

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Kappa - Florida
Mission Statement
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional
and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.
Newsletter July, 2024
Prepared by Connie Lewis

President's Message – Stacy Thompson

Hello sisters,



I really hope everyone fared okay in the storm. My heart aches for those in Madison and Taylor counties and for the flooded areas to the north of us.

Do not forget if you had issues with the storm, the DKG has an emergency fund that you can apply for. Please let me know if you need help navigating that process.

I hope to see many of you in the next few weeks. I am working on rescheduling the presentation on the amendments from the League of Women Voters. I hope we can show our love and support to the Lundquist Scholarship House and invest in our chapter by serving on a committee or two.

As sisters, I know we can lean on each other in times of need. Even if it is as simple as a ride to a meeting.

Fall is coming soon, a period of reflection and gratefulness surrounds the Thanksgiving holiday. I want you all to know that I am grateful for every single one of you, even if we haven't seen you in a while.

Stacy



Chapter Calendar

Sunday, September 8 at 1pm – Induction, St. Stephen Church (2198 N. Meridian Rd)


Thursday, September 26 starting at 5:30pm at the NE library, League of Women Voters' President will speak about upcoming election. (Postponed due to Helene)

Lundquist Scholarship House Potluck: Saturday, October 12 at noon

October 19, 10am Chapter and Business Meeting, Saturday, Ginny Densmore's House, 9713 Waters Meet Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32312, - 'Let's Work Together: Committees'- Last name M-Z bring brunch snacks.

December 10, 5:30 pm Holiday Gathering, JoAnne Arnett's House, 2102 Lake Forest Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32303




Orientation of Prospective New Member via Zoom – Nancy Watson and Connie Lewis presented the orientation information. Those who could not attend, will be oriented by their sponsors.



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**Florida – Alpha Kappa Chapter
Tallahassee, FL**

*Vision Statement:
"Leading Women Educators
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Worldwide"*



Induction of New Members – Six of our new members were inducted on September 8, 2024. The others will be inducted at our next meeting.

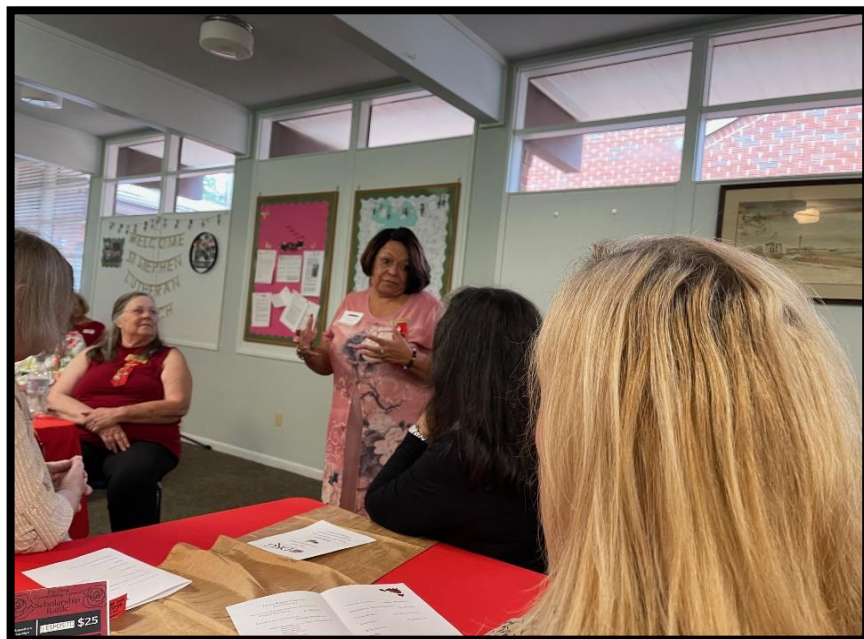


From left to right: Kimberly McNeal, Christi Gaskin, Joni Rader, Joyce Madsen, Isabel Mazyck, Susan Walton



Presidents of each chapter – From left - Jan Bennett, Beta Phi; Sarah Watters, Alpha Lambda; Stacy Thompson, Alpha Kappa. Presidents presiding over the induction ceremony.

Monica Hayes, our District I Director, was the guest speaker for the event. She delivered a very inspiring message to the members encouraging them to be welcoming to our new inductees and to set “Key Women Educator” examples for them as they grow in Delta Kappa Gamma.



Members enjoying getting to “know you”, making new acquaintances



Notes from the Florida State Organization Fall Executive Board meeting Friday-Saturday September 20-21, 2024 – By Monica Hayes, District I Director

The weekend began with a fun meet-up with Sarah Watters, thank you for driving, and passengers Donna Heald, Jan Bennett, Kristin Dow, et moi. We had wonderful periods of silence, modulated with spirited conversations on a variety of topics. Sarah was wonderfully thoughtful and attentive to our comfort needs and Donna generously brought snacks!



We arrived in time for Donna to make her Legislative Prep meeting and for me to finalize my thoughts for my first face to face with District 1 presidents.

What a group! Eight of the ten presidents made it to the meeting. Hurrah! We had a great discussion about theme(s) and arrived at a date, some possibilities for locations (not Tally this time), and thanks to Jan's forethought, some graphics to facilitate our fine tuning of the theme for the 2026 District 1 meeting.

The Fall Executive Board meeting was well attended, 160 strong, well organized, and thoughtfully done. Kudos to Stacy who presented on her Summer Leadership experience and to Josephine, who signed/interpreted some of the most memorable moments during the plenary sessions. The next convention will be April 24-26, 2025. Please make every effort to attend. You will not be disappointed. Promise.

P.S. Be sure to check out the great pictures on the Florida DKG FB page.

District I Presidents in Attendance at the Fall Conference



District I attendees at the fall executive board meeting in Lake Mary, September 20-21, 2024



Josephine Sandossi signing during “ Important Moments”. She did America the Beautiful, Grace before meal, and the Delta Kappa Gamma international song.



Stacy Thompson giving her report to the conference members about her time at the Leadership workshop.



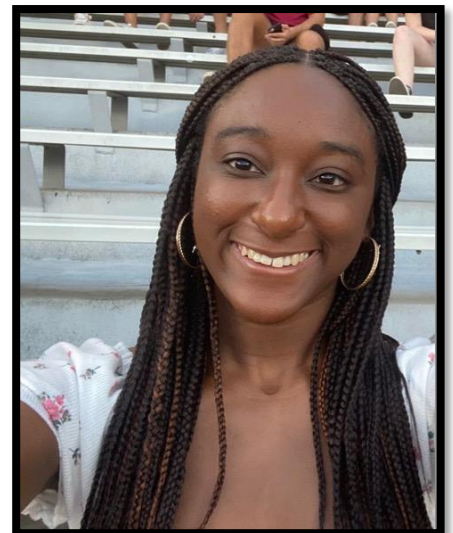
Letters from the Lundquist House Officers

Dear Ladies of Alpha Kappa,

My name is Kamaya Lightbourne and I am a sophomore at Florida State University majoring in Civil Engineering. This school year marks my second year being a part of the Lundquist Lundquist-Hovda Scholarship house and I wanted to write this letter thanking you ladies for all that you do for our house.

In the Fall 2023, I got to meet you ladies for the first time at our Thanksgiving get together. It was nice getting to learn about your professional and educational backgrounds, learning your hobbies and what got you to this point. In addition to getting to know you all on a personal level, I would like to say thank you for your contributions to the house whether that be buying cleaning supplies or the sweet treats and snacks you leave when you all drop by. It is greatly appreciated and we would love to have your continued support for the years to come. Thank you for everything.

Kamaya Lightbourne
Lundquist House Champion Liaison





I have had the pleasure of working with the ladies of Delta Kappa Gamma since I got to SSF in Fall 2021. When I became House Manager in Fall 2022 I really appreciated all of the support and care that was shown to me, personally, through Miss Nancy Watson and Miss Rhonda Work who I get the pleasure of seeing each semester to discuss how to foster the connection between you all and our ladies here at the Lundquist Scholarship House. That support has continued since and I know that the house feels it as well. We are all truly thankful for all that you have provided for us and we hope to continue to foster this connection well into the future.

Gabriela Fortuna
Lundquist House Manager
International Marketing. Minor in Business Analytics

Hi there!

My name is Karina Portillo, and this will be my fourth year living at the Lundquist-Hovda house! I am a senior studying social work with a minor in criminology, and plan on graduating in the Spring 2025 semester. Throughout my years at Southern Scholarship Foundation, I have been grateful enough to meet our sponsors every year and grow a personal and professional connection with them. They have provided us with valuable insight, needed food and supplies, and simply their delightful company accompanied by wisdom that cannot be received anywhere else.

Specifically, I am extremely grateful for my connection with Dr. Monica Hayes, who has been my mentor for two years now. Dr. Monica shares my passion for social work and helping others get the second chances they deserve, specifically in the criminal justice field. I have never met anyone as proficient, successful, passionate, and intelligent as her, and I am so grateful to have her in my life. As we both have busy schedules, we usually meet once a month at lunch or dinner and share what has been going on in our lives, recent current events that we are interested in, and everything social work. There is not a lot of representation of successful women of color in social worker, so I am very happy that I found Dr. Monica through our sponsors at the Lundquist- Hovda scholarship house. Thank you to all the sponsors for all that you do for us, and thank you, Dr. Monica, for making my time here so special.

All my best,
Karina Portillo
Lundquist House President





Dear Sponsors,

My name is Sonia Pitta, and I am currently residing in the Lundquist Scholarship House. I am a graduate student majoring in Statistics within the Data Science domain at Florida State University. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations to SSF, which have made it possible for me to live here.

As an international student from India, adjusting to a new environment can be challenging. A few months ago, when I expressed my interest in mentorship, Mrs. Connie Lewis graciously stepped forward to guide me. Our meetings have been incredibly enjoyable; her patience and friendliness make every interaction meaningful. Currently, I am taking swimming lessons from her, and she has also introduced me to several members of her community. Together, we've engaged in activities like shopping for the house and dining out, on top of that I also met her husband Mr. Perry Lewis, who is a former employee at FSU and their pet cat named Sailor.

I truly feel grateful for her unwavering support and encouragement during this transition period in my life. It means so much to have someone by my side as I navigate this new journey. I sincerely appreciate each and every sponsor who has come forward to support us and willing to guide us in the right direction. Thank you once again for all the sponsors for your kindness and generosity.

Warm Regards,
Sonia Pitta
Lundquist House Treasurer

Lundquist House Wish List

Below is a list of items needed by the Lundquist house residents. Please carry this list with you when you go to the grocery store and collect a few things for the residents or go to Amazon and order them online. If you order them online you can mail them directly to the house:

The delivery address is: (You can put this address directly in as recipient if ordering online)

**Lundquist House,
C/O Southern Scholarship Foundation,
322 Stadium Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304**

If you pick the items up at the grocery store, you may contact Nancy Watson at watsonnh@gmail.com to arrange to get them from you OR, better yet, you can simply bring them to the next chapter meeting on Saturday, October 12 at noon for our Potluck Lunch at the Lundquist House, 316-A Stadium Dr.

Here is the link to sign up for what you will bring to the Potluck Lunch. Please sign up at <https://evite.me/zRCSDnhjAv> There are 15 ladies residing at this house. It is very important that we support them.

Lundquist House Needs

Canned & Dry Goods	Paper Goods	Cleaning Supplies
Pasta (Penne)	Paper Towels	Lysol or Clorox Wipes
Pasta Sauce - (Prego Traditional)	Kleenex	
	Toilet paper	Carpet powder
Canned vegetables	Paper plates	
	Napkins	Dusting Spray
Canned Chicken	Computer ink - (Canon 260 Black and 261 Color XL)	
Canned Tuna	Wax paper	Shower & Bath Cleaner
Canned fruit	Aluminum Foil	
Applesauce	Plastic Wrap	Disinfecting Spray
Tomatoes	Plastic bags (Gallon, Qt, Pt)	Pinesol
Tomato Sauce	Trash Bags (40 gal)	Bleach
Chili Seasoning	Plastic forks	
Taco Seasoning		
Taco Sauce		
Brownie Mix		
Cake Mix		Floor scrubbers or brushes (For shower floor)
Frosting		Toilet bowl brushes - (5 bathrooms in toilet)
Cereal - (frosted flakes, special K strawberry, cocoa pebbles, and cinnamon toast crunch)		Wood Polish
Individually wrapped snacks - (honey buns, slim jim original, chip variety boxes)		
Chicken Broth		
Beef Broth		
Breakfast Bars		
Peanut Butter		
Jelly		
Sugar		
Flour		
Tea Bags		
Coffee		
New cutting boards		
Vegetable cutters		
Can opener		
Metal Serving Forks		

