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NC DKG Leaders Selected for International Positions



Dr. Teresa Cowan (*Region XI, Alpha Phi*), immediate NC DKG past president, was elected as the Southeast Regional Director during the 2022 DKG Convention in New Orleans. Teresa, outgoing chair of the DKG Communications and Marketing Committee, will lead the 11-state southeast region on the Administrative Board.



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DKG President LeBlanc has invited several NC DKG leaders to serve on international committees. Connie Savell (*Region X, Delta Tau*) will serve on the DKG World Fellowship Committee. Dr. Rhonda Hager (*Region X, Delta Sigma*) will serve on the DKG Scholarship Committee. Leslie Black (*Region X, Nu*) has been selected to serve on the International Educators Book Award Committee. Dr. Judith Carlson (*Region IX, Alpha Gamma*) will continue on the DKG International Educators Foundation Board of Directors.

Scholarships—One of the Benefits of DKG Membership

As many as 31 scholarships are awarded each year through the [DKG International Educators Foundation](#) to members pursuing advanced degrees. The next deadline to apply is **February 1**. Now is the time for members to begin preparing applications.

Scholarships for those seeking graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. Applicants need to have been an active member of the Society for a minimum of three years if pursuing doctoral studies or at least one year at the time of application if pursuing other graduate studies.

To apply, a member should complete the [current application form](#) found on the DKG website, request appropriate transcripts, obtain status of program documentation, and secure letters of recommendation. She will send the application as an e-mail attachment to Society Headquarters by February 1.

International News

2022-2024 International Officers Installed at the 2022 DKG Convention

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State News

Strengthen Your Links Through Membership



Do not forget the resources that are available to your Membership Committee on the international website www.dkg.org. Once logged in, click on the Resources tab, then Chapter Tools. You'll find all kinds of wonderful resources for membership at your fingertips, such as keeping new members engaged, chapter strengthening tips, and best project ideas.

Your Membership Tip of the Month is brought to you by the NC DKG Membership Committee, Dr. Susan Blackburn, chair.



Changes in Licensure, Compensation



Happy Fall! You may have heard about the proposal to change teacher licensure and compensation pathways in NC. The commission working on the proposal plans to vote on a final version by October to send to the State Board of Education. The Legislature may vote on the plan as early as January 2023. If you would like to learn more, go to the ELP News & Resources folder at <https://bit.ly/NCDKG-ELP>. Check out the most recent *Ed Weekly* article "How to Weigh In On Teacher Licensure and Pay Reform."

If you would like a member of the ELP Committee to present at a chapter meeting, please contact [Dr. Malinda Pennington](#), chair of the Educational Law and Policy Committee.

Cornetet Individual and Seminar Awards Applications Due November 1

Cornetet Individual Awards ([CIPD](#)) will fund participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses, and workshops plus other non-degree programs. The Cornetet Professional Development Seminar ([CSPD Awards](#)) are granted to sponsor professional development seminars.



2023 NC DKG Leadership Seminar

Leadership Development Committee
Lori Holguin, Chair



The Leadership Development Committee invites you to save the 2023 NC DKG Leadership Seminar dates. This year's theme is "DKG Leaders - Honor the Past, Embrace the Present, and Inspire the Future!" The seminar will be held at Caraway Conference Center on March 25-26, 2023, with an optional early arrival on March 24 for a day spent exploring the pottery town of Seagrove.

This year's seminar will be open to new, former, and prospective leaders, so all members are welcome to attend. There will be something for everyone.

Full details and a registration form will be available in the winter edition of the *NC DKG News*.



NC DKG Educational Foundation Needs Golfers and Sponsors



The NCDKG Educational Foundation will host its annual Golf Tournament on October 8 at Colonial Golf Club in Thomasville.

Tee It Up For Teachers
The Foundation still needs golfers, sponsors, and hole sponsors. Everyone, not only DKG members, is invited to participate.

Information is available on the Foundation website at www.ncdkgef.org.

Chapter News

November Meeting Details

Please plan to join us in Graham County on Saturday November 5th. The meeting will be at the United Methodist Church in Robbinsville. Lead Hostess Amy Hobbs will be sharing an update on the progress and work at the Mara Academy in Kenya. All proceeds from our brunch will be donated to supporting this worthy chapter project. Barbara El-Khoury will also be selling raffle tickets for a lovely fall "pumpkin patch" 31 bag that will be awarded at the meeting. Proceeds again going to support the [Mara Academy](#). There will also be a panel discussion of the post-pandemic "shift in education" analyzing lessons learned with a focus on how to move forward and grow from our experiences. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send regrets to [Amy Hobbs](#) by 10/28.



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Cards*

Please return those stamped addressed envelopes distributed at the September meeting to Julie by October 15th.

Please mail checks to:

Julie Norcross
861 HWY 28
Robbinsville, NC
28771-8849

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Chapter Marketing Project

Our Executive Board decided a chapter shirt would be an excellent new branding/marketing strategy for DKG and our chapter specifically. A design was created and approved by the board. An order form for the shirts was made available at the September meeting. The Communications and Marketing Committee asks that you place your order by Feb. 14th. The shirts will be distributed at the March Meeting. We plan to wear them to our Founders' Day celebration and Induction ceremony meeting in May! This would be a great opportunity for a group photo. The shirts are a short sleeve black jersey polo with collar and embroidered logo.

Cost is \$30. S-XL

XXL & XXX - \$33 (includes tax)

You may email your order request to C & M Committee chair, [Dedra Davis](#)



September Meeting Highlights

Passing of the Gavel



Above: Nominations Committee chair Dr. Jeanette Hedrick presides over Tracie's Installation. Past-president Kathryn Kantz presents the gavel to our new president Dr. Tracie Metz at the September meeting.

Below: The officers and appointed personnel for the 2022-2024 Biennium. Not present Julie Norcross:



On the left, Parliamentarian Suzi Cabe presents information about DKG Membership in a new meeting item called Learn and Grow.



On the right, Alissa Cheek presents an update from our Scholarship committee.



In the center, Amy Hobbs, Finance Committee Chair, shares the 2022-2023 Budget and Ingles Fundraiser information.

September Meeting photo credits- Nenia Thompson

September Committee Breakouts Sessions



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President's Message



Dr. Tracie Metz
President
2022-2024

Greetings Alpha Iota Sisters,
Welcome to another year of fellowship and impact as we begin the 2022-2024 biennium! Together, we can continue to amplify the educational community in Region XI. By using our collective experience and passion for educational attainment, we will impact individuals, families, and our communities. The Executive Leadership Team and I are committed to helping each member grow in knowledge and leadership. We have added a new section to our meetings called Grow and Learn, as one of the many ways to support our group. I look forward to the steadfast and innovative ways each of you and our committees will engage this year. Onward!
“Little by little, a little becomes a lot” - Tanzanian proverb
Best,
~tracie

Celebrations and Concerns

- Lisa Fletcher reported that her husband finished his last chemo treatment last week and was beginning to feel much better.
- Tracy Hagan shared that her granddaughter is home after her open-heart surgery and doing well.
- Reba Beck is excited to share that she will be a great-grandmother.
- Barbara El-Khoury reports that she is Covid-negative, and on the mend. Still very tired.
- Please remember Jenna West's and Kathryn Kantz's mothers as well as Lana Parker's father as they deal with health challenges.



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[NC DKG Website](#)

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<https://alphaiotanc.weebly.com>

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Alpha Iota Chapter Meetings

September 10
November 5
December 3
March 18
May 20

Cherokee County
Graham County
Jackson County
Macon County
Clay County

Upcoming DKG Events

April 28-30, 2023	NC DKG State Convention Greenville, NC
July 11-16, 2023	DKG International Conference, Detroit, Michigan
July 18-22, 2023	DKG International Conference, Phoenix, Arizona
July 26-29, 2023	DKG International Conference, Tampere, Finland
2024	DKG International Convention National Harbor, Maryland (Gaylord National, D.C. Area)

Please submit information for the newsletter to editor: [Dedra Davis](#)