



Gamma Sigma Signal



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

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

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President's Message:

Spring greetings, sisters of Delta Kappa Gamma!

We can tell that it's spring because the pollen is with us. 😊 I hope that you have received both of your vaccinations, no matter which kind.

Remember, though, that this does not give a carte blanche to our gatherings: continue to wear masks, wash hands, socially distance, etc. We will see some of our grandchildren for the first time in a year at Easter and are very thankful.

The April meeting will be Saturday, April 17, at 10:30 AM. I will send the Zoom link We hope that you will participate, because the program will be honoring various members for accomplishments or milestones that have been reached this year. It is also hoped that there will be new members nominated for our chapter. It would be especially great to have currently teaching members!

You may still register for the State Convention that will be held virtually, April 23-25. Registration may be completed at this link: [Registration Form](#) on the ncdkg.com site. If you let our treasurer, Becky Oldham, know that you have done so, she will pay for the registration from chapter funds. This will be the easiest state convention ever to attend, and you don't need to attend all day, so let's have a good showing.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting in April—

Robyn Lam

[Robin Lam](#)

910-295-0068 or 603-1450

Next Meeting Information:

Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 10:30 am

HOW: Zoom

LOCATION: In front of your Computer, Tablet, or I-phone

PROGRAM: Honoring Our Members and New Member Nominations

You will receive a Zoom link earlier that week from Robyn Lam. If you are unfamiliar with zoom, please watch this YouTube video that walks you through signing in. We can all do this!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

Chapter Officers:

President: Robyn Lam [Robyn Lam](#)

Vice President for Programs:

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International Website: www.dkg.org

Important Dates to Remember:

April 17 Gamma Sigma Meeting – 10:30 am - Zoom

Mar. 15 NC DKG EF Gray Scholarship applications due

Apr. 2 Convention registration with mailed materials deadline

Apr. 19 Convention registration without mailed materials deadline

April 23-25, 2021 NC DKG Convention – Virtual

May 1 Deadline for applications for Cornetet Individual PD Awards

May 11 DKG Founders Day

June 30 Membership dues due to chapter treasurers

July 7-10, 2021 International Conference-Portland, Oregon

July 21-24, 2021 International Conference-San Antonio, Texas

Treasurer's Report:

March 26, 2021

Balance February 13, 2021 **\$3253.66**

Receivables:

Donation in Memory of J. McPhaul 150.00

Total **\$3403.66**

Disbursements:

Convention Registration Fees/donation 85.00

Speaker donation - TambraPlace 100.00

Total **\$185.00**

Balance March 26, 2021 **\$3218.66**

Becky Oldham

[Becky Oldham](#)

Membership News:



The Membership Committee invites you to a morning of celebration with your Gamma Sigma sisters. We will celebrate our total years of membership for our chapter.

Can you guess?
Who has been a member of DKG the longest?
Which members were inducted into DKG as members of Phi Chapter, which reorganized to charter Gamma Sigma in 1981?

We are looking forward to our morning of celebration on Saturday, April 17 at 10:30 am on ZOOM.

At this meeting we will also VOTE on new members for Gamma Sigma.



Please remember to nominate prospective new members to be voted on at our April 17 meeting. These active public and private school educators and retirees do **NOT** have to be contacted before recommendation. The key is to choose women whom you really want in our chapter. Assume nothing would prevent them from saying yes. Don't eliminate them because you assume they would say no. Let them decide for themselves.

Once nominations are made and a vote is taken on the prospects, we will mail an enthusiastic letter to each prospective member inviting her to an orientation session. During the orientation, prospects will be introduced to the Society with specific chapter program and project highlights, as well as the honor and benefits of membership. Please bring the [prospect card](#), (last page of this newsletter) with information that we'll need for voting.

Thank you so much for helping our chapter grow with more outstanding educators.

Hope to see you all April 17.

Linda

Linda Bryant

[Linda Bryant](#)

Wanda Sweeney

[Wanda Sweeney](#)

2021 NC DKG Convention

A Virtual Celebration - NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future

The 2021 NC DKG Virtual Convention is going to be yet another first for the NC DKG membership. Region XI planning team and the NC DKG Executive Committee invite you to engage in the virtual event designed to celebrate *NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future*.

Convention Virtual Showcases - Tuesday, April 20 thru Sunday, April 25

NC DKG is embracing the world of technology. Activities typically included in the three-day, in-person event will be showcased Tuesday, April 20 through Sunday, April 25. Chapter and member recognitions, awards, and the Ceremony of Remembrance will be shared utilizing virtual presentations. These recorded recognitions **require no registration** and will be available for viewing beginning on the scheduled date (see chart below) or at your own convenience. What a lovely program these showcases could provide for your upcoming chapter meetings.

Remembering NC DKG Past - Friday, April 23, 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The 2021 NC DKG Convention, for which members will **need to register**, will begin on Friday. The celebration will feature a look at the past as we gain inspiration from a veteran NC DKG member, engage in a Founders activity, and enjoy the presentation and hear remarks from the Founders Award recipient.

Celebrating NC DKG Present - Saturday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday will kick off with the Executive Board Meeting and subsequent general session. All registered members are invited to *observe* as the executive board conducts business. Registrants will be able to *participate* in the general session as the executive board's recommendations on proposed amendments are presented, and the election of state officers is conducted. Workshops, live and pre-recorded, will occur in the afternoon, and the evening session will celebrate the accomplishments of chapters and members, featuring DKG Membership Director Trish Woodley.

Shaping NC DKG Future - Sunday, April 25, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday's activities will begin with the annual meeting of the NC DKG Educational Foundation. The closing general session will follow, featuring a guest speaker, the announcement of NC DKG Scholarship recipients, and the Beginning Teacher Award winner. The convention will draw to a close with the installation of the newly elected 2021-2023 NC DKG officers and the passing of the gavel.

Mark your calendars, tell other members, share in your newsletters and on your social media outlets. You do not want to miss A Virtual Celebration - *NC DKG: Past, Present, and Future*. Virtual tours, fun, fellowship, and even "shopping" is scheduled during the convention event.

Convention Virtual Tours and Showcase Schedule	
Tuesday, April 20	Virtual Tour: Penland School of Crafts
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Communication & Marketing Awards
Wednesday, April 21	Virtual Tour: Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Golden Key & Rising Star Awards
Thursday, April 22	Virtual Tour: Blue Ridge Parkway
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Chapter Achievement Award
Friday, April 23	Virtual Tour: Asheville Restaurants and Irresistible Escapes
	Virtual Showcase: Ceremony of Remembrance
Saturday, April 24	Virtual Tour: John C. Campbell Folk School
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Chapter Presidents
Sunday, April 25	Virtual Tour: Nantahala River Whitewater Rafting
	Virtual Showcase: Recognition of Regional Directors

2021 International Conference Links

Hotel and Registration

Portland Conference Registration

[Click here to register online](#)

San Antonio Conference Registration

[Click here to register online](#)

A deposit equal to one night's stay is required to hold each individual reservation. ***The deposit will be refunded in full to any guest who cancels the reservation before 3 days (72 hours) prior to the day of arrival.***

Portland Hotel Information
Portland Marriott Downtown
1401 SW Naito Parkway
Portland, OR, 97201, USA

[Click here to book your room](#)

San Antonio Hotel Information
San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter
101 Bowie Street
San Antonio, TX, 78205, USA

[Click here to book your room](#)

Something for Everyone, Even If Not Registered for Convention

One advantage of a virtual convention is that everyone can participate! With activities before and after the general meetings and workshops, this virtual convention strives to involve everyone!

Before the meetings convene on Friday evening, April 23, virtual activities will begin. Each day, beginning Tuesday, a different area of Region XI, hosts for the convention, will be highlighted through a virtual tour, such as the Carl Sandburg home or the Penland School of Crafts. Also, each day, beginning at noon, members can enjoy a showcase of NC DKG activities, such as the naming of award winners and the Ceremony of Remembrance.

After the convention ends on Sunday, members can still visit the Virtual Marketplace until April 30 to donate to [Knickers for a New Life](#) the convention project or the Passing of the House for Headquarters. The Virtual Tours and Virtual Showcases will remain available also. For more specific information on the Virtual Tours or the Virtual Showcases, refer to the Spring issue of [NC DKG NEWS](#) on the [website](#) and watch social media for times.

Officers to be Voted Upon at Convention

Instead of a slate of officers being approved by attendees at a state convention, this year's registrants for the 2021 NC DKG Convention will vote to elect officers from nominees put forth by the Nominations Committee.

Registrants will vote between two qualified candidates for president and second vice-president. Only one person applied for the first vice-president and secretary offices.

Voting will take place via a Google form. **The form will be sent only to those who register for the convention.** Announcement of election results by President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan will take place on Saturday, and the installation of the new officers will be live on Sunday afternoon, April 25.

Candidates for each office were shared in the Spring 2021 [NC DKG NEWS](#) found on the state [website](#).

Minutes:

Chapter Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2021

The Gamma Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met via ZOOM due to the COVID-19 pandemic on February 13, 2021. Members in attendance were Robyn Lam, Betty Wells Brown, Linda Bryant, Stacy Caldwell, Libby Carter, Lydia Conard, Tina Ganis, Ebbie Monroe, Becky Oldham, Elaine Sills, and Wanda Sweeney. Patricia Pemberton, Regional Director for Region VI, Elaina Aponte, and Tricia Cox had difficulty signing in on ZOOM.

After the call to order, President Robyn Lam opened the meeting with an inspirational quote from Christopher Robin.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Robyn shared that she had extended an invitation to our sister chapter in Fayetteville to join our ZOOM meeting, but she did not receive a response.

Libby introduced our guest speaker, Lucinda Dedmond who is the Assistant Director for Student Support Services with Moore County Schools. Lucinda's topic was "How Are MCS Staff and Students Coping with the Pandemic?" Lucinda is a licensed psychologist and has served as a school counselor. She discussed the wearing of masks in Elementary schools, signs of suicide training and videos for teachers and students in Middle School, and State approval for teaching the CASEL-SEL curriculum in all public schools to students in PK-12 grades. Lucinda suggested donating to the Food Bank and/or the Sandhills Student Assistance to help provide food for students. All members enjoyed Lucinda's informative talk and Robyn thanked her for a great job!

Treasurer Becky Oldham reported our balance is \$3253.66. A donation has been received as a memorial gift to World Fellowship in memory of Jane McPhaul. Individual donations can be made in memory of Jane McPhaul (a DKG member for 59 years) to Mill Prong Preservation, Inc., Sandhills Horticultural Society, or to the charity of your choice. Our chapter could choose a project to honor Jane.

A discussion was held concerning equity and racial equality.

Robyn thanked members for updating their profiles on the DKG website.

At their next Executive Board meeting, members will propose that our Christmas Bazaar be held at Mid Pines on December 4, 2021.

Committee Reports

Literacy: Wanda reported that she and Sandra Florell have proposals for the Executive Board to support Moore County Schools teachers.

World Fellowship: The purpose of World Fellowship is to improve, enrich, and encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence. Since 1960 about one thousand women in 122 countries have received \$3.6 million.

Membership: Linda reminded members that DKG is an honor society. Members are to have their nominations in before April 16. Linda will check the state website for a form for nominating an individual to join DKG.

Recruitment-Grant-in-Aid: Lydia stated that we have no exclusion based on gender and one purpose is to recruit future teachers. This year's recipient will be from North Moore.

President Robyn shared that Gamma Sigma received a "Shout Out" for contributing to Delta Dollars for chapters in Louisiana that have suffered three hurricanes.

She reminded members what a great time this year would be for members to attend a Virtual State Convention in April.

President Robyn asked members about moving our last meeting to Saturday, April 17 at 10:30 am via ZOOM. She will check with the Executive Board.

Linda made a motion to end the meeting, which was seconded by Lydia.

Respectfully submitted, Wanda Sweeney, substituting for Anita Alpenfels

DKG Prospect Card

Name Jane Doe
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Employer Sample School District
Position 1st Grade Teacher
Phone 717-123-4567
Sponsor Dr. Lyn Schmid

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