

Presenting...The DKG Core Values, Count them 1, 2,3,4,5...
Let's explore and find out what they mean so we can thrive!

During our recent virtual DKG International Society Convention in July we were presented with the 5 DKG Core Values that were developed by the DKG Next Committee. The Core Values are based and aligned with the DKG purposes, visions and the mission statement. The 5 Core Values were also developed in order for our members to develop a deeper understanding of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

The 1st DKG Core Value is titled Collegiality. Collegiality is defined as the centrality and the harmonious cooperation of a group of colleagues. Collegiality involves the collaboration, communication, perseverance, genuine support, and encouragement of one another. It is important to stay connected in collegiality with key women educators worldwide. A quote from Nel Noddings sums up what **collegiality** means when she wrote these words: "Collegiality and creativity are symbiotic. Collegiality informs creativity. Creativity enriches collegiality. This in turn results in a unique caring."

The 2nd DKG Core Value is referred to as Global Emphasis. Different events that occurred around the world were discussed in this webinar. Some of the events included natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, along with social protests for international platforms, as well as the new student/educator remote learning experiences. Some of the other events that were discussed included families' living conditions following natural disasters, different types of students learning environments, the need for and the receiving of learning materials and resources, and the financial gifts that are made available through the generous donations of the DKG sisterhood to help during the different global crises. As a result of our Global Emphasis efforts, we are a strong DKG sisterhood that will continue to impact our society through education worldwide.

The 3rd DKG Core Value is called Leadership. Our DKG society was founded 91 years ago by 12 women educators who were fighting discrimination against women teachers, pay inequalities, policy injustices, and other society oppositions for women educators. Leadership was born and developed from our DKG organization through motivating and training great leaders in local Chapters and State levels by working on committees and serving in different offices. Leadership is also encouraged with training opportunities developing leaders in the Leaders Management Seminars. Strong leadership is also sustained by and with mentoring relationships with "seasoned sisters" in the DKG society.

The 4th DKG Core Value is entitled Philanthropy. Philanthropy is defined as a love of humanity and gift of gifts, time, treasure, and talents. DKG members need to feel connected and be included in our causes and service projects in our community. As we continue in planning events for the future, we need to remember to continually update/reevaluate the focal emphasis for our service projects since the needs for our community continue to change and are continually evolving.

The 5th DKG Core Value is known as Personal and Professional Growth. Personal and Professional Growth occurs when you are able to participate in activities that are being promoted and offered by DKG. Some of these PPG opportunities/relationships include networking with professionals who share the same educational goals, in addition to attending workshops/sessions at the international, regional, and state conventions. Professional Growth through Delta Kappa Gamma can be gained by serving in your local chapter, state and international offices and committees. It is also encouraged to apply and obtain DKG scholarships/awards to attend workshops and other learning opportunities. Personal Growth opportunities can also be gained from having experiences traveling to many different cities, states and even countries attending different state, regional international conventions.

Now, that we have learned about the 5 DKG Core Values, let's put them all together, stir them up and study them, and then apply them in your local chapters too!

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