

Foundation Directors

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 October 2022-June 2024
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 2022-2023
 Scholarship Committee

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 2019-2023
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 2021-2023
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Christine (Chris) Snoddy, Alpha Lambda
 2021-2024

Educational Services Committee Chairman

Debby Canter, Delta Epsilon
 2021-2023

Ex-officio Ohio State Organization Liaison
 OSO President



Schools out for the summer...

What song is often played at the end of a school year? Congratulations to all 2023 graduates including their families and teachers. Teachers and students typically look forward to a long break over the summer. Enjoy the pool, vacations, picnics, baseball games, and reunions. Please take time to rest and relax and then recharge for the 2023-2024 year or the new adventure on your journey. Make plans for your DKG Chapter's new year, too!

With the end of June comes the transition for directors and the reorganization for a new fiscal year for ADSOEF. In this issue, you will learn about outgoing Directors and the Board who will lead for 2023-2024. As members, individuals have the opportunity to serve on various committees. Be ready to say, yes, when you receive a phone call or email asking you for help.

For a summation of the successful year we are wrapping up, please go to our website adsoef.org and reread the Report for Annual Meeting 2023. What a JOY to award grants and fellowships and project awards! ADSOEF is funding the future of excellence in education!

Happy summer,
 ADSOEF Directors

Congratulations to the ADSOEF Officers for 2023-2024

Chairman - Diana Kirkpatrick, Alpha Delta
Vice Chairman - Sue Loader, Alpha Psi
Secretary - Christine (Chris) Snoddy, Alpha Lambda
Treasurer - Dr. Lois Harkins, Alpha Lambda

The ADSOEF Board of Directors is composed of the officers joined by Brenda Armstrong, OSO State Member; Holly Buente, Gamma Pi; Linda Diltz, Beta Rho; Debbie Frazier, Beta Rho; Millie Holzer, Beta Zeta; Tammy Schroeder, Beta Eta. OSO President Melodie McGee, Gamma Nu, is the Ohio State Organization Liaison, serving as an ex-officio member.

To the 2023-2024 Directors: Serving as a Director is more than an honor, and includes the legal duties to care, to show loyalty, to adhere to governing regulations and to maintain accounts for ADSOEF. Best wishes for the coming fiscal year!

Farewell Directors

Dr. Norma Kirby, Karyn Kern-Lazear, Sandy Royer, and Marilyn Slusser will end their terms as directors on June 30. Thank you for giving your valuable time, sharing your talents, and using professionalism in making decisions. These four DKG members have a combined total of 20 years serving on the Board of Directors. We applaud you for your dedication to the Mission and Purposes of ADSOEF.



Pictured above are Sandy Royer, Marilyn Slusser, Karyn Kern-Lazear, and Dr. Norma Kirby

“Being a director of ADSOEF since its formal inception has given me great knowledge and pleasure, as we welcomed the various A. Margaret Boyd Fulbright Scholars to the United States. Through the contributions and growth of the Foundation these students have been able to fulfill their dreams and continue their journey in education. ADSOEF can be proud of its achievements.”

Marilyn Slusser

“It has been my honor to serve as a Director for ADSOEF for these past four years. I believe that I was able to observe ADSOEF leave its infancy, grow through the “terrible twos,” and begin to enter the pre-K part of its existence. I know it will continue to be there to support all educators, past, present, and future.”

Karyn Kern-Lazear

“Serving as a director for four years has been an enlightening learning experience, brought me new friendships, and showed me the positive outcomes of dedicated women educators working together. My joy comes from member volunteers stepping up to serve, the generosity of many donors, and seeing funds awarded to deserving individuals and communities. ADSOEF will forever touch my heart!”

Sandy Royer

“ADSOEF has a very special place in my heart! I am grateful for the opportunity to have served on the Board and appreciate the faith you placed in me. Serving on the ADSOEF BOD since its inception has been a fulfilling and rewarding experience. Learning about the business of a charitable foundation, working with dynamic DKG members, impacting the lives of educators, and being touched by the generosity of fellow members are experiences that have inspired me. I pledge my continued support for our Foundation.”

Dr. Norma Kirby

These outgoing leaders are grateful the Directors for 2023-2024 will continue to lead ADSOEF in its mission and purposes and continue to provide support for the future of excellence in education.

Yes, each of these four ladies will continue volunteering!

A big **THANK YOU** to:

OSO President **Debby Canter** for attending and participating in Board of Director Meetings during 2021-2023.

Melodie McGee, OSO President for 2023-2025, as we welcome her to the Board in an ex officio position. Presidents serve as a liaison between ADSOEF and OSO.

Our webmaster, **Eileen McNally**, and our editor, **Cathy Tenney**, do outstanding work to provide communications to our members.



Committee Chairmen and **Committee Members** as they move us forward in meeting ADSOEF purposes.

Chapter Representatives for disseminating information to their chapter members.

Many individuals serve in various capacities to keep ADSOEF working toward its mission. The directors appreciate YOU!

Thank you for continuing the future of excellence in education!

Important Dates to Remember

June 19, 2023

ADSOEF Board of Directors Meeting
10:00 a.m.

The Elm Street Girls Club

The Educational Services Committee is eager to publicize this final report from Norma Gutierrez and Hannah Fairbanks (Gamma Theta) for the Individual/Classroom/Community Project Award they received for the Elm Street Girls Club Life Skills Project. Norma stated, "This was an amazing project that came together with the aim of giving back to the young ladies of the community."

"The Elm Street Girls Club was formed under the direction of Norma Gutierrez, a 4th grade teacher at Elm Street Elementary School in Painesville, Ohio. This project addressed the need for self-esteem building among 42 young ladies from a diverse population that was high in poverty. These 4th and 5th graders learned various life skills throughout the program which will help them become strong independent and productive citizens in our communities."

"Ms. Gutierrez and several other teachers planned this program and wrote several grants to fund the activities. The ADSOEF grant funded the purchase of yarn, hooks, and weaving looms for various projects. The girls met throughout the year- every other Thursday -for an hour and a half. They were divided into four rotations of about 20 minutes, and the activities included the following:

- The making of crochet bracelets (ADSOEF funded yarn and hooks)
- The creation of tied blankets for the local animal shelter
- The making of pillows and blankets for themselves
- Manners class
- Self-defense class
- Basic sewing
- Cookie decorating
- Basic car maintenance
- Self-affirmation lessons."

"While the ADSOEF funded a portion of this program, the teachers involved all donated their services. Other funds came from a Donors Choice Grant, a grant from a local church, as well as services from a local Beauty Salon. Lake Erie College donated the facility to host their grand event in December, as well as the facility and funding for the culminating Tea Party. Each girl left with a gift bag filled with teacups, yarn, and hooks so they can keep on crocheting over the summer."

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Snoddy



Members of the Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation

Delta Kappa Gamma Society



In life, there are crucial moments that mark a before and after, and my graduation from my master's degree is one of them. I am very pleased to have this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to DKG Society and the A. Margaret Boyd fellowship, which provided me with unconditional support on my path to academic success. Without your generous support and commitment to education, reaching this milestone would have been much more difficult, and even unattainable. Through this letter, I wish to share my gratitude and highlight the importance of your invaluable work in the formation of international students like me.

When I decided to embark on the challenging journey of a master's degree outside my country, Paraguay, I quickly realized the difficulties and obstacles I would face along the way. However, from the moment I was fortunate enough to cross paths with the DKG Society, everything changed for the better. DKG has been a constant source of support, encouragement, and opportunity, and I cannot express strongly enough how grateful I am for that.

First, I am deeply grateful for the fellowship you provided me with. Thanks to your financial assistance, I was able to concentrate fully on my studies, without the constant worry of how to pay for my educational expenses. Your generosity allowed me to invest my time and energy in acquiring knowledge, researching, and making the most of my academic experience. As a result, I was able to fully dedicate myself to my education and achieve my educational goals, graduating with an Outstanding Student Award from the master's in educational policy program.

In addition to your financial support, DKG's network of mentors and educational leaders has been invaluable to my professional growth and development. Your Society has been committed to welcoming and helping students, and I was a direct beneficiary of that. The advice, guidance and experiences shared by the educators who are part of DKG were always inspiring and motivating. I would also like to highlight the value of the networking opportunities DKG provided me with. Through the events, conferences and meetings organized by your Society, I was able to establish meaningful relationships. These connections have turned into lasting friendships.

As I look back on my academic journey and reflect on my graduation, I realize that not only have I gained knowledge and technical skills, but I have also grown as a person and as a leader thanks to the support of the DKG Society. My graduation from my master's degree is not only a personal achievement, but also a testament to the power of the support of DKG Society. Your vision of empowering students and fostering their success in all areas of life has left an indelible mark on my life, and I am deeply grateful for that.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!!

Brenda Rojas
Fulbright Scholar - A. Margaret Boyd International Study Fellow



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Alpha Delta State Ohio



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