

## **Education**

### **Why Sensory Learning? – Zeta Gamma**

A licensed therapist presented information about multi-sensory learning and its effect on brain development in young children. Manipulative objects were used for members to experience brain stimulating activities. Two members presented information about sensory processing disorders and explained the social and emotional play issues related to the disorder.

### **Hang a “Socking” for Early Career Educators – Delta Theta**

Members brought Christmas socks to the meeting and filled them with goodies for teachers and information about DKG. The socks were given to new teachers in their district. In March members brought bread, cookies, and cakes to the early career educators.

### **Parent and Teacher Support for Students in Mexico – Mu Sigma**

The chapter supports staff development programs in northern Mexico. Instructional strategies, called “gallery walks,” were developed to assist both parents and teachers in helping their students learn to read.

### **Where in the World is DKG? Panama! Epsilon Omega**

Visiting teachers spoke to members about challenges they face teaching in Panama. Chapter committee members prepared native foods and a *Life in Panama PowerPoint*. Donations for supplies were contributed to a day care in Panama.

### **Supporting Educators of Honduras – Lambda Eta**

A chapter member provided information about Honduran teachers who would be visiting the chapter. Chapter members committed to providing 30 hours of training on requested topics. Certificates would be presented for the Honduran teachers to submit for salary bonuses.

### **Coins for Cambodia – Beta Zeta**

A guest speaker and several members presented a program about one woman’s journey to Cambodia to learn how to can food for a year-long food supply. Each member made a coin bank and each time a can was opened at home they deposited coins. They also collected donations in the jars. The project raised sufficient money for eight women to attend classes.

### **Learning Through Quilts: Highland Lakes Quilt Club – Alpha Chi**

Members donated books to a local quilters’ club that converts the pages into quilts. The books and quilts were donated to local schools and libraries. The members then assembled pieces to create a quilt representing their own members.

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### **RAP (Raising Academic Performance)- Gamma Omega**

Speakers from the RAP program described the mentoring program and its effectiveness in their school. At regular meetings members donated school supplies, gift cards (Sonic, McDonalds) and Valentines.

### **Success With Success – Kappa Lambda**

The chapter has a partnership with an alternative learning campus in their district. The principal of the school spoke at a meeting. The chapter has organized extensive volunteer efforts: PTA support, goody bags, food, library and office helpers.

### **Thankful for Our First Year Teachers –Iota Upsilon**

The chapter invited all first year teachers in the district to a meeting. Members offered “what I wish I had known advice and ideas”, along with some fun activities. The chapter will continue the SOS (Serving Our Sisters) project which supports early career educators in their district.

### **Book-a-Palooza – Lambda Psi**

The December program introduced the idea of the Book-a-Palooza. Subsequent meetings developed the project and presented two school districts with a meal, free books, literacy games, technology experiences, photo booth, and story time with individuals dressed as story book characters.

### **Exploring the SmartLab-Getting to the HEART of the Future – Alpha Alpha**

Chapter members visited the local high school to experience the new SmartLab. Chapter members were taught how to use the lab by the students

### **Recipes for Success – Theta Alpha**

Each month members submitted “recipes” that included educational strategies, classroom management and suggestions for personal needs, like relieving stress. For the final program a reflexologist demonstrated the virtues of reflexology. The “recipes” were delivered to early educators in a “recipe” box.

### **Days of Loving the Red, White, and Blue – Alpha Gamma**

A chapter member gave an interactive presentation on Mt. Vernon including information about websites teachers can use. Members created book bags to give to CASA.

### **Billy Cate, The Chisholm Trail Cowboy – Epsilon Nu**

The program presenter, Billy Cate, entertained with stories and songs while member learned more about the history of the Chisholm Trail.

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### **Exploring Japan- Theta Mu**

A chapter member presented a program about growing up in Japan. She discussed the advancements in technology, education, and the culture of Japan. Members donated money to send care packages to two Marines stationed in Japan.

### **Elementary School Presentation – Theta Iota**

The chapter visited a local school and learned about its students, history, and challenges. Information about DKG was presented to the administrators. The chapter adopted the school and has provided numerous items and services to both the students and the teachers.