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# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

## *The Rose*

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
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**DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide**



**NC DKG President  
Dr. Teresa H. Cowan**

**Ready, Set, GROW! In Action**

**MY DKG STORY SPARKS A SENSE OF GRATITUDE**

*"Gratitude is a powerful catalyst for happiness. It's the spark that lights a fire of joy in your soul." Amy Collette \**

*"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." Melody Beattie \*\**

A chapter visit request prompted me, a DKG enthusiast, to reflect upon my DKG Story and what DKG means to me. A simple request, one would say, especially for a self-proclaimed DKG enthusiast, but as I prepared for the presentation, I found myself overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude. Gratitude and thankfulness are woven throughout my DKG story! And, as the season of thanksgiving is upon us, it felt right to share my sense of gratitude for all levels of DKG.

**Grateful for the Chapters of NC DKG**  
Alpha Phi invited me to become a member in 2005. I am grateful that an Alpha Phi member saw something that I did not always see in myself. Chapters across NC DKG offer that sense of value every day to area educators. I am thankful that NC educators have local chapters that strive to equip educators with what they need to flourish personally and professionally.

**Grateful for the State Organization of NC DKG**  
Committee member, committee chair, state officer, and Foundation Board member are simple words on a resume. Words that cannot articulate how state-level service opportunities lead to peace and happiness; both are emotions grounded in service to the members of NC DKG. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and proudly do so.

**Grateful for the DKG Society International**  
I am grateful to be a member of an international community of educators. This collective force continually impacts educational, political, and social norms. As individuals, we could never achieve what we as a Society have been able to do. This International Society provides me, as a member, a vision of optimism for the future. For that, I am eternally thankful.

The quotes by Collette and Beattie capture the essence of my DKG story. As we move into 2021, I encourage you to articulate your DKG story. Be someone's "catalyst." "Spark" them to find gratitude that promotes happiness and joy as they value their past, present, and future.

**Dr. Teresa H. Cowan**  
NC DKG President

\*Amy Collette is a book coach, founder of Unleash Your Inner Author, and author of *The Gratitude Connection*. She is also an award-winning speaker, teaching business and creative groups about the power of their unique stories to build authentic connections in their personal and professional lives.  
[Amy Collette, Author](#)

\*\*Melody Beattie is an American author of self-help books on codependent relationships.  
[Melody Beattie, Author](#)

### **DKG Art Gallery Last call for Spring submissions**

Explore the DKG Art Gallery at <http://dkggallery.dkg.org/dkggallery/>. The Fall 2020 collection includes many works from NC DKG members. Browse by clicking Explore button or going directly to the topic by the menu bar across the



### **Save the Date!**

The DKG US Forum Steering Committee  
Invites you to join us online for  
**Legislative Issues for Our 117<sup>th</sup> Congress**  
February 24, 2021

**7p.m. ET, 6pm CT, 5pm MT, 4pm PT**

**With Dr. Sylvia Johnson**



Dr. Sylvia Johnson is a lobbyist for the National Education Association (NEA). She leads NEA's efforts on Capitol Hill on a range of issues including: COVID-19 vaccines, the Safe Reopening of Schools, Health Care (including Medicare and Medicaid), Gun Violence Prevention/School Safety, Social Security and Pensions. She is also the NEA's liaison to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

**Zoom Registration Link Available February 5 on Facebook  
@DKG.US.Forum**

For further information contact Karen Walton, Southeast Representative  
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**North Carolina  
State Organization**

### 2021 NC DKG Convention to be Virtual

Out of an abundance of caution for its members, the 2021 NC DKG Convention will be a virtual event but will retain as much of a face-to-face atmosphere as possible. NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan has announced that the 2021 convention will build on the success and learning experience of the Fall Executive Board virtual event that was open to all members and included workshops, presentations, a business session, and recorded and live vignettes. The virtual aspect of the convention will allow more members to participate and an expanded offering of workshops. The theme for the convention will be Celebrating NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future. Workshop presentation applications are being taken now via a Google form, and registration for the convention beginning on Friday evening, April 23, will be posted soon.

[2021 NC DKG Convention Link](#)

The Convention's virtual platform will allow the convention to reach more members and will kick off on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Each day that week will feature virtual "tours," recorded showcases, zooms, and activities around the state that all members can enjoy at any time. These will continue through the weekend and be available later as well.

**NC DKG Past on Friday-** The actual convention, for which members will need to register, will begin on Friday evening. That event will feature the presentation of the Founders Award.

**Celebrating the Present on Saturday** -Saturday will kick off at 9:00 a.m. with the Executive Board Meeting. All registered members are invited to participate, but voting will be limited to Executive Board members. Workshops, live and pre-recorded, will be in the afternoon, and the evening session will celebrate the accomplishments of chapters and members, featuring DKG Membership Director Trish Woodley.

**Sunday to Celebrate the Future** -Sunday's activities will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the annual meeting of the Educational Foundation, followed by the general session featuring the installation of the newly elected 2021-2023 NC DKG officers and the passing of the gavel.

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### Presenters Wanted for Convention

*By: Tobey Worthington, NC DKG First Vice-President*

Do you know anyone looking for an opportunity to Engage, Empower, and Create our membership to help them GROW? The state convention is the place to do it! Being a totally virtual event gives us the opportunity to think above and beyond what we have done in the past. We do not have to limit our workshop sessions in time, allotted seating space, available technology tools, or availability of a presenter to be on-site that day. Encourage everyone to present at our virtual convention and plan to present yourself! The [form](#) can be found on the state website and is due by Monday, March 15, 2021. Let's recruit some wonderful, unique workshops that will help us all GROW.



**How Does Your Membership GROW?**

Chapter meetings as virtual events offer an excellent opportunity for interaction with members from other chapters. Joint chapter meetings encourage collaboration among chapters and possibilities for shared activities or projects.

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

### Professional Awards Survey

Every NC DKG member is asked to share her professional achievements through the Professional Awards Survey. This is a way for the Awards Committee to document and recognize members for their professional and educational achievements, such as Teacher or Principal of the Year, National Board Certification, or longevity of 50/+ years. Members are asked to focus on awards received and not committees or boards served on or community or church awards received. The committee's goal is for each member to complete the survey by March 1, 2021. The survey is found at <https://bit.ly/NCDKGPAA>.



## **Alpha Iota Grant in aid to future teachers.**

Alissa Cheek our Scholarship Committee Chairperson reports that the applications will be sent out to high schools in all of our counties by the end of the week. If you know of a worthy candidate, please help direct them to their counselor for the applications! We will be awarding two grant in aid awards again this May! Although our auction was canceled we have enough funds to cover this. If you want to help by making a donation look for a mailing with information on how to make that contribution!

## **Beginning Teacher Support**

Amy Hobbs -Beginning Teacher Support Chair

## **Celebrations and Concerns**

Many of our members are still facing difficult and challenging situations. Please remember our members with challenging times ahead.

- Any & all members affected by the Covid 19 virus.
- Members currently actively working through the stressful and challenging circumstances.
- Students who are struggling emotionally, mentally and academically.

Please let our editor know of all celebrations and concerns [Dedra Davis](#)



Kathryn Kantz  
Alpha Iota President

Hello Alpha Iota Sisters!

Well, we are in 2021, and the Covid strangeness continues... Isn't it weird that sometimes we walk by old friends in the grocery without recognizing them because all we can see are eyes peeping over masks? I am so thankful that vaccines are becoming available and our members have begun getting them. It is exciting that educators will be able to get vaccines beginning February 24. But the world is still not safe, so please follow those three W's of wearing masks, waiting six feet apart, and washing hands frequently.

Our Executive Board met on February 8 and made some decisions about our March and May meetings. Based on the fact that the State Convention of April 20 is going to be held virtually, we decided that both of the meetings would be held virtually also. Since a high percentage of vaccines should have been given by the end of summer, we are sincerely hoping that we will be able to have in-person meetings next year.

I know that we all missed our wonderful December auction, but we will postpone that until next year also. The funds from that are used for our scholarships. We have enough money to offer those this year, but if you would like to make a donation to that fund, we will be sending out a request letter for you to consider this.

About that DKG State Convention...The dates are April 20-25, 2021 and the registration fee is only \$25.00! I hope a lot of people will take the opportunity to participate. Dedra is representing us on the planning committee, so you know she will work to make it a wonderful experience.

Finally, if you are interested in becoming more involved in Delta Kappa Gamma, please consider taking on an officer's role in the coming year. The collaborative fellowship is very rewarding and you know you are doing meaningful

*Stay Safe*  
*Kathryn*



Dates to Remember

Chapter Meetings

\*September 19 th -  
Macon County - Virtual

\*October 3 rd -  
Executive Board Meeting  
Virtual

\*November 7 th -  
Graham County - Virtual

\*December 5 th -  
Jackson County -Virtual

Auction CANCELLED

\*March 13 th -  
NOW Virtual!

\*May 15 th -  
NOW Virtual

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 1 Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Report due Feb. 1  
Nominations for Founders Award due
- Feb. 1 Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards applications due
- Feb. 1 Scholarship applications due for NC DKG & DKG International
- Feb. 1 NC DKG News deadline
- Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions due
- Feb. 22 ASK Time Mar. 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due
- Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement Awards, Golden Key Award, and Rising Star Award  
applications due
- Mar. 1 Professional Awards Survey due
- Mar. 1 Requirements for the Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence and/or  
Communications Excellence Awards due
- Mar. 1 Annual reports due from state leaders (see page 3)

Convention Dates

April 23-25, 2021 — NC DKG Convention, Virtual Event  
July 12-16, 2022 — International Convention, New Orleans, LA

Conference Dates

July 7-10, 2021 — International Conference, Portland, OR  
July 21-24, 2021 — International Conference, San Antonio, TX

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<https://www.ncdkg.org>

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

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