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# *Pi Lights*

*Capital Area Council*

*Invites You*

*To The*

*2023 NYSO DKG Convention*

*April 28-30, 2023*

*Desmond/Crowne Plaza, Albany*

*Join us for*

*-Friday - General Session with Keynote Speaker  
Children's Literature Author Bruce Coville*

*- Friday - Dessert Reception*

*- Saturday - Executive Board Meeting*

*- Saturday - Birthday Luncheon*

*- Saturday evening - President's Banquet at Marriott Hotel, Albany with  
DKG International Guest*

*- Sunday - Hour of Remembrance*

*-Sunday - Awards Luncheon*

*Anna Marie Bonafide*

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## NYSO DKG Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grant(s)-in-Aid

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: February 15, 2022**

Refer to the NY State website [www.dkgstate.org](http://www.dkgstate.org) for applications and further information.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Send Applications to</i>
<b>Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award</b>	<p>Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the <b>criteria</b> set forth in <i>NY State Standing Rules (SR 14.72)</i>: "...the woman who has exemplified the best in education in New York State...had considerable visibility...and made a significantly positive impact on education in New York State and possibly at the national level. Her contributions should be varied, widely known and should be well documented over a period of five years."</p> <p><i>Frederica Hollister</i> was a <i>Beta Rho</i> Chapter member and the 15th NY State President in 1967. She was instrumental in beginning our <i>Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</i> and was a dedicated educator and scholar during her lifetime. The <i>Award</i> was established in 1988 from a bequest made by her to recognize fellow members who have impacted education significantly.</p>	<p><b>Lisa Meade</b>  <b>595a Middleline Rd</b>  <b>Ballston Spa, NY 12020</b>  <a href="mailto:lmeade@granvillecsd.org">lmeade@granvillecsd.org</a></p>
<b>The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award</b>	<p>This award with a plaque and stipend for up to \$300 is given to a New York State woman, ineligible for membership, who has provided outstanding service to education.</p>	<p><b>Lisa Huyck</b>  <b>69 Miller Road</b>  <b>Treadwell 13846</b>  <a href="mailto:farming@citlink.net">farming@citlink.net</a></p>
<b>Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</b>	<p>Award is \$500 per semester with a maximum of \$5000 and given to Native American women pursuing college study in the field of education and social service.</p>	<p><b>Pat Turner</b>  <b>7200 Brookside Drive</b>  <b>Lockport 14094</b>  <a href="mailto:tunes14@yahoo.com">tunes14@yahoo.com</a></p>
<b>Pi State Achievement Award</b>	<p>The Pi State Achievement Award is presented annually to honor a member of at least five years. A Chapter or member may nominate a member who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to education and exceptional service to <i>Delta Kappa Gamma</i> at the state level. Instituted in 1954, the award is a small gold pin in the form of a Tudor rose.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Andr�ea Morris</b>  <b>105 Ashland Place</b>  <b>Apt. 4D</b>  <b>Brooklyn 11201-3957</b>  <a href="mailto:morrispianoforte@gmail.com">morrispianoforte@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>Bea Small Award</b>	<p>Established in 1999 in memory of Bea Small, a member of <i>Omega</i>, the Award is presented to a NY State Chapter(s) having an outstanding existing program or project, which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area.</p>	<p><b>Mary-Martha Harvey</b>  <b>185 Park Street</b>  <b>Canandaigua 14424</b>  <a href="mailto:mharvey@frontiernet.net">mharvey@frontiernet.net</a></p>
<b>Travel &amp; Study Stipend</b>	<p>Two stipends may be offered not to exceed \$1000.00 each in accordance with the <i>NY State Standing Rules</i>. Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of the <i>NY State Delta Kappa Gamma Society International</i> and one to a NY State member currently employed in the profession. Preference will be given to first time attendees. The stipends are available to help with expenses at DKG International and NY State Events, Meetings, Conventions, Regionals and CTAUN.</p>	<p><b>Kate Elder</b>  <b>144 Settles Mountain Road</b>  <b>Cobleskill, 12043</b>  <a href="mailto:katelynnelder@yahoo.com">katelynnelder@yahoo.com</a></p>
<b>Scholarship</b>	<p><b>NY State Scholarships</b> information, criteria and applications are available on Pi State website with a \$3000 maximum.</p> <p><b>International Scholarships</b> are due February 1 by application to DKG International. Applications are available on website <a href="http://www.dkg.org">www.dkg.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott</b>  <b>157 Lake Bluff Road</b>  <b>Rochester 14622-1363</b>  <a href="mailto:mlovett@brockport.edu">mlovett@brockport.edu</a></p>

***"Moving Forward with Purpose and Passion"***

### ***A Parliamentary Minute***

*Congratulations* on Your New Role in DKG! Many of you might be returning to this position. However, if you are a new Chapter Treasurer, here are some pertinent pointers to guide you in your journey.

#### **For Chapter Treasurers:**

- \* Do prepare a Treasurer's report for every Chapter meeting.
- \* Do ask for any discussion concerning line items.
- \* Do file all reports with the both the Chapter President as well as Chapter Secretary. These reports should be included in the Minutes.
- \* Do begin to plan for your budget 2023-2024, commencing during the winter so the proposed budget can be presented at your first Chapter meeting in the spring.
- \* At the next Chapter meeting, be prepared to vote on the budget.

***Karen P. Crumley***  
***NYSO Parliamentarian***

### ***NYSO Celebration of Life***

On Sunday morning during our NYSO Spring Convention April 29-30, 2023, your NYSO Membership & Expansion Committee will be honoring departed sisters from April 2021-April 2023.

To ensure that all deceased sisters are celebrated and remembered it is important that all NYSO Chapters submit their [NYSO Form 2, Annual Chapter Necrology Report](#). This report is due by **February 1, 2023**

To locate this report, click on the link provided or visit our Membership Resources under the Chapter Menu on our NYSO website.

In March Chapter Presidents will receive a list of members to be honored. Membership records are kept at the Chapter level. Your assistance is needed to ensure the accuracy of our Necrology List.

***We look forward to providing a wonderful remembrance for all our departed NYSO Sisters.***

***Deborah M. Bedard, Chair***  
***And the Membership & Expansion Committee***

### ***UPDATE from NYSO Personnel Committee***

Dear NYSO DKG Members,

The task of NYSO Personnel Committee is to screen candidate applications and letters of recommendations for Elected Personnel.

***Our Personnel Committee recognizes that all Chapters have many members with exceptional and varied talents!***

Let's continue to encourage professional and personal growth within our Chapters, as well as recruiting new members to step up to State Positions.

Suzanne Patrick has graciously accepted an extension of her position for NYSO Treasurer. However, she is hoping to have a member step forward to take over the position very soon. As a Committee, we are confident that one of your Chapter members is willing to fill this position for 2023-2026!

Please find the job responsibilities for all NYSO Elected Personnel as well as the Application Forms on the NYSO website <https://dkgstate.org/new-york-state-officers--elected-personnel.html>. The forms need to be returned to Mary Ellyn Levy, @[melevy@hvc.rr.com](mailto:melevy@hvc.rr.com), the Personnel Committee Chair.

***Mary Ellyn Levy***  
***NYSO Personnel Committee Chair***



## U.S. Forum Update

The U.S. Forum informs members of legislative action affecting women, children and education so that they can make informed decisions. All United States DKG members are a part of the US Forum.

During 2022-24, the Forum will be focusing on supporting the mental health of educators. At the July 17, 2022, US Forum meeting in New Orleans a resolution was approved supporting the “Mental Health of Educators.” The entire resolution can be found on the website at [dkgusforum.org](http://dkgusforum.org). The resolution asks members and State Organizations to promote and engage in activities that demonstrate emotional support for educators. State Organizations and Chapters are encouraged to provide a variety of programs that support educators. Throughout the year, the International US Forum Committee will be offering programs.

### 2023 Congress

With the new Congress beginning in January, it is important to follow legislation and promote emotional support for educators. Contacting your legislative representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives is important. You can obtain information regarding your representatives at [Congress.gov](http://Congress.gov). The site informs you of your representatives’ Committees, current bills, voting record and legislation.

### US Forum Resources

*The US Forum Website* <https://dkgusforum.org/home>. The Forum website keeps members informed of upcoming activities, websites and programs promoted by the International US Forum Committee.

*The US Forum Facebook group*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2269724846587657> This page allows members to discuss current legislative topics and actions.

*The US Forum Facebook page*

<https://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum> This page Updates members on current events.

**Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**

*NYSO DKG First Vice-President*

*US Forum Representative 2021-23*

## NYSO DKG Awards Benefit Tickets

*Please visit the NYSO Website to find a full sheet of tickets to print.*

### 2023 NYSO Awards Benefit Ticket

*Awards, Leadership & Grant(s)-in-Aid*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Drawing at NYSO DKG Convention

Albany, April 28-30, 2023

Donation: 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10

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### DKG MISSION STATEMENT

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

### ***DKG NYSO Awards Committee***

*Thanks to YOU*, NYSO members, the NYSO Awards, Scholarships, and Grant(s)-in-Aid available to members and non-members, continues to thrive!! Your ongoing commitment to purchasing Benefit Drawing tickets is applauded and appreciated! Each Chapter President has tickets available. Your chance to win one of the 10 offerings from Area Councils becomes greater with the purchase of more tickets!!!

Please look for all the Award, Scholarship and Grant(s)-in-Aid opportunities throughout this edition of *Pi Lights*. Chairs and Committee members are working hard to continue to make these opportunities available to members and friends of education.

#### ***Here's how members can find information and participate:***

1. Check out the NYSO website ([www.dkgstate.org](http://www.dkgstate.org)) for a list of Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid. There are many prestigious awards just waiting to be used to recognize the accomplishments of members as well as women in our community who support education or are becoming educators. We all know at least one person who fits into one of these categories. Please make sure they are identified and honored with a NYSO Award.
2. Purchase NYSO benefit tickets at your Chapter meetings and Area Council meetings. The money raised from the sale of these tickets directly supports the Awards and Grant(s)-in-Aid. Look for tickets at your Chapter meetings this year.
3. Benefit Tickets purchased will all be entered into the drawings at the NYSO Spring Convention at the Crowne Plaza - The Desmond during the weekend of April 28-30, 2023. There will be 10 drawings over the course of the weekend, each for an offering provided by each NYSO Area Council that has a value of \$100.

**We can all continue to "Move Forward with Purpose and Passion" by supporting the NYSO Awards Benefit through ticket purchases and applying for awards!**

*Erin Merrill*

*NYSO Awards Committee Chair*

### ***LIST OF NYS SCHOLARSHIPS***

The Georgia I. Hartman Scholarship  
 The Jeannie Snapp Scholarship  
 The Jeanette Johnson Scholarship  
 The Phoebe Mersereau Eldridge Scholarship  
 The Edna B. Mack Scholarship  
 The Ruth Williams Scholarship  
 The A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship  
 The Iona M. Keeler Scholarship  
 The Gladys L. Mersereau Scholarship

### ***NYSO DKG HONORARY MEMBERS***

**Dr. Marlene Caroselli**  
**Hon. Joan Christensen**  
**Ruth Colvin**  
**Meg Gardinier**  
**Dr. Ellen Grant**

## ***"A Proven Successful Approach to Increasing Chapter Membership"***

A wonderful opportunity is available to all NYSO Sisters on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023.**

Your NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee will be hosting a Zoom presentation by **Dr. Doreen Baldino Croyle, Zeta**, entitled, **"A Proven Successful Approach to Increasing Chapter Membership."**

Chapter Presidents will receive the Zoom invite to share with Chapter members via email at the beginning of February.

***Mark your calendars and join us!***



***Dr. Doreen Croyle***

Dr. Doreen Baldino Croyle is the Immediate Past President of NYSO Zeta Chapter and has been a member of DKG since 2002. She is a member of the Eastern Area Council and has participated in the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN). Doreen began her teaching career in New York City before moving to Mid-Hudson Valley where she has spent most of her career. She has taught in both the private and public sector in education, in grades K through 8, and in all content areas. Recently, Doreen retired from the Monroe-Woodbury CSD as a Humanities middle school educator. After raising two children, Doreen attained a master's degree in administration and doctoral degree in curriculum & instruction which enabled her to work as an administrator in the HS and lecturer at the college level. As a result, gaining experience in the educational process from kindergarten to graduating college seniors.

### ***Reminder to Chapter Presidents about the Woman of Distinction Award***

Each biennium all Chapters have the opportunity to honor one of their members with the **"Woman of Distinction"** Award. If your Chapter has not nominated someone yet, it's not too late! **The deadline for nomination is February 15, 2023.**

Our goal is to have an honoree from each Chapter because every Chapter has a *Woman of Distinction!*

As you consider your choice, think about the DKG member who has contributed to your Chapter in a significant and special way. She is the one who stands out, even in a quiet way, for promoting DKG, mentoring others or supporting your Chapter and its members in any number of ways. You and your Chapter can decide on the best criteria to help you choose.

You may email your nomination to **Rosemary Van Wart, Educational Excellence Chair** at **rvw20@optonline.net**. Please include the following information:

- \* The nominee's name (*please double check the spelling*)
- \*The Chapter name and number
- \*The name and email of the person submitting the nomination.

*Please note:* FDF Sales will have *Woman of Distinction* pins available at the NYSO Convention in April that Chapters may purchase in recognition of their honoree.

***Rosemary Van Wart  
Chair, NYSO Educational Excellence Committee***



*Lisa Meade*

### ***A Sincere Thank You for My Scholarship***

It was my absolute honor to be awarded the *Edna B. Mack Scholarship* at our Awards Luncheon last Spring. This Scholarship paid the costs of one full course for me at Vermont Law School.

While I have nearly 30 years of experience in education, I have been diving into the field of restorative justice, thereby creating a new career goal for myself of improving my own practice and developing skills in the area of restorative practices. I would not have been able to follow through on this goal without the support of this Scholarship. I would have missed out on this opportunity had I not been encouraged to apply by one of my own Chapter members.

If you know any member seeking extended study or professional development, please be the one that encourages her to apply.

My *appreciation* goes out to Margie Lovett Scott and the entire Scholarship Committee for believing in me and my plan to know more and do more.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Meade  
NYSO Second Vice President*

### ***The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Nominations due by February 15, 2023***

In 1983 *The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award* was established in honor of Verna Mulholland, elected *Pi* State President in 1981, and serving until her untimely death in 1982. The Award was in response to her interest in recognizing non-educators' influence on education.

A stipulation of the Award is to honor a New York State woman, ineligible for membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, who has been a positive influence on education. The recipient must be a woman outside the profession who has worked significantly toward improving the educational opportunities of others and who has given outstanding service to promote quality education.

Chapters are encouraged to nominate deserving women for this Award. The nomination application should be sent to the *Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Chair* by February 15, 2023. The nomination application form is on the State Website, [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org). At this point it is not a fillable PDF. The form needs to be printed, filled out, necessary signatures obtained, mailed to the Chair and postmarked by February 15.

For further information, contact the Chair of the *Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees*, **Lisa Huyck**, [farming@citlink.net](mailto:farming@citlink.net).

The funds for this Award are dependent on voluntary contributions. To make it possible to continue presenting the Award for many more years, donations are encouraged, payable to the NYSO DKG Fund. Contribution forms are on the State Website.

*Lisa Huyck, Chair  
Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees*



*DKG/NYSO CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS*

*HAVE YOU MADE YOUR DKG/NYSO 2023 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?*

*CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTION AND REMINDER:*

**Please survey your Chapter's membership to select an outstanding woman educator for the Pi State Achievement Award 2023.**

The *Pi State Achievement Award Committee* is waiting to receive your nominations of outstanding educators that have made contributions to your Chapter and the State Organization.

Chapter members recognized as ***Women of Distinction*** may be eligible for this prestigious award.

If you have previously submitted a 2022 Nomination Form, you **need not** resubmit another.

Please refer to the DKG/NYSO Website for the criteria and nomination form. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email: [Morrispianoforte@gmail.com](mailto:Morrispianoforte@gmail.com)

**The deadline for nominations is February 15, 2023.**

*Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year!*

*Dr. Andréa H. Morris, Chair*





Question: What is the Pi State Educational Foundation?

**Answer: The Pi State Educational Foundation is a tax-exempt organization that promotes literacy and learning by supporting projects developed by NYSO members and chapters. These projects are supported solely by memberships and donations.**

Question: Why should I join the Educational Foundation?

**Answer: You should join the Educational Foundation so that you can apply for a grant that enables you or your chapter to promote literacy. The directors met recently to review the last round of grant applications. Congratulations to Anna Marie Bonafide from Alpha Nu. Her chapter's project "Alpha Nu Domestic Shelter Literacy Program" was awarded \$700. Also, congratulations to Jen Lester from Alpha Tau who will be receiving \$500 for her project "Interactive Read Aloud Project". We look forward to hearing about these projects at our April meeting in Albany.**

Question: What is the cost of membership?

**Answer: A lifetime membership costs only \$25.**

Question: What is a great gift for a new member of your chapter?

**Answer: A lifetime membership in the Pi State Educational Foundation. Your new member will then be on her way to being able to apply for Educational Foundation project grants and/or the Literacy Scholarship.**

Question: What can chapters or NYSO members do to help support the Educational Foundation?

**Answer: When remembering someone special in your life or in your chapter consider making a donation to the Educational Foundation "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" that person. Another way to help support the Foundation is to have a benefit drawing during one of your meetings and donate the proceeds to the Foundation.**

Question: What is the Literacy Scholarship and when is the application due?

**Answer: The Pi State Educational Foundation Literacy Scholarship is intended to further the recipient's knowledge in the area of literacy and learning. This may be accomplished by attendance at college courses, workshops, conventions, seminars, trainings, and/or conferences. The applicant must be a member of the Foundation for at least one year and the application is due February 15, 2023.**

Question: What should I do if I would like to become a director of the Educational Foundation?

**Answer: The term for a director is four years. As of July 1 we will have one director position that will need to be filled. If you are a member of the Educational Foundation and are interested in becoming a director please send a letter of interest to Sue Summerfield, 346 Noeltner Road, Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010 or email the letter to [summy1@frontier.com](mailto:summy1@frontier.com) by March 1, 2023. We will be voting on the new director at the NYSO DKG Convention in April.**

Question: Where can I find membership and grant/scholarship applications and donation forms?

**Answer: On the state website home page scroll down to the bottom and click on "Pi State Educational Foundation" or click on "New York State" and then click "Pi State Educational Foundation".**

## Funding Chapter Projects: The Bea Small Award

The *Bea Small Award* was established in 1999 in memory of **Bea Small**, a member of the *Omega* Chapter. The sole purpose of this Award is to recognize State Chapter(s) having an existing program/project which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographical area.

The Board of Trustees administering this Award consists of four Trustees: Chair Mary-Martha Harvey (24-Omega EC) *Executive Committee Rep*; Joanne Carroll (40-Alpha Pi E) *Educational Excellence Committee Rep*; Marie Scoles (52-Beta Delta EC) *Communications & Marketing Committee Rep*; Evelyne Bottorf (24-Omega EC) *Omega Chapter Rep*.

The submitted project must have been originated by the Chapter and be ongoing for a minimum of two years. The project must respond to the needs of a particular population within the Chapter's geographical area.

**The postmarked deadline for submitting the application form to the Chair of the Board of Trustees is February 15<sup>th</sup>.** The application form may be found on the NYSO Website:

<https://www.dkgnystate.org/applications-for-new-york-state-awards-scholarships--grants-in-aid.html>. The application must be submitted by the Chapter President, a Chapter Officer or the Chapter Project Chair. The Chapter President must also sign the application.

Electronic submission of the application is preferred. If a project is funded, an article with a photograph should be written for an issue of *Pi Lights*, the NYSO website and the local media.

The Award consists of a certificate and a monetary amount to be determined by the Board of Trustees. The Award(s) shall be presented to the Chapter during a Spring Executive Board Meeting or NYSO Convention. There is a Post-Project Report Form that is to be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year. The Award will be publicized in the Fall, Winter or Spring issues of *Pi Lights* and on the NYSO Website.

Chapters are encouraged to apply for the Award as early as possible. For further information, contact the Chair of the Bea Small Award Board of Trustees Mary-Martha Harvey, [mharvey@frontienet.net](mailto:mharvey@frontienet.net).

*Mary-Martha Harvey*  
Chair, Bea Small Board of Trustees

## FEBRUARY 15TH IS JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY!

The Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Committee is anxiously waiting to receive applications for this amazing opportunity! This grant can give each recipient up to \$1000.00 a year and can follow these women through their under-graduate college years. Please spread the word! The application can be found on our State website: [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org).

All applications are due no later than February 15th, 2023.

We look forward to awarding some deserving women with this wonderful Grant.

*Patricia Turner*  
Chair-Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Committee

## BEA SMALL LEADERSHIP SPEAKERS FUND

The *Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund* is part of the Committees Subject to Endowments. It was established in 1996 from a bequest of **Bea Small** with additional funds from her daughter, Barbara Woodworth. Bea Small was a member of *Omega* Chapter. The interest from the \$8000 base may be used annually or biennially to provide speakers, facilitators or workshop presenters to assist in the leadership training of NYS members. This leadership development can occur during Leadership Development Seminars or workshops for NYS Officers, NYS Committee Chairs or during NYS Spring or Fall Seminars or the NYS Convention.

No NYS members may receive money from the fund. The Committee strongly encourages NYS members to make contributions to this fund so that outstanding leadership development workshops may be provided in the future.

*Lochie Musso, Chair*

## ***TRAVEL & STUDY COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE AND RETIRED EDUCATORS***

The *Travel & Study Stipend* Committee wishes to encourage all NYSO members to think about attending any upcoming DKG Conferences, Meetings or Society Seminars. For assistance with much of your expenses, consider applying for the Travel & Study Stipend. Past recipients have expressed much appreciation to Committee for giving them these wonderful opportunities.

NYSO Standing Rules state that there can be two Travel & Study Stipends awarded not to exceed \$1000.00 each. Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired NYSO member and one to a member currently employed.

Taken into consideration on the application are the following criteria:

- \* Number of years of membership
- \* Type of service to DKG
- \* Major reasons for applying for the Stipend
- \* Outcome or achievements to be obtained in attending the Seminar or event
- \* Ways that the achievements will be used in the future of DKG and in one's professional and/or personal growth.

Our Committee hopes to be overwhelmed with many applications this year. The deadline for applications is **February 15**. The application can be found on the NYSO website in NYS menu/Applications, or you can contact me at [katelynnelder@yahoo.com](mailto:katelynnelder@yahoo.com). There is also a fillable application form in addition to a printable one.

We want to stress to members that these awards are given only for attendance to Conferences, Conventions and Society Seminars promoted by Delta Kappa Gamma. Recipients are expected to share their experiences and knowledge, when possible, with Chapter members and NYSO members through presentations. They will also be asked to submit an article for publication in *Pi Lights* as well as to the Travel & Study Committee.

***Kate Elder  
Chair***

## ***COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING***

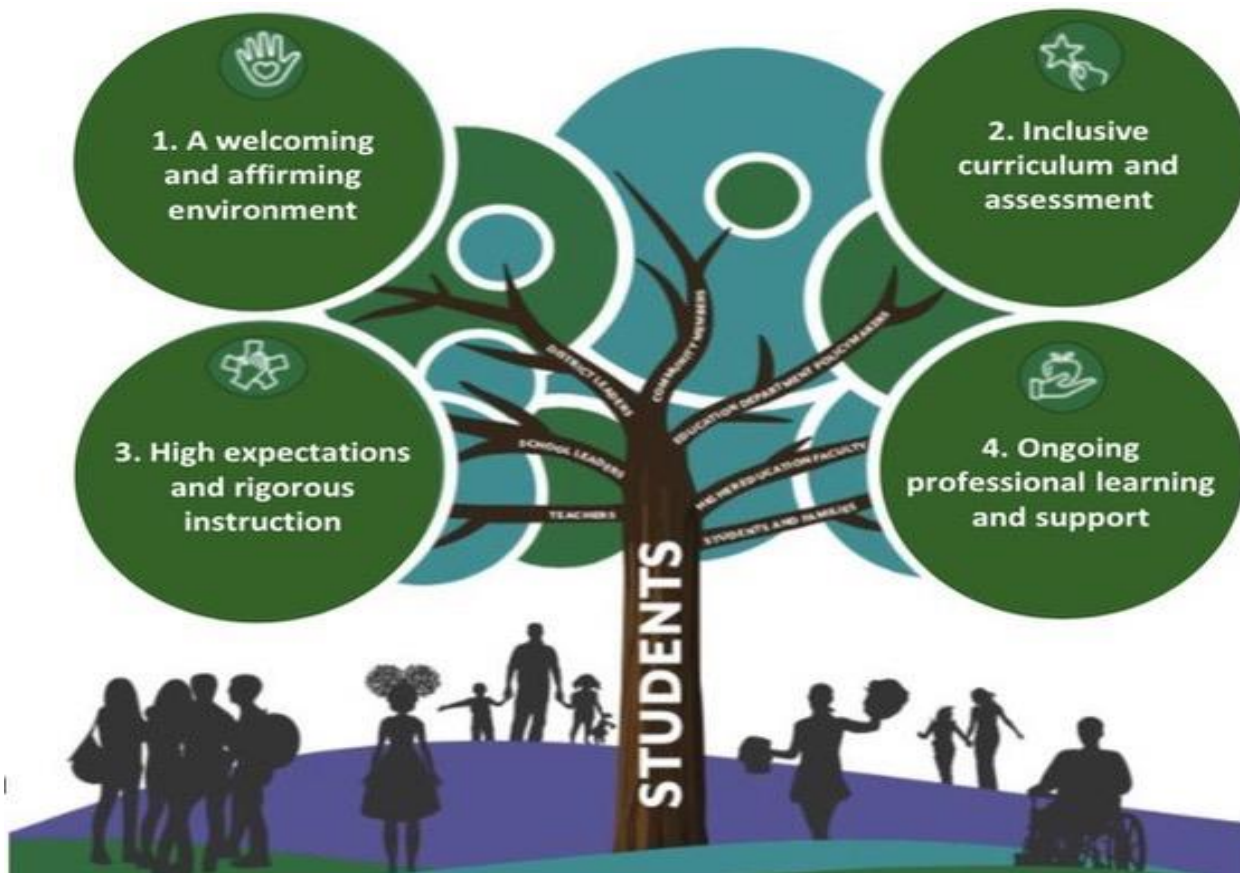
The *Communications and Marketing Committee* makes recommendations regarding communications and marketing for NYSO and helps to develop ways to promote communications within and beyond NY State. The Committee is responsible for assembling and preserving materials essential to the continuation of the history of NYSO and for encouraging the writing and updating of Chapter histories, primarily through biennial Chapter Presidents' reports.

Resources on the NYSO website for Chapters are numerous, including NYS Brochure, Chapter Key Card and Chapter Poster. Each item may be downloaded and filled-in with Chapter information and then printed to be used to promote Chapters in whatever event you select or to be distributed to prospective new members.

Goals of the Communication and Marketing Committee include:

1. Develop ways to promote participation in Chapter, Area and NY State events
2. Maintain a Facebook page for NY State and its Area Councils
3. Nurture web creation among Chapters and Area Councils and assist them in designing and certifying websites by DKG International
4. Develop criteria and/or guidelines on content posted on Facebook
5. Explore the use of other platforms, including Google, to improve communication
6. Explore the use of hybrid meetings to stay connected with members
7. Encourage the use of electronic programs for professional research, feedback and planning such as Wiki, Survey Monkey and blogs.

***Dr. Brita Donovan, Chair***



### **Is an area of concern and advocacy for all educators as we learn to be more aware of diversity, equity and inclusion in the classroom and as global citizens.**

On November 9th, 2022, *Alpha Alpha* Chapter, West Central invited *Dr. Marijo Pearson*, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, Monroe 2 - Orleans BOCES to join *Judy Fuller*, Reading Recovery Teacher from Hilton CSD and DKG member to highlight best practices and resources in their presentations whose links will be available at the conclusion of this article. Dr. Pearson provided a comprehensive booklet which addresses programs for all stakeholders; that is, not only administrators, educators and students but for parents and community as well. This was a hybrid meeting which allowed those not able to be in person, due to their locale or ability, to attend.

Since this Excellence in Education meeting was held jointly with the Chapter's annual World Fellowship Grant fundraiser, it was noted that recognizing equity and inclusion for all students is a global issue.

Diversity is not just a cultural reality but one that adds perspective and enlightenment for us all to collaborate for peaceful solutions.

Videos from *Angélica Cuevas Guarnizo*, journalist from Columbia and *Monika Mihajlovska*, Special Education educator from Macedonia, two of our 2021-2022 World Fellowship Grant recipients, clearly prove that they have aligned their studies and future work with our shared endeavors in education toward diversity, equity and inclusion.

*Sue Genthner*  
*NYSO DKG World Fellowship Committee Chair*  
*Alpha Alpha Chapter World Fellowship Chair*

#### **LINKS TO POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS ON NYSO WEBSITE:**

“*Culturally Responsive Education: How BOCES Support Districts*” by Marjo Pearson, Phd and Judy Fuller

“*Culturally Responsive – Sustaining Education (CR-S) Initiative Presentation*” by Susan Genthner & Judy Fuller

<https://www.dkgstate.org/chapter-resources.html>

## ***Literacy Education Professor at the Warner School Receives Prestigious Educators Award***

***Article from Warner School of Education, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York  
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The Delta Kappa Gamma International Society (New York Chapter) presented its 2022 *Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award* to Literacy Expert [Carol Anne St. George](#), a professor in Teaching and Curriculum at the Warner School of Education and Human Development. In April, she was recognized for her contributions and commitment to education in New York State and nationally at an Awardsuncheon in Utica, New York.

St. George, who directs the [Literacy Teacher Education Program](#) at the Warner School, leads efforts to help children read and write better and ultimately improve their school success. Nearly a decade ago, she created [Project READ](#), a long-standing, successful partnership program that continues to have a local and global impact today.

Established in 2011 with funding and support from the [William & Sheila Konar Foundation](#), Project READ is a partnership program with Rochester's School 33 and East High School's upper and lower schools. It was designed with two goals: to support Rochester City School District students' literacy learning and help prepare exceptional literacy educators. St. George leads the community engagement initiative today that involves young learners, pre-service and practicing teachers, literacy specialists and community members.

Project READ has helped strengthen the literacy learning and skills of hundreds of elementary school students through powerful reading, writing and speaking opportunities over the past decade. But they are not the only ones who learn and grow from this reciprocal community engagement program. For graduate students at the Warner School, Project READ connects instruction to real-life literacy and opportunities in the real world. Through Project READ, the team of educators and Warner interns provide direct-targeted tutoring services, in-class support and modeling of best practices for teachers, literacy professional development for teachers and family literacy activities.

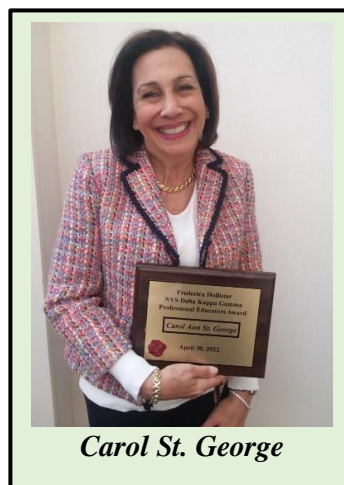
St. George received a doctorate in teaching and curriculum from the Warner School in 2009. A veteran educator, she brings extensive experience as a teacher, ranging from preschool to graduate school. Her research examines how teachers can more effectively collaborate with families to support student literacy and learning. In addition to her academic role at Warner, she continues to lead an annual campaign in February that promotes the importance of reading aloud to children of all ages. The social media push has garnered support from individuals worldwide who participate by sharing and tagging photos of books they are reading aloud to children during the month-long campaign.

*The Frederica Hollister Professional Educator's Award* was established in 1988 from a bequest of Past NYSO President Frederica Hollister. Along with honoring the recipient of this Award, it also honors the memory of Frederica Hollister, whose contributions to education and women educators were exceptional. The [Delta Kappa Gamma International Society](#) has more than 100,000 members, roughly 2,000 representing the local New York State Organization..

In addition to receiving the prestigious award, the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society presented St. George with a donation check. Project READ was selected as her charity of choice.



***Carol St. George with  
one of her Graduate  
Students***



***Carol St. George***



### ***2022 Bea Small Award at Work by Rho Chapter***

On August 6 members of *Rho* Chapter met at the home of Suzanne Patrick. Those present helped prepare **200 new teacher bags**.

The bags were delivered to the 17 school districts in the *Rho* Chapter area.

This year the Award from the Bea Small Award Board of Trustees was used to purchase motivational vinyl stickers to include in the bags.

*Thank you* to the Bea Small Award Board of Trustees for helping to fund our project. It is the favorite of our members.

*Suzanne Patrick*  
*Rho Chapter Treasurer*



*Left to right: Marge LaPadula, President; Diane Gasparini, First Vice President; Carol Boyatsis, Second Vice President; Lenora McCabe, Secretary*

### ***Alpha Eta Report***

This year *Alpha Eta* proudly celebrated 65 years of membership in DKG at the home of **Carol Boyatsis**, our Second Vice President, with a party, cake and song.

New and returning Officers were inducted and our Grant-in-Aid winner, Suffern High School Senior, Molly McGarrity, was presented a \$1,000 check to assist with her expenses as she begins her college career.

Grant-in-Aid Chair, **Barbara Cross**, keeps in touch with our previous recipients and shared some correspondence about what the girls are doing. It is always a pleasure to hear from them.

*Lochie Musso*

***2023 NYSO Convention  
April 28-30, 2023***

***Theme: ““Capital”-izing on the Benefits of DKG”***



### Delta Kappa Gamma Award

MARIE SCHEG, a 1981 graduate of Greece Olympia High School, receives a \$100 grant-in-aid from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, presented by Virginia Magill, a faculty member at Olympia and member of Beta Eta chapter. The annual grant was given in honor of the chapter's late president, Dr. Vivian B. Schrack. Young women chosen to receive the award must be planning to enter the field of education. Marie is currently attending the State University of New York at Oneonta. Delta Kappa Gamma Society is an international honorary sorority for women educators. One of its purposes is to advance the professional interest and position of women in education.

### **Beta Delta Current President Honored by DKG in 1981**

DKG has been honoring and recognizing young women studying education for decades. Marie's future as an outstanding potential educator was recognized in 1981 while she was attending at SUNY Oneonta with a *Beta Eta* Chapter Grant-in-Aid.

*Congratulations, Marie!  
Thank you for sharing with us  
all.*



### **"Remember Me"** By Rosemary Pepe

Each time we think of you  
It is you we remember to pray  
The life you lived  
The caring woman you were  
Your kindness, Your gentle smile  
Your laughter and all you endured  
For your family and DKG friends  
that miss you still  
There is love in our hearts  
that reminds us that it's you  
who was there with  
your sunshine and courage  
And all you ask of us is to  
Remember You

*A Poem of Remembrance for Epsilon Chapter  
Deceased Member, Marylu D. Collins*

### **THE DKG MISSION STATEMENT**

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



### ***Alpha Iota's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration With NYSO Guest Jennifer Lee-Alden***



On November 5, *Alpha Iota* celebrated its 65th birthday at the Tavern on the Lock in Fulton, New York. We enjoyed having our NYSO President Jennifer Lee-Alden as our guest speaker. She was well-prepared with lots of information and thoughts about teachers and students pre- and post-covid.

We were very impressed with her presentation. We shared ideas for scholarship fundraisers and a “*Sister to Sister*” initiative to stay in contact with members who haven’t attended recent in-person meetings.

Together we then brainstormed possible ways we can support teachers in our area as they face the challenges of education today.

***Karen Marzynski  
Alpha Iota Public Relations***

### ***Alpha Zeta's “Bonnie Boxes”***



***L to R: Jennifer Coutant, Diedre Denehy, Julie Meier, Diane Zduniak, Linda Greenblatt, Karley Finn and Dariela Tavarez***

In 2023 *Alpha Eta* received a Bea Small Grant for their Chapter Project, “Bonnie Boxes for Chemo Patients.” This photo is of Chapter members delivering three car loads of Bonnie Boxes to the Infusion Center at Northern Dutchess Hospital. Members delivered a total of 51 boxes this day.

Members purchase materials for the boxes from grants and donations and individually assemble them. Items are those in which the chemo patients find comfort: books for reading, socks, blankets for keeping warm, lemon drops, hand sanitizer, water, etc. The nurses in the chemo unit distribute the boxes to all types of cancer patients. Members also include positive messages.

***Diane Zduniak***