the Summer Literacy Program held at Boone United Methodist Church. Many of our members were deeply involved in making this program a success.

We are also submitting pictures and articles on the two teachers who won the Alpha Gamma door prizes of classroom materials/supplies in Avery and Watauga at the beginning of this unique school year. Barbara Perry-Sheldon and Brenda Reese have articles published in the Fall 2020 *ND DKG News*. The Blue Ridge Relay (September 11) and Hospitality House (December 14) will continue to be chapter projects. Thanks to Co-President Kim Shields, Alpha Gamma now has a "ticket" program in place to motivate both attendance at meetings and participation in all other Alpha Gamma activities. Our NC DKG President Teresa Cowan presented at our September 3 meeting, and our Regional Director Susan Blackburn will present at our October 1 meeting. Susan Phipps is inviting an elected official to our November 5 meeting. Susan Phipps and Brenda Reese attended the 2019 DKG Legislative Day. Both have attended other events to represent Alpha Gamma. At least one donation over the \$100.00 benchmark has been submitted to the NC DKG Education Foundation.

Birgitta McGalliard was our nominee for the 2019 Golden Key Award. Adele Byrd was our nominee for the Rising Star Award. Alpha Gamma submitted multiple entries for the 2019 Notable Women Recognition in honor of our 85th Birthday. We actively support our Beginning Teachers with welcome notes to the profession and school system--as well as serious donations of classroom materials/supplies in January of each year. This year Alpha Gamma will be actively participating in the BEE (Beginning Educator Excelling) project to recognize the efforts of our beginning teachers. Alpha Gamma donated to Dollar\$ for Dorian...And, this is just the beginning of the year!



Just like edTPA represents best practices and good teaching habits for our student teachers, chapter achievement represents best practices and adherence to the mission and purposes of DKG!

### Welcome Alpha Gamma Inductees! - Fall 2020

Michelle Bolick -- Avery County High School  
Nancy Gryder--Lees McRae College  
Leslie Howser--Valle Crucis Elementary School  
Rhiannon Manis--Freedom Trail Elementary School  
Katie Masters--Greenlee Elementary School  
Heather Miller--Parkway Elementary School  
Carly Mize--Green Valley Elementary School  
Hannah Reeder--Appalachian State University  
Kelly Rush--Blowing Rock Elementary School  
Martha Trimble--Blowing Rock Elementary School  
Pamela Vesely--Lees McRae College

### Convocation Winners

Each year Alpha Gamma welcomes teachers back for the new year with the opportunity to win a bag or basket full of materials and supplies for their classrooms. This year Avery's door prize goes to Natalie Jauch, a new teacher of exceptional children at Avery Middle School. Watauga's door prize goes to Erin Rice, a new teacher of pre-kindergarten students at Valle Crucis Elementary School.



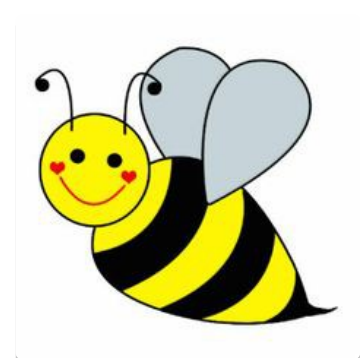
## State News

### Bee-ginning Teacher Recognition

Beginning Teacher Support Committee

*Brenda Reese, Chair*

The BUZZ is . . .BEE-ginning! This school year, your Beginning Teacher Support Committee will be sharing Beginning Educator Excelling (BEE) recognition awards. These BEE notes will be delivered to BEE-ginning teachers by NC DKG members throughout the year to encourage BEE-ginning teachers and let them know we see the great things they are doing for their students.



Implementation suggestions for the BEE Award will be posted on the NC DKG website. The certificates will also be online for chapters to print for distribution to any BEE-ginning teacher throughout the year.

Ask teacher mentors to nominate BEE-ginning Teachers for the BEE award. The nomination form includes the rationale for nominating these young teachers. Please keep photographs and written records of the awards being presented to share in newsletters, on Facebook, and in other chapter marketing campaigns. The buzz is...this is a great tool for retaining teachers and recruiting new members.

### **International Achievement Award Winner**

Synopsis by Barbara Perry-Sheldon (Alpha Gamma, IX)

Each year a member of DKG is recognized for her distinguished contributions to the International level of the Society. A surprise telephone call to Dr. Helen Popovich, the current international parliamentarian--with a Zoom meeting--named her the 2020 International Achievement Award recipient. She has been active in DKG since 1960, serving at various levels in four of the five DKG regions as she moved around the country. She has taught English at the school and university levels as well as served as the president of two different universities. The recipient receives a gold medallion and chain to be worn only by those receiving the honor.

Two recent recipients from North Carolina are Dr. Barbara Day, a past International president, and Dr. Gwen Simmons who served as the International parliamentarian.

### **Alpha Gamma Summer Literacy Project**

*Brenda Reese, Alpha Gamma President*

ALPHA GAMMA Chapter (Region IX, Watauga & Avery) Vice-President Adele Byrd is the morning site director for the Summer Literacy Project at Boone United Methodist Church. Sponsored by the Duke Endowment, this three year project provides a summer literacy program to rising first- and second grade students in Watauga County. The program implemented remote learning for 2020 due to COVID-19.

Carol Deal, Ebbie Hendrick, and Brenda Reese have been deeply involved with the planning process since the first year of the program's inception. Alpha Gamma plans to continue this as a project next year with hopes to discover a way to sustain the program for additional years.

## **Education Foundation Grants**

NC DKG has several Endowment Grants due on September 30. Alpha Gamma was fortunate to have several grants funded last year. The application process is relatively simple.



Alpha Gamma highly encourages its members to go to [ncdkgef.org](http://ncdkgef.org) for specific details. Grant applications are due **September 30**. Fortunately, the application process is easy. Alpha Gamma was fortunate to have several winners in last fall's grant cycle! Here is an overview of the grant information *taken directly from the Description of Grants on the website*.

The North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation has identified four categories of grants to individuals and to Delta Kappa Gamma chapters submitting proposals dealing with the professional and personal growth of women educators and/or raising the bar on excellence in learning

potential to meet a broad range of educational needs in classroom, school, and community settings to benefit all racial, ethnic, and age groups, members and non-members of Delta Kappa Gamma, male and female educators and students. Only proposals that meet all requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the tax code will be considered.

Grants are awarded annually, with the timeline for applications and notification of recipients announced at the Foundation's Annual Meeting. **For 2020-2021 the Foundation is offering grants ONLY from categories #2 and #4 in amounts up to \$500.**

## 2. Continuing Education for Professional/Personal Growth

These grants are awarded to individuals or to projects offering professional or personal growth for women educators pursuing career advancement or personal growth through such educational activities as attendance at conferences or seminars, participation in independent study, educational travel, etc. These grants will be available to active or retired educators who give evidence of how the proposed experience will be used for educational purposes in a classroom, school, or community setting.

## 4. Advancement of Learning and/or Literacy in a Classroom, School, or Community Setting

This project grant, which may be initiated by Delta Kappa Gamma chapters or individual educators, covers a broad range of possibilities, as it focuses directly on meeting an immediate need that will enhance learning or literacy for students in classroom, school, or community settings.

# International News

From NC DKG News  
Fall 2020

*DKG International at Work*

## **BEYOND THE VIRTUAL EVENT**

### **Highlights and Links/Available for a Year**

2018-2020 DKG leaders, especially at the International level, navigated unprecedented, rough waters to provide an excellent Virtual Event to replace the cancelled International Convention in Philadelphia. Technology, hard-working leaders, Headquarters staff, and members provided a variety of events and methods of delivery--not thought necessary nor possible in calmer times.

Keynote speakers Jane Golden and Olympia LePoint each spoke with passion about ways that women educators can change themselves and their communities. Among the workshops offered, Amanda Daniels (TX), presented a workshop "Survival Kit for Teachers" and Dr. Patricia Kubistal (IL) provoked thinking with a virtual event entitled "Why We Believe Fake News and Other Things." Karen Gross (DC) shared a workshop entitled "How Trauma Affects Learning"; Maryanne Williams (AR) got attention with details of "Bringing Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to a Chapter"; Bonnie Moore (TX) provided some necessary skills for "Coaching to Promote Success." These and many more presentations will be available to DKG members on the website for the next year.

The DKG Virtual Event provided many of the key elements of a convention. Business sessions, personal hugs, and one-on-one conversations were the only things missing. Hats off to those who made it possible.

## Getting to Know Us!

Our Vice President **Adele Byrd** is as busy as ever. She has graduate classes on Monday and Tuesday nights and has changes schools and grade levels this semester. She is doing this while staying on top of her DKG duties as vice president.

**Heather Furr** constantly shares great quotes on FaceBook. This one is from Bored Teachers, Public Schools First NC.

*Teaching is such an intense job. Sometimes it feels like you're going to collapse from exhaustion, and the rest of the time it feels like your heart is going to explode from all the love you give and get!  
How True!!!*

A special THANK YOU goes out to all of our members who are actively teaching this fall whether they are teaching in person or remotely!

**Laura Johnson** has two new family members! Never a dull moment!  
Happy Dog Day! (Cute little puppies!)



## Technology Corner

Information on [Virtual Platforms](#)

How to Use Zoom to Communicate

*Sherri Hale*

[Zoom](#) is a video conferencing platform that many businesses and schools are using to conduct meetings and classes. Zoom has its [own website](#) with answers to many of the questions you might have, but here are a few things you should know.

- Zoom can be used on desktops, laptops, Macs, chromebooks, and mobile phones. You just need the appropriate software for your device (found at the link above), and a webcam and microphone if your device doesn't have them built in.
- You will receive a link to the Zoom meeting before the meeting starts.
- You can start your own meetings. The free plan allows you to host up to 100 participants in a meeting for 40 minutes at a time.
- Click for a [Quick Start Guide](#) for new users.





[How to Plan When You D...](#)

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

What school will look like in the fall is still uncertain for most of the U.S., but teachers can develop flexible plans that work for distance and in-class teaching.

## 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

Membership - Susan Phipps

Scholarship/EEC - Lori Tyler/Katie Masters

Legislative - Susan Phipps

Chapter Achievement - Teresa Shadoin

Communications and Marketing -

Social -

### Newsletter

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