

DKG promotes professional & personal growth of women educators
and excellence in education

Theta Keynotes

President Message



No doubt many are cooking for friends and family, canning, making preserves, etc. Here is my favorite recipe for life:

- 1 c love
- 2 c loyalty
- 8 c forgiveness
- 5 tsp. hope
- 2 tsp. tenderness
- 4 qt. faith
- 1 barrel laughter

Take love and loyalty and mix with faith. Blend with tenderness, forgiveness, and hope. Sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Bake it with sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.

(Source: Pinterest)

Beth

MEMBERS RESPOND IMMEDIATELY

The International Administrative Board has asked that treasurers verify their chapter members preference of delivery for the DKG News & DKG magazine. The default selection is for the DKG News to be sent by electronic delivery and the DKG Magazine by mail (postal delivery). Please reply your preference to Christine Carroll.

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Educational Excellence Award



Theta Chapter of DKG, voted unanimously to award its Educational Excellence Award to the Madison Academic Decathlon Team. This year's team continued to carry on the winning legacy for Madison's Decathlon Team. As a chapter we would have been amiss if we did not recognize the efforts of these high school students. They have truly studied and prepared for competition as they once again brought home the state's first place award. This is the eighteenth consecutive year for the state award with four national titles and a top leading scorer as a part of their previous record.

Theta Chapter has recognized individuals, as well as groups for this award over the years. A plaque is given at a special presentation. This year's group from Madison Academic School in Jackson, Tennessee was awarded their plaque and a check to cover a possible pizza party for celebrating on May 12th at their school. The students were assisted in their endeavors by their sponsors: Linda Sykes Lane and Tiffany Soriano. It takes committed teachers such as these to plan, encourage, support, and coordinate all the team activities to have a group such as the Madison Academic Decathlon Team. Our hats off to them and each student who was so successful once again.

Sandra Williams, Theta Chapter

LEGISLATIVE

Tennessee's education department will spend the bulk of its \$491 million share of one-time federal funding on new literacy, summer camp, and tutoring initiatives as the state seeks to accelerate student learning after a year of pandemic-related disruptions.

The department also will prioritize classroom resources, teacher training, and programs to prepare more candidates for the teaching profession.

The state released its spending plan this week for its portion of the nearly \$4.2 billion that Tennessee is getting for K-12 education through four COVID-19 relief and economic stimulus packages passed by Congress.

School districts will receive the vast majority of the \$4.2 billion. They have until June 1 to decide how to spend the largest and most recent round of funding provided under the Biden administration.

The massive infusion of cash — which amounts to two-thirds of what the state spends in a single year on its students — presents a historic opportunity to transform public education in a state that ranks near the nation's bottom for per-pupil spending.

But all of the money must be spent or allocated by the fall of 2024, which means administrators likely won't want to put it toward recurring expenses such as raising teacher salaries or hiring full-time specialists to support schools.

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NEXT MEETING

June 10th at 1 PM will be our next gathering for Theta sisters. We will meet at Pappa Daddy's, a great down-home restaurant with excellent food for lunch. One reviewer says, "this place is out in the middle of nowhere but really good food." Another stated, "Great atmosphere and good Christian people, great." Watch for Punchbowl invite and reply so President Beth will know who will be coming and can carpool to 1704 Highway 138, Mercer TN.

Mark your calendar, June 10th!

FUTURE EVENTS

June 4 & 5th TNSO Convention, Nashville

July 22-24, 2021 International Conference San Antonio TX and Portland Organ July 7-10, 2021
Register on International website.
In person event.

Theta Chapter will not meet in the month of July.

MEMBERS NEWS

Jackie Hibbett granddaughter, Rachel Hibbett, graduate from Chester County High School. She was president of the 2021 Senior Class and will attend Freed Hardeman University in the fall.

Al and **Jo Price** made a trip to Abilene TX to witness their granddaughter graduation from Abilene Christine College. Brinley will be traveling to Spain to become a nanny while teaching English to the children.

Have you paid your membership dues? If not mail your check as soon as possible to our chapter treasurer. If you have, thank you!