



# The Heartbeat of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa

## by Terri Thompson

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Usually, when May arrives, chapters and members are winding down activities for the year in Alpha Delta Kappa. Scholarships are awarded and end of year celebrations occur. Chapters begin reflecting on the past year's activities and assessing how to improve for the next year.

But not for Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. We have started the month off with a Bang! Wow! What a FUN Day Georgia AΔK sisters put on this past weekend. This kick off for the International Convention has set the mood for sisters to travel to Austin, Texas this July. Thank you to all the sisters who were in attendance representing their chapters. We truly had a great time!

The Friday night Executive Board and Advisory Council meeting was an open business session for Georgia AΔK with a flare of past traditions. Board members wore fascinators and white gloves adorned with pearls to remind us of our four founders and Georgia's AΔK legacy. Reports from officers and committee chairmen were given. Scholarship applicants were approved. The highlight of the meeting was the initiation of Georgia's ITE student Sarah Pradoto as an honorary member of Georgia AΔK. A special night in Georgia AΔK indeed!

And as we honor our traditions, let's remember to "Focus on the Future" in Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa!

Terri 



### 2024-2026 Executive Board

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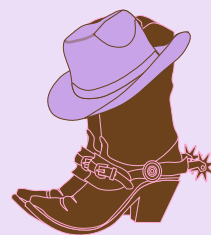
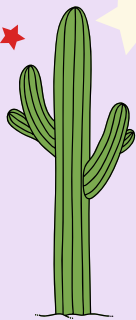




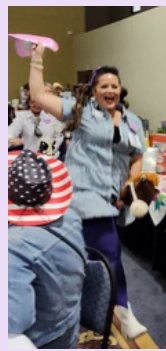
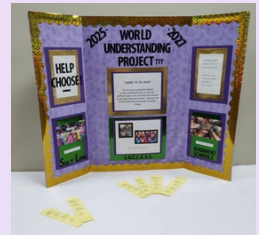
# Georgia FUN Day 2025

## “Deep in the Heart of Texas”

Oh, what FUN we had!









# Altruism is the HEART of Alpha Delta Kappa!

by Carol Roe, Altruistic Committee Chairman

[carolsroe54@gmail.com](mailto:carolsroe54@gmail.com)

Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa sisters, you continue to amaze me with your **Hearts** for Altruism! I have enjoyed getting to know my Sisters from all over the state through altruism, as our completed documentation was presented at 100%. Emails, text, phone calls...**WE DID IT!**

Our GA State Alpha Delta Kappa altruistic projects at FUN Day were supported beyond our expectations.



Adventure Bags, Alzheimer's Association, St. Jude's, and Ronald McDonald Houses of Georgia were blessed by our support as they all bless others.

I am looking forward to achieving new successes in our Altruistic year..2025-2026. Remember, we have started our new year. Be sure to keep up with those altruistic hours.

Our Altruistic Chairmen are doing a great job on record-keeping!

Have a GREAT summer season. Remember, if you have questions contact me.

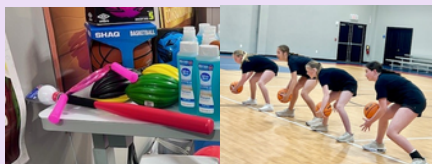
Please remember to continue to send pictures of your altruistic endeavors to me, State Altruistic Chairman ([carolsroe54@gmail.com](mailto:carolsroe54@gmail.com)), State President Terri ([tlsthompson27@gmail.com](mailto:tlsthompson27@gmail.com)) and State Historian Melissa ([melissab.betapi@gmail.com](mailto:melissab.betapi@gmail.com))

With a **HEART** for Altruism!

Carol



Look at these HEARTS for altruism projects!



Alpha Lambda Chapter donated sports equipment to the local Boys & Girls Clubs. Calhoun Middle School girls basketball team showed off skills to the members.



Beta Iota Chapter sisters packing food boxes For Feeding the Valley



Lambda Chapter counting and loading C20 FUN Day project items



Carol Roe's car loaded with Adventure Bags FUN Day C20 project items



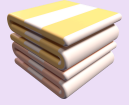


# ALTRUISM IN ACTION GA FUN DAY C20 PROJECT

440 books for  
middle school  
and high school  
students donated



Over 425+  
Hygiene Bags packed





2025



## Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa Our “Longest Day” Team

YOUR PASSION  
CAN HELP  
**FIGHT**  
ALZHEIMER'S



### THANK YOU FUN DAY ATTENDEES!

Our Georgia sisters joined the team and added to our GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA TEAM total! We are now at \$9,045! Thank you SISTERS! What are your chapter plans to FUNdraise and Outshine the Darkness of Alzheimer's while enjoying “sister time” and spreading Awareness? Take pictures and send them to me! [pippyrogersadk@gmail.com](mailto:pippyrogersadk@gmail.com).

I will get them on the ALZ website!

If you haven't signed up yet for our Team, Look below for instructions. Together we will advance the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association! #ENDALZ

CLICK ON THE #ENDALZ BOX TO SIGNUP!

Scroll down to Find OUR  
GEORGIAALPHADELTA KAPPA Team

the end to  
ALZHEIMER'S  
begins with us.

#ENDALZ



## World Understanding is Back!

The International World Understanding Project is designed to promote educational excellence and altruism through the support of global initiatives that align with Alpha Delta Kappa's purposes and mission.

Voting will take place for the 2025-2027 World Understanding project proposals from June 14-19, 2025. Each member will receive an email with a link to a jot form ballot. You may only vote for one of three proposals, and ALL members get a vote. Please take time to read about the 3 proposed projects as published in the March *Kappan*, (p. 23-24), and on the International World Understanding site.

1) Project Sol y Luna 2) S.U.C.C.E.S.S. for the Lost Boys 3) Kadanso Schools  
Be ready to make an informed decision.



## MEMBERSHIP

THANK YOU sisters for a year full of retaining, initiating, recruiting and reinstating Sisters. Please be sure to verify sisters are officially registered on the International Directory. While you are there, we need all phone numbers updated so that our new GA Directory will be updated correctly. Several sisters still have their home phone numbers listed that are no longer in service!

Plans are being made for the 2025-2026 Membership Drive, if you have any ideas please share them with Carolyn at (gagirl511@hotmail.com) and Debbie at (debbieb.adk@gmail.com). New ideas for prizes and rewards are appreciated! We will need to have your ideas no later than May 20<sup>th</sup> to finalize details to kick off a great Membership Drive! One way to look around for new members is when you are serving others through your Church, Community or even on VACATION. Yes, as you travel throughout the state, wear a GA AΔK SHIRT and you'll be amazed at how many questions you get!

Reach out to us if you have any questions at all as you begin planning for the upcoming year. If we don't have the answer, we know someone who will! If you have a question, there are others waiting on someone to ask it.

It was a great FUN DAY! Membership had fun handing out a few \$5 bills and a few other prizes of multiple \$5s, ask your sisters if they won any of them!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALPHA IOTA AND GAMMA DELTA EACH  
WITH 6 NEW INITIATES THIS FIRST YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM.**



### Excellence in Education

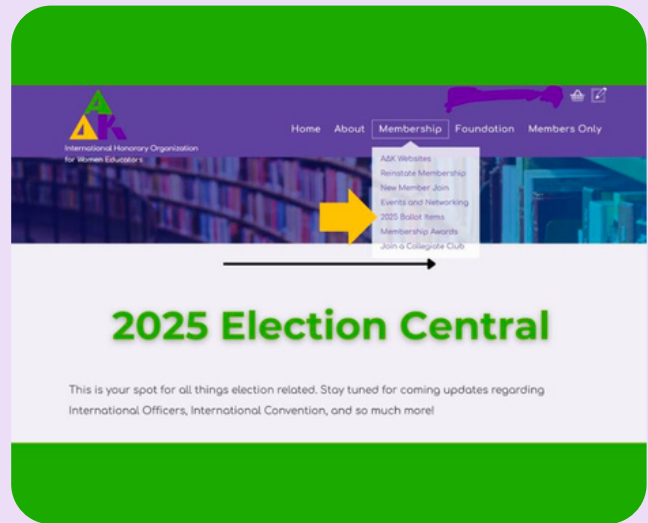


Now is the time to be thinking about who in your chapter or anywhere in Georgia should be nominated for the Excellence in Education Award. While the application process will not be opened until August of 2025, start now. Each biennium, the rules governing the process are reviewed and improved after feedback from the SPN and Regional chairs, along with ideas from the International committee and board (typically the individual has to be working under contract). The revised rules will be posted with as much notice as possible, but my guess is after International Convention. When considering a nominee, please reach out to the sister and make sure she is interested in applying for the Award. Once she has indicated she will apply and after the rules are posted, please compose your nomination narrative in .pdf format. Include why you think this nominee is a good candidate for the award, your name, chapter, and email address. You will then email your .pdf nomination narrative to the nominee to upload to her application. If you have any questions, please contact me at sbonifay72@att.net or at 229 4166195.

**In the interim, best wishes to Dawn Hudson, our GA  
and Gulf EIE recipient, as she competes at  
International for the grand prize.  
Dawn is our champion and hero!**







## 2025 International Convention Voting Schedule

**May 17 at 2 pm CT Zoom Meeting - Open to All Members**  
**“Robert's Rules of Order” to prepare for Proposed Bylaws Amendments or Resolutions Debate and Voting.**  
**Guest Speaker: Richard Rosenblatt, Attorney and Convention Parliamentarian.**

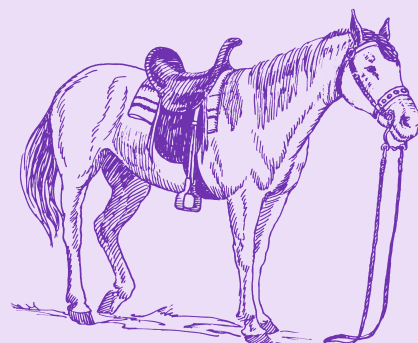
**June 7 at 2 pm CT Special Meeting Called to Order for Consideration of AΔK Bylaws Revision and Proposed Amendments and Resolutions.**  
**LIVE ZOOM DEBATE AND LIVE VOTING for Bylaws Revision and Proposed Amendments and Resolutions - Delegates Only.**  
**Live results announced.**

**June 7 The First Session of the International Convention Called to Order immediately following the Special Meeting for Consideration of AΔK Bylaws Revision and Proposed Amendments and Resolutions.**

**June 7 LIVE ZOOM VOTING for Rules Governing an International Convention (not debatable) - Delegates Only.**

**June 10 Results of Rules Governing International Convention announced and posted on the International website.**

**June 10 Results of Bylaws Proposed Amendments and Resolutions announced and posted on the International website.**



**JW Marriott - Convention Hotel Room Reservations - \$199 through Headquarters**

## Convention Schedule

34th International Convention of Alpha Delta Kappa	
Schedule-at-a-Glance (Tentative-02/25)	Hybrid/Austin, Texas July 10-13, 2025
<b>Saturday, May 17-Virtual</b> 2:00 PM CT Zoom Learning Session w/ Parliamentarian	<b>Thursday, July 10 (continued)</b> 5:00-6:00 Chorus Members Practice 5:00-6:30 S/PHN Atravistic Sales (Exhibits) OPEN EVENING S/PHN Arranged Dinners (optional)
<b>Saturday, June 7-Virtual</b> 2:00 PM CT SPECIAL MEETING-LIVE ZOOM, DELEGATE LIVE DEBATE & LIVE VOTING Proposed Bylaws Amendments, Bylaws Revision, & Proposed Resolutions After the Special Meeting- <b>BUSINESS SESSION</b> Call to Order, Vote on Rules of Convention <b>LIVE VOTE</b>	<b>Friday, July 11-Western Wear Day</b> 7:30 AΔK Golf Scramble 7:45-8:45 Chorus Members Practice 8:00-9:00 Live Registration/ Information 7:45-9:15 Friends of Foundation Breakfast* 9:30-11:15 Regional Membership Seminars 9:30-11:30 S/PHN Atravistic Sales (Exhibits) 10:00-3:00 AΔK Jewelry Sales & Repair Lunch on your own 11:15-1:15 International Membership Committee 26- IMCOP Collaboration Luncheon <b>OPENING SESSION-BUSINESS &amp; HYBRID</b> Chorus Members Practice S/PHN Atravistic Sales (Exhibits) Dinner on own AΔK FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER-Event of Entertainment
<b>Saturday, June 14-Virtual</b> 2:00 PM CT <b>BUSINESS SESSION</b> Call to Order International Candidates LIVE ZOOM with answers to questions recorded	1:30-4:00 5:15-6:15 Chorus Members Practice 5:15-7:15 S/PHN Atravistic Sales (Exhibits) 6:30-7:45 Dinner on own 8:00-10:00
<b>June 16</b> Candidate Recordings on the Website	<b>Saturday, July 12</b> 7:30-8:45 ICP Meeting (1 or 4 S/PHN/PH, Regional, Leaders, IB, PHN & PEBCO)* Breakfast 7:45-8:45 Chorus Members Practice 8:00-9:00 AΔK Association Meeting 8:00-9:00 Attendee Services Information 10:00-3:00 AΔK Jewelry Sales & Repair 9:00-Noon <b>BUSINESS &amp; HYBRID SESSION</b> Keynote Speaker—Theme & Photo Regional Luncheons <b>BUSINESS &amp; HYBRID SESSION</b> Inaugural Luncheon Speakers—Rehearsal Next Gen & Friends Gathering Honorary Service Rehearsal S/PHN Atravistic Sales (Exhibits) OPEN EVENING S/PHN Arranged Dinners (optional)
<b>June 14 to June 19</b> <b>DELEGATES VOTE BY JOTFORM</b> for International Officers and International Atravistic Projects (2** Around June 24-26)	12:15-2:15 2:30-4:30 4:45-6:00 5:45-7:00 5:45-7:00 S/PHN Atravistic Sales (Exhibits) OPEN EVENING S/PHN Arranged Dinners (optional)
<b>June 14 to June 19</b> <b>ALL MEMBERS VOTE BY JOTFORM</b> for the International World Understanding Project	<b>Sunday, July 13</b> 7:45-8:45 Chorus Members Practice 8:00-9:00 Attendee Services Information 8:45-9:30 AΔK Colligate Club Coffee Chat 10:00-11:00 <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> 11:15-12:45 <b>BUSINESS &amp; HYBRID SESSION</b> Excellence in Education Recipients IB & Regional Leaders Reception Installation Banquet—Music & Dancing 7:00-10:00 8:45-11:45
<b>Wednesday, July 9—Austin &amp; Hybrid Begins</b> 9:00-5:00 Leadership Academy Session Noon-7:00 Registration/Information Noon-7:00 S/PHN Atravistic Sales (Exhibits) 11:15-12:15 Leadership Academy Luncheon 1:45-4:00 IB Meeting 4:30-5:30 Assistant Sp at Joint Meeting 5:00-6:00 First Timers (Is an International Convention) Get Together 7:30-8:30 "Bark on the Patio" Party-Level 5 Terrace OPEN EVENING	<b>Monday, July 14*</b> 2025-2027 IB Meeting - Orientation & Brunch 8:45-11:45
<b>Thursday, July 10—EDUC. SYMPOSIUM DAY</b> 8:00-9:00 Registration/Information 10:00-3:00 AΔK Jewelry Sales & Repair 8:45-9:45 <b>OPENING EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM</b> Learning Sessions II 11:15-12:15 Lunch on Your Own 12:30-2:00 Little Wigs & Past S/PHN Presidents' Lunch* 2:15-3:15 Learning Sessions III 3:30-4:30 Closing Educ. Symposium Session Meet & Greet for ITS Scholars - Open to all	

\*By invitation only or designations: ITE International Teacher Education, Little Wigs are all Past International Officers, & International Council of Presidents includes IPH & PEBCO—Past International Presidents & Past Executive Board Chairs



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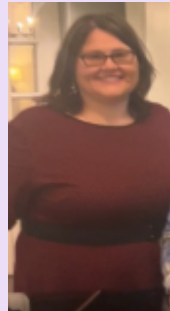
Let's Celebrate!



Welcome Alpha Iota Chapter's newest sister - Pam Ward



Welcome Beta Beta Chapter's newest sister - Linda Fitzpatrick



Welcome Alpha Phi Chapter's newest reinstated member - Tracy Waites

Welcome to Georgia's Honorary Members - ITE Student Sarah Pradoto



Welcome Alpha Iota Chapter's newest Honorary Member - Merry Hubbard



Gamm Beta Chapter furnish snacks to a local elementary school for their Educators Are Heroes grant.



Lambda Chapter used their Educators Are Heroes grant to host perspective members at a local sand which shop.

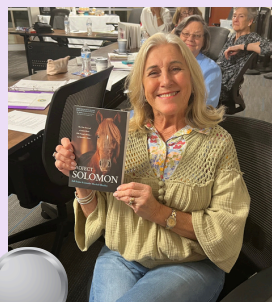
## Congratulations to Georgia's Newest Violet, Silver, Sapphire, and Diamond Sisters

Sherry McKie Alpha Epsilon Chapter Sapphire sister



Debra Sloan Alpha Upsilon Chapter Sapphire sister

Sandra Maxwell Sigma Chapter Silver sister



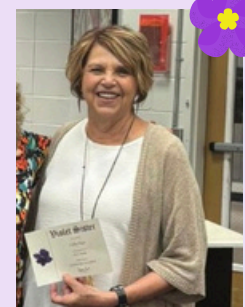
Hazel Stanton Lambda Chapter Diamond sister



Marilyn Ellis and Melinda White Gamma Epsilon Chapter Violet sisters



Cathy Hayes and Charlsie Jones Gamma Beta Chapter Violet sisters





# THANK YOU!

## DISASTER RELIEF



Dear Sisters,

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love, support and generosity during the first year of the Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa 2024-2026 biennium. Not only were you generous with your financial support, but many of you “manned” the Disaster Relief tables at the District Meetings throughout the state both in the fall and the spring. You also offered words of love and kindness. State Treasurer Lisa Tilley was so patient with our “How much do we have now?” emails and texts and State President Terri Thompson hauled our rolling cart of props all over the state. Alpha Epsilon sister Sherry McKie donated the lovely Coach purse for our giveaway prize. **The lucky winner, announced at FUN Day in Macon May 3<sup>rd</sup> was**

**Marcia Doss from Gamma Epsilon Chapter.**

Thanks again!!!

Jewel Hendrix  
Disaster Relief Co-Chair  
jewel3adk@gmail.com



In Sisterhood,  
Jewel & Angela

Angela Hobby  
Disaster Relief Co-Chair  
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## TREASURER REMINDERS



Lisa Tilley, State Treasurer  
[tilleylisa@bellsouth.net](mailto:tilleylisa@bellsouth.net)

The next due date is June 30, 2025. By this date, please submit the Chapter Financial Summary electronically.

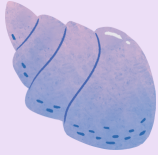
The Chapter Financial Summary replaces all previous financial reports (CI, Cash Flow, Balance Sheet) and is to be submitted electronically to International. The form is no longer sent to State treasurers.

The Chapter Financial Summary submission link and directions can be found at the Alpha Delta Kappa International website - [www.alphadeltakappa.org](http://www.alphadeltakappa.org). Go to Members Only → Resource Library → Chapter Documents → Financial Forms.

After you submit your Chapter Financial Summary electronically to International, please email me at the address above to verify that you have done so.

Thank you for all your hard work!





# Fraternity Education



Find Someone WHO...

We present you with a FUN activity to get to know your sisters. Sisters are to use questions on the page to "find someone who" knows certain information about Alpha Delta Kappa. Then the sister that knows the answer can write their name on the blank. This activity lets the sisters talk to find out more knowledge about their sisters and Alpha Delta Kappa. This is a lighthearted activity that gets the sisters up and chatting!

To access this activity page go directly to our state website Fraternity Education page (under Members) where we have posted a copy here: <https://gaalphadeltakappa.org/fraternity-education/>

Here comes the sun sisters! Be the sunshine in people's lives!

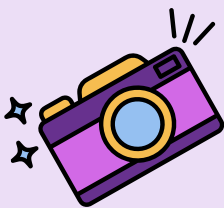


Happy summer Birthday to the queen,  
Karen Gibson. (June 4th)

With salt in the air and sand in our hair,  
Annie and Karen  
State Fraternity Ed Co-Chairs



After 30 years of teaching, Karen is retiring this year. Annie can't stop crying about it!



## Historian Melissa Blankenship

Please submit photos of your chapter meetings, events, and altruism projects!



By Text  
478-397-5396



By Email  
[melissab.betapi@gmail.com](mailto:melissab.betapi@gmail.com)



# April Spring District Meeting

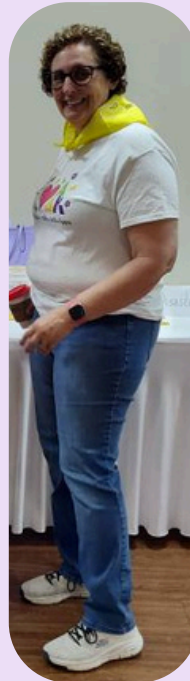
## Dalton District



## Some Guests at FUN Day



**NC President-Elect Yvette Keel and  
Past International President  
Connie Cathey**



**Florida  
Immediate Past  
State President  
Liz Lilly**



**Alabama immediate Past President Kay Taylor,  
Alabama Treasurer Edwina Aaron and Gulf VP  
for Membership Minnie Coon**



**Gulf Region President  
Kay Spriggs**



**KT Immediate Past State President  
Gena Richardson., Honorary GA  
Member ITE Student Sarah Pradoto,  
NC President-Elect Yvette Keel,  
Margie Hogshead, Past Internatinal  
President Connie Cathy**



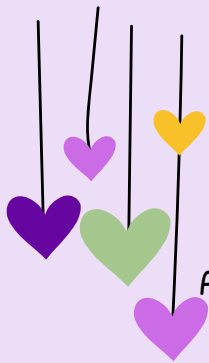
## *Chaplain's Corner*

*by State Chaplain Janet Robison*

When a member of your chapter joins the Omega Chapter please send the following information to me and your district chairman:

Omega Sister's Name, Photo  
Chapter and District Name  
Date of when she joined the Omega Chapter  
A link for her obituary

Thank you!



## Heart Strings of Love

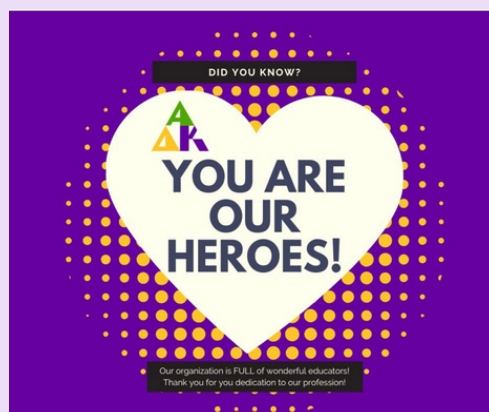
Athens District Chairman Judy Slaton - birth of great-grandson

Sisters who are retiring this spring

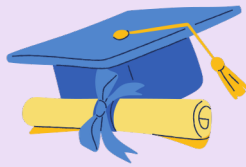
World Understanding Committee Chairman Ruth Rennick - daughter's health

Sisters in Chapters who have lost sisters to the Omega Chapter

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week







## State Scholarship

### Decatur District Chapters Recipients

Beta Chapter - William De Martini

Iota Chapter - Michaela West

Alpha Eta Chapter - Layna Cher

Beta Mu Chapter - Thaila McLymore

### Past State Presidents' Scholarship Recipients

Athens District Psi Chapter - Leslie Barrett Jones

Decatur District Alpha Psi Chapter - Freda Doster

Golden Isles District Tau Chapter - Scarlet Butzin

Golden Isles District Tau Chapter - Melanie G. Spivey

## International Recognition Opportunities



**Distinguished Program Recognition**

**Application Opens June 15th!**

The Distinguished Program Recognition (DPR) acknowledges chapters with outstanding programs that reflect the purposes of Alpha Delta Kappa.

[LEARN MORE >](#)



Deadline June 15th

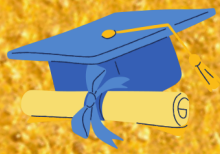


### 6 Ways to

Be clear & concise for your applications to Alpha Delta Kappa Grants & Scholarships

- 1 Use complete sentences.
- 2 Check for spelling and grammar.
- 3 Explain your answers in clear detail.
- 4 Define acronyms with the first use.
- 5 Make sure your purpose and benefits to yourself & students are clearly explained.
- 6 Budget should be itemized.





**\$3000  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**SAVANNAH AΔK  
ΑΓ CHAPTER**



# **Melba Priestley Alpha Delta Kappa Memorial Scholarship**

## **Purpose**

Encourage commitment to educational excellence and give financial assistance to college juniors, seniors or graduate students majoring in Education

## **Details**

- ✓ Awarded every two years in odd year
- ✓ College Junior, Senior, or Graduate Students
- ✓ More information:  
<https://gaalphadeltakappa.org/scholarships-grants/>
- ✓ Online application:  
<https://tinyurl.com/melbapriestley>

## **More Information**

Susan Collins

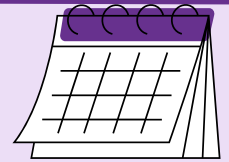
✉ [suscol55@comcast.net](mailto:suscol55@comcast.net)

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## Important Dates



May 1	Early Bird Registration & Delegate Status for the International Convention Deadline
May 2	Spring Executive Board / Advisory Council Meeting - Macon
May 3	Georgia FUN Day
May 30	Melba Priestley Alpha Delta Kappa Memorial Scholarship Deadline
June 14 -16	Convention Delegates vote by JotForm for International Officers
June 14-19	ALL MEMBERS VOTE by JotForm for the 2025-2027 International World Understanding Project
June 15	Distinguished Program Application Opens
June 20	International Convention Late Registration Deadline
June 26	"The Longest Day" Alzheimer's Association
June 30	Georgia Executive Board Mini Retreat
July 1	H-114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary Deadline - send to HQ
July 10-13	Chapter and S/P/N Annual Financial Summary Deadline - send to HQ
	<i>Kappan</i> submissions Deadline for September publication
	2025 International Convention in Austin, Texas



### GA AΔK Shirts

We still have a few shirts available

1 Large

1 Extra Large

\$30.00

Make check out to GA Alpha Delta Kappa.

Mail to President Terri Thompson

All money will be donated to the Ronald McDonald Houses of Georgia.



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Kay Spriggs  
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