New Beginning Teacher Award Announced for Convention

Honor a beginning teacher by nominating her for the new Eta State NC 85th Birthday Celebration Beginning Teacher Award to be given for the first time at the Eta State NC Convention, May 3-5, 2019, in Hickory.

This $1,000 award will recognize an Eta State NC classroom teacher-member with less than four years teaching experience who demonstrates excellence in teaching. This teacher should be widely recognized as one who demonstrates a deep commitment to students, the teaching profession and her own lifelong learning. Nominations must be made by the chapter president or member(s) of the beginning teacher’s chapter.

Nominations forms are available on the Eta State NC home page or the Convention page. Nominations are due April 1.

Convention Hotel Reservations

Reservations are open at the Crowne Plaza Hickory, venue for the 2019 Eta State NC Convention, May 3-5. Call 828-323-1000 to make your reservation. Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon, Eta State NC Executive Secretary, asks if you are holding multiple reservations at the hotel under your name, to please add names of those using the rooms and release any rooms you do not need ASAP.

“If you are holding multiple rooms that you may not use, then folks calling to make a reservation may be told no rooms are available,” Barbara noted. At this point, there are still double rooms and kings available but they may be booked quickly.

Thank you for your help in making sure rooms are available to all who need them.

Mark the Dates

Feb. 15 Deadline for registering for Leadership Development Seminar
Feb. 15 Arts & Humanities Gallery submissions due
Mar. 1 Chapter Achievement Award, Golden Key Award, Rising Star Award, and Communications Excellence Award forms due (see page 2)
Mar. 1 Bulletin: Journal submissions due
Mar. 1 Leadership Development Seminar, Asheboro
Apr. 1 Deadline for submitting names for Ceremony of Remembrance
Apr. 3 Hotel registration at block rate ends
Apr. 10 Legislative Day in Raleigh
Apr. 10 Eta State News deadline
Apr. 15 Early bird registration ends for Eta State NC Convention
May 1 Deadline for applications for Lucile Cornetet Individual PD Awards
May 3-5 Eta State NC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Hickory
May 11 DKG Founders Day
May 15 New Initiates forms and fees due to state treasurer
May 15 Bulletin: Journal submissions due

Also check the Eta State NC calendar online at https://www.ncdkg.org/calendar.html.
Special Sessions on Saturday

Treasurers
Chapter treasurers are encouraged to attend a special session at the state convention in Hickory to learn more about the electronic processing of dues that will begin July 1, 2019. Dues for the year 2019-2020 should be collected by June 30 and forwarded to International and to Eta State on or after July 1, 2019. International President Cathy Daugherty will lead the session.

Chapter Support from the Rules Committee
The Rules Committee will help chapters understand the changes in the International Constitution and Standing Rules and will provide a checklist to help chapters update their rules. They will also answer questions about the new updates to Eta State NC Bylaws and Standing Rules considered during the Second General Meeting on Saturday morning.

Professional Development, Personal Development, Society Business
Informative, enlightening and fun sessions in the three proposed strands will round out the selections for attendees. Among other sessions, there will be opportunities to expand expertise in creating newsletters, websites and Google forms; learn more about high school success coaching; glean ideas for membership recruitment and retention and beginning teacher support; and hear how Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) affect a student's school performance and how to incorporate "Brain Breaks" in the classroom to maximize student learning.

Watch for the complete listing of convention sessions soon on the Eta State NC website’s convention page.

Proposed Changes to Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules to be Shared in March

Watch the Eta State NC website and your email in March for the proposed amendments to the Eta State Bylaws and Standing Rules that will be voted on at the convention. The Rules Committee has been working diligently on the updates to align with the changes made to the International Constitution and Standing Rules at the convention this past summer, as well as reviewing amendments sent in by members and committees.

One of the proposed amendments, based on action at the International Convention, is to make collegiate membership part of the membership classifications in the Bylaws. The Finance Committee will make the proposal for dues for that group to be $5.00.

Hints to Editors: Start preparing your members for the proposals and to watch for them in March!

Conventions Awards Due March 1
- Chapter Achievement Award emailed to the Regional Director
- Rising Star Award and Golden Key Award to etastateawards@gmail.com
- Communications Excellence Award to etastatecom-pub@outlook.com
- Newsletters to etastatecom-pub@outlook.com

Guidelines and applications for the awards given at the convention are located at https://www.ncdkg.org/forms.html.

Other Convention Deadlines
Mar. 30: Convention vendor forms https://bit.ly/2RLiuqR to Debra Clayton, msdebrac@gmail.com
Mar. 31: Convention ads https://bit.ly/2CFJPCr to Nancy Tunstall, 664 Cole Farm Road, Warrenton, NC 27589, nancytunstall@gmail.com
Apr. 15: Early bird convention registration, https://bit.ly/2SQQZtv, Leslie Black, Conv Treasurer, 4715 Little Mountain Road, Catawba, NC 28609, 2019etastateconvention@gmail.com

NOTE: April 15 deadline for registration at the early bird price guarantees materials. Brunch and banquet tickets cannot be sold after April 15, and there will be no refunds after that date.

Volunteers Still Needed
Interested in character acting? Planning to attend state convention? Interested in bringing Eta State NC Founders to life? Want to be Engaged in the convention in a historic fashion? For additional info, contact Dr. Teresa H. Cowan, First VP drthcowan@gmail.com
**Convention Project to Help Teachers**

The annual convention project usually benefits a cause in the sponsoring region. Region X is expanding its project to the schools in eastern NC affected by Hurricane Florence, a generous and thoughtful outreach. 

FundS for Florence will help DKG member-teachers in counties declared natural disaster areas. Bring gift cards and show your support of our members.

FAST NC reports funds have helped replace instructional rugs, PE equipment, STEM materials, art supplies, library books, laptops and more. Round 8 applications will be received from Feb. 23-March 8 and Round 9 from March 9-22. To secure an application form, go to the FAST NC website and click on the “Apply Now” link.

**Tip of the Month**

**Love Your Heart**

By: Dr. Teresa Cowan, Eta State NC First VP, EEC Chair

Happy Heart Health Month. In honor of this national February campaign, EEC of Eta State NC challenges you to ask yourself the following metaphorical questions:

What or where is “your heart” and How can EEC programs impact heart health?

As you ponder the answers to these questions, EEC of Eta State NC hopes that you will Empower, Engage and Create at the chapter level, strengthening members which we all know are the heart of the chapter. This month EEC efforts focus on programs that promote heart health.

Empower: Take advantage of upcoming conventions and trainings by nominating members for honors and sponsor members’ attendance at convention and trainings.

Engage: Invite honorees (scholarships, awards, etc.) and attendees of convention/trainings to share accomplishments and/or learned knowledge at a chapter program.

Create: Design a member spotlight feature (newsletter/website) based on input from chapter members’ “brag bags” items.

All enjoy seeing chapter EEC programs on social media but remember to report success to the committee. EEC wants to celebrate as you sparkle.

Remember to check out [https://www.ncdkg.org/educational-excellence-committee.html](https://www.ncdkg.org/educational-excellence-committee.html) for more ideas. **NEW** (Click here for Empower/Engage/Create program ideas).

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**Ceremony of Remembrance Submission Deadline**

Presidents Take Note: Mary Beth Dailey, chair of the Membership Committee, reminds presidents that the last day to submit Form 6 for a deceased member to be included in the Ceremony of Remembrance at the convention is April 1.

Mary Beth also reminds presidents the Chapter Necrology Report Form 2 was due February 1 and needs to be sent in ASAP even if there were no deaths. Her email is mbdailey69@gmail.com.

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**One Small Act of Love**

The NC DKG Educational Foundation reminds everyone that you can show your support for NC’s students and teachers by donating to the Foundation all year long. Visit their website at [http://www.ncdkgef.org/](http://www.ncdkgef.org/).

**Mark Your Calendar!**

By: Susan Phipps, Chair, ELP Committee

The Educational Law & Policy Committee encourages each member to consider going to the NC Legislature in Raleigh to visit her Senator and Representative on behalf of the students who depend on these lawmakers to make sound decisions affecting their education. If we do not speak up for them, who will?

Join with other Delta Kappa Gamma sisters on Wednesday, April 10, 9:30 a.m. in the front lobby of the legislative building at 16 W. Jones Street. To find out who one's representatives are, go to [www.ncleg.gov](http://www.ncleg.gov) and click on District Representation on the upper right side of the home page. Choose Find Your Legislator in the drop-down menu, then use the maps to find senators’ and representatives’ names and contact information.

Be sure to download this year’s White Paper on Eta State NC’s legislative priorities, which can be found on the Eta State NC website at [www.ncdkg.org](http://www.ncdkg.org). Click on Leadership at the upper right side of the home page, and then scroll down to Educational Law & Policy Committee. The White Paper is posted at the bottom of the committee's page. Helpful hints about protocol for contacting elected officials can also be found there.

**ELP White Paper**

The Educational Law & Policy Committee invites everyone to come to its workshop at the Eta State NC Convention in Hickory and at the International Conference in Asheville to learn how to use the 2019 White Paper on Legislative Priorities to advocate for education and for women educators.
One of the questions on the 2018 President’s Report is have you inducted members this past year? Out of 90 reports, 22 chapters did not induct members. The question does not tell the story of what is happening in our chapters but it causes me to wonder why?

Are you afraid they will not have the same commitment to attend meetings and get involved? Did you base your decision not to invite members on the lack of commitment of others in the past? Do you believe you have something to offer new members? Did you invite teachers to join who cannot join at this time due to finances, children, family responsibilities?

Whatever the reason, Eta State NC has lost members this past year and it is important that every DKG member consider how we can impact our membership.

As we reflect, what is it that makes us love DKG? What inspires us to want to attend meetings? How can we share this passion, grow our membership, and encourage teachers? Let’s Sparkle and invite others to become members in our organization.

Let’s Sparkle!
Connie Phifer Savell
Eta State NC President
2017-2019

**Registration Open for International Conference in Asheville**

Conference registration is open for the International Arts and Humanities Conference to be held in Asheville, June 27-29, 2019. Register online at [https://www.dkg.org/dkgcon_se](https://www.dkg.org/dkgcon_se). (You must be logged in.) Once you have completed the registration form, an email receipt will be forwarded to you.

Note that because the conference hotel is located outside the city and has only one small restaurant, all conference meals are available for purchase on the registration form.

For preconference activities and tours, visit the [SE Conference Events page](https://www.dkg.org/) of the DKG website.

**Fun on the Lawn**

Artisans! Games! Fellowship! What fun! Plan to be in Asheville Thursday, June 27, 5-6:30 p.m., for Fun on the Lawn. There will be artisan demonstrations, games, and time to visit with DKG friends from many different states. A box meal option is available on the conference registration.

The conference committee is seeking additional artisans for this night. If you are willing to demonstrate your craft, contact Dedra Davis at dedraann@gmail.com.

**2018 Constitution and ISR Available Online**

The Constitution and International Standing Rules as amended at the 2018 summer convention are now posted online. Click on the scrolling banner or click on the Resources tab. Hard copies will be available for order through the DKG Store by the end of the month. The definitive version of the Constitution shall be the one maintained digitally on the Society website.

**Musicians and Performers Needed**

Members interested in performing at the International Conference in Asheville or singing in the chorus are asked to contact Past Eta State NC President Patricia Taylor at eta1315pt@gmail.com. Please include your name, email address, type of talent, and/or the part you sing (soprano, alto, or tenor). They also need ladies to accompany soloists on piano and/or sing duets, trios, or to bring their chapter or state ensembles.

Hints to Editors: Please continue to share information about the International Conference so Eta State NC members are informed and excited about hosting this major event. Let’s show NC’s Sparkle!