

The Voice

Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



Being Open to Opportunities

Opportunities rarely come with a flashing neon sign. Life is full of chances, but we often miss them because we're not paying attention. Being open to opportunities means having a mindset that welcomes new experiences, ideas, and connections. It involves being receptive to both the unexpected and the obvious. By staying curious and open-minded, you allow yourself to see endless opportunities.

Being open requires a mix of flexibility and boldness. Flexibility helps you adjust when a plan goes sideways or when the chosen route takes an unexpected detour. Boldness allows you to step out of your comfort zone, push your boundaries, and explore the unknown. It's about developing a mindset that embraces possibilities instead of resisting change or sticking to the status quo. Each of these opportunities contributes to your personal growth and resilience.

The truth is, you can't predict where every opportunity will lead you. However, being open-minded gives you the chance to evaluate each one fairly. Some opportunities may fade away, while others could lead to bigger things. Keep your mind curious and focused because amazing things are just ahead of you.

There are seven broad categories of opportunities available within the Ohio State Organization (OHSO) of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The seven are: leadership, connections, membership, activism, communications, financial, and recognition. Click on the link below to discover the opportunities that await you as a valued member.

Opportunities are rarely offered; they're seized. ~ Sheryl Sandberg

Energetically,
Dr. Molly Helmlinger, Beta Kappa
OHSO State President



White Roses

We are saddened by the loss of our treasured OHSO Sisters.
We appreciate and remember their service.



Eileen McCormack
Psi Chapter

Kay Wallace
Alpha Gamma Chapter

Joyce Atwood
Alpha Gamma Chapter

Virginia Ann Huntsman
Alpha Psi Chapter

Cora Coomer
Alpha Gamma Chapter

Karen Beam
Delta Kappa Chapter

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Inside International

DKG Ohio members are encouraged to participate in the monthly *Inside International Meetings* via Zoom. Join the meeting for half an hour to enjoy a conversation with International leaders and staff. Directors and elected leaders will be available to answer questions and welcome comments. As the links to these meetings are available, Ohio members will be notified via Constant Contact.

Upcoming Inside International Dates: (Eastern Time)

Tuesday, September 2nd @ 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 7th @ 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 4th @ 1:30 p.m.

OSO Changing to OHSO

We have changed only our abbreviation of Ohio State Organization from OSO to OHSO. You are probably wondering why change! OSO could also be Oregon or Oklahoma. OHSO helps to eliminate the confusion and readily identifies us as Ohio.

Important Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 2, 2025

Inside International
1:30 p.m. via Zoom

September 15, 2025

DKG Fall Fine Arts Gallery
Last Day for Submissions

September 17, 2025

Chapter President's Connections
with Dr. Molly Helmlinger
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

September 27, 2025

OHSO Fall Executive Board Meeting

Ohio University- Dublin Integrated Education Center
6805 Bobcat Way
Dublin, OH 43016

October 7, 2025

Inside International
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

October 23, 2025

Chapter President's Connections
with Dr. Molly Helmlinger
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

November 1, 2025

Chapter Yearbook Is Due

Email it to goldkey@dkgohio.org

November 4, 2025

Inside International
1:30 p.m. via Zoom

November 19, 2025

Chapter President's Connections
with Dr. Molly Helmlinger
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

December 18, 2025

Chapter President's Connections
with Dr. Molly Helmlinger
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

OHSO Fall Executive Board Meeting

September 27, 2025

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Check-In

10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Ohio University

Dublin Integrated Education Center

6805 Bobcat Way

Dublin, OH 43016

Blanton Stamp Advocacy

Help us celebrate **100 years** of DKG
by writing to your legislator!



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has received notice that the application for consideration by the U.S. Citizens; Stamp Advisory Committee will be reviewed at the beginning of October! Send in your letters before October! Please reach out to your local legislators via email or letter and help DKG get that stamp today!

Templates for both can be found on www.dkg.org
events>Centennial celebration>resources.

Membership Matters

What is really going on in your chapter???

Is there a disconnect between members? Is there disengagement? Are there negative influencers? Now, with the start of a new program year, it is time for a positive look at the opportunities within your chapter, within your community. Ask your chapter members, *where do we want to go?* And then establish your key goals!

It is critical that members and potential members have a sense of belonging. They must feel welcomed, valued, accepted, safe, and that they are a part of something meaningful that's larger than themselves. Let's make sure that they feel **connected** to other members, leaders, and the organization; **respected** by other members, leaders, and the organization; and **protected** so as to feel safe to fully express who they are.

Best wishes for a great year!

Meier Bauer, Gamma Phi
OHSO Membership Chair
OHSO Recording Secretary

Education Excellence Committee

Welcome back to school season!! If you are active in the classroom, I send wishes for a fabulous new school year. If you are no longer active in the classroom, please send words of encouragement to a friend who is still in the classroom.

I am the Education Excellence Chair for Ohio DKG, and I know you have been accustomed to hearing from me during the last two years as the Legislative Liaison. I will still report on legislative news, as well as other news, for our state. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to be on the Education Excellence Committee. Please reach out to me via email at eec@dkgohio.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

At the National Conference, the Blanton Stamp Initiative was announced to have a U.S. Commemorative Postage Stamp honoring Dr. Annie Webb Blanton in 2029. This centennial tribute not only marks a milestone in American education but also celebrates Dr. Blanton's extraordinary achievements as a transformative leader for women and educators across the nation.

I am asking our members to reach out to their state legislators, seeking their support in making the stamp a reality. Please reach out and lend your support to the Blanton Stamp efforts. Please refer to *The Voice* issues from the spring to find your legislators' information.

Sharon Scheidegger, Beta Delta
First Vice President
EEC Chair
Legislative Liaison

OHSO Membership Spotlight



Diana Haskell
Gamma Phi Chapter

Diana Haskell, who serves as the DKG International Finance Chair, delivered a presentation titled *Through the Lens of Our Fiduciary Duties* at the State Officer Leadership Training in New Orleans.



Nancy Russell
Beta Kappa Chapter

Nancy Russell was awarded Best of Show in the Any Technique - Sewing Machine Quilted for the baby quilt made for Eliza, her soon-to-be great niece, at the Shelby County Fair in the Fine Arts division. The pattern is Trip Around the World.



Carol Ann Hart
Beta Chi Chapter

Carol Ann Hart's stunning quilts, A Quilting Journey, are on display at the Youngstown Jewish Community Center until Sunday, September 14, 2025. Carol believes she has always been an artist. She has always been creating beauty. She never could have imagined that a quilt sampler class in 1983 would have led her to a love of textiles and design. She believes quilting has always been her destiny, and now it is her passion. Carol is active in two quilting guilds and the American Sewing Guild.

Welcome New & Reinstated Members

Alpha Gamma Chapter

Tara Bushatz
Susan Congrove
Susan Glandon
Hannah Henthorn

Alpha Eta Chapter

Aubree Kushmaul
Kathleen Scaggs
Melissa Ann Young

Alpha Psi Chapter

Jenny Frey

Delta Theta Chapter

Barb Carr Lupton

OHSO is Ready for the Challenge - We Can Do It!



CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE

STATES GROWING THEIR MEMBERSHIP BY **100 OR MORE BY OUR 2029 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WILL EARN THE PRESTIGIOUS TITLE OF **CENTENNIAL STATE ORGANIZATION** -- A LASTING LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP, GROWTH, AND COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF DKG.**

WE'LL TRACK EACH STATE'S MEMBERSHIP GROWTH FROM 2025 TO 2029. TO EARN THE CENTENNIAL STATE ORGANIZATION TITLE, YOUR STATE MUST ACHIEVE NET GROWTH OF 100 MEMBERS--THAT MEANS GAINING AT LEAST 100 MORE MEMBERS THAN YOU LOSE THROUGH DROPS OR DEATHS OVER THE FOUR-YEAR PERIOD

WILL YOU SEE YOUR STATE'S NAME ON THE LIST IN 2029?



Delta Theta Chapter welcomed two members at their July meeting. Co-President Ellen Anglim presented Carolyn McIntire and Carol Merritt each with a red rose.



Gamma Phi Chapter members had a wonderful time at the Barbie exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center! It was fascinating to see how Barbie and fashion influenced one another through the decades.



Alpha Theta Chapter announced this year's scholarship winner is MacKenzie Hartzler. MacKenzie will be attending Ashland University, majoring in Early Childhood Education. Pictured are Nolan and Stephanie Hartzler, the Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society scholarship winner MacKenzie Hartzler, and the DKG Alpha Theta Scholarship chair Jane Slater.

Ohio Membership Data for 2025 -2026

Active Paid Members	Collegiate Paid Members	Reserve Paid Members	Total Paid Members	Ohio Chapters
1,841	4	361	2,196	66

DKG Ohio Financial Update for July1 – July 31, 2025

Statement of Financial Activity

Revenue	\$21,769.00
Expenses	\$ 2,805.00
Net Income	\$18,964.00

Statement of Financial Position

Checking/Savings	\$ 47,142.00
Available Fund Reserve*	\$ 15,000.00
Investments	\$240,994.00
Total Assets	\$303,136.00
Credit Card Liabilities	\$ 606.00
Total Equity	\$302,530.00

*Available Fund Reserve is an Executive Board Directed fund for technology-related upgrades and licenses. Constitution Article IV, Section F, 2, f, (3). p. C-5.

Diana Haskell, Gamma Phi
OHSO Treasurer