

## *The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*

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

Vision Statement: *Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide*

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# Alpha Lambda Newsletter



## From the President

Happy New Year!



I am looking forward to 2024. New experiences, opportunities, and adventures await us. Our first meeting of the new year will be January 20th at Johnson Farm at 9:00 AM. I wish all members will attend since we will have lots to talk about. Jan King will be the speaker. New topics concerning membership, the AL Strategic Action Plan, Ceremony of Remembrance, NC DKG Convention, and state awards will be discussed.

See you soon.  
Linda

**Next Meeting: January 20 at 9:00 AM, Johnson Farm**

**Hostess Group: Nan Croft**



## COMMITTEE REPORTS



**Strategic Planning, Alicia Lyda, Chair:** Please read and prepare to discuss at our January meeting the Strategic Plan outlined on the 5th page of this newsletter.

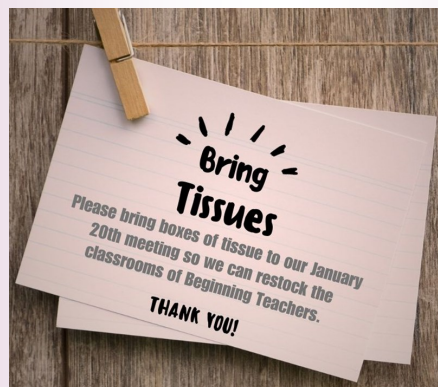
**Rose Award, Marilyn Yoder, Linda Paulus, Co-Chairs:** Emails with Rose Award forms have been sent to members who will collect info and documentation by February 1 for [Linda Paulus](#) and [Marilyn Yoder](#). Thank you for collecting documentation for the Rose Bud and Rose award. Please get your materials in via mail, in person or email. Linda Paulus gets Rose Bud items and Marilyn Yoder will accept the Rose Award items. Turning in materials by January 27 will be much appreciated. Since 2012 Alpha Lambda has been in the highest award category for NC DKG. Let's continue the high recognition in 2023-24!!

**Finance, Diane Dotson, Chair:** We will take an Ingles gift card order at our meeting on January 20. If you are not attending the meeting please email [Sharman Norman](#) and [Diane Dotson](#) telling how many gift cards in what denominations. You can mail the check to Sharman. If you would like your gift cards mailed to you, please bring a stamped self-addressed envelope to the meeting. Thank you for supporting this easy fundraiser.

**Membership, Linda Underwood, Chair:** Please be sure to be on the lookout for potential candidates for membership. You can get a pamphlet at the meeting that has great information about DKG to give to them.

**Scholarship, Sharon Johnson, Chair:** February 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the Candy Priest Grants. Grant funds aid chapter members who have been active members of the Alpha Lambda Chapter for one year. Grants are provided for an active member who is serving as an employee or volunteer in the schools or community. These can be used for materials, programs, conferences, conventions, recertifications, workshops, or other legitimate study experiences. Applications are [online](#) or can be picked up at the meeting. Also, this April, we will be having the Ceremony of Remembrance. Please consider giving in Memory or in Honor of individuals to provide funds for the Kessler Grant. Donation forms can be found [online](#) or at the meeting.

**Beginning Teacher Support, Jan King, Chair:** Tissues for February: We will continue to support winter 'germ season' with a restock of tissues for beginning teachers in the winter.







The Alpha Lambda Christmas Auction was a huge success! It brought out the creativity in our members! Thank you for supporting this event!

Remember Carol Walters' request for members to bring a sample(s) of your handwork to the January meeting no later than 8:55. She will need time to place it on display. Examples of things you might bring: photos, recording of music (bring something on which to play the recording), needlework, sewing, painting, floral arrangements, etc. Be willing to share anything you have produced because of your passion for that artform.



### NEWS FROM HALEY DUNNIGAN, KESSLER GRANT RECIPIENT

I completed my finals for the fall semester and achieved all A's which allowed a 4.0 semester again, as well as making UNC's Dean's List. Since being home for winter break, I worked almost every day at my food running job at Mills River Brewery! I, also, unfortunately, had to get my wisdom teeth out over break—right before Christmas day, too! Luckily, my recovery has been easy.

My dance team's fall showcase went extremely well, and I am being given the opportunity to choreograph for my team for the spring semester—which I have yet to do during my time on the team. The picture is of my friends Grace and Victoria and me after my dance team's fall showcase! I am extremely excited about this. I also was able to win a student lottery ticket and attend my first basketball game of the season with my best friend. It was so much fun!



I now am starting to prepare for this next semester. I cannot believe I am halfway through my third year at Carolina! It has grown into such a special experience for me. This coming semester I am taking even more master-level courses (i.e., *Innovative and Engaging Teaching*, and *Teaching English Language Learners*). I also am taking more history courses to fulfill my minor, one of which I am extremely excited about: *Why History Matters to Public Policy*. I have gained an interest and appreciation for educational policy during my time at UNC, so this course will be a great course for me to grow my foundational policy knowledge.

# Delta Kappa Gamma - Alpha Lambda Strategic Plan 2023- 2024

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

NC DKG Vision Statement: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

## Goal I: Membership

- A. Equip members with the purpose and process of the organization - Recruit, Retain, Recognize in each meeting
- B. Promote new membership
  - a. Welcome, encourage and support new teachers in their first year of our noble profession
  - b. Encourage new teachers to join our organization
  - c. Implement practices for retention of members

## Goal II: Global Awareness

- A. Support the World Fellowship Fund
- B. Support the Schools for Africa initiative
- C. Support additional global causes as they arise

## Goal III: Leadership Development

- A. Promote leadership opportunities through committee assignments
- B. Provide responsive programming for meetings
  - a. Officers' utilization of feedback from members
  - b. Officers' adaptation of practices
- C. Provide a way for members to give feedback to the organization

## Goal IV: Community Connections

- A. Collaborate with community organizations to impact education
- B. Develop an engagement plan that helps members connect with one another

## Goal V: Resource Growth

- A. Strengthen our November auction
  - a. Encourage high attendance
  - b. Increase number of guests
- B. Continue and expand the Ingles fundraiser



## NC DKG NEWS



**Only 7 Months Until Convention 2024!**



### **A note from Hilda A. Parlér, NC DKG President, 2023-2025:**

Members, the Executive Committee has created the 2024 NC DKG Convention Every Member Survey which pertains to questions related to how we may handle future conventions. Click this link to the survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdsBuWePsHZuiJssDo6qfG5DqNMeCYgnOUY8Vi7HB3uQlahWA/viewform>

The Google form has been emailed to all members who have an email address on record. If you do not have an email address on file with NC DKG, please send it to Leslie Black, our state treasurer. [treasurer@ncdkg.org](mailto:treasurer@ncdkg.org)

Chapter presidents, please forward this message and the Google Form to all your members as you may have email addresses that are not in the DKG directory.

Please **complete the survey by midnight on January 29, 2024** so that results can be analyzed and reported at the convention on April 26-28, 2024 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport in Durham.

Your cooperation is appreciated. I look forward to seeing you at the convention!

### **Convention Dates**

April 26-28, 2024 — NC DKG Convention, Research Triangle Park, Durham

July 9-13, 2024 — International Convention, National Harbor, Maryland

June 30-July 4, 2026 — International Convention, Aurora, Colorado

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

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



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## Member News



Congratulations to Alicia Lyda for receiving a \$500 NC DKG grant to purchase a newspaper subscription for her students!



## Alpha Lambda Meetings 2023-2024

**Saturday, January 20, 9 am, Johnson Farm**

**Speaker: Jan King**

**Hostesses: Nan Croft's Group**

**Saturday, April 6, 9 am, Etowah Baptist Church**

**Ceremony of Remembrance**

**Hostesses: Linda Paulus's Group**

**Saturday, May 18, 10 am, Hendersonville Country Club**

**Installation of Officers, Induction, Speaker**

**Dr. Phyllis Broughton, Speaker**

**Topic: Generational Differences in Membership**

**Hostesses: Alison Thompson's Group**

## Technology Tidbit

From: [www.toptehtidbits.com](http://www.toptehtidbits.com)

### How much storage do you need for your mobile phone?

You're the type of person who doesn't let your phone run your life (good for you!). Of course, it's always a good idea to have your device handy in case of emergencies. You also enjoy using your phone to search the web at the doctor's office, and you also like snapping a few photos at the occasional family gathering. And other than using your smartphone to set an alarm or two, that's pretty much the extent of your device usage. If this sounds like you, you're probably not going to need very much storage space at all.

You like being on your phone, and you like using it for everything. You've always got a decent handful of apps downloaded to your smartphone, and a couple of them are usually high-performance games. You also enjoy posting to social media on a near-daily basis, and you'll snap a photo or video of just about anything cool you see out in the world.

We'll call this the middle-ground between "a little" and "a lot" of needed storage space. This type of user should look at the 256GB version of the iPhone 15, or maybe even the [iPhone 15 Plus](#). And over in Android Land, this user type should also invest in 256GB for the Samsung Galaxy S23, or the [Samsung Galaxy S23+](#).