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*Mission Statement:* The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

NC DKG Vision: "Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators"

# From Chapter President

Wow! What a year 2022 has been already! We have a new variant of COVID that is running rampant and our first snowfall that closed school for a day. These are just two things that have affected our school days. We all have grown accustomed to the constant changes. There is no room to expect the same from one day to the next. Although this may be a challenge for some, I think educators embrace it. Whether it is the lunch menu substitution or the change in curriculum, the day to day life of teaching keeps us on our toes. We know a student who was unmotivated one day, can be the first to enthusiastically raise his or her hand to answer the next day. We can also be the ones who are unmotivated. To prevent this, I want you to challenge yourself to be open to change and look at things with a new perspective. Go on an adventure-whether that just means taking a hike around your neighborhood or a trip to a new restaurant. Appreciate your surroundings. Stop and take time to listen to the birds singing. Also, recognize how you feel when you are faced with a new challenge. If you look at things differently, you will not see things as challenges, but rather as new chances. While you are taking a moment, think about what we need to change or add to make DKG better. Start thinking about new members who should join us. Let's make DKG the best in 2022!

Debra Almanza Gamma Epsilon President

## Gamma Epsilon's December Meeting

Gamma Epsilon meet on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Trenton UMC. At the meeting, the members enjoyed a time of fellowship. Members provided Christmas snacks and enjoyed exchanging Christmas ornaments.

The chapter recognized the teacher, in Jones County, who received Red Rose Grants. The Red Rose Grant is awarded, in the amount of \$200, to teachers who apply and are approved, to help fund a project for their classroom.

# Meetings/Programs for 2021-2022

The Executive Board has planned meetings and programs for the 2021-2022 year. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend these meetings, enjoy the programs, and share in our friendship and fellowship

Date	Time	Location**	Program
September 9, 2021	4:15 pm	Pollocksville Elem	Upcoming Events
October 16, 2021	9:00 -11:00	JSHS Art Room	Fellowship and Painting
December 9, 2021	4:15 pm	Trenton UMC	Ornament Exchange
February 10, 2022	4:15pm	Pollocksville Elem.	Will preparation?
April 9, 2022	10:00 am	Cypress Creek UMC	New Member Vote
May 7, 2022	3:00 pm	Trenton UMC	Virtual Reverse Drawing
May 12, 2022	5:30 pm	Trenton UMC	Initiation of New
			Members

# Mark the Dates

Feb. 28 ASK Time for chapter presidents

Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement, Golden Key, Rising Star, and Beginning Teacher Awards nominations due

Mar. 1 Newsletter Excellence, Website Excellence, and Communications Excellence Awards requirements due

Mar. 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due

Mar. 1 DKGIEF Project applications due

Mar. 15 Deadline for vendor and ad forms for the convention

Mar. 28 ASK Time for chapter presidents

Apr. 1 Deadline for postmarks for mailed convention registration

Apr. 10 Deadline for Early Bird Registration for 2022 convention

## **Convention Dates**

April 29-May 1, 2022.	NC DKG Convention, Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort
July 12-16, 2022	International Convention, New Orleans, LA
April 28-30, 2023.	NC DKG Convention, Greenville

## <u> From Michelle Basden – Gamma Epsilon Newsletter</u>

Please let Michelle know if you have any announcements, suggestions, articles, etc. for our newsletter. You may call/text Michelle at 252-571-7998 or email at <u>gmbasden95@gmail.com</u> <u>Convention Registration and Hotel Registration</u>

Register now for the 2022 NC DKG Convention and be a part of the fun in Asheville the last weekend in April.

Registration via a Google form is available by check or credit card until April 10. Early bird registration for Beginning Teachers and Collegiate members is \$25 and is \$35 for all other members. One day registration is

\$20. Mail checks to Leslie Black, Convention Treasurer, 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609-8212. Contact Leslie with questions regarding payment.

The registration form also provides an opportunity for donating to Headquarters as part of "Pass the House" and contains information about donating to the convention project MANNA FoodBank.

Everyone must register, including award recipients, presenters, guests, and those who are volunteering during the convention. Submit one registration form per person. Refunds will not be issued if you do not attend the event.

Contact NC DKG Executive Secretary Elizabeth Miars with questions regarding registration.

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