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To Do List

- What special items will you bring for the Christmas Auction ? It's not too early to plan ahead or to invite your guests to join us for our big fundraiser event. The proceeds for this provide our Grant in Aid to future teachers. Mark your calendar for December 3rd!
- Make a list of prospective new members share.
- A contact person in each county should send the Beginning Teachers list from your system to Crystal White by November 5th.

Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain Counties



2015-2017 Eta State President Shelia Groves

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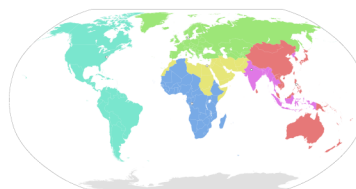


Something to think about...

Fall is finally here! In NC that's the time for leaf-watching, football games, and homecomings. It's a time when we show our pride in favorite teams and enjoy gathering with family and friends. As DKG members we might also think of it as a time to share our pride in an organization that honors outstanding women educators and promotes excellence in education around the world. DKG Pride – It inspires us to get involved in projects that support the wellbeing of our children, the advancement of our schools, and the growth of women leaders. Pride fills us with a sense of accomplishment and encourages us to do more. It energizes us! Pride in the Society is fostered in our chapters through Highlighting our rich history and traditions Celebrating the successes of our projects and achievements of our members Sharing chapter work with all members through committee opportunities Planning projects that make a difference in the communities where we live Presenting programs that keep members informed and engaged As members of DKG we can promote pride through our words - positive voices supporting early career educators, informed voices impacting educational issues, and encouraging voices motivating women in leadership roles. And we can promote pride through our actions - participating in chapter events, volunteering for assignments, and informing others about our DKG mission. We are proud to be DKG! How will we show it this year?
 Shelia



The next DKG Gallery of Fine Arts submission window is January 1-February 1 2017.
[International Fine Arts Gallery](#)



World Fellowship

World Fellowship provides monetary awards to women from around the world to study in the United States. In the next week or two, International will be announcing the 2016-2017 World Fellowship recipients. Let's hope one will be attending one of our fine NC universities. Over 900 women from 120 countries have received awards from World Fellowship.

Learn more about World Fellowship, its history, ideas for supporting recipients, and how you can donate on the committee page on the DKG website. Karen Buhrman, Eta State NC's World Fellowship representative, will be glad to do a program for your chapter if you are within a 2-hour drive from Charlotte. You may contact her at kinderbee56@gmail.com.

Teacher of the Year



Robbinsville High math teacher Crystal White, was selected as Graham County's Teacher of the Year! Let's send her well wishes as she will interview for Regional TOY **Oct 19**. Congratulations, Crystal ;we are very proud of you! Robbinsville is very lucky to have you. So is Alpha Iota! Your passion for beginning teacher support, makes you a Teacher of the Year every year!

Scholarship Recipient

One of our new members, Dr. Tracie Metz , principal at Smokey Mountain Elementary, recently received a scholarship to attend the Biogen Scholars Program at the 2016 "Bridging the Gap: Uniting North Carolina K-16 STEM Education" conference on October 25-26 in Raleigh.



Excited to be attending Stem conference in Raleigh

WCU Legacy Pinning

Alissa Cheek and husband Derek, both WCU graduates, are pictured with their daughter Bryson, who was pinned as a Legacy Student at the recent Family Weekend. In May, Bryson made a donation from a collection drive for our chapter's Schools for Africa project as her Senior Exit project for TCCC Early College where Alissa works as the principal.





New Leadership Role

Dr. Kim Elliott, Alpha Iota member since May 2015, was recently promoted to Associate Superintendent of Jackson County Schools. Her career in education began in 1987 when she taught adult education at a local community college. She has also taught elementary education, special education, arts education, K-2 continuous progress primary, and middle school students. After her time in the classroom, Kim served as a school-based assistant principal and principal. She then worked for the NC Department of Public Instruction as Regional Consultant and Teacher

Recruitment/Retention Specialist. Dr. Elliott has served two school systems as the K-12 Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and two systems as Assistant Superintendent supporting all departments.

Dr. Elliott was named Director of Rural Education and Teacher Recruitment at WCU in 2005 where she was able to pursue her research interests in teacher recruitment, college access, science education, and educational interventions for students. Dr. Elliott received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 1986, Master of School Administration in 2001, Educational Specialist Degree in 2002, and Doctorate in Educational Leadership in 2008, all from Appalachian State University. She has also studied at UNC-Charlotte, Alverno College in Wisconsin, and Western Carolina University.

Our chapter is fortunate and excited to include Kim as new Chair of our Educational Excellence sub-committee on Legislative Issues and our Eta State Legislative Liaison, US Forum Representative .



Grant in Aid Recipients 2015-2016

My name is Mackenzie Higdon and I am a recipient of the Alpha Iota Grant in Aid scholarship. I am attending Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC. Receiving the scholarship was a tremendous help in making my dream of going and getting a college education a reality, and for that I am very humble and thankful. At Western, I am studying Communication Sciences and Disorders. Thank you very much for choosing me to be a recipient.



College has been a lot of different things for me so far. It has been a big change! I have had a lot of fun out at WCU and I have also been very stressed over classes and the loads of homework that I am not used to having; but my overall experience has been great! I like most of my classes and have made some new friends.. I am on the Dance Team with my older sister, Brittany, and we get to dance at all the home football and basketball games. Dance has been super amazing so far and has really challenged me to do new things. I am very excited to see how the rest of my year goes! I really appreciate you all choosing me as your scholarship recipient in my studies in Special Education. It has been a huge help while I am out here at WCU! Thank you again! Love Ashlyn Rowland

Convention Session Proposals Sought, Speaker Announced

DKG members and friends are being encouraged to apply to present breakout sessions at the 2017 convention in Wilmington. The proposal form is online on the convention webpage. Proposals are due January 25, 2017.

Send them to First Vice-President Connie Savell at mcdpm59@gmail.com or 206 N. Roxford Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Proposals should fall into one of the four focus strands— Technology, Teaching and Learning, Personal Growth, or DKG Society.

[Ann Ipock](#) will be the Sunday Brunch speaker. She is the author of several books, including *Life is Short, I Wish I was Taller; Life is Short, so Read This Fast; and Life is Short, But It's Wide*.



November 5th Meeting at Shoebooties in Murphy @ 10 am

Remember to send regrets to hostesses if you cannot attend. (you'll miss a special treat!)

Accessory Sale—please purge your closets and bring items to sale to Shoebooties!

Book sale— bring books (no more than 5) for book sale.

Make sure dues are paid to Suzi Cabe 141 Phillips Lane, Franklin, NC 28734

Start thinking about prospective new members!

Welcome to our newest member, Dustina Reece from Andrews. Welcome to Alpha Iota Chapter of DKG Society International.



Dusty is pictured with sponsor Terry Gribble



Hello Friends!

What a glorious time of year! The harvest décor of pumpkins, mums and scarecrows abound everywhere! Our first meeting was no exception with the lovely setting and decorations. Stecoah is such a delightful hidden treasure. We are so blessed to live in the midst of such a mecca for artists. Thanks to Rachel Lackey for her presentation on all the programs available through the Swain Arts Center. I hope you will investigate the upcoming events there and at the Stecoah Valley Art Center as well. There are more festivals that one could possibly attend in one season! The John C. Campbell Fall Festival was huge and Franklin's Pumpkin Fest looks to have been a big event as well. I was recently able to re-visit the Dale Chihuly Glass exhibit to view his impressive glasswork illuminated for an evening stroll through the Atlanta Botanical Gardens with my husband. If you have never visited the garden, I highly recommend it. The Chihuly glass exhibit closes at the end of the month, however. I'd like to encourage you to take the time to enjoy all the creativity and beauty that surrounds us daily. As we rush around trying to see and do everything in this busy time of year, don't allow your health to suffer. Make sure to get plenty of rest, exercise and eat healthy. Prioritize and make sure to take time to relax. You may even have to learn to say no occasionally. Stress is a major factor in many illnesses. I want you all to stay happy and healthy. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our November meeting. As the holiday season quickly approaches, **I would like to challenge each of you to do your very best to attend and bring at least one guest to our December 3rd meeting at Lake Junaluska.** We have targeted improving our auction profits as a goal for the new biennium. The camaraderie is always bubbling over when we are all together. What better way to get prospective members excited about joining our chapter than including them in the fun! I know I am definitely excited to see what 2017 will hold for us as we continue to grow.

Keep smiling,
Dedra Davis– President
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Dedra's Tech Tips

[Google Forms for Teachers](#)

[10 Things Every Teacher Should Know How To Do With Google Docs](#)



Mark the Dates

Convention Dates

April 28 - 30, 2017 — Eta State NC Convention, Hilton Wilmington Riverside, Wilmington, NC (Region IV)
 June 23 - 25, 2017 — Eta State NC Leadership Development Seminar, Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC
 July 19 - 22, 2017 — Southeast Regional Conference, Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, SC
 April 27 - 29, 2018 — Eta State NC Convention, Charlotte University Hilton, Charlotte, NC (Region VI)
 July 16 - 20, 2018 — DKG International Convention, JW Marriott, Austin, TX

Meeting Dates

Date: November 5, 2016 Time: 10:00
 Location: Shoebooties, Murphy- Cherokee County
 Hostesses: Lana Parker -Lead Hostess, Collections: Terry Gribble
 Invocation: Sandra Marr
 Program: Healthy Lifestyles Terry Gribble & Team
 Special Project: Accessory sale
 Date: December 3, 2016 Arrival Time: 9:30 (to set up auction items)
 Location: Lambuth Inn, Lake Junaluska- Haywood County
 Hostesses: Lead Hostess – Sue Ledford,
 Invocation: Dr. Jeanette Hedrick
 Program: Auction (Beth Lofquist, Sandra Marr & Vivian Johnson)
 Date: March 4, 2017 Time: 10:00
 Location: TBA Franklin -Macon County:
 Hostesses: Lead Hostess- Katherine Parker, Collections: Terry Stamey & Rita Hubbs
 Invocation: Margaret Simpson
Program: Legislative Issues
 Date: May 20, 2017 Time: 10:00
 Location: Western Carolina University, AK Kinds University Center -Jackson County
 Hostesses: Lead Hostess-Beth Tyson Lofquist, Collections: Kathryn Kantz & Dr. Kim Elliott.
Invocation: Chena Flood
Program: Initiation–Founders Day Archives

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International Website:

www.dkg.org

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