

Alpha Zeta State News



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

ALPHA ZETA STATE (NJ) TURNS 80



Photo credit: Michele Contala, AZS Photographer

This year's Alpha Zeta State Convention, held on April 13-15, 2018 at the Somerset Doubletree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center, was extra special as our membership celebrated our 80th year as a state organization at our annual AZS Birthday Luncheon.

Alpha Zeta (New Jersey) was the 30th state organization of Delta Kappa Gamma, founded by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and Mamie Sue Bastian, third DKG National President, in 1938. The first five state founders were initiated on February 26, 1938, at the Hotel Ambassador in Atlantic City during a convention of the American Association of School Administrators. The remaining eleven state founders, along with an adequate number of members to complete the state organization, were initiated during the remaining months of 1938.

During the first biennium, there were no formal meetings. Rather, the founders, along with the new members of Alpha Zeta State, felt that it was pertinent to spend these early years in contact with The DKG National Society as well as searching for key women educators within New Jersey.

Today, Alpha Zeta State has evolved into a state organization of eighteen chapters that represent key women educators throughout New Jersey. We are especially pleased to continue AZS's tradition of offering a state initiation ceremony at our annual state convention.

Reference: 1938-2013 Diamond Anniversary History of the NJ State Organization of DKG International (75th Anniversary)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR AZS PRESIDENT, Carol Schwartz



So Much to Celebrate!

Our 2018 Alpha Zeta State Convention was a meaningful, informative and successful weekend. Our workshops were diverse - from providing professional development credits for our current educators, to workshops that focused on self-defense for women, chair yoga, and our ever popular book discussions. Thanks to **Ingrid Williams** and her chapter program chairs for finding these great workshops. Our initiation chairs, along with **Dr. Pamela Albert Devine**, helped us welcome twenty-seven new members at our moving initiation ceremony. We celebrated our 80th anniversary at the AZS Birthday Luncheon. All of our officers, convention chairs, along with the committee chairs, worked tirelessly to give us a professional and successful convention.

Our International guest, **Barbara Whiting**, DKG 1st Vice-President, brought us greetings from Austin, Texas. Her workshop, *"The Story of Possibilities,"* was well received by those members who were lucky enough to attend her breakout session. Barbara also enjoyed dinner with our past state presidents Friday evening before joining us for the basket raffle and dessert social. Our initiates had the opportunity to spend time with Barbara during their Saturday morning orientation session. At our first general session, Barbara spoke to us about the amendments that we will vote on at the DKG International Convention this summer.

Our *Alpha Zeta State Dedicated Service Award* was presented to **Carmela DeMarco** by **Barbara Henderson**, special awards chair. Carmela is quite deserving of this honor as she works tirelessly for Alpha Zeta

State and Delta Kappa Gamma International.

Luella Vengenock presented our AZS *Rose Awards* to our chapter recipients during our Saturday evening banquet.

Special congratulations to **Dr. Judith Merz**, whose work will be included in the *DKG Spring 2018 Arts and Humanities Gallery*. Judy will have three original works of poetry in the gallery.

Congratulations also to **Dr. Marilyn Gonyo**, who will be presented with the *Lifetime Achievement Award* from the Rowan University Alumni Association and the Rowan University Office of Alumni Engagement.



The Board of Trustees of the Bergen - Passaic ARC Foundation dedicated the ARC's Child and Family Building in honor of **Betty Hoehne**. The building's new name is Betty's Place. Congratulations to Betty on this wonderful honor. These women truly help to exemplify the best of AZS.

Dr. Mary Lee Batesko, **Patti Rahn** and I have been preparing for our chapter officer leadership training session scheduled for June 9th. Our leadership chairs will begin the morning with a leadership building session followed by new officer and other chapter committee training. Registration for all 2018-2020 chapter officers and appropriate chairs should be sent by the current chapter president to cbrosored@gmail.com. The deadline for registration is June 1st. Watch for more details about this upcoming meeting in future emails.

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PRESIDENT (Continued from page 2)

The DKG International Convention will be held in Austin, Texas, July 16th -20th. **Irene Maskaly** and **Ginny Pasternak** are planning a fun filled *Jersey Girl's* dinner. Many breakout sessions for those interested in professional and organizational growth will be provided. There will also be tours of DKG International's headquarters. We will be voting on 156 proposed amendments to the DKG constitution. It is important for you to review these changes, which were in the March/April issue of the *DKG News*. I will be placing my vote for those of you not in attendance. Therefore, it is important to let me know how you would like me to represent you with my vote.

My flight to this year's DKG International Convention is booked, and I hope to see several of you in Austin. International is always moving, energizing, and a great time to show our Alpha Zeta State New Jersey Pride!

SAVE THE DATE...

2018 DKG International Convention
July 16 - 20, 2018
JW Marriott
Austin, Texas

See page 9 in this newsletter, or visit www.dkg.org for additional information and registration details.

AZS Stipends / Scholarships

Pam Watkinson, AZS Stipend Chair

AZS Professional Growth Stipends may be used for professional growth, personal development, research, travel related to one's field of work, educational or community service projects, or conference attendance related to one's field. AZS sisters may apply after the first anniversary of their membership. For additional details, go to <https://www.dkgnj.org/the-professional-growth-stipend.html>.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

September 1, 2018

- **AZS Professional Growth Stipends** (first round)

December 15, 2018

- **AZS Professional Growth Stipends** (second round)
- **Elizabeth Bozearth Scholarship** - A DKG member for at least three years who is accepted in a graduate program is eligible. For details, go to <https://www.dkgnj.org/the-elizabeth-m-bozearth-state-scholarship.html>.
- **Margaret Abel Scholarship Award**: Provides grant-in-aid to outstanding women preparing to enter the education profession. For details, go to <https://www.dkgnj.org/the-margaret-abel-scholarship-award.html>.

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AZS MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Welcome New Members!

Dr. Pamela Albert Devine, AZS Second Vice-President, Membership Chair

AZS would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest sisters of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. At our annual AZS Convention this year, twenty-four new members were initiated during our state's traditional ceremony. Twenty of you have had, or will have, an equally unique initiation experience at your chapter meeting. Whichever initiation event you participated in, we are honored to have you as our newest members!

You have been identified as a *Key Woman Educator*. Your sponsor has recognized your dedication to your career, your successes in life and the qualities of a leader who will continue to make a difference in the lives of everyone they meet. Our members impact education in their communities, our state and across the world through projects, programs, and philanthropic endeavors. As AZS membership chair, I encourage you to begin your involvement in your chapter immediately. Your sponsor is now your mentor - talk to her, and find out how you can get started on your DKG journey. What might that next step be on your DKG journey?

Are you willing to take the risk? Are you willing to take the next step? Your next step could be attending the 2018 International Convention July 16-20, 2018 in Austin this summer! Visit [2018 International Convention Information](#) for convention details. We hope you will be able to attend one or more days of the convention to experience the professional organization you have joined. Please contact your sponsor, mentor, or me, with any questions or information you may need about registering for the convention.

Your next step could be attending the AZS Leadership Workshop on June 9, 2018, or it could be presenting a workshop at our 2019 State Convention! It could be to follow DKG on Facebook ([Alpha Zeta State DKG](#)),

Twitter ([@AlphaZetaStateNJ](#)), Instagram ([dkgnewjersey](#)) or LinkedIn ([DKG: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.](#))

There are many advantages to membership in our Society. We urge you to visit the [DKG International Web Site](#) to complete your Member Profile and to explore the links to learn more about our Society.

Take advantage of the opportunities and connections of your membership. You will see how these opportunities, along with active participation, can actually help change the world. Be sure to also visit the [Alpha Zeta State Web Site](#).

The nurturing environment of the Society encourages all members to grow and reach the highest levels of professional and personal accomplishments. Our members are committed to fulfilling their potential for greatness, for creativity, for leadership and for service through varied programs of action.



We are so glad you have joined our Society and welcome you all!

We are here to help you; opportunities are abundant at the local, state and international levels. Opportunities to enhance leadership development, financial opportunities to support members seeking educational advancement, opportunities to participate in forums on legislative issues, international networking opportunities across all fields and levels of education and more, all await you as a DKG member. Thank you for joining DKG! We look forward to our shared future as sisters.

If you know of someone else who is interested in membership and lives in another part of the state, please encourage them to reach out directly to palbertdevine@gmail.com or contact us via our [Want to Become a Member Page!](#)

AZS EEC NEWS: Convention Programs a Success

Ingrid Williams, AZS First Vice-President, Programs of Work/EEC Chair

The “tribe” has spoken and the responses were positive! This year’s AZS Convention featured eleven workshops and after reviewing the workshop evaluations, there is no doubt that our sisters enjoyed the diverse presentations that were selected by our program planning committee. Hopefully, we were able to meet everyone’s personal and/or professional needs while adhering to the seven purposes of DKG.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our thirteen sisters who presented or co-presented workshops, the two Franklin Township police officers who presented a workshop on self-defense and to DKG International First Vice-President, **Barbara Whiting**, who held a thought-provoking presentation on the proposed changes to our constitution that will be voted on at the convention in Austin in July. We appreciate the time and effort that went into planning all of these workshops. I’d also like to thank the workshop presiders from Alpha, Beta, Pi and Zeta chapters who helped the workshops run smoothly and on time.

Rules/Bylaws Committee

Dr. B. Glazewski and S. Cutter, Co-Chairs

The following proposed amendments to the AZS Constitution were approved by the membership at the 2018 annual convention on April 14, 2018:

VI.E.1.a.5)	IX.B.3.
VII.A.1.	IX.C.1.a.1) and 3)
VII.B.2 and B.3.	IX.C2.h.
IX.A.1.j.	IX.D.2.e.

These revisions will be made to our AZS document, which will then be submitted to DKG International for final approval.

Our luncheon keynote speaker, Jim DelGuidice, provided a highly entertaining presentation on famous women of New Jersey. I think he was pleasantly surprised by the ability of our membership to identify the pictures of many of the women he featured! He was so impressed with our organization that he hopes his niece, a music teacher, will look into membership in DKG.

The workshop evaluations provided many suggestions for future workshops and books for our book discussion workshops. The program planning committee will be making selections for the workshops for our AZS 2019 Convention at our state meeting in September. If you have an idea that you haven’t yet shared, recommendation forms are posted on the AZS website. Ideas and/or names of presenters should be submitted to **Ingrid Williams** by July.

Thank you once again for your support and attendance in making our 2018 convention a meaningful experience for all.



SAP Committee

A. Boehm and C. Musick, Co-Chairs

The Strategic Action Plan Committee has been busy reviewing chapter SAPs. We look forward to completing this task in the next few weeks. Chapters are doing an excellent job updating their plans and following the new state model, which is easier to use. We want to thank all the chapters for their support and cooperation.

Congratulations, Dr. Marilyn Gonyo

2018 Rowan University Alumni Association's *Lifetime Service Award* Recipient

AZS is honored to congratulate **Dr. Marilyn E. Gonyo**, Lambda chapter, for her latest acknowledgment. In addition to the many awards and accolades Dr. Gonyo has received throughout her career, she has been selected as the 2018 recipient of Rowan University Alumni Association's *Lifetime Service Award*. This award, which recognizes Dr. Gonyo for her dedicated, distinguished service to Rowan University, the teaching profession, and to her community, will be presented at the Golden Years Luncheon in June.

Dr. Gonyo's stellar career in the field of education began with her undergraduate education, which provided her with the foundation to become a successful educator and educational leader.

After earning an undergraduate degree in elementary education from then-Glassboro State College in 1965, Dr. Gonyo began her career as an elementary school teacher in Piscataway Township, New Jersey. She later earned her master's degree in reading from Kean University and became her school district's first reading specialist.

After earning her doctorate in special education from Rutgers University, Dr. Gonyo worked in higher education as a professor teaching graduate courses in learning disabilities and special education. Fueled by her passion to improve the educational experience for students with learning disabilities, Dr. Gonyo became an education program specialist for the New Jersey Department of Education. Later, she returned to higher education and retired as a Professor of Education and the Director of Graduate Programs in Special Education from Georgian Court University.

A notable highlight of Dr. Gonyo's career was her appointment to the New Jersey Governor's Task Force on Reading Disabilities. In addition, while at Georgian



Court, Dr. Gonyo was director and co-founder of a program for college learning disabled students. A member of numerous professional organizations, Dr. Gonyo is the past state

president of the Association of Learning Consultants, the New Jersey Council for Learning Disabilities, and the New Jersey Schoolwomen's Club.

Currently, Dr. Gonyo is the president of the Rutgers University Graduate School of Education Alumni Association as well as president of the Rutgers Club.

Dr. Gonyo actively supports Rowan University's College of Education. As a member of the College of Education Strategic Action Planning Committee, Dr. Gonyo is dynamically engaged in the process of continually improving upon the strong educational foundation offered by the College of Education's programs.

In 2016, she established the *Dr. Marilyn E. Gonyo Scholarship for Excellence in Education*, which recognizes students in their junior or senior year, with a preference to those in the Teacher of Students with Disabilities or Reading Endorsement programs. In 2017, she also created a fund to encourage professional development for undergraduate education students by supporting travel to professional conferences.

Dr. Gonyo has actively served The Delta Kappa Gamma Society since her initiation in 1971. She was Lambda chapter president from 1984-1986 and Alpha Zeta State president from 2005-2007.

AZS Dedicated Service Award

Barbara Henderson, DSA Chair

The *AZS Dedicated Service Award* was established in 1988 to recognize an AZS member of at least ten years who has given extraordinary service to the Society on the state and chapter level. Each chapter is eligible to nominate one individual, not necessarily a member of the chapter, whom they believe is deserving of this award. After much deliberation, the committee makes a selection, which is revealed at the AZS convention banquet. The award is presented in the even-numbered years.



Photo credit: Michele Contala, AZS Photographer

(L to R) AZS President Carol Schwartz and Carmela DeMarco, recipient of AZS Dedicated Service Award

This year, the winner was our beloved Carmela DeMarco. For years, Carmela has been a visible presence in her chapter, at the state level and at the international level. Currently, she serves as the international chair of the U.S. Forum for DKG. As the chair, she actively fulfills the purposes of DKG in support of desirable legislation that impacts education and women educators. One of her responsibilities is to oversee the scheduling of congressional visits by legislative conference attendees. She stays abreast of issues such as advocacy, violence against women, women's health care, and youth suicide awareness and prevention.

Carmela's devotion to the purposes of DKG and its members is evidenced by her long service to the Society. We wish to extend our congratulations again to our most deserving sister, Carmela DeMarco.

US Forum's National Legislative Seminar

Carmela DeMarco, US Forum Chair

The DKG US Forum's National Legislative Seminar (NLS) was held on March 18-21, 2018 in Arlington, Virginia. Over 75 DKG members attended, representing 26 states.

Monday's NLS session included seminar topics such as advocacy, teen suicide and prevention, women's leadership in education, violence against women and girls, and women's health.

Early Tuesday morning, we went to the Hill, listened to a briefing on educational issues in the Rayburn Building, and met with congressional representatives or their staff members.

Wednesday's session began with breakfast, followed by a presentation in honor of Women's History Month. The NLS wrap-up session, entitled, "*The Next Step*," gave attendees a plan that would enable and encourage them to advocate with confidence on behalf of women, children and education.

AZS Dedicated Service Award Recipients

1990	Dorothy Harp (Gamma)
1992	Helen Casterlin (Epsilon)
1994	Mary Cudema Schurig (Sigma)
1996	Harriet DiLeonardo (Eta)
1998	Carol Corby (Alpha)
2000	Lorraine Hall (Gamma)
2002	Laura Lewis (Sigma)
2004	Helen Barrett (Beta)
2006	Claire Swanson (Alpha)
2008	Margaret Anzul (Tau)
2010	Marion Heath (Beta)
2012	Ellen Hahn (Beta)
2014	Jan Paxton (Alpha)
2016	Michele Contala (Lambda)
2018	Carmela DeMarco (Gamma)

2018 Margaret Abel Award Presented to Kaitlyn Jimenez

Faith Steinfort, MAS Award, Chair

As we've come to expect, this year's MAS recipient is an extraordinary young woman. Kaitlyn Jimenez is currently in a five-year Masters in Teaching Program at Montclair State University. She will receive her BA in Family Science and Human Development with a concentration in Families, Children and School Settings in May of this year. She is expected to receive her Masters in Teaching in May 2019, with certifications in K-6 and Teaching Students with Disabilities, with a Middle School English endorsement.

Those education professionals who know Kaitlyn had this to say about her personal qualities. "She is bright and humble; passionate about education, dedicated to helping students succeed at every level, and most committed to becoming a fine teacher. Her character and commitment to high standards are laudable. I am proud to have worked with such a wonderful student."

Their comments also acknowledged Kaitlyn's contributions to the university and her community. "As the president of the Future Educator's Association, she demonstrates the characteristics of a great leader. She constantly thinks of new and innovative ways to improve the club and has developed seminars and workshops for the organization. During the 2017 holiday season, she has also spearheaded a campus-wide *Toys for Tots* drive. She has worked in a variety of educational settings to enhance her academic training. Specifically, she has served as a youth worker, as well as a CCD teacher. Most recently, she has taken on several leadership roles at the university including admissions office ambassador and a volunteer for children with disabilities."

Kaitlyn has managed to achieve all of this while attaining a GPA of 3.99! Her honors and awards include receiving several scholarships, receiving the Dean of Students *First Year Award* from MSU, and being

admitted to several honor societies including the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education.

In her essay, Kaitlyn stated, "Way back in elementary school I dreamed of being a teacher. This was solidified when my fourth grade teacher said that everyone needed to have a plan B when it comes to career choices. A plan B? I felt that there was no plan B for me; I feel the same way today."

How fortunate for our profession that this amazing young woman had no plan B!

Congratulations, Jessi Oliano

On April 18, 2018, **Jessi Oliano** received the 2018 *Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award* from the Rider University Department of Communications and Journalism. Jessi commented, "It is such an honor to be recognized by my colleagues, and to join the ranks of other distinguished alumni from the Rider University Department of Communication and Journalism." Jessi is a Gamma sister, and is currently serving as AZS's Technology, Research and Support chair. Congratulations, Jessi!

Nominations 2019-2021

Carmela DeMarco, Nominations Chair

It is not too early to think about electing officers to lead DKG New Jersey into the 2019-2021 biennium. The state nominations committee, which is comprised of chapter nomination chairs, will meet at the Alpha Zeta State meeting in September.

In the meantime, if you are interested, reach out to your chapter nominations chair or the state nominations chair concerning the process. The Nominations form for the 2019-2021 biennium is posted on the state website. The deadline for submission of nominations is September 30, 2018.

2018 DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Jan Paxton, AZS Convention Tri-chair

Are you going? The DKG International Convention is July 16-20, in Austin, Texas. If you're not sure about whether or not to attend, read the *Newsettes* from the Society. You can access them at the following link: http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2018_International_convention/Newsettes_in_ternational_convention.aspx?WebsiteKey=f2a9f9b2-97e4-46ea-a2f2-6b3771b0cb9d.

Claire Swanson has an article in the second one about why she attends – networking, catching up with friends, professional development opportunities and more. This is a BYOCB (Bring Your Own Convention Bag) occasion. You can read all about it in an article by **Carolyn Pittman**. Be prepared – bring two bags, one to use and one to trade.

The convention speakers look fabulous! **Benjamin Zander**, co-author with Rosamunde Zander of *The Art of Possibility*, will be a 2018 International Convention speaker. Known worldwide as a teacher of thousands of musicians and as a celebrated speaker on leadership, Zander will combine the possibilities found in leadership, optimism and the arts.

You may have seen Brooklyn native **Nadia Lopez** in an NPR interview, photographed in the White House with her student and President Barack Obama, or on Entertainment Television when she was honored with the *Black Girls Rock Change Agent Award*, or as a member of The Education Revolution panel. You may have heard of or read her book, *The Bridge to Brilliance: How One Principal in a Tough Community Is Inspiring the World*. Lopez will be a keynote speaker at the 2018 International Convention.

The break-out sessions and *Ten Minute Take-aways* include something for everyone. The huge list of convention offerings is at

http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGMember/Events/2018_International_convention/Breakout_sessions.aspx.

Of course, this year there are monumental changes afoot with proposed amendments.

The Society sent out a huge mailing earlier in the year with all of the text and explanations. The current issue of the *Collegial Exchange* has a couple of good articles on the reasoning behind the proposed changes. Additionally, the Society has provided some videos and other tools for understanding these proposals. The link for this information is on our Alpha Zeta State website at <https://www.dkgnj.org/news-between-the-news/understanding-the-amendments>. This is our organization. If we want it to thrive, we need to take an interest.



Last, but not least, the *Jersey Girls* will be there! At each convention there is an opportunity for the state delegations to gather for dinner. Irene Maskaly is organizing this event, which is likely to be on Thursday evening, July 19. To make her life easier and to facilitate connections at convention, there is a dinner sign-up on our AZS website: <https://www.dkgnj.org/news-between-the-news/coming-to-international-in-austin>.

Registration for the DKG International Convention can be done online at http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2018_International_convention/2018_Austin_International_Convention.aspx, although you need to sign in to complete the form. Note that the price for registration goes up after June 16, so register early! Hope to see you in Austin.

2018 ALPHA ZETA STATE CONVENTION MEMORIES

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Inspiration...



Collaboration...



Professional Development...



Fellowship...



2018 ALPHA ZETA STATE CONVENTION MEMORIES

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Recognition...



Ceremonies...



New friendships...



Traditions...



NEWSWORTHY NOTES FROM DKG INTERNATIONAL

Questions about the Proposed DKG Amendments?

Eileen McNally, DKG Communications

Answers are available. You want to be prepared for the vote. You want to understand. Help is just a click away. Information has been compiled and videos made. Go to:

http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/2018_Proposed_amendments.aspx. Here you will find:

- All the amendments
- FAQs
- Videos that explain the “stories” behind the amendments
- Registration for webinars addressing the proposals

A good starting point is the videos. They may answer many questions. Look down to the right for a box with links to the six short videos regarding the six “stories” about the proposals.

DKG’s Resume Template

If you need to revise your professional resume, DKG International is there to help. You can access a resume template to make the task easier by visiting www.dkg.org and clicking on “Resources” and then “Templates.”

The DKG Bulletin Collegial Exchange

Have you read the latest edition of our professional journal? AZS is once again represented with the publication of **Jan Wilson’s** digital painting, *Doorway to the Future*. Congratulations, Jan!

New DKG 365 App

Did you know that you can now access DKG on your mobile devices? The new DKG 365 app has two parts.

Part 1: 365 - This section contains basic membership information and relevant DKG updates. It is only available to members.

Part 2: Conventions - This section is a convention/conference reference tool that contains maps, schedules, speakers, discussion boards, etc. to help connect members whether or not they attend an event.

The DKG 365 app is a free download and will be protected by a password of your choice. Once you have accessed the app, you will be guided to login. Be sure to use the email that is on file with DKG Headquarters, and click on the “Email Password” button. You will then receive an email with step-by-step directions to create your own password.

To download the DKG 65 mobile app:

- iPhone and iPad users - Search “DKG 365” or “Delta Kappa Gamma” on the Apple App Store.
- Android users - Search “DKG365” or “Delta Kappa Gamma” on the Google Play Store.
- Blackberry, Windows, laptops - Use <https://dkg.gatherdigital.com> on your smart phone or computer browser (omitting the www.)

DKG’s New Mailing Address

The DKG Society International’s PO box will be discontinued on July 1st. Please send all postal correspondence to the physical address:

**416 W 12th Street
Austin, TX 78701**

AZS CHAPTER NEWS

BETA CHAPTER

Jo Ann Corvino, *president*

This spring, Beta proudly celebrates our four “fifty plus” sisters. The member with the longest DKG membership in the state of New Jersey is **Doris Salati**, initiated in April 1957. She served Alpha Zeta State as corresponding secretary from 1975-1977, second vice-president from 1977-1979, and then first vice-president in 1979-1981. Doris, as well as our other “fifty plus” sisters, **Bea Brinker**, **Marion Heath** and **Ann Saienni**, have served Beta chapter in many positions. They keep connected to our chapter through meetings, newsletters, phone calls and occasional visits. We appreciate their BETA legacy.

This year, Beta will once again honor our retired sisters with our second *M.A.R.V.E.L.* luncheon. Our *Most Appreciated Revered Valued Esteemed and Loved (MARVEL)* sisters sometimes find attending evening meetings a problem. Having this daytime event keeps them in the fold. President **Jo Ann Corvino** leads an abbreviated meeting to strengthen connections with our chapter. Spending special time with these sisters is a treasure.

Karen Wildermuth was named Alloway Township School’s *Teacher of the Year*. Karen began working at Alloway in September, 1990 as the Health and Phys Ed teacher. After receiving her second masters, she began teaching fourth grade in 2006. She has been a Beta sister since 2009.



GAMMA CHAPTER

Michelle Maruca, *president*

Gamma chapter has so much to be grateful for, and proud of, as we move through spring

with a sense of citizenship, sisterhood, peace and compassion! The 2016-18 biennium has been a success due to the diligent leadership of our officers, the collaborative headship of our executive board and the spirited contributions of all Gamma members. **President Maruca** expressed, “It has been such an honor to work alongside these excellent women, whom I also call friend.”

As always, DKG’s Alpha Zeta State Convention was a wonderful time. Our chapter banner was carried in by member, **Stephanie Crea**. Congratulations to our 2018 *Rose Award* recipient, **Angela Castaneda**.

Gamma has been fortunate to have celebrated numerous members’ honors and recognitions. We are beyond excited to have officially welcomed our five newest Gammas into DKG. Gamma chapter is also proud to see AZS State President **Carol Schwartz** shine so brightly alongside her outstanding team.

Gamma heartily worked within our biennium philanthropic focus, “*Paws for a Cause*.” The purpose was to support animal rescue organizations that train rescued animals to become service animals who support children with special needs. Supporting the well-being of children and animals are causes so near and dear to our hearts.

Gamma is looking forward to the biennium ahead as we enthusiastically welcome in our 2018-2020 officers. We will continue to support AZS President **Carol Schwartz** and her officers, be a contributing part of DKG International, and strengthen the bonds of sisterhood, while promoting excellence in education and citizenship. Our best!

AZS CHAPTER NEWS

EPSILON CHAPTER

Pam Raynor, *president*

Epsilon Chapter is pleased to welcome our newest sister, **Wendy Whipple**. Wendy is looking forward to joining her sisters in helping with our latest project. Each spring, Epsilon sisters collect gently used scarves, jewelry, lotions, wallets, and pocketbooks to give to the children living in the shelters in Sussex and Warren counties. The children select gifts for their mother for Mother's Day.

We are delighted to share with all AZS members, that **Linda Adams**, a past Epsilon president and **Suzanne Hunt**, a past Epsilon president as well as a past AZS president, are both feeling well and looking forward to attending our May meeting.

A summer social is in the works for an August afternoon. Our previous "**SOUPE**" *Saturday* and *Breakfast Brunch* were two social events that were well attended and received rave reviews. Our social committee is thinking of having a *Game Day* where sisters could play cards, Mah Jong, Bridge, Trivia, Scrabble, Yahtzee and Bingo, just to name a few. Other summer activities have been mentioned, and our social committee is working hard to create fellowship events for all to enjoy. Finally, our new officers for 2018-2020 anticipate a fabulous biennium.



ZETA CHAPTER

JoAnn Applegate, *president*

What do sweet and innovative have in common... Zeta's new initiates! **Quinn Panagos** has taught language arts at Intermediate South for 10 years. She is the

established assistant director and choreographer for the school play and the advisor for student council. She's dancing her way into the heart of Zeta.

Megan Walsh Cummings has taught social studies at Intermediate East for 11 years. Megan is the advisor for Interact Club too. This year, Megan was recognized as *Teacher of the Year*. Megan's kind-hearted disposition is welcomed by Zeta.

The winds of March were no competition for **Christine Morsch's** hospitality and hearth, coupled with **Johanna McCauley's** book discussion about the novel, *The Windfall*.

Nothing was amiss when **Missy Miller** hosted the annual *Initiate's Tea* on January 28. The initiates learned about the kindness, empathy, humor, and dedication shared within Zeta.

Zeta sisters relished in an entertaining AZS convention. During the basket auction, **Arlene Newman** was surprised by her prize – a treasure chest full of scratch-off lottery tickets. In addition, members nominated **Jennifer Goodwin** for the *2018 Rose Award*.



ETA CHAPTER

Irma Lorenz, *president*

Welcome to our new members: **Cheryl Friedman, Sherri Miller, Lynn Mills, Darci Sosa and Courtney Stuck**. Cheryl and Darci were initiated at the AZS Convention. Sherri, Lynn and Courtney were initiated at our May meeting. At our 10th annual *Girls' Night Out*, sixteen sisters played a lively game of

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BUNCO. **Anne Wood** was the big winner.

Sixteen sisters and initiates took part in the various activities of convention. **Gwen Jones** was awarded a certificate for 50 years membership in DKG. **Diana Dohrmann** led the chorus and provided music when needed. At the luncheon, **Faith Steinfert** presented the Margaret Abel Scholarship. **Doris Salagi** helped to cut the cake to honor AZ State's 80th birthday.

At our *Dress a Girl Day*, fifteen sisters worked to cut, iron, pin and sew 51 dresses. The final touches will be added at **Mary Zaccardi's** home, and **Faith Steinfert** will deliver the dresses for distribution to girls around the world.

For the Beta, Eta, Iota and Nu combined meeting, **Jeanne Del Colle** enlisted her Stockton State colleague, Claudine Keenan, Ed.D. to present a workshop. Claudine's topic, "*Where There is a WIL, There is a Way - Women in Leadership*," was informative, quick moving, fun and well received.

Congratulations to **Katie Cosey** who was named *2018 Teacher of the Year* at Sunnybrae School in Hamilton Township.

Eta continues to support Crossroads Programs, Inc. and Literacy NJ, Burlington County.

The **Harriet DiLeonardo Active Teacher Grant in Aid** is available to women teachers in Burlington County for projects involving their students. For information and an application, please contact **Mary Zaccardi** at memary927@aol.com. In closing, congratulations to the officers for the 2018-2020 biennium!

KAPPA CHAPTER

Mimi Weiss, *president*

Betty E. Hoehne was the guest of honor on Sunday, April, 22, 2018, at the dedication of the Betty Center, the Arc's Child and Family Center in Oakland, NJ. Named in her honor, the facility provides a place for parents of developmentally disabled children to receive support and services for their pre-school age children to play and socialize in playgroups.



Kappa sisters, along with members from several other chapters, including former AZ State Presidents **Roxanne Adinolfi** and **Barbara Smith**, attended the ceremony. In the foyer of the building, **Bea Kettlewood's** artistic depiction of the building is on display.

Other Kappa members who have contributed to ARC are **Ann Murray**, a major benefactor, as well as **Pam Miller** and **Mimi Weis**, who served on the planning committee for the dedication, and are both members of the ARC's Board of Trustees. **Kathy Walsh**, President/CEO of the ARC of Bergen and Passaic, organized and emceed the dedication program, which included tributes from young people with developmental disabilities who have benefited from the education programs of the ARC.

Inscribed on the wall, in the entrance to the

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Betty Center, is the following tribute to Betty Hoehne: "Betty has been the ARC's most enthusiastic champion, warming our hearts with her kindness, humor and friendship. She has made the world a better place for people with disabilities, carrying on the legacy of her parents, Bertha and August, Sr., and her brother, August, Jr., who were her inspiration."



LAMBDA CHAPTER

Dr. Barbara Glazewski,
Noreen McHale, co-presidents

Honors and recognitions are raining down on our sister, **Dr. Marilyn Gonyo**, and Lambda is so very proud to share the news. In addition to the many awards and accolades Dr. Gonyo has received throughout her career, she has been selected as the 2018 recipient of Rowan University Alumni Association's *Lifetime Service Award*. This award, which recognizes Dr. Gonyo for her dedicated, distinguished service to Rowan University, the teaching profession, and to her community, will be presented at the Golden Years Luncheon in June. In addition to receiving this prestigious award, Dr. Gonyo has also been chosen to deliver the 2018 commencement address for the Rowan University School of Education. Congratulations, Lynn!

On another note, although **Dr. Barbara Glazewski** recently retired from Kean University as a Professor and Coordinator of the Graduate Program in Speech-Language Pathology, she continues to support the field as incoming President of the NJEA affiliate, New Jersey Association of Speech-Language Specialists (NJASLS).

OMICRON CHAPTER

Gail Starr, *president*

Congratulations to **Anne Flynn** for being awarded a *DKG Society International 2018-2019 Scholarship* for her doctoral studies at Stockton University. Anne is the principal at the Robert C. Wood, Sr. Early Childhood Center in the Little Egg Harbor School District.



During Anne's tenure at the district, she has been instrumental in obtaining a five star rating for the Robert C. Wood Early Childhood Center. In October, 2017, she was awarded a \$500,000 grant from *Ocean Inc./Head Start* to spearhead a program designed to support preschoolers and their families by providing professional home visits to strengthen parenting skills. In addition to the rigorous tasks required as the principal of the Early Childhood Center, Anne organizes two to three parent workshops per month, as well as orchestrates numerous family nights to address academic topics such as mathematics, science, literacy, and the arts.

Congratulations are also in order for **Dr. Judith S. Nappi**, assistant professor at Rider University. Dr. Nappi, along with her student,



Andrea Knorr, had an article published in the October 2017 issue of *Principal Leadership*. The title of the article is "Gauging Advanced Placement Potential: How Student's Likelihood of Success Correlates to Exam Scores." In addition to teaching classes, Judy continues to conduct research and has projects in various stages, and serves Omicron chapter as our first vice-president.

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PI CHAPTER

Dr. Kathryn Albertson, *president*

The 2017 Spirit of Community Event, held on October 26th at Auletto's Caterers, honored our Pi sister, **Jackie Gould**. Jackie was chosen to receive the *Presidential Volunteer Service Award*, which is the highest level in the nation. Jackie was nominated by the Food Bank of South Jersey to receive this gold award for 500+ hours of volunteer service. Jackie has been volunteering at the FBSJ since 2009.



On Saturday, October 14, 2017, **Doreen Mills** was presented with the Episcopal Women of the NJ Diocese's *Woman of Honor Award*. An honoree must have demonstrated hard

work, love and exceptional dedication to her parish. Doreen is an example to many. She was recognized for her tireless devotion to the needs of others and accomplishments in the church community and beyond.

Pi Chapter will end the year with activities which included the April membership meeting featuring a presentation, "*Scams, Fraud and Solutions*," by Pitman retired police chief, Robert Zimmerman. May's meeting will "*Celebrate Volunteers*." In June, we will celebrate our 35th anniversary at our Birthday Luncheon.

In 2016 and again in 2017, Pi's Book Club

had an amazing time as guests at the home of author Lisa Scottoline. Each year, the author holds a contest to invite book club members to her beautiful home in Chester County, Pennsylvania for a luncheon. We are feeling lucky, so we're entering the contest for the third time. Over the summer, we will read *After Anna*, Ms. Scottoline's latest novel.



RHO CHAPTER

Patricia Garay, *president*

Rho chapter is proud to recognize **Lindsay Gooditis**, who was named the *Teacher of the Year* for Franklin Township School in Hunterdon County. Lindsay is a preschool - eighth grade STEM teacher and a seventh grade Math teacher. She has been teaching for four years and is currently enrolled as a graduate student at The College of New Jersey, pursuing her master's degree in Educational Leadership. Lindsay has been active with our *Blankets for Babies* project, and is Rho's webmaster. Congratulations, Lindsay!



SIGMA CHAPTER

Susan Yoder, *president*

Sigma Chapter marked its 30th birthday on April 30, 2018. We are proud that our charter members, **Laura Lewis** and **Hattie Green**, retain their membership, even though they reside out of state. We remember our deceased charter member, **Mary Cudemo Schurig**, for her tireless dedication to DKG

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and education. We are grateful to these exemplary women for birthing our chapter and continuing to influence Sigma's endeavors.

2011-2013 AZS president **Roxanne Adinolfi** was presented the chapter recognition



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certificate at the state convention in honor of our 30 years as a chapter.

Many Sigma members volunteer and dedicate themselves to excellence in education efforts. **Jane Murphy's** volunteer efforts were recognized as the recipient of the *2017 Camden County Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Medal*.

Kathryn Lihotz, a teacher in Gloucester Township Public Schools, received the *Professional of the Year Award* from Educational Services. STEM teacher, **Katie Yoder**, is a master teacher in East Hampton. Her school program won the *PLTW 2017-2018 Distinguished School* designation.

Tiffany Harris Green was named to the *2018 Rowan Athletics Hall of Fame*. Additionally, Tiffany, a Mount Laurel special education teacher, is the recipient of the *2018 Rose Award* for Sigma chapter.

2018 Dates and Deadlines

JUNE	<p>1..... Deadline to register for 6/9/18 AZS Leadership Session</p> <p>9..... AZS Leadership Session (location/time TBA)</p>
JULY	<p>16-20... DKG International Convention in Austin, TX</p>
AUGUST	
SEPTEMBER	<p>1..... Deadline to apply for AZS Professional Growth Stipend</p> <p>8..... AZS September Meeting (location/time TBA)</p> <p>30..... Deadline to submit 2019-2020 AZS Nominations form</p>

DKG's Seven Purposes

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is a professional organization representing key women educators in 17 countries.

On May 11, 1929, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society was established, 89 years ago, in Austin, Texas. Our founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, identified the seven purposes of the Society at that time.

Today, these seven purposes continue to guide our members at the chapter, state and international levels as a means to promote the personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education. The seven purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International are as follows:

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual 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 interests of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.
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 current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Founders' Day ~ May 11th

It was 89 years ago, that Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, faculty member of the University of Texas and a former Texas superintendent of public instruction, envisioned the idea of an organization for women educators. Eleven Texan women representing various professional positions in education, were initiated by Dr. Blanton. Alpha Chapter was installed on June 3, 1929.

These twelve Founders were Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, Miss Mamie Sue Bastian, Miss Ruby Cole, Miss Mabel Grizzard, Dr. Anna Hiss, Miss Ray King, Miss Sue King, Dr. Helen Koch, Mrs. Ruby Terrill Lomax, Dr. Cora M. Martin, Mrs. Lalla M. Odom, and Miss Lela Lee Williams.

Reference: www.dkg.org website



What Is a Key Woman Educator?

A Key Woman Educator is someone who is:

- A potential leader,
- Able to bring out the best in others,
- Authentic,
- Responsive to feedback,
- Results oriented,
- Adaptable,
- A conceptual thinker,
- Motivated to make a difference.

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