



**July 2023**

## **Educator Tips**

A new school year is set to begin in many of our member countries. The following tips are aimed at setting the tone for the year starting on the first day of school, regardless of the grade or content area.

1. Greet your students at the door
2. Use an ice-breaker to get to know each other
3. Introduce yourself – briefly tell your story
4. Over plan – you do not know how the first day is going to go
5. Learn student names as soon as possible
6. Choose an age and content appropriate book to read aloud in all grades
7. Assign seats – you can adjust after day one
8. Give a preview of what to expect during the year in your grade or content area
9. Discuss rules
10. Relax! Enjoy the day! You are ready!

## **Mentoring Moment**

Taking on a new role in Delta Kappa Gamma is often a time of challenge and uncertainty. Having a mentor can be a great boost. As new state organization EEC chairs, your first place to turn is to the immediate past chair. With their work focused on EEC the past two years, they can provide you with the following:

- A positive role model
- A willingness to share skills, experience, and expertise
- A way to provide guidance as well as constructive feedback
- A commitment to ensure you grow and learn to be the best you can be

You in turn can assist your chapter EEC chairs in mentoring them in their roles. You are an important resource in DKG. Thank you for your assistance!

## **Recent Activities**

### **Welcome!**

#### **2023-2025 State Organization EEC Chairs**

In-person training June 23-25, provided an in-depth study of the focus areas of EEC. Plans were also developed to enhance relationships with the EEC chapter chairs or contacts in their state organizations.



**2023-2025 EEC State Organization Chairs  
attending training in Irving, Texas**

## **Global Event Fact**



15 out of 17 member countries sent at least one member to State Organization Leadership Training! The majority sent from 3 to 5 members which allowed these teams the opportunity to work together in planning for their biennium. Teams with smaller numbers joined together to discuss their needs and develop plans to take back to their respective countries.

## EEC Booklist

The Donkey Principle: The Secret to Long-Haul Living in a Racehorse World By Rachel Anne Ridge

Published by Tyndale Momentum, 2023


Did you ever think you would want to be compared to a donkey? After all, who wants to be thought of as stubborn. Well, it turns out that there are many qualities attributed to donkeys that we can view as assets in our lives. This book is filled with personal reflections, stories about donkeys from history, literature, and modern-day events, as well as inspiration meant to guide our daily lives.

Additionally, “Dig Deeper” questions are included at the end of each section to encourage further engagement. Grab your copy and read to learn about your life and “The Donkey Principle”.

Want more donkey adventures? Read Running with Sherman: How a Rescue Donkey Inspired a Rag-tag Gang of Runners to Enter the Craziest Race in America by Christopher McDougall.

## Featured Blogs and Articles

Your 2022-2024 International Educational Excellence Committee members have committed to write and post blogs throughout their biennium. You can find these blogs on the website in two different ways.

One way is to click on the blog icon that is located across the top of the Home page . The other way is to go to the DKGIEF tab and scroll down to Blogs. When you come to the blogs page, find EEC, and click there. You will find an array of blogs that cover the focus areas of EEC. Want more? Then go to the bottom and find “older posts.” You will then be directed to many more blogs to guide your work.

These short, concentrated blogs are great to generate discussion on an area of EEC. Please recommend EEC blogs to your chapter EEC chairs or contacts.

Are areas you would like to see covered in a blog? Let us know and we will do our best to provide that information.

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