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Omicron Pi Chapter Newsletter

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Omicron Pi Chapter Continues Award-Winning Streak at Convo 2019



The Omicron Pi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi continued its award-winning streak with a trio of honors at the 53rd Kappa Delta Pi Convocation in October 2019 in Norfolk, VA. The event included more than 75 workshops, keynote speakers, idea exchanges, and networking opportunities. Omicron Pi Chapter Counselor Dr. Misty Hathcock, Associate Counselor Debra Diegmann, and chapter officers Chressy Rayfield, Noah Horn, Calysta Castillo, Mackenize Marlow, and Dakota Walker attended KDP Convo 2019.

Omicron Pi Chapter received its 4th ACE Award. The Achieving Chapter Excellence Award (ACE) Awards Program recognizes Kappa Delta Pi chapters that exhibit outstanding programming in support of the Society's mission and strategic goals. Since its inception, chapters across the country have aspired to offer creative, purposeful programming and a full slate of chapter activities with the hope of earning this coveted award. This year, the Omicron Pi Chapter was **1-of-16** to win the ACE Award.

For Celebration of Teaching, Kappa Delta Pi's newest Signature Service initiative, the Omicron Pi Chapter was **1-of-5** to receive

the highest award – Gold Award – for Future 49ers TEACH Day. KDP Officers participated in a poster session on our award-winning program.

Omicron Pi Chapter Counselor, Dr. Misty Hathcock was **1-of-7** inducted into the distinguished Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter. The Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter honors men and women who have made significant and longtime contributions of service to KDP as well as demonstrated a commitment to its ideals and to excellence in education.

Read all about the Omicron Pi Chapter's accomplishments on the Cato College of Education's website using this link <https://education.uncc.edu/international-education-honor-society-earns-trio-awards>



Celebration of Teaching Award and Poster Session

At Convo 2019, Omicron Pi Chapter received the Gold Award for Celebration of Teaching: Future 49ers TEACH. The officers also presented a poster session on the event at Convo. Future 49ers Teach program is a large-scale community event that sees hundreds of local high school students brought to the UNC Charlotte campus to celebrate and promote the profession of teaching. This year, more than 200 high school students participated in the event. The day's activities included a KDP keynote speaker, breakout sessions, student panel, campus tour, lunch, and a resource fair. Omicron Pi Chapter members led the student panel discussion and individual breakout session which allowed prospective UNCC applicants to ask questions about the education program and the KDP chapter. KDP members also led the tours and ate lunch with the participants in order to network. The most impressive thing about this program is its results. More than 50% of the students that participated in Future 49ers Teach applied to UNC Charlotte, either before or after the event. The Omicron Pi Chapter continues to prove how valuable a KDP chapter can be to their institution! Our achievement is featured on the KDP website <https://www.kdp.org/service/COT/pdf/18-19AwardWinners.pdf>



Counselor Hathcock Inducted into Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter

The Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter, established at Convo 2011, honors men and women who have made significant and long-time contributions of service to KDP as well as demonstrated a commitment to its ideals and to excellence in education. The Chapter is named for Eleanor Roosevelt, a champion of education who was inducted into KDP's Laureate Chapter in 1949. The Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter is composed of a maximum of 100 living members. Membership in the honorary chapter is by nomination and inclusive of all qualifying members—regardless of education position. Membership in the chapter is a lifetime appointment and recognized KDP members who have an extensive history of involvement and commitment to the Society. <https://www.kdp.org/recognition/eleanorrooseveltchapter.php>



Celebration of Teaching: Future 49ers Teach



More than 200 NC high school students participated in Omicron Pi Chapter's Celebration of Teaching: Future 49ers Teach event on November 14, 2019. 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 Dr. 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 and additional breakout sessions

where students could engage with the representatives from different programs in the Cato College of Education. A special thank you to Omicron Pi Co-Presidents Chressy Rayfield and Dakota Walker for serving as co-planners for this event and for all officers who facilitated sessions and lead campus tours!



FUTURE 49ERS TEACH DAY

JOIN US FOR A DAY DEDICATED TO
BECOMING A TEACHER IN NORTH CAROLINA!

NOVEMBER 14, 2019 | 9:00-1:00 PM
CONE CENTER | UNC CHARLOTTE MAIN CAMPUS

- ▶ ENGAGE IN BREAK OUT SESSIONS
- ▶ MEET OUR FACULTY AND CURRENT STUDENTS
- ▶ HEAR FROM UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
- ▶ TAKE A CAMPUS TOUR
- ▶ PLAY GAMES AND WIN PRIZES
- ▶ LEARN WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A TEACHER AND A NINER ALL IN ONE DAY

Teacher Cadet classes, school groups, individual students and families and all prospective students in grades 11-12 are welcome to attend. Documentation of a college visit will be available upon request.

Contact the Cato College of Education recruitment office at treruitment@unccl.edu for more information.

Teacher Toolbox Tuesday

by Chressy Rayfield

During the fall semester, Omicron Pi Chapter offered Teacher Toolbox Tuesdays (TTT) one-hour professional development workshops for preservice teacher education students once a month: September-Brooke Brown (Career Center) presented on resume writing; October-Dr. Sandy Rogelberg (REEL) presented on growth mindset; and November-Dr. Taryne M. Mingo (CNSL) presented on art of wellness. We would like to express our appreciation to all workshop presenters!

TTT workshops were also offered for student teachers to help prepare them for their careers as educators. These one-hour evening workshops are included: classroom organization/management (NCNTSP coaches), using data to differentiate (NCNTSP coaches), resume/cover letter writing & networking (Brooke Brown), and how to get the teaching job you really want (principal panel).

If you would like to attend a TTT workshop next semester, please register online (link below). We look forward to seeing you in the spring semester!

Register now for Teacher Toolbox Tuesday Professional Development Workshops for Spring 2020

TTT Workshops are FREE! They are one-hour long from **1:00-2:00 pm** in **STUN 265**.

Online Registration is required at the following link:

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

February 11—Classroom Management 101

March 10—Active Engagement

April 9—Reflection: Ending on a High Note

Welcome New Members to Kappa Delta Pi!

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 11 new initiates to the Omicron Pi Chapter! These new initiates were student teachers graduating in December: Kristina Cummings, Kimberly Guffey, ReneeMcKinney, Nicole Mitchell, London Moffitt, Emily Morris, Blair Pack, Sushma Rangaswamy, Brittany Robinson, Billie Strickler, and Jasmine Yancey

The next opportunity to join will be spring 2020. Invitations for membership will be extended via UNCC email in late January. An interest meeting will be held March 31 at 5:30pm in COED 010. We look forward to meeting prospective KDP members in the Spring!

Love of Reading

On Friday, February 14, 2020, the Omicron Pi Chapter will team up with Phi Kappa Phi Chapter at UNC Charlotte for our literacy event—Love of Reading.

We are excited to announce our partnership with Reedy Creek Elementary School in Charlotte to host our first ever Love of Reading event. The event will be held Friday, February 14 from 9:00 am - 10:00 am at the elementary school. During this event we will read to every classroom using books that will then be donated to the classrooms. Each student will receive a “love of reading” bookmark too.



There will be a training session Tuesday, February 11 to help you prepare to read to the students. There will be two sessions offered, but you only need to attend one:

- Session 1—2:30 pm in STUN 265
- Session 2—5:30 pm in COED 010

In order for this event to work, we need YOU! Please sign up [HERE](#).

Please mark your calendar and help make this event memorable for the students at Reedy Creek Elementary School!

KDP Fundraising

COED t-shirts (\$15 each)

KDP chapter baseball shirts (\$20)

Look for the sales table in the COED atrium or contact Logan Ellis lellis24@uncc.edu
Dakota Walker dwalke69@uncc.edu to make a purchase.





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WEEBLY COMING SOON!



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