

ALPHA BETA CHAPTER DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY

Organized April 19, 1952



Territory Includes

**JOHNSTON COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA**

**ALPHA BETA CHAPTER
2026-2027**

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Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine fellowship.
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and women educators.
5. To endow to endow awards to aid members in pursuing professional and personal development and to provide grants to non-member educators;
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform the members of the current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

International Vision Statement:

“Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”

International Mission Statement:

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

2026-2027 NC State Theme:

No Grit, No Pearl!

NC State Vision:

Voices of Influence Empowering NC Women Educators

NORTH CAROLINA DKG STATE HEADQUARTERS

805 NC Highway 42 South

Asheboro, NC

336-318-1178

Driving Directions are on the Eta State Website: ncdkg.org

ALPHA BETA MEETING CALENDAR 2026-2027

All meetings will be held in Wesley Hall of Centenary United Methodist Church

E 140 Market Street, Smithfield, NC 27577. Gathering starts at 5:15 pm.

Dinner starts at 5:45. Business starts at 6:15.

Tuesday September 22, 2026	Pearls of Wisdom (Wear pearls!) La Cocina (Make your own fajitas).	Hostesses: Becky Kuszmaul and Lorine Davis
Saturday October 24, 2026	Butts and Such Pig Pickin' The Davis Home Spouses/significant others are welcome. Sonya's family will be cooking the pig, and Alpha Beta sisters are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. The cost per person (including guests) will be determined based on RSVP numbers.	
Tuesday December 1, 2026	"Holly Days": Show and Sell (Wear holiday attire.) Parkside (traditional meal).	Hostess: Melissa Pearce
Tuesday February 2, 2027	"Talking Talmadge and Tobacco" featuring Leo and Helen Daughtry Guests (of either gender) are welcome to join us to hear the Daughtrys read from Leo's novel. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing, or you may bring your own. Note you will need to pay for your guest's catered dinner in addition to your own. Meadow Grill or Four Oaks Restaurant (traditional meal).	Hostess Committee: Abby Salas and Sonya Kiser
Tuesday April 13, 2027	"Making New Members and Keeping the Old" (Wear red, white, silver, gold) New member induction and legacy celebrations. Old Store Cafe (Heavy hors d'oeuvres)	Hostess Committee: Carol Massenburg and Trudy Farnell

NC DKG State Convention
April 9-11, 2027
Burlington, NC

2026-2028 ALPHA BETA OFFICERS

President	Sonya Kiser	919-915-1898 alphabetachapterncdkg@gmail.com
First Vice President	Lisa McDowell	336-24-7658
Second Vice President	Amy Stanley	919-631-5723
Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary	Abby Salas	919-634-0078
Treasurer	Meg Smith	Cell: 919-394-4268 alphabetatreasurer26@gmail.com
Parliamentarian	Trudy Farnell	919-631-1956
Immediate Past President	Mary Daughtry	919-915-1239
Historian	Melissa Pearce	919-3207870

ALPHA BETA COMMITTEES

Committee	Chair	Members
Awards	Mary Daughtry	Terry Dickens, Trudy Farnell, Meg Smith, Jean Stowers
Beginning Teacher Support	Jennifer Swartz	Lauren Barbour, Melissa Finch, Danah Miller, Jenny Moore, Ann Parrish, Terri Sessoms, Janice White
Chapter Rules	Karen Parker	Mary Daughtry, Lorine Davis, Trudy Farnell, Jen Swartz
Communications	Abby Salas	Pam Batchelor,, Sonya Kiser, Amy Stanley

Educational Excellence/Planning	Lisa McDowell	Darla Peedin, Lynda Sutton, Triudy Farnell, Jen Swartz, Lynn Ragsdale
Educational Law & Policy	Lynn Ragsdale	Johna Faulconer, Melissa Pearce, Jane Pope
Finance	Becky Kuszmaul	Melissa Finch, Jennifer Moore, Meg Smith, Tucker Twisdale
Historian	Melissa Pearce	Abby Salas, Sonya Kiser
Literacy	Heather Pennica & Carol Massenburg	Karen Hicks, Lisa McDowell, Ann Carper, Amy Stanley, Renee Wiggs, Debbie Woodruff
Membership	Darla Peedin, Lynda Sutton	Cathy Cox, Lisa McDowell, Jennifer Bare, Joy Callahan, Jean Stowers
Necrology Remembrance	Mary Daughtry	Cary Lane Cockrell, Sonya Kiser, Jane Pope
Nominations	Trudy Farnell	Mary Daughtry, Karen Parker
Scholarship	Lorine Davis	Tamara Barbour, Amy Creed, Mary Nell Ferguson, Becky Kuszmaul, Abby Salas, Suzanne Sweat, Debbie Woodruff
World Fellowship	Trudy Farnell	Morgan Wynn, Hattie Bob Wilson

ALPHA BETA CHARTER MEMBERS

Organized April 19, 1952

+*Bishop, Evelyn - Deceased

*Creech, Vivia - Deceased

*Davis, Sue Johnson - Transfer

*Eskridge, Eloise G - Deceased

+Futrell, Hazel - Transfer

*Futrell, Linda D - Resigned

*Glenn, Connie - Deceased

*Griffin, Gladys - Transfer

*Gunter, Agnes - Deceased

+Hardwicke, Callie - Transfer

+Harriett, Julia - Transfer

+King, Rena - Deceased

*Moser, Myrtle F. - Deceased

*Newsome, Susan A - Transfer

+Payne, Mabel W - Deceased

*Poole, Evelyn - Resigned

*Sanders, Elsie - Deceased

*Original Pledges

+Transfer from other Chapters

Past Presidents of ALPHA BETA CHAPTER

*Mrs. Callie Harwicke 1952-1954	*Mrs. Freddie H. Creech 1980-1982	Mrs. Jennifer Swartz 2010-2012
*Miss Rena King 1954-1956	*Mrs. Emily B. Bagley 1982-1984	Mrs. Lynn Ragsdale 2012-2014
*Miss Evelyn Bishop 1956-1958	*Mrs. Maylene Sanders 1984-1986	Mrs. Lorine Davis 2014-2016
*Miss Eleanor Herring 1958-1959	Mrs. Glenda Hales 1986-1988	Mrs. Lorine Davis 2016-2018
*Mrs. Carolyn B. Holland 1959-1960	Mrs. Ann Parrish 1988-1990	Mrs. Karen Parker 2018-2020
*Mrs. Constance Glenn 1960-1962	Mrs. Joyce Wade 1990-1992	Mrs. Trudy Farnell 2020-2022
*Mrs. Florence Sorrell 1962-1964	Mrs. Janice White 1992-1994	Mrs. Mary Daughtry 2022-2024
*Mrs. Andrea C. Boyette 1964-1966	Mrs. Martha Bradshaw 1994-1996	Mrs. Sonya Kiser 2024-2026
*Mrs. Eula A. Boyette 1966-1968	Mrs. Deborah Woodruff 1996-1998	Mrs. Sonya Kiser 2026-
*Miss Agnes Gunter 1968-1970	*Mrs. Betty Ferrell 1998-2000	
*Mrs. Herberta S. Uzzle 1970-1972	*Mrs. Sue Wood 2000-2002	
*Mrs. Ramona H. Cash 1972-1974	Mrs. Terri Sessoms 2002-2004	
*Mrs. Eloise S. Bonds 1974-1976	Mrs. Cathy Cox 2004-2006	
*Miss Thelma Harris 1976-1978	Mrs. Allette Hale 2006-2008	
*Ms. Alyce Sumrell 1978-1980	Mrs. Denise Luper 2008-2010	*Deceased

Rose/Rose Buds

Our newest members, like Rose Buds, are in the growth stage in Alpha Beta Chapter. "Roses" have been designated by our president to touch base with their "Rose Buds", encouraging attendance at meetings and helping make the transition into sisterhood meaningful for new members.

DECEASED ALPHA BETA MEMBERS

Adams, Cynthia Deford (C.R.)	Primary Teacher, Retired	Raleigh
Bishop, Evelyn	Librarian, Johnston County Alpha Beta Charter Member Alpha Beta President: 1956-1958	Smithfield
Boyette, Andrea C. (J.C.)	High School Teacher, Retired Alpha Beta President: 1964-1966	Kenly
Boyette, Eula (C.E.)	Primary Teacher, Retired Alpha Beta President: 1966-1968	Kenly
Coble, Annie Lee (A.H.)	Teacher, Retired	Smithfield
Canady, Laura	Teacher, Retired	Four Oaks
Cash, Ramona	High School Teacher, Retired	Clayton
Cooper, Gaynelle (R.L.)	Elementary Teacher, Retired	Clayton
Creech, Hazel (H.H.)	Primary Teacher, Retired	Smithfield
Creech, Vivia (James)	Primary Teacher, Retired	Smithfield
Daughtery, Nancy (C.I.)	Academically Gifted Teacher, Retired	Smithfield
Driver, Dorothy	Teacher, Retired	Wendell
Edwards, Sybil	Teacher, Retired	Smithfield
Eskridge, Eloise (E.S.)	Primary Supervisor Alpha Beta Charter Member	Kenly
Farmer, Mae Ellen (T.A.)	Primary Teacher, Retired	Smithfield
Ferrell, Betty	Media Specialist NJMS, Retired	Kenly
Grantham, Hilda (N.B.)	Elementary Teacher, Retired	Smithfield
Glenn, Constance (A.G.)	High School Teacher, Retired Alpha Beta Charter Member Alpha Beta President: 1960-1962	Smithfield
DECEASED ALPHA BETA MEMBERS (continued)		
Grady, Ruth (J.C.)	Primary Teacher, Retired Reserve Member	Kenly

Gunter, Agnes	Elementary Teacher, Retired Alpha Beta Charter Member Alpha Beta President: 1968-1970 Reserve Member	Smithfield
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Hatcher, Ruth (J.T.)	High School Teacher, Retired Honorary Member	Four Oaks
Herring, Eleanor	High School Librarian Alpha Beta President: 1958-1959	Smithfield
Hines, Jessie	Primary Teacher, Retired	Goldsboro
Hinnant, Margerette (C.B.)	High School Teacher, Retired	Micro
Hocutt, Bertha (H.T.)	Speech Therapist, Retired	Clayton
Holland, Carolyn (W.T.)	High School Teacher, Retired Alpha Beta President: 1959-1960	Selma
Howard, Wilma (P.H.)	Guidance Counselor, Retired	Selma
King, Rena	High School Supervisor, Retired Alpha Beta Charter Member Transfer Alpha Beta President: 1954-1956	
Langdon, Matilda (K.O.)	Primary Teacher, Retired Honorary Member	Benson
Lawhon, Mary (A.D.)	Primary Teacher, Retired	Newton Grove
Moser, Myrtle (E.H.)	Elementary Teacher, Retired Alpha Beta Charter Member	Zebulon
Norton, Glenda (W.L.)	Primary Teacher, Retired	Selma
Ogburn, Anne (Vic)	Elementary Director, Retired	Smithfield
Parker, Clara (B.B.)	Elementary Teacher, Retired	Pine Level
Payne, Mabel (H.V.)	Elementary Teacher, Retired Alpha Beta Charter Member	Selma
Parrish, Carolyn	High School Teacher, Retired	Wilson's Mills
Parrish, Leona	High School Teacher, Retired	Smithfield
Ragsdale, Bess	Counselor	Smithfield

Sanders, Maylene	Director of Child Nutrition, Retired	Smithfield
Sauls, Mary	Retired Teacher	Clayton
Scarborough, Dr. Iris	Chairman of Music Department, Campbell University, Retired	Four Oaks

Simpson, Ethel (E.S.)	Elementary Teacher, Retired	Smithfield
Smith, Ethel K.	Librarian, Retired	Benson
Southerland, Annie Rose	Elementary Teacher, Retired	Smithfield
Sorrell, Florence (N.L.)	High School Teacher, Retired Alpha Beta President: 1962-1964	Benson
Sumrell, Mary Alyce	Guidance Supervisor, Retired Alpha Beta President: 1978-1980	Clayton
Temple, Virginia (J.A.)	Elementary Supervisor, Retired	Smithfield
Tew, Elizabeth (J.J.)	Elementary Teacher	Clayton
Uzzle, Herberta S. (J.T.)	High School Teacher & Librarian, Retired Alpha Beta President: 1970-1972	Wilson's Mills
Warren, Frances		
Walker, Margaret	Teacher, Retired	Smithfield
Wells, Mary	Supervisor, Retired Honorary Member	Smithfield
Wilder, Geneva (D.O.)	Elementary Teacher, Retired	Zebulon
Wood, Sue	Director of Media Services, JCS, Retired; Alpha Beta President: 2000-2002	Selma
Woodall, Lucille	Elementary Supervisor, Retired	Clayton
Woodruff, Melba (L.F.)	Primary Teacher, Retired	Smithfield

The DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

Founded By
Dr. Annie Webb Blanton
May 11, 1929
Austin, Texas

Founders
Dr. Annie Webb Blanton
Miss Mamie S. Bastian
Miss Ruby Cole
Miss Mable Grizzard
Miss Anna Hiss
Miss Ray King
Dr. Helen Koch
Mrs. Ruby Terrill Lomax
Dr. Cora M. Martin
Mrs. Lalla M. Odom
Miss Lela Lee Williams

NC DKG (ETA STATE) FOUNDERS

Initiation: October 27, 1934

Miss Nora E. Beust*		New Albany, New York
Dr. Cordelia Camp*		Rutherfordton, North Carolina
Miss Nancy Devers		Stevenson, Alabama
Miss Ione Dunn*		Dawson, North Carolina
Dr. Mildred English*		Newbern, Tennessee
Miss Ruth Fitzgerald*		Mocksville, North Carolina
Mrs. Ruby Sisk Gouge*		Franklin, North Carolina
Miss Marguerite Herr*		Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Miss Sallie B. Marks*		Albemarle, North Carolina
Miss Hattie S. Parrott*		Lenoir County, North Carolina
Miss Mary Reade Smith		Taylor, Texas
Dr. Lucile Turner		Pulaski, Tennessee

*Deceased

NC DKG STATE OFFICERS 2026-2028

President	Jane S. "Janie" Webb	president@ncdkg.org
First Vice-President	Leslie Black	firstvp@ncdkg.org
Second Vice-President	Dr. Michelle Tuck Thomas	secondvp@ncdkg.org
Secretary	Debra Groce	secretary@ncdkg.org
Immediate Past President	Hilda Parler	
Treasurer	Tonya Allison	treasurer@ncdkg.org
Executive Secretary	Elizabeth Miars	
Parliamentarian	Rhonda Hager	
Newsletter Editor	Dedra Davis	
Webmaster	Deb Christensen	
NC Data Editor	Ann Carol Stocks	

NC Regional Directors 2026-2028

Region 1	Jodie Mitchum	Delta Zeta
Region 2	Michelle Cox Wall	Alpha Psi
Region 3	Sonya Ellis Kiser regionii@ncdkg.org	Alpha Beta
Region 4	Cindy Grady	Alpha Eta
Region 5	Sonya Albert Falls	Beta Pi
Region 6	Melinda Powers Sellers	Gamma Gamma
Region 7	April Nicole Dunovant	Beta Delta
Region 8	Robin Tomasino	Alpha Mu
Region 9	Teresa Hughes Shadoin	Alpha Gamma
Region 10	Dr. Elaine Boysworth	Delta Sigma
Region 11	Dr. Traci Metz	Alpha Iota

NC DKG COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2025-2027

Awards	<i>Tobey Worthington</i>
Beginning Teacher Support	<i>Tammy Cullom</i>
Communications & Marketing	<i>Lizette Day</i>
Educational Excellence	<i>Leslie Black</i>
Educational Law & Policy	<i>Dr. Malinda Pennington</i>
Finance	<i>Shelia Groves</i>
Headquarters	<i>Mary Beth Dailey</i>
Leadership Development	<i>Michelle Wall</i>
Membership/Expansions	<i>Carol Bostian</i>
NC Music Representative	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
NC Liaison to the International Arts and Humanities Jury	<i>Shelia Robertson</i>
U.S. Forum Connection	<i>Lori Holguin</i>
Nominations	<i>Dr. Judith Carlson</i>
Personnel	<i>Connie Sevell</i>
Planning	<i>Hilda Parler</i>
Rules	<i>Dr. Angela Hill</i>
Scholarships	<i>Dr. Carol Maidon</i>
UN Relationship/World Fellowship	<i>Dr. Phyllis Broughton</i>

PAST PRESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Miss Nora Beust 1934-1938	Miss Ruth Fitzgerald 1938-1940	Miss Hattie Parrott 1940-1942
Miss Cordelia Camp 1942-1944	Miss Hattie Fowler 1944-1946	Dr. Lucile Turner 1946-1948
Miss Grace Van Dyke Moore 1948-1950	Miss Kate Parks Kitchen 1950-1953	Mrs. Vera B. Lawrence 1953-1955
Dr. Catherine Dennis 1955-1957	Mrs. Nettie B. Herring 1957-1959	Mrs. Margaret Flintom 1959-1961
Mrs. Phebe Emmons 1961-1963	Mrs. Grace Council 1963-1965	Dr. Eugenia Hunter 1965-1967
Mrs. Rosalie Pruette 1967-1969	Mrs. Claudine Watson 1969-1971	Mrs. Doris Pridgen 1971-1973
Miss Dorothy McNairy 1973-1975	Miss Mildred Bingham 1975-1977	Mrs. Pauline Longest 1977-1979
Miss Mary T. Smith 1979-1981	Dr. Gloria R. Little, <i>Mu</i> 1981-1983	Miss Mary Ann Nichols 1983-1985
Mrs. Aulene Henderson, <i>Beta Xi</i> 1985-1987	Mrs. Dorothy Carter, <i>Omicron</i> 1987-1989	Mrs. Jeanette Pittman, <i>Mu</i> 1989-1991
Dr. Judith Carlson, <i>Alpha Gamma</i> 1991-1993	Dr. Barbara Day, <i>Delta Beta</i> 1993-1995	Dr. Gwen Simmons, <i>Gamma Kappa</i> 1995-1997
Ms. Ellen Gragg, <i>Alpha Epsilon</i> 1997-1999	Dr. Mary Cauley, <i>Sigma</i> 1999-2000	Mrs. Emily Weigel, <i>Alpha Psi</i> 2001-2003
Mrs. Carroll M. Harrell, <i>Delta Zeta</i> 2003-2005	Lynne P. Leatherwood, <i>Delta Alpha</i> 2005-2007	Carmen F. Redding, <i>Alpha</i> 2007-2009
Betty Marshall, <i>Gamma Theta</i> 2009-2011	Linda Little, <i>Alpha Psi</i> 2011-2013	Patrica Taylor, <i>Mu</i> . 2013-2015
Sheila Groves, <i>Beta Delta</i> 2015-2017	Connie Savell, <i>Delta Tau</i> 2017-2019	Teresa Cowen, <i>Alpha Phi</i> 2019-2021
Beth Winsted, <i>Beta Alpha</i> 2021-2023	Hilda Parlér, <i>Gamma Theta</i> 2023-2025	Janie Webb 2025-

DKG INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS 2026-2028

President - Connie Rensink

First Vice-President - Carol Herzog

Second Vice-President - Dr. Teresa Cowan (North Carolinian)

Executive Director - Lucinda Hart

Europe Regional - Barbara Carlsen

Northeast Regional Director - Linda Adcock

Northwest Regional Director - Lisa Olson

Southeast Regional Director - Nancy Davis

Southwest Regional Director - Patty Belknap

Immediate Past President - Dr. Beverly Hall Maughan

Member- at- Large - Dr. Donna Niday and Beth Scheiber

Area Representative, Canada - Dr. Angela Voutier

Area Representative, Latin America - Dr. Ovis Anjelica Forde

Parliamentarian - Dr. Helen Popovich

COLLECT

Give us, O Lord, a realization of what our organization stands for.
With its high ideals always before us may our faith and courage never weaken.
Grant that we may be steadfast in our purpose as we endeavor to meet the responsibilities and obligations set before us.
Help us to be truly loyal, one to another, and may we strive to become more worthy members of our professions.
And as we pledge anew our services to our noble cause, may unity and cooperation continue unbroken to the end.

Pi, Texas

BENEDICTION

Tune: Edelweiss

May the Lord, Mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace;
Courage in every endeavor.

A CREED FOR TEACHERS

The *Mediocre* Teacher tells
The *Good* Teacher explains
The *Superior* Teacher demonstrates
The *Great* Teacher inspires.

Aloha-Ike-Akea

Look to this day, for it is life,
Yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well lived makes
Every yesterday a dream of
Happiness and every tomorrow
A vision of hope.

Sanskrit

Live with an awareness of doors to open,
Paths to explore;
And opportunities for growth.

Unknown

WE WEAR THE KEY

Words and Music by: Lois F. McMillan

We wear the key in Delta Kappa Gamma;
It is so dear, we wear it near our heart.
Let's use the key in Delta Kappa Gamma -
To show the world that we will do our part.
Open the door; - we can open the door, -
The door to love of learning.
Open the door; - we can open the door, -
With enthusiasm - burning -
We wear the key in Delta Kappa Gamma;
It is so dear, we wear it near our heart,-
Let's use the Key in Delta Kappa Gamma -
To show the world that we will do our part.
For it is not too late, - if we don't hesitate;
We can mediate, - we can communicate;
Be a candidate, - someone to emulate;
Let us dedicate - ourselves to educate.
Open the door; - we can open the door, -
The door to understanding.
Open the door; - we can open the door, -
Inviting, not demanding. -
We wear the key in Delta Kappa Gamma;
It is so dear, we wear it near our heart.
Let's use the key in Delta Kappa Gamma -
To show the world that we will do our part.

The DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SONG

Words by: Annie Blanton and Cora M. Martin

Women teachers to the calling
Firmly rally, Never falling,
Duty ne're upon us palling
Staunch, courageous we!

Loyalty and trust e'er needing,
Mindful of our sisters needing
Aid and guidance from those leading.
Helpful may we be!

To Delta Kappa Gamma
Faith we pledge forever!
Hand in hand our loyal band,
Forward moving ever!
Onward! Tis our sisters need us,
Courage, Faith and Honor lead us,
Wrongs in truth and justice need us.
Firmly shall we stand!

Guardians of the faith yet sleeping
For our sisters watch e'er keeping.
Deeds of others now we're reaping
We for others stand!

To us pioneers have given;
We return their gifts to Heaven;
Work for others is the leaven
That inspires our band!

Oh, Delta Kappa Gamma
In thy fold we gather!
Unity and liberty,
Shall be our watchword ever!
Education e'er we'll further;
Each is bound to each as brother;
With this faith in one another
We shall win, for aye!