

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

ZETA DATA MISSISSIPPI

*Face our Challenges and Celebrate the “Can Do” Spirit of
DKG!*

Linda Hollingsworth
Mississippi State President

We have "faced challenges and celebrated our ‘Can Do’ Spirit” all through the state and outside of our state these past 2 years and I would not have missed the blessing of serving as your state president.... for anything! I am so thankful for the opportunity!

One of our saddest times was when we learned of the unexpected death in February of Suzanne Brasfield, EEC Personal Growth and Services Representative and member of Alpha Iota! She will be missed, and this Convention was dedicated to her memory and her happy nature.... I think she would have been pleased and enjoyed it!

As I have stated many times, chapters and members are the Heart of DKG! Our Convention was dedicated to that hard work, continued service, creativity and community impact exemplification of our chapters and members! This Convention recognized that hard work of chapters and individual accomplishments.

During these 2 years, I loved the opportunity to visit chapters across the state and sharing with me the amazing ways that all of you “Impact our World” on a daily basis! I am in awe of our chapters and members across our state..... “Can Do” is alive and well in Mississippi!

I have heard comments and received emails and numerous cards about our 2019 Mississippi Convention.....it joins the ranks of one of the “Best Conventions Ever” I could be slightly prejudiced! Huge “thank you” to our Convention Coordinator, Karen Rhodes! I wish all of you could just see a “smidge” of what she does to make things go smoothly at the huge event! Our other 2 “Hummingbirds” who flutter around, Janet Berg and Sylvia Gambill....make the task of registration.... look easy! Karen also guides the Hostess Chapters as they do their special work to help things to run smoothly and look beautiful ...all at the same time! Thank you to our Hostess Chapters: Zeta, Pi, Xi, Upsilon, Omega, Alpha Lambda and Alpha Psi

We could not have done this without the numerous Officers, Committee chairs, and committees who worked diligently to make this an enjoyable time for all yet conducting the business of our state at the same time.... you are all amazing! By the way, even though I have sent notes to all of you, I love the beautiful DKG necklace that was presented to me at the Executive Board meeting.... I will wear it with pride!

How awesome to have Elaine Warwick, Southeast Regional Director, from Tennessee as our International Representative.....she became one of us as she spoke, visited, and made friends and acquaintances at our Convention! She stated in a “Thank you “note that I received.....

“Wow! You Mississippi ladies really know the meaning of true Southern Hospitality! From the time I got off the plane, I was showered with flowers and gifts of all kinds. I love all the little “happies” as you call them, and I love the pashmina and the recipe book with pictures.

It was evident how much time and thought you put into this Convention. Everyone worked together to make it an outstanding convention!

I enjoyed visiting with all of the ladies, renewing old friendships and why change may be necessary for our future growth and maintenance of chapters!”

There is not enough space or time to convey my thanks to all of you! As Mississippi State Organization President, I will be “fluttering” away but not so far that I cannot return to the best and sweetest chapters and members anywhere! July 1, 2019, I will leave you in the capable “Adaptive” care of our new 2019-2021 Leadership.....it will be awesome and amazing as we go forward with our “Can Do” Spirit and “Adapt” in ways that carry us into a fulfilling future! Blessings!

Honorary Membership bestowed on Mississippi's First Lady!

Linda Hollingsworth
Mississippi State President



Our special guest, First Lady of Mississippi, Deborah Bryant, touched us all at the Pre-convention Seminar and at our General Session on Saturday morning, as she welcomed us to Jackson. Her kind and gentle spirit, meeting, hugging and just being "Deborah" was so evident!

Her biography information speaks to why she exemplifies what a DKG Honorary member should be, but her

acceptance letter shows that she understands the true purposes and mission of our Society. Mrs. Bryant said....

..... *"While I do not have formal experience as an educator, I wholeheartedly support your organization's mission to promote professional growth and personal growth of women educators.*

Delta Kappa Gamma's commitment to helping our teachers be successful, inside and outside of the classroom is to be commended. Our children are our greatest resources and we must give validation to the women who have dedicated their professional lives reeducating future generations."

Mrs. Bryant accepted our invitation and on Saturday morning at our General Session, she became a Mississippi Honorary Member of our Society! Her excitement was evident as she thanked us and accepted her certificate and Key pin!

..... *"thank you again for the honor of being inducted into The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International! I am so touched....."*

We are excited to add Mrs. Bryant to the other distinguished Mississippi women who have this honor. Congratulations to her!



The 2019 Pre-Convention Seminar..... A Historic Occasion

Dr. Jenetta Waddell
EEC Professional Affairs Representative

The 2019 Pre-Convention seminar was a great success! We had the largest number attending in the history of the seminar, with 60 on the bus and two carloads as well.

Our first stop was the Governor's Mansion. Mississippi First Lady, Deborah Bryant, was scheduled to greet us, but we had an additional treat when Governor Phil Bryant came along for the greeting and the photograph on the front steps. We were taken throughout the mansion - both the public rooms and the First Family's private living quarters - by knowledgeable docents who explained the history of the house and its furnishings and artwork. The private quarters were furnished with a mixture of antiques and new furniture and artwork purchased by The Mansion Foundation, a charitable organization, that has provided Mississippi's future First Families with the furnished private quarters; in the past, First Families had to provide their own furnishings.

Our second stop was the historic King Edward Hotel (the current Hilton Garden Inn) where, in 1934, our 13 Founders met with national representatives to organize the DKG representation in Mississippi. The hotel literally rolled out the red carpet for us. First Lady Deborah Bryant was our guest at the luncheon and spoke about her HOME (Healthcare, Outdoors, Mansion/Military, Education) platform.

Our last stop was the Old Capitol Museum, the seat of Mississippi government from 1839 - 1903. Displays included portraits of the First Ladies of Mississippi and interactive multimedia exhibits on the roles of the legislature, governor,



and courts. We also enjoyed viewing the Mississippi Hall of Fame gallery, which is located in the Old Capitol.

A good time was had by all! Make plans to join us for the 2021 Pre-Convention seminar!



2019 Achievement Awards

Jean Ricks

Awards Committee



Two very talented, involved, and dedicated ladies were the recipients of the 2019 Zeta State Achievement Award.

Bettie Allen Fore was a member in the Southern District having transferred from the Northern District. She has been a member for 22 years.

Nancy Jay is a member of the Southern District. She has been a member for 25 years. Both recipients have been very active as they have worked to promote programs and projects at both the state and international levels. Both have been active in their communities and professional organizations. Congratulations to them both!

2019 Convention Business

Linda Lightsey

Mississippi Executive Secretary

Sixty members of the Zeta State Executive Board met on Friday, April 5, and took the following actions:

- approved the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 budgets
- increased the amount of the Zeta State Grant-in-Aid from \$500 to \$750.
- voted to fund and award one grant-in-aid and one Amanda Lowther Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.
- voted to present the proposed bylaws amendments to the membership for vote.
- approved holding the 2021 state convention in the Central District.

During the business portion of the April 6 General Session, two items of business came before the membership: the election of those who will lead us in the 2019-2021 Biennium and amending of our State Bylaws.

The membership leadership for the 2019-2021 biennium.

Officers:

President – Dr. Joanna Alston, Alpha Lambda

First Vice President – Janice K. Garrett, Eta

Second Vice President – Carol Walker, Tau

Recording Secretary – Dr. Jenetta Waddell, Alpha Psi

District Directors:

Northern District Director – Dr. Dorothy Prestwich, Eta

Northern Asst. District Director – Neelie Owen, Alpha Psi

Central District Director – Cindy Alsworth, Delta

Central Asst. District Director – Fonda Dickinson, Pi
 Southern District Director – Stephanie Jones, Alpha Lambda
 Southern Assistant District Director – Jackie Wintruba, Alpha Upsilon

Nominations Committee:

Northern District – Marsha Shaddock, Alpha Delta
 Central District – Eva Guice, Rho
 Southern District – Dr. Stacy Baudoin, Sigma

Amendments to the State Bylaws were published in the winter edition of *Zeta Data*. All passed. Three of these will result in substantive change at the chapter level:

1. The name of the state organization is now Mississippi State Organization.
2. State dues have increased by \$10.00 and will be due no later than June 30.
3. The *Collegiate* level of membership was approved. Information governing collegiate membership is found in the *2018 Constitutional and International Standing Rules*.

If you would like to see a more detailed account of convention events, contact Stephanie Jones, State Recording Secretary, for a copy of the Executive Board and Convention minutes.

A Celebration of Life

Chris Wall
 Membership Committee

At each state convention, members of the Mississippi State Organization of DKG gather to honor and remember sisters who have passed from this life into eternity during the current biennium. These dedicated women educators were remembered because of the many contributions they made to education and to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, our state organization and their individual chapters.

On April 6, 2019, a Celebration of Life service was conducted to honor and remember twenty-three (23) members. Words were spoken, and musical selections were played and sung to remind all of the journey of life and our heavenly destination. Members of the state membership committee and the district directors assisted with the presentation of white roses and the lighting of celebration candles. Our state music representative, Kim Gregory (Beta Beta) accompanied Rosemary Woullard (Alpha Gamma) as she sang "It Is Well with My Soul."



The specific names of those members who were honored and remembered during this Celebration of Life service are listed on the state web site under *In Memoriam*.

Mississippi's Talented Members.....

Betty Oswald
 Mississippi Liaison to International DKG Arts

"WOMEN TEACHERS TO THE CALLING"(words beginning our official DKG SONG) has "Let the Word Out"!! Members of Mississippi Delta Kappa Gamma have TALENT!

This was proven at our recent state convention when 24 members, representing the Northern, Central and Southern Districts displayed their creative items with different Arts.

- VISUAL, PERFORMING, CRAFTS, MIXED MEDIA, PAINTING, PHOTOGRAPHS, SHORT STORIES, ETC
- The display gave all members attending, time to enjoy viewing all the items. Positive comments were heard from the 'set up' to 'take down' time.

Here are the names of our Zeta State Chapter members who gave an Art Item for our convention Display:

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Shannon Ingram (Alpha), Nancy Brown (Alpha), Jeannie Roberts (Iota), Barbara Burns (Iota), Nancy Walker (Alpha Delta), Reba McCullouch Greer (Beta Beta), Shirley Hamilton (Alpha Phi)

CENTRAL DISTRICT: Erika Little (2) (Lambda), Felicia Smith (XI), Dr. Beth Jackson (XI), Annette Taylor (2) (XI), Carolyn Palmer (2) (XI)

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Joanna Alston (Alpha Lambda), Christy Sheffield (Alpha Alpha), Nancy Jay (2) (Alpha Theta), Mary Trichell (Alpha Lambda), Sandra Adams (Alpha Upsilon), Betty Oswald (Alpha Lambda), Cindy Newman (Alpha Theta)

Let's make our NEXT Art Display represented by ALL ZETA STATE CHAPTERS!

Our “Mississippi Stars 50+” ... Honored!
Cindy Alsworth
Membership Committee

During the 2019 Zeta State Convention, eleven outstanding members were added to the roster of Mississippi Stars. These women have been active members of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for fifty or more years!

New members recognized included:

- Sherrill Haynes – Alpha Chi – 51 years
- Gussie Cole – Alpha Chi – 51 years
- Frydis Hansbrough – Alpha Chi – 51 years
- Jo-Dell Beckham – Alpha Upsilon – 51 years
- Polly Gordon – Xi Chapter – 50 years
- Leota Cardwell – Alpha Kappa Chapter – 50 years
- Celeste Ward – Omega Chapter – 51 years
- Margaret Carmean – Beta Chapter – 50 years
- Laney Wooten – Alpha Iota Chapter – 51 years
- Dorothy Davis Miley – Tau Chapter – 51 years
- Jeanette Thrash – Xi Chapter – 51 years

Each new Mississippi Star was presented with a certificate and a beautiful Mississippi Stars pin!

Also, in attendance at the 2019 Zeta State Convention were past honorees Ruby Jones, Iota; Katherine Furr, Sigma; Betty Oswald, Alpha Lambda; and Jean Ricks, Theta. Our two longest serving members are Ruby Jones, who has been a member for 69 years; and Katherine Furr, who has been a member for 67 years.

Members who responded on the Personal Information Form repeatedly stressed the humility they experienced as they were invited to become members of Delta Kappa Gamma as well as the joy that they felt as they were initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma. Our Mississippi Stars have experienced many changes in our organization through their many years of membership but the all-encompassing fact that remains for these wonderful women is their pride in their membership in Delta Kappa Gamma and the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. We would all do well to follow the examples that they have given us through their long membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. We congratulate these women on their recognition as Mississippi Stars!



Mississippi State Organization Convention Reading Fair

Aleta Sullivan

Aleta expresses her thanks to the DKG sisters who submitted a Reading Board. The Boards were beautiful! Christy Sheffield (Alpha Alpha) presented [The False Prince \(The Ascendance Trilogy, Book 1\)](#) by Jennifer A. Nielsen; Carolyn Palmer, Amanda Hailey and Brooke Hailey (Xi) shared [Invention of Wings](#) by Sue Monk Kidd; and Cindy Alsworth Jones (Delta) shared [Radium Girls](#) by Kate Moore.

2019 "Can Do" Spirit Recognitions and Others!

Linda Hollingsworth

Women with *5 or less years of Society membership* were nominated by their chapters to be recognized at the 2019 State Convention as having "Can Do" Sprit! These ladies have been members for a very short time but have stepped up and taken on leadership positions within their Chapters and have exemplified the "Can Do" Sprit Attitude of *"having a willing heart and the courage to jump right in!"*.

The following women were honored at the Luncheon on Saturday.....

Sue Shepherd (Eta), Vickie McAnally (Eta), Elizabeth Partain (Iota), Pattye Hankins (Lambda) Kristin Knight (Alpha Delta), Trish Cunetto (Alpha Kappa), Shirley Hamilton (Alpha Phi), Misty Whitehead (Beta Beta), Michelle Fortado (Theta), Dr. Trecina Green (Pi) Melanie Hays (Alpha Chi), Lindsey Winn (Beta Alpha), Michelle Lee (Zeta), Tara White (Sigma), Andrea McSwain (Alpha Alpha), Somer Dearman (Alpha Gamma), Amy Massey (Alpha Rho), Tammy Sealy (Alpha Rho), Susan Dunkley (Alpha Rho), Miral Patel (Alpha Upsilon), Sheila Brachear (Alpha Upsilon)

Others were noted at the luncheon for specific recognitions at International Level.....

Four Cornet Award winners.....Fonya Scott (Gamma), Tammy Sealy (Alpha Rho), Misty Whitehead (Beta Beta), April Dill (Alpha Kappa)

Published articles in International Publications.....Ginnie Curtis (Alpha Rho), Katharine S. Jones (Alpha Delta), and our latest Beth McKay (Pi)

International Arts Gallery.....Cindy Newman (Alpha Theta), Joanna Alston (Alpha Lambda)

International Scholarship.....Fonda Dickinson (Pi)

Mississippi Star of the Southeast.....Stephanie Jones (Alpha Lambda)

State Members Working at the International Level.....Lynn Holliday (Pi), Expansions Committee and Betty Oswald (Alpha Lambda), DKG Arts Liaison, Dr. Angela Bedenbaugh (Alpha Beta) US Forum

Congratulations to these.... "Can Doers"!

Musical Meanderings

Kim Gregory

EEC Music Representative

What a wonderful Zeta State Convention we had! If you missed it, I hope you will make plans to attend in 2021! As your music representative, my job at convention is to invite ladies to lead our DKG songs, to accompany on the piano or play prelude and postlude music. A big thank you to: Marlynn Martin, Betty Oswald, Pam Stuckey, Aleta Sullivan, Misty Whitehead, and Cynthia Colburn for helping with the music and to Rosemary Woullard for singing at our Celebration of Life service.

My goal for this biennium was to revive our Zeta State Choir and to have them sing at convention. It was my honor to lead them and what a beautiful job they did! We had around 20-25 ladies who sang at our general session on Saturday and then again at the President's Banquet Saturday night. Thank you to everyone who participated! My goal in our next biennium is to continue to use the choir at District meetings and for our numbers to grow. If you are interested in helping with the music or singing in the choir next year, please let me know! You can reach me by text at 662.414.8493 or email at choirgrl36@yahoo.com.



Chapter Yearbook Awards

Joanna Alston
Mississippi First Vice President

Congratulations to all of the chapters that submitted a 2018-2019 yearbook! Out of our 36 chapters, 34 submitted yearbooks by the deadline – way to go! Also, a big “Can Do” shout-out to Beta Beta for their inaugural edition: Great job, ladies!

In order to receive the Yearbook Award, all items on *Form 25* must be 100% correct. The following chapters were recognized at the Zeta State Convention as having complete and correct yearbooks:

Northern

Alpha
Eta
Iota
Alpha Delta
Alpha Phi
Alpha Psi
Beta Beta

Central

Beta
Gamma
Delta
Theta
Lambda
Xi
Pi
Rho
Tau
Alpha Omicron

Southern

Zeta
Sigma
Psi
Alpha Alpha
Alpha Beta
Alpha Gamma
Alpha Theta
Alpha Lambda
Alpha Rho
Alpha Upsilon

GRANT-IN-AID

Dr. Jenetta Waddell
EEC Professional Affairs



The 2019 Zeta State Grant-in-Aid Scholarship recipient is Ashley Brooke Orr. Ashley is a student at Mississippi State University - Meridian where she is an Elementary Education major. She was recommended for the Zeta State College Grant-in-Aid Scholarship by the Rho Chapter.

Ashley has a 4.0 GPA, is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and an officer in the Future Teachers of America. She is a member of the Meadville Presbyterian Church where she works in the nursery and in Vacation Bible School.

Ashley is the granddaughter of past Zeta State President and Rho Chapter member, Eva Guice.

The RED ROSE Award....Recognition of Community Individuals who support Education!

Dr. Jenetta Waddell
EEC Professional Affairs

Eleven chapters submitted the Red Rose Award Report:

Northern District

Alpha
Upsilon
Alpha Psi
Beta Beta

Central District

Pi
Rho

Southern District

Alpha Alpha
Alpha Gamma
Alpha Lambda
Alpha Rho
Alpha Upsilon

SEE: Support for Early-career Educators....Our Mentoring is Amazing!

Lauren Olson
Membership Committee

The 2018 – 2019 school year was a fruitful one for mentoring our Early Childhood Educators! Southern district invested 1979 hours including reading to students, assisting with student essays, happies, and lesson planning! The chapter with the highest total was Zeta. Central district invested 881 hours collecting supplies, gift bags & cards, editing letters, and assisting during library. The chapter with the highest total was Alpha Chi. Northern district had the most SEE hours with 2343! They gave goody bags, supplies, helped plan & create materials for lessons, trained new faculty and helped on field trips!! The chapter with the most was also the overall chapter with the most – Iota with 1304 hours!

We beat last year's total of 4880 hours and invested 5203 hours in the lives of educators who are new to this profession! Splendid job ladies!!! Way to invest in new teachers! Let's do it all again, but bigger and better next year!

2019 Woman of Distinction Recognition

Joanna Alston
EEC Chair

Extraordinary members were selected by 35 of our 36 chapters as women who demonstrate strong work ethic and perform Society work through chapter duties, programs, and projects. Each member was provided with a Woman of Distinction pin, and a ribbon was added to each nametag, identifying this group as the special women they are!

A chapter member "who exemplifies the 'Can Do Spirit' of Delta Kappa Gamma" (Nancy Jay, April 6, 2019), recognition of the Woman of Distinction from the following chapters was given at the Celebration Luncheon during Convention. Very special thanks to Kimberly Allen (Alpha Iota) for compiling the PowerPoint presentation as well as to Nancy Jay, EEC Research Representative, for fulfilling the plans set in motion by the late Suzanne Brasfield, EEC Personal Growth & Services Representative, in this special ceremony.

Northern: Alpha, Eta, Iota, Upsilon, Phi, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi, Beta Beta

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

Southern: Zeta, Sigma, Psi, Omega, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi, Alpha Rho, Alpha Upsilon

Chapter Service Projects.....They Make a Difference!

Joanna Alston
EEC Chair

Of Mississippi's 36 chapters, 33 were recognized at Convention for their service projects, all of which are making a difference in communities across our state—from auctions and blanket-making to drives for canned goods, coats, and books, just to name a few. Congratulations to the following chapters:

Northern: Alpha, Eta, Iota, Upsilon, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi, Beta Beta

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

Southern: Zeta, Sigma, Psi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi, Alpha Rho, Alpha Upsilon

Chapter Newsletters are our History!

**Cheryl Saffle
Communications & Publications**

We are delighted to announce that 32 of 36 chapters met the requirements of our committee to achieve Honor Status by submitting 2 newsletters from their chapter. Your contributions and efforts towards sharing information about your chapter have been exceptional. Those chapters are as follows:

Northern District

Alpha
Eta
Iota
Phi
Upsilon
Alpha Delta
Alpha Iota
Alpha Phi
Alpha Psi
Beta Beta

Central District

Delta
Gamma
Lambda
Pi
Tau
Theta
Xi
Alpha Chi
Alpha Omicron
Beta Alpha

Southern District

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



Northern District Chapters who received awards at the 2019 Convention.



Central District Chapters who received awards at the 2019 Convention.



Southern District Chapters who received awards at the 2019 Convention.

Leadership....It's a "Can Do" Thing!

**Angie Woodcock
Leadership Development Committee**

Zeta State's (Mississippi State's) Leadership Development Committee has had a great time serving this biennium, but we feel the best is yet to come! First, we had the privilege of meeting with all of our state chapter presidents at the Zeta State Convention. I am awed by these ladies and their willingness to be open and honest about both the successes and the challenges they have faced as they strive to lead their chapter. What a great "meeting" it was! Honestly, it felt less like a meeting and more like sitting around the table with girlfriends and having one of those heart-to-heart talks that only a group of friends can have. Thank you, chapter presidents, for your leadership and your can-do spirit.

Our last opportunity to serve is the 2019 Leadership Management Seminar. What a powerful moment at the Saturday luncheon when I asked past graduates to raise their hands. LMS graduates are truly continuing to lead!

With that, I am excited to introduce everyone to our LMS class of 2019:

Rebecca Avis (Lambda), Ginnie Curtis (Alpha Rho), Lady Anne Bruce (Alpha Upsilon), Laura Byrd (Alpha Phi), Alice Hailey (Xi), Donna Harris (Pi), Jennifer Huddleston (Alpha Psi), Jastassia Johnson (Alpha Gamma), Dianne Kitchens (Alpha Alpha), Kristin Knight (Alpha Delta), Hanna Pollard (Alpha Iota), Anna Scott (Alpha Beta), Christy Sheffield (Alpha Alpha), Cynthia Slay (Alpha Theta), Patti Swan (Beta Alpha), Jennifer Thornton (Alpha Chi), Lakya Washington (Alpha Theta), Hilda White (Pi), and Polly Ann White (Theta).

Don't forget, all past graduates of LMS are invited to our graduation luncheon on June 12th. Be on the lookout for the official invitation.

Chapter Rules Honor Roll

Dr. Gail Hammond

Mississippi State Organization Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

Chapters with approved rules:

Northern District - Iota, Upsilon, Alpha Delta, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Psi, Beta Beta

Central District - Delta, Xi, Pi

Southern District - Psi, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Rho

If you have questions or need help, contact Gail Hammond at ghammondphd@gmail.com

Our State History is in Our Hands.....

Joann Gatewood

History of Zeta State Committee

I would like to commend the nineteen chapters who completed the History of Zeta State form during this biennium. This supported your "Can Do" spirit! Northern District completers included: Eta, Upsilon, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, and Alpha Kappa. From the Central District, the following were received: Delta, Gamma, Lambda, Pi, Rho, Tau, and Beta Alpha. From the Southern District, these were sent: Zeta, Sigma, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Theta, Alpha Rho, and Alpha Upsilon. Thank you sincerely for your participation!

The Amanda Lowther Scholarship Recipient

Angie Quinn

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee had a busy biennium reviewing the scholarship application process and application guidelines; promoting the scholarships; and preparing for scholarship applications. Of course, our favorite duty—although often difficult—is honoring women educators who are seeking advanced degrees and devoting their time and talents to Zeta State and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 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 encourage those who applied and were not awarded scholarships this year to apply again next year.

The Amanda Lowther Scholarship recipient, Lindsey Brett, is well-known to northeast Mississippi educators perhaps under her YouTube stage name, Gladys Gladstone. Lindsey was described in all of her recommendations as energetic, determined, creative, and dedicated. She is a 16-year veteran educator who spent 12 years teaching prior to her 4 years in administration. She has been a member of DKG (Eta Chapter) for 10 years and has attended district meetings as well as two state conventions; she presented as Gladys in March 2016 at the Northern District meeting. She has served on multiple chapter committees, including Professional Affairs and provides the inspirational note for each of her chapter's meetings. Lindsey is a trainer and speaker for the National Institute of School Leaders and a member of Mississippi Professional Educators. She has sponsored theater, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, led Positive Behavior Intervention Support teams, and presented her work with a whole school initiative Never Again, which educates students about the Holocaust and genocide, at the National Holocaust Museum. Lindsey is currently the principal of Plantersville Middle School and is completing her Ed.D at The University of Mississippi. Lindsey shared that she was honored and overwhelmed to have been selected; she stressed how much she appreciated the financial support for her completing her goals as a single woman.

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. One anomaly the committee noticed this year were a few applicants that were very strong, but the applicant had not been in DKG for a minimum of three years at the time of the application—but had at the time of the award. The committee hopes to clarify this information stated clearly in the guidelines on the actual



application in the coming biennium. Ladies, please apply again now that the minimum time is met., For those who did not apply but are working on or completing a graduate degree during the application year, remember to apply by February 1 of the scholarship year and to focus on chapter, state, and international service in building a strong application. I know our new leadership team will find lots of places for you to serve, meet your fellow DKG members, and strengthen your application, too! 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. As Scholarship Chair, I hated I could not join you in Jackson this spring, but I am happy to report that my back is healing following my accident, and I am returning to work in limited capacity in late April. See you at the next state convention!

Thanks.....

Lynn Holliday
Headquarters Committee Chair

On behalf of the Headquarters Committee, I would like to thank all of you who participated in the Silent Auction at the State Convention. We were able to reimburse the \$80.00 registration for one first timer and one participant in the silent auction at a drawing at the banquet, as well as, have money for the rent for headquarters for the next year. We hope you liked the procedure we have gone to in order to speed up the process of awarding items and for those who don't know, items were donated by committee members, members and chapters! It takes a lot of work to have a successful event like this and in saying that, to committee members, Carol Rigby, Chris Wall, Kay Collins, Libby Mahaffey, Tracey Crawford, Linda Hollingsworth, I want to thank you for your dedication and work to make this event happen!

Congratulations to Dr. Angela Bedenbaugh !

Linda Hollingsworth



Dr. Angela O. Bedenbaugh of Alpha Beta Chapter has been selected to be profiled in the first compilation of the *Who's Who Lifetime Achievement* publication. More recently she earned the "Executive Spotlight" in *Who's Who of Professional Women*. Dr. Bedenbaugh's science workshops served between 500 and 550 teachers, and it is estimated that these teachers used workshop materials to instruct over 50,000 students in the first year after the workshop experience. In addition to serving as Zeta State president (1989-91), she was also chair/president of the Mississippi Section of the American Chemical Society (1982-83) and state president of the Mississippi Science Teachers Association (1998-2000). Congratulations to "our" Angela!

2019 Convention First Timers' Comments.....

The DKG Convention was a great experience for me. It was my first DKG Convention and I left with all positive thoughts. Everything was so organized and very well planned. I know that a tremendous amount of work went into the planning and execution of each event and it showed! I enjoyed singing with the choir, the travel breakout session, the memorial service, the luncheon and dinner and the meetings that went with them, and the treasurer's session. I enjoyed putting faces with the many names I have heard or read about. The Pre-Convention was very enjoyable - I am so glad that I chose to attend! Thanks to all of those members worked so hard to assure a successful Convention happened. I will attend again!!! **Hilda Clark, Iota**

I had a wonderful time. Everything was so well planned. Everyone was so friendly and helpful. I will not miss another one." **Sylvia Newsom, Omega**

We were amazed at the preciseness of every detail from the table settings to the programs to the talks given. So much time and effort was given to this convention. We thoroughly enjoyed ALL of it! Blessings on all who worked so diligently to make it go so smoothly! Mrs. Ruby (age 95) plans to go back in two years, and Hilda and I plan to return also! **Jeannie Roberts, Iota Chapter**

I thoroughly enjoyed the Thursday night gathering, and the Governor's Mansion Tour was fabulous! **Glynda Duncan, Iota Chapter**

The convention was a great experience. It generated a renewed excitement about Delta Kappa Gamma and what the organization can mean to the community and to teachers outside our organization. The convention inspired me to be more diligent in promoting DKG good will and service to the teachers and students of our community. **Katherine Smart, Upsilon Chapter**

It was a wonderful experience. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming. I got to meet other teachers and former teachers from all over the state, and made many new friends. The pre-convention seminar was outstanding! My first experience at convention was like coming home to extended family, and it will be hard to top, but I look forward to going again next year. **Tammy Sealy, Alpha Rho**

I enjoyed meeting ladies from other chapters. The sessions I attended were informative. I enjoyed the meal, but thought it was a bit pricey. The expense of the convention deters some members from attending. **Jennifer Moore, Alpha Rho**

It was exciting to meet with teachers all around the state who share the same vision. I had not realized that this organization had been around for so long. Meeting members that have been in Delta Kappa Gamma for 30 years or more was amazing! **Susan Dunkley, Alpha Rho**

I was a first timer and loved every minute of the event. Well organized and implemented. I'll be one of DKG's best recruiters for our next Mississippi State Organization Convention. **Lady Anne Bruce, Alpha Upsilon**

I attended the convention for the first time and it was an amazing experience. The opportunity to meet DKG members from all over the state, sharing strategies and problem solve in the Chapter Presidents' Update meeting, and being a part of the meetings as a timer really deepened my passion for DKG. I feel enlightened and empowered to serve more and make a greater impact in our state. **Kristina Pollard, Alpha Gamma**

My first state convention was an awesome experience. I am so glad I decided to go. From the time I got there on Thursday to the time I got home on Sunday everyone I met was so nice and welcoming. I also learned so much more about our traditions and history by participating in the events of the convention. The food and hospitality were awesome. I will be back for many more conventions to come. I can't wait to see what this adventure in DKG has for me! **Kristin Knight, Alpha Delta**

As a first-time convention attendee, I was in awe at the hospitality of the ladies in our state. Everyone was helpful and friendly, and I could sense the bonds between the members that have been developed over the years. I was equally impressed with the caliber of women who are DKG members and all that they have accomplished. The convention was an enjoyable experience, and I look forward to making the next one! **Stephanie Tootle, Zeta Chapter**

Of the many conferences and conventions, I have attended during my educational career, the Zeta State convention was absolutely the best. Never did any other conference or convention provide useful and pertinent information AND do an excellent job of encouraging and uplifting educators. I felt as if I had known the women of Zeta State all my life and had been a part of such a strong educational platform much longer than I have. **Vivian Simmons, Alpha Phi**

Though I've been a DKG member for nearly 10 years, this was my first state convention. I now understand why members always returned excited committed to the society after attending. I walked away from the experience proud of the accomplishments, goals, processes, professional women, and sisterhood DKG represents and promotes. In fact, I've already invited someone to attend with me next time. I know she will feel at home just as I did when each member welcomed me and ensured I was comfortable as a first-time attendee. **Lindsay Brett, ETA**

"The Convention Experience"Being able to network with like-minded individuals for the State Convention was truly a valuable professional and personal experience. As a first timer, I did not know what to expect. I was a little nervous, but soon warmed up to all the professional sisters that I had suddenly gained. I really enjoyed the travel session that I attended. The presenters gave me some valuable insight regarding group tours and travel. The legislative updates session was empowering. It was so empowering that I have invited Nancy Loomer to attend my school's staff meeting on April 30, 2019. I cannot overlook my winning my registration fee back. This was just an added bonus and a perfect way to end an already splendid weekend. **Lakya Washington, Alpha Theta**

This year was my first Mississippi state convention. The tours and experience of meeting the First Lady on Friday was more than I ever expected to be a part of. The convention itself was so much fun. I enjoyed meeting so many new friends, one of which (who became my bestie on Friday) was our guest speaker!!! She is a wealth of knowledge about our

organization. I truly am excited about the next convention. A big, big shout out to our fabulous state president, Linda Hollingsworth, and everyone who helped make my first state convention amazing. **Donna Harris, Pi Chapter**



Chapter Flutters

Omega Chapter is most proud of our attendance at our meeting and the convention. Our chapter is small, but attendance is increasing.

Iota Chapter had a wonderful time celebrating at the Zeta State DKG Convention in April. We are very proud of our Woman of Distinction, Mrs. Jeannie Roberts, and our Star, Mrs. Ruby Jones who has been a member of DKG since 1950! During the spring, the chapter raised \$643 for Iota's Numeracy-Literacy Project, donated numeracy-literacy books valued at \$250 to an elementary school, donated \$150 for the purchase of children's leadership books to the Carnegie Public Library in honor of Mrs. Susan P. Berryhill, and volunteered many hours in the community including the Carnegie Public Library, Juke Joint Art Exhibit, CARES Animal Rescue, iRISE Educational Conference, Tennessee Williams Festival, Spring Initiative Youth program, Clarksdale Film Festival, Hope for Kids, and Mentoring New Teachers. The Iota Chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Linda Hollingsworth for her leadership and love for our chapter and DKG.

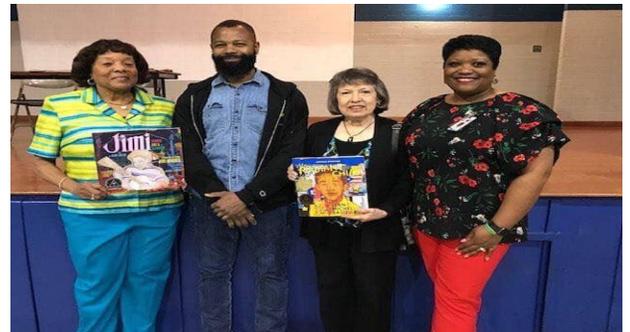
Alpha Theta Chapter.....Wow! What a great convention! Alpha Theta's new inductees are really shining- with that "Can Do" Spirit as they jump right in and help make every meeting meaningful. We are so proud of our Woman of Distinction, Mary Alta Clark. This was a long overdue recognition of one of Alpha Theta's best kept secrets. We were really proud to host our mother chapter "Theta" and our sister chapter "Omega" in a joint meeting in February to strengthen the friendships of Delta Kappa Gamma. Last, but not least, is the overwhelming joy we had as our own Nancy Jay was awarded the Zeta State Achievement Award.

Delta Chapter is pleased to recognize our sister, Angie Palmer, who has been selected as MDE's Administrator of the Year 2019.

Alpha Rho Chapter continued our SEE project during the second semester as we picked up and supported 7 more students at the LCCTE Teacher Academy. This brought our support to a total of 30 mentees, consisting of 17 high school preservice teachers and 13 early educators. Twenty-eight of our members are involved in this project.

Upsilon Chapter is very proud that we were able to provide Kleenex, Clorox wipes, paper towels, hand sanitizer, dry erase markers and Ziploc bags to several schools in Alcorn, Prentiss and Tishomingo counties. The schools were very excited to get a new stock of supplies for this time of the school year.

Alpha Gamma Chapter.... On April 3, 2019, more than 600 children from three Hattiesburg area schools were able to meet the award-winning children's book author and illustrator, Javaka Steptoe. The visit was sponsored by Alpha Gamma Chapter in partnership with the Faye B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival at the University of Southern Mississippi. The author introduced audiences of kindergarten through second graders and their teachers to his picture book biography, *Radiant Child*, which received the Caldecott Medal and the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award. He also autographed copies of the book that were purchased by the chapter and donated to each school's library. Pictured here, left to right, are chapter members Rosemary Woullard and Althea Jerome, who accompanied Mr. Steptoe on the visits, along with Alpha Gamma Chapter President, Kristina Pollard, Principal of Earl Travillion School in Forrest County School District.



Lambda Chapter had 4 members attend the Mississippi State Organization of DKG convention with two first time convention attendees, contributed 3 door prizes, had a member work at the registration desk and another was a meeting hostess, had our "Can Do Spirit" member and Woman of Distinction recognized at the luncheon, displayed 2 visual art pieces of one of our new members, and received recognition for our Yearbook, Newsletter, SEE project, Chapter Service project, Grant-in-Aid, and Woman of Distinction.

Zeta Chapter has been busy with our yearly motto "You Can Be a Better You!" We have been learning about financial wellness, managing stress, self-awareness and defense, and truly enjoying the fellowship of our chapter sisters. The next goal is to plan the upcoming year's meetings to meet the honor chapter criteria and continue making an impact in our community.

Alpha Phi has enjoyed two wonderful meetings since January. Our January meeting took place at The Tracks in Winona, MS. The setting provided members a unique way of interacting and visiting that our normal settings do not allow. The program at our March meeting was provided by a charter member who shared of her experiences in education from teaching in Montgomery, AL, in the 60s to Texas and Mississippi classrooms until her retirement approximately 12 years ago. We also inducted seven new members.

Eta Chapter is so proud of our members who continue to play an important role at the local level as well as at the state level. Janice Garrett was named 1st vice-president and Dorothy Prestwich was named Northern district director. We were so excited to learn that member Lindsay Brett received the Amanda Lowther Scholarship.

Rho Chapter is very proud that our grant-in-aid recipient Ashley Orr was awarded the Zeta State grant-in-aid.

Pi Chapter was well represented at the state convention with 20 members and 1 guest attending. We are proud of our members who completed their biennium serving at the state level! We are excited to announce that our current Second Vice President Beth McKay has an article *Each and Every One of Them* published in the current edition of the Collegial Exchange 2019 (Volume 85-4). It is such a touching story of her realization of the purpose she has for teaching. We are beyond thrilled that another member, Lee Pambianchi, a principal at Northshore Elementary was selected as the 2019 Administrator of the Year!

For a visual view of the 2019 Convention, check out the Convention Slide Show at www.zetastatedkg.org/zeta-state.html



State Dues have increased to \$25.00 for active members and \$10.00 for reserve members. The dues collection date has changed for chapter treasurers to receive dues from chapter members. Collection should be made at the last meeting of the year.

Lynn Holliday
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