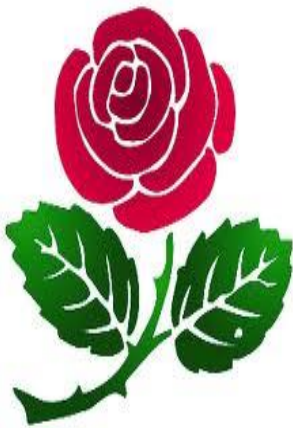


**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
ALPHA ZETA STATE**



*Rose and Key
Awards*



April 5, 2014

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



Judith Jaeger

2005

Alpha Chapter is pleased to select Judith Jaegar for the Rose Award. Judy is currently a Kindergarten teacher in Secaucus where her dedication to her students and colleagues earned her Teacher of the Year in 2009 and Secaucus School District's Nominee for County Teacher. This same enthusiasm and commitment has garnered Judy numerous awards and accolades from her involvement in her church and Girl Scouts. We are fortunate that Judy continues this dedication to DKG. Since 2005, when Judy was initiated in Alpha Chapter she has been an active and cherished member. Judy currently serves as our World Fellowship Chair with creativity and spirit.

Alpha Chapter



Carol Hyde

1998

Alpha Chapter is pleased to select Carol Hyde for the Key Award. Carol has been a dedicated member since her initiation in 1998. Carol retired from a successful career as a teacher of the Gifted and Talented in the West Orange School District. Her gentle manner allowed her students to achieve, while respecting differences and appreciating all abilities. This wonderful nature also encompasses her dedication to her family. Carol's same gentle manner enhances our meetings. She happily serves as our Communication and Circulation Newsletter Chair. In all aspects of her life, Carol exhibits the seven purposes of DKG. She is truly an asset to Alpha Chapter.

Beta Chapter



Doris Ann Hildebrand

2009

Beta Chapter's recipient for the Rose Award exemplifies strength, compassion, and dedication to education. Doris Ann Hildebrand is a warm, caring Christian woman whose love for God, her family, and others defines her. As a school nurse at the Alloway Township School, her devotion to her school, students, and co-workers is evident in the way she interacts with others. Always ready to have fun with her family and friends, this fine woman is also the first one to reach out to others in need. As a DKG member in our Beta Chapter since 2009, Doris Ann has served as our Corresponding Secretary and is presently our Initiation Chair.

Beta Chapter



Dr. BethAnn Richey

1970

Dr. BethAnn Richey is the epitome of a dedicated DKG member. BethAnn became a member of Beta Chapter in 1970. Some of her highlights include serving as President and Second Vice President of Beta Chapter and serving as 1st Vice President and President of Alpha Zeta State. BethAnn was also the Northeast Regional Director in 2009 and served on the International Membership Committee in 2011. Additionally, Beth Ann has served on and chaired countless committees on all levels of DKG. She has also traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad serving DKG in many capacities. Beta is proud to honor Beth Ann with this Key Award.

Gamma Chapter



Allison Polanski

2010

Allison has been an outstanding educator in the East Windsor Regional School District for the past 15 years. She has also been an active Gamma member since 2010 serving as the VP of Membership for the last biennium. Allison has shown dedication to the Society by not only completing VP responsibilities, but going above and beyond to improve chapter procedures and meet new Chapter challenges. She has played a leadership role in revising and improving the Initiate's Tea procedure. She reaches out to members, is very organized, assists others and much, much more. Allison is a deserving recipient of the DKG Rose Award.

Gamma Chapter



Vicki Bain

2000

Since becoming a member of the Gamma Chapter in 2000, Vicki has been an active participating member right from the start. Vicki is a reliable, dependable and friendly individual. She completes everything she is asked to do and often goes beyond what is asked of her. She has fulfilled her responsibilities in the Board positions she accepted, the current one being Co-chair of the Initiates' Tea. She welcomes new members and continues to add to the Gamma activities. Vicki was a recipient of the Governor's Teacher Award. Being an exemplary kindergarten and first grade teacher, Vicki has touched the lives of so many children.

Delta Chapter



Claire O'Dea

2010

Claire O'Dea was initiated into Delta Chapter in 2010. This graduate of Stockton College and Widener University is a 3rd grade teacher who is not one to relax, so Claire jumped into our Habitat for Humanity efforts. She quickly became an integral part of the project and became a Chairwoman within the year. Through her efforts of time, money, energy and dedication, Delta Chapter has continued to build our partnership with Habitat by furnishing the bedrooms for the children in their new homes. Claire is very active in all aspects of our Chapter activities, but her efforts for these children make her stand out as our Rose this year.

Delta Chapter



Karen McCool

2000

Delta's Key Award goes to Karen McCool. This past President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Convention Chairperson, recently retired after more than 32 years in education. Of course, retirement meant she had time to design and create a Chapter website, making her our webmaster. Additionally, she continues to serve on several committees. Karen is a lifelong learner with degrees from Temple, Glassboro State and Walden University. She has held numerous professional positions and became a published author after her battle with breast cancer. Karen's initiation in 2000 launched her into service within the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, and our Chapter has been lucky to have her.

Epsilon Chapter



Kathy Turrisi

2011

Kathy Turrisi currently works at Centenary College as an Assistant Professor in Mathematics, and was the former Chair of the Mathematics and Natural Sciences Department after being awarded the 2007 Professor of the Year Award, Director of Mathematics, Director of Developmental Mathematics, and Coordinator of the Math Adjuncts. She is the founder, Charter member, Secretary to National, and Faculty Advisor of KME Mathematical Honor Society. She started and coordinates the Math Tutoring Center at Downtown Centenary that links community, students, faculty, and DKG tutors together. She is a member of many professional and community organizations. Kathy is currently Co-Chair of Epsilon's new Social Committee.

Epsilon Chapter



Susan Hebel

2007

Susan Hebel was an Art teacher at Newton High School before she retired. While teaching, she served as the advisor to the Art Club, National Art Honor Society, and was NHS's coordinator for Sussex County Teen Arts. She is a retired member of NJEA, Art educators of NJ and National Art Education Association. Susan has been a member, exhibitor and featured artist at Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council, and a member of various charities involved in education, medicine, and helping children. Susan has been an active member of Epsilon since March 2007. Sue is director of our bracelet/bookmark fundraiser and is Co-chair of our new Social Committee.

Zeta Chapter



Theresa Moore

2008

Theresa Moore has been an active member of Zeta for many years. She currently serves as our Recording Secretary and sends us our minutes and agendas prior to our scheduled meetings. Terry began her teacher career in the Brackman Middle School in Barnegat teaching Social Studies and later switched to Language Arts. She has been very active in her school with Vertical Team, School Wide Professional Development Committee, Optimist Oratorical Contest, Advisor to the Student Council NJHS Memberships Committee, and working with the Mentoring program. In addition, Terry is very active in her church serving on the Alter Guild and as a Communion teacher. Zeta is lucky to have such a devoted and dedicated member in their Chapter.

Zeta Chapter



(NONE)

Eta Chapter



Jeanne M. DelColle

2012

Jeanne DelColle, 2012 NJ State Teacher of the Year, is currently teaching at Stockton State College. As an initiate, Jeanne was a presenter for the Combined Meeting and has presented two additional workshops since then. Jeanne has served our Chapter as the Legislative Chairperson for the past biennium. She served as the Legislative Co-Chair for Alpha Zeta State for 2012-2013. Jeanne has worked for the NJ State Department of Education and was responsible for forming a consortium of teachers throughout the state to look at policies and teaching practices. Jeanne has been the keynote speaker at the NJEA convention, spoken for numerous groups and appeared on several Classroom Close-Up television programs. She is a true asset to Eta Chapter.

Eta Chapter



Sharon Carr

2007

Eta sister, Sharon Carr, was initiated in March of 2007. In 2008, Sharon stepped into the position of 1st VP. She has also served as either 1st or 2nd VP ever since. Having taught in Pemberton, Jobstown and Lumberton for over 34 years, Sharon has continued to assist in the local elementary schools for the past since her retirement. She is a member of the Mt. Holly Historical Society. Sharon has been an active member of the St. Andrews Episcopal Church since her childhood. She has served as the clerk, altar guild and graveyard committee. She is also a member of a quilting group which extends ministry to those in need. It is with pride that Eta Chapter nominates Sharon.

Theta Chapter



Kimberly Lavin

2007

Theta Chapter is honored and pleased to recognize Kimberly Lavin as its Rose Award recipient. Kim graduated from Kean University in 2003 with a degree in Physical Education and Health and has been teaching for eleven years. Kim is very active in her school and was involved with the physical education/health curriculum “rewrite”. Kim enjoys coaching students with disabilities and working as a swim coach. The thing that makes Kim most deserving of this award is her willingness to do anything the Chapter needs to get the job done. We are proud to present Kim with this award.

Theta Chapter



Linda Rynd

1991

After receiving her degree from Wheaton College, Linda taught English and Spanish in East Rutherford and Becton High Schools. She was the advisor to the National Honor Society and the Bible Club. In retirement, Linda is still very busy serving and teaching others. In her community, she is a member of the Executive Board of Friends of the Library, and a leader of the Evening Book Club in Rutherford Public Library. She also tutors students with learning problems, teaching a women’s Bible class and ESL classes in her church. Linda is a devoted grandmother. Theta is thankful for the time and effort she has given to our meetings and activities. She serves as Chaplain and Necrology Chairperson.

Iota Chapter



Debra Steineder

2008

Debra Steineder has served the students, staff and community of Buena for over 20 years in her many roles including school nurse, health educator, substitute teacher, coach and union advocate. In her main role as an elementary school nurse, Debi is known to many of her students as a second mom, a tribute to her nurturing disposition toward her students. Debi's advocacy work is extensive as she serves her local, county and state unions in various positions. She is also very involved in charitable work and has served as a health and safety instructor for the American Red Cross. It is with great pleasure that Iota nominates Debi for this award.

Iota Chapter



Lorraine Gancher

1990

As a loyal Iota sister since 1990, Lorraine not only faithfully attends meetings, but creates beautiful baskets for our philanthropic endeavors. She fully supports every cause and charitable project sponsored by Iota. Lorraine continues her altruistic spirit in retirement by volunteering at Bell Oaks Middle School Library in Bellmawr; at Camden County College where she ushers and attend lectures; and through community involvement with her church. For these reasons, we feel Lorraine should be recognized for all of her contributions to our Chapter and to DKG.

Kappa Chapter



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Kappa Chapter



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Lambda Chapter



Noreen McHale

2010

Noreen McHale has shown outstanding service to Lambda Chapter over the past three years since her induction into Delta Kappa Gamma. As Vice President her dedication shines through. The programs she has brought to Lambda Chapter have been stars. Whether it is through her work at the State Convention or programs on the Chapter level, she always delivers. Noreen currently teaches sixth grade science and seventh grade language arts. She takes great pride in her work as Co-chair the National Junior Honor Society. Personally she has worked to raise money for a cause dear to her heart, the American Cancer Society.

Lambda Chapter



Michele Contala

2004

Michele has served as photographer for Alpha Zeta State since 2005. She has kept busy in retirement as Lambda Chapter's photographer as well. She has documented the activities of each past President on the Chapter and State level. Michele has presented each President with a DVD slide show at the end of her biennium. She also created a slide show for the 75th Anniversary celebration of AZS and took pictures of all the Chapters to commemorate the occasion. Remember to always be smiling because she has a way of catching you or convincing you to pose.

Mu Chapter



Dr. Lili Bruess, Ph.D

2012

Dr. Lili Bruess is an Associate Professor in the School of Education at Georgian Court University and directs the ESL/Bilingual Certification programs there. She is a popular presenter to local, national, and international educators and shares her expertise and ideas with parents, administrators, working and pre-service teachers around the world. Her research links the cultural and linguistic characteristics of English Language Learners to themes of best practices in teaching and learning assessment, differentiated instruction, and multiculturalism. She is truly a 21st Century Global Citizen who shares her love of travel with the college students who join her on trips to Europe, Asia, and Scandinavia.

Mu Chapter



Elizabeth Flynn

1999

It is an honor to name Elizabeth Flynn as this year's recipient of the Key Award. Elizabeth, or as she is known affectionately as Puddy, retired from teaching after 27 years of dedicated service. In addition to teaching, she provided professional development for the teachers, was a leader in the local education association, and served on curriculum committees. Since being inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1999, Puddy has been instrumental in keeping Mu Chapter strong by sponsoring new initiates, chairing programs and committees, and serving as the Chapter's President and currently its Treasurer. The same spirit of selflessness she was known for in her teaching career, she gives to the members of Mu Chapter.

Nu Chapter

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Nu Chapter



Mary Ann Silvers

2005

Mary Ann Silvers earned a BA in Education from Glassboro State College and a MA in media from Rowan University. She was a classroom teacher and Media Specialist at the elementary level before she retired in 2007. Mary immersed herself in Chapter work, attending conventions, chairing fundraisers, and presently serves as Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Chairperson. She is active in her church, the Virtua Hospital and the Tabernacle Historical Society. Mary Ann is a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Her tireless efforts to put others first and share her creative and professional talents deem her deserving of the honorable Key Award.

Xi Chapter



Linda Zarych

2009

Linda has been in the field of Education for the past 24 years. She has a Masters+30 in Curriculum Development. Linda currently teaches Kindergarten in the Hamilton Township School District. Linda is very involved with her church and other community activities including being a Miss America Pageant Hostess. Linda is the Committee Chairman for the Xi's Women's Center. She helped serve lunches at the Rescue Mission alongside her fellow Xi sisters. She helps sew dresses for the girls in Haiti and is currently Xi's Recording Secretary and Nominations Chairperson.

Xi Chapter



Sandra Santa-Maria

1997

Sandra Santa-Maria has been an active member since 1997. She served as Chapter President from 2004-2006 and VP 2002-2004. She was State Scholarship Co-chair from 2003-2005 and within the Chapter has taken leadership roles in Chapter Archives, Scholarship, and Convention. Sandra served as the Kindergarten grade level coordinator for an amazing 17 years! Sandra is a parish member of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, VFW Auxiliary Member for Post 2089, Cancer Research Foundation Volunteer, Tutor, and Guest Reader for Atlantic County Library. Xi Chapter is proud to name her as our Key Award Recipient.

Omicron Chapter



Maureen Tyrrell

2010

Maureen Tyrrell has worked as a hospital pediatric nurse for 15 years before beginning her school nursing career in the Barnegat Township School District 2001. Maureen serves as the district nursing coordinator. She partners with various organizations to bring health care screenings to the school site. (i.e. The Commission of the Blind and the Mobile Dentist) Maureen was awarded the Support Staff of the Year. She also serves as a mentor, and facilitates “Afternoon Crew”, an after-school club that encourages youngsters to eat healthy and exercise. Being actively involved in her school, community and local Chapter, Maureen makes an outstanding choice for the Rose Award.

Omicron Chapter



Alice Hazeltine

1990

Alice Hazeltine is a valued member of Omicron Chapter for her personal style of leadership. Since her retirement after 25 years as teacher and administrator of Lighthouse Christian Academy in Manahawkin, NJ, Alice has given more time to her Chapter, her church, and her family. After having served in most Chapter positions since her initiation in 1990, Alice is currently serving as Omicron President. Alice lives out the words of our song “mindful of our sisters needing”. She is a truly caring person who spends a lot time encouraging members by making phone calls, sending cards and making visits.

Pi Chapter



Carol Murphy

2013

Carol Murphy, a technology teacher in Wenonah, NJ for sixteen years and 1st year Pi member, is also the teacher in charge in the absence of the principal. She has outreached to the community by using her MLS at the West Deptford Public Library where she works with teens who have donated homemade quilts to Cooper Hospital. For Pi Chapter, she voluntarily created our website, got it certified and serves as our Webmaster.

Pi Chapter



Patricia Senff

1996

Always gracious and smiling, Pat Senff is the quiet force behind the activities of our retired professionals. As soon as the school year begins Pat organizes an assembly line for the retirees to create *Welcome Back to School* gifts that are secretly delivered to active members. Additionally throughout the year Pat arranges the *Lunch Bunch* meetings of retirees. She also supports the scholarship fund of GCEA by building and donating a doll house for their raffle.

Rho Chapter



Carolyn Johnson

1993

After teaching grades K-8 as a special education teacher, Carolyn is currently teaching fifth grade at Franklin Township School in Hunterton County. She has been named as the Franklin Township School Teacher of the Year and has skillfully guided numerous student and practicum teachers. Carolyn has been a dedicated sister of Rho Chapter for twenty-one years, serving as Chair of several committees. She teaches religious education classes at her church and is actively involved with the community through her service to 4-H. It is with great pride that we bestow the Rose Award to Carolyn Johnson.

Rho Chapter



Patricia Garay

2001

Rho Chapter is proud to present this year's Key Award to Patricia Garay. Before her retirement in June 2013, she devoted thirty-five years to the field of education, most recently with the Readington Township Public School District. Pat has been an active, dedicated member of Rho Chapter since 2001. She has served as our Recording Secretary, 1st VP, on numerous committees, and has been instrumental in fund raising events. Pat is actively involved with her church and community. In her recent retirement, she enjoys spending time with her family and first grandchild. Rho Chapter feels Pat has been a vital, hardworking member of our organization.

Sigma Chapter



Maria Zacher

2011

Maria Zacher received degrees from Montgomery County College, Cabrini College and a Special Education Certificate from Holy Family University. After substitute teaching for 15 years while caring for her family, she entered education full time. Currently on staff in the Delanco School District, she is a special education teacher who is involved in various student clubs and professional development committees. She was initiated into Sigma Chapter in 2011 and immediately became an active leader by accepting the position of Chapter Treasurer. Her enthusiasm and commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma earn her the special recognition of Sigma's 2014 Rose Award.

Sigma Chapter



Nancy Ireland

1990

A 1990 initiate, this retired curriculum supervisor from the Mt. Laurel School District held diverse positions during her career. With degrees from Rowan University, William Patterson College and Rider University, Nancy Ireland's main focus was gifted/talented education. A valued volunteer and board member at the Alice Paul Institute, Nancy helped to create the Alice Paul Leadership Program for teen girls and an elementary history program entitled *Meeting Alice*. For excellence in education, Nancy was selected as one of Burlington County's Outstanding Women in 2009. Nancy's DKG leadership and contributions make her deserving of Sigma's 2014 Key Award.

Tau Chapter



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Tau Chapter



Susan Beekman

2003

Susan joined Delta Kappa Gamma in 2003 as a Charter Member of Tau Chapter. While teaching in the Madison School District she was very active in the Madison Education Association, serving several terms as president. She is now active in the Morris County Retired Educators Association and NJEA. Susan serves as Tau's Legislative Chair, and currently also as AZS Legislative Chair. She is presently Tau's Secretary and will serve as President for the upcoming biennium. We are proud to recognize Susan's leadership abilities and the generous sharing of her time and talents in this nomination for the Key Award.

