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Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa

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Palette Points from the President

Happy Fall Y'all!

Oh, sorry, that greeting must be left over from my trip to Austin, Texas.

While we're not quite into the fall season yet, many things are happening that move us in that direction. I know all of our active teachers have been back in school for some time now. Routines have been established, and instruction of their newest groups of students is well underway.

If you live in the mountains of our beautiful state, you may soon start to see cooler weather and leaves changing color. For those of us in the desert, we look forward to rainfall and cooler temperatures in the coming months.

As I have been reviewing the past year and looking forward to the months ahead, I've been thinking about our state's diversity—both in our people and our climates. We are truly blessed within our state. I have also been reflecting on the design element of my theme.

Fall has always been my favorite season. I was born in late October, so perhaps this has something to do with it. In the Midwest, the air always held a crispness and many tantalizing scents. The food and drink of autumn are among my favorites. What a show our landscapes put on as fall comes not only to our state but to the rest of the country!

As you all begin your second year of the biennium, I encourage you to find what designs of nature draw your appreciation. I also invite you to celebrate those around you, along with all the celebrations and customs that mark these fall months.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Founders' Day celebrations and at some of your chapter meetings. I am proud of each of our chapters throughout the state and all the work our sisters do for others. Arizona is a strong part of the fabric of Alpha Delta Kappa, and I am proud to be one of your sisters.

Helen



From Frances De Baca, UA Collegiate Club Member:

As I reflect on my recent experience as a first-time attendee at the 2025 Alpha Delta Kappa (AΔK) International Convention, held from July 10-13 in the vibrant city of Austin, Texas, I am still filled with excitement about the incredible connections I made and the inspiration I gained. This gathering was not just an opportunity to learn and grow; it was a chance to truly engage with a community that resonates deeply with my passion for education.

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Alpha Delta Kappa Month is October

by Robin Leebardt, AΔK Month Chair



| OCTOBER 2025 | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 X |
| 12 | 13 Columbus Day | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 X |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 X |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween | |

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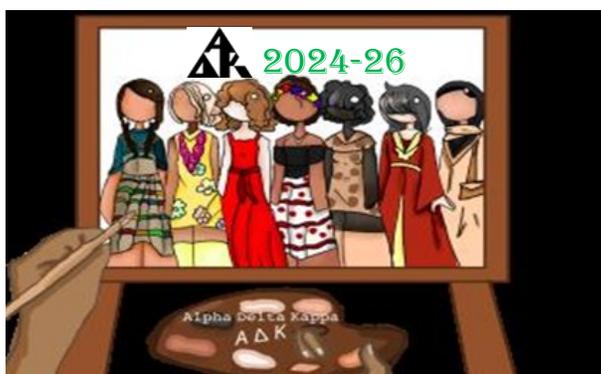
As the summer heat still lingers, we know Fall is just around the corner, and so is AΔK Month. This October, find ways to celebrate AΔK with your sisters and with your surrounding community.

Four amazing women founded Alpha Delta Kappa back in 1947. While the times have changed much since then, I think Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marie Neal, Marion Southall and Hattie Poppino would be impressed with the way classrooms look today and proud of our current teachers.

So, celebrate Agnes, Marie, Marion and Hattie by sharing stories of AΔK gatherings, big and small, with colleagues. Wear AΔK merchandise and answer questions. Donate time in the name of AΔK. Donate school supplies to your neighborhood school in the name of AΔK. AΔK Month is all about sharing the love, making connections and evolving with the times.

Let me know how your chapter celebrated! I'd love to hear your story! leebarde@cox.net

X marks the spot on the Calendar above for October Founders' Day Celebrations



Celebrations of our AΔK founding sisters DESIGNED to share a time filled with recognition of chapters/sisters, special programs, entertainment, food and SISTERHOOD!

Central Founders' Day

Date: Saturday, October 18
 Place: Paradise Valley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
 4455 E Lincoln Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ
 Time: 9:00 am – Set up, registration & sales
 10:15 am – Celebration begins
 Cost: \$30.00 (includes continental breakfast & lunch)

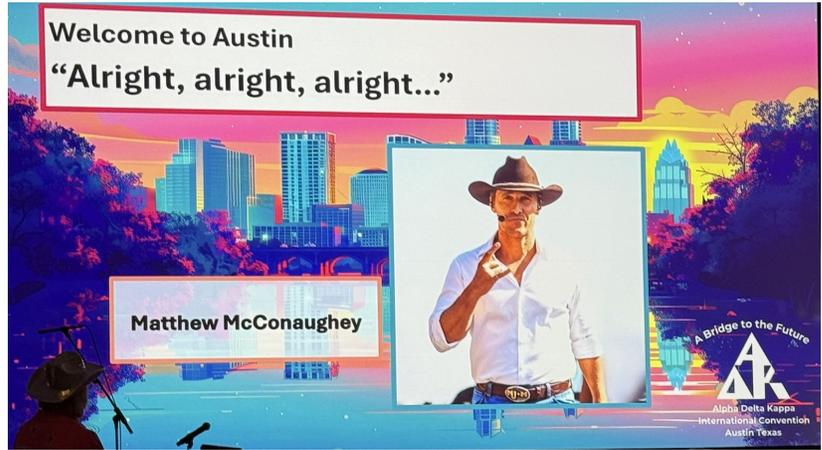
Southern District Founders' Day

Date: Saturday, October 25
 Place: Catalina Methodist Fellowship Hall
 2700 E Speedway, Tucson, AZ
 Time: 8:30 am – Set up, registration & sales
 9:00 am – Celebration begins
 Cost: \$30.00 (Mexican buffet)

Northern District Founders' Day

Date: Saturday, October 11
 Place: Gallup, New Mexico

Details are not available at this time.



Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa sisters at International Convention, Austin, Texas, July 2025



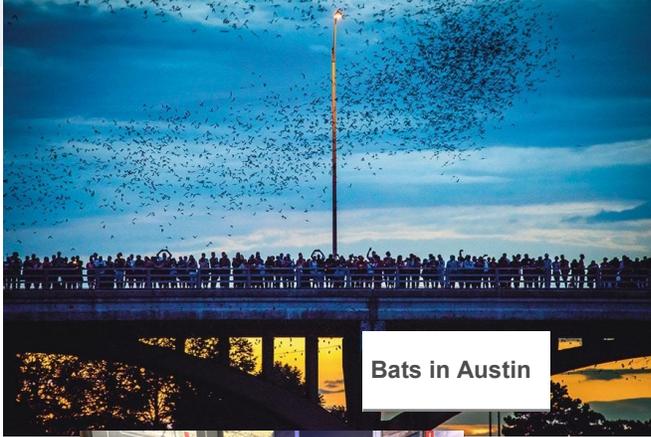
Arizona State Executive Board



Collegiate Members: Anna Maria Perez (*seated left*) & Frances DeBaca (*seated right*)
 Brenda McDowell & Rita Mills (*standing*)
 Betty Jo Evers (*seated center*)



You know you are in Texas when you see...



Bats in Austin



Barbeque

From Collegiate Club Member, Anna Marie Perez in Austin

1. I loved the sense of community; everyone was incredibly welcoming, and there was an endless stream of laughter.
2. There was not a day I was there that I felt stressed and worried about what was happening at home, even though I found out I had lost my job on the first day of the convention.
3. The food was to die for, and I still have dreams about the BBQ and Mexican food there. And getting to end the night with the bats flying from under the bridge was an experience as well.
4. One thing I took away from the convention is that we are all sisters and no matter where we are in the world we all face the same struggles and to have a community where you can ask for advice and get tips and tricks was wonderful. Words cannot say how grateful I am to have gone to this convention. I have met so many wonderful people, some even invited me to stay at their house if I'm visiting. This one convention has me hooked, and I'm eager to continue attending.



Rita Mills, Frances DeBaca,
Anna Marie Perez





During my time at the convention, I found exactly what I hoped for: a welcoming group of educators from all walks of life—retired, current and novice teachers alike—who shared a rich understanding of the challenges and triumphs that come with dedicating ourselves to the craft of teaching. I truly found my people—individuals who understand what it takes to inspire young minds, each with their unique stories and invaluable wisdom to share.

The theme of this year's convention, "A Bridge to the Future," felt especially resonant as I stepped into this vibrant community. I was eager to learn from seasoned professionals who had navigated the complexities of the classroom and connect with fellow new teachers who brought fresh perspectives and ideas. Throughout the week, I realized how we were collectively building connections that would serve as a bridge to a brighter future for our students, bridging the gap between generations of educators and sharing our collective mission to inspire.

I am especially grateful for the scholarship I received, as it significantly eased my financial burden. This funding helped cover my hotel room, allowing me to focus on my learning and networking without worrying about my expenses. The scholarship provided me access to the executive lounge, which proved to be a fantastic perk. Being able to enjoy a variety of snacks and refreshments throughout the day helped me keep my food costs low and also

added a delightful element to my convention experience. I relished the opportunity to grab a quick bite between sessions, fueling my enthusiasm while mingling with other educators

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in a relaxed setting.

I particularly enjoyed the workshop on gratitude, where we explored the profound impact of fostering an attitude of thankfulness in our classrooms. This session taught me how to create an environment where both students and teachers feel valued and appreciated. Additionally, I participated in a scholarship workshop that emphasized the importance of seeking financial aid opportunities and effectively communicating our educational

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goals to fund our initiatives. This was a crucial lesson for someone just starting their journey, as it opened my eyes to various resources available for both me and my students.

Leadership development was another focus of the convention, and I found the sessions on cultivating leadership skills to be incredibly empowering. Learning how to take initiative and inspire others reinforced my commitment to becoming a leader in my educational community. These insights, combined with the many connections I made, have left

me feeling inspired and equipped to face new challenges in my role as an educator.

The opening ceremony was a powerful moment where we gathered to celebrate our commitment to education. Hearing the inspiring stories from my fellow educators awakened a sense of camaraderie and reminded me of the importance of perseverance and collaboration. I left feeling energized and motivated, knowing I was part of something much larger than myself.

As I return from this remarkable journey, I am immensely grateful for the connections I've made. I forged friendships with fellow educators who share my passion for creating vibrant and inclusive learning environments. We exchanged contact information, promising to support one another as we navigate our teaching journeys together.

Attending the AΔK International Convention was more than just an educational event for me; it was a pivotal moment in my journey as a teacher. I am excited to continue building bridges to the future alongside my colleagues, finding my place within a community that embodies empowerment and support. As I move forward, I will carry the lessons, inspirations, and friendships I gained from this experience, eager to share them with my students and colleagues.

Thank you for following my journey, and stay tuned for further reflections as I embrace the beautiful path of teaching alongside my newfound friends and colleagues! Frances DeBaca

Generational Charts

The generational charts show here were presented at 2025 Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention in regard to the populations of AΔK and how this relates to attracting and retaining members

Generations and Their Common Values (Sladek, 2023)



| | |
|--|---|
| Silent Generation (1928-1945) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on stability, a strong sense of community and opportunities to contribute Opportunities for recognition and long-term commitment Prefer traditional means of communication and face-to-face |
| Boomers (1946-1964) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimistic Witness to lots of societal change in lifetime Have adapted to technology Often prefer traditional means of communication |
| Gen X (1965-1981) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Even more significant societal changes Values work-life balance Technologically adept Resourceful and pragmatic when dealing with change |
| Gen Y / Millennials (1982-1995) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Came of age during time of great technological change and globalization Emerging digital natives Collaborative and team-oriented |
| Gen Z (1996 - 2009) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First generation of true digital natives, grew up with cellular phone and the beginnings of social media Entrepreneurial mindset and pragmatic approach to life Value individuality and diversity |

Summary Chart by Sladek, Sarah. "Memberships: Why Members Leave and the Strategies Proven to Bring them Back".

| | Boomers | Gen X | Gen Y | Gen Z |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Common Values | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loyalty Dedication Experience Results | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Life Balance Honesty Autonomy Trust | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration Innovation Return on Investment Respect | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equity Mental Health Creativity Problem Solving |
| Why they join membership organizations | Invested in membership organizations; Value the opportunity to support and build a community. | Did not immediately move into membership. Became the first community to question the value of membership. | Slow to join and quick to leave if the return on investment is not deemed high enough. | Social impact and influence are important. Seeking positivity/stability and opportunities that can guarantee a return on investment or benefit. |
| What they want from membership | Opportunity to lead and leave a legacy, | Opportunities to further their careers. | Opportunities to access new skills and information. | Opportunities to influence change. |

You might be in Texas
when you see...



Fried catfish

Saturday Morning in Austin by Michelle Roosma

The morning session began with a review of the various generations within our organization, introducing the concept of "membershifit"—the idea that organizations must change to continue growing. New Collegiate Clubs have formed in Kansas, Arkansas, and Kentucky, along with a brand new chapter, Gamma Epsilon, in Alabama. Of the 953 new members joining Alpha Delta Kappa, 656 (or two-thirds) are current educators—excellent news for our organization.

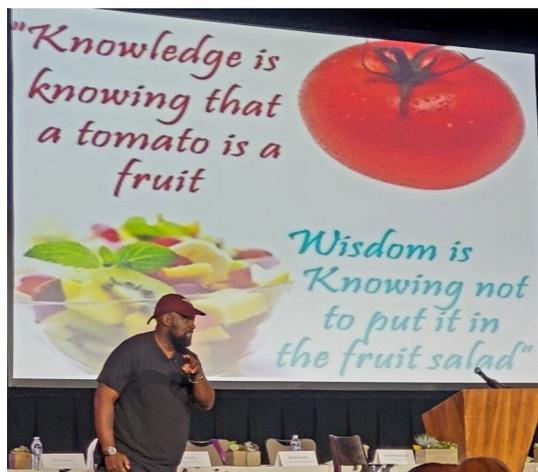
Motivational Speakers: From the Gym to the Mind Gym

Our morning motivational speakers were Langston Moore and Preston Thorne, both former NFL football players who transitioned into education. They tell their students they *moved from the gym to the mind gym, where we work our brain muscle, emphasizing that skills pay the bills.*

Their teaching philosophy centers on **E.A.T.:**

- **E** = Effort towards learning new things (*all effort ain't good effort*)
- **A** = Attitude towards change
- **T** = Time it takes to become good at something

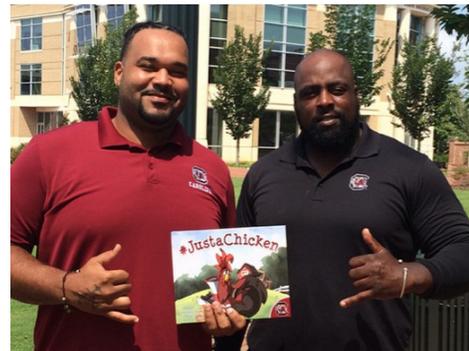
This framework applies not only to students but also to educators, both retired and working.



Embracing Technology and Innovation

The speakers introduced AI as something new—much like Facebook once was. They emphasized that AI won't replace educators but can be used to help both students and teachers when applied appropriately.

Moore and Thorne have written a book called **#JustaChicken**, which sold out on site. I particularly appreciated their message about *going pro in reading and writing*, and their reminder that, as educators, *our trophies are walking around in the world instead of sitting on a shelf.*



Final Thoughts

Both men were engaging and inspirational—exactly what we needed for our FF (fanny fatigue), another new term we learned at International Convention. Their presentation perfectly captured the spirit of continuous learning and adaptation that defines our profession.



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Magnolia Silos



Southwest Luncheon in Austin at International Convention

by Julie Gates

**The 2025 International AΔK Convention was fantastic!
The Southwest Regional Luncheon was informative and inspiring.**

- ◇ Jeanie Hinck, SW Regional President, provided our welcome to the luncheon.
- ◇ Mari Page, SW Regional Chaplain, delivered the thought for the Day:
Together in Sisterhood.
- ◇ Betty Jo Evers led our ice breaker activity: Would you rather?
Example: *Would you rather be tall like Betty Jo or short like Jeanie?*
- ◇ Molly Nottingham introduced the regional Excellence in Education winner,
Dr. Pascale Creek Pinner.
- ◇ Becky Hawkins gave the altruistic report:
\$159, 684 was collected for chapter projects
\$103, 289 in scholarships
\$4,077 in gifts to the Foundation
\$1,939 in donations to ITE
- ◇ For World Understanding, both AZ Psi and AZ Lambda were recognized for programs.
- ◇ 7 chapter pearl program recognition
Arizona Iota
Arizona Mu
Arizona Omicron
- ◇ Although overall membership numbers were down, there were some positive signs with chapters initiating new members and reinstating former members.
- ◇ Rita Mills, Arizona Zeta, received the SW Region Membership Service Award for 2025!

Congratulations, Rita



Rita Mills, Arizona Zeta President, received SW Region Membership Service Award from Judy Ingham, SW Regional Vice President for Membership

| New Members in Southwest Region From June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025 | |
|--|-----------------------|
| S/P/N (State/Province/Nation) | Number of new members |
| Arizona | 18 |
| California | 35 |
| Colorado | 7 |
| Hawaii | 12 |
| Nevada | 9 |
| New Mexico | 8 |
| Utah | 1 |
| NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS | |

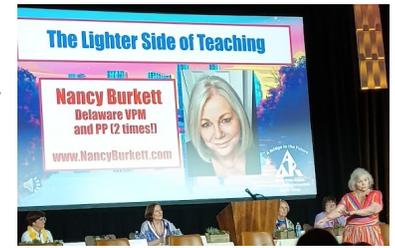
Austin International Convention: Saturday afternoon general session

by Robin Leebardt

During the Saturday afternoon session at the International Convention in Austin, attendees were treated to a blend of laughter, inspiration, and heartfelt stories. After the Regional Luncheons, the session kicked off with a roll call of Past International Presidents and Executive Board Chairs dating back to 1997.

This was followed by an engaging and hilarious 15-minute set by Nancy Burkett (DE VPM)—teacher, motivational speaker, and stand-up comic—who had the audience laughing out loud. She concluded her performance with her original and relatable “The Teacher Song.”

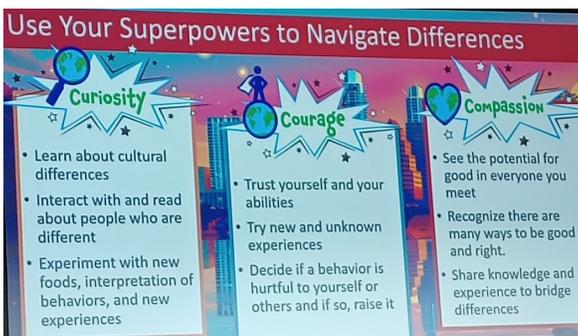
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The session continued with a panel featuring five teachers who shared firsthand experiences with different branches of the AΔK Foundation. Michelle Roosma (AZ Psi) spoke first and beautifully about the Leadership Academy. Other panelists included Melanie Kelly (WY Gamma) on Excellence in Education, Mandy Tribe (VA Alpha Lambda) on Scholarships and Grants, Caroline Gilmore (FL Alpha) on the Disaster Relief Program, and Sara Kelly (MA Mu) on the ITE Program. Mollie Acosta (CA Xi) and Ellen Roderick (MD Beta) moderated the informative discussion.



Sara Wills Carlsson (SC Alpha) then delivered a compelling talk titled “Navigating Our World of Differences,” urging educators to approach cultural differences in the classroom with curiosity, compassion and courage rather than judgment. She emphasized the importance of respecting students' customs and creating an



inclusive environment.

Rev. Dr. Rachel Terlop (IA Alpha Delta), the 2025 Jacqueline Loughheed World Understanding Recipient, shared insights from her years abroad working in special education. She championed Universal Design for Learning (UDL), stating that *special education is world work*, and advocated for seeing, celebrating and supporting every child, regardless of ability or background.

However, the mood shifted as the announcement came that the World Understanding Project for this biennium had been canceled. [See page 17](#)

Determined to end on a high note, International President Ann Marie Brown surprised everyone with a comedic finale. “Ms. Poppy” rode in on her stick horse, Lonesome, donning a cowboy hat and long blonde wig.



After delivering a few zingers to the audience, it was time for the hilarious “AGNES!!” hollering contest. Seven regional representatives—including our Brenda McDowell (AZ Zeta)—were selected. The gal from Alabama won, but everyone received a cough drop as a prize. We were all hooting with laughter!

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when you see...



Texas-shaped Skillet

From Chris Sanzo

AΔK Convention in Austin, TX

Sunday began with the quote:

*Be ready to take a chance. Let go of fears. Excitement is bigger than fear.
Hold back and miss out.*

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is now being replaced with the Acceptance Belonging and Community (ABC) Committee, The ABC Committee presented ideas to build a sense of belonging in our classrooms.

The Excellence in Education regional winners were introduced by Melanie Kelly, the 2023 EIE recipient.

- The Southwest Region was represented by Pascual Creek Pinner from Hawaii.
- The seven regional winners answered questions on innovation in education:
 - * *“How to foster and support students’ different cultures?”*
 - * *“How students can think critically?”*
 - * *“What can retired AΔK members do to support new teachers?”*
 - ⇒ Make sure new members have a mentor in their new chapter, so they feel welcome
 - ⇒ Volunteer in active members’ classrooms
 - ⇒ Support new teachers with supplies.
- The 2025 EIE winner, Dawn Hudson from Georgia, was announced.

Lastly, Gwen Steele told a story about building bridges. The moral was:

Don’t focus on an obstacle, build a bridge.

Location for the North Central, Northwest, & Southwest Joint Regional Conference was announced.



June 23-25, 2026



The 2027 International Convention will be in Spokane, WA.

**Arizona Sisters
gather for Happy
Hour in Ann
Marie's suite.**



You might be in Texas when you see...



Longhorns



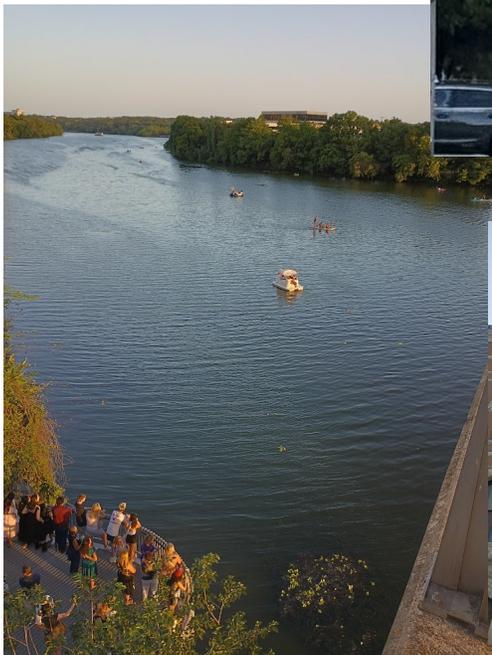
Lone Star Flag



Crape Myrtle



Out and about Austin.



2025 International Convention Installation Banquet



2023-25 International President
Ann Marie Brown



2025-27 International President Conway Blankenship and
2023-25 International President Ann Marie Brown

Past International President (2021-23) Molly Acosta installs 2025-27 International Executive Board

Left to right: Conway Blankenship, International President; Mary Ey, International President-Elect; Ann Marie Brown, Immediate Past President; Mary Ann Englehart; Four-Year International Executive Board Member; Leslie Koenck, Two-Year International Executive Board Member; Julie Kidd, Four-Year International Executive Board Member; Terry Peyton; Four-Year International Executive Board Member; Su Wade, Four-Year International Executive Board Member; Kathy Beatty, International Vice President for Membership; Ginger Greene, Four-Year International Executive Board Member; Christi Smith, Executive Director





2025-2027 Alpha Delta Kappa International Board



Standing left to right:

Mary Ann Englehart, Four-Year International Executive Board Member; Leslie Koenck, Two-Year International Executive Board Member; Julie Kidd, Four-Year International Executive Board Member; Terry Peyton, Four-Year International Executive Board Member; Christi Smith, Executive Director; Su Wade, Four-Year International Executive Board Member; Kathy Beatty, International Vice President for Membership; Ginger Greene, Four-Year International Executive Board Member

Seated left to right:

Mary Ey, *International* President-Elect; Conway Blankenship, International President; Ann Marie Brown, Immediate Past International President

Not pictured: Roberta Casabon, Four-Year International Executive Board Member

Scholarship News

2025 Future Educator Scholarship Recipients

Congrats to the following recipients of the Future Educator Scholarship!

Megan Floyd - University of Arizona
Frances DeBaca - University of Arizona
Sophia Aldana - University of Arizona
Carley Shotsman - University of Arizona
Macy Conley - University of Kentucky
Kaitlyn Dutton - Ouachita Baptist University
Kaylee Smith - Ouachita Baptist University



The **Classroom Grant** is designed to provide funds to assist creative, innovative Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) educators with the cost of materials and services that will enhance classroom lessons.

Available to: Members engaged in education.

Amount Awarded: \$400 per grant; up to forty-nine grants available

Deadline: **October 1** (Application available at [ADK website/Foundation/Grants and Scholarships/Classroom Grant.](#))

The **Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) Regional Mini Scholarship** is designed to provide funds for attendance in the fall or spring at non-ADK sponsored events (e.g., conferences, conventions, seminars, workshops and non-degree classes). Graduate and doctoral studies are not included. The goals are to promote continuing professional development, provide personal and professional enrichment opportunities and encourage commitment to educational excellence.

Available to: Members

Amount Awarded: Up to \$500 per scholarship, maximum \$10,500 annually. Scholarships are divided equally amongst regions as possible.

Deadlines:

Regional Mini-Fall **October 15** (activities that take place January 1-May 31)

Regional Mini-Spring **April 15** (activities that take place June 1-December 31)



Arizona Mu Sister is Honored

Stacey Rosenfeld, Arizona Mu sister who teaches science at Desert Mountain High School, has been honored with the Helios Award. This is a unique award since the teacher does not apply for it. There were fewer than 15 teachers honored this year. The Helios Foundation and Arizona State University spotlight educators whose influence last well beyond high school in a program called the ASU Impact Corps. The Helios Decision Center tracks how students perform in community colleges and public universities, and then looks back to the high school teacher who taught them. Teachers nominated this year participate in a Cohort for STEM. Stacey will be featured in the Arizona State University Magazine and was featured on ABC 15 in Phoenix.



The newly revised 2025 International Bylaws are now on the [International Website](#). The pathway is: Resource Library/Guiding Documents (Middle Column)/ International Constitution and Bylaws.

Betty Jo Evers, AZ Guiding Document Chair



You will be pleased to notice there is more flexibility for chapters. Please upload a copy of the bylaws to your computer. You will find it beneficial to have these readily available.

Here are a few of the updates:

- Types of membership status has been streamlined, and “Active on Leave” has been retired.
- **ARTICLE VII**, Section 3, page 11 states: “Each chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa shall at all times have a president, secretary and treasurer. The officers may include, but not limited to, president-elect and/or vice-president, immediate past president, corresponding secretary, historian, chaplain and sergeant-at-arms.”
- **ARTICLE VIII**, Section 3b, page 13 states: “The chapter may establish the following as standing or additional special committees: altruistic, budget, bylaws, fraternity education, membership and nominating.”
- **ARTICLE XVI**, Section 2a, page 16 states: “Chapters may hold at least nine(9) meetings during the year.” Chapters should strive to hold nine (9) meetings but nine are not required if circumstances make it impossible to do so.

2025-2027 WORLD UNDERSTANDING PROJECT



At the International Convention the announcement was made that the World Understanding Project for this biennium (2025-27) has been canceled.

**Travel bans to all nominated countries (Mexico, South Sudan and Sierra Leone) made implementation impossible.
New projects will be accepted in 2026.**

Thank you for taking the time and effort to vote.





Designing Honoris Causa Awards



Your **Honoris Causa** committee is now accepting one nomination for the

Honoris Causa Award

from each AZ AΔK Chapter for these five prestigious awards to be announced at our state convention in 2026.

Do not miss this opportunity to honor one of your outstanding members for her service and commitment to AΔK.

- The nomination form and a one-page letter of recommendation will need to be submitted to the Honoris Causa Chair no later than **October 31, 2025**.
- Each chapter may submit one nomination.
- The nomination form is in this newsletter and can be found on the Arizona website under documents.

Chairperson Jackie Wortman will answer any questions at wort@mindspring.com.



The **Honoris Causa Award** is a prestigious recognition bestowed upon outstanding members of Alpha Delta Kappa in Arizona for their exceptional dedication, service and contributions during the current biennium.

Through this nomination process, we celebrate the spirit of community involvement, educational activities and service that define Alpha Delta Kappa.

Each biennium, up to five awards are presented during the State Convention, honoring members who have made a significant impact at the chapter, state, regional or International levels.





Honoris Causa Award
2024 – 2026

Each biennium up to five Honoris Causa awards shall be awarded during the State Convention to recognize Arizona’s outstanding members for continuous Alpha Delta Kappa work and service during the current biennium.

Honoris Causa Nomination Form
Deadline: Postmarked no later than 10/31/2025

Nominee’s Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Address: _____

- Attach a one-page LETTER of RECOMMENDATION
- Current accomplishments and activities during the biennium: Community Involvement, Educational Activities, Service Organizations, etc. (list dates if possible)

- Previous AΔK Activities:**
Alpha Delta Kappa Membership: _____ Years Active Membership
Offices held in Chapter, State, Regional or International (including Committee Chairman)

- Attendance:**
Chapter Meetings (Rate 0% - 100%) _____
District Meetings yes/no
State Leadership yes / no State Convention yes / no
Regional Conference yes / no International Convention yes / no

Proposed by: (Chapter Name) _____

Signatures needed: (e-signed ok)

Nominated by:

Signature: _____

Phone: _____

Endorsed by: (Chapter Officer)

Signature: _____ Office held: _____

Phone: _____

Date Submitted: _____



Send: Completed form and a one-page letter of recommendation by email or snail mail **to:**

Jackie Wortman
2179 N Wild Hyacinth Dr
Tucson AZ 85715
wort@mindspring.com

Honoris Causa Committee

Chairman: Jackie Wortman wort@mindspring.com

Committee Members

Central District: Sue McConnell sharonsuemc@cox.net

~~**Colorado River District:** unfilled~~

Northern District: unfilled

Southern District: Gloria Suarez gsuarez@cox.net



FRATERNITY EDUCATION ACTIVITY

Do you recognize the flags of all the nations that are part of Alpha Delta Kappa?

They are as shown:

Jamaica

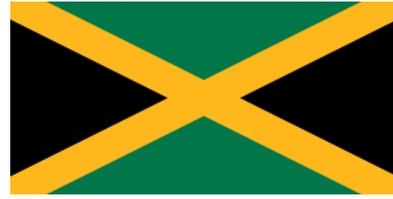
Australia

Canada

Mexico

Puerto Rico

During the International Convention each of these flags is part of the Leadership Parade and on display during the business and general sessions.



Flags Displayed at 2025 International Convention



The Arizona AΔK Executive Board would like to send a big THANK YOU to members who have donated to the AZ **Honor A Sister Scholarship Fund**.

It has been a successful campaign to build our State Scholarship Funding.

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Honoring an Arizona Sister

The Honor an AZ Sister for 2024-2026 will be continued for support of our State's Scholarship Fund. Donations can be in memory of an Omega sister, thanking your Chapter President for her leadership or a special celebration. Send to Chairman Kristi Koziol OR Treasurer Chris Sanzo. A note of acknowledgement for the donation will be sent to the recipients. Thank you for your support!



Donor's name (you) _____

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Address _____ Phone _____

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Mail to

Kristi Koziol, AZ Immediate Past President
2222 E Shea Blvd, Phoenix AZ 85028

or

Chris Sanzo, AZ Treasurer
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Dates to Remember

October 1

Classroom Grant Deadline

October 11

..Northern District Founders' Day Celebration,
Gallup New Mexico

October 15

Regional Mini-Fall Scholarship (For activities
between January 1-May 31)

October 18

Central District Founders' Day Celebration

October 25

Southern District Founders' Day Celebration

October 27

Deadline for articles for Design Gazette

October 31

Nominations for Honoris Causa due

April 24-26, 2026

Arizona State Convention, Delta Hotel
by Marriott, Mesa, AZ

June 23-25, 2026

North Central, Northwest & Southwest Regional
Conference, Las Vegas at Park MGM



HAVING A
LAUGH

Humor from Helen:

Why was the pencil such a good comedian?

Answer: *It knew how to draw a laugh.*

What did the student say when the art teacher asked her
why she was staring at an empty page?

Answer: *I'm drawing a blank*

**Your sisters and chapters are always designing activities,
accomplishments and altruism in action.**

Make sure they are printed in the Design Gazette.

**Send Chapter Minutes and Articles to the AZ President
and Newsletter Editor.**

Helen Valliere, AZ President, helen.valliere@gmail.com

Brenda McDowell, AZ Newsletter Editor, bmcdowne@comcast.net

Remember, pictures help tell the story, so please submit them too.

If at all possible articles should be submitted in Word (*doc or docx*) format and pictures in *jpeg*.

Deadline for the next Issue of The Design Gazette is October 27.

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Mark your calendars

**Share Your Designs!
Share Your Activities and Minutes!**

Another way to showcase your designs is on the AZ AΔK Website.

**Submit your articles and pictures for the
Arizona website to:**

Valdine Brower, AZ Web Master, valdinebrower@yahoo.com

Valdine will post your chapter articles and pictures.

There is a tab for each chapter.

Check out the website at arizonaalphadeltakappa.org.