## NC DKG

#### 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





Anne Boyette and I had a wonderful time at the NC DKG State Convention in Greenville, NC. The drive was not as long as we had anticipated. As a first time convention attendee, Anne was excited about all that was happening. She presented her experience as a Fulbright teacher visiting Finland. Alpha Lambda earned The Order of the Rose Award (formerly chapter achievement) and a Newsletter Award. Thanks to everyone for their hard work to achieve these awards. The 2024 State Convention will be in Durham the last weekend in April 2024. Linda

Next Meeting: May 20 at 10:00 AM, Hendersonville Country Club. Business, induction, recognitions, lunch and speaker Haley Dunnigan. our current Kessler Grant recipient.

#### **NC DKG State Convention**



Members from Region 11 attended the NC DKG State Convention in Greensboro April 28-30.

Representing Alpha Lambda were President Linda Soble and Presenter Anne Boyette.

Project Dignity is a nonprofit on a mission to provide period products to those in need in Western North Carolina who miay be homeless, lowincome, or victims of domestic abuse. Alpha Lambda collected products at the March meeting. Sallie Gilbert and Diane Dotson delivered them to Project Dignity of Western North Carolina.





#### Alpha Lambda Chapter Treasurer's Report April 30, 2023



#### **Checking Account**

**Balance Brought Forward in Available Checking as of March .......** \$11,419.28

Income

5 luncheons @ \$28 \$140.00 Total income \$140.00

Expenditures

Beginning Teachers - supplies \$ 47.00 NC DKG Convention registration \$113.00 Publishers software for newsletter \$160.13 Total expenditures \$320.13

Balance in Available Checking as of April ....... \$11,239.15

Candy Priest \$ 178.42 No transactions Balance in Candy Priest \$ 178.42

Cecil Kessler Recruitment \$ 5080.61
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Hilda Olson Literacy Fund \$ 866.96 No transactions Balance in Hilda Olson Literacy Fund \$ 866.96

We will take one last Ingles card order at our May 20 luncheon. If you are not attending, please email <u>Sharman Norman</u> and <u>Diane Dotson</u> to let them know how many cards and in what denominations you would like to buy. Then please mail your check to Sharman Norman. If you would like your cards mailed, please bring a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the luncheon. Let's have one big order to last us through the summer! Thanks for your participation.



If you would like for Diane Dotson to bring a copy of the documents that Sharon Alexander presented at our March meeting, please email Diane.

## **Candy Priest Grant Recipients**



Linda Underwood, Peggy Aubrey,

Brooke Romesberg, Alison Thompson

Linda purchased items for a variety of challenge boxes for her kindergarten students. Peggy used her grant to fund a Monarch Butterfly unit. Her students explored a number of activities including plotting the migration of the butterflies. Brooke purchased books for her Dual Language 4th graders. Alison purchased take home readers. She was able to order a variety of early chapter books, choose your own adventure books and graphic novels.

### **News from Kessler Recruitment Grant Recipient, Haley Dunnigan**

First and foremost, I have two pieces of great news. Since a young age I have consistently sought leader-ship opportunities in any organization/club I am a part of, and I wanted to continue this personal goal throughout college. As you know, I am a member of the Undergraduate Advisory Council (under the School of Education) and the Carolina Vibe Dance Team (see the photo below.) Both of these organizations have provided me with long-lasting connections and a sense of community at UNC, so I wanted to find a way to give back. This being said, I am so happy to inform you that I was voted in as secretary for Carolina Vibe, and I was interviewed and selected to be vice-chair for the Undergraduate Advisory Council for the upcoming school year! Words cannot express how excited and grateful I am to play these vital roles in both of my extracurriculars.

In more broad news, this has been my favorite semester at UNC thus far, and I am so sad that it is coming to a close. I have been a busy bee the past couple of weeks with final group projects, presentations, papers, and—you guessed it—more presentations! However, I would not have it any other way; I am learning so much about education as a whole and how to provide my future students with the tools needed to succeed. I also recently added a double minor in history and geography in hopes to become better equipped for my upcoming profession as a history teacher. I have been spending a whole lot of time at UNC baseball games to appreciate the warmer weather and cheer the Tar Heels on. This is the last week of classes, followed by finals for a week and a half. As I reflect upon my second year at Carolina, I am overcome with joy, gratitude, and eagerness to start the next year. Thank you all for remaining engaged in my academic career. I feel blessed to have such great support from you all!



# Congratulations to Alison Thompson, 2023 **Teacher of the Year** for Atkinson Elementary School!









## **Technology Tidbit**

Artificial intelligence (AI) is intelligence—perceiving, synthesizing, and inferring information—demonstrated by machines, as opposed to intelligence displayed by humans or by other animals. Example tasks in which this is done include speech recognition, computer vision, translation between languages, as well as other mappings of inputs (Wikipedia.com.) Two of the most intriguing AI apps are InstructGPT and ChatGPT. InstructGPT responds to a command or an instruction such as "explain the moon landing to a 6-year old." ChatGPT is a newer version, and the developers are seeking input from users; therefore, the app is free. It has been reported that a tenth grader could use ChatGPT to write a paper on any particular subject and possibly earn a passing grade!

