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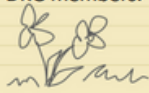


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Is your DKG profile up-to-date?

- Sign into the DKG website — www.dkg.org
- Click on your name in the top right corner.
- Select a pencil to update your phone number, email address, or mailing address.
- Be sure to click SAVE at the bottom!
- Select the "My Participation" tab to make your information visible to other DKG members.
- Need help? Here is a [helpful tutorial](#)



DKG will host three International Conferences in July 2023. Detroit, Michigan; Phoenix, Arizona; and Tampere, Finland, will offer enriching fellowship, stimulating speakers, and personal and professional growth opportunities.

The common theme for all three events is "Moving Forward with Vitality, Relevance, and Sustainability in Our Changing World" with a focus on growing personally and professionally in our changing world. Each conference offers an exciting location where members can create lasting memories with their DKG sisters.

International Fine Arts Gallery
Submission window for
Spring gallery:
January 15 - February 15



Networking with DKG - "Inside International"

DKG Executive Secretary Nita Scott announced "Inside International," an opportunity for every member to network with DKG leaders, in her column in the Nov/Dec *DKG News*. This Zoom meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of every month. Times alternate each month — 12:30 p.m. CT and 5:30 p.m. CT — to accommodate time zone differences.

Members may participate in conversations with Headquarters staff, 2022-2024 International Administrative Board and international committee members, and sisters from around the world. The next Zoom will be on December 6 at 5:30 p.m. CT. The link for each "Inside International" will be posted on the home page of the DKG website.



Linking the Past, Present and Future



Delta Kappa Gamma provides numerous opportunities for personal and professional growth for members. There are scholarships, leadership programs, and workshops at conventions and conferences. It is the responsibility of each of us to encourage one another to spread our wings and step out of our comfort zones. Speaking of scholarships, NC DKG and DKG International have scholarships for doctoral and master's degree candidates. Check out the NC DKG Scholarship Committee's webpage or go to the Apply/Submit tab on the DKG website to find out how to apply. In North Carolina alone, there will be a leadership seminar in March, workshops at the convention in April, and new officer training in the summer. On the International level, there are three conferences this summer. Numerous workshops and programs will be available in Tampere, Finland; Phoenix, Arizona; and Detroit, Michigan. Remember that YOU are a valuable part of DKG, and YOU can soar to new heights with the benefits of your membership.

Beth Winstead NC DKG President



Using Your Voice

NC DKG First Vice President & EEC Chair

Hilda A. Parlér

The NC statewide general elections were held on November 8. The NC DKG Educational Law and Policy Committee reminded us to vote. I hope you used this opportunity to use your voice at the ballot box.

Times have changed over the decades, and educators have more at stake regarding educational law and policy than ever before. A deserved increase in salaries is one. Do you agree with the election outcomes? Do you know why these elections are called mid-term elections?

Is this a time to express gratitude for all our blessings despite the challenges that educators and schools face, challenges that affect students and their families in one way or another?

A national initiative has begun to celebrate and recognize the importance of poll workers and observers across the country. These volunteers are at the polling places to make sure voters are protected while voting. Be thankful for their service and express it to them at the next opportunity to vote.



NC DKG and DKG Scholarship Applications Now Available

Applications and instructions for the 2023 NC DKG doctoral and post-baccalaureate scholarships are available on the [NC DKG website Scholarship Committee page](#).

NC DKG scholarship applications must be submitted digitally with a timestamp no later than 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 2023. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the NC DKG Convention in Greenville.

Submit NC DKG applications by email to Michelle Benigno, Scholarship Committee Chair. DKG International is also accepting applications for the 2023 scholarships. Members may apply for an NC DKG and an international scholarship within a given year. The membership requirement for NC DKG applicants is two calendar years and for International applicants is three years following induction. Forms for international scholarships are available under the Apply/Submit tab on the DKG member website.



It's Show Time! Present a Workshop



Have you acquired a skill other NC DKG members might like to learn? Do you have important knowledge to share? Is there a craft others might want to try? Members are encouraged to submit proposals for workshops to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, during the NC DKG Convention in Greenville. Proposals should fall into one of the four focus strands—Teaching and Learning, DKG Society, Self-Care, and Creative Fun.

Join us in Greenville and strut your stuff.

For questions or more information, contact Second Vice President [Tammy Cullom](#) or First Vice President [Hilda A. Parlér](#).

The proposal form is available at the link below or click the QR code:

[Workshop Proposal Form](#)

Deadline: February 15, 2023



Convention Registration

Registration for the 2023 NC DKG Convention is now open. *Everyone must register*, including award recipients, presenters, guests, and those volunteering during the convention.

An interactive registration form can be found at the link below or click the QR code:

[Registration Form](#)



See the form for payment options.

Early Registration Ends April 9, 2023

Registration after April 9, 2023, will cost an additional \$10 per category and *must be paid online*. Meal tickets *cannot* be sold after April 9, and convention materials may not be available to those who register after Early Registration ends.

Refunds will not be issued if you do not attend.

Registration questions—contact [Melissa Dana](#)

Payment questions—contact [Leslie Black](#)



Now is the time to make your room reservation for the NC DKG Convention, April 28-30, 2023. Convention registration, meetings, workshops, meals, and events will take place at the Hilton Greenville Hotel.

Convention attendee guest rooms will be at the Holiday Inn Greenville, which is adjacent to the Hilton Greenville, with a covered walk between the two facilities. The rate for two queens or one king bed is \$129 per night, plus 13% tax (\$145.77 total per night.) The group rate ends March 27, so be sure to reserve your room as soon as possible.

Make plans to reserve a room at the Holiday Inn Greenville and help NC DKG to meet the room quota.

Booking Guest Rooms

1. Call the local hotel number during normal business hours **1-252-355-8300** and mention the group code **DKG**.
2. Go to the hotel website - [Delta Kappa Gamma Online Booking Link](#) (automatically linked to the group code)
 - At the top of the page, click 04/27/2023 - 04/29/2023 to change the dates, number of rooms, and number of guests. Then click *Search*.
 - Scroll down and select room preference - one king or two queen beds.
 - Enter payment information, accept the Terms and Conditions, and click *Book Room*.

November Meeting Highlights

Educational Panel: Post Pandemic Shift in Education

Organized by Dr. April Tallant

Moderated by Amy Hobbs

Panelists:

- Julie Norcross, Former 1st Grade Teacher, Robbinsville Elementary
- Latresa Phillips, Career Education Teacher, Robbinsville Middle School
- Crystal White, Math Coach Grades 9-12, Graham County Public Schools
- Dr. April Tallant, Education Developer, Western Carolina University



Thank you to all of our wonderful Graham County hostesses for a scrumptious brunch with all the fixings!



Chapter Project Update

Another portion of the program for the November meeting included an update from Graham county member Amy Hobbs on the progress of our chapter project, the Mara Academy.

The Sawyer family of Robbinsville founded and operate the non-profit facility located in Kenya. Amy shared that the school continues to grow. It now includes a clinic.



Applauding above on right, is seasonal guest Carmen Morales. Her name was called as the winner of the raffle of the lovely Fall-themed Thirty-one bag donated by Barbara El-Khoury. Proceeds were to the Mara Academy.



Photo courtesy the Sawyer Family

Plans are also on track to open a new facility on campus in early 2023 that is designed to accommodate older female students in a dormitory setting to allow them to continue their education. Proceeds from the raffle and meal donations will be donated to the Mara Academy. In addition to following the Sawyer family's progress on their Facebook page, you can also check out their website at [Straight up missions](https://www.straightupmissions.com).

The Sawyers in Kenya | Facebook

December Meeting Highlights



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Grant in Aid- Fundraiser December Meeting

The annual Christmas Auction was once again a success. A great meal with a salad and baked potato bar and scrumptious desserts was provided by our Jackson County hostesses after the completion of the auction. A tremendous thank you to all who donated and bought items! We raised a total of \$2635 for our two annual Grant-in-aid awards to high school seniors pursuing a degree in education. If you were unable to attend and want to contribute to these awards to deserving future educators, you can make a donation by sending a check to Julie Norcross at 861 HWY 28 Robbinsville, NC 28771.

In addition to the Christmas auction and sale, on the agenda for the December meeting was an update on upcoming exciting opportunities in NC DKG from the Region XI Director, Dedra Davis.

President's Message



Greetings Sisters,

How different the day and evening look once the clocks have changed and the winter season is upon us! I find myself drawn to the stillness of the night. In this presence of quiet, thoughts of family members, upcoming events, and my never-ended to do list, jockey for my attention, yet I feel compelled to pause. A pause to absorb the stillness, to breathe, to give thanks, and to rest. I wonder if taking time to pause draws to you too - you who give, serve, and put the needs of others before yourself. As we enter this holiday season of celebration and events, may we each take time to embrace moments of quiet that help soothe our spirit, settle our minds, and give rest to our bodies.

Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you. ~Anne Lamott

Blessings to you,
~tracie

Dr. Tracie Metz
President
2022-2024

Celebrations and Concerns

- Sue Ledford is resting at home after her heart surgery and is very happy with the items Dr. Hedrick bid on for her at the auction, (scarf by Lana, panettone by Beth, and green beans donated by Mary)
- Jenna West's dad is home and is hard at work undergoing therapy since his stroke last month.
- Congratulations to Barbara El-Khouris niece Nora El-Khouris Spencer for receiving CNN's Hero Award on 12/11/22
- Congratulations to Lana Parker's daughter Joslyn for graduating with her second Master's degree!
- Let's celebrate Sandra Marr's painting winning Tri County Community College's 2022 Christmas Card Contest!
- Congratulations to Evelyn Graning for being selected as Jackson County's Principal of the Year!



SYLVA NC - Smoky Mountain High School Principal Evelyn Graning is the 2022-23 Principal of the Year for Jackson County Public Schools. An 18-year veteran educator, she has been an administrator at the school for the past seven years. "It has been one of the biggest blessings in my life to serve as principal at Smoky Mountain High School," Graning said. "We simply have the best staff and students, and I think of them as my Mustang family. I am blown away by this honor." Graning moved to Jackson County in 1985 and attended Fairview School and Smoky Mountain High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from NC State University, a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Johns Hopkins University and a Certificate in School Leadership from Western Carolina University. "Ms. Graning is an advocate for her students and staff," Superintendent Dr. Dana Ayers said. "She builds relationships with her students and emphasizes teacher leadership. It is a great honor for her to be recognized by her peers."

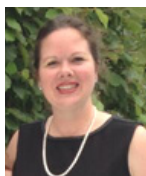
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LINKS

International Website:
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[NC DKG Website](#)

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Alpha Iota Chapter Meetings

March 18
May 20

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](#)