



The INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™



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Newsletter of Alpha Iota Chapter
Region XI NC DKG
Cherokee-Clay-Macon-Graham
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The Status of our SOCIETY

With: Debbie LeBlanc & Nita Scott

Critical information to the growth of the Society and a challenge from President LeBlanc to members as DKG approaches its centennial anniversary.



[Watch & Listen Here](#)

Cornetet Award

Cornetet Individual PD (CIPD) awards fund participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses, and workshops plus other non-degree programs. Cornetet Seminar PD awards (CSPD) are granted to sponsor professional development seminars.

To learn more about both of these professional development funding opportunities, login to the DKG website, click on MyDKG, then click on Apply/Submit. Click the "List of All" tab, then scroll down or search for "Cornetet" to locate the information concerning eligibility and applications. The deadline for both sets of awards is November 1.

International Scholarship

Invest in Your Future APPLY TODAY



Apply by February 1, 2024

As many as 31 scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advance degrees. Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000.

Requirements:

- ✓ Active member of DKG
- ✓ Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- ✓ Enrolled in a graduate program
- ✓ Demonstrated leadership in DKG
- ✓ Evidence of service to the community
+ a few more

State News



Hilda Parlér
NC DKG
State President
2023-2025



Start the biennium with a Chapter Wellness Check

1. How many members do we have?
2. What is the number of years for each member?
3. Do we have a written plan to recruit new members, retain and recognize the ones we have?
4. How has attendance been at each meeting?
5. Do we have all four officers? Committees? Newsletter editor? Website editor?
6. Do we have members who have served in an office consecutively? Why?
7. Are our activities and programs planned for the year?
8. Are our meetings purposeful and engaging with agendas that will be followed?
9. Have our members felt appreciated and valued? If so, how? If not, what's the plan?
10. Do we have a tool to be completed after each chapter meeting to self-evaluate our chapter to stay ahead of members leaving?
11. Do we have exit interviews of members who have indicated they will not return?
12. Is there time to socialize or meet and greet before the meeting starts on time?
13. Do we have a signature community project?
14. Will we submit the required documents to our chapter, the state or DKG on time?
15. Will we calculate mid-year, at the end of year 1 and at the end of the biennium if we have increased our membership by at least 2%? Will we celebrate if we did?



North Carolina
State Organization



Hilda Parlér
 President



Jane S. Webb
 First V.P.



Dr. Michele Tuck Thomas
 Second V.P.



Carol Bostian
 Secretary

Former 1st VP Carolyn Lane has stepped down due to health issues. Janie Webb, 2nd VP moved up to 1st VP and Dr. Michele Tuck Thomas was appointed 2nd VP.

*State/ Chapter News***Recruiting and Retaining Members with Self-Care Activity**

President Tracie Metz invited members to assemble self-care bags to kick off our September meeting. In crafting these self-care bags, members were instructed to create the first bag for personal use, since as educators, we often put our own self-care last. Members then created a second bag, tailored to extend an invitation to potential new members of our educational organization. There was a delightful variety of items to select from, such as body lotions, pocket journals, on-the-go toothbrushes and floss, and much more! The goal of this activity was two-fold: to reinforce the vital balance between self-care and service to others, and to create a unique invitation for key women educators to become a part of our community. We also placed our chapter rack card in the bag for our potential new members. If you were unable to attend the meeting in September a limited supply will be available at the November 4th meeting.

**Important Info from Treasurer Julie**

As of the date of this publication, a total of \$9420 of Ingles cards were sold for our beginning teacher fundraiser. This netted us a profit of \$471. Excellent work ladies!

Alpha Iota Chapter



September Snapshots



Clay County hostesses

Betsy Garrett, Sharon Perry, Reba Beck, and Suzy DesLauriers



Macon County members

Tracy Hagan, Pat Davis, Karen Norton, and Rita Hubbs



November 4th Meeting Details

Cartoogechaye Baptist Church, 456 West Old

Murphy Road, Franklin, NC 28734

Saturday November 4th @ 10 AM

Please send regrets to hostess Pat Davis

by October 31

gary.patdavis1@gmail.com

Alpha Iota Chapter



Sister Celebrations!



Tallant Presents at conference in Asheville

Dr. April Tallant, Alpha Iota First Vice-President, presented, "**Anchors Away!** Opportunities for Building Community, Mindfulness, Equity and Reflection," on August 7, 2023 at the Lilly Conference in Asheville, NC. Dr. Tallant co-presented with her colleague Dr. Alesia Jennings, Coulter Faculty Commons Fellow and Chemistry Instructor. The presentation highlighted a 6 anchor framework that Dr. Tallant and Dr. Jennings developed for Faculty Forward, a seminar series that helps build teaching self-efficacy among new faculty at Western Carolina University. Dr. Tallant and Dr. Jennings started their second year of the Faculty Forward Program in September.

Women in Educational Leadership Symposium

Let's celebrate two of our Alpha Iota leaders for making an impact on education at the state level. President Dr. Tracie Metz, Regional Impact Manager, myFutureNC, was selected to moderate a panel for inclusion in the eighth annual Women in Educational Leadership Symposium. Metz moderated the session which focused on collaboration. First-Vice President Dr. April Tallant was one of the panelists. The theme of the virtual symposium this year was *Building Capacity for Safety and Wellness*. Appalachian State University hosted the event. The (WIELS) virtual event was held on Thursday, October 5, and Friday, October 6, 2023. The topic of Metz's panel: Collaboration! Together is the Only Way Forward. Dr. April Tallant, Senior Educational Developer, Western Carolina University, was one of three panelists. The panel discussed the impact of isolation, which has been compounded over the last several years as organizations respond to limited resources, such as time and personnel. Participants also examined the importance of collaboration through cross-sector partnerships. The urgency of staff and student wellness was highlighted through storytelling, data analysis, partnerships, and best practices, such as mentorship. Participants explored the comprehensive landscape of both rural and urban communities for staff support and student wellness.



Shout out to Rita Hubbs of Macon County for depositing books left over from our book exchange at local "little library" drop boxes.



President's Message



In this new year, our commitment to service is stronger than ever. Cultivating meaningful relationships among our members will be at the heart of this endeavor. The alignment of our strategic priorities and survey feedback demonstrates the unity of our chapter. In the whirlwind of modern life, quality time together is a perfect opportunity for personal and professional growth. Your active participation in our meetings and committees greatly enriches our collective efforts. Thank you for bringing your wisdom, humor, camaraderie, and light each time we are together!

Dr. Tracie Metz
President
2022-2024

"The power to make a difference is within all of us." Oprah Winfrey
Thank you for ALL that you do!
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Celebrations and Concerns



- Keep President Tracie in your prayers as she continues to process the loss of her sweet mother.
- Keep Lisa Bloom and her family in your prayers as her husband continues a lengthy battle with cancer.

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www.dkg.org

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<https://alphaiotanc.weebly.com>

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Alpha Iota Chapter Meetings

- Saturday, September 9, 2023 @ 10 AM; Clay County
- Saturday, November 4, 2023 @ 10 AM; Macon County
- Saturday, December 2, 2023 @ 10 AM; Cherokee County
- Saturday, March 2, 2024 @ 10 AM; Graham County
- Saturday, May 4, 2024 @ 10 AM; Jackson County

Upcoming DKG Events

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)



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