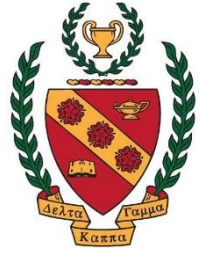




# Gamma Sigma Signal

Gamma Sigma Region VI Moore County, North Carolina  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Eta State, North Carolina  
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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:

Dear Gamma Sigma sisters,  
Whew! We've made it this far through almost 5 months of isolation. How have you adjusted to this new life? I have read, watched British detective shows, and recently gone to Aqua Aerobics which is socially distanced and fun! Zoom gatherings with friends and family, and socially distanced picnics in the Weymouth Gardens have brightened the days. My husband comes home from seeing patients, showers upstairs, then goes back up there to sleep—a darker by-product of the coronavirus.

Now, we come to the fall, and in-person meetings are not a possibility. The Executive Board has met, and we are planning to meet on the Zoom platform on Sept. 15th. We are also considering Google Meets for future meetings. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find links to the site that will guide you through the process of joining the meeting. We hope to see you there!

I hope that you will avail yourself of the information that you will find in the Pilot, or on candidates' websites, about their records and their visions. Moore County has many important races—school board, state senate and house, Congressional representatives, Governor, Senator, and President. Look into each and see what they have to offer to **public education**. Finally, **VOTE!!!** If you cannot wait in lines, or risk unmasked people not staying socially distant, request your absentee ballot NOW. They will be mailed out on Sept. 4. Fill it out and return it immediately (just in case) or you can turn it in at any early voting site.

So, expand your computer skills, study our candidates, and join us on Sept. 15. Many of you have used Zoom in the past few months, and the rest of you? Don't be intimidated!! It will be wonderful to get back together!

Robyn

Robyn Lam [Robin Lam](#)

## Next Meeting Information:

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:30pm**

Bring your own snack and beverage!

**HOW:** Zoom

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

**PROGRAM:** Initiation of new members and Committee Assignments

**You will receive an email invitation the day before the meeting. If you are unfamiliar with zoom, please watch this YouTube video that walks you through signing in. It is quite easy to do!**

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

## Chapter Officers:

**President:** Robyn Lam [Robyn Lam](#)

**Vice President for Programs:**

Player McPhaul [Player McPhaul](#)

**Vice President for Membership:**

Linda Bryant [Lynda Bryant](#)

Wanda Sweeney [Wanda Sweeney](#)

**Treasurer:** Becky Oldham [Becky Oldham](#)

**Recording Secretary:**

Anita Alpenfels [Anita Alpenfels](#)

**Corresponding Secretary:**

Nancy Collins [Nancy Collins](#)

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<https://dkggammasiswa.weebly.com/>

**NC DKG Website:** [www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org)  
**International Website:** [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

**Important Dates to Remember:**

**Sept. 15- Gamma Sigma meeting, zoom**  
**September 30 NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants applications deadline**  
**September 30 Deadline for dues to due to Becky**  
**October 24 Fall Executive Board Meeting**  
 First Presbyterian Church, Burlington  
**October 27 NC DKG Founders Day**  
**November 1 DKGEF Lucile Cornetet Seminar PD Award applications due**  
**November 15 Nominations due for NC DKG officers for the 2021-2023 biennium**  
**April 23-25, 2021 NC DKG Convention**  
 Asheville Crowne Plaza and



**BEE-ginning Teacher**

Beginning Teacher Support Committee  
 Brenda Reese, Chair  
 The BUZZ is . . . BEE-ginning! This school year, your Beginning Teacher Support Committee will be sharing Beginning Educator Excelling (BEE) recognition awards. These BEE notes will be delivered to BEE-ginning teachers by NC DKG members throughout the year to encourage BEE-ginning teachers and let them know we see the great things they are doing for their students. Implementation suggestions for the BEE Award will be posted on the NC DKG website. The certificates will also be online for chapters to print for distribution to any BEE-ginning teacher throughout the year. Ask teacher mentors to nominate BEE-ginning Teachers for the BEE award. The nomination form includes the rationale for nominating these young teachers. Please keep photographs and written records of the awards being presented to share in newsletters, on Facebook, and in other chapter marketing campaigns. The buzz is . . . this is a great tool for retaining teachers and recruiting new members. **(We donated money to the Moore County New Teacher gift baskets in August!)**

**Gamma Sigma's Scholarship Winners**

For the first time we have awarded **two** college scholarships to males! Both young men are from Pinecrest High School and both are attending Appalachian State. Our Congratulations go out to both.

END OF YEAR TREASURER'S REPORT  
 8/19/2019  
 Gamma Sigma Chapter  
 The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Balance August 18, 2019	\$1270.29
<b>Receivables:</b>	
World Fellowship	\$ 178.50
Dues (19-20)	\$1986.00
Dues (20-21)	\$1932.00
Scholarship donations	\$1075.00
Literacy	\$ 133.50
Bazaar	\$750.00
Donation (New Teacher)	\$175.00
Donation (Special Project)	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6280.00</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Dues (19-20)	\$1342.00
Dues (20-21)	\$1325.00
Headquarter Fund (19-20)	\$ 76.00
Headquarter Fund (20-21)	\$ 54.00
World Fellowship	\$ 228.50
Two grant(scholarship)	\$2000.00
Printing/Ink	\$ 17.02
Refreshments	\$79.02
Bazaar Meals	\$156.94
New Teacher Project	\$150.00
Change to M. Hinesley	\$18.00
Donation McDeed's Creek	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5546.48</b>
Balance August 4, 2019	<b>\$2003.81</b>

Becky Oldham [Becky Oldham](#)



Adam Caliri



Grant Oldham

## Membership News:

We have included a listing of our committees for the new biennium. Serving on a committee and working on chapter projects will also help us learn more about our Gamma Sigma sisters. Committee chairs and co-chairs can begin having their meetings by phone, ZOOM, or e-mail discussions. A brief listing of responsibilities for committees is also included.

For our Education Initiative and Literacy Projects, we will need all members' help! We are pleased that Gamma Sigma contributed to the new teachers' welcome back bags for Moore County teachers.

We look forward to strengthening Gamma Sigma as we continue to help teachers and students in Moore County with our literacy and educational initiative projects, as well as our annual scholarship.

Linda Bryant [mailto: Linda Bryant](mailto:Linda.Bryant)

## GAMMA SIGMA COMMITTEES 2020-2022

### Society Business Committees

#### Finance

Wanda Sweeney, Chair

Tricia Cox

Becky Oldham (treasurer ex officio)

Robyn Lam (ex officio)

#### Membership/Yearbook/Directory

Linda Bryant, Co Second VP

Wanda Sweeney, Co Second VP

#### Nominations

Robyn Lam

Linda Bryant

Wanda Sweeney

### Program of Work Committees

#### Programs/Personal Growth

Player McPhaul, First VP

Anita Alpenfels

Christina Speiser

#### Holiday Bazaar

Pam Zell

Linda Bryant

Margaret Hinesley

Becky Oldham

Mabel Rivera

#### Personal Service

Elaine Sills, Chair

#### Educational Services

#### Committees

#### Scholarship

Lydia Conard, Chair

Betty Wells Brown

Libby Carter

#### Educational Initiative

Becky Oldham, Chair

Nancy Collins

Kate Faw

Deborah Wilson

#### Literacy

Sandra Florell, Co-Chair

Wanda Sweeney, Co-

Chair

Elaina Aponte

Nancy Simonette

#### World Fellowship

Wanda Sweeney

Ellen Woodard



## Need A Good Book to Read? one of These!

Try

### **Educators Book Award Winners**

**Unveiled Truth: Lessons I Learned Leading the International School of Kabul** by Gail Goolsby is the winner of the 2020 Educators Book Award. In July 2005, Goolsby traveled to Afghanistan to serve as the first principal of the International School of Kabul. This book shares the joys and challenges of beginning a new school in a war-torn country with a male-dominated culture.

She is a member of the Beta Rho Chapter of Kansas State Organization of DKG.

Honorable mention winners are **Suffrage: The Epic Struggle for Women's Right to Vote** by Susan L.

Poulson. *Suffrage*, in a highly readable and informative style, tells the story of the epic struggle for women to gain the right to vote in the United States. Because DKG's founder, Annie Webb Blanton, was a suffragette, this book will be of interest to members.

**Think Like Socrates** by Shanna Peeples. *[She]* gives insightful strategies and ideas for using questions effectively in teaching.

The Educators Book Award is given annually to a thought-provoking book with a global impact and serves to honor the work of women writing in the field of education. This year, 18 books were submitted that met the criteria. Submissions are now being accepted for the 2021 award. For further details, see the DKG website, [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org), or contact Membership Director Trish Woodley.

*(excerpts from article in July/Aug. DKG News)*

**Congratulations to our Webmaster, Kate Faw,** for earning our Chapter's **2020 Website Excellence Digital Badge**. Look for it the next time you are on the web page!



## Responsibilities of the Committees

### Finance Committee

The chapter president and treasurer serve as ex officio members of the Finance Committee.

1. Prepare the annual chapter budget and present it to the membership for approval at the first chapter meeting.
2. Complete a financial review biannually by the chair of Finance.

### Membership

1. Plan Orientation for prospective members using the Society's Guide to Orientation, the Ceremonies book, and the Yearbook.
2. Initiate members at the first meeting of the year.

### Yearbook/Directory

1. Obtain a current list of members from the treasurer.
2. Consult with the first vice president for meeting dates, locations, and programs.
3. Prepare and print the yearbook for the biennium. The yearbook should be distributed at the first meeting of the year.

### Nominations

The chapter officers shall be a president, a first vice president for programs, a second vice president for membership, a recording secretary for chapter minutes, and a corresponding secretary, who is responsible for the Gamma Sigma Signal.

1. Recruit members to serve as chapter officers.
2. The chapter treasurer is selected by the chapter Executive Board each biennium, and the treasurer can serve longer than two terms.

### Programs/Personal Growth

The first vice president serves as chair of the Programs/Personal Growth committee.

1. Plan programs for the biennium.
2. Contact all guest speakers.
3. Plan the members who will give the invocation and serve as hostesses for the meeting.

### Personal Service

1. Send a single red rose to the member in case of a serious extended illness of a member.
2. Contact members who fail to attend meetings.
3. Notify a member's family that a memorial gift of \$25 has been donated to the Scholarship Fund in the event of the death of a member.

### Holiday Bazaar

1. Secure a location for the meeting and plan the menu.
2. Contact Delta Rho.
3. Set up the room with the donated items, help draw and announce the winners of the raffle.

### Scholarship/Recruitment Grant-In-Aid

1. Choose a grant recipient from among area high school seniors on a rotating basis from North Moore, Pinecrest, and Union Pines High Schools.
2. Contact the scholarship coordinator of the school so that students may be made aware of the availability of the grant-in-aid.
3. Select a recipient from the submitted applications using the chapter's criteria.

### Educational Initiative

1. Decide on a project to support beginning teachers in Moore County Schools.
2. Collect gifts and distribute them to the beginning teachers.

### Literacy

1. Promote literacy as an ongoing project.
2. Collect funds for the brag basket at each meeting to be split with World Fellowship.
3. Encourage volunteerism in literacy projects.

### World Fellowship

1. Pass the World Fellowship basket at each meeting.
2. Share with members at each meeting how these funds help others in the world.



**NOVEMBER 3, 2020 DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

Every four years we have national, state, and municipal elections. In 2020 we will be voting in Presidential, US Senate, and Congressional races, as well as for our state governor, Lt. governor, attorney general, auditor, commissioners of agriculture, insurance, labor, secretary of state, treasurer, and judges, state legislatures, county commissioners, and board of education. A full list of the candidates, party affiliation, and the specific areas for which they are running is on the Moore County Board of Elections website at

[www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections](http://www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections). This website offers information on absentee voting, deadlines to register, lists of the candidates, and early voting (with times and places). You can also find your precinct information for voting on November 3! Below is a list of the candidates for some of our state and local elections:

**NAME ON BALLOT - PARTY**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

Catherine Truitt - REP

Jen Mangrum - DEM

**NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 25**

Helen Probst Mills - DEM

Tom McInnis - REP

**NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 052**

Lowell Simon - DEM

James L. (Jamie) Boles, Jr. - REP

**NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 078**

Allen Ray McNeill - REP

**MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT II**

Ariadne T. DeGarr - DEM

Louis Gregory - REP

**MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT IV**

Frank R. Quis - REP

**MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT I**

Stacey Caldwell

Brandon Coleman

**MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT II**

Helena Wallin-Miller

Robert M. Levy

**MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT IV**

Betty Wells Brown

David Hensley

**MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT V**

John Weaver

Philip Holmes

**MOORE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR**

Ronald L. (Ron) Uteley

William Arthur (Art) Williams

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**

(submitted by Betty Wells Brown)



**Looking for New Leaders**

Nominations Committee

Missy Wells, Chair

The Nominations Committee is looking for NC DKG members who have been **planted** in NC DKG, who have **grown** in leadership, and who are **ready to bloom** at the state level for the 2021-2023 biennium!

Nomination recommendations for NC DKG President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Secretary will be **accepted until November 15, 2020**. The Google Form link for the Nomination Recommendations Form can be found at [www.ncdkg.org/Forms](http://www.ncdkg.org/Forms). Contact Nominations Chair [Missy Wells](#) with questions. Happy Nominating!



The terminology can sometimes be confusing when writing about DKG. The whole of DKG is called the Society, which is always capitalized when referring to DKG.

**A Word from your Editor:**

Dear Sisters,  
I'm back! Of course, as your new editor I hope to get these newsletters out in a timely fashion, so you have the news you need. I have made a few changes...well a big change with the format of the newsletter. I am trying to reduce the number of pages and am trying out a new template I found on the NCDKG website. Also, all our emails must be embedded so you will just see the name underlined in red. Click it and you will go to the email of that person. Please let me know about the new format and suggestions that you might have.  
See you all on September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Nancy Collins