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President Pat's Message



Enjoy the VIEW "For the past two weeks, I have been traveling throughout the western part of the state; visiting chapters and viewing the trees along the way as they begin to turn colors for the Fall. Each tree is unique and though I am unable to see each leaf, I know they are all different. They work together for a magnificent outcome! Each member in each chapter in Eta State is much like the leaves on the trees. Each is unique and adds an important part to the final outcome of a chapter and state's vision. Watching visions come to life is much like watching the trees turn colors each Fall. Each member contributes to the spectacular view!"

Read the entire message at <http://www.deltakappa-gamma.org/NC/Presidents%20page.htm>



Alpha Iota and WCU's Jamaican Program

In Jamaica, teachers for many years were required to obtain a 3 year teacher's college certificate in order to be eligible to teach on the Island. However, if they obtained a bachelor's degree their pay would increase approximately 30%, and they were also eligible to become administrators in the Jamaican system. The University of the West Indies was one of the few options for them to acquire a bachelor's degree, but they did not accept large cohorts each year---making it difficult for the teachers to obtain the degree. Western Carolina University worked with the Ministry of Education to establish sites on the island where courses from WCU could be delivered---enough additional coursework to obtain a Bachelor's in Education degree. This program began over 40 years ago and has now been extended to include a Masters in Educational Supervision. Teachers in the Jamaican program are required to attend one summer session on campus in Cullowhee. Because of the scarcity of resources and financial support for these teachers, the Alpha Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has been providing school supplies (post-its, highlighters, pens, paperclips etc.) to the teachers when they come to Cullowhee---serving over 100 Jamaican teachers each year. The Ministry of Education in Jamaica is now requiring all teachers to obtain the bachelor's degree. Even though the Teacher Colleges on the Island are now offering this degree, WCU's programs remain strong and Alpha Iota provides critical support to these teachers. Submitted by Beth Tyson Lofquist

[WNC Voter Guide](#)

Dr. Elaine Jenkins, Chairman, Educational Law and Policy Committee wants to remind members to vote this November! If your members have heard any presentation from the EL&P Committee, you have heard us emphasize the critical importance of voting. Some estimates of the rate of public educators voting are as low as 40% in past elections.

Because we care about our local communities and our state and because we want to set an example of involved citizenship, we must schedule the time to vote. By voting, your voice will be heard!

[Early Voting in your county](#)

“ In her Own Words” Sara Sutton Madison featured in WCU magazine



Sara Sutton Madison, long time Alpha Iota member was recently featured in the 125th Anniversary issue of Western Carolina Magazine in a feature entitled "In their own Words" Sara is the granddaughter-in-law of WCU founder Robert L. Madison and granddaughter of one of WCU's first students. Her family lived on campus when she was a child. Sara earned two degrees and taught at WCU.

<http://magazine.wcu.edu/2014/08/in-their-own-words/>

Photo credit WCU magazine 2014

Hagan attends NCCAT Seminar



Tracy Hagan, art teacher from Macon County recently spent four days at NCCAT in Cullowhee last week in a program titled "Catching Up With Your Students: Digital Learning". Teachers selected to attend the session learned how to facilitate effective use of current and emerging digital tools. Topics that were covered included :Blogs, Facebook, Web 2.0, Instagram, video conferencing, music downloading, video games, and online social networking communities, Podcasts, Free-Ware & Share-Ware and a lot more. The information was very useful and she plans on implementing it into her future plans for the classroom this year. Tracy teaches art to 5th & 6th grade students at Mountain View Intermediate School.

Pangle presented with new badge

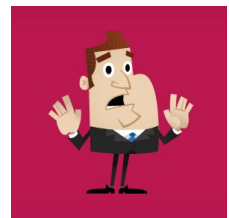


A highlight of the September meeting was when Suzi Cabe awarded Evelyn Pangle with a new badge, ribbon and pins. Evelyn's home was broken into and her DKG badge was among the items stolen. Our officers decided to surprise Evelyn with the new badge at the meeting. Evelyn is a faithful longtime member and former chapter president. We are so honored to have her as a member of Alpha Iota Chapter.

Dedra's Tech Tips

Add some Pow to your presentations!

[Pow Toons. Project Based Learning Templates](#)



International Scholarship Applications Due Feb. 1

Now is the time to begin working on applications for international scholarships. February 1, 2015 is the deadline for International awards for \$6,000 or \$10,000. Over 30 scholarships are awarded each year. Applications can be found online at <https://www.dkg.org/content/2015-international-scholarship-application-form-12>

Call for Presenters at State Convention

Eta State Convention Breakout Session Form available at this link [Call for Workshops](#)

Delta Kappa Gamma members and friends are invited to submit breakout session proposals for the Eta State Convention in Chapel Hill, NC. Breakout sessions, scheduled Saturday afternoon, April 25, 2015, will be approximately one hour long. Sessions will focus on four strands: Technology; Teaching & Learning; Personal Growth; and DKG Society. Please complete the form below and submit by January 25, 2015, to: Sheila Groves 1804 Huntington Road, Greensboro 27408 or svangroves@aol.com

November meeting reminders-

Those paying installments on dues will make final payment on November 1st

The Accessories Sale is occurring at the November meeting. Please gather up any accessories you are no longer using and bring. No need to price any items. Also be gathering or making your items for the December meeting live and silent auction items. Please remember we'd like everyone to try to bring one new potential member to the December meeting.

Beginning Teacher Support- Please bring just 2 –3 items to the November meeting. All items will be collected and bagged into 81 bags for members to distribute to the 1st year teachers at the " new teacher shower" in each district. **Possible items are-Whiteboard markers, pencils, pens, colored pencils, paperclips, sticky notes, chocolate candy (1bag)**



Happy 80th Birthday,
Eta State!

Oct. 27 2014

President Amy's Autumn message



Autumn in the mountains is always such a glorious time of year - crisp, cool morning beautifully colored leaves, and blue skies overhead. When I reflect on this season in relation to Delta Kappa Gamma, I remember my initiation into the order in November 1999. At that time I did not fully understand and appreciate what the Society truly was and the impact it could have not just on my life, but on the lives of countless educators and the students they served. It was through the mentoring and encouragement of several special ladies that I have grown personally and professionally through my association with Alpha Iota Chapter.

Mentoring is something we as educators do naturally; we guide our students and we seek out and help novice teachers in our schools. We were doing this long before the state developed an official mentor teacher program. Since mentoring is something we do so well in our school lives, let us strive to apply these same skills within our chapter. It begins with the invitation to membership. I remember when Joyce Jenkins, a valued colleague I taught with in my beginning years, called and asked me to join. I did not realize at the time what an honor it was to be invited for membership. Beth, our current membership chair, has challenged us to recruit new members and invite these potential candidates to our Christmas meeting. Think about someone you might sponsor.

It doesn't stop with sponsorship, however. Once we invite someone and see her initiated, we should strive to keep in contact by encouraging meeting attendance and offering to carpool. Truthfully, as a teacher with a "full plate" during my early years of membership, I probably would not have attended as faithfully as I did had it not been for Joyce or Nancy Norcross calling the week before the meeting to remind me and offer a ride. At the meetings I found encouragement from so many of the members. Sara Madison would always seek me out to talk about WCU and recommend book titles. I remember her telling me, "You must read *The Kite Runner!*" I took her advice, and it became not only one of my favorites, but a beloved book of many of my students after I added it to my literature repertoire. Dr. Capps encouraged me to take an office (she is so very persuasive) and made me believe I had something to offer the chapter. We need to take a personal interest in all of our new members, not just those from our school or county. Let us put our natural mentoring skills to work within our chapter, and if we do, not only will we add and strengthen friendships, but we will retain our members.

I want to close with words from the Delta Kappa Gamma New Member Orientation Guide

Someone noticed your work.

Someone noted your standards.

Someone believed in your potential.

Who noticed and believed in you? Who will you sponsor and mentor?

-Amy Hobbs

Dates to Remember in 2014-2015**Alpha Iota Meeting calendar****Save the dates****November 1, 2014 - Cherokee County****December 6, 2014 - Lake Junaluska****March 7, 2015 - Macon County****May 16, 2015 - Jackson County/WCU****Mark the Dates****Oct. 27 Official 80th Birthday of Eta State****Oct. 31 Chapter dues are due to chapter treasurers (or as set by chapter)****Oct. 31 Deadline to recertify chapter websites with International****Nov. 10 Membership Forms 18 and 18A are due to Ruth Jones, Eta State Treasurer****Nov. 15 Applications due to Nominations Committee for 2015-17 Eta State Officers****Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS and acceptance confirmation****Dec. 1 Deadline to submit to Spring 2015 DKG Bulletin****Dec. 15 Chapter yearbooks due to Regional Directors****Dec. 15 Recommendations for changes in Bylaws and Standing Rules due****Jan. 1 Opening date for submissions to DKG Gallery of Fine Arts****Jan. 10 Deadline for proposals to present at DKG Regional Conferences, Summer 2015****Jan. 25 Deadline for proposals to present breakout sessions at Eta State Convention, April 2015***Get Connected!**Like Us on Facebook*

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