

President's Message

Happy 2021 DKG Hawai'i State! It is a new year with new goals and new possibilities. To start the year, we compiled data from our statewide survey with over 200 responses from members. We will share the results in the coming month so chapters can set 2021 goals. First Vice President Lisa Nagamine has been holding regular meetings with the chapter first vice presidents to continue monitoring the Strategic Action Plan goals.



On June 5, we will gather virtually once more when Gamma Chapter hosts the 2021 Spring Convention. We are honored to have International Immediate Past President Cathy Daugherty join us as our guest speaker. Please watch for the announcements from Gamma Chapter about the conference details.

To all of you currently out on the frontlines, continuing to serve our community, thank you! We are in the home stretch. As our vaccinations start to ramp up, I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I have hope that schools will slowly start to return to in-person classes. I have hope that we will begin seeing each other in-person at chapter meetings instead of through a screen. I have hope that by the end of the year, I will be able to give some of you hugs, **real** hugs, not virtual or air ones. In the meantime, keep safe and remember, stay physically distant but socially close. 2020 was rough but 2021 is a new year with new hope.

Aloha,



Lori Furoyama, Hawai'i State President

A Call for Presenters: Hawai'i State 2021 Virtual Spring Convention

Please consider sharing your special talents as a leading woman educator during our virtual Spring Convention on Saturday, June 5, 2021 via Zoom from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Our theme is **Pupukahi i Holomua (Unite to Move Forward)**.

We are seeking presentations on personal and professional development topics that would be of interest to our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters. We encourage each chapter to participate by presenting or facilitating a 30-minute session.

Gamma Chapter, Maui

Strategic Action Plans (SAP)

All first vice presidents have been working hard with their chapters to create actions that align with our Hawai'i State Goals. This year, thanks to Google Docs, we have built in transparency, which gives every member access to Hawai'i State and all Chapter SAP. There are two reasons: (1) Every member will know and understand the actions their chapter is taking to meet State targets and (2) Chapters can gain ideas by seeing what other chapters are doing.

Chapter Strategic Action Plan portal by chapters:
<https://bit.ly/3hIWZG5>

We have also worked on creating a **one-stop data dashboard**. This dashboard gives us data on how we are doing/how we did in meeting our State targets as a collective. Open this link and click on the tabs at the bottom of the screen to see each target's data.

Strategic Action Plan Data Dashboard link:
<https://bit.ly/3kTtL35>

First vice presidents will meet again to discuss and prepare their SAP report and to input data to the dashboard. We will share our final SAP report at the Spring Convention in June.

Lisa Nagamine, Hawai'i State First Vice President

Cathy Daugherty Presents Keynote at Spring Convention



Cathy Daugherty currently serves DKG as its Immediate Past International President and as a Director of the International Educators Foundation. She has been a member of Alpha Alpha Chapter

in Virginia since 1989 and was the 2016 recipient of the Achievement Award, the Society's highest honor.

Daugherty served as chair on several International committees and as Regional Director and First Vice President. She was point-person for the Schools for Africa (SFA) project from its official adoption in 2010 through 2014, authoring the *SFA Newsette*.

Daugherty retired in 2016 following a 35-year public school career and a nine-year position as a Latin instructor and supervisor of Latin student teachers at Randolph-Macon College. During her virtual visit to the Spring Convention in June, she will share information from the 2020–2022 DKG Administrative Board.

Catch the Spirit of the Pacific Northwest

Oregon State Organization hosts the International Conference, *DKG: A World of Opportunities, Contributions, Impact*, in Portland on July 7–10, 2021. Conference highlights are inspiring speakers, informative workshops and takeaways, and fun in the art gallery, exhibits, and vendors! Consider a trip to the Columbia River Gorge with Multnomah Falls, sightsee the beautiful Rose, Japanese, and Chinese gardens, and shop at the home of Nike, Columbia Crest, Adidas, and Pendleton Woolen Mills.

Pre-Conference Workshops on July 7:

Robert's Rules Made Easy

A Team Approach to Invigorate Your Chapter

DKG US Forum Presents

**Legislative Issues for Our 117th Congress
February 24, 2021 (2 p.m. HST) via Zoom**

Dr. Sylvia Johnson, Lobbyist
National Education Association

Contact: usforumswrep@gmail.com

Gamma Chapter Holds Virtual Induction

With events and meetings canceled in the early months of the pandemic, Gamma Chapter held its first virtual meeting in September and proudly welcomed our newest members! These women leaders represent a diverse range of skills, interests, and talents and their contribution to their schools reflects their strong commitment to student success.

Alison Uyehara is Vice-Principal at King Kekaulike High School and former teacher at Kahului Elementary School, who, despite her busy schedule, also teaches an online course through UCLA. As an educator, "I thoroughly enjoy working with the DOE and my favorite part of working on a school campus is seeing all of our students shine, grow, and achieve!" Alison enjoys spending time with her husband and three children, going to the beach, hiking, raising orchids, and pursuing her new found hobby—a jewelry company, Maui Momi!



Dayna Taketa is a Mathematics teacher at Maui High School and Co-advisor for the school's Interact Club, a youth service organization. As an active team member, Dayna's current project is to organize the Math Department's vertical alignment to assist students and teachers at the largest high school on Maui with future course enrollment and planning decisions.

When not continuing her own education through professional development classes, Dayna is working her part-time job at Ulta and binge watching her favorite shows on Netflix!



Linda Carnevale is an alumnus and Fine Arts-Theatre teacher and Performing Arts Learning Center (PALC) Coordinator at Baldwin High School. When her mentor, Sue Ann Loudon, retired in 2005 from Baldwin, Linda took over the very program which had inspired her as a student to pursue her love of theatre in college. She teaches drama classes and directs 2–4 stage productions for the PALC afterschool. Teaching theatre at Baldwin for 16 years, Linda has directed over 100 plays!



Beta's Roses

With great pride Beta Chapter honors **Maile Agadar** as our Blooming Rose. Maile is an integral part of our chapter, serving as First Vice President from 2016–2018 and regularly attending and assisting at meetings with the spirit of aloha.



She danced the hula at the 2015 Regional Conference in Wichita and helped with the Sashiko coasters given as gifts at the 2017 Conference in Honolulu. Maile and husband hosted a farm visit with Theta Chapter, educating them of the commitment, satisfaction, and challenges of farming, the same goals we have for teaching.

She shared, "I feel inspired and strengthened by the spiritual, professional, and compassionate growth the DKG is offering to all women educators to continue with their development towards being a distinguished and productive educator. Also, being a farmer's wife, my Beta and DKG sisters continue to nurture and cultivate my personal and professional internal blooming rose."

Our dear **AhLin Yuen** passed away at the age of 90 in April 2020. AhLin was an active member and attended all our meetings with a great big smile. She taught in Washington and was a counselor at Alvah Scott Elementary and Fort Shafter Elementary. Quick to volunteer for many Beta assignments, AhLin was creative and dependable.



She was proud of her two daughters currently serving as DKG chapter presidents, Corrine Matsumoto of Beta and Deanne Kanekuni of Theta. AhLin used her amazing crafting skills to share her love and aloha—and always for free. We miss her.

Colleen Tano, Second Vice President

Invitation from the World Indigenous Nations University Hawai'i-Pasifika



DKG members, Librarians, and the Native Hawaiian Community have been selected to participate in our newly developed **Digital Cultural Advisory Certificate Program**.

Upon completion participants will

- Be knowledgeable about Hawaiian Resource Databases
- Be able to retrieve Hawaiian Resources
- Learn how to integrate Hawaiian Resources in their curriculum
- Be able to apply what they have learned in the classroom

For program information and registration, please visit <http://eolakaikehawaii.org>

Keikilani Meyer, Zeta

Hawai'i State Tutoring Partnership with Kahauiki Village

The Tutoring Project with Kahauiki Village started with volunteers meeting students at the community center. However, like other activities affected by the pandemic, tutoring is now online with a few families participating using Google Meets.

The Project is a partnership with Kahauiki Village led by the Coordinator of Educational Services, Allyssa Koki, and the Institute of Human Services led by Volunteer Program Manager, Andrew Long. For the first few months, Allyssa, Andrew, and DKG State President Lori Furoyama and chair Sharon Inamine and Ellen Tanoura met to insure that all paperwork and processes were taken care of. Lori solicited the support of several colleges at the University of Hawai'i to recruit students as volunteers and engage them in the service of educating children.



The digital platform has been a challenge, but with time and support from Allyssa, tutoring has been fun and satisfying.

During the holidays we visited the children to wish them, "Merry Christmas!"



We await the second round of tutorial service offerings in mid-February when more DKG members have committed to tutoring students. We will announce a meeting in the near future to provide additional information. If you would like to sign up or have questions, please contact Sharon or Ellen using the Mu Chapter contact form:

<https://www.muchapter-hi.org/>

S. Inamine and E. Tanoura, Mu

Epsilon's First Collegiate Member

Addy Simons-Wilson

Most exciting thing ever done:
Summited Mt. Rainier

Most difficult thing ever done: Student
taught while working full-time

Educational aspirations: Create an inclusive,
child-centered environment

Role model: Keala Kennelly

Favorite food: Ethiopian



Lambda's Blooming Rose

Cynthia Azama epitomizes a fully invested Delta Kappa Gamma member: active, involved, and still growing. She is always a "presence" at our meetings, looking for ways to help or to make others welcome, has volunteered to help members link with International and State websites, and served as chapter secretary.

Lambda's Strategic Action Plan encompasses the Title IX Grant and Supporting Early Educators, and in her involvement with both projects Cynthia recognizes and honors the impact of women and of educators. In her appreciation letter attached to Lambda's holiday gift to first-year teachers in the Nānākuli-Wai'anae Complex Area Cynthia wrote:

"To Our New Teacher Heroes,

Thank you for being a warrior—taking up the challenge of teaching during these unprecedented times and notching victories every day.

Thank you for teaching in new ways and most importantly, expecting your students to learn and discover that though the world has changed they can still learn, think, question, evaluate, and grow.

Thank you for providing a safe space where your students can listen, commiserate, complain, laugh, celebrate, and feel "seen" and valued.

Thank you for hanging in there, toughing it out, persevering, and striving forward.

Warmest Regards,
Cynthia Azama"

Ann Mahi delivers Lambda's holiday teacher appreciation gift to a first-year teacher.



Theta's Red Roses



We welcome **Carli Miyashiro** and **Carolyn Maring** to our Theta sisterhood. Induction and installation hosted by **Peggy Pavao** via Zoom was quite an experience with her decor giving the event a formal ambience. Congratulations to our newly elected officers: **Deanne Kanekuni, Gwen Mau, Claire Uehara, Teri Tabiolo, and Bea Zane.**

Congratulations to our Blooming Rose, **Teri Tabiolo**. Mahalo to **Fay Toyama, Lisa Nagamine, Val Kurizaki, Peggy Pavao, and Leigh Okazaki** for serving at the State level.



We Theta sisters have become life-long learners in the Arts. **Darlene Oshiro's** guidance has provided many experiences to our members. Activities include balance and stretch techniques, brain gym exercises, haiku writing, concept of ikigai, and color blending. During the pandemic, we practiced haiku writings.

Darlene's fine art submittal *Tribal Spirit* began a six month showing in the DKG Arts and Humanities Gallery (<http://gallery.dkg.org/>). She combined her new found lessons from iPhone Photo Academy with her original sketch and a superimposed photo she took at Ala Moana Beach Park. Using various apps, Darlene worked to blend the face of her drawing into the photo of her tree reflecting into a pool of water. The result is a mystical tree in a magical wood.

Darlene is a retired art teacher of Wahiawa Middle School, long-time regional student show organizer, rubber stamp designer, and children's book illustrator. She received the Art Teacher of the Year award from the Hawai'i Art Education Association and represented Hawai'i at the 2019 National Art Education Association Conference.



Dr. Hazel Young Hasegawa's article on "Educational Journaling in Midst of Covid-19" is published in the 2020 *DKG Collegial Exchange*. She "promotes educational journaling as a vital part of the curriculum" for all students especially during this pandemic and "promotes talk and experiential learning as the undergirding theories for this part of the curriculum that can span elementary through secondary grades" and for all students with or without disabilities.