



What is Kappa Delta Pi?

Kappa Delta Pi is an International Honor Society in Education that was founded in 1911 at the University of Illinois. Our society was established to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching. The Omicron Pi Chapter of KDP at UNC Charlotte, installed in 1981, promotes excellence in and recognizes outstanding contributions to education.

2020-2021 Officers

Dr. Misty Hathcock: Counselor

Mrs. Debra Diegmann: Associate Counselor

Logan Ellis: Co-President

Dakota Walker: Co-President

Madison Liddle: Secretary

Tracy Griffiths: Fundraising/Membership

Morgan Jenkins: Fundraising/Membership

Dawson Overby: Communications/Social Media

Nicole Cook: Communications/Social Media

Hannah Cushing: Service

Claire Birmingham: Service

A letter from Co-President Logan Ellis



Dear KDP Omicron Pi Chapter Members,

It has been my privilege to serve as your Co-President for the 2020-2021 school year! You all never cease to amaze me. Your dedication to the education profession is inspiring.

The Omicron Pi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi has hosted several different events. We had Niner for a Day, Love of Reading, and several Teacher Toolbox Tuesdays. We have been able to do all of this virtually, and that is amazing. Each event was outstanding and you all are to thank for that success.

To my Co-President, Dakota, thank you for allowing me to team-up with you this year. You are an amazing future educator and an even better friend. You are going to do fantastic things in your future and I cannot wait to see your success.

To the Executive Board Officers: Morgan, Madison, Tracy, Dawson, Nicole, Hannah, and Claire, thank you for your time, service, and commitment to Kappa Delta Pi and specifically the Omicron Pi Chapter at UNC Charlotte. You all continue to inspire me to be the best person and educator I can be.

To Dr. Hathcock and Mrs. Diegmann, thank you for your dedication to Kappa Delta Pi and the Cato College of Education. Your support, motivation, and encouragement to myself and the other chapter members has been very important and appreciated.

To the graduating members, I wish you all the best. I am incredibly proud to see all of us graduate even after spending the past three semesters in a pandemic. You are all so strong and will be phenomenal educators.

The Omicron Pi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi has made such an impact on me and my teaching career. You all will hold a special place in my heart. I am excited to see how the chapter continues to grow. Please keep in touch! I would love to help celebrate your WINS and offer guidance in the future! You can find me on Twitter @mr___ellis.

Thank you and good luck,
Logan Ellis

A letter from Co-President Dakota Walker



Dakota Walker

Dear KDP Omicron Pi Chapter members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be co-president for the 2020-2021 school year. It has been such a blessing and a privilege. This group of individuals I get to work alongside, create events with and spend time celebrating our profession are some of the best and brightest and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for everyone.

I am excited to be able to take on another year working with the executive board and our counselors Dr. Hathcock and Mrs. Diegmann. As much as I am excited for another year, I will miss those who are graduating dearly. You guys have been the best support system through this time of virtual learning, meetings and holding events. I cannot wait to see all of the great things you guys do as you begin your new journey in the profession and grow along the way.

To Logan, my co-president, I have been so lucky to be able to serve beside you. Thank you for all the help and hard work you have put into KDP during our time serving together. Your determination and motivation radiates and I am so excited to see you flourish in a classroom on your own. Thank you for all the laughs during meetings, for answering my crazy questions and always having a caring and helpful heart towards anyone. I wish you the best of luck as we go our separate ways.

To our members who are graduating this year, congratulations! We are so excited for you and this huge accomplishment. As you move on into your jobs and careers, we look forward to hearing from you and want to be able to be a part of your journey, even though you may not be students in the classroom anymore. I wish we could celebrate in person, but until then, this letter will have to do!

I am ecstatic to see what next year holds for me as I take on another year on the executive board but I am more excited to be able to find more ways to interact with our members, grow in professional development and celebrate the paths we have chosen daily.

Thank you and best of luck on your endeavors,
Dakota Walker

KDP Initiation

Our KDP Omicron Pi Chapter initiated 154 new members as we celebrated our 40th initiation ceremony on May 6, 2021. Since our chapter's inception, this was the largest number of initiates we have ever inducted! Below we list our new members – Welcome to Kappa Delta Pi!

Terrance Ancrum
Gina Antilus
Antina Avery
Ashley Beauchamp
Evelyn Bonilla
Shakika Booker
Ollie Brantley
Nicola Bridges
Sidney Brockenborough
Julia Brodsky
Brittany Brooks
Cassie Bryson-Evans
Dominique Burton
Marilyn Butterworth
Danielle Byrnes
McKinley Campbell
Caitlin Canada
Dalay Canon
Jennifer Carlson
Tracey Carney
Carli Carpenter
Ashley Carter
Liz Johnson
Africa Cherry
Nicole Cheslak
Ryan Chester
Myron Claeys
Autumn Clancy
Jaclyn Clark
Kaitlyn Collins
Sonya Collins
Jill Cormier
Bethany Corwin
Sherry Crawford
Brooke Cuddington
Ashleigh Cutrell
Sabrina Davenport
Michele Delange
Esperanza Diaz
Ronald Dover
Heather Drye
Alishia Duncan

Hollie Easterling
Aaron Eisenberg
Jasmine Emanuel
Breonna Evans
Allison Falls
Aalaa Fouly
Jennifer Fowler
Meghan Frazier
Emily Freeman
Esther Garcia
Tamara Gaspar
Deondra Gladney
Kreg Goad
Thomas Goodwin
Alyssa Gray
Megan Hager
Krista Hagin
Alexis Hamburg
Caroline Hann
Scarlett Harrington
Kelly Harris
Sherry Harvey Hatcher
Marianna Herron
Alyssa Hesson
Wanda Hightower
Madison Hildreth
Selebrity Hill
Savannah Hollifield
Nebraska Honeycutt
Alison Hooker
Lauren Huneycutt
Karen Ingram
Maddison Ingram
Macy Jeffries
Alyssa Jimenez
Ann Jolly
Carson Kane
Brittany Kantrowitz
Lesli Kathman
Brian Kennedy
Ashley Kiefer
Anne King

Tokira Labady
Stephanie Lane
Sherard Lasster
Jennifer Lay
Elena Lenis Zuluaga
Curtis Lewis
Peyton Lindsay
Christine Joy Macapagal
Leanne Mansfield
Bethany Martin
Ashley Matson
Cynthia Mayo
Ashley Maziarz
Connor McDade
Gabrielle McDaniel
Casey Miller
Aimee Miller
Latonda Mitchell
Erin Moore
Joseph Moree
Lauren Morissette
Jerricka Mullinix
Happiness Nwauwa
Kayleen Oetjens
Olanrewaju Oriowo
Shana Ownbey
Olympia Palamaris
Adrienne Pandy
Goeun Park
Elizabeth Parsons
Lauren Patterson
Elanna Peay
S. Perry
Chelsea Quintero
Myranda Reza Jaimes
Hailey Riveroll
Angelia Robbins
Nashaly Ruiz-Gonzalez
Ladan Sariri
Kia Saunders
Andrea Schmitt
Kayla Schmitz

Martine Schoubert
Riley Shaner
Nicole Shanley
Latiffany Shine
Abigail Shumar
Julia Sloley
Mary Smith
Michelle Smith
Kirsten Smitherman
Steven Smyre

Tina Sneed
Arianna Sondrini
Meredith Spencer
Lydia Stanton
Melinda Stevens
Amanda Styles
Caroline Swindell
Kristy Teague
Ciena Tineo
Carson Uselman

Camille Walters
Savannah Ward
Kristoria Williams
Tiffany Wilson
Meredith Wyatt

Love of Reading

For the past two years, the KDP Omicron Pi Chapter has partnered with the UNCC Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society for the Love of Reading Service Project. In 2019-20, our school partner was Reedy Creek Elementary School. Members from both chapters participated in a read-in in February where we read books to each class of students. Copies of each book were given to each classroom teacher and love of reading bookmarks to every student.

In 2020-21, our LOR project went virtual and we added Niner University Elementary as a school partner. In the fall, we hosted a book/supply drive where each school created a wishlist and chapter members could purchase books/supplies for each school. In February, we hosted our virtual read-in. Chapter members volunteered to read selected books aloud and videotaped themselves reading. A special website was created for each school where the videos were housed. Bookmarks for students were created with the QR code for the website. Books and bookmarks were delivered to the schools. Reedy Creek held their Love of Reading Day on February 19 and 22 and Niner University on March 8 when students had returned to in-person learning. In addition to the LOR bookmark, every student at Niner University received their very own copy of the book being read by our KDP volunteers.

We cannot wait until next year's Love of Reading when we can return to in-person visits to the schools!



Teacher Toolbox Tuesdays

Teacher Toolbox Tuesdays are virtual professional development workshops hosted by KDP Omicron Pi Chapter. These workshops are available to Education majors (undergraduate and graduate students), Student Teachers/Beginning Teachers, and KDP Chapter Members at UNC Charlotte.

In the fall our workshops included the following topics:

- Resume Writing 101
- Tips for Virtual Teaching/Learning
- Wellness and Self Care

In the spring our workshops included the following topics:

- Management/Building Community
- Student Engagement
- Reflection: Ending on a High Note
- Wellness and Self-Care
- How to Get the Teaching Job You REALLY Want



Celebration of Teaching

The Celebration of Teaching at UNC Charlotte was held April 29 and was a celebration to honor, celebrate, and advocate for the profession of teaching. UNCC alumni Shanique Lee (Former Teacher and College Recruiter), Hayley McNeill (UNCC Student Teacher of the Year and beginning teacher) and Michael Hayes (Co-Chair of Coalition for Anti Racism in Education and veteran teacher) served as keynotes for the virtual event.



T-Shirt Fundraiser

This year the KDP Omicron Pi Chapter at UNC Charlotte sold green COED “TEACHER” shirts to celebrate the teaching profession for our fundraiser event! These shirts were a great success and we hope to see you wearing them around campus!



2021 KDP Omicron Pi Chapter Graduates

Kappa Delta Pi Omicron Pi Chapter at UNC Charlotte would like to congratulate all of the 2021 graduates! We wish you the best for your future endeavors.

