

2019 NC DKG Scholarship Updates

NC DKG Scholarship Recipients

Catherine Deaton & Kristen Vann

Kristen Vann, a member of **Alpha Phi** Chapter (*Region XI, Buncombe & Madison*) and 2019 NC DKG Master's Scholarship recipient, expressed her appreciation for support from NC DKG and shared the following about her studies. Kristen completed 15 hours towards her masters of English degree, taking courses within her Rhetoric & Composition concentration and courses required for a Professional Writing Certificate at Western Carolina. She presented a paper titled "Negotiation and Negation: The Mystery Behind Feminine Modes of Discourse" at the Southeastern Association of Cultural Studies (SEACS) at UNC Charlotte. After taking a grant writing course, Kristen produced a grant for her high school's media center titled "Engaging Teens in Literacy: Read and Ride to a Healthier Life." Due to school closures, the grant was not submitted, but the project will be adapted and revisited in the fall.



The 2019 NC DKG Emmons-Flintom Doctoral Scholarship was presented to **Catherine Deaton**, **Beta Beta** member (*Region VII, Guilford*). Catherine's studies have led her to use art to advocate. She says, "Our dissertations are grounded in action-based research. We are tasked with becoming agents of change to improve our educational system nationally." Catherine completed classes in critical awareness, educational advocacy, and learning theories.

Catherine has engaged her students in designing shirts and stickers sold in 25 states and four countries that raised over \$3,500 for the World Wildlife Fund in Australia and spread their message of conservation, caring for others, and changing policies on national and international news. They participated in a series of cultural-based murals for a local multi-cultural festival earning newspaper coverage and spreading ideas of cultural and critical awareness and understanding and support of diverse groups. Most recently Catherine and the students created a community art project around the current pandemic, reaching out to others and developing connections and support for the community.

Catherine states, "My studies helped me to use art to find my voice and inspired me to take action in my profession and in my community. My dissertation will focus on using this advocacy as a reason to support arts-based programs in our schools. Thank you for supporting me and allowing me this opportunity!"

2020 NC DKG Scholarship Winners

NC DKG Scholarship Committee

Michelle Benigno, Chair

The NC DKG Scholarship Committee proudly introduced the two 2020 scholarship recipients during a [virtual presentation ceremony](#).

Jessica Austin, a member of **Beta Iota** Chapter (*Region V, Durham & Person*), was awarded the Gilbert-McNairy Doctoral Scholarship valued at \$4,000. Jessica, a resident of Durham, is pursuing an Ed. D. in Educational Leadership at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. As a 10-year member of DKG, she has served as chapter co-president and on several chapter committees. Her doctoral studies will focus on researching African American girls and their access to and perceptions about college.



The 2020 NC DKG Post-Baccalaureate Academic Scholarship, valued at \$1,000, was awarded to **Amanda Moose**. Amanda lives in Newton and is a member of **Nu** Chapter (*Region X, Catawba*). She is pursuing Instructional Technology Facilitation Certification from Appalachian State University. Amanda, a member of DKG for 15 years, has served her chapter as first vice-president, president, and treasurer as well as a member and/or chair on numerous committees. She also serves on NC DKG committees. As an Instructional Technology Facilitator, Amanda strives to support all curriculum areas and plans with teachers to develop quality instructional lessons.

Congratulations to these exceptional Delta Kappa Gamma members.



Click the rose to go to the 2020 NC DKG Convention page to view the officer, related personnel, committee, and regional director reports.

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2020 Chapter Achievement Awards See How We GROW!

Italics = Achievement Value Growth from 2019

Bold = Achievement Level Growth from 2019

Underline = NEW submission in 2020

Superior Achievement

Region I:	<i>Mu</i>
Region II:	Iota, Alpha Psi, Beta Alpha, Gamma Zeta
Region III:	Gamma Theta, Gamma Chi
Region V:	Eta
Region VII:	Chi, Beta Delta, Beta Xi
Region VIII:	Kappa, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Mu, Beta Tau
Region IX:	Alpha Gamma, Gamma Delta
Region X:	Nu, Alpha Nu, Gamma Phi, Delta Sigma, Delta Tau
Region XI:	Alpha Iota, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Phi

Excellent Achievement

Region I:	Beta Theta
Region II:	Omicron, Sigma, Gamma Epsilon, Delta Xi
Region III:	Gamma Iota
Region IV:	<u>Theta, Upsilon, Delta Mu</u>
Region V:	Beta Kappa
Region VI:	Lambda, Delta Rho
Region VII:	Alpha Delta, Alpha Upsilon
Region VIII:	Beta Sigma, Delta Pi
Region IX:	Alpha Theta, Gamma Psi, Delta Chi
Region X:	Gamma Beta
Region XI:	Gamma

Distinctive Achievement

Region I:	Beta Upsilon
Region II:	Beta Lambda
Region III:	Alpha Omicron
Region IV:	Gamma Xi, Delta Iota
Region V:	Alpha Pi, Beta Iota
Region VI:	Tau, Gamma Gamma
Region VII:	Beta Beta, Beta Omicron
Region IX:	Zeta

Honorable Mention Achievement

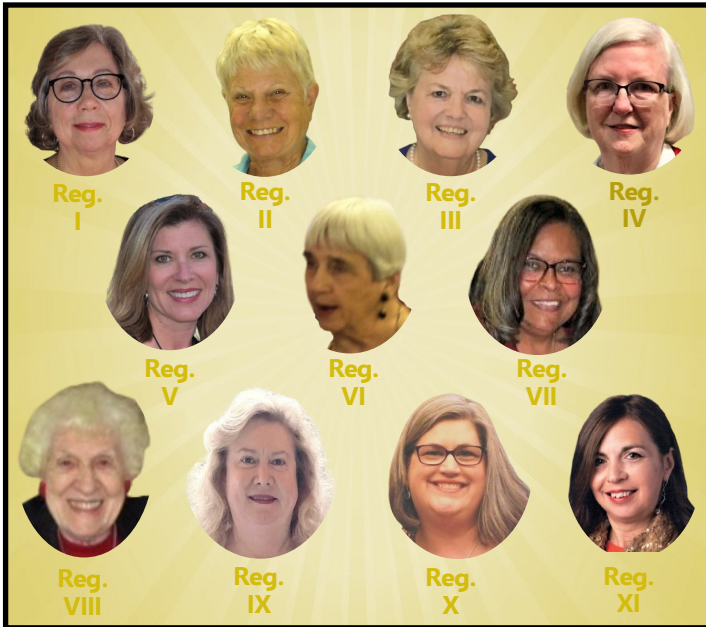
Region I:	<u>Delta Zeta</u>
Region III:	<u>Gamma Tau</u>
Region IV:	Alpha Eta
Region V:	Beta Pi
Region VIII:	Epsilon, Gamma Pi
Region IX:	Beta Mu, Beta Nu
Region XI:	<u>Gamma Upsilon</u>

2020 Newsletter, Website, and Communication Excellence Awards

Region I	Website — Pi, Gamma Lambda, Delta Zeta Excellence — Mu
Region II	Newsletter — Alpha Psi, Beta Alpha, Gamma Epsilon Website — Delta , Iota, Alpha Psi, Beta Alpha, Gamma Epsilon, Gamma Zeta, Delta, Delta Xi Excellence — Omicron
Region III	Newsletter — Alpha Omicron, Gamma Theta , Gamma Iota Website — Beta, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Tau Excellence — Alpha Beta, Gamma Chi
Region IV	Newsletter — <u>Theta</u> , Alpha Eta, Delta Mu Website — <u>Theta</u> , Upsilon, Delta Mu
Region V	Newsletter — Alpha Pi, Beta Iota , Beta Kappa, Beta Pi Website — Alpha Pi, Beta Iota , Beta Kappa, Delta Beta Excellence — Eta
Region VI	Newsletter — Gamma Gamma, Gamma Sigma, Delta Rho Website — Lambda, Tau, Phi, Psi, Gamma Sigma, Delta Rho
Region VII	Newsletter — Alpha Delta, Beta Gamma, Beta Xi, Beta Omicron, Gamma Alpha Website — Alpha Delta, Alpha Upsilon, Beta Beta Excellence — Chi, Beta Delta
Region VIII	Newsletter — Kappa, Alpha Mu , Beta Sigma, Gamma Pi Website — Beta Sigma, Beta Tau Excellence — Alpha Zeta
Region IX	Newsletter — Alpha Gamma , Alpha Theta Website — Delta Chi Excellence — Gamma Psi, Gamma Delta
Region X	Newsletter — Gamma Phi, Delta Sigma, Delta Tau Website — Delta Sigma Excellence — Nu, Alpha Nu
Region XI	Newsletter — Alpha Lambda Website — Alpha Lambda, Gamma Upsilon Excellence — Gamma, Alpha Iota, Alpha Phi

Click [Communications & Marketing Awards](#) to view the online C&M Awards presentation.

The NC DKG Awards Committee was honored to do virtual presentations of the Golden Key Award, Rising Star Award, and Presidential Chapter Achievement Awards for 2019-2020. Go to the [2020 NC DKG Convention](#) page to view the awards presentations.



Golden Key Award Recipients

2020 Golden Key Award

Region I	Rebecca "Becky" McRoy	Alpha Omega
Region II	Bonnie Ferneau	Gamma Zeta
Region III	Mary Catherine Harris	Gamma Chi
Region IV	Judy Busick	Theta
Region V	Julie Keeton	Eta
Region VI	Polly Cobb	Tau
Region VII	Peggy Stuart	Beta Xi
Region VIII	Clara Hedberg	Kappa
Region IX	Susie Miller	Gamma Delta
Region X	Amanda Moose	Nu
Region XI	Dedra Davis	Alpha Iota



Rising Star Award Recipients

2020 Rising Star Award

Region V	Delores Ali	Eta
Region VI	Meghan Miller	Gamma Gamma
Region VII	Lisa Frissen	Beta Delta
Region IX	Melva Edmisten	Gamma Psi
Region IX	Dr. Mandy Taylor	Gamma Delta
Region X	Michelle Wilkins Webber	Gamma Beta



Presidential Chapter Award Recipients

2020 Presidential Chapter Award

Region III	Evelyn Hall, Pres.	Gamma Chi
Region VII	Zoe Dillard, Pres.	Beta Delta
Region IX	Brenda Reese, Pres.	Alpha Gamma
Region IX	Susie Miller, Pres.	Gamma Delta
Region X	Martha Brown, Pres.	Nu
Region XI	Dedra Davis, Pres.	Alpha Iota
Region XI	Linda Soble, Pres.	Alpha Lambda

2020-2022 Regional Directors

NC DKG 2020-2022 Regional Directors Ready, Set, GROW!

NC DKG Second Vice-President Hilda Parlér is pleased to announce the 2020-2022 Regional Directors whose terms begins on July 1. Regional directors are a liaison between the chapters and state organization. These leaders are here to advise and support new chapter presidents. Be sure to invite your regional director to a chapter meeting or event.

Region I: Dr. Malinda Pennington, *Mu* ncdkg.region1.director@gmail.com

Dr. Malinda Pennington lives in Wilson and serves as the Special Education Director for the ECU Community School. Malinda joined Mu Chapter in 2013 serving as second vice-president and the ELP Committee chair. At the state level, she serves on the ELP Committee and previously with the Beginning Teacher Support Committee. Malinda received a 2018 international scholarship and the 2016 NC DKG Doctoral Scholarship. Thanks to DKG support, she earned her doctorate in Curriculum & Instruction from NC State University.



Region II: Edie Snider, *Beta Alpha* joyfulpraiser@yahoo.com

Edie Snider was inducted into the Beta Alpha Chapter in 2011 and received the NC DKG Rising Star Award in 2018. A resident of Greenville, Edie taught general music and chorus for kindergarten through eighth grade students in Pitt County Schools. She has served Beta Alpha as second vice-president and is currently president. About her new role, Edie says, "Though I prefer working steadily and joyfully behind the scenes, I embrace my leadership challenge."



Region III: Kat Noland, *Gamma Theta* ncdkg.regioniii.director@gmail.com

Kat Noland is a member of Gamma Theta and served as president for the past two bienniums. As a fourth grade teacher in Wake County, Kat serves as a mentor and is a member of NCAE. She received recognition as a finalist for WCPSS Teacher of the Year in 2018. She resides in Cary with her husband and two children and enjoys photography and serving her community through her church when she is not teaching.



Region IV: Missy Wells, *Gamma Xi* ncdkg.regioniv.director@gmail.com

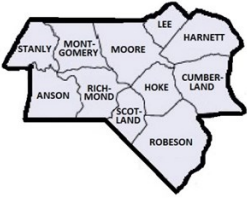
Missy Wells, a member of Gamma Xi Chapter since 2006, has taught fourth grade for 16 years. She received her bachelor's degree from Meredith College and her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Lesley University. Missy is also a National Board Certified Teacher in the Middle Childhood Generalist area. She lives in Rose Hill with her husband Andy and her two children, Lilly (8) and Wake (6). Missy served as the Gamma Xi president from 2014-2020.



Region V: Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas, *Beta Kappa* thetuckster2@gmail.com

Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas is president of Beta Kappa Chapter and serves on the NC DKG Planning Committee. A veteran mathematics educator, Dr. Thomas is currently the Testing & Accountability Specialist for Durham Public Schools. In addition to her involvement with church, she actively serves her community and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she assists the regional technology team. When not working or volunteering, Michelle enjoys spending time with family and cooking.



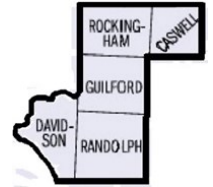


Region VI: Patricia Pemberton, *Delta Rho*
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Patricia Truelove Pemberton, inducted into Sanford's Delta Rho Chapter in 2010, attended DKG International Conventions in Nashville and Austin. While serving as the 2016-2018 chapter president, she led her chapter in receiving the Presidential Achievement Award. Patricia communicates with international DKG friends, has submissions accepted in the DKG Fine Arts Gallery, was published in the *Collegial Exchange*, carried the NC Colors at NC DKG Convention, and seeks to raise up her DKG sisters.

Region VII: Sharon Sullivan, *Beta Beta*
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Sharon Sullivan teaches American History at Ragsdale High School and resides in Greensboro. She is a member of the school's Digital Learning Team and School Improvement Team that she chaired this past year. Sharon was inducted into Beta Beta Chapter in 2009. She has served the chapter as corresponding secretary, vice-president, and two terms as president. She is the proud mom of an Eagle Scout.



Region VIII: Janie Webb, *Alpha Zeta*
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Janie Webb, an Alpha Zeta member since 2012, resides in Monroe. Janie retired in 2018 from Union County Public Schools as the Director of Exceptional Children's Programs, serving the district as an educator for 31 years. Previously, Janie taught in West Virginia for a total of 35 years in education. She served as president, vice-president, and secretary of her chapter, and was chair of the Beginning Teacher Support Committee. Janie is excited to serve Region VIII and assist chapters to "GROW" and reach their potential.

Region IX: Dr. Susan Blackburn, *Delta Chi*
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Dr. Susan Blackburn, a resident of North Wilkesboro, is a member of Delta Chi Chapter. She served the chapter as first vice-president and president. In 2016, she was the NC DKG Convention co-chair and is serving her second biennium as a member of the NC DKG Membership/Expansion Committee. Susan is a retired teacher, principal, and director for Wilkes County Schools. Susan is currently employed by Samaritan's Purse.



Region X: Michelle Wilkins Webber, *Gamma Beta*
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Michelle Wilkins Webber lives in Forest City. She was inducted in 2013 as a member of Gamma Beta Chapter. Michelle is a graduate of Appalachian State University and The University of South Carolina. She served Gamma Beta as co-president in 2018-2020 and will be president in 2020-2022. Her leadership does not stop at the chapter level as she has supported various committees at the regional and state level. Michelle says, "I strive to help others become leaders and grow professionally."

Region XI: Julia Keyse, *Alpha Lambda*
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Julia Keyse, raised in Illinois, became a North Carolina resident in 1985. She is a member of Alpha Lambda serving as editor, first vice-president, second vice-president, and president. Julia currently enjoys teaching kindergarten at Etowah Elementary School in Henderson County. Her life is enriched by her two adult sons (ages 31 and 33.) Julia says, "For 16 years, DKG has provided support and fellowship."



2018-2020 NC DKG Regional Directors

Thank You
for Helping Chapters
Sparkle and GROW!



Rhonda Allen
Region I



Veda McNair
Region II



Terry Denny
Region III



Star Jackson
Region IV



Molly Upchurch
Region V



Pamela Wright
Region VI



Peggy Stuart
Region VII



Nancy Smith
Region VIII



Becky Keesler
Region IX



Dr. Sherry Willis
Region X



Patty Higgins
Region XI



White roses are a symbol in celebration of the lives of our DKG sisters.

Click the white rose to view the virtual
2020 NC DKG Ceremony of Remembrance presentation

You GROW, girls!

NC DKG Recording Secretary

Doris Littlejohn

Quite often I equate the theme of NC DKG with the occupation of a gardener because of the Ready, Set, GROW! concept. At the beginning of each year, which is usually early spring, the gardener prepares the soil, plants seed in the ground, and then waits patiently with great anticipation for the growth of what was planted.

At the onset of each biennium, we have new visions for sowing innovative ideas and we look forward to our harvest. We wait for the announcement of a new theme and the names of selected personnel who possess the expertise to present new ideals and implement new plans. We anticipate positive growth for our organization. Metaphorically speaking, we feel like new students on the first day of school, waiting anxiously to discover how the teacher will kindle our minds to learn. Our goal is to always promote professional and personal growth, while simultaneously inviting each member to remain aware of the educational, social, and economic issues that face the world in which we live.

As we move forward during this unprecedented time of the global pandemic, let us continue to grow NC DKG with our new ideals and innovations. Additionally, let us not forget to grow in the basic fundamentals of our organization by showing empathy, compassion, and humility, while displaying generosity, honor, and courage to our sisters during this extraordinary time. For we will get through this together as we grow NC DKG.



A Season to Celebrate

NC DKG President

Dr. Teresa H. Cowan

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Those words perfectly capture the intended message of the NC DKG 2020 Special Edition. As we congratulate individuals for their personal achievements; acknowledge chapters for their collaborative efforts; recognize members for their steadfast service; and remember sisters that have passed, let us all come together to celebrate. This is the season to celebrate and the time to fulfill one DKG purpose: to unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship. Congratulations to all.