

*"Each of us can be compared to a spoke in a wheel.  
Without each spoke functioning well, our wheel won't turn."*

Alpha Alpha Chapter, Pi State,  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

December  
2019

# Newswheel/



Graduate student presenters Mariela Leon Thomas, Abdel Ait Hammou, and Lucy Leach.

International  
Students  
share  
their  
perspectives



Three graduate students studying at local colleges shared their experiences with Alpha Alpha members at the November 19 chapter meeting. They compared the American system of education and those of their own countries, all of them noting the wider variety of courses available to high school and college students here. In their countries, students declare a learning focus at an earlier age and their course options are then constrained to that field of study. Two of the students also noted that access to education technology was limited. All three are studying at schools in our area because of scholarship programs and plan to return to their home countries after earning their degrees.

- Abdelmounim Ait Hammou, from Casablanca in Morocco, is a graduate student at Nazareth College. He is a teacher in Morocco and plans to teach at the college level when he returns home
- Lucy Leach, British Global Ambassador from Cambridge in England, is studying philosophy and political science at The College at Brockport.
- Mariela Leon Thomas, from Limon, Costa Rica, is a physical therapist and graduate student at Nazareth College.

Also during the November 19 meeting, members bid on mystery one-pound packages to support DKG International World Fellowship grants. The sale of the packages, which were donated by chapter members, raised \$209.

More pictures on page 3.



Members Monica Cosgrove, Lynne Keefer, and Joan Fenton bidding on mystery pound packages to support the DKG scholar awards program.



# *From our President*

Bridget Bishop



Dear Sisters,

As one member said to me, "that was the best program we have ever had!"

She was talking about our November World Fellowships meeting. Three international students spoke about education in their countries and how it compares to education in the United States. Coming from Morocco, Costa Rica, and England, they were both interesting and entertaining. Thanks to Sue Genthner and Linda Wetherell for a great evening. We had our annual "pound" sale to benefit the DKG's World Fellowships fund. By contributing to this fund each year, we help to educate women from around the world who then return to their home countries to share their knowledge.

I plan to use this letter each month to let you know of the many benefits of your membership in Alpha Alpha. Today, after just a few minutes spent on the DKG website, I learned of an array of Insurance Programs that you are eligible for. These include ID Theft Assist, Long Term Care Resources, and a program that protects your reputation (good for active teachers). I also noticed a list of discounts such as Amazon Smile which gives a percentage of your purchase price to DKG funds and a Tru Hearing program giving a 30 to 60% discount on hearing aids. Your yearly dues allow you to be eligible for these benefits and more!

Lastly, our need to fund our many awards is always in the forefront of our chapter activities. You have recently received a packet of materials promoting our latest fund raiser.

Being offered is a gorgeous, completely hand stitched quilt made by Lucille Ribble and once owned by Peg Brown.

Donna Noble is chairing this project and with members of our Executive Board is asking you to participate in this endeavor. Whether or not you can attend meetings, here is your opportunity to support our award programs. Please consider participating in any way that you can!! Thank you all so much!!!

Quote: "If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people." Chinese Proverb

*Happy Holidays to all!*

*Bridget*

## **LINKS**

<http://www.dkgalphaalpha.org/photos.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/AlphaAlphaChapterofDeltaKappaGamma>

# International Students Presentation

## November 19



Donna Noble bidding on a mystery package.



Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott with presenter  
Mariela Leon Thomas.



Anita Mance with presenter  
Abdel Ait Hammou.



Erin St. James and Linda Wetherell.



World Fellowship Committee Chair  
Sue Genthner and Linda Wetherell  
posing with their unplanned matching  
outfits.



World Fellowship Committee members  
World Fellowship Chair Sue Genthner  
introducing the graduate student  
presenters.



## Leah Barrett Named President of Nebraska College

Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska has named former Alpha Alpha Member Leah Barrett as its ninth president. She is the college's first female president and will assume her new role in January 2020. The college is situated in *Norfolk, Nebraska*, 113 miles northwest of Omaha and 83 miles west of Sioux City.

Leah has been serving Northern Wyoming Community College as vice president for student affairs. Prior to her time in Wyoming, she served as the associate vice president for enrollment management and student affairs at The College at Brockport (State University of New York) from 2008-2016. She earned her doctorate (Ed.D.) in executive leadership from St. John Fisher College. Leah grew up in Wyoming. She and her husband, Doug, have two sons, Sean, 14, and Finnian, 11.



Leah was an active member of our chapter from 2012 to 2016 during her tenure at The College at Brockport.

### You are invited . . .

Our president Bridget Bishop invites all interested chapter members to her home at 115 Sherwood Drive, Brockport on Tuesday, December 3 at 1:00 pm to help consider ways we might celebrate our chapter's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020.

Please let her know if you plan to attend!!!  
[meanmom5@rochester.rr.com](mailto:meanmom5@rochester.rr.com) or 585- 637-2422)

And if you'd like to attend but would need a ride let Bridget know.

## Upcoming Events

December 8	Lunch and Holiday Shopping	Judy Fuller's Simply NY store
January 25	Joint Legislative Brunch	St John Fisher College
March 25	Helen Quinn Award Dinner	Ridgemont Country Club
May 7	Founders' Day: Alpha Alpha 65 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Orientation, Installation of Officers	Lakeshore Country Club
June 6	Awards Breakfast	Cooper Hall- College at Brockport



**Helen E. Quinn  
Service to Education  
Award 2020**

***Helen Quinn was a highly respected and admired educator, a beloved counselor, and guidance director. She was also a dedicated member of Alpha Alpha and the chapter's second president. Alpha Alpha named this prestigious award in Helen's honor and memory.***

The Helen E. Quinn Service to Education Award honors a woman who has a record of service to education in a professional and/or volunteer capacity and who is not a Delta Kappa Gamma member.

**Presentation of this award will be at our dinner meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 4:30 PM at the Ridgemont Country Club. Recipient must attend the dinner to receive the award.**

If you know someone who fits this description and deserves this recognition, please complete and return the nomination form below, with your rationale on a separate page, by **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15** to:

Dr. Rosemary Callard-Szulgit ([szulgit2@aol.com](mailto:szulgit2@aol.com))  
79 Nunda Blvd., Rochester 14610.  
Or call Rosemary with questions at 585-201-1505.



### **Nomination Form**

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate page, please provide rationale for your recommendation. Include information regarding professional and volunteer contributions and in what capacity. Include a descriptive statement as to how the candidate has demonstrated service to education.

Decisions will be made on information you supply, by members of the Helen E. Quinn Award Committee, chaired by Dr. Rosemary Callard-Szulgit, after the January 15 deadline. Nominee must attend the March 25 dinner to receive the award.

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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# HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXCURSION & LUNCH

A social gathering not to be missed



12:00 Noon  
Sunday, December 8, 2019  
**Nick's Sea Breeze Inn**

4581 Culver Road (near Sea Breeze Amusement Park)

**Indulge in Holiday shopping  
at Judy Fuller's Simply New York  
before &/or after lunch**

10% of the purchase price of all items in Simply New York  
sold to Alpha Alpha Members on December 8  
will be donated to the Rochester strand  
of our chapter's scholar award funds.

By December 1, contact Mary Ann Geone (585 315-1812  
or [m\\_genie@yahoo.com](mailto:m_genie@yahoo.com)) if you plan to attend lunch.



Alpha Alpha & Beta Eta Chapters  
of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
present



# Joint Legislative Brunch

Saturday, January 25, 2020

COP Campus Center, Haffey Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

St. John Fisher College

9:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

## The Continuing Teacher Shortage: What's Being Done About It?



Christopher Zeltmann

Learn what is being done  
– and what should be done –  
at the federal and state levels  
to alleviate the ongoing teacher shortage.

**Jamie Dangler, Ph.D.**, Vice President for Academics, United University Professionals, will discuss state initiatives affecting teacher preparation.

**Christopher Zeltmann**, Rochester Regional Director for Senator Charles Schumer, will focus on federal issues affecting teacher preparation and loan forgiveness.



Dr. Jamie Dangler

### REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this registration with your check for \$17.00 per meal payable to Alpha Alpha, by Monday, January 20, 2020 to Elaine Leshnower (Alpha Alpha), 216 Village Lane, Rochester, NY 14610.

To learn more, contact (585) 442-9180 or email Elaine at [aleshnaowen@rochester.rr.com](mailto:aleshnaowen@rochester.rr.com).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ (Please list guests below):

Mobility assistance needed:  YES  NO

Please list any food allergies/food needs: \_\_\_\_\_

A benefit drawing & sales of handicrafts  
will support

Alpha Alpha & Beta Eta  
scholar award programs.  
Cash or checks accepted.

Alpha Alpha & Beta Eta welcome guests and members  
from other Delta Kappa Gamma Chapters.

Map and directions will be sent with confirmation.



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**2018-2020 Alpha Alpha Officers :**

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**NEXT NEWSWHEEL DEADLINE: December 10**

*At any time, please forward items you'd like included in the Newswheel to the editor at the email address listed above.*

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## December and January Birthdays

### December

- 19 Aggie Seneway
- 29 Lori Burch

### January

- 2 Jeanette Banker
- 3 Roselyn Freedman-Baum
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