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President's Message

Hello Gamma Nu Sisters,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our very first virtual holiday social in December! We enjoyed wearing our ugly Christmas sweaters, showing off our favorite Christmas mugs, playing lots of fun games, and passing out door prizes. I hope you all were able to have a safe and joyful Christmas break and holiday. In January, we will be having our joint meeting that Epsilon Psi will be hosting. We will be hearing from two guests who have a podcast on parenting – I'm sure we will hear some interesting stories! I hope to see everyone at our first meeting of 2021.

Thank you for all you do,
Nancy Bonds, Gamma Nu President

Gamma Nu Website

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Red Roses to

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Kristi Warren for planning a fun and exciting virtual holiday social! Thank you for your efforts, creativity, and great attitude.

Terri Cooper for assisting Kristi with some of the holiday social games and activities.

Roseanna Henrichsen for singing Happy Birthday to our sisters at the December meeting.

The group of **Past Presidents** who selected the Early Educator Grant recipients.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

VISION STATEMENT

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

Next Meeting

January 28, 2021

Zoom Meeting with Epsilon Psi

5:00 - Meeting begins

**Epsilon Psi will be the hostesses
for our Joint Meeting**

**Key to Parenting: Parenting
Podcast**

There will be two guests sharing
their experience of creating a
podcast and their podcast topics.



Happy Birthday to You!

January

- 2** Leah Henry
- 18** Julia Retz
- 19** Carol Mitchell



Save the Date!

***Gamma Nu Live Auction
February 11, 2021***

Plans are underway for this exciting
time. Please be sure to watch your
emails for details as they are decided!

ALL members are encouraged to attend
this virtual meeting and have a guest or
two join you – virtually!

Happy New Year!

As we move into 2021, let us not dwell on the things of last year. The pandemic, things which were not completed, things which did not go as planned, or relationships which were not positive. First, pray for an end to COVID, dwell on the opportunities for new beginnings, the chance to make changes in ourselves and our lives, and the challenge of finding something positive in all of our relationships and surroundings! By putting our minds in a positive setting, we will find that 2021 can be positive, successful, and full of great opportunities!

Early Educator Grant Winners

The voting is finished and the winners have been contacted! Meet our Early Educator Grant Winners!

Diana Torres Castillo is a 3rd grade teacher at Harlem Elementary. Her grant is entitled “Math Manipulatives to the Rescue!” She states her students have regressed in their mathematical understanding as an effect of the time away from school due to the pandemic.

With the purchase of math manipulatives and games, her students will be able to close the learning gap with the use of physical/tactile manipulatives. These manipulatives and games will help her students to better understand math processes through hands-on activities.

Annalissa Garcia is a 2nd grade teacher at Clark Elementary. Her grant is entitled "Constructing a Culture of Readers – One Student at a Time". She states her students have regressed in reading due to COVID. In her class, more than half are not reading on grade level. One of her campus goals is to ensure that 90% of the students are making a year's growth. Her campus has completed a book study and has found that one of the big pieces missing from their classroom libraries is books which relate to their students.

This grant will allocate funding to begin building their classroom libraries with more multicultural books. When students are finding more books which they can relate to and which fit their interest level, then they are more likely to read more often.

Grace Notes/High Notes

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Kristi Warren's father, Mack Warren, passed away on Thursday, December 24. Please remember Kristi, her sister Sara and her brother Brian in your thoughts and prayers.

Nedra Bradley continues to need your prayers for a full recovery from her recent illness.

Prayers are needed for our Nation and the World as we continue to fight COVID-19. Please pray for our medical teams, who are definitely on the front line of this pandemic.

Prayers are needed that the vaccines will be successful in helping to eradicate this virus which has taken so many lives across the globe!

High Notes

Mary Jane Ethridge is doing well.

Adela Pirzedah's sister, Angie, had cancer and is now cancer free!

Rejoice with Brenda and Ricky Clem as therapy is going great and she is beginning to be able to walk a little without assistance. Ricky says, "I have a toddler in my family!" God is good!

"But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength!" 2 Timothy 4:17.

Convention Information from Area III:

2021 TSO 92nd STATE CONVENTION

“Unlock the Possibilities”

Last spring the TSO Executive Board had to make the very difficult and heart wrenching decision cancel the TSO State Convention in McAllen. We have worn our masks, socially distanced, stayed in place, eaten outside, ordered take out, not gathered in crowds larger than 10, and zoomed meetings and classes. Through the dedication and efforts of all of us, we will “Unlock the Possibilities” at the 2021 TSO 92nd in Denton on June 17th – June 19th. We are looking forward, in eager anticipation, to playing “Who’s Behind the Mask?”, air hugging and reconnecting with friends and colleagues, visiting vendors, learning, and, most importantly, celebrating the resilience and traditions of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and TSO.

The link below provides information about Denton and the convention. To get it to open, follow these directions! (This is for all of us “dummies” who need constant tutoring on how to do these things!)

- Highlight the “2021 Convention Website”
- Hold down the “ctrl” button
- Then click your left mouse button
- It takes it a little bit to open, so be patient!!
- If it does not work – call Nancy or Kristi – they are a lot more tech savvy than me!

[2021 Convention Website](#)