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Omicron Pi Chapter Continues Award-Winning Streak at Convo 2018

The 52nd Kappa Delta Pi Convocation (Convo) was held November 1-3, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, Indiana. More than 75 workshops, keynote speakers, idea exchanges, and networking opportunities made Convo truly a one-of-a-kind experience. KDP's Convocation provided educators an opportunity to network with like-minded colleagues from across the globe, allowing for an excellent, proven means of professional growth. In this challenging educational environment, attendees were reminded of the honor, responsibility, and importance of being a teacher.

Omicron Pi Chapter Counselor Dr. Misty Hathcock and two officers, President Sarah Huthchinson, and Fundraising Co-Chair Fabienne Francis, attended Convocation and participated in training for chapter leaders, met education rock stars including members of the Laureate Chapter, presented workshops, and attended lesson learned and poster sessions.

Continuing to be recognized as an award-winning chapter, Omicron Pi received two awards honoring the impactful programming and service provided by members of our chapter during the last biennium – the Program Award for Professional Development and Literacy Alive Bronze Award. The Program Award recognizes chapters for demonstrating excellence in one of six program areas: service, professional development, fundraising, membership, education for sustainability, and communication.

Sarah Hutchinson offered an overview about her great experience:

"Convocation 2018 was an incredible networking and professional development opportunity. I loved the environment of educators from all over

the world coming together to learn more about their profession. One specific highlight was the "Secrets of Officer Leadership" session I attended. It was so great to meet officers from all over and exchange feedback and offer advice about leading a KDP chapter!"

Fabienne Francis had this to say about her experience: *"Attending a conference is a professionally rewarding experience. In addition to socializing with KDP members from other institutions, it's an amazing opportunity to converse with other people in your field, hear what others are doing, inspire ideas, and expose you to different styles of presentation. I was able to attend many breakout sessions where I learned valuable information applicable to my future classrooms. The highlight was receiving the Literacy Alive award and being recognized as a pilot chapter for Celebration of Teaching. Thanks Dr. Hathcock and Omicron Pi for a great experience!"*



Program of Excellence and Literacy Alive Awards

At Convo 2018, Omicron Pi Chapter received the Program Award for Professional Development for Teacher Toolbox Tuesdays. Teacher Toolbox Tuesdays (TTT) are one-hour professional development workshops held once a month (midday and evening) for pre-service teachers. Topics vary from year to year and include classroom management, wellness and self-care, building relationships, using data to differentiate, strategies for working with students with special needs/learning needs, and how to get the teaching job you really want. Since 2011, the Omicron Pi Chapter has offered 149 workshops to more than 3039 pre-service teachers.



For the 2017-18 Literacy Alive project, 49ers Read-In, the Omicron Pi Chapter received a bronze award. In April 2018, Omicron Pi hosted 160 second graders from Newell Elementary School for the 9th annual and final Literacy Alive 49ers Read-In. The semester-long project included three events – a read-in at Newell Elementary to prepare students for the campus visit, a day-long campus visit, and a reflective writing activity following the campus visit. The campus visit included campus tours, lunch, STEM activities, college life panel, and interactive reading activities. The elementary students were “49ers for the Day” and presented a “reading resource” bag at the end of the day which included a leveled book, KDP bookmark, UNCC pencil, and post-it-notes. The total number of books donated for this project was 335 (160 books for

students and 7 classroom sets of books for the teachers). Partners for the event included the Cato College of Education, Teacher Education Learning Community, Student NC Association of Educators, Center for STEM Education, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. The total number of volunteer hours for the project was approximately 250 hours.

Our achievement is featured on the KDP blog post <https://blog.kdp.org/2018/07/16/proudly-announcing-the-2017-2018-award-winners/>.

Celebration of Teaching: Future 49ers Teach

By My'Asia Jaaber

More than 350 NC high school students participated in Omicron Pi Chapter's Celebration of Teaching: Future 49ers Teach event on November 8, 2018. Students began their day with remarks from Cato College of Education NC Teaching Fellow alumna, Jessica Hendley. Following the opening session, students enjoyed breakout sessions including a panel of UNCC students, *Reflecting on the Teaching Profession* by Dr. Adam Myers, *Admission 101* by Chelsea Boham, *Teacher Education Programs and How to Fund Them* by Brad Smith, *Questions for a Beginning Teacher* by Jessica Hendley and *NC Teaching Fellows* by Dr. Heather Coffey. Other activities included campus tours and lunch. The day concluded with a resource fair where students could engage with the representatives from different programs in the Cato College of Education.

I'm grateful to have the opportunity to serve as Omicron Pi Programming Chair and assist in the coordination of events such as Celebration of Teaching. After the student panel, I had the opportunity to talk to several students from different schools in our region. While speaking with students, I shared my personal story and had an impact on students who no longer had the desire to attend college. After speaking with several students participating in the Future 49ers Teach event, they were all thankful to not only have a day away from school, but to spend the day learning about becoming a 49er. It is events like Future 49ers Teach that help high school students realize that their goals are obtainable and important.



Teacher Toolbox Tuesday

By Chressy Rayfield

The Omicron Pi Chapter offers Teacher Toolbox Tuesdays (TTT) professional development workshops for pre-service teacher education students once a month from 1:00-2:00pm in the Student Union. These interactive workshops provide helpful and interesting information for future teachers. Once a semester, door prizes of KDP books that align with the workshops are offered. This fall the TTT workshops offered were resume writing, building relationships with colleagues, and wellness and self-care.

TTT workshops are also offered for student teachers in the evening from 5:00-6:00pm. Topics included classroom management, using data to differentiate, networking, resume/cover letter writing, and how to get the teaching job you really want. At the last TTT of the semester, student teachers were given the opportunity to ask questions and network with the principals from surrounding districts.

To attend a TTT workshop, register online at the link below. We look forward to seeing you in the spring semester!

Register now for Teacher Toolbox Tuesday Professional Development Workshops for Spring 2019

TTT Workshops are FREE! They are one-hour long from **1:00-2:00 pm** in **STUN 263**.

Online Registration is required at the following link:

<https://first3.uncc.edu/teacher-toolbox-tuesdays-ttt>

February 12—Classroom Management 101

March 12—Active Engagement

April 9—Reflection: Ending on a High Note

Welcome New Members to Kappa Delta Pi!

By Tyler McDougald

Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society, fosters excellence in education and promotes fellowship among those dedicated to teaching. KDP members are provided with countless opportunities for networking, leadership, and professional growth as well as scholarship and grants to assist in continuing education.

Qualifications for membership into the Omicron Pi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at UNC Charlotte are:

- ◆ Undergraduate students: 3.5 cumulative GPA, 30+ credit hours, and admission to Teacher Education
- ◆ Graduate students: 3.5 cumulative GPA and 12+ credit hours in an Education Graduate Program

This fall, we welcome 10 new initiates to the Omicron Pi Chapter! These new initiates are student teachers graduating in December: Rachel Barrier, Mariel Cooke, Madison Cooper, Lindsay Dillon, Megan Geddings, Kathryn Stuart, Tiana Thompson, Cheri Todd, Andrea Trull, and Kathryn Van Hoy.

The next opportunity to join will be spring 2019. Invitations for membership will be extended via UNCC email in mid-March. An interest meeting will be held March 12 at 5:30pm in COED 010. We look forward to meeting prospective KDP members in the Spring!



KDP Fundraising

By Fabienne Francis

KDP's Omicron Pi Chapter currently is devoting fundraising efforts towards sending our officers to KDP Convocation 2019. We're offering two options this semester for you to help us reach our goal and we appreciate your support!

- 1) Purchase our new Cato College of Education sweatshirt for \$20
- 2) Support KDP by having friends and family purchase tickets to the 49er Men's basketball game against ECU on Tuesday, December 18th at 7:30 pm through this site:

<https://fevo.me/EducatorAppreciationNight>



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