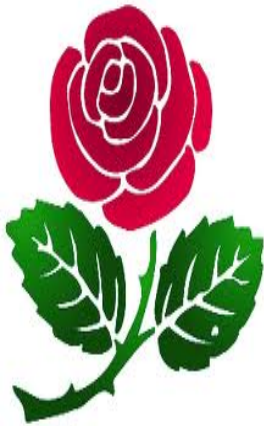


**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
ALPHA ZETA STATE**



*Rose and Key
Awards*



April 1, 2017

Every Chapter has the privilege to nominate one professionally active member to receive the Rose Award and one retired member to receive the Key Award.

Alpha Zeta State is pleased to honor those nominations and to give the Rose and Key Awards to this year's recipients.

This booklet lists all the recipients by Chapter and includes the information that was submitted with the nomination.

Alpha Chapter



Dr. Emily Hoeflinger

2012

Dr. Hoeflinger has been a very active member of Alpha Chapter since her initiation. She has served both as corresponding secretary and second vice president. She created and administers our Facebook page which has helped our members keep in touch with each other and current issues in education. Recently, she connected Alpha with the Red Hawk Food Pantry at Monclair State University which provides food and cooking supplies for needy college students. She is an asset both to Alpha and to her students at Monclair State.

Alpha Chapter



Anne Avigdor

2014

Alpha Chapter is pleased to select Anne Avigdor for the Key Award. Anne has been a dedicated member since her initiation in 2014. Anne retired from a successful career as an English teacher from the Glen Ridge School District. Her ability to motivate her students allowed them to achieve and reach beyond expectations. This can-do attitude and positive nature also encompasses her dedication to her family and friends. Anne's dependable and supportive manner enhances our meetings. She happily served as our Social Chair. In all aspects of her life, Anne exhibits the seven purposes of DKG. She is truly an asset to Alpha Chapter.

Beta Chapter



Alison Derenberger

2015

Alison was initiated into Beta Chapter in April 2015. She was Teacher of the Year in 2001 and the recipient of an Outstanding Special Education Award from the National Association of Special Education Teachers. Alison presently teaches pre-k in the Alloway School District. She is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, PEO Sisterhood and Secretary of the Gloucester County Children's Choir. Alison has presented 2 technology workshops for our Chapter. She is always ready and able to lend a hand when needed. Beta is proud to honor Alison with the 2017 Rose Award.

Beta Chapter



Marilyn Mortimer

1988

Marilyn Mortimer was initiated into Beta Chapter in 1988. She is a former English teacher from the Woodstown School District. She still returns occasionally to substitute teach when needed. Marilyn also finds time to deliver Meals on Wheels and is active with NJREA. Marilyn has served Beta Chapter as a past president and vice president. She received the Rose Award in 1998. Marilyn presently serves the chapter as Rules and Bylaws Chair and Chapter Parliamentarian. Marilyn is always willing to help with anything that's needed. Beta is proud to honor Marilyn Mortimer with the 2017 Key Award!

Gamma Chapter



Amy Weinstein

2006

Amy was initiated into Gamma Chapter in April 2006 and has been an active and valued member ever since. Amy has held positions on Gamma's Executive Board, including Corresponding Secretary and Initiation Chair. She served on the Strategic Action Plan for AZS and is in her third biennium as State Initiation Co-Chair. Amy was instrumental in the implementation of a "re-gifting" event held every year. Money raised from this event is used to purchase items for our raffle baskets for convention. Amy's dedication to education is utmost for her. She is a special education teacher by day, parent of two children, teaches at her synagogue, and is active in community service. We are so honored to have Amy as Gamma's Rose Award recipient this year!

Gamma Chapter



Saula Cutter

2003

Saula Cutter was initiated into Gamma Chapter in April 2003. Her leadership skills, friendly manner and dedication has helped to strengthen Gamma Chapter. Saula has held several positions on the Executive Board including serving as president for two biennium. She established the SPARKS program for Gamma that brought sisters together more often for educational or social events. Saula was also active on the state level with the Social and Yearbook Committees. Her enthusiasm for and commitment to education has always guided her endeavors. Saula was a teacher and curriculum supervisor in the Hamilton Township School District before working with student teachers as an adjunct for Rowan University. She is also involved in community service. We are honored to have Saula Cutter as Gamma's Key Award recipient this year!

Delta Chapter



Jacqueline Mendel

2012

This former flight attendant hung up her wings and put her College of Saint Rose degree to work in 2007 when she became a Special Education teacher at Middle Township. She is now active in the community where she works with Big Brothers Big Sisters and as a CCD instructor. Since joining Delta, Jacqueline has been very instrumental in the success of Delta Chapter's Beat the Clock Against Breast Cancer run/walk and is currently the chair of our Scholarship Committee.

Delta Chapter



Arlene Ostrander

2001

Arlene is an active Delta member, who is part of our World Fellowship, Literacy and Scrapbook Committees. Her smiling face is often in attendance at our meetings, adding her cheery demeanor to our gatherings. While working, she served as the Head Teacher of the Rio Grande school and as a kindergarten teacher to generations of children. She was also Teacher of the Year in 1992. Arlene is a member of the Wildwood Civic Club, the Baptist Church and the PEO Sisterhood. She remains active as a library volunteer and in her church as a teacher, pianist and jack-of-all trades.

Epsilon Chapter



Ella Gaal

2011

Epsilon Chapter is pleased to name Ella Gaal as their 2017 recipient of the Rose Award. During her twenty plus year of teaching she has taught AP Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, and regular Chemistry. This is Ella's 17th year teaching at Newton High School, where she is currently teaching Chemistry and Physics. She has been a coach for the Science League as well as an advisor to the Mock Trial for 7 years. Ella joined DKG in 2011 and became an active member. Ella happily joins in to assist where and when she can, from selling bracelets to collecting Mothers' Day gifts so shelter children can give their Moms a gift. She is currently serving as Epsilon's Personal Growth and Services Chairwoman.

Epsilon Chapter



Merle Tanis

2006

Epsilon is pleased to recognize Merle Tanis as the 2017 Key Award recipient. Merle has been an active and dedicated member of Epsilon since 2006. She happily takes on tasks, from serving on Epsilon's 50th birthday celebration committee, to helping furnish a DASI apartment, and delivering chapter donations to DASI. In the past, Merle has chaired the Education Excellence Committee and has served as hostess of Epsilon's winter social event where initiates and sisters mingle together enjoying a delicious brunch. She presented a power point program to the chapter which introduced members to volunteer service opportunities with Family Promise, a nonprofit that helps homeless families. Currently, Merle serves as our Web Mistress and was instrumental in following all of AZS and International criteria to create a website for Epsilon.

Zeta Chapter



Lisa Andres

2007

Lisa has been an active member of Zeta Chapter since March 2007. She is a teacher of Mathematics Intermediate South, Toms River. She has been a long term member of Zeta's Convention Committee and has spent many hours collecting, organizing, and staffing the Recycling Book Sale at the convention. Lisa unassumingly goes about completing the work that needs to be accomplished. Always willing to help out with Zeta's endeavors, Lisa presently serves as our recording secretary and does a fantastic job in this capacity. Lisa also likes to travel abroad with her children, Madeline and Michael, and has accumulated many great memories on these excursions. Zeta is proud to honor Lisa with the Rose Award!

Zeta Chapter



Theresa Moore

2008

Teri was welcomed into Zeta Chapter in April 2008. Before her recent retirement, she was a former seventh grade Language Arts Teacher in the Barnegat School District. Teri has participated in all of Zeta's projects and activities with a contagious enthusiasm and interest. Since her retirement she has attended many AZS meetings on Saturday mornings to update our members on the various committee work at the state level. Teri works part time for Easter Seals. It is certain that her positive personality shines through during the time she spends in lunch and movie dates. Teri has served as Zeta's former recording secretary and is presently Zeta's Second Vice President. Zeta is proud to honor Teri with the Key Award.

Iota Chapter



Catherine Schofield

2013

Catherine Schofield became a member of Iota Chapter in April 2013 and stepped into the Recording Secretary position in May 2013. Catherine has an uplifting outlook on life. She always manages to find a positive aspect in the most difficult situations. Presently Catherine is a Deptford HS Science teacher, is very active in local and county education associations and serves on numerous committees for the HS and Associations. Catherine is a Church Elder, School Teacher, and serves on the Adventist Community Services Disaster Response. She is trained/certified in Donations-Operations and Warehousing. Catherine is a mother and grandmother, who enjoys reading, writing, cooking, quilting, painting, traveling and walking her dog. Iota Chapter is very fortunate to have Catherine as a Sister.

Iota Chapter



Denise McDermott

2008

Denise was an Elementary Teacher in the Deptford Township Public Schools, and has been an Iota member since March 2008. Denise is Membership Chair and serves on the SAP, Yearbook, and Bylaws Committees. In addition to her teaching, Denise was the Chair of Deptford's Local Professional Development Committee. Because of her passion for Health and Safety, Denise worked tirelessly on NJEA's Health and Safety Committee. She continues to strive for a Temperature Bill to be passed in the State Legislature. Since her retirement, Denise has served on the GCREA as Recording Secretary Editor of the GCREA Newsletter, and is presently the GCREA President. Denise is a mother and grandmother who enjoys gardening, waking, and riding her bike at the shore. She has been an asset that Iota has been fortunate to call a Sister.

Lambda Chapter



Susan Saltzman

Susan Saltzman is an innovative educator in Piscataway School District. She initiated and coordinated the establishment of a program for special needs students ages 18-21, as a transition from high school to independent living with possible employment in our community. The successful program was aptly named SAIL, Students Achieving Independent Lifeskills. The SAIL program offers academics and provides job internships for students with disabilities. For her unwavering dedication, Susan was recognized as NJ's "Transition Educator of the Year." This school year Susan organized a SAIL Team to participate in the Autism Speaks Walk. As a service project, Susan brought together the Lambda sisters and her students to make sewless blankets for seniors in Piscataway. The Lambda ladies are grateful for her contributions to education and our chapter.

Lambda Chapter



Dr. Marilyn Gonyo

1971

Since her initiation into the society in 1971, Marilyn Gonyo has taken the leadership training that she first received as the Golden Gift recipient and rose into a notable leader within the society. Marilyn served as President of Lambda Chapter and then became the 32nd President of Alpha Zeta State. Not stopping there, she went on to serve her cherished society both at national and international levels in multiple roles. Dr. Gonyo has an amazing talent for recognizing potential leaders among newer members and continues to dedicate much time, effort and support to train them to assume responsibilities beyond the chapter level. She is truly one of a kind!

Nu Chapter



Amy Mosser

2015

Amy Mosser joined Seneca High School, in 2006, as a highly energized Math teacher: Math Department Coordinator(2003-present); varsity girls' swim coach (5 yrs). She has been an NJCTM member (2001-2006), receiving their scholarship (2004-2006), serving on the council's board (2006-2009). Amy presented at 7 NCTM conventions (3 national and 4 regional). She is a member of the Association of Math Teachers of NJ Board of Directors (2013-present). Joining the Nu Chapter of DKG (2015), Amy serves on both Nu and AZS Expansion Committees and the X & Y Committee (2016-present). In September 2016 Amy was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching by President Obama.

Nu Chapter



Jane Tallmadge

2004

Jane was an excellent Shawnee High School Math teacher. (1977-2015) Due to her dedication to students, continual helpfulness to fellow teachers and willingness to volunteer for extracurricular activities, including Math Club Advisor (1977-2015), Class Advisor (classes 1989, 1996, 2001, 2007), and Academic Awards Committee (2000-2015), her presence at Shawnee was sorely missed upon her well-deserved retirement. Jane was awarded Employee of the Month at Shawnee (3/2001). As a highly regarded member of the Nu Chapter of DKG, she was honored with the Rose Award (2011), serves/served as chairperson of Exhibits/Historian (2004-2010), Necrology (2014-2018), Motivator (2014-2018), First Vice President (2010-2012), and President (2012-2014).

Omicron Chapter



Anne Flynn

2012

Anne Flynn, an educator for over 20 years, began her career as a 2nd grade Basic Skills teacher planning intervention lessons with her co-teacher. Anne moved on to become a Reading Recovery teacher. She served as an NJEA school representative for her George J. Mitchell teachers. Anne was appointed as an Elementary Supervisor at the Mitchell School and most recently, Principal of the Robert C. Wood Sr. Early Childhood Center for the past 2 years. Recipient of the AZ Scholarship in 2014, Anne is an active member of Omicron and has served on many committees dedicating her expertise mentoring and assisting members with various interests. Anne continues to make major contributions in areas of curriculum, instruction and professional development for her staff.

Omicron Chapter



Susan Gallagher

2002

Susan Gallagher has been an active, energetic member of Omicron Chapter since 2002. A retired teacher and principal, Sue was chosen as Teacher of the Year in 1996 and was awarded an AZ State Scholarship in 2007. Over the years, she served Omicron Chapter whole-heartedly in many different positions, including Second Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary. As co-chair, Sue is currently working diligently on the Books for Babies program. She is doing breakthrough work on the Supporting Early Educators Committee, connecting with and helping many new teachers. Sue is a creative self-starter who accepts committee responsibilities easily and can always be counted on to complete any job efficiently and effectively. Sue is most deserving of this award.

Pi Chapter



Pi Chapter



Robin Atkins

1994

Pi Chapter is honored and pleased to recognize Robin Atkins as its Key Award recipient. Robin has been an active, dedicated member of Pi Chapter since 1994. She has served our chapter in numerous ways and most recently, she demonstrated outstanding leadership as Chapter President from 2014-2016 and Vice President from 2011-2013. Under her leadership, chapter initiatives continue to flourish and new initiatives were introduced. One of those projects was the Crayon Initiative in which 5,102 crayons were collected and donated to the Crayon Institute. Since her retirement, Robin remains active in many community organizations such as the Mantua Democratic Society, the American Cancer Society, Trinity Guild at Christ Church in Woodbury, and the Woman's Club of Mullica Hill. Robin's knowledge, dedication and leadership are just a few of the reasons Pi Chapter is proud to present her with the Key Award.

Rho Chapter



Beverly Andresen

2009

Rho Chapter is proud to present the 2017 Rose Award to Beverly Andresen. Bev has been an active member of Rho since her initiation in 2009. Bev has served on the nominations committee, helping to secure officers for our local chapter, as well as representing Rho on the Alpha Zeta State nominations committee. Bev is currently serving as chapter recording secretary. Bev teaches 2nd grade at Milford Public School, the school she herself attended as a child. She previously taught kindergarten and 3rd grade. She was selected as Milford's Teacher of the Year in 2011. She is active in the Milford Education Association and serves on several committees at her church. Bev is well deserving of this award!

Rho Chapter

