

President's Message

Aloha.

If you're like me, you are still riding on the energy and excitement from the Fall Forum in Hilo on October 26.

Approximately 70 members attended; of those, 15 were first time participants. We hope to see them back again for many more.

We also awarded the first Kumu Award to the attendee with the longest membership, Piliialoha Lee Loy from Alpha who joined DKG in 1976!



At the conference, we imagined what kind of society DKG would be if every member contributed in one way.

Fortunately, one member decided to make a difference.

Keikilani Meyer of Zeta Chapter volunteered to be the 2019–2021 State Parliamentarian. Welcome, Keikilani!

Keep thinking about your goals for this biennium. My goals and commitments are:

- Keep chapters informed about Society news. Communication is important in any relationship.
- Support our new members. Are they getting from the society what they expected when they joined?
- Get to know at least 2–3 members from each of the 14 chapters.
- Communicate with other state presidents about what's working and what's not. Networking is important. Let's learn from each other here within the State too.
- Finally, take what I learn from the above and use it to enhance our state organization.

I look forward to hearing your goals as the year progresses.

Announcements and reminders:

- Chapters' revised rules (aligned with Society Constitution and State By-law revisions) are due by February 29, 2020.
- Mahalo to the Expansion Committee for working with Japan State expansion in Kochi and Osaka.
- 2020 Spring Convention, April 3–4, hosted by Kappa.

Mahalo, Lori Fuoyama

Mindset and Educational Excellence

Mindset—The New Psychology of Success by Carol Dweck states, "... a simple belief about yourself...guides a large part of your life. In fact, it permeates **every** part of your life."

She describes two types of minds: Fixed Mindset and Growth Mindset. Now, you are probably thinking, "Lisa, what does this have to do with Educational Excellence and our role as 1st Vice President?" Well, I'm thrilled you asked because mindset has everything to do with educational excellence and the vice president's role!

After accepting this position, I reviewed the responsibilities of the 1st Vice President. As soon as I saw Educational Excellence Committee Chair, tons of negative and stressful thoughts flooded my mind. "What have I gotten myself into?! What was I thinking?! ... Where do I begin? I don't think I can do this. I don't know anyone who can help me."

Suddenly I caught myself and told my brain, "**Stop** thinking negatively and **shift!** What are the possibilities?"

Wow! What a difference that made. I looked at the goals again with new vision.

The goals of the Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) are to develop programs, projects, and activities that

- 1) Empower women through leadership opportunities,



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2) Promote educational excellence through programs and projects, and

3) Change global awareness through collaboration worldwide.



Instead of feeling overwhelmed and focusing only on barriers, I feel excited about the possibilities for our state and chapters to make a difference in the lives of others. The DKG website has amazing resources! The [Collection of Program Project and Activity Ideas for EEC](#) has pages and pages of ideas that our sister chapters across the world have implemented and have helped them to reach their goals.

My question to chapter vice presidents and members is what type of thoughts are flooding your mind as you reflect on your roles? Do you have a fixed mindset or a growth mindset? If you have a fixed mindset, tell yourself to **“Stop** thinking negatively and **shift!**”

In January 2020, I will arrange a virtual meeting for chapter first vice presidents so we can all get together to meet one another, share our thoughts, brainstorm ideas, and support one another in our role!



*Lisa Nagamine
First Vice President*

DKG Society International and Hawai‘i State Scholarships for 2020–2021 Academic Year

Sign in as member to the Society website <https://www.dkg.org> for the scholarship application for graduate studies. The award for doctoral studies is \$10,000, and for other graduate studies recipients receive \$6,000.

Hawai‘i State offers the Lucille Hodgins Recruitment Grant of \$1,000 for women and men students pursuing careers in education. The Josephine Day and Eva Curry Scholarships provide stipends to active members for professional development.

Iota Members Learn Acting As Tool for Teaching

Iota Chapter met at Kumu Kahua Theatre for food, fun, and fantastic ideas for the new school year. We started with rebus word games, which from the first day of school can be collaborative ice breakers. Students work in teams to discuss their group answers.



Speaker John Wat, Board Member, Director, Educator, and Actor, shared the upcoming events at Kumu Kahua Theatre. One of this season’s performances is a play written by a former student of Iota member, Lisa Tsuruda!



Artistic Director, Harry Wong, and Iota member, Karen Kaulana, taught us acting exercises, which can be used in all subject areas, from social studies and current events to poetry to mathematics. Participating out of comfort zone, we, nevertheless, were able to demonstrate our content understanding through theatre.

Donations from Iota will support the theatre and their work. We also raised money to help a colleague with medical expenses.

For more information about the events at Kumu Kahua Theatre, visit: <https://www.kumukahua.org/>

Wishing everyone a great new school year!

C. Masutomi



Title IX—Hawai'i Connections and the Rise of the Wahine

"Heartwarming video that captures the spirit of gender equity and women's rights."

"Panelists provided great insight to the history and Title IX movement in Hawai'i."

"Mahalo for sharing these stories and history with us. All educators, students, and athletes should see this film!"

Participants enthusiastically praised the September 8 viewing of *Rise of the Wahine: Champions of Title IX* and panel discussion that followed. The project organized by Lambda Chapter is funded by a grant from the DKG Educational Foundation.

The film highlighted not only our beloved UH Wahine, but also the extraordinary effort of Representative Patsy Mink and Dr. Donnis Thompson, both DKG members, in moving Title IX legislation and implementation forward.

The evaluations recommended that the film be shared with others, and the project committee has since shown *Rise of the Wahine* to Department of Education athletic directors and principals of Leeward District. The committee will develop a resource kit including the film and lessons for teachers.



Photo top: UH Wahine players Beth McLachlin and Marilyn Moniz-Kaho'ohanohano, who also became UH Associate Athletic Director.

Second: Film Producer Dean Kaneshiro, McKinley High School Principal Ron Okamura, and UH Wahine Coach Dave Shoji.

Third: Alexandria Buchanan, McKinley High quarterback, welcomes the audience to her campus and shares her story of gender equity on the field.

Fourth: Title IX panelists with committee members, Ann Mahi (l) and Anne Marie Duca (r).



Call for Presentations for Hawai'i State 2020 Spring Convention

Please consider sharing your special talents as a leading woman educator at Spring Convention, April 4, Saturday, at Pōmaika'i Ballrooms in Dole Cannery. We are seeking presentations that address personal and professional development topics in keeping with our theme, **Mālama—"Caring for ourselves, our sisters, and the society"**.

The presentations are 30 minutes and presented two times. All presentations are scheduled in the same room, each presenter having a group of 8–10 participants seated at a table. During the 5-minute break between presentations, participants move to another table and presenter.

We encourage each chapter to participate by presenting one session.

Please click on link or copy and paste, bit.ly/DKGproposal2020, to complete the form by January 17, 2020. Please contact Shely Chang (808.391.5656) or Adele Wada (808.753.0567) if you have any questions.

Calendar

January 1, 2020—DKG Educational Foundation Project Application <https://www.dkg.org>

January 17, 2020—Hawai'i State Lucille Hodgins Grant and Curry and Day Scholarship Applications

February 1, 2020—DKG International Scholarship Application

April 3–4, 2020—Hawai'i State Spring Convention

June 6, 2020—Hawai'i State Leadership Development

Japan State Visit and Expansion

Hawai'i State sisters Patricia Ann Park, Epsilon, Vivian Hee, Mu, and Donna Shiroma, Kappa, visited Japan State in Kochi Prefecture.

Our whirlwind, week-long trip included teaching in several schools. We started at Executive Secretary Fusa Nakagawa's Junior College, engaging and encouraging her students to practice their English. At Tosajoshi Junior High 150 middle school girls learned to make an origami flower. During our visits to four other schools and seven classes (Grades 5/6 and High School), Eileen Clarke, Mu, and members of Japan State assisted with the lessons.

The NHK news and the local television station, KUTV, and newspaper reported on our visits. Fusa said, "The more articles and TV news that come out, the more people will recognize DKG and support us."



Japan State featured presentations from Hawai'i State at their weekend Fall Workshop. Pat presented *Purposeful Living Generates Longevity and Legacy*, and in another session, together with Vivian and Donna, discussed the roles and responsibilities of officers at the different levels (chapter, state, and International). Keynote speaker, Eileen Clarke, shared the *Choose Love* program.

One of the major reasons we visited Japan State is to help with expansion. The Hawai'i sisters participated in a phone conference with a prospective member and visited Osaka to meet with two teachers who are interested in starting a chapter. We also met with State President Hatsue Kitahara, State Treasurer Kumi Shimomura, and Fusa Nakagawa. Our visit was a full and highly successful trip.

D. Shiroma

Fall Forum 2019

Ke Au Iki Ke Au Nui—Small Currents, Large Currents ... of Opportunities and Learning

Participants gathered at picturesque Keaukaha Elementary on a beautiful and sunny day. It didn't rain!

State officers led the morning session on leadership, inspiring the leaders of our chapters with our State goals, responsibilities, and ideas for the year. The afternoon session offered several choices: Painting, removing toxins from our home, setting up the chapter website, searching for knowledge in Hawaiian databases, and planning for the future.

Keynote speaker, Amber Makuakane, Pahoia Elementary Resource Teacher, inspired all to face hardships and life's unexpected challenges with a positive attitude and resilience. Breakfast and lunch were ono! The Country Store sold fresh anthuriums, clothes, homemade and handcrafted items, jewelry, and many more.

Everyone had an enriching experience and were warmly welcomed by our Big Island sisters.



N. Robbins

White Rose

Dr. VerlieAnn 'Leimomi' Kapule Malina-Wright passed away on September 4, 2019. VerlieAnn, a lifelong advocate of education, served over 40 years in teaching and administration in the Hawai'i public education system, the University of Hawai'i, and the Kamehameha Schools.



Her community involvement in 18 different organizations spanned the globe. An active Kappa member for 42 years, VerlieAnn served in numerous committees and will be missed.