Kappa Communiqué

*Delta Kappa Gamma*

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and

personal growth of women educators and educational excellence.

**Upcoming Meeting**

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

First Baptist Church, Camden

5:00

**Initiation of New Members**

 Lead Hostess: Renee’ Cooper

Sherri Crutchfield, Jenny Miller, & Sharon Latendresse

Inspiration: Linda Clark

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGe**

Kappa Sisters,

I hope everyone enjoyed their spring breaks and are ready to finish the school year out strong!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at initiation to welcome our newest members into our chapter of *key women educators!*

Please remember to respond to Gamma Alpha's Founders' Day invitation before April 15 at <http://evite.me/K7WyH5K1Rz>.

Sincerely,

Crystal

**Member News**

**Benton County teachers enjoyed a beautiful week for Spring Break!**

**Lori Cantrell and Lynn Cole hosted a fun filled evening of Bingo to raise funds for the *Benton County United for a Cure, Relay for Life*.**



**Jenny Miller was able to witness the birth of a baby llama during a visit to her mother in New Albany, Mississippi.**

Kappa President Crystal Nelson was featured in the February edition of XI STATE NEWS.

Hope Street Group interviewed one of their network members **Dr. Laura Jana**, pediatrician, educator, health communicator and author of the new book [The Toddler Brain](http://hopestreetgroup.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=858cd6ffd1de352431795dcfe&id=daded72b17&e=9ec72e7468). Read the Hope Street interview with her [here](http://hopestreetgroup.us4.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=858cd6ffd1de352431795dcfe&id=3ea4e2af52&e=9ec72e7468).

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Founders’ Day

Host: Alpha Gamma

Thursday, May 4

6:00

Paris Winery

2982 Harvey Bowden Road

Paris, TN 38242

**Dates to Remember**

June 1-3, 2017

[Xi State Convention](http://web.safesear.ch/?t=cp&q=Xi%20State%20Convention) at [Sewanee](http://web.safesear.ch/?t=cp&q=Sewanee)



**Legislative News**

ESSA Update from Commissioner of Education Candice McQueen

The entire letter is available at the TN.GOV website. Most important to local educators is the following assurance. “The department of education is committed to supporting teachers throughout the transition to the new assessment through a phase-in of growth scores into their evaluations. This spring, the department proposed legislation to reduce the weight of TNReady to 10 percent for the 2016-17 school year, down from 20 percent, and reset the growth score to phase into teachers’ evaluation over the next three years.”

Representative Tim Wirgeau

Teachers from Henry & Benton County Schools were invited to meet with Representative Wirgeu on March 16 at Henry County High School. Legislative items coming before the education committee included the voucher bill, payroll deductions for dues, and how the gas tax proposal could help education funding.

Representative Wirgeau expressed concerns about “failing” Shelby County schools and assured us that he would not support local vouchers but refused to tell the group how he would vote before he saw the bill in writing.