

# GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

*AΔK Monthly Newsletter of State President Norma Rushing*

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## **CELEBRATING POSSIBILITIES**

*Written by Norma Rushing*

February has arrived again with all its important events and dates to remember. My chapter, Beta, always goes to the Emory Ronald McDonald House to serve dinner on a Friday evening. This is our major C2O (Connecting to Others) altruism project for the year. Our hearts are always overjoyed as we speak with the parents and some of the children who have weekend leave from the hospital. We have the opportunity to be encouragers that evening. Of course this year will be different. We will be dropping off boxed dinners and only have past memories of meeting the children and parents. Even with the pandemic, chapters across the state are still finding ways to serve others in the community and each other in creative ways. We have many sisters right now with COVID. As I attend meetings via Zoom, there are always 2 or 3 sisters who can not attend because they have COVID. Please continue to keep our sisters and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Especially pray for our engaged

sisters who are facing overwhelming stress each day.

This is also the month we turn our hearts to love. Recently, my 5-year-old granddaughter pulled out her Valentine Box from last year. It took me back to childhood when the night before Valentine's Day, my sisters, brother, and I would sit down at the kitchen table with our class list and laboriously make sure each of our classmates received a valentine. I always marveled at my classmates who could afford to give each a sucker. I would sit and read each valentine. Our world is in need of the love young children have for each other. I remember thinking as I would do cafeteria duty that the primary children would hug and love each of their classmates, then by the time they reached 7th grade color of the skin and family economics began to bring barriers between children. The old song from "South Pacific" *You Have To Be Taught to Hate* is so true. As Alpha Delta Kappa, we must be a sisterhood loving and respecting each other no matter one's religious or political beliefs. May we be examples to the communities around us. Remember of love, faith and hope, love is the most important. Enjoy Valentine's Day and do something special with your spouse, significant other, or your AΔK sisters or just love and be good to yourself.



One of my most precious possessions is a valentine my Mother sent to my Aunt probably around 1930. My cousin found it and sent it back to me a few years ago in a picture frame. She wrote on the picture mat, "From your Mother to my Mother and back to you - A friendship, a kinship, unending and true."

The ground hog arrives on February 2nd. Will we see 6 more weeks of winter or some of us may be asking, "Are we going to finally see winter?" Also it is Black History Month. This month always gives us the opportunity to have special speakers and events in our schools. We have much to look forward to this month. Chapters are continuing to meet on Zoom with increased attendance since most of us have learned how to use it. Chapters also learned all sorts of new ways to raise money for scholarships funds. Margaret Wiggins, Omicron Chapter made the most delicious looking Almond Bread for her chapter to cast a bid. It made \$22.00 for their scholarship fund. Other chapters had big auctions around the holidays. Keep up the good work.



## CELEBRATE OUR SPARKLY DIAMOND SISTERS



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Past State President 1988-1990



**DOT YOUNGBLOOD**  
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# Due Dates Treasurer Forms



**Executive Board  
Treasurer  
Terri Thompson**

My Valentine to you:  
Thank you chapter  
treasurers for your  
dedication, support and  
loyalty to the remittance  
task and to  
Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa



**Augusta District  
Chairman  
Melissa Hoffman**



## MONEY TALK

*from Terri Thompson, State Treasurer*



### It's Celebration Time!

Reminders for dues deadlines are now in the past. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTERS FOR 100% ON TIME REPORTING AND PAYMENT OF DUES!!!** There are disappointments as resignations are received, but joys as invitees accept membership in Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. Your state treasurer encourages the chapter treasurers and members to keep in contact with the resigned members and invite them to reinstate their membership.

**A little reminder:** Membership renewals postmarked after January 31, 2021 must be accompanied with late fees - an additional **\$5.00 for International dues** and **\$1.00 for State dues**.

**Timely Reporting Award:** **Congratulations** to **Gamma Chapter** for being the first chapter to remit dues for 2021 in October and the **Albany District** to have all chapters remit state dues by the January 31, 2021 deadline.

Some chapters have received a **Tax Year Form 1099 INT** for interest earned by their scholarship/savings account from the bank. You do not report this amount now. **Please keep this form because you will use the amount of interest your account received in 2020 on the C-1 Annual Chapter Reporting Form & Audit. This is due by June 30 to the State Treasurer.** Alpha Delta Kappa's tax reporting time is June 1-May 31 of each year.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Melissa Hoffman, Augusta District Chairman*

Greetings from Augusta, Georgia, "Home of the Masters!" My name is Melissa Hoffman and I am honored to be serving as Augusta District Chairman this biennium! I am a Silver Sister of Alpha Delta Kappa and have been a member of chapters first in Georgia, then in Tennessee and West Virginia. It was nice to return to my home chapter, Georgia Alpha Epsilon. I have been married to my college sweetheart, Dean, for 43 years and we are blessed with two adult children, Drew and Deanna, and two precious grandchildren, Emma Kate and Carter. I attended Radford College in Virginia where I received my B.S. in Early Childhood Education. After getting married, I attended the University of Mississippi where I received an M.Ed in the area of Reading Specialist. I have taught in Holly Springs, Mississippi, State College, Pennsylvania, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Morgantown, West Virginia, with the majority of my teaching years being in Augusta. Currently, I am a reading specialist K-5, serving as a teacher in an Early Intervention Program. My favorite things to do are spending time with family and friends, traveling, going to movies, shopping, and making a difference with my sisters of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa! Blessings in 2021!

## FRATERNITY ED FUN

*Text by Jan McNeill*

Happy Valentine's Day!!! One item we need to review yearly is the Greek Alphabet because our chapter structure and order of chartering are based on it. Many words in our language are derived from these beautiful letters and they are really FUN both to learn and to say aloud! I learned the Greek alphabet as a song in college and it is a great way to learn its order. There are 24 letters and several are the same or similar to our alphabet. Contact me to visit your Zoom meeting one month; I'd be glad to explain in detail our AΔK use of the Greek Alphabet.

\*Do you know the following fun facts about Greek letters?

- 1) Our word "alphabet" comes from Alpha (symbol A) and Beta (B).
- 2) Iota (I) is the smallest non-capital Greek letter and our word "iota" means "a very small amount".
- 3) Chi (X) is the first letter in the Greek spelling of "Christ"; therefore, the use of "Xmas" is just a shortened form of "Christmas".
- 4) How is our word "delta" connected to the symbol for Delta?

\*One activity is to mix up the order of names of the chapters in your district and have your ladies put them in correct Greek Alphabet order.

\*Another activity you can do is to make 24 hearts with each Greek letter name (Beta) and its symbol (B) on each side of 24 hearts. Cut the hearts in half, mix letter name halves and symbol halves up well, and play a timed game of matching each letter name to its correct symbol. Lots of chaotic fun! Have a small prize for winner(s). (Email the hearts to your members ahead of the meeting if meeting online; they can cut the 24 hearts in half at home to practice matching the letter names to their symbols.)

Learning the Greek Alphabet really can be FUN. Enjoy!!!

## FACEBOOK UPDATES

*Text Erin Neal, Facebook*

As we have added more sisters to our state Facebook page, we want everyone on the same page about why the Facebook group was created. This page is here to connect us all throughout the state when we can't be together. We want you to share pictures from your chapters and districts. This is a great place to share when one of your sisters accomplishes something in the classroom or at their school. As we are sharing and posting items, remember everyone is reading this and we want all to feel included in the sisterhood. Here are some guidelines that apply to our page and everything on it:

- Be kind. Insulting or bullying other members will get you banned from the group without prior warning.
- Be civil. We do not condone foul language. Breaking this rule once will land you a warning. Doing it repeatedly will get you banned.
- Be considerate. We don't all share the same political or religious views so leave those comments and posts for somewhere else.
- No commercial or sister for-profit advertising. Don't use the group to advertise your personal business, page, fundraiser, or website. These posts will be immediately removed. You may post chapter yard sales or ways and means items on our page.
- Stick to the topic. We only allow posts and comments related to the group's activity. Off-topic content will be removed.
- Report rule-breaking. If you see a post/comment that violates our rules, report it to the admins — DO NOT verbally attack the author of said post/comment.
- Think before you report. Don't report posts or comments that aren't breaking any rules just because you don't like or agree with their content.



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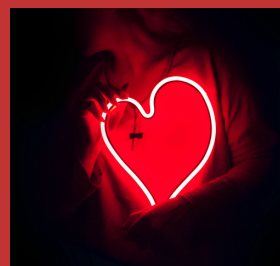
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## ALTRUISM

*Text and photos by Bonnie Devereaux, Altruism Chairman*

### Books Across Georgia

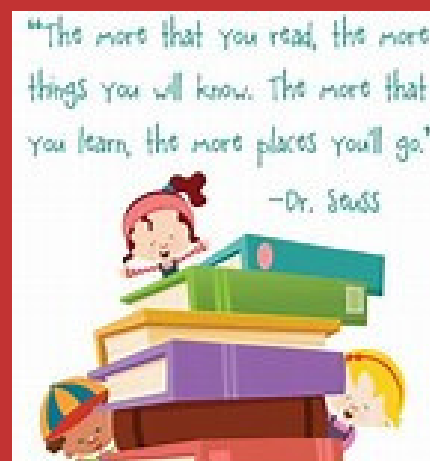
Our Fun Day Altruistic Project this year will be a little different because of our meeting circumstances. We cannot have a hands-on project together, so we will do our altruism individually as chapters. Our goal is to spread books across Georgia to all the children we can. Each chapter will plan how they can get books into the hands of children in their area. As they do this, pictures will be taken and books will be distributed. Pictures and a short narrative will be written and sent to your district chairman. Please include the number of books distributed and the total giving toward this project. These will be combined into a presentation at Fun Day so we can all enjoy seeing our work for Books across Georgia. Also, chapters who distribute 10 or more books will go into a drawing for \$100 for their chapter's scholarship fund. The winning chapter will be announced at Fun Day. So, chapters start planning and getting books into the hands of children!

### Chapter Altruistic Report Due March 15

Your Chapter's Altruistic Report is due soon. It covers an entire year, beginning March 1, 2020, through February 28, 2021. There are three areas to report. **Volunteer hours** worked in the name of AΔK. Those hours you spent walking for Alzheimer's count. **Gifts** of money or the value of items donated in the name of AΔK should be counted. Did you order items from Amazon for House of Hope? That should be counted. **Scholarships** or contributions to scholarships is next. Whether you give at a district meeting, a state meeting, your local chapter or directly to the organization it should be counted. Thanks for all you do for Altruism across Georgia. Together we make a huge difference as we reach out to others!



*Altruism Chair  
Bonnie Devereaux*



**Dr. Seuss**





**Executive Board  
Chaplain  
Sharon Rorex**

*It's such a good feeling to know that people can love us even when we're not perfect. Mister Rogers*



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Text and photo by Sharon Rorex, Chaplain*

*List some ways you have loved your neighbors (--at home or at work--) in the last six months. If you can't come up with something tangible, it might be time to look for ways to love those who you call neighbors.*

*--Jan Silvious*

*Happy Valentine's Day*

--from Sharon and Sara

## DISASTER RELIEF

*Text and photos by Sara Ratliff*

Sisters,

I hope that you and your family are staying well. I am looking forward to meeting with you on Zoom for the Spring District meetings. So far the weather has not been terrible but those days are ahead when weather can change quickly. I hope you have a plan for keeping your family safe in case of a weather emergency. There is a great template that you can download and have ready in your safe place. The address is at the [Red Cross](#). You will also find a template on the CDC website. Please know that money is available for you if you do experience a need.

We still have tickets available for purchase of a bracelet raffle to benefit disaster relief. If you choose, tickets are one dollar each or 6 for \$5.00. Please remember to send return address labels for us to use for the drawing. The infinity bracelet will be given away at our Fun Day meeting in April.

Thank you for your participation in assisting sisters through Disaster Relief.

Sara



## BYLAWS.....A GIFT OF LOVE



**Chapter Presidents and Bylaws Chairman, be an "early bird" and get your Chapter Bylaws and Policies and Procedures updated. Submit your final copies to:**

**Georgia Bylaws Chairman,  
Robin Dudley.**

**[rsdudley@bellsouth.net](mailto:rsdudley@bellsouth.net)**

**You will receive a certificate when they are certified for your Chapter files.**



**The March 15th deadline is getting closer. This would be a great Valentine's gift for your Chapter to be one step closer to reaching your Cornucopia Award.**

## MEMBERSHIP

*Text and photos by Suzi Bonifay, Membership Chairman*

Thank you to all chapter members for your efforts to retain members and initiate new/reinstated members. As you know from a flurry of emails, all new/reinstated members must be registered online and pay Intl. dues via credit card or PayPal. There is a way to recover the previous username and password for reinstated members--follow the prompts on the login screen or email me. The link is now live. If you missed one of the earlier trainings and need assistance beyond that provided in the CMC packet, please let me know.

Don't forget that new members initiated between now and the end of April can help count toward a drawing for a voucher to be used at Gulf Region--see the January or newsletter or December flyer for details. Based on my numbers as of January 20, we have a total of 1677 current members (including sustaining). That's a loss of 62 members. Our goal is to increase our numbers by 75 by the end of the biennium so we certainly have an opportunity ahead.

Check out this month's cornerstone to see the new due date for the CNA--**May 1 - May 31**. More information will be forthcoming.

Last, I want to thank each and every one of you for your efforts. This past year has been stressful. We will survive by bundling inspiration, hope and optimism and focusing on care, connection and well-being--something that AΔK sisters do so well. Our love, fellowship and service can support our own mental health and make us a magnet for others... Plus, it costs nothing to make others feel special. Be the torch bearer.



**Bylaws  
Chairman  
Robin Dudley**



*"Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope."*

—  
MAYA ANGELOU





## CALENDAR REMINDERS

March 15 - Bylaws submitted to Robin Dudley

March 15 - Altruism Report Due to Bonnie Devereaux

### 2021 Spring District Meetings

Feb. 6 - Heart of GA District

Feb. 20 - Albany District

Feb. 27 - Golden Isles District

March 4 - Atlanta District

March 6 - Dalton District

March 11 - Decatur District

March 13 - Columbus District

March 20 - Augusta District

March 22 - Marietta District

March 27 - Athens District

### Other Events and Due Dates

April 16, Spring GA Executive Board meeting at 6:30 Virtual

April 17, 2021 Fun Day - Virtual

July 8-11, 2021 International Convention - Virtual

April 22-24, 2022 GA State Convention - Callaway Gardens

CNA (Chapter Needs Assessment due this year (May 1 - June 31)



*Carlene Dunn*  
*Beta Beta*

*Linda Neff*  
*Iota*

*Erin Neal*  
*Chi*

*Ellen Harris*  
*Beta Rho*

*Paula Gibson*  
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*Jeannie Butler*  
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*Mary Lou Goehring*  
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Birthday: Feb. 1st



**Committee Chair  
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## WORLD UNDERSTANDING

*Text and Photos by Ruth Rennick, World Understanding Chairman*

**Happy Birthday Ramata!** Our ITE student, Ramata Diallo is celebrating her birthday in the United States, far away from her family in Mali. I hope she received lots of cards and letters from her Alpha Delta Kappa family. If you missed her February 1st birthday, drop her a note or an email to let her know that Georgia sisters are thinking about her. I spoke with her co-sponsor, Denise Dragich of Pennsylvania MU to find out a little more about what we could do for Ramata. She likes Wal-Mart, Amazon, TJ Maxx, and sweets. She is of the Muslim faith and does not eat pork, but she loves sweets. In an email I received, she says she likes Indiana because it is calm and beautiful. She likes looking at the snow, but not walking in it. She is pursuing her Masters in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). Denise has spent time with Ramata, but has been limited by COVID. Pictured below (L to R):

Ramata D. ----

Ramata & Denise Dragich-- Cloth from Mali



## COURTESY/HOSPITALITY

*Text and Photos by Betty Cropper, Courtesy/Hospitality Chairman*

The bats in Austin will just have to do without Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa this summer. Oh well!! That is just part of what your courtesy and hospitality committee does for you.

We are the group who sends cards or notes to executive board members who have an illness or hospitalization. We provide flowers or memorial gifts in the event of death of certain state or International chapter members.

We serve as hostesses in the Georgia suite at regional conferences, state and International conventions, and purchase appropriate gifts for members of state and International boards.



## Omega

*Louise Falls  
Beta Rho*

*Eloise Corry  
Beta Alpha*

*Joan Dutter  
Fidelis Lambda*



Jessica Young  
Alpha Theta  
Cook County High  
School  
won  
AΔK International  
Innovation Grant

Alpha Lambda  
sending violets to  
sisters not attending  
meeting

## CONCERNS

*Sisters who have had  
COVID 19  
Surgery  
Falls  
Family deaths  
Active Classroom Teachers*



*Text and photo by Norma Rushing*

- Hope your chapter remembered to send Ramata Diallo, our ITE Student a birthday card on February 1.
- Both Fun Day and AΔK International will be virtual this year.
- We are always sad to lose a chapter in Georgia AΔK , but if a chapter is struggling sometimes it becomes necessary to merge with another chapter. Alpha Chi in Columbus District merged with Beta Theta in December.
- Many thanks to Suzi Bonifay for hosting a number of training sessions the past couple of weeks to orientate Membership Chairmen on the new process to enroll new members and sisters being reinstated. Presidents and membership chairs, if you did not read the packet she sent you, please do so. International will shred checks sent to them.
- Bonnie Devereaux will be sending chapter presidents more information but the Altruism Report is to be done on the International Website. Please forward Bonnie and your District Chairman a confirmation. If the confirmation does not include the number of volunteer hours and monetary gifts given, please let Bonnie and your District Chairman know these numbers.
- Suzi will also be keeping you informed on the change in reporting the CNA (Chapter Needs Assessment).
- Please make plans to attend your District meeting. They will all be via zoom. Your attendance is important.
- If you would like a chapter picture in the newsletter, please send me a jpg copy or a copy in Word. I can not download pictures embedded in a PDF file.

It is time to start registering for the Alzheimer's Longest Day Heart and Solstice. If you register before the end of February, you will receive sunglasses and a T-Shirt. Be sure and join a Georgia Chapter or the Georgia Team. Pippy Rogers will have more information. Join your fellow ADK sisters again on The Longest Day, the day with the most light — the summer solstice on June 20. Together, the strength of our light will outshine the darkness of Alzheimer's. Register with the code FIGHT by Feb. 28 and we'll upgrade your T-shirt to performance material at no additional cost.



## FUN DAY

*Text and photos by Debbie Boswell. President Elect*

GET READY for a FUN TIME in APRIL

**FUN DAY 2021**  
Saturday, April 17

8:30 am SOCIALIZING across the STATE  
9 am THE FUN BEGINS

We may not be wearing our cowboy boots and hats, but we will continue to have FUN. Who knows what we might get NORMA to wear or do!

Registration forms will be coming soon so make sure you have reserved the date to be with us. It will be a morning filled with laughter, games, interactive activities and a few surprises along the way. There will be prizes you will not want to miss out on as well.

As you have read, our State Altruistic Chairman, Bonnie Devereaux has planned an exciting and fun Altruistic project that will reach across the entire state of Georgia. Thank you Bonnie for starting our BOOKS ACROSS GEORGIA project.

Can you recognize our sisters in pictures on the left of this article? These are a few pictures from FUN DAYS in the past. We may not be able to wear costumes this year, but we will be making memories in other ways. Knowing some of you I can imagine you may just dress for the occasion. I'll be sending out more pictures from the past between now and April 15. You may want to keep a list of names of those you recognize. Who knows, there could be prizes on the 17th! These pictures represent some great fun we have had throughout the years at Fun Day in Macon. Georgia sisters know how to have FUN!

Look for more information to come at your February and March meetings. What a great day to invite a prospective member to join you on zoom.

Have FUN figuring out who is in all of these FUN PICTURES!

Happy  
Valentine's Day  
to each of you!



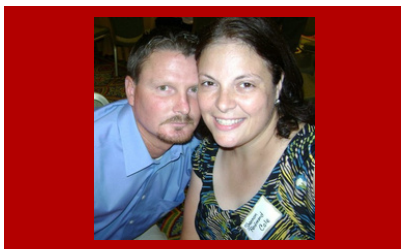


## SCHOLARSHIPS

*Text and photos by VP Scholarship Shannon Cole*

Happy Valentine's Day Sisters. Hope you showed yourself some love and applied for the Past State Presidents' Scholarship. Remember applications are due to be postmarked or faxed no later than February 1. You can also send them to me via email or text. Just scan it or take a picture of it, make sure you can see all 4 corners, and it is legible. All GA Alpha Delta Kappa sisters are eligible to apply for the Past State Presidents' Scholarship. It is not district specific.

The State Scholarships also must be postmarked or faxed no later than March 1. They too can be sent to me via email or text. Just scan it or take a picture of it, make sure you can see all 4 corners, and it is legible. For clarification as I know I have gotten several emails regarding the eligible districts this biennium: For 2020-2021, the State Scholarships are awarded to chapters in the Augusta District. For the second year of the biennium 2021-2022, the chapters in Athens District are the recipients. Augusta and Athens chapters, please find an applicant and a spare applicant, in case a chapter in your district is unable to find a candidate. This will allow us to award the maximum number of scholarships possible to your districts. Remember the GA Policies and Procedures v. 7.23.2020 were off by a year. When I attended all the Fall District meetings, I asked everyone to make a note of that. Hoping that clears things up for anyone with a question lingering about that. If you still have questions, feel free to contact me.



## WEBSITE TRIVIA

*Text by Dawn Hudson, Telecommunications Chair*

Did you know the website currently has:

- 126 sisters who signed up as members for priority access
- 68 pages to keep our members informed

The most accessed items on the website have been the monthly newsletters such as this one you are now reading!

Did you know if you already use Google Calendar that you can add the GA Alpha Delta Kappa calendar to your own with one click of a button? Link here to go to the calendar page to stay informed about our organization: <https://gaalphadeltakappa.org/calendar/>. Once on the page, there are instructions on how to add this calendar to your own.

Did you know you can comment on pages, posts, photos and give feedback to make the website even better?

Did you know you can add your own photo and information to the membership page so other sisters can search for you and associate your name with your photo?

Have fun!

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**FOR SALE**

# GRAB BAG

Jewelry Sale  
Beta Epsilon  
to benefit  
scholarship fund

**\$10 or \$20 per bag**

**Online order form here:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/betaepsilongrabbag>**

*First three orders received guaranteed to contain double the number of items!*  
*\*Photo below contains actual jewelry which will be in grab bags plus much more not pictured.*





# This Month in Photos



**Cherie Dennis**  
**Alpha Gamma**  
**Savannah & Chatman**  
**Teacher of the Year**



**Alpha Tau**  
**collecting Toys for Tots**



**Kappa**  
**ADK Month**



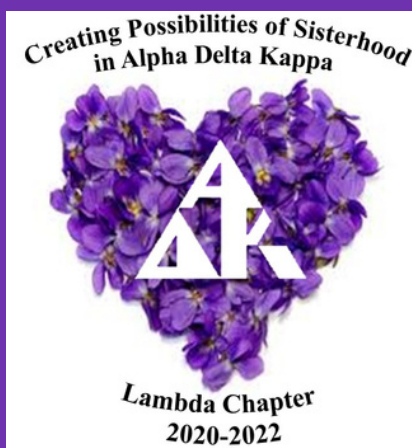
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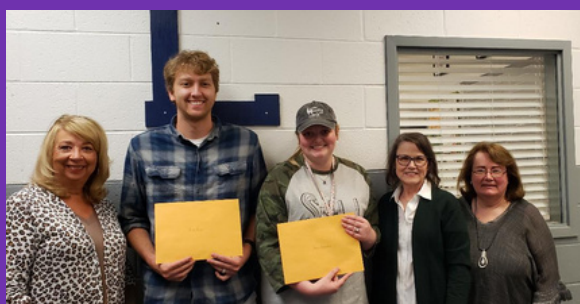
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