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As I reflect on this past year of Delta Kappa Gamma as Zeta State President, it has
been fast and at times extremely busy but oh, so enjoyable! I will share with you
something that you already know… Mississippi teachers are wonderful, funny,
talented, caring and highly educated ladies. They even have a few “tricks up their
sleeves!” I want to thank the ladies who have made this journey so MAGICAL –
The Zeta State Officers and Committee Chairmen. It takes all 30 of us to make Zeta
State the special, unique place that it is.

We began with state officer training in Savannah last summer and then laid the
groundwork with an August planning session for all state officers and committee
chairs. The committee meetings that occupied several Saturdays in the fall and spring culminated in the Zeta
State Executive Board Meeting and our three highly successful district meetings. Our district meetings were
led by great leaders and utilized various people and talents. Across the districts, Society sessions were
consistent while the non-Society sessions ranged in subject matter from dulcimers to birding to traveling in
our state. Thirty-five chapters earned awards for their spirit of excellence in carrying out the work of Zeta
State. The second vice president and the district directors definitely pulled rabbits out of hats to make this
magic occur! You missed out if you missed your district meeting. But more opportunities are coming your
way: Chapter Leaders Retreat, June 11 at Copiah Academy in Gallman; the International Convention, July
5-11 in Nashville, TN; Zeta State Convention, March 31-April 1, 2017 at the Hilton Inn on County Line Road
in Jackson; and the Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar, June 2017 in Raymond. Slots for Leadership
Management Seminar will fill up quickly, so begin making plans to apply. The Leadership Development
Committee is planning magical opportunities just for you!

Set a fire within your chapter and members. If you need a nudge, call one of the state officers, committee
chairmen, or a member of the Order of Magnolia. We are all willing to step up and assist your chapter in
whatever the needs may be. And who knows; maybe just saying “Abracadabra!” will get everyone in the
magical frame of mind.
Shout Out to Members Making Magic!
By Tracey Crawford

Sharon Enzor, past Zeta State President worked magic. Realizing that it was time for Angie Quinn, Alpha Psi Chapter, to move and grow, Sharon set a fire under Angie by encouraging her to apply for the 2016 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in Austin. Angie was selected! She’ll spend two weeks this summer in Austin. Angie received her Doctorate in May. She is also being published in DKG publications routinely, as well as serving on the Editorial Board. Now, that’s MAGIC!

Eta Chapter member Amanda Koonlaba was published in the Delta Kappa Gamma Collegian Exchange, 2016, Volume 82-4. Check out her magical article: Finding My Teacher Voice: Why I Became a Blogger.

A couple of more fires were lit by Hilda White, Pi Chapter and her daughter Misty Whitehead, Alpha Delta Chapter. They are presenting a session called “Tools & Apps for the Educator” in the Cyber Center at the International Convention. Beth McKay (Hilda’s other daughter), also in Pi Chapter, will be presenting as well. Her session at International will be “Canvas in Middle and High School.” Cheryl Saffle, another Pi Chapter member, is also presenting at International. Her session is called “Strategies for Success in Reading… Breaking the Code.” Awesome job, Zeta State presenters! Look these ladies up while at convention and see what they are doing in and for DKG and then look at what you can do for DKG!

Not that I lit a fire under Betty Oswald, Alpha Lambda Chapter, but Betty is now busy serving as our International Liaison for The Humanities and the Arts. Glad to say I know her!

Stacy Baudoin is continuing to build fires in Sigma Chapter. She encouraged the chapter grant-in-aid recipient to submit an application for the state grant-in-aid and of the eight applications submitted Sarah Bennett Bacot was awarded the 2016 Zeta State Grant-in-Aid. Stacey herself was awarded not only the Amanda Lowther Scholarship but also the Berneta Minkwitz International Scholarship—That’s two scholarships for Stacy, ladies!

And last but not least, Joanna Alston, Alpha Lambda Chapter, lit her own fire!! She submitted a scholarship application and, not surprisingly, was awarded the Emma Giles International Scholarship in the amount of $10,000. Now, that is MAGIC!!

Wonder What’s New at Zeta State?
Need Forms?
See Who’s Making Magic in Zeta State!
Check Out Our Star of Mississippi!
www.zetastatedkg.org

Amanda Lowther Scholarship
By Aleta Sullivan

The Amanda Lowther Scholarship Recipient is Stacy LeBlanc Baudoin of Sigma Chapter! She has been an active member of Sigma Chapter for seven years, and has attended state workshops, Regional Conferences, District Meetings, and a Zeta State Convention. Stacy has served as President and Recording Secretary of Sigma Chapter and served the Zeta State Membership Committee. She also served on Sigma Chapter's Membership and Professional Growth Committees. Stacy is proud to have been accepted and to attend the 2015 Zeta State Leadership Management Seminar.

Stacy has received professional recognition as Pearl River County School District Administrator of the Month several times, and is a graduate of Lamar University Principal Academy and the Pearl River County Partners in Leadership Program. She is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents Alliance of Educational Leaders and the Mississippi Association of School Administrators.

Stacy Baudoin has sixteen years of teaching experience, with twelve of those years in Mississippi. Additionally she has devoted many hours to extracurricular activities including school yearbook, school newspaper, and leadership club.

Stacy received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of New Orleans, and is currently working toward a Specialist's Degree at William Carey University.

Congratulations, Stacy. Zeta State is proud to support you!

International Convention
Zeta State Luncheon
12:00 Wednesday, July 6
Macaroni Grill
(Opry Mills Mall)

Lunches will be pre-ordered and pre-paid ($25, inclusive). Check Zeta State website or contact Linda Lightsey for menu. l11202@bellsouth.net

Hotel shuttle will provide transportation.
Deadline to sign up is June 22nd.

Purpose #5
To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators
The Zeta State Headquarters Committee wants to say thank you to Zeta State members who bought tickets to participate in the auctions across the state. Also, thank you to the district directors for allowing the committee members the time in their jam-packed schedules to hold the auctions. I know all of you want to know which district contributed and participated the most, so here is the breakdown of contributions by district:

**Northern** - Alpha, Eta, Iota, Upsilon, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi

**Central** - Beta, Gamma, Theta, Pi, Alpha Chi, Beta Alpha

**Southern** - Delta, Zeta, Rho, Sigma, Psi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Upsilon

### Supporting Early-career Educators

The Zeta State Awards Committee made reports at all three district meetings during the spring of 2016. The Zeta State Achievement Award was emphasized during these reports. This award is the highest honor our state organization bestows upon an active member. She is one who has exhibited outstanding service to education and has done or is doing work that contributes to the growth of Zeta State. Each chapter president has information concerning this award in her Chapter President’s Notebook. Recommendations must be submitted to the Awards Committee Chair or postmarked by February 1, 2017. This award will be presented during the Presidents’ Banquet at the Zeta State Convention in 2017.

### Magic Member Highlights

**Do you have amazing members who are “creating magic” in their classrooms or in your community? If so, Zeta State wants to recognize these members and their chapter.**

**Send information to Toni Cook to be published on the website. tlcook1212@aol.com**

### Zeta State Headquarters

By Lynn Holliday

The Zeta State Headquarters office reported Zeta State SEE hours was 2430.1, an 84% increase from 2014-2015. I look forward to seeing the continued growth of this project. The following chapters received SEE awards at their respective District Meetings:

- **Northern** - Alpha, Delta, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi
- **Central** - Beta, Gamma, Theta, Pi, Alpha Chi, Beta Alpha
- **Southern** - Delta, Zeta, Rho, Sigma, Psi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Upsilon

### SEE Awards

By Joanna Alston

Congratulations to all chapter members who participated in mentoring and overall support of early-career educators this year! The grand total of reported Zeta State SEE hours was 2430.1, an 84% increase from 2014-2015. I look forward to seeing the continued growth of this project.

### 2016 District Meetings-Magical!

**Reports from Your District Directors**

**From Janice Garrett, Northern District Director**

Magic was in the air as was the ghost of Tupelo’s own Elvis Presley at the Northern District Meeting held on March 5th at Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo. Registration of one hundred members and guests from all twelve chapters predicted a successful meeting. This prediction was close with ninety-six guests and eleven chapters in attendance. A delicious breakfast prepared and served by Alpha Delta Chapter was followed by a tribute to the King of Rock and Roll and a welcome to Tupelo from Mayor Jason Shelton and Eta Chapter.

Food and entertainment were not the only items on the agenda. A short business meeting allowed for the recognition of our Early Career Educators in attendance as well as several reports from several committees. The fun continued with humor, hints for travel, motivation for teaching success and even a trained assist dog in the non-Society sessions. Zeta State members were also given opportunities to learn more about membership, music, website preparation and our SEE state project during the Society breakout sessions. Attendance was high in all sessions with several programs being requested for conventions in the future.

The morning sessions were followed by a great luncheon prepared by the Harrisburg Baptist Church staff and served by Honor Society students from Tupelo High School. Zeta State President Tracey Crawford inspired and encouraged the group to make a difference in all areas of teaching and in our society. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of our official song. The day was a success thanks to all chapters and members of the Northern District.

If you missed this meeting, you missed a day of fun, food and fellowship with your sisters from the Northern District. Old friendships were renewed and new ones began! Don’t miss your next opportunity at the Zeta State Convention in the Spring 2017.

**From Sarajane Smith, Southern District Director**

Magic was working at the Southern District Meeting on April 9th. It was a beautiful spring day at Gateway United Methodist Church in Gulfport. There were workshops for varied interests: travel, the new Audubon Center, technology in the classroom and heart health to keep us in tip-top shape.

The magic really came alive when Joanna Alston and Stacy Baudoin were named as recipients of Delta Kappa Gamma International Scholarships. Stacy was also a recipient of the Zeta State Amanda Lowther Scholarship.

Then came a special moment when Tracey Crawford announced that our own Linda Lightsey was recognized as the Star of Mississippi in Nashville at the Southeast Regional Breakfast at the International Convention. Tracey composed a magical poem that described Linda’s qualities to perfection.

Thank you to all Society presenters and all other members that made this meeting a success. This district meeting really reinforced the magic that is in Psi Chapter. Thank you for all the duties you performed and all the support given to me. Thanks to Sybil Wilmer for all your help and support.
Zeta State Directory
By Stephanie Jones

The 2016-2018 Zeta State Directory will be distributed in August. If your chapter has not submitted its edited roster yet, please email it to me at stephjones1414@gmail.com. If you’ve already sent it but need to make any changes, please send those as well. The deadline for sending rosters or making changes is June 15. Thanks for your help with this task!

Chapter Service Projects
We Work Hard in Our Chapters!
By Suzanne Brasfield

This year our chapters have been at work in so many ways!

Working effectively as a chapter creates momentum, improves morale and builds relationships. Your strength comes from each member of your chapter. Through the work of all of your hands toward a common vision, you are making your dreams happen through your projects. It has been exciting to be able to read about all of the great things that are happening in your chapters.

There are thirty-eight chapters in our three regions. A total of thirty-four chapters are eligible this year for recognition across our state. Congratulations to the following chapters for submitting a 2015-2016 Chapter Service Project Report by the deadline of February 1, 2016.

Northern – Alpha, Eta, Iota, Upsilon, Phi, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi
Central – Beta, Gamma, Theta, Xi, Pi, Tau, Alpha Chi, Beta Alpha
Southern – Delta, Zeta, Rho, Sigma, Psi, Omega, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Rho, Alpha Upsilon

2016 Honor Chapter Recipients
By Karen Fayard

It was a pleasure to attend all three of the district meetings this spring and recognize those chapters who attained Honor Chapter status. Twenty-one of the thirty-nine Zeta State Chapters received this recognition. Congratulations Eta, Upsilon, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi, Gamma, Theta, Xi, Pi, Zeta, Rho, Sigma, Psi, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi and Alpha Upsilon. I encourage all chapters to work toward this accomplishment in the new biennium! You can do it!

The Magic Manual
Your Chapter Yearbook!
By Linda Hollingsworth

What an honor it has been to peruse the 2015-2016 Zeta State Chapter Yearbooks! It is evident that a great amount of work is taking place in chapters throughout our state!

Zeta State guidelines specify that 100% of the Yearbook criteria be met in order for a chapter to receive this award. From the Yearbook submissions, next year chapters should focus on standards #6, #15 and #19. It is rewarding to know that out of thirty-nine Zeta State Chapters, thirty-five submitted a yearbook… next year we want 100%!

Congratulations to the following twenty-nine chapters who met the Zeta State criteria and received the Yearbook Award:

Northern – Eta, Iota, Upsilon, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi
Central – Beta, Gamma, Theta, Xi, Pi, Tau, Alpha Chi
Southern – Delta, Zeta, Rho, Sigma, Psi, Omega, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Rho, Alpha Upsilon

Grant-in-Aid Award and Red Rose Awards
By Kimberly Allen

What a wonderful year in Professional Affairs we had in Zeta State. The following chapters submitted applications for the Grant-in-Aid award by February 1, 2016.

Northern - Iota, Alpha Kappa
Central - Beta, Pi, Tau
Southern - Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta

The following chapters fulfilled the requirements of the Red Rose Application by February 1, 2016.

Northern - Iota, Phi, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi
Central - Beta, Gamma, Xi, Pi, Tau, Alpha Chi
Southern - Delta, Zeta, Rho, Sigma, Psi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Rho, Alpha Upsilon

I had the pleasure of awarding the Zeta State Grant-in-Aid at our Southern District meeting to Sarah Bennett Bacot, who was sponsored by Alpha Theta chapter. She was just an absolute delight to meet and an EXCELLENT recipient for this award. We wish her well as she finishes her education at University of Southern Mississippi and also as she embarks on a new journey as an elementary teacher.

I am also in the process of planning our fun excursion for the Zeta State Convention next year. I want this to be an exciting time to spend with our DKG sisters. If you know of any fun places to go or great restaurants that we may enjoy, please send your ideas to kallen@westpoint.k12.ms.us.

Communications & Publicity
By Fonda Dickinson

The Newsletter Awards were presented to chapters who submitted at least two newsletters during the year before the February 1st deadline. Seventy-seven percent of Zeta State Chapters qualified for the newsletter award and the Southern District had the highest percentage of chapter participation. The following chapters received Newsletter Awards:

Northern - Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi, Eta, Iota, and Upsilon
Central - Alpha Chi, Beta Alpha, Chi, Gamma, Pi, Tau, Theta, and Xi
Southern - Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Rho, Alpha Theta, Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Xi, Delta, Omega, Rho, Sigma, Zeta