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Calling all DKG artists! The Fall 2021 Art Gallery is open for submissions through **September 15**. Click to [submit!](#)



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"Linking the Past, Present and Future"

Welcome to the 2021-2023 biennium. My theme for the biennium is "Linking the Past, Present and Future" I want us to remember to honor and celebrate all those women before us – the ones who founded DKG when it had to be done in secret; who lead us through divisive times; who first took the steps into technology; and who helped keep us afloat when we had to dive into the deep end of the virtual world. One of the best ways we can honor those before us is to continue to ensure that NC DKG thrives and continues now and into the future. We must continue to grow in membership but also to grow the leaders of the future.

This first year of my biennium I plan to focus on three main areas:

Membership Recruit, Retain and Reinstate
Are we being honest with those we recruit that DKG is a working organization?

Are we recognizing when a member might be in a stage of their life that they need to be less active but have more support?

Have we reached out to a member we lost that might be ready to rejoin?

Fellowship Each time we gather we need to celebrate. It is time to renew friendships and make new ones.

Self-Care We each must take the time to care of ourselves physically and mentally.

I look forward to this adventure and ask each of you to join me.

President Beth



NC DKG President
Beth Winstead

International News

Japan Charters Its Second Chapter

Japan State Organization has chartered its second chapter, according to the DKG Facebook page. In addition to the photo below, there are several other pictures that show their enthusiasm and pride. International representatives



participated via Zoom. Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/dkgorg/>.

DKG has chapters in 17 countries. Japan is part of the Southwest Region. Log in to read more about the regions and countries under the [About Us tab](#) on the DKG website.

Dr. Hoag is International Achievement Award Winner

Dr. Constance "Connie" Hoag has been named the International Achievement Award winner for 2021. DKG President Becky Sadowski informed Connie of the award [virtually](#) before it was announced at the conferences.

Dr. Hoag is currently serving on the Scholarship Committee and has served on the following international committees: Membership, Educational Foundation (which is now DKGIEF), Golden Gift Fund, Non-Dues Revenue, Educators Book Award, Research, Program, Personal Growth, and is a graduate of the Golden Gift Seminar. She is a member in Sioux City, Iowa.



International Website:
www.dkg.org



North Carolina
State Organization

2021-2023 Officers



Beth Winstead
President

Hilda Parlér
First Vice
President

Tammy Cullom
Second Vice
President

Patty Higgins
Secretary



Beth Winstead (Beta Alpha), president; Hilda Parlér (Gamma Theta), first vice president; Tammy Cullom (Alpha Psi), second vice president; and Patrice “Patty” Higgins (Gamma), secretary.

Connie Savell, immediate past president, conducted the virtual installation ceremony during the convention closing meeting on Sunday, April 25. Anne Briley, Winstead’s mother and former NC DKG Executive Secretary, presented Beth with her state president pin during the ceremony.

President Winstead reminded us in her acceptance speech, “This organization is made up of powerful and busy women. It takes each of us linked together to be voices of influence empowering NC women educators.” The new state officers will lead us as we are “Linking the Past, Present, and Future” during the next biennium.



THE DKG GALLERY OF FINE ARTS SPRING 2021

The DKG Arts and Humanities Jury selected artworks by 30 NC DKG members for publication in the spring 2021 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts.

2-Dimensional Art:

Terry Denny - *Alpha Omicron*
Willie Harriett - *Delta Mu*
Lori Holguin - *Delta Chi*
Mintie Saintsing - *Gamma Delta*
Debra Stinson - *Gamma Zeta*

3-Dimensional Art:

* April Tallant - *Alpha Iota*
Amy White - *Gamma*
Sylvia Wingler - *Gamma Psi*
Londa Von Weter - *Gamma Beta*

Essay:

Zoe Dillard - *Beta Delta*
Janice Gardner - *Lambda*
Ashlee Taylor Layton - *Alpha Omicron*

Photography:

Yvonne Barnhardt - *Nu*
Charlotte Brendel - *Alpha Nu*
Dr. Phyllis Broughton - *Beta Upsilon*
Deb Christensen - *Alpha Zeta*
Zoe Dillard - *Beta Delta*
Carol Dula - *Upsilon*
Sherrie Hines - *Gamma Delta*
Lori Holguin - *Delta Chi*
* Sandra Marr - *Alpha Iota*
Lisa Edwards May - *Delta Tau*
Susie Miller - *Gamma Delta*
Kat Noland - *Gamma Theta*
Mintie Saintsing - *Gamma Delta*
Connie Savell - *Delta Tau*
Anne Sheffield - *Chi*
Amelia Swenby - *Gamma Phi*
Paula Tautfest - *Alpha Zeta*
Ashlee Taylor Layton - *Alpha Omicron*
Julia Thorn - *Gamma Zeta*
Tonya Welch - *Chi*
Dr. Sherry Willis - *Alpha Nu*

Poetry:

Kelly Arnold - *Beta Delta*

Poetry/Multimedia:

Deb Christensen - *Alpha Zeta*

Watercolor:

Sylvia Wingler - *Gamma Psi*

NC DKG is proud of all of our talented members!



Susie Miller NC DKG Membership Chair

Strengthen Your Links Through



Membership

The beginning of a new school year is the perfect time to reach out to former members for reinstatement and to make that prospect list for the coming year. Use this opportunity to inform others about your chapter and NC DKG.

Your Membership Tip of the Month is brought to you by the NC DKG Membership Committee, *Susie Miller*, chair.



Honoring Heroes Certificates

Teachers have gone above and beyond the last couple of years and are preparing to go back into classrooms and educational settings this month. Their dedication is inspiring and needs to be recognized! The NC DKG Educational Foundation invites you to honor educators— females and males, members and non-members—through the Honoring Heroes project. You can “Celebrate a Teacher” and support the Educational Foundation too! The donation forms and celebration certificates are online, ready to print. You may mail checks or donate online. Instructions are on the form found at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/honoring-heroes.html>.

Chapters will be recognized for their contributions with a badge designed for display on newsletters and websites. One chapter from each region will be honored at the 2022 NC DKG Convention.



Grant Applications Due September 30

Spread the word—the Educational Foundation has many grant opportunities available and applications are due by September 30, 2021. Classroom projects, chapter projects, and professional development are all possible— but you must apply. Check them out at <https://www.ncdkgef.org/>

2021 NC DKG Scholarship Recipient

NC DKG Scholarship Committee Chair

Michelle Benigno

Michelle Benigno, NC DKG Scholarship Committee chair, introduced the 2021 scholarship recipient, Cheryl Wright, during the closing meeting of the virtual 2021 NC DKG Convention.



Wright, a member of Gamma Tau Chapter in Region III, was awarded the Emmons-Flintom Doctoral Scholarship valued at \$4,000. Wright, a resident of Bunn, is pursuing an Ed. D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Gardner-Webb University. Her doctoral research will focus on the elimination of student performance gaps and promoting equity for all students.

Executive Board Planning Session Meeting Details for 2021-2022

<i>General Reminders</i> Meetings begin at 10 AM.	Date	Hosting County	Agenda Highlights	Opportunities of support
<p>Meetings will be available both in person and virtually.</p> <p>Our chapter will adhere to CDC recommendations regarding face coverings and social distancing.</p> <p><u>A mask is required for unvaccinated members.</u></p> <p>Thank you for supporting our colleagues who may care for others or their own health concerns that place them and their families at greater risk for complications due to COVID-19.</p>	Sept 11, 2021	Macon	Installation of Officers Ceremony of Induction for New Members <i>Special by Dedra Davis</i>	Meal Donation 50/50 Raffle Brag & Pay \$ Jar
	Nov 6, 2021	Graham	County & Committee Break Out Sessions <i>Special by Barbara El- Khouri</i>	Meal Donation 50/50 Raffle Brag & Pay Book Exchange
	Dec 4, 2021	Jackson	December Auction	Brag & Pay Animal Treats
	March 19, 2022	Cherokee	Committee Updates <i>Special by Terry Gribble</i>	Meal Donation 50/50 Raffle Brag & Pay \$ Jar
	May 14, 2022	Clay	Founders Day Celebration Catered meal Ceremony of Induction for New Members	50/50 Raffle Brag & Pay Book Exchange

*Your generosity goes a long way . . .*50/50 Raffle - Schools for Africa (SFA)

The SFA mission involves providing access to quality, basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans and other vulnerable youngsters. https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Schools_for_Africa.aspx

Book Exchange - Mara Academy

Our approach helps local communities and rural Maasai schools identify the most talented and vulnerable children and offer a development plan for them at MaraGirls. <https://mqlschool.com/>

Brag & Pay - World Fellowship

World Fellowships are awarded to non-member women educators who are continuing their education. https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGIEF/Funds/World_Fellowship_Fund.aspx

Only available once a year - animal treats at the December auction support this fund.

December Auction: Grant in Aid

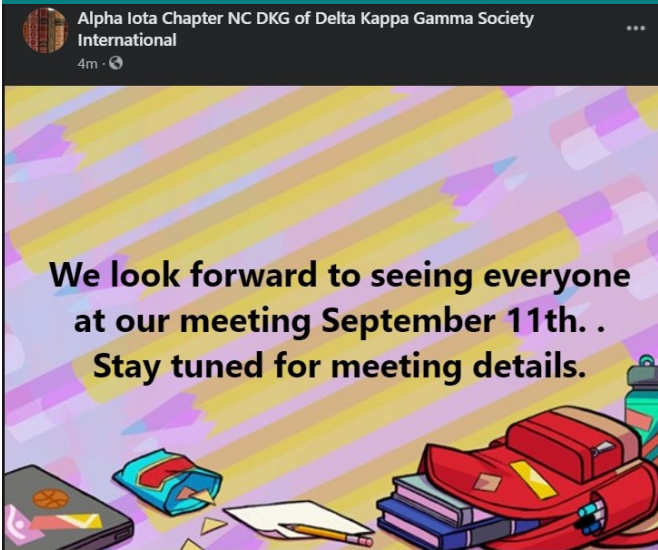
Our local chapter provides two scholarships for students pursuing a degree in the field of education.

Meal Donation: General fund

The host county provides the meal for the event at no cost to our organization. A donation of \$15 is recommended. This combined effort has bolstered our general account making it possible to give generously to our focused priorities.

Money (\$) Jar - Classroom Teacher Mini-Grants

These mini-grants in the amount of \$125 is intended to support special projects or activities in the classrooms of current Alpha Iota members.



Want to stay connected? Keep up with the latest between meetings and newsletters.

If you are not already following our [Alpha Iota Facebook page](#), please be sure to like and follow for the latest news and updates. You can also keep up with happenings across the state by following [NCDKG Facebook](#).

Beginning Teacher Support Fundraiser

The Ingles Gift Card



Our annual Ingles Fundraiser kicks off at our 1st face to face meeting Saturday, September 11, 2021. All purchases support our Beginning Teachers Program. We receive 5% of our sales. Please purchase your order by **October 15, 2021**.

Card Denominations are: \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$150, \$250, \$300, \$500

Please send all checks made out to Alpha Iota to: Julie Norcross
861 HWY 28, Robbinsville, NC 28771-8849

Committee News

Like spilled sugar - a little bit goes a long way. Let's share the goodness of our work. With everyone doing their part, we can accomplish so much more! We need each member to serve on one committee (or more). Details about each committee will be shared at our September meeting. Please have your choice selected by October 15, 2021. A survey link to sign up will be sent to you. However, if you prefer to be randomly assigned to a committee, please do not complete the survey. Committees will meet during our November 6th meeting.

- ★ Communication and Marketing- Dedra Davis, Chair
- ★ Finance - Katherine Parker, Chair
- ★ Membership - Dr. Beth Lofquist, Chair
- ★ Nominations - Dr. Jeanette Hedrick, Chair
- ★ Scholarships/Grant in aid Alissa Cheek, Chair
- ★ Rules - Sandra Marr, Chair
- ★ Leadership Development & Educational Excellence - Dr. Tracie Metz, Chair
- Schools for Africa - Angie Dills, Chair
- Beginning Teacher Support - Amy Hobbs, Chair
- World Fellowship - Angel Owens, Chair
- Legislative Issues - Dr. April Tallant, Chair

Submitted by: by Tracie Metz

Alpha Iota Classroom Teacher Mini-Grants

Applications due Tuesday, Sept. 16th, 2021.

These grants are funded by our mini money jar collections. Two classroom teacher mini-grants are awarded in the amount of \$125. These grants are intended to support special projects or activities in the classrooms of current Alpha Iota members. Don't delay! Download your copy of the application [here](#).

Return to Alissa Cheek-Chair Scholarship/Grant in Aid Committee

Grant in Aid Recipients

Alpha Iota is pleased to announce the recipients of our two Grant in Aid Awards for the 2020-2021 school year, Ella Jameson from Smoky Mountain High School and Savannah Wilson from Tuscola High School. Ella will be studying elementary education at Western Carolina and Savannah will be majoring in special education at Appalachian State University. Each young lady will receive \$1,200.

Alissa Cheek-Chair Scholarship/Grant in Aid Committee



Savannah Wilson



Ella Jameson

Celebrations and Concerns

We have been through some difficult days this month. We wish for strength for those who must rebuild lives after the devastating flooding of Haywood county, NC DKG is thinking of us in the aftermath of the flooding. Contact NC DKG President Beth Winstead if you need assistance from the emergency fund.

We ask for continued healing of Barbara El Khouri's broken wrist, Mary Ellen's broken leg, and Joyce Turk's hip.

Also continued prayers for our members impacted by the Covid 19 Virus.

Sadly we wanted to share that Joyce Jenkins of Graham County, one of our former reserve members, has passed away after a long battle with sarcoma. Her obituary can be found [here](#).



Kathryn Kantz
Alpha Iota President

Hello Alpha Iota Sisters,

Welcome back to a new year! What an ever-changing world it is! Covid has caused many people to change their lives: at my school I had over 20 people leave to move closer to family, go back to school, retire, or just try something new. After mourning the loss of some long-term colleagues, I started looking forward. The loss of teachers means new teachers arriving, most of whom will be women. Our organization is by, for, and about women educators. With so many new women coming into our spheres, I hope each of us will seize opportunities we can find to support our new colleagues or friends, as well as those we have known for years and who keep dedicating their lives to education. Small actions can go a long way to anchoring each other in a supportive environment.

It was such a gift to have a short time of easing of restrictions this summer, but now Covid has come roaring back. I hope that any of us who have not yet been able to get a vaccine will prioritize this for our families, our communities, our coworkers, and ourselves. It's the luck of the draw as to who will be hardest hit by the illness, so please protect yourself and those around you. Getting the vaccine is wonderful way to support our fellow educators and community so that they do not have to quarantine and miss work, pick up extra work to cover others who are out, and are exposed to less risk of getting Covid.

I am excited that we are going to meet face to face this year! The Executive Committee has planned some great meeting activities. It will be wonderful to reconnect with everyone. Don't forget that masks are required for unvaccinated members. Even though I am vaccinated, I will be wearing a mask, since there are breakthrough cases and vaccinated people can transmit the virus. There will be a virtual option at meetings for those who cannot attend. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone.

Best wishes for a wonderful start to a new year!

Kathryn



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Alpha Iota Website

<http://alphaiotanc.weebly.com>

Dates to Remember

Mark the Dates

Aug. 15-Sept. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
 Aug. 21 Transition Meeting in Asheboro for new NC DKG leaders
 Aug. 23 ASK Time for chapter presidents
 Sept. 10 Deadline to register for the NC DKG Fall Executive Board meeting
 Sept. 15 International Speaker recommendation due
 Sept. 15 Nominations due for international offices or elected committees
 Sept. 18 NC DKG Fall Executive Board meeting, Greensboro
 Sept. 27 ASK Time for chapter presidents
 Sept. 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications due
 Sept. 30 Deadline to enter dues into portal to avoid members being dropped
 Oct. 1 *Bulletin: Journal* submissions due
 Oct. 1 Proposed amendments to DKG *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* due
 Oct. 25 ASK Time for chapter presidents
 Oct. 27 NC DKG Founders Day
 Nov. 1 Cornet Individual and Seminar PD Awards applications due



Chapter Meetings

Date	Hosting County
Sept 11, 2021	Macon
Nov 6, 2021	Graham
Dec 4, 2021	Jackson
March 19, 2022	Cherokee
May 14, 2022	Clay

Purpose #1 To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship

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

