

*PA State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Committee Reports
for 2023*

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

I. Role

The Educational Excellence Committee is composed of a Coordinator who is First Vice President of the State Organization, 4 Chairs, and additional committee members. Their shared responsibilities include developing programs, projects and activities.

Their responsibilities include:

- Promoting PA State Project: STEM
- Promoting US Forum opportunities and information
- Planning and promoting the Album of Distinction
- Selecting and organizing high-quality workshops and presenters for state convention
- Supporting and coordinating Visual & Performing Arts with music needs for convention
- Planning Convention First Night Fun and Fellowship at the state convention
- Planning and assisting the First Vice President with the Celebration Luncheon at the state convention to honor Doctoral Degrees, members with 40 years or more of membership, and Birthday Chapters
- Supporting chapters with program ideas and involvement with state projects and opportunities
- Planning and enacting the Purposeful Seminar in odd-numbered years
- Supporting the Leadership Development in even-numbered years

II. Biennial Goals

- Inform and support chapters with the State Project: STEM
- Inform members of legislative issues regarding education, women, and children
- Inform chapters of opportunities for recognition: Album of Distinction, Doctoral Degrees, 40 years or more membership, Chapter Birthday milestones
- Inform chapters of opportunities for participation at convention through Visual & Performing Arts and presenters for workshops
- Communicate regularly with chapters through *Keystonian* newsletter and personal emails regarding the work of the EEC committee
- Support the goals of the International EEC committee

III. Accomplishments Related to Goals

- Wrote articles for the *Keystonian* relating to State Project: STEM
- Wrote articles for the *Keystonian* relating to US Forum/Educational Legislation
- Wrote article for the *Keystonian* relating to Album of Distinction
- Reviewed and selected candidates to receive Album of Distinction honor
- Will honor 12 women and one chapter for Album of Distinction
- Wrote article for the *Keystonian* relating to presenting at state convention

- Reviewed and selected candidates to present workshops at state convention
- Obtained Act 48 hours for eligible workshops
- Established music needs for the entire state convention
- Planned for the Celebration Luncheon at the state convention to honor Doctorial graduates, members 40 years or more of membership, and Birthday Chapters
- Will recognize Birthday Chapters celebrating a milestone this year

IV. Future Recommendations

- The committee should continue to communicate with chapters via email, the website, and the *Keystonian* about the many works of EEC.
- The committee should continue to inform chapters of ways to support International and the PA State Project
- The committee should continue to inform members of involvement in legislative issues regarding education, women, and children.
- The committee should continue to inform members of opportunities for recognition and participation at the State Convention.
- The committee should continue to support convention planning to maintain the high quality of experiences for professional development, honoring members and chapters' accomplishments and supporting leadership, friendship and fellowship.
- The committee should continue to support the planning and implementation of Leadership Development in even-numbered years.
- The committee should continue to support the planning and implementation of the Purposeful Seminar in odd-numbered years.

Committee Members:

Coordinator – Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta

Professional Affairs Chairs – Tina Smith-Gilbert, Alpha Beta

U.S. Forum/Educational Legislation Chair- Deb Seng, Erie Chapter

Visual and Performing Arts Chair – Karlie Vaughn, Alpha Zeta

Projects Chair – Jade Leung, Alpha Xi

Susan Fritz, Chi

Heather Lilienthal, Beta Pi

Amy Miehl, Erie Chapter

Patty Rial, Erie Chapter

Jeanette Kopcinski-Saulo, Beta Rho