



# DELTA DATA

Delta Chapter - ETA State - Region II - Greenville, NC

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International — International Society for Key Women Educators

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Date:** August 10, 2021

**Location:** JH Rose High School

**Time:** 3:30 pm

**Cost:** See p. 5 for details about our contributions

**Special Program:** BT Tea

### Reminders:

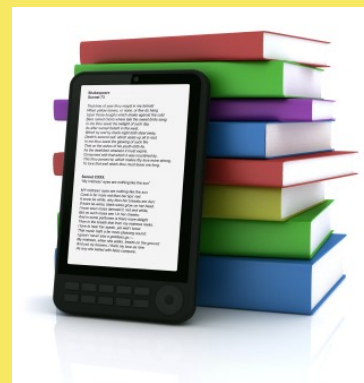
- If you are not currently receiving but would like to receive text reminders about our meetings and events and have not already done so, please email Lauren Piner to get set up with future text reminders.
- If you have any ideas for future programs, please email Pat Clark. This includes you. Consider being a presenter, if you have a skill, talent, or special knowledge to share (does not have to be directly linked to education).
- Be thinking about new member candidates. An electronic nomination form is included on p. 4 of this issue.



## DELTA CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

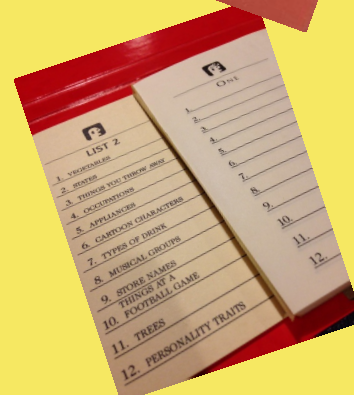
**Paying it Forward:** Thanks to your generous contributions, we were able to collect \$300 for our Literacy Fund. This money has been donated to PCS, and Meredith Hill, District Media Specialist, will utilize it to purchase ebooks and audiobooks for the district So-ra site. Hill says the titles will be “available to all students in the district in order to have a larger impact. Over the last two years, we’ve focused specifically on purchasing titles that advance diversity, equity, and inclusion, and we will continue to build our collection in this area.”

Thank you for helping support literacy across PCS!



**Playing Zoom Games:** For our March chapter meeting, several sisters gathered virtually to discuss DKG business followed by some fun (and funny) Zoom-based games.

We conducted scavenger hunts of our own purses and played Scattergories. Winners Ellen Hilgoe and Sara Painter each received a \$10 gift card.



## DELTA CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

### Sister Spotlight

In March, our very own Michelle Hairston was honored by the Southeastern Region of the American Music Therapy Association (SER-AMTA) with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Her interest in the field began when she was an eighth grader—a devoted school band member and a Jolly Popper at a local nursing home. These interests, plus encouragement from her father, Dr. Olin Parker, and his colleague and former professor, Dr. E. Thayer Gaston, led her to her career path. Along the way, Dr. Richard M. Graham’s “Of course you can, Michelle” provided a supportive refrain as she pursued her doctorate while teaching and beginning a family.

Before joining the faculty at East Carolina University in 1987, Michelle worked at the Hallett School, part of the Whitten Center. Her students’ band won awards, and some of them travelled beyond their homes for the first time in their lives. She also taught with her mother at the middle school she attended. During her time at ECU, she was able to teach and continue her clinical work as well as travel both nationally and internationally to present



her research. She has not only served DKG as Delta Chapter President but has held several positions on the AMTA’s executive board for 14 years. After a dedicated 42 year career in Music Therapy, Michelle is retired. She thanks her family, colleagues, and students for their support, and is enjoying the time to play with a community band and pass on her love of music to her grandchildren.

Congratulations, Michelle! Play on!

## DELTA CHAPTER BUSINESS

### Dues Due

Looking forward to our next year of sisterhood!

Dues are still \$75.00 and are due by June 18th for 2021-2022. In order to make things easier for everyone, two forms of electronic payments are now also accepted.

Payment options include

- **Venmo:** @DeltaKappaGamma-DeltaChapter
- **Cash App:** Username \$dkgdelta (add 50¢ service charge)
- **Personal checks:** make payable to DKG and mail to

Treasurer Dr. Patti Sanders-Smith  
200 Ravenwood Drive  
Greenville, NC 27834

### Growing the Chapter with New Sister Nominations

Know anyone who can help us grow our chapter?

We postponed nominations last year due to COVID, but there are certainly some potential sisters out there.

We plan to initiate new members in September, so please submit candidates' names by July 15th via <https://tinyurl.com/dkgdelta> so that they can be contacted.



## DELTA CHAPTER NEWS & REMINDERS

### Chapter Meetings

Due to COVID-19 precautions, all 2020-2021 meetings were held virtually. We are looking forward to *resuming* (not *Zooming*) face-to-face meetings in 2021-2022, though we can also offer a live Zoom feed as needed.

Please make every effort to attend our meetings so that we can reunite in sisterhood.



### 2021-22 Schedule

- **August 10**—
- BT Tea, 3:30 JH Rose High School
- **September 14**—
- New Member Initiation & Grant-in-Aid Presentation, location TBA
- **October 12**—
- Pitt Pirates Robotics Presentation & Demonstration, location TBA
- **Remaining dates** TBA

### 2020-2022 Officers

**President**—Lauren Piner

**1st Vice President**—Pat Clark

**2nd Vice President**—Ellen Hilgoe

**Parliamentarian**—Eve West

**Treasurer**—Patti Saunders-Smith

**Corresponding Secretary**—Sara Painter

**Past President**—Miranda Dunn

**Recording Secretary**—Joy Carter

### Committee Chairs

**Personal Growth & Services**—Chair needed; Co-chair: Kim Jessup

**World Fellowship**—Chair: Dottie Oakley; **Co-chair: needed**

**Communications**—Corresponding Secretary/Chair: Sara Painter (newsletter); Co-chair: Joy Carter (website)

**Social Affairs**—Chair: Mary Elizabeth Dailey; Co-chair: Michelle Hairston

**Finance**—Chair: Margaret Powers; Co-chair: Paige Balance

**Yearbook**—**Chair needed**; Co-chair: Pat Clark

**Grant-in-Aid/Scholarship**—Chair: Clarissa Lee; Co-chair: Miranda Dunn

**Membership**—**Chair needed**; Co-chair: Robin Loy

**Nominations**—Chair: Beth Ward; Past Presidents

**Mistress of Ceremonies**: Chair: Robin Dailey; Co-chair: Mary Elizabeth Dailey

### BT Tea Delta Chapter Contributions

Our chapter will donate supplies and gifts for PCS elementary school BTs and provide sweets. Please collect school supplies and/or gift cards over the summer and be thinking about a favorite dessert you can contribute.

Drop off location(s) and time(s) will be announced closer to the event.



# STATE AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## NC DKG Dates to Remember Highlights 2021-2022

- June 23—Early registration for San Antonio Conference
- June 30—NC DKG Committee Interest Form deadline
- July 7-10— International Conference, Portland, OR
- July 21-24— International Conference, San Antonio, TX
- Aug. 1—NC DKG News & DKG Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due
- Aug. 15-Sept 15—DKG Gallery of Fine Arts submission window open
- Sept. 1—Application deadline for Lucile Cornet Individual PD Awards
- Sept. 18—Fall Executive Board Meeting
- April 29-May 1, 2022—NC DKG Convention, Asheville, NC
- July 12-16, 2022—International Convention

## NC Data (formerly ETA Data) Online

Read for information about new officers, including NC DKG President Beth Winstead, and convention highlights at

[https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/eta\\_data\\_may\\_2021.pdf](https://www.ncdkg.org/uploads/8/0/8/5/80859646/eta_data_may_2021.pdf)

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
The North Carolina State Organization  
Eleven regions, 95 chapters

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Vol. 12, No. 11 Ready, Set, GROW! May 15, 2021  
DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

### New Officers Elected at Convention

Beth Winstead will lead NC DKG for the 2021-2023 biennium. Beth was elected President during Saturday's vote by registered members attending the 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention.

Elected to serve with Beth were Hilda Parler as First Vice President, Tammy Cullom as Second Vice President, and Patrice (Patty) Higgins as Secretary.

The installation of officers took place virtually on Sunday afternoon and was led by Immediate Past President Connie Savell.

NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan kicked off the convention on Friday night, April 23, 2021, via Zoom and Facebook Live. Highlights of the convention included the presentation of the Founders Award to Dr. Mandy K. Cohen, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, who has led NC's COVID-19 response; the presentation of the Chapter Achievement, Scholarship, and Beginning Teacher Awards; and guest speakers Trish Woodley, International Membership Director, and Watha Kollmeyer from the convention project Knickers for New Life.

See more convention highlights on page 3.

### Mark the Dates

May 15	Bulletin: Journal submissions due
May 18	Deadline to register for US Forum "Voicing A Right for Everyone"
May 24	ASAC Time
June 8	Early registration deadline for Portland conference
June 23	Early registration deadline for San Antonio conference
June 28	ASAC Time
June 30	Membership dues due to chapter treasurers
July 1	New DKG biennium begins
July 1	Window opens for chapters to file 990-N with the IRS
July 15	Form 15 due from chapters to state treasurer
Aug. 1	Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due
Aug. 1	NC DKG News deadline
Aug. 15-Sept. 15	Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
Sept. 1	Deadline for applications for Cornet Individual PD Awards
Sept. 15	International Speaker recommendation due
Sept. 15	Nominations due for international officers or elected committees

### Two Related Personnel Positions Advertised

The NC DKG positions of Executive Secretary and Webmaster will be open July 1, 2021, and applications are being accepted until June 1.

Job descriptions and the application form are both posted on the [Perennial Committee page](#) of the NC DKG website. (The [generic application form](#) is used for both positions. Specify the position at the top.)

**Hints to Editors:** Please share in your newsletter to make all members aware of these openings.

**Presidents Take Note:** Please encourage interested members to review the newly revised job descriptions and apply before the June 1 deadline.

### Eta Data Renamed

In keeping with the international vote to not use Greek letters to represent state organization names, our beloved Eta Data has been renamed NC Data.

It will still be published monthly and posted on the website on the 15th of each month. The target audience of NC Data is chapter presidents and editors and state leaders. The only thing changing is the name!

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**2021 NC DKG CONVENTION INCLUDES  
INSTALLATION OF 2021-2023 OFFICERS**

**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.

No application met the requirements for the 2021 NC DKG Post Baccalaureate Scholarship.

**First Beginning Teacher Award Presented**

NC DKG Beginning Teacher Support Committee Chair  
Brenda Reese

NC DKG Beginning Teacher Support Committee chair Brenda Reese presented the first NC DKG Beginning Teacher Award during the virtual 2021 NC DKG Convention closing meeting.

Taylor Moore, nominated by Beta Upsilon Chapter in Region I, was awarded the 2021 Beginning Teacher Award of \$1,000. Moore, a third-year teacher at Riverside High School in Durham, excels by assisting other educators teaching remotely with technology skills and helps them analyze data. She tutors students to help them in the process of seeking higher education. Moore promotes student confidence and community involvement by having her students produce and publish original writing. She is a recipient of the NC DKG BUZZING BEE Award and is also a recipient of a Bright Ideas Grant. Moore brings tenacity, maturity, and commitment to the teaching profession.

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*"Voices of Influence Empowering North Carolina Women Educators"*

The Summer NC DKG News is available at

<https://www.flipsnack.com/NCCKG/nc-dkg-news-summer-2021-color-vol-80-4.html>

and on the DKG website.

# STATE AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS



GetConnected!

## Conference Options

**In Person event** is any event that brings people together to a physical location.

[What is an "in person" meeting?](#)

**Hybrid Event** is any event that combines a "live" in person event at a physical location with a "virtual" component for remote attendees.

[What is a hybrid event?](#)

**A Virtual Event** is any event that brings people together at the same time digitally.

[What is a virtual event?](#)

## Conference Options

### Pros/Cons

#### In Person Event -

[Pros and cons of in person events](#)

#### Hybrid Event -

[Hybrid Meetings: The Pros and Cons](#)

#### Virtual Event -

[Pros and cons of virtual events](#)

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International March/April 2021

The International Communications and Marketing Committee

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## Marketing the 'Unknown'

### 2021 & Beyond – Transforming DKG Events

Planning events, like conferences and conventions, is quite complicated. While many aspects of the process can only be explained with more words than allowed in this space, DKG International leaders provide as many details as possible in as many ways as possible to increase member understanding of the "how," "when," and "why" of decisions surrounding conference and convention planning.

Due to the uncertain nature of in-person events in a pandemic world, the 2021 conferences in July are being planned as in-person events with a virtual layer – or what is called a "hybrid" event. Such an event provides members with the option to attend in-person, if possible or preferable, or to attend virtually, if necessary or preferred. Because registration fees for DKG events cover the cost of providing a venue, speakers, and any audio-visual (AV) necessary for production, both layers will require registration and payment of a fee. For an in-person event, the venue is the hotel and AV is relatively uncomplicated. For the virtual layer, the "venue" includes the platform and equipment needed to stream the event – a much more complicated and costly technology than the usual AV. Both layers will share the same keynote speakers. While expenses were absorbed by the Society in 2020, broadening future events will require registration fees.

Of course, it is possible that international leadership may determine at its May meeting that it is in the best interests of members to cancel the in-person layer and move to a completely virtual event. If so, any person who has registered for the in-person event may transfer registration to the virtual event and receive a refund for any ticketed events purchased with registration. Virtual registrants will automatically be registered for the new virtual event. It is advisable to delay making flight arrangements until plans are certain or to arrange for no risk cancellations or flight changes.

So, member feedback is critical! How will your voice be heard? Feel free to reserve a hotel room if you plan to attend in person. Register, at no risk, to attend the conferences either in-person or virtually. Registration numbers will not only indicate interest but also allow us to commit to a platform because without registrations for the virtual layer, we cannot move forward with planning. Respond to surveys at every opportunity. You and your thoughts are critical to a successful 2021 and will shape the look and feel of DKG events in the future!

It is wonderful that COVID cases are declining, and we are gaining a sense of normalcy, but don't forget to stay safe!

For information about vaccination, testing, safety, and current infections, go to <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/>

The March/April Get Connected is available on the DKG website under Publications → Newsletters

(Note: You must be signed in to view).

or at this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v9VGOYn7Qqnao8EzNIiRnXbvLczWqLPs/view?usp=sharing>

## Scam Alert

If you receive suspicious emails from any NC DKG officer or representative, do NOT purchase items or donate funds until you speak with the person you believe sent the email.

## Don't Forget to Update Your DKG Profile, Provide Input through the Member Survey, & Stay Informed via Our State & International Websites

To do all of the above, you will need your membership ID. If you do not know your ID, please notify Patti Saunders-Smith. If you need help registering, please contact Lauren Piner for how-to instructions.

Reminder: PCS email addresses are often sending newsletter and other information from ETA state and the chapter to the spam folder. They have recommended registering with your personal email address to ensure you are getting all DKG communications!

**International Website:** <https://dkg.org>

**NC DKG Website:** <https://www.ncdkg.org>

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters,

I just want to thank all of you for being so understanding and flexible this year as we navigated through a global pandemic and through my first year as chapter president. This year has not been easy, but it is my sincere hope that you were able to find small glimmers of joy. Personally, I have enjoyed the slower pace of life that was forced on many of us the last year. For those of you who are still in the classroom, this year we were all Beginning Educators again, so please take some time to rest, relax, and rejuvenate over the summer.

Looking ahead to next year, we are planning to resume in-person events and meetings, starting with our Pitt County Beginning Teacher Tea on Tuesday, August 10th. For this event, we will collect and distribute school and classroom supplies as well as gift cards to our new PCS educators.

In September, we will induct new members, so if you know any wonderful educators you would like to nominate, please complete this Google Form: <https://tinyurl.com/dkgdelta>. Also, we are beginning to schedule programs for the 2021-2022 year, so if you have ideas for programs or speakers, please let us know!

In Sisterhood,

Lauren Piner



### Have something you want included in Delta Data?

Please contact the editor with information you would like to share with our Delta sisters in future issues or with questions, comments, concerns about the current issue.

As always, thank you for reading!

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