



# The Heartbeat of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa

## by Terri Thompson

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WOW, what a July! Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa really shined in Austin, Texas at the International Convention. Our very own GA Beta Epsilon sister Dawn Hudson was named the 2025 International Excellence in Education recipient; Immediate Past State President Debbie Boswell kept everyone on schedule as the International Sergeant-at-Arms with many GA sisters as assistant sergeant-at-arms; GA Beta Iota sister Pippy Rogers inspired everyone at the opening session with the “U” in Altruism and growing membership through altruistic projects; GA Beta Sigma sister Kathy de Cano shared her “Why She Joined AΔK” and her trip to Tanzania for the World Understanding Project C.H.E.A.R.; and State Music Chairman and GA Alpha Rho sister Lori Carnine led the International Chorus with beautiful throughout the convention. Georgia AΔK is proud of these sisters!

Now our calendars turn to August! It is a key month with the start of a new school year. Regular chapter and Executive Board meetings will resume. Hopefully the summer break has renewed enthusiasm for chapter members to continue with the goals that were developed the first year of our biennium. Revisit by reviewing them and make adjustments where necessary. Continue the great work you began. Let’s finish this second year strong!

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

Terri   

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# Congratulations!

Georgia's own and Gulf Region Excellence in Education Recipient, **Dawn Hudson**, (GA Beta Epsilon) is now the 2025 International Excellence in Education Recipient!



I am honored and proud to represent the various chapters, regions, states/provinces/nations for the next two years and look forward to opportunities to connect with even more Alpha Delta Kappa members.  
Dawn Hudson, July 2025



## ★ Excellence in Education Procedure Update ★

Georgia is certainly proud of Dawn Hudson as the International EIE recipient. We would love for someone in **YOUR** chapter to be the next contender at the state, region and international level for 2025-2027. You can find the application at [tiny.cc/9rmq001](https://tiny.cc/9rmq001). The individual must be an active educator (employed) at the time of nomination and at the time the award is presented. The nomination can be made by an AΔK member or oneself. The nominator should reach out to ensure the sister is interested in applying. If she is, write up to 250 words about the nominee's worthiness and her contributions to education. The nominee has until the end of October to complete the application. I feel certain there are sisters in Georgia who would be happy to review a letter of nomination or an application if one so desires. If you have questions, please reach out to me at [sbonifay72@att.net](mailto:sbonifay72@att.net) or (229) 416-6195. Suzi Bonifay--GA EIE Chair



## 2025 - 2027 International Executive Board

International President: **Conway Blankenship**  
International President-Elect: **Mary Ey**  
Immediate Past International President: **Ann Marie Brown**  
Four-Year Member International Executive Board: **Ginger Green**  
Four-Year Member International Executive Board: **Mary Ann Englehart**  
Four-Year Member International Executive Board: **Julie Kidd**  
Four-Year Member International Executive Board: **Terry Peyton**  
Four-Year Member International Executive Board: **Su Wade**  
Four-Year Member International Executive Board: **Roberta Casabon**  
International Vice-President Membership: **Kathy Beatty**  
Two-Year Member International Executive Board: **Leslie Koenck**  
Executive Director: **Christi Smith**



### International Altruistic Projects for the 2025-2027 Biennium **Alzheimer's Association and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**

A World Understanding Project for the 2025-2027 Biennium was put on hold because of high level Travel Advisories by the US Department of State due to civil unrest in the chosen areas.

#### By the Numbers

Banquet - 899

In-person registrations - 829

Guests 70

AΔKCC - 5

AΔKA - 36

Virtual - 256

ITE Scholars - 3

Ed Symposium only

In-person - 9

Virtual - 10

Evening of Entertainment

707 In-person

49 Virtual

Convention Delegates Registered by May 1

In-person - 804

Virtual - 215

Grand Total 1,019



Photos from  
International Convention  
Austin, Texas





# Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa

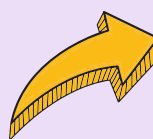
## Our "Longest Day" Team



Our GA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA TEAM is the #2 team behind ADK HQ with \$27,202. We are headed towards the FINISH Line for the #1 Team! Currently we have 2 Chapters who Qualify to receive a donation for their Chapter Scholarship Funds. There is still TIME for your chapter to make the August 31<sup>st</sup> DEADLINE!

Together we are advancing the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association! #ENDALZ

CLICK ON THE #ENDALZ BOX  
To check our Progress  
Scroll down to Find OUR  
GEORGIAALPHADELTA KAPPA Team

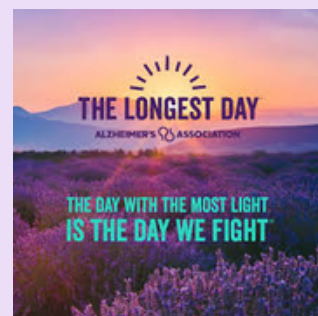


the end to  
ALZHEIMER'S  
begins with us.

#ENDALZ

TOP 10 TEAMS	
Team Name	Amount
Alpha Delta Kappa...	\$43,969
GEORGIA ALPHA ...	\$27,202
Together We Can-...	\$23,178
Ohio Alpha Delta ...	\$16,839
California Cares	\$10,661
VA Violets	\$9,103
NC Alpha Delta Ka...	\$9,095
Maryland Black Ey...	\$8,767
Heartbeat of Kent...	\$8,508
Green Mountain M...	\$7,860

TOP 10 PARTICIPANTS	
Participant Name	Amount
Pippy Rogers	\$15,733
Bettie Carter	\$8,508
Jeanne Desilets	\$7,860
Deborah Price	\$5,112
Mary Ey	\$5,011
GA Gamma Delta ...	\$4,625
John Dell Hucabee	\$4,320
SC Alpha Psi Chap...	\$4,100
Pamela Allen	\$3,470
Dancing Margarita...	\$3,458



A TOP 10 Team - GA Gamma Delta Chapter  
ALZ The Longest Day





# Altruism is the HEART of Alpha Delta Kappa!

by Carol Roe, Altruistic Committee Chairman

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What a great first year, Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa has had in Altruism. We have truly shown our HEART for Altruism by supporting our International, State, District, and Chapter altruistic projects. We're so excited that "Georgia AΔK Violets" will, once again, be a part of the 2025 St. Jude National Virtual Walk in September! We are thankful to support the 2025 St. Jude National Virtual Walk that unites us in the fight against childhood cancer. Remember, September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. St. Jude's lifesaving mission is: "Finding cures. Saving children.® right from your neighborhood!"

Altruism is the HEART of Alpha Delta Kappa! GA AΔK Sisters show that Heart for Altruism to others by word and by deeds!

Our goal this year is \$1,000, as it was last year. We exceeded that goal last year and hope to do so this year. Please support "Georgia AΔK Violets" by donating. I KNOW our Georgia Sisters will help us reach and exceed this goal in September. Please join, I did!

Hope to see your name and/or chapter listed.

Our AΔK direct link:

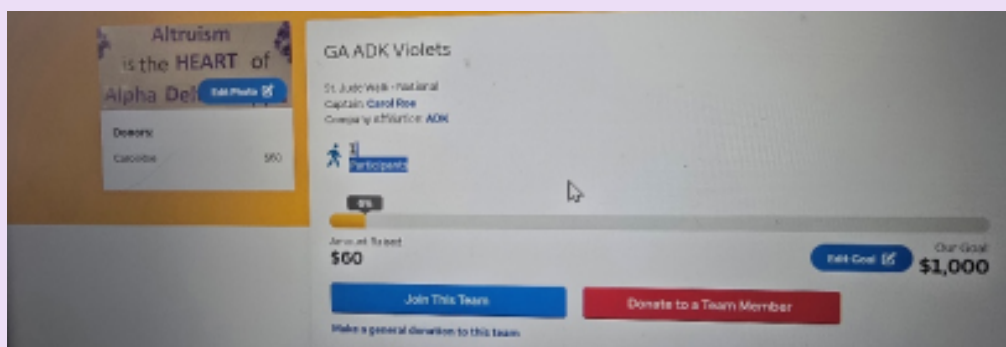
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Please share this link with others.

I look forward to working with all of you!



**St. Jude**  
Walk/Run



Don't forget to send pictures of your altruistic endeavors to me,  
State Historian Melissa ([melissab.betapi@gmail.com](mailto:melissab.betapi@gmail.com)) and  
President Terri ([tlsthompson27@gmail.com](mailto:tlsthompson27@gmail.com)).



# Altruism in Action

## Summer Activities



Alpha Gamma treated campers with ice cream from the Tybee Island Fresh Home Air Summer Camp.



Beta Chi sisters delivered items to Adventure Bags.

Look at these  
HEARTS  
for  
altruism  
projects!



Gamma Epsilon sisters supporting Friends of Tyrone Public Library





## Highlights of the Columbus District

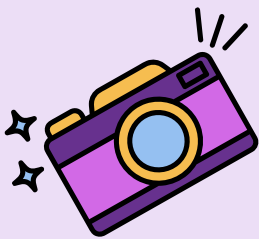


*Beta Theta Chapter  
"Sisters Sharing Gifts through  
Alpha Delta Kappa"*

*Beta Iota Chapter  
"Be the Stars"*

### Do You Know?

- 1) The Columbus District is the smallest district in the state however powerful with its number of state leaders.
- 2) The current GA State President-Elect Pat Smith and State Secretary Lynn Fuller are members of Beta Theta Chapter.
- 3) The State VP for Scholarships Kellie Hubbard is a member of Beta Iota Chapter.
- 4) The Columbus District has a member on the State Advisory Council, District Chairman Debra Atkins from Beta Iota Chapter.



### Historian Melissa Blankenship



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



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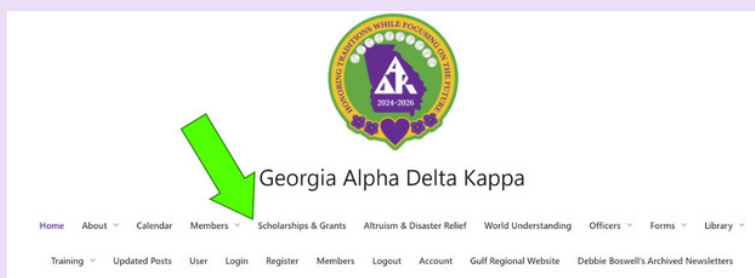


# Scholarship Opportunities

by VP for Scholarships Kellie Hubbard

## Georgia AΔK Website

To find out about scholarships and awards available on the GA AΔK state level, start out by going to the Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa website, <https://gaalphadeltakappa.org/>. Go to the Scholarships & Grants tab at the top of the page. There you will find everything you need to know about Georgia Scholarships.



### State Scholarship Deadlines

2025-2026 Golden Isles District

Applications are currently available.

Applications are due to the chapter by **February 1**.

**Chapter-Endorsed applications are due to VP for Scholarship by March 1.**

### Past State Presidents' Deadlines

Applications are currently available and are due to the VP for Scholarship by **February 1**.

### UPCOMING FALL DEADLINES - INTERNATIONAL

**Oct. 1st** - Classroom Grant Applications Due (members)

**Oct. 15th** - Fall Mini-Regional Scholarship Applications Due (members)

**Nov. 15th** - Innovation Grants Due (non-members)

## International Recognition Opportunities & Deadlines



Deadline August 15th



Nomination Deadline Oct 1st

## *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 and Care

Past International President, Past Georgia State President &  
Gamma Delta sister June Bellamy - broken femur from fall

Past State President & Alpha Beta sister Debbie Clark - health and mother's health & care

Dalton District Co-Chairman & Beta Upsilon sister Mary Jones - hospitalization

Decatur District Chairman & Beta Mu sister - recovery from cataract surgery

Augusta District Chairman-Elect & Alpha Zeta sister Pam Robertson - uncle's death

Gamma Epsilon sister Lea Mazzucco - ICU hospitalization from stroke

Sisters in Chapters who have lost sisters to the Omega Chapter  
Fidelis Xi sister Jeannette Lewallen - Omega Chapter

State Chaplain & Beta Epsilon sister Janet Robison - birth of new grandson

Happy 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alpha Delta Kappa - August 13<sup>th</sup>

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one  
ever come to you without leaving happier."





# Looking Ahead ..... Joint Gulf and South Central 2026 Regional Conference

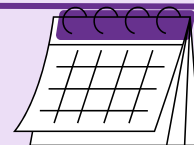


## 2027 International Convention Spokane, Washington





## Important Dates



August 13	Happy 78 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alpha Delta Kappa
August 15	Distinguished Program Recognition Application Deadline
September 1	Regional Officer Candidates Application Opens
September 20	Fall Executive Board / Advisory Council Meeting - Macon
Month of October	Alpha Delta Kappa Month
October 1	GA 101 Chapter Calendar of Meetings Form for 2025-2026 Due to State President
	Classroom Grant Deadline
	<i>Kappan</i> submissions Deadline for December publication
October 11	Columbus District Fall Meeting
October 15	990-N IRS E-Postcard Deadline - Online submission
	Regional Mini Fall Scholarship Application Deadline
October 18	Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) Reflection Conversations to State
October 25	Tri-District Fall Meeting (Atlanta, Decatur, & Marietta Districts)
November 1	Augusta District Fall Meeting
	Chapter and District Budgets Due to State Treasurer
	Excellence in Education Award Nominations Deadline
	Athens District Fall Meeting
November 8	Dalton District Fall Meeting



### GA AΔK Shirts

We still have a GA purple shirt available.

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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