

**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 December Special Edition, 2022**

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**President's Message – Monica Hayes**

Hello Sisters!

A big thank you to Jo Anne Arnett for hosting our holiday event. We managed to mix some business, great snacks, wonderful cookies, reminiscences of holiday traditions, and other heartfelt conversations amongst sisters.

We missed those who had scheduling conflicts and good thoughts held for those sick or recovering from sickness. Special thanks to those sisters who could and did make it.

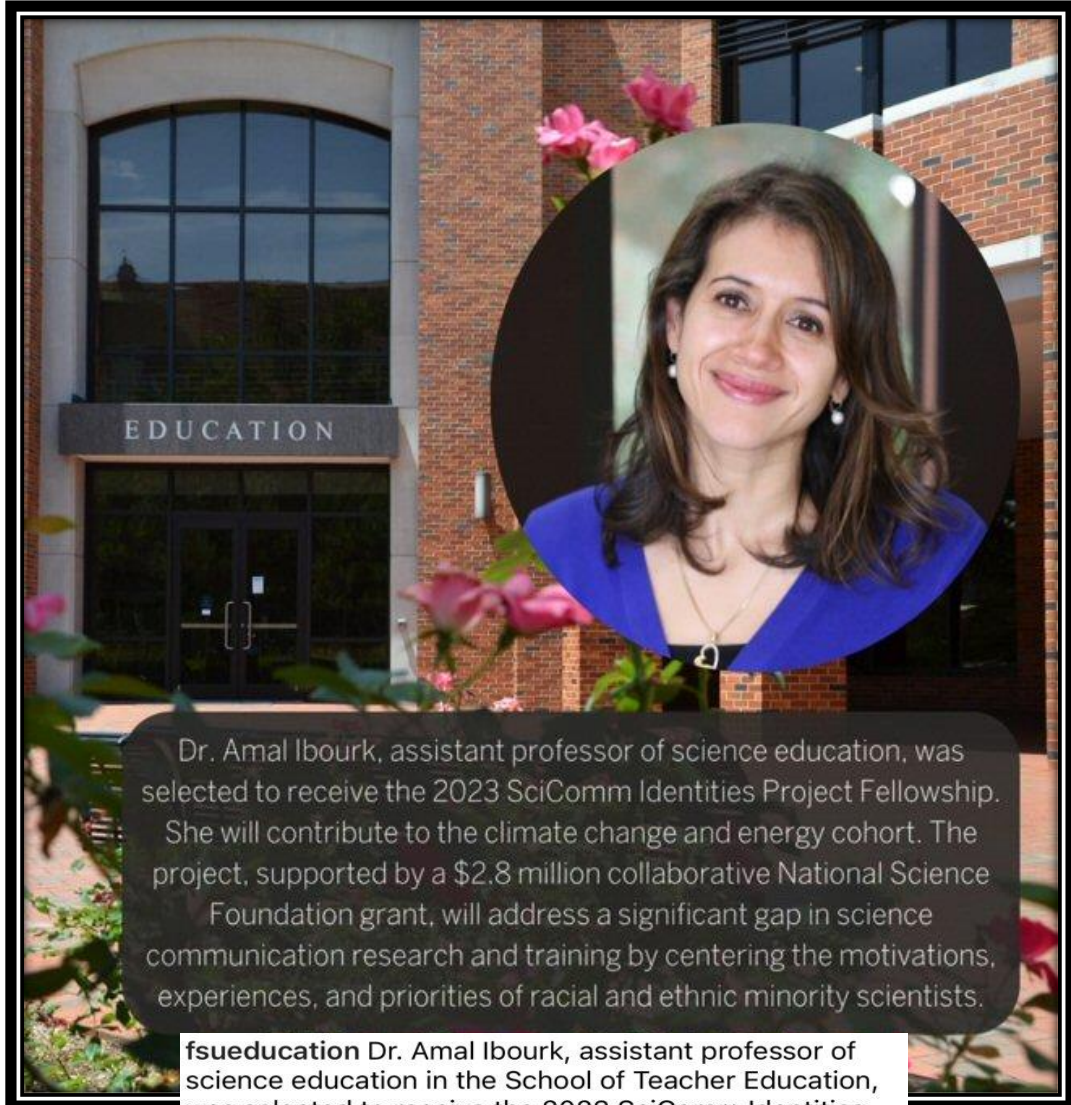
Special thanks to the M-Zs who brought snacks, the cookie bakers, to Connie who brought the name tags and the Treasurer's report from Rhonda, and to Stacy, who provided a neat, laminated copy of our song for each of us. We weren't a choir, but we sang from our hearts.

Sincere wishes to you all for a safe, happy, and love-filled holiday.

Monica



## Honoring our Alpha Kappa Sisters



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**fsueducation** Dr. Amal Ibourk, assistant professor of science education in the School of Teacher Education, was selected to receive the 2023 SciComm Identities Project Fellowship. She was unanimously chosen by the selection committee to contribute to the climate change and energy cohort.

The SciComm Identities Project (SCIP) aims to shift the paradigm of science communication training and create a more representative suite of academic science communicators through a new fellowship designed to test a training curriculum based on intercultural communication theories. The SCIP Fellowship is a one-year professional development opportunity for pre-tenure faculty at U.S. institutions who identify as underrepresented racial or ethnic minorities.

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## **Jessica Deneen**



**The members of the FSUS faculty and staff will greatly miss Jessica but, as all her AK sisters do, we wish her well in her new position. Congratulations!**

**I started this year like any year. I had visions of the future, and it included my classroom and my students. I didn't expect to be called in a different direction, but I was. This week, I end my journey as a teacher. I have a few more days with views of desks and the faces that occupy them. I'm going to miss my students and my colleagues so much. However, I'm excited about the great work that I'm heading into as the Early Childhood Court (ECC) Program Coordinator for Wakulla and Gadsden Counties (working remotely in the Leon County Courthouse). I find even more peace in this move knowing my position at FSUS has been filled by a fabulous teacher whose family is extremely blessed by this opportunity. 💕💕 P.S. all those donations gifted to my classroom over the years will continue to benefit students! Thank you for always supporting them and me! 💕💕**

**Mark your Calendar – Gale Workman will present at our January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please don't miss it!**



***Modern Mentoring Methods: January 14, 2023 – 10 a.m.-noon  
Eastside Branch Public Library  
Gale A. Workman, Ph.D., FAMU Professor Emerita***

*Who was or is YOUR mentor? S/He was or is a wise and trusted advisor; a loyal advocate and coach; a valued teacher and role model; a true friend. Gale will share stories of mentors and mentees. She will suggest ways AK Sisters can mentor one another and the student residents at the Lundquist House. Please attend to learn how YOUR wealth of knowledge and experience can help women in education climb the ladder of success.*

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**Alpha Kappa Calendar 2023**

- 🌲 **January 14, 2023, 10 a.m.- noon. Eastside Library on Mahan, Presenter - Gale Workman on Modern Mentoring Methods**
- 🌲 **January 24, 2023, 7 p.m., Lundquist House Meeting via Zoom  
Dinner will be provided to residents that evening**
- 🌲 **February 1, 2023 Awards & Grant Application Deadline**
- 🌲 **Mid February, 2023, Time TBA, Early Learning Coalition**
- 🌲 **March 4, 2023, 1 p.m. Lunquist House Visit  
Presenter - Monica Hays on Public Speaking**
- 🌲 **April 2023 Award & Grant Recipients notified**
- 🌲 **May 20, 2023, BBCC Founder's Day**



## Southern Scholarship Foundation - Lundquist House

We have two meetings in 2023 with the ladies of the Scholarship House. One is a Zoom meeting and the other will be visit with them at their scholarship house. Below is a picture of all the ladies who currently reside there.



Members are encouraged to send Welcome-Back cards to the house for the new semester. Cards can be sent to 316-A Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304. When sending packages or ordering online for delivery to the house, make Attn: Lundquist House but use the Southern Scholarship office address: 322 Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304. The office will notify the house to pick it up. This is to prevent theft if no one is home when packages arrive.

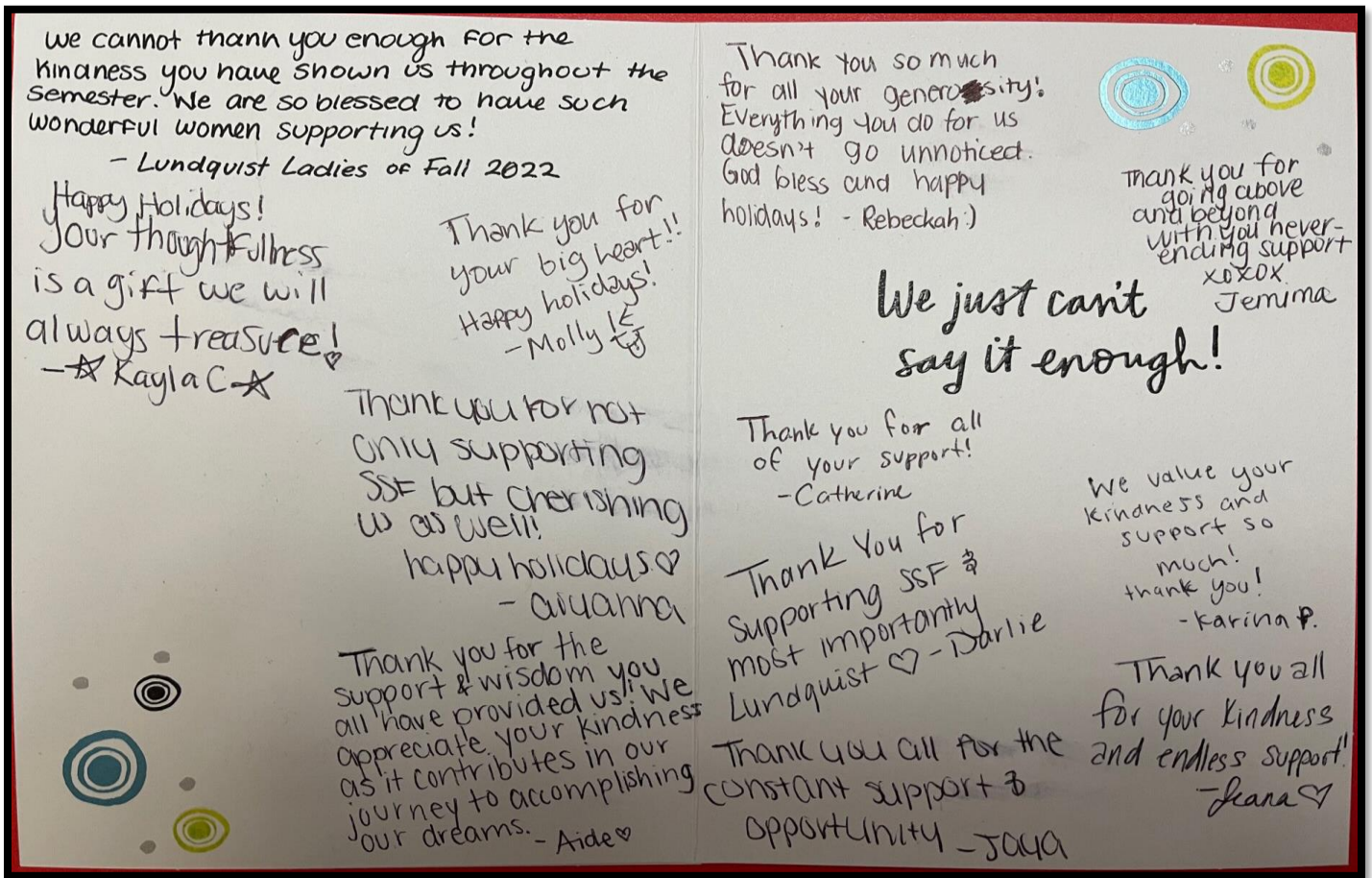
Please help to pack the pantry for the new semester. Check the December Special Edition Newsletter for non-perishable foods, paper goods, and cleaning supplies to be delivered after the first week of January or contact Nancy Watson 850-228-0297 to pick up your donations and deliver them to the house.

To help support the ladies, go to the website below under **Chapter Projects** to see the suggested list of items that are needed.

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/Events.html>



The ladies are so thankful for our support. Below is an example of their gratitude.



Please help support our other projects listed under **Chapter Projects** on our website at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/Events.html>

**May you have a Wonderful Holiday Season!**





**AK Sisters Celebrate the Season with a Holiday Social** – A big thank you to Jo Anne Arnette for inviting us into her lovely home and to Susan Vinson for the pictures. (Jo Anne, our hostess in green, chats with Susan Womble and Diane Johnson.)

