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YOUR DELTA THETA CHI NATIONAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Caitlyn Wang

Submitted by CA Omicron
Alcyone Province
seeking degree in Psychology
Accepted at SDSU



Dixie Wagoner

Submitted by Indiana Kappa
Celaeno Province
seeking degree in Medical Imaging
at Indiana University



Sophia Brandt

Submitted by CA Sigma
Alcyone Province
seeking degree in English Lit
Accepted at Multiple Universities

YOUR DELTA THETA CHI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

MARIE MILLER GRAHAM SCHOLARSHIP



McKenna Arney

daughter of Melissa Arney
granddaughter of Jane Harrell
members of Texas Nu
attending Honors College Texas A&M
Applied Mathematics with Actuarial Science Emphasis

SUE DRELINGER SCHOLARSHIP



Karrissa Schmidt

member of Kansas Beta
daughter-in-law of Trish Schmidt
member of Kansas Beta
studying Nursing at
Butler County Community

YOUR DELTA THETA CHI NATIONAL OFFICERS

NEC question: Can you envision ways our scholarship programs might help with recruitment.

National President Connie Cripe **Indiana Gamma**

Greetings Sisters, what a crazy, unpredictable Spring we are having. The wind keeps reminding us that she is just as important as the sunshine and rain. The trees are blooming, tulips and hyacinth are beautiful and spring is finally in the air. By now we've all completed our responsibilities for the Delta Theta Chi National Memorial Scholarship, the Marie Miller Graham/Sue Drelinger Memorial Scholarship, and many chapters have their own local scholarship. The NEC has been tasked by our Pleiad Editor, Becky Bowman, to think about how our Scholarship could benefit our membership of Delta Theta Chi Sorority. I remember years ago when we took the forms to our chapter's local High Schools and promoted our National Memorial Scholarships. Sometimes when there were applicants, someone in the chapter would have known who the applicants were; or knew someone who knew who the applicants were; and we would have had the chance to invite the applicant or the known person related to the applicant to come and see what "Delta Theta Chi was all about". Did we, did we take that opportunity? There is no doubt that by placing the application on the internet, we have overwhelming numbers of applicants, and several of the applicants are nowhere close to a chapter, but there are a few that are close to our chapters. The opportunity is there, are we taking it? Are we reaching out to them or their family to see if there would be an interest in checking out our sorority. Yet then I remember, we still have friends and family that we have not asked to "check out Delta Theta Chi", so then I am not surprised we have not asked them. I plan to do better, starting today! I plan to think about those whom I can invite to join our wonderful sisterhood. I am going to also think about our chapters previous members and reach out to them. The Legacy of Delta Theta Chi is not solely the responsibility of the Membership Committee, it is on each one of us. I challenge you, as well as myself, to take the time of new spring beginnings, to plan to bring in a new "Little Sister", and I smile, as I know it is not just for the benefit of our "sorority numbers". I smile, because I know the benefits it is going to bring to our new "Little Sisters" by being a part of this wonderful sisterhood of Delta Theta Chi. I cannot wait to meet all your new Little Sisters! Spring and growth are in the air!



In Sisterly Love,
Connie Cripe,
National President

National Vice President Linda Colton
California Eta

Dear Sisters,

I'm writing this on Easter, and enjoying the fairly warm weather we're having here in Southern Oregon...however, our weather has it's "ups and downs" and by the end of this coming week it will be raining again.

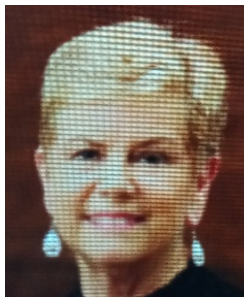
"Ups and downs" – hmmm, sort of like what our sorority is going through. The "ups" are when I hear that we have new sisters pledged or initiated; the "downs" happen when someone resigns or passes away. We all know that both these things can be a necessary part of life, but I can tell you, I like the "ups" better.

In the last Pleiad I talked about how our increase in membership builds our DTC "foundation". Each time we pledge a new sister, our "foundation" grows, and becomes stronger. Each member is like the mortar that ties together all the building blocks, so the more members we have, the sturdier our DTC organization will be.

I challenge each of you this next year to reach out to just one person, and invite them to a chapter meeting or social event. (Sometimes social events are the best times to meet new people...it gives us a glimpse in to the personality of the possible member, and it allows them to see if the chapter is something they would like to be a part of.) Whichever you choose, reach out!! Family members, friends, co-workers, church friends, are all good choices. All it takes is a simple "Hi, would you be interested in coming over to my house this weekend for an informal girl get-together? We are a group of ladies who belong to a women's sorority...etc. etc.."

I know several chapters have pledged or initiated new members and that makes me happy! I can see the building blocks getting higher. BUT, we need to keep the momentum going, and I know I can count on each and every one of you to do your part! Let's experience more "ups" than "downs" this year!

Wishing all of you a Happy Spring, excellent conclaves and board meetings, and I will put a plug in for Alcyone's Province Convention in September, in Kalispell, Montana! Don't miss it, it should be a blast!



In Sisterly Love,

Linda Colton

National VP, Membership Chair

NATIONAL TRUSTEES

Alcyone Province Trustee - Cheryl Zarins. WA Alpha

Spring is finally here in the Pacific Northwest. Great sunny days interspersed with wet rainy days. The perfect weather for growing things. Life has been extremely busy, as I'm sure it has been for all of you. With Spring here and Summer on it's way, we will all be out and about meeting more people, so now is a good time to recruit for Delta Theta Chi.

Becky asked the Trustees to consider in "What ways can I envision the Delta Theta Chi Scholarship Programs helping with recruitment." Each year our organization gives out several scholarships; between the chapters, Provinces, and National Scholarships. Some are very small, and some are a lot larger. Some of you probably do speak about our scholarship programs when trying to recruit, but when I start talking about our organization I start with the Philanthropic and Literacy programs, not the Scholarship program(s). I tell them about the things I think would be most interesting to them as an individual. I don't think of telling them about our Scholarship Programs, at the chapter/Province/National level. Or how they or someone in their family could apply for a larger scholarship just by being a member of Delta Theta Chi. We discuss Literacy a lot, but we should be discussing Scholarships right along with that. Ladies with teenager or college students would be very interested to learn about our scholarship programs, and how being a member can help them to win one. Once they join DTC for the scholarship, I'm confident they will stay due to the camaraderie and Philanthropic projects. We are trying to recruit younger people who are also very busy, raising families, holding down a job, and a lot of them are attending classes to help their careers. Perhaps if we discuss our Scholarship Programs more, and especially how being a Delta Theta Chi member, they can apply for the larger scholarships for themselves and or a family member, it would interest more of the younger people. Education is getting to be so extremely pricey, that by promoting our scholarships as well as our Philanthropic and Sisterhood, we will be able to recruit younger people. Start talking about our Scholarships, to get them to a meeting. Once there we can expand on our Delta Theta Chi activities, or two that wins a National Scholarship but also on the different types of of scholarships being offered at the Chapter/Province/National levels. This way we would keep the scholarship programs front and center all the time, and not just during the period of time we are actively looking for applicants.



Cheryl Zarins
Alcyone Province Trustee

Celaeno Province Trustee – Becky Bowman, IN Kappa

We have such a great Scholarship Program, I find it hard to believe that it is not utilized more as a recruitment tool. In the 23 years that I have been involved in Delta Theta Chi, Celaeno Province has only had one (1) winner of the National Scholarship. We have had several winners of the Members only Scholarships.

Can we be more “hands on” with the winners? I am a big believer of “putting a face on it!” Not to single any one out, I’ll put it this way – Say Chapter X in Y Province has an applicant or two that wins a National Scholarship. Is someone from Chapter X in close proximity that they can visit the family to congratulate the applicant and meet the family and tell them about Delta Theta Chi Sorority and the Scholarship program while mentioning the members only Scholarships that we also give out. If they have other children, it might give them something to think about.



It's just a thought!

Becky Bowman

Celaeno Province Trustee

Electra Province Trustee - Cathie Barber, KS Beta

As winter slowly loosens its hold on the land and we spring into summer, we need to each ponder how we, as a member of Delta Theta Chi can help improve our sorority while still helping grow the sorority. We each need to think about who in our circle of friends and acquaintances might benefit from our sisterhood. Because I truly believe that our sisterhood is a benefit that we all enjoy.

Having just recently returned from the Missouri Delta’s Founder’s Day celebration, I reflect on the wonderful educational talk that Vicki Lignitz, their traveling representative, provided. Basically, she reinforced the concept that we are women supporting women and we need to keep that in mind at every meeting regardless of whether it is at the Chapter level, province level or national level.

The theme for the Pleiad articles is scholarships and how they can possibly help with recruitment. Being the trustee in charge of the national scholarships, and also my own province scholarship, I have realized just how much is involved in the process. One thing I have done at the province level as the scholarship chair, is reached out each year to the recipients of our province scholarship and asked each of them to join us at the Saturday luncheon at our annual Conclave in October. Most of them usually decline as it is in the middle of the school year and they either live too far away to join us or they have other activities to attend. I know that one of our recipients who is the daughter of one of our chapter members is extremely appreciative of the financial assistance. Perhaps as all the recipients

mature, graduate and find a job, they will keep us in the back of their minds and possibly seek us out later to find out more about us.

At the chapter level, we award a smaller scholarship to a young woman who is a single mother focusing on an education in the healthcare profession. We also should extend an invitation to these women to join us at our Founder's Day celebration. These are just a few ways that offering scholarships could possibly help us grow our sorority. You might want to consider similar options in your chapter/province if you offer scholarships.

Hold high the torch!



Cathie Barber

Electra Province National Trustee

Sterope Province - Karen Kammer, OH Mu

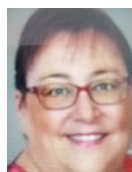
Dear Sisters:

I am always excited to see the spring issue of the Pleiad. This is the issue where the National Scholarship winners are announced. This is an exciting time for these young scholars.

Our Province does not give out an individual scholarship due to our size. We try to contribute to our DTC Scholarships when possible. We feel it is very important to support these scholarships to help someone further their education. We feel it is a good way to promote Delta Theta Chi to get our name out there as a way of helping our youth. Ohio Mu used to give a local scholarship to a young woman and invite her and her mother to our Founders Day Dinner we held in June each year. We then educated them on our sorority and invited them to attend a meeting if interested.

I am looking forward to our Midyear Meeting in June 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to your NEC so that we may discuss them at our meeting.

Thank you for your continued support of Delta Theta Chi. We could not do this without you. Remember to always "Hold High the Torch".



In Sisterly Love

Karen Kammer,

Sterope Province Trustee

Taygeta Province Trustee - Becky Cooper, OK Epsilon

Dear Sisters,

I am so excited that Spring is here. Spring just makes everything so fresh and new. The Bradford Pears and Redbud Trees are in full bloom, also is the pollen blowing in the wind that brings on the allergies. College women are advancing in almost every field of academic expertise. As a result, there are many funding opportunities focused solely helping still classified as minorities advance in academia. Sororities provide valuable social and professional networks for women on campus and offer a hand-up with financial assistance. Networking and word of mouth, we might be able to help with recruitment.



In Loving Sisterhood,
Becky Cooper

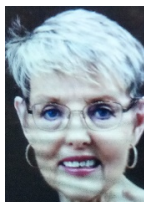
National Executive Secretary -Treasurer. - N.E.S.T. Cindi Cook, KS Beta

Sisters:

Just a reminder that at the Taygeta Province Convention last fall, our National President, Connie Cripe, issued a challenge to all Delta Theta Chi sisters to help with the shortage of our insignia here in The National Office. She offered to pay a full registration fee and roundtrip economy airfare to National Convention 2025 in San Diego, CA to the sister who is responsible for returning the most insignia items to The National Office. I have already received a number of items and am looking forward to many more coming this way. I am keeping track of the items returned and the sister's names here in the office. This is a good opportunity to reach out to former members of your chapter or their families to admonish them to return any insignia to the National Office.

Our Delta Theta Chi website holds a wealth of information for all of our sisters. I urge you to check it frequently to keep up on with what is going on in our sisterhood.

As always, please remember that I am here for you and am more than willing to help with anything you might need.



In sisterly love
Cindi Cook, NEST

PROVINCE PRESIDENTS

Province President question: Does your Province have a general scholarship or “members only” given to the people of your Province?

Alcyone Province President, Melody James, CA Eta

Alcyone Province does have a scholarship for members and family members.

Shelley Nelson, reporting

Celaeno Province President, Deb Hood, IN Gamma

It is my honor to share the following information regarding the Mary Alice Buswell Scholarship awarded each year by Celaeno Province.

This scholarship is to honor the memory of Mary Alice Buswell, an educator and long-time member of Indiana Epsilon Chapter. Each year members can submit the name and proper credentials for this award. This scholarship is a Member Only Scholarship and not open to the general public. The amount of this scholarship is \$500.00, payable to the student account at the school they will be attending. This is a one-time award per recipient and is awarded at Celaeno Province Spring Convention.

Deb Hood,

Celaeno Province President

Electra Province President, Gail Allen, KS Kappa

Electra Province is enjoying our beautiful Midwest as the fields are starting to get green and my jonquils are blooming. The Electra Province Board has been busy at work at our midyear meeting at the beginning of March. We are busy developing our ideas into plans.

Electra Province is fortunate that we can give away scholarships on a province level. We have one scholarship currently that is for a family member of a sister. We have had other scholarships in the past but those were ended per the family’s wishes when the funding was gone. We were able to give two scholarships for \$2,300 each last year.

Each of our chapters supports our teachers and local schools in various ways. We are incredibly lucky that we have quite a few teachers in Electra Province. They are passing knowledge on to the next generation with great enthusiasm and love.

We hope to see all of you at our Electra Province Conclave in Kansas City on October 4-6th. We are celebrating the arts in so many unique and entertaining ways.

Hold High the Torch,

Gail Allen

Electra Province President

PROVINCE CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter question: Does your Chapter have a scholarship that is for your Local schools only? If not, what does your Chapter do to help or further education? Do you do anything to promote trade schools?

Alcyone Province

President Melody James, CA Eta

California Alpha

California Alpha does not have a scholarship for local schools only and they do not promote trade school They did, however give a donation in memory of Gerry Ann Taylor to the National Scholarship Fund.

Julia D'Onofrio

California Epsilon

This chapter has a scholarship for local schools only. They do not promote trade schools, but they do not discourage them.

Carol Ann Moyes

California Eta

This chapter does not have a scholarship that is for local schools only. The chapter did make a contribution in memory of Candace Goble to the National Scholarship Fund. Some individuals also make annual contributions to the same fund. The chapter does not promote trade schools.

Pat Jover

California Iota

Lana suggested I talk to Kathleen Hull. Since I ran out of time and wanted to get this information to you on time. I have not yet done that. I'm more than happy to do that if you'd like me to. (Editor's note – please do that and you can include the answer in the next issue)

Lana Duckett

California Omicron

This chapter has had a scholarship to the University of California San Diego (UCSD) for about 40 years. It is awarded to a medical student. A founding member, Janelle Moore, started this scholarship. California Omicron does not support trade schools.

Ruth Enyeart

California Sigma

We hope to hear from CA Sigma in the next issue.

Washington Alpha

Our chapter does not have a scholarship for local schools only and we do not promote trades schools at this time.

Washington Alpha has set up a scholarship account and is in the process of determining how it will be used.

Shelley Nelson

Celaeno Province

President Deb Hood, IN Gamma

Indiana Alpha

We as sisters like to have fun in the summer. We have fundraisers that we have at Jellystone Park. The Classic cars show with 50's music playing, usually have around 40 to 60 entries of cars. It draws a good crowd, depends on weather. That is always fun. We also feed the New Paris Lions Club for our fundraiser, they always enjoy the meals that are served.

We are always praying for our sister Lois who is going through chemo treatment and a lot of stomach pain.



Submitted by, ***Rosie Miller***

Indiana Gamma

Indiana Gamma Scholarships and Literacy for Local Schools

Indiana Gamma Chapter of Delta Theta Chi Sorority offers 2 scholarships each year in the amount of \$300.00 each. There are 2 schools, Carroll High School and Delphi High School which reside in Carroll County Indiana. The scholarship forms we provide are submitted by the students beginning after November 1st and due no later than February 1st. The winners of the scholarships are announced by our sisters at the Senior Night at each school.

Indiana Gamma Chapter of Delta Theta Chi Sorority started using a "Giving Plate" full of goodies which are auctioned at each business meeting. Whoever wins the Giving Plate must refill it and bring it to the next meeting. There are many different items from food to books and bling as well.

The funds from the Giving Plate is given , at the end of the school year, to a teacher in the elementary schools to assist with materials for the students. We rotate each year between Carroll Elementary and Delphi Elementary schools with the donation.



Submitted by **Deb Hood**
Indiana Gamma Chapter President
Celaeno Province

Indiana Eta

Our chapter does not have a local scholarship per se, but we have a literacy committee who is given \$300.00 per year and in charge of finding a cause that has something to do with literacy. The committee meets and brainstorms to come up with an acceptable organization and makes its recommendation to the chapter and it is put to a vote of the entire chapter. We have supported helping women get their GED, given books to a local children's home and supported helping a local high school club get started.



Susan Yoder, reporting

Indiana Kappa

We hope to hear from Indiana Kappa in the next issue.

Indiana Sigma

We hope to hear from Indiana Sigma in the next issue.

Electra Province

President Gain Allen, KS Kappa

Kansas Alpha

Greetings from your KS Alpha "Sisters"

Scholarships, scholarships, scholarships

The subject is a topic that can spark conversations. A couple of questions that are of importance are:

* How can we only offer 2 or 3 scholarships when there are so many students that need financial assistance? * Who should receive our donation when there are so many organizations that ask for assistance?

Delta Theta Chi is fortunate to award scholarships for a few students. We do what we can when we can. Who one chooses to donate to can be personal. KS Alpha has an endowment associated with Washburn University that offers a student a scholarship pursuing a degree in music, literature, or art. Electra Province offers scholarships for students that live in the states of our province, and we offer a scholarship for a student that is related to a province member.

We encourage students to apply for the Delta Theta Chi scholarship by contacting local schools and by word of mouth. Unfortunately, offering scholarships does not entice students to inquire about our organization. Should there be a 'rush' event at schools?



The two Karen's
grading scholarships.
This is Soooooo hard !!!



L to R: Pat Glidewell, Karen Swogger

Karen Marsh

Reporting, **Janelle Clark**

KS Alpha President

Kansas Beta

Scholarships, Pins and New Sisters – This could be the theme for the Kansas Betas this spring. The Kansas Betas worked hard getting out scholarship to the Kansas community. We had multiple applications that were reviewed, and our choices sent in for further consideration. Then we had the pleasure of spending some time with prior scholarship winner, Victoria Cocannouer, while she was home from college over spring break. She attended one of our chapter meetings which was hosted by her mother Tammy Cocannouer, Electra Province Recording Secretary. Then at our last meeting hosted by one of our newest members, Karissa Schmidt, daughter in law of sister Trish Schmidt we wrote our annual scholarship check to WSUTech. The money will fund books and tuition for a single mother to get her CNA. This is the first step for many to more education and a career in nursing and other jobs in the medical field. The Kansas Betas are proud to help change the life of a woman and in a small way give her a “hand up”.

At our March 23rd Founder’s Day, we were proud to host several out-of-town sisters as well as a couple of prospective sisters. A catered lunch was followed by a baby pining of Zipporah, daughter of sister Holly Oetting and granddaughter of sister Brenda Thompson. We then held initiation of new sister Kim Garcia, new little sister of Tammy Cocannouer. Following that we held a 60th birthday party for sister Brenda Thompson, President of the Kansas Betas. And if we weren’t tired enough after a full day of partying, we meet again on Sunday, March 24th for a bridal shower for sister Holly Oetting who will be married May 4th. It was a wild weekend of sisterhood. And the partying continues...wedding photos next time!



Teresa Carter

Kansas Kappa

The Kappas have been busy this spring having meetings, socials, and supporting the arts! We went to support Candace’s son in his performance as a Prince in “Into the Woods”. He was amazing!

We are huge supporters of all things education and we are incredibly lucky to have a sister who is a high school science teacher! Bethany Hofmeier has been a teacher for Ottawa high school since 2007. She joined our sorority in 2019 and is passionate about our DTC scholarships. She has been instrumental in helping to streamline the Electra Province application and selection process. She has made sure that our National Scholarship was distributed through the Kansas high school guidance counselor network.

The Kappas are excited for summer and all the fun, learning and shenanigans to come



Kappa President – **Gail Allen**

To do the math, the Missouri

Missouri Delta

Dear DTC Sisters:

Greetings from the Missouri Delta Chapter from Electra Province. We are excited to be celebrating our original Founder's Day of March 22, 1936. For those quickly trying to do the math, the Missouri Delta Chapter is 88 years young. We may not have as many sisters as we once did, but we are working on that. In the meantime, like many other Chapters, we are united in heart, spirit and purpose, and look forward to many more years ahead of Sisterhood!

The Missouri Deltas recently traveled to Wichita, Kansas to celebrate our KS Beta Sister's Founder Day, Baby Pinning, and initiation ceremony, and Brenda Thompson's birthday. What a fun-filled day it was! We are looking forward to traveling to Wilbur, Nebraska in a couple of weeks to celebrate with our NE Eta Sisters on their 28th Founder's Day.

Our Chapter does not currently have a local scholarship plan in place, but have discussed this at length and believe we have the beginning of a plan. We still need to do a little more research before moving forward, but it is a good beginning. We do have a well-established trade school in mind, as well as a few area high schools.

We are supporting literacy by making donations to two area elementary schools, purchasing supplies for the teachers, classroom, reading books, etc. We recently purchased two different sets of books with two different reading levels: 1st grade reading level, and a set of books dedicated to those who need a little encouragement to help build their vocabulary and reading skills.

I was honored recently to be invited to participate in the "Read Across America" program for my daughter's 1st grade class. With help from Ms. Neeley, I chose the book "It's Not Easy Being a Bunny" with the main character... P.J. Funnybunny. To help make it a fun adventure for these cute little boys and girls, I brought bunny ears for everyone, including Ms. Neeley, the 5th grade ambassador escort from the school library to the classroom and back to the library, and myself. Once we got all of our ears situated just right, P.J. Funnybunny led us on a fun adventure with several other animals, to see what it would be like to be one of them, but in the end P.J. Funnybunny found out being a bunny was best of all

after all, and happily returned to his family home. I donated the book to the classroom so it could be added to the classroom library to be enjoyed again and again.

Our Chapter Sisters have a few fun adventures awaiting them this summer. In the meantime, we are all busy making final plans and getting ready to host Electra Province Conclave in Kansas City at the Embassy Suites by KCI Airport. October 4-6, 2024. If this location sounds familiar, this is where Electra Province hosted "A Royal Affair" for National Convention, and had a surprise visit from Kansas City Royal's mascot.... Slugger! Registration information is posted on the Website. We have a fun weekend of Sisterhood planned and hope you can join us!

In Sisterly Love,

Cheryl Neeley

Missouri Delta Chapter Corresponding Secretary

Electra Province

Nebraska Zeta

We hope to hear from Nebraska Zeta in the next issue.

Nebraska Eta

We hope to hear from Nebraska Eta in the next issue.

Sterope Province

President Sharon Osterberger, OH MU

Maryland Alpha

We hope to hear from Maryland Alpha in the next issue.

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Ohio Mu

Ohio Mu continues to meet each month. We are unfortunately down to 3 members but we are still mighty! Karen is working on her granddaughter and her friends to possibly join at some point. Carrie is the one who was awarded the Marie Miller Graham Scholarship in 2023. She is very interested in Delta Theta Chi so keep your fingers crossed.

Ohio Mu does not give out a local scholarship due to our size. We did however have a Marie Heller Scholarship that we gave away for years. We do try to contribute to the National Scholarships when possible.

We hope you have a wonderful spring and summer. Looking forward to some warmer weather

Karen Kammer

Ohio Mu Chapter
Sterope Province
Delta Theta Chi Sorority

Taygeta Province

President June Butler, TX Beta

Oklahoma Alpha

Our Chapter for years would award a scholarship to a college student and would follow her all through until she graduated. We would give her \$500 per semester., and if we saw a need we would take up a collection between the sisters to help her out.

The past two years we have been helping Ben Miner, a music teacher in an underfunded school district. He has taken his music classes to a higher level since he was hired. He has been awarded our literacy budget for the last two years. In addition, through donations from our sisters, we have provided snacks for his classes which he uses for incentives. At the end of the school year, they have a concert. Last spring we provided pizza, cookies, and drinks to the students. We showed up and helped serve and enjoy the concert. It was so nice to get to know the kids. We are looking forward to helping again this year.

The wonderful guy that helps his students so much is Linda Miner's grandson. We have all fallen in love with him. He has many grandmothers now....

Oklahoma Alpha

Judy Stone

Oklahoma Beta

Our Chapter offers scholarships to Universities, specifically in Oklahoma. To allow for more inclusiveness in our recruitment, we are looking into promoting Oklahoma trade schools.

Our process has been to mail scholarship applications to high school and college counselors. We've distributed to approximately 30 to 36 high schools locally and in neighboring Oklahoma towns. Once the completed applications are in our receipt, a Scholarship Committee reviews viable candidates in our application process. In the past, we have had both male and female candidates and scholarship recipients.

We have maintained a relationship with our past recipients, all the way through college graduation, If they live nearby, we've been lucky to have them come thank us in person and advise us as to how they are doing scholastically and in their careers. We feel very blessed to have helped so many students achieve their dreams

In Sisterly Love,
Carol Hanson

Oklahoma Delta

We hope to hear from Oklahoma Delta in the next issue.



Oklahoma Epsilon

Each year, OK Epsilon sends out letters notifying the Oklahoma schools and newspapers of our annual scholarships. From that mailing, we get several applications to select from. We get applications from both male and female candidates.

We have funded a scholarship account with some of the funds we receive from our annual enchilada sale. We named our fund in honor of past member and Taygeta Province Trustee, Sally Thorlton. We have given out scholarships in the amount of \$500 each.

We enjoy being able to assist a young person to fulfill their dreams.

Marla Sweaney/Annette Myers

Oklahoma Kappa

We hope to hear from Oklahoma Kappa in the next issue



Oklahoma Zeta

Oklahoma Zeta Chapter, Taygeta Province, does not have a scholarship program in our local area. The chapter has not done anything to promote education/scholarship needs for trade schools, but that is worthy of consideration. Generally, we have a sister who mentors the developmentally disabled children in the Yukon Public schools. Because she is involved in the Yukon area schools, as well as her community, she targets the Yukon Public School System to post scholarship application requests. Other sisters provide scholarship applications to those in their circle of friends and family who may be interested or know someone who is interested. Another Zeta sister volunteers with a non-profit organization. Community Advance, serving underprivileged middle school students by teaching life skills to further their education. This could possibly be an avenue to pursue for college and trade school scholarships in the future.

Texas Beta

We hope to hear from Texas Beta in the next issue.



Texas Zeta

Scholarships: Our Chapter focuses on gathering Scholarship funds and seeking out Candidates for three awards; the DTC National, the Marie Miller Graham/Sue Drelinger, and our own Texas Zeta Chapter Scholarships. This year's Committee was headed by Connie Crow, her hardworking members Darlene Meineke, Carla Roche, and Shannon Kelly. Our chapter submitted 2 Candidates for DTC consideration and awarded a student for Texas Zeta's Chapter Scholarship.

The process is a long but very rewarding experience as our committee will attest. It started with our sending off letters and applications to 12 local High Schools. This year there were 12 responses. Sisters in the Scholarship Committee, devoted an afternoon reading, scoring and discussing these talented and deserving High Schoolers pursuing college. For the National Scholarship, two applicants rose to the top, Brendan Foster and Tyler Allen, they were submitted. For the Marie Miller Graham/Sue Drelinger (DTC Family only) Scholarship, Connie nominated her grand-daughter, Lexi Mahoney. Connie wants to send a special thank you for the hard working counselors and AVID advisers at Plano West Sr. HS.

Texas Zeta's Chapter Scholarship Award was given to Brendan Foster. We invited and met this young man and his family to our luncheon to receive his appreciated monies. The enjoyable meeting of this fine young man as well as his hard working parents and uncle brought the rewarding process full circle.

Awarding a scholarship, is an enlightened heart-warming experience. Each of our sisters remarked they were able to read first hand and appreciate the students and family's desire to help continue education for a better future. Our organization, Delta Theta Chi, offers so much... to our communities, to our sisters and to our hearts.

Patti East

Texas Nu

Our chapter established a local scholarship program several years ago. As part of the application process, we require applicants to submit proof of enrollment at their current school or a copy of their acceptance letter from the college they plan to attend. Additionally, applicants are asked to detail their volunteer work, extracurricular activities, any awards they've received, and provide insight into their chosen major.

To ensure through outreach, our Scholarship Chairperson corresponds with the Educational Region Service Center for notification of area students including vocational, trade, or technical schools. Also, we send notices and maintain communication with local counselors. The recipient of the Texas Nu Scholarship is due March 1st and notified late March.

Melissa Arney

Texas Nu Pleiad Reporter

NATIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATES

Delta Theta Chi Zoom Book Club

Dear Sisters:

The DTC Book Club had a very exciting guest speaker in February ... author Joey Hartstone presenting "The Local: A Legal Thriller". He shared how he began writing, how he writes, about the characters in his book, how he got the idea for the book, described his writing style, and about how long it took to write the book. He took many to learn questions and was very gracious and entertaining. Thank you, Teresa Carter, for sharing your cousin with us. We truly enjoyed the opportunity to meet him and hear the many behind the scenes stories leading up to his final product. We can't wait to learn about his next book and wish him many years of continued success!

March was a fun and personal meeting getting to know "My Favorite Childhood Books, Authors and/or Series" presented by Pam Ricci (CA Omicron), Karen Kammer (OH Mu), Janelle Clark (Kansas Alpha), and Linda Colton (CA Eta). I won't go

into personal histories, you just had to be there, but will share some of their favorite books and/or series:

Pam introduced The Bobsey Twins books – some of the most popular books about everyday life of children.

Karen shared that she learned to read Dr. Seuss books, particularly "Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham" which she can still recite! She also shared a little about Dr. Seuss that I did not know.

Janelle shared a book "The Middle Child" written by Miriam Mason. It is not always easy being the middle child but the main character of this book learned to be brave with the support of a dearly loved Uncle who really saw her and encouraged her to find a way to be brave ... and she ultimately was!

Linda presented Nancy Drew books, the well-known fictional female detective solving mysteries, which eventually turned into movies, comic books, games and more. We all enjoyed remembering these books and others, and how they were special for these Sisters, as well as those who were able to attend the discussion.

Sheron Braden (TX Zeta) will present "They Call Her Dirty Sally" by Amy Matayo on Wednesday April 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. CST. If you are not currently receiving the DTC Book Club Zoom monthly link, please reach out to Karen Kammer so we can add you to the list. For an extended list of future book presentations, please visit the Website. As always, if you have a book (or two) to recommend, please contact me at chery.neeley@yahoo.com and I will gladly add your recommendations to the reading list. Happy Reading!



Cheryl Neeley

MO Delta

DTC Book Club Chair



In Loving Memory

Pat Jordan
Barb Parker
Marge Washam
Katherine Horn

Life Member, OH Mu
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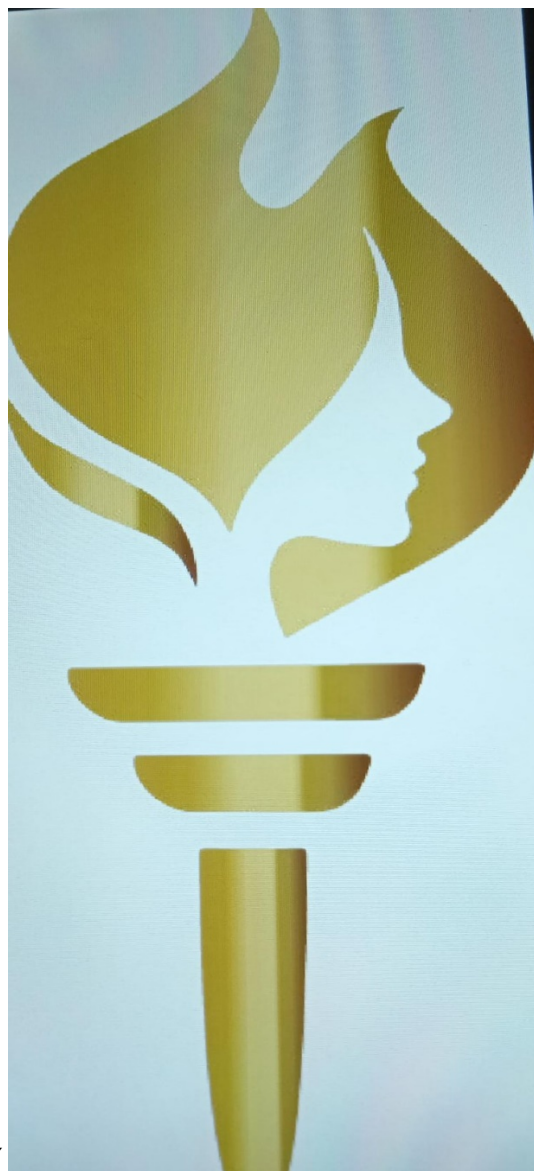


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