



Alpha Rho Chapter, Northwest District, Louisiana State-Epsilon, Delta Kappa
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The New Year has begun and I hope yours is off to a good start. It is a new beginning that is offered with each new day, and for a whole year! The New Year is about a time to begin, a time to finish, a time to look forward, a time to remember, a time for us all to be all that we are and all that we can be.

Our chapter has been very busy with activities that seek to accomplish just that – ALL THAT WE CAN BE. We have demonstrated our teamwork, leadership, and communication with TLC. We have actively pursued our “Threading Love and Compassion” project for the Geaux4kids organization, supported the Do Good Store projects, participated in the Salvation Army Red Kettle Challenge with Bossier Parish school system, and recognized educators – to name a few. And most of all we show TLC to each other all year! You are an amazing group of ladies! May we all continue to be all we can be as a person and as a dedicated Alpha Rho Chapter member!

Sincerely,

Margene



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JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

DEBORAH MULLINNIX 3

JOYCE EVANS 28

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Next chapter meeting: (Note change of location)
Monday, February 25, 2019
Geaux 4 Kids Location
1513 Doctors Drive Suite 100 B
(NWLA Family Justice Center)
4:30 pm Social Time
5:00 pm Meeting Time

Be sure to attend because we will learn more about the Geaux Bag project and complete our "Threading Love and Compassion" project.

Threading Love and Compassion Project

According to K.C.Kilpatrick, Geaux 4 Kids Founder/Executive Director, the following items will be greatly appreciated:

packages of underwear

socks

hairbrushes

New pillow with pillowcase (packaged)

I will bring the soft stuffed puppies that I purchased in the summer. I have many.(Margene)

Geaux 4 Kids, Inc. project Geaux Bags

GEAUX BAGS! Project from Non-Profit Geaux 4 Kids, Inc 501(c) 3 It started as a labor of love of K.C. Kilpatrick to help families who receive children in state custody from DCFS Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services in the "first 24 hours" when they arrived at the foster parents home from abuse & neglect situations. They arrive in an emergency with nothing but the "clothes" on their back. (Info from GEAUX BAGS website)



Our Birthday

Did you know our chapter's birthday is May 2, 2019? We will be 60 years old! Our celebration will be on Monday, April 29, 2019.

Your suggestions, ideas, people to contact etc, will be greatly appreciated and make this time extra special! Send information to Christy Williams Chapter First Vice President and myself. (christy.williams@bossierschools.org and musicwatters@aol.com) Thank you.

SAVE THESE DATES!

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 Geaux 4 Kids Location
- FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 15-17, 2019 Epsilon State Convention
- MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019 Kingston Elementary Art Room
- MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019 Bossier Educational Service Center
- SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 Founders' Day Luncheon

More details are available in The DKG Epsilon State Yearbook.



First Timer's Basket Items Needed

Our state convention this year will be in Vidalia, LA. Mark your calendar for March 15-17, 2019. Each year we always provide a First Timer's Basket for the convention. This year the theme is "Family Fun - Anything Goes" - soooooo you have lots of choices - anything goes! Bring to the February meeting! Remember we take the completed basket to state convention.

Some suggested items:

Games of all kinds (not too large of a box)
Popcorn and other fun snacks
Movie Tickets (Fandango)
Gift Certificates to restaurants that can be used anywhere
(Olive Garden, Buffalo Wild Wings, Applebee's, Cane's, etc)
Jigsaw Puzzles
DVDs
iTunes Gift Certificate
CASH

Remember "Anything Goes".....



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

OUR STATE PROJECT—PACK THE PANTRY WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

Students who have been identified as someone who might not have anything to eat from Friday at lunch until Monday at breakfast at the school are given backpacks with food items and other necessities on Friday afternoon. Each chapter can provide backpacks, food, and/or monetary gifts to the program. You may drop your “packed” backpack off at the Bossier Educational Service Center on Douglas Drive. Karyn Flowers will collect the backpacks and deliver to T.L. Rhodes Elementary.

- Peanut butter/jelly jars (plastic jars)
- 8 individual packets of oatmeal
- Fruit cups
- Canned vegetables
- Raisins
- Canned Spaghetti,
- Ravioli, etc.
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned meat (tuna, chili, Vienna sausages, chicken, etc.)
- Juice boxes
- Individual boxes of cereal
- Peanut butter crackers/cheese crackers
- Pudding snacks
- Canned soup
- Pop-tarts
- Cereal bars
- Bars of soap
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Small bottles of shampoo





**Louisiana DKG State Convention
Vidalia Conference & Convention Center (Vidalia, LA)
March 15-17, 2019**

Convention Registration

Registration is now open! Members can choose to register via paper form (postal mail) or via a NEW online system (pay via credit card). Please note there is a service charge fee applied to the online registration.

Registration deadline is FEBRUARY 15th!! (Registration fee increases if postmarked after February 15th.)

Community Service Opportunity

Dear community partners,

Bossier Schools is excited to once again unveil the second annual i3 Art Expo February 14-16, 2019 at the Bossier Civic Center. This three-day celebration of all-things-art is an event not only for the children of Bossier Parish, but the entire community as we showcase our students' many talents, and we invite you to be a part of it.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in Visual Art, Music, Theatre, Literary and Short Film competitions, perform in the Bossier Schools Showcase and see their artwork on display. New this year? Mic Drop, a lip sync challenge that is sure to bring the house down, and Cyber Innovation Center will host "Bot Wars," a battle of the bots and engineering challenge. All Bossier Parish 2nd graders will take part in a field trip to i3 Art Expo on Thursday and Friday. There will be plenty of art to be created on site as well, including interactive projects, STEAM art stations and multiple project booths.

As they say, it takes a village so we are reaching out to our community to ask for volunteers to assist with these exciting activities. You don't have to be artistic to volunteer, just willing to give a few hours of your time and have fun! Plus, you will receive this colorful volunteer T-shirt!



Please click below to volunteer and be a part of the i3 Art Expo

[Thursday, February 14 \(Evening\)](#)

[Friday, February 15 \(Evening\)](#)

[Saturday](#)

Kelley Kelly

*Secretary to Dr. Nichole Bourgeois, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
Director, i3 Art Expo*

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Did you know January 29th is National Puzzle Day?

"Life is like a puzzle.... Just like you never give up on puzzles, never give up on life." "Puzzles are all about putting things in order with your efforts and this requires efforts and dedication." Let's keep putting the DKG Alpha Rho Chapter puzzle together with great efforts and dedication!



Did you know???



This site lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping as amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on amazonsmile (smile.amazon.com), .5% of your purchase price will be donation to the DKG Supporting Corporation that supports many of our funds including scholarship and world fellowship.

Please send your news and photos to our editor, Emily Cryer, at emily.cryer@bossierschools.org

Find more news online:

Visit our website -

<https://dkg-la-alpharho.weebly.com/>

Epsilon State Website - www.epsilonstatedkg.org

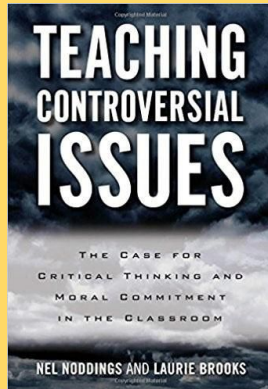
International Website - www.dkg.org

Educators Book Award

The Educators Award Committee (DKG International) is charged with the responsibility of selecting an appropriate book as winner of the annual Educators Award.

The committee recognizes women authors whose educational research and writing potentially impact the thoughts and actions of today's complex society. The Society presents an award of \$2,500 to the author(s) of a book selected by the committee.

2018 Educators Book Award Winner



Teaching Controversial Issues: The Case for Critical Thinking and Moral Commitment in the Classroom

In this book, eminent educational philosopher Nel Noddings and daughter Laurie Brooks explain how teachers can foster critical thinking through the exploration of controversial issues. They offer specific, concrete strategies for addressing a variety of issues related to authority, religion, gender, race, media, sports, entertainment, class and poverty, capitalism and socialism, and equality and justice. The emphasis is on the use of critical thinking to understand and collaborate, not simply to win arguments.

Book Features:

- Underscores the necessity of moral commitment in the use of critical thinking.
- Offers assistance for handling controversial issues that many teachers find unsettling.
- Proposes a way for students and teachers to work together across the disciplines.

Nel Noddings is Lee Jacks Professor of Education, Emerita, at Stanford University. Her books include *Education and Democracy in the 21st Century*, *When School Reform Goes Wrong*, *The Challenge to Care in Schools*, *Educating Citizens for Global Awareness*, *Educating for Intelligent Belief or Unbelief*, and *Educating Moral People*.

Laurie Brooks is on the board of Provident Financial Services and serves on advisory boards for programs at North Carolina State and Rutgers Universities.

From the Introduction: This book is an invitation to teachers to think and to explore ways in which to promote critical thinking in their students.

(Information source www.dkg.org)



ALPHA RHO MINUTES

The Alpha Rho Chapter participated in the Salvation Army Red Kettle Challenge on December 1, 2018. Several chapter members took turns ringing the Salvation Army bells and sharing the joy and goodwill of Christmas on Saturday morning at Kroger's/ Airline Drive. The chapter's participation in the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Challenge was the December "meeting".

The Alpha Rho Chapter officers and committee chairperson met Monday, January 21, 2019 at Notini's Italian Restaurant. The officers and chairperson evaluated the chapter's accomplishments for the DKG year. Ideas and suggestions for continuing to improve the chapter's work to accomplish the purposes of the society were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Estess
Alpha Rho Chapter secretary