

What DKG Means To Me

DKG is an international society that promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Education has always been so important in my life. My parents raised me to believe that education is something to be valued and cherished. I remember always wanting to do something that meant I would work with kids. An extended family member was a kindergarten teacher (a member of DKG unknown to me for many years) and I knew I wanted to become a teacher!!

Fast forward to 2013, after working for years in various support roles in several schools, studying to add special education to my teaching license, I was able to achieve my dream of being a full time classroom teacher. I had worked with many fantastic teachers over the years and had been a member of a philanthropic organization for three years, when I was approached by a DKG member to consider joining a group whose focus was education. I gave it serious thought and went to an informational meeting about Delta Kappa Gamma. I loved hearing all about DKG and joined Alpha Alpha Chapter in 2014.

I immediately got involved in the chapter activities and was approached a couple of years later to take a position. The rest is history. I became chapter president for 2022-24 Biennium and stayed in this leadership position for 2024-26. During the first term, I attended many state events, went to state conferences and convention and worked on the state scholarship committee. My desire to get even more involved in the state organization has led me to apply for another state committee with hopes of future positions and attending national and international events.

DKG has allowed me to connect with both active and retired educators, learn new instructional techniques, expand my personal knowledge and gain understanding of how our state legislature works. I have become more vocal about education causes, learned to speak in front of adults and work harder to become a more well-rounded teacher because of my membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. Being part of DKG gives me the opportunity to continue being involved in local and state education as I near retirement. My love for DKG will forever be something special to me.

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