



The Key Update

Delta Chi Chapter
North Carolina State Organization
The Delta Kappa Gamma
Society International



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SEPTEMBER MEETING
Sept. 15, 4:30 p.m.
Wilkes County Central Services
Board Room

OTHER MEETING DATES
October 12
November 16
March 8
April 19
May 17

ZOOM AVAILABLE
For those who cannot attend in person on Sept. 15, the meeting will be broadcast via Zoom. Watch for an invitation closer to the meeting date from Belinda Marino, webmaster.

IN-PERSON MEETING TO BE HELD

Please wear a mask.

Delta Chi's first meeting of the year will be an in-person meeting featuring the

- installation of new officers,
- induction of new members, and
- honoring of our Treasured Roses who are celebrating 50 years of membership in 2020.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room of Wilkes County Central Services, 613 Cherry Street, North Wilkesboro. The meeting will begin with refreshments and social time at 4:00 and the business portion at 4:30.

PRESIDENTS' COLUMN
Tamarah Cornette and Elizabeth Thornton

Hello Dear Delta Chi Sisters,



It seems like forever since we were together. We've missed YOU!! During this pandemic, which has changed so many parts of our lives, it's easy to get caught up in the worry, confusion and negativity. Our challenge to you....CHOOSE HAPPY because we all know the research behind positive thinking, and that's something we can control.

Something positive during the past few months of Covid-19 restrictions is how we have had the time to re-evaluate the 'essential' things in life like family, food on the table, our health, life in a beautiful county, friends.... The list could go on. Aren't we are blessed?

Speaking of 'essential', as co-presidents we want you to know you are valued, respected and appreciated for your dedication to Delta Chi. Without your commitment we couldn't support the students and teachers in our county, state, nation and world. Our local initiatives include support of first year teachers, Nichols for Kids fund, grant-in-aid to a WCS teacher assistant and financial awards to three deserving WCS beginning teachers. Now more than ever educators and students need us. And, without YOU there is no US.

Another form of support is our endearment to each other. Within our chapter we have formed friendships which have spanned decades. Many of you socialize, attend church, serve other organizations or currently teach with ladies from our Society. We benefit from our relationships. They help us GROW, SURVIVE and THRIVE. Let's stay committed to our cause and each other through participation, attendance, communication (calls and cards), encouragement and support.

Our NC DKG President, Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, has adopted the theme, "Ready, Set, GROW!" So, when you see these words woven into our messages, you'll know it's with our earnest intentions that we begin our service to you, Delta Chi and Delta Kappa Gamma with a commitment to empowerment, accountability, support and GROWTH. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, September 15 in the WCS Board Room for recognition of our 50 year Treasured Roses, induction of our eight newest members and the installation of new officers.

Here we GROW, 2020-2022!

Elizabeth and Tamarah



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(remove the space before the @ symbol. it has been added to avoid phishing trolls.)

BEGINNING TEACHER (BT) PROJECT



Our annual BT Luncheon was August 4. Because of Covid-19, Presidents Tamarah Cornette and Elizabeth Thornton represented our chapter but many members contributed to the success by donating chips and desserts to go with the subs that our chapter provided.

Thanks to all who contributed to the luncheon!

We will continue supporting BTs by collecting supplies for them each quarter:

- 1st Quarter--purse-sized hand sanitizer and purse-sized kleenex
- 2nd Quarter--regular-sized kleenex, gum
- 3rd Quarter--copy paper

These are subject to change and we'll let you know deadlines for them soon.



The state **Beginning Teacher Support Committee** is sharing Beginning Educator Excelling (BEE) recognition awards with chapters to encourage BTs and let them know we see the great things they are doing for our students. The certificates are online for chapters to print for distribution to any BEE-ginning teacher throughout the year. (Scroll to the bottom of the [committee page](#) on the NC DKG website.)

OTHER PROJECTS CONTINUING



- Nichols for Kids
- Grant -n-aid to a Wilkes County teacher assistant working on a teaching degree
- Financial award to three Beginning Teachers

DELTA CHI NEW MEMBERS

Delta Chi welcomes these new members:



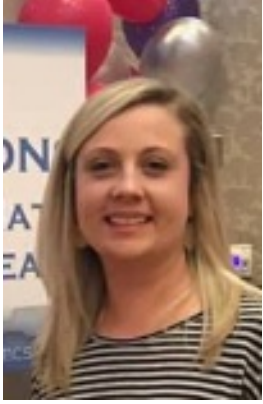
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Math teacher at Wilkes
Central High School



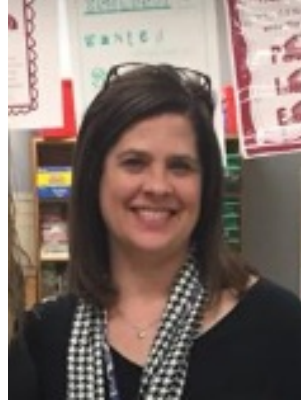
Karen Ester
Instructional specialist
and media specialist at
Mt. Pleasant Elementary
School

Amber Faw
Math teacher at
Central Wilkes Middle
School

Kim Gilley
Fourth grade
teacher at North
Wilkesboro
Elementary School



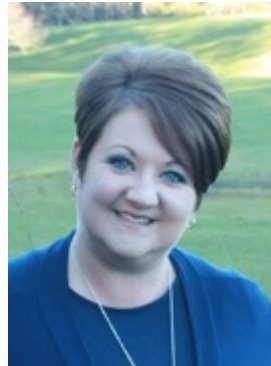
Takiyah McCathern
Assistant principal at Central Wilkes Middle School



Alicia Stone
Kindergarten teacher at Wilkesboro Elementary School



Teresa Stone
Elementary specialist for Wilkes County Schools



Rebecca Ward
First grade teacher at Mulberry Elementary School



**Congratulations to Dr. Susan Blackburn
New Region IX Director**



Dr. Susan Blackburn is the 2010-2022 Regional Director for Region IX of NC DKG. Susan is a past president of Delta Chi and also served as first vice-president and on several committees. 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 retired from Wilkes County Schools where she was a teacher, principal, and director in Central Services and is currently employed by Samaritan's Purse.

Delta Chi is proud of you, Susan!

Refreshment Schedule for Meetings

September 15 --- Executive Board
October 12 --- EEC

November 16 --- Membership
March 8 --- Finance
April 19 --- Communications and Marketing
May 17 --- Dinner Meeting

(Committees will be assigned soon and the presidents will notify you which committee you will serve on.)



NC DKG UPDATES

One Member, One Vote

An Ad Hoc committee to study giving every member a vote on amendments to the NC DKG *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* whether she attends the state convention or not will report to the Executive Board meeting on October 24. Read more about the committee's work and findings in the Fall Edition of *NC DKG News*.

Proposals for *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* Being Accepted

[The form](#) to propose changes to *NC DKG Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* may be submitted by any member, committee, board, or chapter. The deadline to submit the form is December 1. Send it to [Sheila Groves](#), Rules Committee Chair.

Chapter Achievement Award Form Updated

The 2020-2021 Chapter Achievement Award is available in both [pdf](#) and [Google doc](#) formats. The Awards Committee is working to develop an online version of the Chapter Achievement form that will allow chapter presidents to input their data directly into the digital form prior to the March 1, 2021, deadline. Delta Chi achieved the Excellent level in 2020.

NC DKG Educational Foundation Honoring Teachers

The NC DKG Educational Foundation is celebrating teachers by recognizing their hard work and dedication through the 101 Donations Challenge. For a \$10 donation, you may print a certificate from the [ncdkgef.org](https://www.ncdkgef.org) website to give to your honored teacher. Read more on the NC DKG Foundation website.

Virtual Convention Events Online

Although the NC DKG Convention was not held in person in May as planned, several activities honoring chapter with awards and the scholarship recipients were held. Check out the virtual events on the NC DKG website at <https://www.ncdkg.org/meeting-documents.html>

INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

Becky Sadowski Elected New International President

Rebecca "Becky" Sadowski of Tennessee has been elected DKG's 2020-2022 International President. She will

serve with Dr. Lace Marie Brogden (Canada) as First Vice President and June Bowers (Nebraska) as Second Vice President. Candace "Candi" Martin of Arkansas will be the Southeast Regional Director.

President Sadowski's theme will continue to be "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide." In her President's Acceptance Speech, she said her focus is "you—our members." You can watch her entire [acceptance speech](#) online.

The new elected officers, committee and board members for 2020-2022 were installed during the digital highlight Virtual Event of the convention that was cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns. See the other officers and complete elected slate at



<https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/ElectedOfficers20202022.aspx>.

Dr. Judith Carlson (Alpha Gamma Chapter), a past NC DKG president, was elected as a director for the DKG Educators Foundation. Dr. Helen Popovich, of Florida and current International Parliamentarian, was named the 2020 Achievement Award Winner during Friday's events of the virtual event.

The [activities of the Virtual Event](#) will continue to be linked to the DKG website. Members may view them by logging on the the DKG website. If you have not logged in before, your membership number is your user ID. Ask President Tamarah or President Elizabeth for the generic password.

NC DKG Leaders Tapped for International Committees

Congratulations to NC DKG Immediate Past President Connie Savell, who has been selected to serve on the International Membership Committee, and to NC DKG President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, who succeeds Susan Kuenzel, editor of *Eta Data* and Delta Chi member, as chair of the International Communications and Marketing Committee for the 2020-2022 biennium. Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, NC DKG Executive Secretary, continues her term on the International Editorial Board through 2022. Sheila Groves, NC DKG President 2015-2017, ended two terms on the International Constitution Committee.

International Conferences Dates Set

Plans are beginning for the 2021 International Conferences. International leaders send wishes for members "to stay safe and healthy so that we can meet next summer" in Portland, OR (July 7-10, 2021); San Antonio, TX (July 21-24, 2021); and/or Tampere, Finland (July 28-31, 2021).

Locations have been selected for the three following conventions but dates have not been finalized for all.

- July 2022 International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Summer 2024 International Convention, Gaylord National, DC Area National Harbor, Maryland
- Summer 2026 International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado

Mark the Dates

Aug. 15-Sept. 15 Submission period open for DKG Gallery of Fine Arts
Sept. 1 Cornetet Individual PD Award applications due
Sept. 15 Delta Chi Chapter meeting,
Sept. 30 Deadline for grants to NC DKG Educational Foundation
Oct. 12 Delta Chi Chapter meeting
Oct. 24 Fall Executive Board Meeting
Oct. 24 Chapter Rules updates due to NC DKG Rules Committee
Nov. 1 Deadline for submissions for Winter *NC DKG News*
Nov. 10 International Speaker request due
Nov. 15 990-N ePostcard due to IRS (Treasurer to do)
Nov. 15 Nominations for NC DKG officers due
Nov. 16 Delta Chi Chapter meeting
Dec. 1 Deadline for proposed changes to *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*
Dec. 15 *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* submissions due
Jan. 3, 2021 DKG Educational Foundation project applications due
Jan. 15 Regional Directors annual report due
Jan. 15-Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submission window open
Feb. 1 Chapter President Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Annual Report due
Apr. 23-25 NC DKG Convention, Asheville
Mar. 8 Delta Chi Chapter meeting
Apr. 19 Delta Chi Chapter meeting
May 17 Delta Chi Chapter meeting
July 7-10 International Conference, Portlant, OR
July 21-24 International Conference, San Antonio, TX
July 28-31 International Conference, Tempere, Finland

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