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Newsletter of Alpha Iota Chapter  
Region XI NC DKG  
Cherokee-Clay-Macon-Graham  
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## Dress for Success Convention Project

International may be taking a page from NC's handbook—there is a convention project local to the convention city!

Dress for Success New Orleans' "mission is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life."

The project asks attendees to bring a professional handbag filled with interview-appropriate jewelry, unopened makeup or cosmetics, and a cash or check donation to Dress for Success New Orleans. Include a note of inspiration such as "you've got this," "believe in yourself" or "stay strong." Drop off your donation to the DKG collection area (near registration) at the Sheraton New Orleans either Tuesday, July 12, 3:00-6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, 7:00-8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., or Thursday, July 14, 7:30-8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Read more about Dress for Success New Orleans on the [DKG Convention webpage](#) or the pdf linked there. You can earn a badge if you contribute!



## International Fine Arts Gallery



Vintage Belle, Mixed Media, April Tallant

Alpha Iota continues to represent the artistic and creative drive of our region in the International Fine Arts Gallery. Our 1st VP elect Dr. April Tallant had two mixed media collages accepted in the spring cycle. Her lovely work is created using upcycled items such as lace, buttons, books, cardboard, silk flowers, and fabric. On the left, "Vintage Belle" is pictured.

## New DKG App Ready for Convention, Helpful for All Members

The redesigned DKG app has been released and the 365 side and the convention side are ready to make browsing on your smart device easier.



Click on the rotator with the image above or go directly to the DKG [webpage here](#). (Log in first!) Step-by-step directions and/or videos will guide you through downloading the app and setting a password.

The convention side "will include maps, schedules, speakers, discussion boards, etc. to help members feel more connected and informed on events, whether they are in attendance or not," states the website, and will be updated annually for the relevant convention or conference.

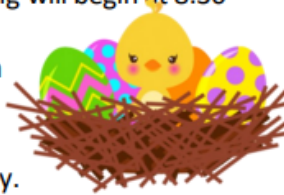
Register and login to the new app by May 15 and receive a special badge, whether or not you plan to attend the convention!





## Prepare for Convention with These Quick Reminders of Times

- Registration will be open on Friday from noon to 7:00 p.m., Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Laurel Foyer.
- The Executive Board meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Crowne Ballroom on Friday.
- The Opening General Meeting/Awards Night, also in the Crowne Ballroom, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday.
- Chorus rehearsals will be on Friday 9:00–9:45 p.m., Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m., and Sunday 7:30–8:00 a.m.
- The Educational Foundation Meeting and Second General Meeting/Business Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.
- Vendors and displays will be open Saturday noon to 5:00 p.m.
- Breakout sessions will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. on Saturday.
- A Mix and Mingle with a cash bar preceding the Banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the Banquet at 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening.
- The Ceremony of Remembrance will begin at 8:30 Sunday morning in the Pilot room.
- The Birthday Brunch will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon Sunday in the Crowne Ballroom.



The entire [Schedule at a Glance](#) with times and places is posted on the [convention website](#) and will be on the inside cover of the convention program.



Photo: Dedra Davis- Azalea path at Biltmore



### Educational Law and Policy Committee Stay Informed...

Have you heard about legislative proposals to change the way teachers are promoted and compensated in NC? Or the new legislative committee gathering ideas to establish a different NC education system? Learn more about these items and how your chapter can advocate for teachers in your area at the NC DKG Annual Convention in Asheville.

While we hope to see you in Asheville, also check out our folder for legislative updates and NC legislative seats up for vote this May. Stay informed at <https://bit.ly/NCCKG-ELP>.

## 2022 NC DKG Convention to be In-Person Event

NC DKG's first in-person convention in three years will be held April 29-May 1, 2022, at the Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort. On-site registration will open at noon on Friday. Before the Opening General Meeting/Awards Night at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, a group of attendees, led by NC DKG President Beth Winstead and DKG President Becky Sadowski, will work at MANNA FoodBank, part of Feeding America, the convention project. The group will fill boxes and process food for distribution to families in need in western NC. A collection box will be set up at the convention to accept monetary donations to MANNA. Other highlights of the convention will be the announcement of award winners on Friday night, the Annual Board Meeting of the NC DKG Educational Foundation, the Presidents Banquet on Saturday night, and the Ceremony of Remembrance on Sunday morning. The true highlights of the convention, however, will be the hugs and smiles for old and new friends, together again.

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## NEWLY ELECTED ALPHA IOTA OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED AT MAY 14TH MEETING



President Elect, Tracie Metz, serves as the Regional Impact Manager at myFutureNC. She supports the communities of Western North Carolina towards the state's 2030 postsecondary education attainment goal. She is passionate about addressing community needs for diversity, equity, and inclusion for education and workforce development.

Having served over twenty years in North Carolina public education, Tracie has been a teacher, assistant principal, principal and student success coach. She has experience working throughout the grade level continuum of pre-kindergarten through community college, including a cooperative, innovative high school and an alternative community school.

Tracie has been recognized as both Assistant Principal of the Year and Principal of the Year during her time in the public school system. She is an alumni of the NCPAPA Distinguished Leadership in Practice Program, and served as Chairperson for the Western Regional Administrators Council through WRESA. Currently, she serves as a board member for Mountain Mediation Services, and as First Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Committee Chairpersons for both Leadership Development and Educational Excellence for the Alpha Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Tracie also serves on the Needs Assessment Steering Committee for Goodwill Industries of NWNC.

Tracie received both her Bachelor of Science and Masters in School Leadership from Campbell University and her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Fayetteville State University. She lives in Jackson County, NC, with her family.



**1st VP Elect-  
Dr. April Tallant**



**2nd VP Elect-  
Alissa Cheek**



**Corresponding Secretary-  
Dorothie Willson**



**Recording Secretary-  
Terry Gribble**

# March Meeting

In addition to approving a new slate of officers, four new members were also approved in March and will be inducted at the May 14th meeting at the Hinton Center in Hayesville. Be certain to read the information about the May meeting on page 5.



Meetings are starting to look and feel like they once did! We hope to see everyone in May!



## Chapter Dues

Annual dues are payable by end of May.

Active member dues are \$79. You may pay in full or in 2 installments.

Reserve members pay \$43. Julie will accept payment at the May meeting or mail check to:

Julie Norcross  
861 HWY 28  
Robbinsville, NC  
28771-8849

## Important May Meeting Details

Clay County is hosting our end of year celebration. This meal, a fajita bar, will be catered by the Hinton Rural Life Center. The meal costs \$20\*.

Hinton Rural Life Center  
2330 Hinton Center Rd, Hayesville, NC 28904

### Action NEEDED

Please send any regrets to Kathryn Kantz by Wednesday, May 4, 2022!  
[kkantz@jcpsmail.org](mailto:kkantz@jcpsmail.org)

We look forward to everyone's attendance.  
*Per our bylaws, any regrets received after May 4, 2022, the cost for the meal will be placed on your account.*

\*meal cost for new inductees are provided by the chapter

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*Kathryn Kantz*  
*Alpha Iota President*  
*2020-2022*



Photo: Dedra Davis-Spring Blossoms

## President's Message

Hello Alpha Iota Sisters,

As my Presidency winds to a close, I want to share how honored I have been to work with such an amazing group of women. Throughout these two years, so impacted by the pandemic, you have maintained the faith, keeping this group going, even when we were only able to see each other through a computer screen. As a result, we have come through this time with stronger bonds, even if with fewer members. Spring always brings a reminder of the joys and hope that exist in the world. I am filled with joy that we will be inducting an excellent slate of officers, led by Tracie Metz, and am hopeful that the upcoming year continues to allow us to gather and support women educators. I know that the years ahead will present many new and exciting challenges that we will meet together. Thank you for being a part of Alpha Iota!

In Sisterhood,  
Kathryn

# Dates to Remember

## LINKS

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

[NC DKG Website](#)

Alpha Iota Website  
[https://alphaiotanc.  
weebly.com](https://alphaiotanc.weebly.com)

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### Convention Dates

**April 29-May 1, 2022** — NC DKG Convention,  
Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort

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

**April 28-30, 2023** — NC DKG Convention, Greenville  
**2024** — International Convention, Maryland



For comments or questions regarding  
*NC Data*, please contact Editor [Susan Kuenzel](#) or  
NC DKG President [Beth Winstead](#)

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

## Alpha Iota Chapter Meetings

### Meeting Schedule for 2022-2023

*September 10, 2022*

*November 5, 2022*

*December 3, 2022*

*March 18, 2023*

*June 3, 2023*



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