

## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

## ZETA DATA MISSISSIPPI

*Believe the Impossible.....*

Zeta State President  
Linda Hollingsworth

When I began this journey with all of you in July, 2017, I could not have possibly known how very much I would enjoy this time with Zeta State members. It is so much more than I ever imagined! What an amazing experience to represent the work and accomplishments of our state members. I am always humbled and very proud when I hear, "Linda Hollingsworth, our Zeta State President".

Our February 24, 2018, Zeta State Executive Board and our three March District Meetings spoke to the commitment we have to our Purposes within Delta Kappa Gamma. They exemplify who we are and what we stand for in our Society! I love how our members rally each other and work together to produce something valuable and lasting! There should be no limitations to what we can do! Yes, we face challenges but with each of us bringing the best of ourselves to these challenges...we can overcome them!

At each District Meeting, I spoke of the need to face the challenge of our membership numbers! Our numbers are down but that should not get us "down". On the contrary, it should make us want to get out and recruit prospects from diverse areas in education....to look in those untouched areas that are ready! I want all of us to want to gain new members, new creativity, new friendships in our chapters.....do you realize if each of us recruited just one new member .... what that would mean to our state!

Our Chapters have great ideas.... act on them and be different in your approach to recruiting!! Everyone needs to read the book, *What Do You Do with an Idea?* This small children's book is a giant in literature...we can take a lesson from it! A lesson on what happens when you face your idea, you nurture it, tell others about it and gain their input, then it could spring forth and "change" things, for the good!

Each chapter at the District Meetings, received a packet of information, "Let's Have a Zeta State Recruiting Blitz"! Those not present received it in the mail! Each packet contained 10 DKG Brochures to use for prospecting, the International recruiting plan to incorporate into chapter planning and a sample prospect card for chapter members! It is a wonderful plan!

I am here to tell each one of you that I believe in our Zeta State members and our Hummingbird "Can Do" Spirit! We cannot limit ourselves in any way! If those packets do not get opened and used, that is a great loss! I am challenging each chapter to use that information to plan to recruit as part of your chapter planning! Be proactive! As you need, you can order more brochures from International for the cost of postage! It is easy!

As our 2018 DKG Convention draws closer (July 15-20) in Austin, Texas, I am so excited that we have over 50 members who are on the list for Texas! Now that's saying it and believing it. It is not too late to join us for this historic convention!

As I close this article, I leave you with this.... only our own 'minds' limit what we can do but our 'hearts' give us the strength to do those things that seem impossible! Please seek out your impossible.... believe and have the heart of the Hummingbird and it will be amazing what you and your chapter can do! Now, let's get 'humming' for those amazing, impossible challenges!

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### 2018 Northern District Meeting

Northern District Director  
 Janet Conley  
 Northern District Assistant Director  
 Dr. Dorothy Prestwich

Thoughts of spring welcomed us to Hernando March 3, 2018, for the Northern District Meeting at Hernando United Methodist Church. Registration totaled 108 members and guests with 101 in actual attendance. We were provided a delicious breakfast by members of Iota Chapter followed by a welcome from Cory Uselton, DeSoto County Superintendent of Schools.

The opening session included Zeta State officer and committee reports, Chapter awards, special recognitions, introduction of Early Career Educators, and an invitation to Austin, Texas, to attend the International Convention in July.

Morning breakout sessions had us traveling to Tanzania, learning about the history of North Mississippi, discovering plants that attract various wildlife (including hummingbirds) as well as learning about the top 5 issues in women’s health. Society sessions had us writing songs, learning how to become Super Woman, using children’s story books to convey leadership qualities, and developing the “Can Do” Spirit in members while preparing for leadership roles.

Our luncheon was served by Independence High School Beta Club members. Zeta State President Linda Hollingsworth recognized chapter members that exhibit the “Can Do” Spirit. In her address, Linda challenged us to have a recruiting “blitz” in Zeta State and provided each chapter president with recruitment brochures and material.

For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a great day of food, fellowship and ideas. Hugs were in abundance as sisters greeted each other when old friends met and new friends were made. Remember, we will see you at the Zeta State Convention April 5-6, 2019. Plan to be there!




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### 2018 Southern District Meeting

Southern District Director  
 Sybil Wilbur  
 Southern District Assistant Director  
 Lauren Carpenter

It is said that the hummingbird’s delicate grace reminds us that life is rich, beauty is everywhere, and that laughter is life’s sweetest creation. The Southern District meeting was certainly filled with the spirit and beauty of the hummingbird. It was a beautiful day (March 10<sup>th</sup>) to have our Southern District meeting at Family Life Church. If you missed Southern District,

you missed a blessing! Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the Southern District Chapters, Zeta State Officers, and presenters for all you did to make Southern District a success.

A delicious breakfast was prepared and served by Alpha Lambda chapter members. The General Session was called to order, and Pastor Archie Holley welcomed everyone with words of encouragement and as educators to never give up on the most important job of teaching. Zeta State President, Linda Hollingsworth, greeted the Southern District and Sandra McKiernan led the inspiration. After Roll Call by Linda Lightsey, Chris Wall was called for the ECE recognitions. Chapter Awards were announced, Officer & Committee Reports were given, and Special Honors and Recognitions were also named. The music was beautiful! Our own Betty Oswald accompanied Cynthia Colburn as she led the group in “Delta Kappa Gamma Are We.” An invitation to all members to International was extended by Karen Fayard, and Lauren Carpenter closed the meeting.

The workshops were filled with fun and learning! Lots of valuable information was given to members during our breakout sessions. We learned how to preserve old photographs, empower ourselves to be safe, the benefits of essential oils, and how to attract hummingbirds to our South Mississippi gardens. Our Society sessions were filled with teaching us how to make ourselves and Delta Kappa Gamma stronger in leadership as well as membership. We left with a plan and music in our hearts to be the next Wonder Woman.

The birthday luncheon was prepared by Sassy’s restaurant and served by Pascagoula High School Honor Society students. Thank you, Sandra McKiernon, for decorating the tables with beautiful hummingbird arrangements. DKG was wished a happy birthday through song. Zeta State President, Linda Hollingsworth recognized “Can Do” Honorees and Honor Chapters. A special Moment of Memory was held by the Membership Committee. Linda Hollingsworth also brought the President’s Message. Lots of fabulous Silent Auction items and Door Prizes were distributed. Southern District Director, Sybil Wilner, gave Special Acknowledgements, and the meeting ended by members singing “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song.”

Thank you Zeta State and Southern District for your “Can Do” spirit!



***2018 Central District Meeting***

Central District Director  
 Betsy Sullivan  
 Central District Assistant Director  
 Shauna Waters

Madison Central High School was once again the site of the Central District Meeting. Almost every chapter in the district took on responsibilities and had representatives at the meeting. Thanks go out to the following chapters for their contributions: Tau – coordinating door prizes, Rho – session hostess, Beta – providing breakfast foods, Delta – providing

breakfast drinks and hostess gifts, Pi – Friday night set up and session hostesses, Beta Alpha – Friday night set up and session hostess, Gamma – table decorations, session hostess and presenter gifts, Theta – session hostess, Lambda – registration, and Xi – hostess station. Thanks also go to those who led the song directors and accompanists. This meeting would not have been a success without you!

After the meeting was called to order, Alderman Pat Peeler (Madison, Ward 2) welcomed everyone to Madison for our meeting. After Zeta State President Linda Hollingsworth addressed the membership, Zeta State Officers were recognized. Immediate Past President Tracey Crawford gave the inspiration, which was followed by the roll call. Chapters were recognized for receiving various awards, and the invitation to attend the International Convention was issued by Carol Rigby. Karen Rhodes issued an invitation to the 2019 Zeta State Convention. As always, music was threaded through the general session.

The non-Society sessions included Being Smart with your Smartphone Camera, It’s All About Those Hormones, Making Leis with Aleta, and The Two Museums. Society sessions included Leadership...One Storybook at a Time, Wonder Women Unite: Building Leaders in Today’s Busy World, Growing Membership with a DKG “Can Do” Spirit, and Sing about DKG. A review of the evaluations and comments showed that all sessions were well-attended and enjoyed.

The Birthday Luncheon followed the sessions and included a moving Moment of Memory, music, reports, recognitions, silent auction winners, and door prizes. Two first timers were randomly selected and received a registration fee reimbursement. President Linda Hollingsworth was the speaker at the luncheon and challenged every member and every chapter to identify and recruit women teachers. She also provided each chapter with a prepared kit to use in recruiting new members.

All of the purposes of DKG were met at this meeting; however, Purpose 1 was truly embraced, “To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.” All who attended were enthusiastic and energized about the society and fellowship.



*The “Can Do” Spirit Honorees at Zeta State District Meetings.....*

Zeta State President  
Linda Hollingsworth

What an honor it was to recognize 30 relatively new DKG members who exhibit the “Can Do” Spirit within their chapters and our Society! These members have 5 or less years of membership but have been “go-getters” in the work of their chapters! They have assumed leadership positions, stepped forward to help when needed and are recruiting prospects for

our Society! At the 2019 Convention, I will recognize a new group of “Can Do” Spirit Nominees. You will receive information in the fall about how to nominate!

It was an honor to recognize these women within their district meetings:

#### **Northern District**

Teletha Newell, Eta  
Sherry Willis, Eta  
Nancy Neeley, Iota  
Rosemary Craven Lamb, Iota  
Carlena McCombs Benjamin, Upsilon  
Kim Gregory, Alpha Delta  
Shelly Scott, Alpha Delta  
Katie Ballard, Alpha Iota  
Neelie Clair Owen, Alpha Psi

#### **Southern District**

JoAnne Daniels, Zeta  
Rebecca Howard, Zeta  
Dr. Stephanie Tootle, Zeta  
Celest Cunningham, Sigma  
Sherra Allen, Sigma  
Christy Sheffield, Alpha Alpha  
Amanda Magee, Alpha Lambda  
Kelly Walters, Alpha Lambda  
Pat Skellie, Alpha Upsilon  
Marilyn Van Court, Alpha Upsilon

#### **Central District**

Mary Lundgren, Beta  
Sarah Hankins, Beta  
Aimee Dyess, Delta  
Janet Bullock, Delta  
Amanda Smith, Theta  
Kimberly L Cole, Lambda  
Lena Tatum, Lambda  
Leah Ivey, Pi  
Toni Stubbs, Pi  
Nancy, Finklea, Tau  
Jennifer Thornton, Alpha Chi




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*Leadership Development Congratulates all Honor Chapters and Prepares for Upcoming Chapter Leaders' Retreat....June 9<sup>th</sup>!*

Leadership Development Chair  
Angie Woodcock

Your Leadership Development Committee had a lovely time attending all three of our Zeta State district meetings. Hopefully, we encouraged and empowered some “Wonder Women” along the way! Those who attended know that one of our team members even dressed up in the Wonder Woman outfit – the things you miss when you don’t attend a district meeting!

Another special part about the district meetings was the opportunity to announce the chapters across the state who achieved Honor Chapter status. The following chapters received the Honor Chapter designation:

Northern District: Eta, Upsilon, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Phi, and Alpha Psi

Central District: Beta, Delta, Pi, Rho, Theta, Tau, Xi, and Alpha Chi

Southern District: Psi, Sigma, Zeta, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Theta, and Alpha Upsilon

What a privilege to read about the accomplishments and honor all of these amazing chapters in our state! Congratulations to each of you.

By now, our chapters have elected the next slate of officers. Now what? Well, Chapter Leaders’ Retreat, of course! Leadership Development would like to encourage each chapter to send their president, vice president, membership chair, treasurer, and communications chair to our Chapter Leaders’ Retreat at Copiah Academy on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We have the BEST presenters ready to inform and equip all of our new officers. This is a “don’t miss” event to get your chapter off to the best start! If your representative cannot make it, please send someone in her place. The only way to receive the notebook

filled with up to date information is to attend the retreat. Those of you who attended a district meeting already have the enrollment form, but we have sent a form to each current president for her to share with the new chapter president. Your chapter can send one enrollment form but each member needs to fill out an individual lunch form. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

**HERE WE COME, AUSTIN!**

Join us for the **2018 DKG International Convention**

July 16-20, 2018, Austin, Texas!

We have over 50 Zeta State Members who are going!

Please.....Join us for this historic convention, including fun, fellowship and lots more!

If you would like to be part of the Austin list, let Linda Lightsey know!

Also, we have a Zeta State Dining time at *Osteria Pronto* on Tuesday, July 17 at 5:45!

Information about the Zeta State dinner is available from Linda Lightsey or Linda Hollingsworth

**Hope to See You There!**



***2018 Zeta State Executive Board Meeting***

Zeta State Executive Secretary

Linda Lightsey

The Zeta State Executive Board held its annual meeting on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at the Thames Conference, Co-Lin Community College in Wesson, MS.

- ▲ Reports were presented by state officers and committee chairmen on the work conducted since July 1, 2017.
- ▲ The following actions were approved:
  - The recommendation of the Membership Committee that Alpha Delta Chapter be granted permission to sponsor a new chapter, Beta Beta, in the area of Calhoun, Lafayette, Panola, and Yalobusha counties
  - The revision of the 2017-2018 budget
  - The acceptance of 2018-2019 budget
  - The funding and the awarding of two state scholarships and the state grant-in-aid
  - The reduction in the number of print issues of *Zeta Data* to one per year
  - The Hilton Inn, County Line Road, Jackson, as the site of the April 5-6, 2019, state convention
  - The funding of contributions to honor the outgoing International President and Southeast Region Director

***Chapter Yearbooks.....Celebrating Your Can-Do Spirit!***

Zeta State First Vice President

Joanna Alston

Congratulations to all of the chapters that submitted a 2017-2018 yearbook! There is much effort (and maybe some blood, sweat, and tears) that goes into this publication, along with a great big “Can-Do” attitude. Pat yourselves on the back, too – 33 of 35 chapters submitted yearbooks by the deadline. Way to go, Zeta State!

In order to receive the Yearbook Award, all items on *Form 23* must be 100% correct. The following chapters were recognized at their respective District Meetings as having complete and correct yearbook

**Northern**

Eta  
Iota  
Upsilon  
Alpha Delta  
Alpha Iota  
Alpha Kappa  
Alpha Phi  
Alpha Psi

**Central**

Beta  
Gamma  
Delta  
Xi  
Pi  
Rho  
Tau  
Alpha Omicron  
Alpha Chi  
Beta Alpha

**Southern**

Zeta  
Sigma  
Psi  
Omega  
Alpha Alpha  
Alpha Beta  
Alpha Theta  
Alpha Lambda  
Alpha Xi  
Alpha Upsilon

## *What Happens in Chapters is Important in Zeta State!*

EEC Research Representative

Nancy Jay

The following chapters took advantage of the opportunity to inform state leadership of their chapter work, concerns, needs, and successes by completing the short President's Report.

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

Now that the District Meetings have concluded, I would like to express a special “Thank You” to all the chapters that reported members for special recognition of educational milestones. Those included:

### **NORTHERN DISTRICT**

Eta	Teletha Newell	NBCT (National Board-Certified Teacher)
Upsilon	Nacole McDuffy	Doctorate
Iota	Elizabeth Partain	Master's Degree
Alpha Kappa	April Dill	Recertified NBCT Past Clytee Evans Scholarship Awardee
Alpha Psi	Angie Quinn	Doctorate

### **CENTRAL DISTRICT**

Xi	Jeri Craig Cawthorn	Doctorate
Tau	Jennifer Rodgers	Doctorate
Pi	Trecina Green	Doctorate
Pi	Lee Pambianchi	Doctorate
Beta Alpha	Edye Coleman	Doctorate
Beta Alpha	Tonya Lawrence	Doctorate

### **SOUTHERN DISTRICT**

Zeta	Stephanie Tootle	Doctorate
Alpha Beta	Cynthia Smith	School Secretary received Bachelor's Degree
Alpha Upsilon	Robyn Killibrew	Doctorate

Opportunities for chapter input abound as we look forward to the future. . .

1. Soon I'll be sending the Member Survey (Form 13) to Chapter Presidents and/or chapter EEC Research Chairs to peruse and make suggestions for any changes that may need to be made to better serve our members.
2. It is not too late to send suggestions for convention break-out sessions.
3. Have you begun using your chapter info packet for our Zeta State Member Blitz?

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## *We “CAN DO” Through Our Service Projects!*

EEC Personal Growth and Services Representative

Suzanne Brasfield

This year our chapters have been engaging in worthwhile projects that are making a difference in our communities. Each of our chapters is a great team. Our great teams fit together like puzzle pieces filled with extroverts and introverts that work together to make a difference. These team members have great skill sets individually, and they work well within our chapters. Those skills meld together to make things happen in our communities.

Congratulations to the following chapters for submitting a 2017-2018 Chapter Service Project Report by the deadline of February 1, 2018:

**Southern**

Zeta, Sigma, Psi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi, and Alpha Upsilon

**Northern**

Alpha, Eta, Iota, Phi, Upsilon Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Phi, and Alpha Psi

**Central**

Beta, Delta, Gamma, Lambda, Theta, Xi, Pi, Rho, Tau, Alpha Chi, and Alpha Omicron

I am so proud of our districts for having a “Can Do” spirit to get things done!

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*Red Rose Award and Grant-in-Aid Participation*

EEC Professional Affairs Representative

Jenetta Waddell

We had excellent participation for the Red Rose Award. Twenty-five chapters submitted the documentation. The participating chapters are listed by district:

- Southern District (8 chapters participating) - Sigma, Psi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Xi, Alpha Upsilon
- Central District (8 chapters participating) – Beta, Delta, Theta, Xi, Pi, Rho, Tau, Alpha Omicron
- Northern District (9 chapters participating) – Alpha, Eta, Iota, Upsilon, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi

The following five chapters submitted a recipient for the Zeta State Grant-in-Aid:

- Southern District – Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta
  - Central District - Pi
  - Northern District - Alpha Psi
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*2018 Zeta State Grant-in-Aid Recipient*

EEC Professional Affairs Representative

Jenetta Waddell

Ms. Emily Ennis, recommended by the Alpha Beta Chapter, is the 2018 Zeta State College Grant-in-Aid recipient. Emily is a resident of Tylertown, MS. She is an Elementary Education major, attending William Carey University (Hattiesburg Campus), having earned a 3.962 GPA. She is a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society and is the School of Education Representative to the Student Government Association. Emily is currently a middle school leader for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and a college ministries intern at her church, Petal Harvey Baptist Church. Her interests include cheerleading, child care, children’s ministries, music, dance, and missions.

Dr. Tammie Brown of William Carey University wrote of Emily:

Ms. Ennis is a very intelligent person with the ability to inspire others around her to work to their full potential. During her time at William Carey, Ms. Ennis has had many trials but has persevered through them all to continue her education and to work toward completing her teaching/internship.

Following are Emily’s comments on her reasons for choosing education as a career:

Today I want to be a teacher more than ever. This career has become so much more than a childhood dream to me. I want to advocate for early childhood education. I want to help my students achieve greatness. Today, I want to be a teacher for so much more than just having my own clipboard and classroom. I want to make a difference in our education system. I want to help people understand the importance and necessity of education. I want to see children getting in the classroom as young as 2 years old; and I want to see those children attaining success.

We congratulate Emily Ennis as the 2018 Zeta State College Grant-in-Aid recipient.

*A Musical Note from our Music Representative!*

EEC Music Representative  
Kim Gregory



Do you love to sing? Then we would love for you to be a part of the Zeta State Choir! We will be singing at our Zeta State Convention in April 2019 and it's never too early to plan! Several of you signed up during our District Meetings but I know there are many more who might not have had that opportunity. My goal is to have 50 singers...wouldn't that be wonderful? Please contact me at [choirgrl36@yahoo.com](mailto:choirgrl36@yahoo.com) or call/text me at 662.414.8493 to sign up. Can't wait to hear from you!

*Chapter Newsletters Are our History*

Communications & Publicity Chair  
Cheryl Saffle

It has been my privilege to serve as the Zeta State Communications and Publications Chair for this year. Your chapter's contributions and efforts towards sharing information about your chapter has been exceptional. I have made copies of each publication that I have received and compiled them in a notebook as part of the history of our wonderful organization. It is my pleasure to recognize the following chapters that have met the requirements of at least two publications during the 2017-18 year.

**Zeta State Newsletter Awards 2017 – 18**

**Northern District**

Eta	Iota
Upsilon	Alpha Delta
Alpha Iota	Alpha Kappa
Alpha Phi	Alpha Psi

**Central District**

Beta	Delta
Gamma	Lambda
Theta	Pi
Rho	Tau
Xi	Alpha Chi

**Southern District**

Omega	Psi
Sigma	Alpha Alpha
Alpha Beta	Alpha Gamma
Alpha Lambda	Alpha Theta
Alpha Xi	Alpha Rho
Alpha Upsilon	

*SEE: Support for Early-career Educators.....4,880 Hours of Mentoring!*

SEE Representative Membership Committee  
Lauren Olson

Zeta State had an awesome year supporting Early-career Educators!!! We had a total of 4,880 hours of service to our new teachers! A few of the ways we helped included:

- ♥ mentoring
- ♥ organizing
- ♥ counseling
- ♥ purchasing supplies and happies
- ♥ analyzing tests

- ♥ reading to students to give teachers a break
- ♥ filing papers
- ♥ setting up various types of student centers
- ♥ sponsoring a class party
- ♥ helping out on the first day of school
- ♥ grading papers & projects
- ♥ teaching students
- ♥ helping with lesson plans & classroom management
- ♥ conducting workshops in school districts for new teachers

Southern district had the most service hours totaling 1895 hours! Alpha Upsilon had 1020 hours all by themselves! Great job ladies!!! We would like to encourage each chapter to do more next year even if it is just one more hour!!

### *2018-2020 Zeta State Directory*

Zeta State Recording Secretary  
Stephanie Jones

Calling all Chapter Presidents! If you have not sent me an updated chapter roster, please do so as soon as possible. I am hard at work editing the Zeta State Directory and want to make sure that correct contact information for all members is included in the 2018-2020 Directory that will be published this summer. You can email a roster to me at [stephjones1414@gmail.com](mailto:stephjones1414@gmail.com). If you need any help, please call me at [\[228\] 235-3871](tel:2282353871).

### *Did you know...?*

Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee  
Dr. Gail Hammond, Chair

Chapter rules must be approved every four years. The following chapters are in compliance with *Zeta State Bylaws and Standing Rules* and are on the Chapter Rules Honor Roll:

<b>Northern District:</b>	Upsilon, Alpha Kappa
<b>Central District:</b>	Xi, Pi, Rho
<b>Southern District:</b>	Psi, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Upsilon

Is your chapter listed? If not, contact Dr. Gail Hammond [ghammondphd@gmail.com](mailto:ghammondphd@gmail.com) We have a *Sample Chapter Rules* document to share with you.

### *Growing Members with a "Can Do" Spirit!*

Zeta State Membership Committee  
Chris B. Wall, Chair

Exciting News! On February 24, 2018, the Zeta State Executive Board approved a recommendation to expand and form a new chapter in Calhoun, Lafayette, Panola and Yalobusha counties. A second action was approved to give the name; Beta Beta, to the new chapter. The Alpha Delta Expansion Committee and chapter president, Reba Greer, are to be commended for their hard work and timeless efforts to increase the number of Delta Kappa Gamma chapters in Mississippi to 36! So, far there are 15 members who will become charter members of Beta Beta and are ready to assume leadership positions and make a positive impact on education in their community.

On June 2, Zeta State President, Linda Hollingsworth will lead the members of Beta Beta in a chapter installation ceremony. The charter will be presented by Chris Wall, State Membership Chair. Following this special ceremony, new officers will be installed for both chapters for 2018-2020. They will join others at the Chapter Leaders' Retreat on June 9 for leadership training and lots of "sisterly" fellowship. The Zeta State leadership team is looking forward to supporting and encouraging this new chapter in all aspects of our Society.

Special thanks to all chapter presidents and membership chairs for submitting their Annual Chapter Necrology Report before the deadline. All reports were received by January 30, 2017! During this past year, we lost fourteen (14) precious members through death. They are: Northern District- Betty J. Barnes, Upsilon and Marie Hinnant Watson, Alpha Iota, Central District- Dr. Sula Marsalis, Gamma; Mary Ann Russell, Gamma; Mary Maxine Caulfield, Lambda; Julia Blood, Beta; and Edith J. Magee, Delta; Southern District- Jane Wade, Alpha Lambda; Martha Floy VanZant, Zeta; Emily Jane Burris, Aloha Theta; Mary Edith Foil, Omega; Earline Hart, Alpha Gamma; Gloria Dandridge Kelley, Psi; and Nolena Love Stephens, Psi. These precious ladies represent over 587 years of membership in DKG. At each of the 2018 District Meetings, a Moment of Memory service was to remember them as outstanding women educators and dear friends. Their service to DKG and Zeta State will always be remembered and cherished.

Early Career Educators (ECE) were celebrated at each of the district meetings! At the Northern District meeting, we introduced Rachel Hall, Alpha Delta; Ana Belk, Alpha Delta; Misty Whitehead, Alpha Delta; Anna Burks, Alpha Psi and Chelsea Plunk, Eta. At the Central District Meeting, we welcomed Lynn Wilbanks and Stephanie Kennedy, both sponsored by Pi Chapter. At the Southern District, we recognized Doris Shedd, Psi; Ashleigh Jones, Alpha Xi, and Cassie Simer, Alpha. Thanks to these ECE's who participated and special appreciation goes out to the chapters who sponsored them at these meetings. Also, each guest received a "Can Do" happy to celebrate their attendance and to encourage them to learn more about our Society.

Let's all continue to have a "Can Do" spirit for DKG as we seriously focus on Recruiting and Retaining members. The state membership committee would like to challenge ALL incoming chapter presidents to set a goal for the 2018-2020 biennium to recruit at least 2 new members per year and to encourage members to serve as a mentor. Remember to recruit with diversity in mind, and that nurturing all members is key to growing and sustaining our chapters. Be determined to make DKG membership a life-long experience!

### *AWARDS COMMITTEE NEWS*

Zeta State Awards Committee

Jean Ricks, Chair

It is time for chapters to begin thinking about recommendations for Zeta State Achievement Award recipients. The Achievement Award Recommendation Form is Form 1 in the Chapter President's Notebook and on our Zeta State website. Recommendations must be made by chapter and must be submitted to the Awards Committee Chairman postmarked by February 1, 2019.

Active members who have made outstanding contributions to education and have done or are doing work that contributes to the growth of Zeta State are eligible and that person must have at least 7 years of active membership. More information will be forthcoming in the Fall issue of Zeta Data.

### *Membership Numbers Affect our Finances.....*

Zeta State Finance Committee

Libby Mahaffey, Chair

The finance committee has been busy this year. Members of our committee are Libby Mahaffey (Tau), Jo Stanford (Pi), and Pam Hernandez (Alpha Alpha). Our face to face meeting in February focused on funding requests and review of the budgets for this biennium. As a part of our responsibilities, the committee reviews all accounts, including CDs and savings/checking and detailed finance reports from the Treasurer, Lynn Holliday. Lynn and President Linda Hollingsworth serve as ex-officio members of the committee and have been great resources.

This year, our challenge has been to make revisions to the annual budgets to reflect a zero balance. The income for this year was significantly less than projected, due primarily to not meeting membership expectations, from an estimated 1100 to actual 939 members. Further research revealed that in the last ten years, we have experienced a reduction in membership of more than 600 members. Our chapter numbers have also decreased from 45 to 36. This reduces income from membership by approximately \$9,000 annually. We support the great initiative from our president to participate in the Membership Blitz.

Revised budgets for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 were approved by the Executive Board this spring. The revisions impacted almost every budget line. This included a recommendation to reduce the number of printed editions of Zeta Data to one annually, beginning in 2018-2019, which was approved by the Executive Board.

To support the work of Zeta State and to continue the initiatives of the various committees, the Finance Committee will be making a recommendation for bylaw change to increase state membership fees. There has not been a change in state dues for at least 8 (eight) years.

The Finance Committee is planning to add information to the Zeta State website. If you have any questions or suggestions for us, please send the information to [ehmahaffey@hindscc.edu](mailto:ehmahaffey@hindscc.edu)

### *Greetings from the Mary Stuart Harmon Board of Trustees.....*

Mary Stuart Harmon Board of Trustees  
Janet Berg, Chair

After several months of research, meetings, and brainstorming, we plan to offer a \$1,000.00 scholarship opportunity for the 2018-2019 year. As guidelines stipulate, the recipient "...shall already have a master's degree and shall be enrolled in a degree program above that of the master's degree." More information to follow in the Fall Zeta Data!

### *Zeta State Scholarships Awarded....*

Zeta State Scholarship Committee  
Angie Quinn

The Scholarship Committee has had a busy but wonderful biennium preparing for scholarship applications and honoring women educators who are seeking advanced degrees and have given much to our organization throughout their membership. Stacy Baudoin and Christy Sheffield from Southern District, Angie Quinn and Cynthia Colburn from Northern District, and Paula Wimbish from Central District with Consultant, Aleta Sullivan from Central District offer great thanks to all who applied for both scholarships and are glad to report an increase in applications from the previous biennium.

Life-long learner, passionate, solid, hard-working, giving, motivational, knowledgeable, and leader-- Who would not want to be described with these words? Yet, these are exactly the words used to describe the 2018 Amanda Lowther Scholarship and Clytee Evans Scholarship recipients. This year's Clytee Evans recipient, Jennifer Drewery Pannel, shared how much the scholarship meant to her, "I can't tell you how much the support and the honor means to me knowing that I can now finish my master's degree without placing a financial burden on our family." Jennifer, who has 19 years teaching experience, has been a member of Alpha Psi chapter in Northern District for 10 years and is a reading/science teacher as well as swim coach at Ingomar, a small school in northeast Mississippi. Jennifer has served in a number of leadership roles in her chapter as well as serving on the World Fellowship Committee for Zeta State.

The Amanda Lowther Scholarship recipient, Fonda Dickinson, is well-known to all Zeta State members for her service and talents also. She has attended all chapter meetings for Pi Chapter over the last 3 years as well as attended during her DKG membership: 1 regional, 8 state, and 8 district meetings. She has served as state World Fellowship chair, Communications advisor, member of the Communications and Scholarship committees, and flutist for the Hour of Memory. She has also served in multiple capacities in her chapter, including President. Fonda is lead teacher at Mendenhall High School where she sponsors student council, after-school tutoring, and serves on the wellness committee. She is a member of Mississippi Professional Educators and has been active in Boy Scouts of America as commissioner as well. Fonda currently holds a Master's degree and was very pleased to receive recognition from her Delta Kappa Gamma peers and financial support toward earning her Specialist in Instructional Leadership.

For those who applied and did not receive a scholarship, the committee certainly hopes those ladies will apply again because all of the applications were strong and the decision was not easy. For those who did not, remember to apply by February 1 of the scholarship year and to focus on chapter, state, and international service in building a strong application.

Zeta State is always proud as an organization to honor the service of its members and to promote the advancement of women educators in the state.

***Mississippi Professional Educators Award Graduate Studies Scholarships.....***

Four of our Zeta State Members received \$1000 each.....

Ginnie Curtis, Alpha Rho  
Fonda Dickinson, Pi Chapter  
Derricka Thomas, Alpha Gamma  
LaVonda White, Pi Chapter

Congratulations! If there are others, please let us know!

***Your Generosity Equals Successful Silent Auctions at Districts!***

Headquarters Committee Chair  
Lynn Holliday

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!! The Silent Auctions were a huge success at the District Meetings! Without your help and participation at each meeting we could not have reached our goal for future month's security of our Headquarters rental. Overall, \$3612.00 was raised with help from all of you who participated from North to South Mississippi.

Item donations were given not only from Committee members but DKG individuals throughout the state. Thank you for your time, consideration and devotion in making the silent auction again, a giant success!

The Headquarters Committee members always want to give back to the membership in some way because of the generous support we are given for our state activities. Since we had District meetings this year, it was decided to focus on "First Timers". Two members were selected by drawing their names at each district luncheon. They were given a check as a reimbursement for their registration. The lucky ladies were:

<b>Northern District</b>	Kim Gregory	Alpha Delta
	Bess Houston	Iota
<b>Central District</b>	Toni Stubbs	Pi
	Lena Tatum	Lambda
<b>Southern District</b>	Lady Anne Bruce	Alpha Upsilon
	Rhonda Sullivan	Alpha Alpha

Look for the Silent Auction again at the convention, you might find something you don't want to live without!

***Your Chapter History is Zeta State History.....***

Zeta State History Committee  
Joann Gatewood, Chair

I would like to encourage all chapters in the state to complete Form 24 to reach 100% participation. I would like to commend the fifteen chapters who have completed the form. History tells us how we evolved as a chapter and what decisions worked. Further, history allows us to work towards what our forerunners did to make Delta Kappa Gamma a better place. Please submit the Zeta State History (form 24) so we will have a record of our progress! Brag on yourselves. Show your "can do" spirit! It can be found at [www.zetastatedkg.org/forms.html](http://www.zetastatedkg.org/forms.html). It can either be printed and mailed or sent electronically. Please let the Zeta State History Committee know if we can help in any way! [jancgate@aol.com](mailto:jancgate@aol.com)

***Celebrate the "Can Do" Spirit of DKG through World Fellowship***

Zeta State World Fellowship Fund Committee  
Fonda Dickinson

The World Fellowship Program began in 1946 at the National Convention in San Francisco, California. Four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to spend eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden during the spring of 1948. The World Fellowship Committee became a standing committee in 1972.

Since 1960, awards totaling \$3,433,100.00 have been given to 941 women in 122 countries. Through June 1, 2017, contributions total \$4,035,759.19. Contributions and bequests determine the number of World Fellowship Awards given each year by the committee.

During 2016-2017, awards were given to 30 women in 25 countries totaling \$91,200.

Annually the Institute of International Education (IIE) reviews successful international candidates and forwards applications to Delta Kappa Gamma. The World Fellowship Committee selects recipients for Society grants.

Many Zeta State Chapters contribute to the World Fellowship Fund. If your chapter does not currently contribute, please consider doing so! Contributions to the World Fellowship Fund may be made using the on-line contribution form or Form 43. Both can be accessed at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) under Forms, Contribution Forms. Donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law in the U.S. and some other countries.

Let's show that "Can Do" Spirit of DKG and provide educational opportunities to others.



Alpha Lambda's Erica Wilson, a new member in Alpha Lambda Chapter, was honored by Ingalls Shipbuilding with a \$4,000 Virtual Reality STEM Grant to use with her students. (See our Chapter Flutters)

### *What Can You Do with an Idea?*

Zeta State President  
Linda Hollingsworth

You can carry it out and have a 5 Chapter Joint Meeting!

Karen Fayard and Linda Lightsey did just that .....

They rallied their Coastal sisters, everyone jumped on board and on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, the dream of a joint meeting of **Zeta, Psi, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi and Alpha Upsilon** became a reality!

It was a day to remember with fellowship, beautifully decorated tables, gorgeous venue, wonderful food.....and

the Joint Installation of all 5 chapters' new 2018-2020 Officers!

What do you do with an Idea? You make it happen!

**Congratulations, Coastal Chapters!**

## Chapter Flutters



### Alpha Lambda

Erica Wilson, a new member in Alpha Lambda Chapter was recently honored at a special ceremony at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula. She was awarded a \$4,000 Virtual Reality STEM Grant to use with her students. Erica is a 6th grade teacher at Singing River Academy in Gautier, MS. See her Picture in this Zeta Data!

### Alpha Upsilon

Kudos to Karen Fayard and Linda Lightsey. Past Zeta State President, Karen Fayard and ZS Executive Secretary Linda Lightsay organized a Coastwide Meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>! It was a Joint Installation of 2018-2020 Officers of Zeta, Psi, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi and Alpha Upsilon. This was an excellent opportunity for members to mingle and network with their coastal counterparts. This meeting was held in Ocean Springs at the Le Fleur de Lis venue with Zeta State President; Linda Hollingsworth; as our guest speaker! Wish us luck on making this an ongoing occurrence each biennium!

### Alpha Psi

- Jennifer Pannell received the 2018 Zeta State Clytee Evans Scholarship.
- We are gearing up for the Alpha Psi 20<sup>th</sup> birthday bash on June 4.
- Congratulations to our 2018-2020 officers:
  - President - Jennifer Huddleston
  - First Vice President – Neelie Clair Owen
  - Second Vice President – Melissa Luna
  - Recording Secretary – Carol Peters
  - Corresponding Secretary – Emma Ainsworth
  - Treasurer – Regina Gandy Coats
  - Parliamentarian – Dr. Sharon Ball Enzor

### Alpha Theta

Alpha Theta has been busy putting into practice the Delta Kappa Gamma “can do” spirit! In addition to having amazing speakers and electing a phenomenal slate of new officers, we also held our fundraiser to aid a Houston, Texas chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma as they continue to rebuild from Hurricane Harvey. This chapter was very gracious to one of our own members, so we were thrilled to be able to return the kindness. Between our chapter’s “Bargain Basement” fundraiser and matching donations, we were able to send over \$1000.00 to our sister chapter. We are now turning our attention to installing our new officers and making sure they are signed up for Chapter Leaders’ Retreat. We’re looking forward to closing this biennium and starting the new one!

### Alpha Delta

Alpha Delta Chapter expresses our appreciation to the ZETA State Executive Board for their February 2018 approval of our expansion request. Our chapter grew stronger as we followed Mississippi’s guidelines and processes to assess our readiness for this important venture. We appreciate the support we have received from ZETA State officers and committees, as well as, that of our International staff. We must credit Janet Conley, then Alpha Delta President, with beginning the journey. When asked if Alpha Delta would help us with establishing this chapter, her immediate response was, “We can do that!”

Alpha Delta and New Chapter Beta Beta look forward to Chapter Leaders’ Retreat on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be planning together the night before!

### Zeta Chapter

Zeta chapter is excited to have a new president, Dr. Stephanie Tootle! We are looking forward to our summer planning meeting at McElroy’s on the Bayou after the Chapter Leader’s Retreat! Zeta’s current president, Lauren Olson, is a first-time new mother at 58 years old, so she is quite excited to have a new president too!! She and her husband Joe are fostering to adopt a great nephew from the state of Iowa!

### Pi Chapter

PI Chapter members are very proud of our chapter and the awards that we received at the Central District Meeting on March 24! It was a wonderful meeting and congratulations go to our own Betsy Sullivan, Central District Director and Shauna Waters, Central District Assistant Director, Gamma Chapter! Our chapter was pleased to hear the announcement that our own Fonda Dickinson is the recipient of the Amanda Lowther Scholarship for \$2000. We are so proud!

## 2017 - 2019 Zeta State Officers

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