

DKG: Framed and Reframed
Presentation for Presidents Banquet

TSO Arlington Convention

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for Key Women Educators was framed by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton. Her vision for the future of women educators and education was framed in 1929. It was a vision with a structure designed to be lasting. As we have entered an age of technology, the organization is being reframed to enjoy the advantages of our technology, the joy of sharing worldwide views and meeting the challenges of education in our present and future world.

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In 1933 Dr. Blanton advanced to become a Professor of Rural Education at University of Texas.

Her experiences led her to realize that education was transformative. Social change could be possible through education.

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While working at the State Department of Education....a colleague said to Dr. Blanton:

Schoolman: **The reason women did not accomplish more than they did was that they would not work together.**

Small conversations can make a difference. This one had an impact on Annie Webb Blanton. The status of women and their opportunities for success would be limited without change, social change. Her vision was beginning to take shape. Knowing that education is transformative....

And change can occur with the strength of others.

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society was created to elevate the status of the woman educator for recognition as a professional.

An emphasis on the recognition of excellence would advance the best interests of women educators.

Dr. Blanton believed that by unifying women educators through the bonds of an organization, they could strengthen one another to accomplish worthy endeavors.

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With Dr. Annie Webb Blanton...Who better to implement change than women educators of intelligence, courage, and commitment...yes, her colleagues and friends. Our founders...

Click 2 Miss Mamie Sue Bastian

Click 3 Miss Ruby Cole

Click 4 Miss Mabel Grizzard

Click 5 Dr. Anna Hiss

Click 6 Miss Ray King

Click 7 Miss Sue King

Click 8 Dr. Helen Koch

Click 9 Mrs. Ruby Terrill Lomax

Click 10 Dr. Cora M. Martin

Click 11 Mrs. Lalla M. Odom

Click 12 Mrs. Lela Lee Williams

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And so it begins...in 1929 The Delta Kappa Gamma Society began to expand and was framed into the organization we know today. The work of the Society in 2019 is reframed for relevance to the needs of the world today. The 7 Purposes remain a guide, a standard, for Delta Kappa Gamma chapters worldwide.

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Purpose 1- To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

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Delta Kappa Gamma members from Japan led a style show demonstrating the styles and cultural significance of kimonos.

TSO united to offer aid to members in need during Hurricane Harvey. Relief Grants were presented to members from Lambda Delta.

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Purpose 2- To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.

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There are **56** amazing women who have received the International Honorary Membership. Mary Sanchez recently received the honor.

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92 outstanding women are State Honorary Members.

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207 DKG Members have had schools named for them.

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81 members have had an auditorium, a wing of a school, a library, a park, a stadium, a gymnasium, a residence hall, a building, an administration building, a museum, a pavilion, a conference room, a learning center, an organization, an orchestra room, a playground, or a cafeteria named after them.

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Purpose 3- To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.

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As two examples of DKG women advancing we have:

Beta Pi member, Zelda Saenz, serving as a School Board President.

Marissa Martinez , Zeta Beta chapter member in Area 6, receiving Teacher of the Year for Christian Evers Elementary School in Northside ISD, a San Antonio district.

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Purpose 4 -To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and women educators.

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Delta Pi member Delna Bryan is currently serving as President of NEA-Dallas, an affiliate of TSTA and NEA.

Patti Belknap and Beta Phi members from Arlington visited with Senator Jane Nelson outside the Senate Chambers in April as part of the Arlington Texas Retired Teachers Association.

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Purpose 5-To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.

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Lambda Delta Scholarship Winners, Peyton Lemmons and Hannah Hall, are pictured with their parents. Both girls are going to the University of North Texas in Denton with an education major as their goal.

Cora McFarland Scholarship recipients Kendall Hasse (Theta Alpha); Citlali Molina, (Lambda Theta); Ronnecia Rocio (Delta Rho) and Donna Williams (Delta Pi) and Fran Mahaffey (Delta Pi) are seeking higher degrees.

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Purpose 6- To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

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Eta Zeta member Judy Bryant does yoga!

Nu Alpha member Cherry Guentzal organizes “30 Minute Meals!”

Iota Upsilon Chapter members are practicing self- defense moves!

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Texas DKG Road Scholars have traveled to many places! Joanne Davis among them!

Texas DKG members attended the Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat to explore the arts!

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Purpose 7

To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

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TSO members learn about issues such as Suicide Prevention.

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Theta Chi learns about legislative changes!

Delta Theta members explore the DKG impact of “Schools for Africa!”

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Delta Kappa Gamma is:

Framed by our Purposes

Reframed by the possibilities our Purposes provide for us in our world today.

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton had faith and trust in us, the members of DKG 2019.

How empowering!

May **we** go forward with purpose, faith and trust in what we, as Delta Kappa Gamma members, can and will do.

Thank you for your attention.

Thank you for the work of the TSO Ceremonies Committee.

