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Darlene Thomas, Editor

Chapter News

Congratulations to Alpha Pi, Philadelphia Area Alumni Chapter

Submitted by Barbara McCray Jackson,
Delta Gamma Advisor

In 1960, former members of KDE chapters at the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University met to create the *Alpha Pi Chapter*. Graduates from colleges and universities which did not have KDE chapters were invited to join this new chapter also. *Alpha Pi* members have made significant contributions to national KDE by serving as national officers, regional directors, and convention chairs. Loyal chapter service must be recognized also. Members attend chapter and regional meetings and national conventions and participate fully. Special recognition and congratulations are extended to Margery Mallory who was initiated in 1960 and has been in regular attendance these fifty years. Margery has served as chapter treasurer for innumerable years.

Happy 50th Birthday to Alpha Pi Chapter! Please continue to inspire teachers in your community and the teachers-to-be in our collegiate chapters.

Delta

Submitted by Lynda Goodwin

Members of *Delta Chapter*, the Atlanta Area Alumni Chapter, enjoyed a holiday luncheon at Season's 52



Restaurant on December 11, 2010. Members brought school supplies for the Bhutan refugees. Jinna Clark (shown) was honored as our "Outstanding KDE Member of the Year" and was presented a crystal tray as outgoing President. Ann Allen read "The Teacher's Night Before Christmas" by Steven L. Layne. New officers were installed and include:

Co-Presidents: Ann Allen and Sally Burton
Secretary: Jinna Clark
Treasurer: Joyce Starr
Advisor: Lynda Goodwin

Gamma Upsilon

Submitted by Jennifer Celender, Chapter President

The *Gamma Upsilon Chapter* had a busy fall semester at La Roche College. Current KDE members participated in the La Roche College Activities Fair at the beginning of the school year. We used this time to talk to education students and discuss how they could get experience in the classroom with the after-school tutoring program that our chapter supports. This membership campaign was successful, as thirteen new education majors started to participate in our KDE activities, including the weekly tutoring session and a fun, late-night bowling outing. In addition, two education majors were inducted into our chapter in December.

The *Gamma Upsilon Chapter* decided to focus our volunteer efforts this fall on Project Hope (www.sparkinghope.org). Project Hope is a nonprofit organization that provides canvas tote bags full of supplies to parents with children in the intensive care unit at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. The intent is



that these supplies will ease some of the burden on the families, to let them know someone cares, which in turn can provide hope. After the founder of Project Hope, Kim Sebring, explained her mission at one of our KDE meetings, the KDE members were motivated to support this worthwhile cause. Jan Celender, the President of *Gamma Upsilon*, organized two bake sales (shown), a car wash, and a basket raffle to raise over \$400 for Project Hope. The Halloween themed bake

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sale was especially successful, with members bringing in a variety of Halloween themed treats to sell. Part of the money was used to purchase some of the supplies for the totes, including candy and mint bags, which we assembled at one of our meetings. The remainder of the money was used to purchase stuffed tigers that will be part of the totes delivered in December. In addition to Project Hope, KDE members selected items from the La Roche College Angel Tree and then purchased Christmas gifts for young children. We also had a great time making snowflakes with the children who participated in the annual La Roche College Light Up Night in December.

Beta

Submitted by Alyssa Briggs, Chapter President

This fall the *Beta Chapter* of KDE at Birmingham-Southern College really started embracing the collaborative spirit. We headed a book drive with two other campus organizations, *Mortar Board* and *Sigma Tau Delta* (the English Department's Honor Society), together raising \$750 from students and faculty to put toward books!

The books this year went out, not to schools, but to individual children. Every Halloween, BSC hosts "Halloween on the Hilltop," where children from the surrounding neighborhood can come to a safe environment to celebrate Halloween. BSC is nestled in inner-city Birmingham, so it's an outreach to the very low-SES families surrounding the college.

We decided this year, instead of cavities, we'd give books. Inspired by some of the children's literature education courses here, we sought out high-quality, high-interest books, to provide the children around BSC with rich, creative learning experiences, and to provide fodder for a love of literature.

We were beyond excited when it worked! We raised more than expected, and the expressions on the children's faces provided memories that will last forever. Each glowing little pair of eyes peeking over the table at the display of Mo Willems, Mem Fox, Judy Blume, Patricia Polacco, and many, many others was a reward in itself. The parents were surprisingly emotional as well — many expressed deep gratitude for the chance to enrich their child's learning environment. They really want their children to learn, and we really want them to love learning. Together, it was a very happy Halloween.

Delta Epsilon

Submitted by Jenea Hatty, Chapter Secretary

Last year *Delta Epsilon* members raised and donated \$500 for the nonfiction library collection at Thurgood Marshall Early College High School. This semester members raised an additional \$500 through two bake sales and other social events. The money raised will again be donated to increase the nonfiction collection at Thurgood Marshall ECHS. *Delta Epsilon* members also collected and donated over 50 children's books to Project Recovery.

During monthly meetings members were able to benefit from the knowledge of various guest speakers. Dr. Pat Austin again presented a list of the best new children's books. Dr. Austin teaches Children's Literature at the Univer-

sity of New Orleans. Beverly Lawrason, Assistant Superintendent of the St. Bernard Parish School Board, and Heidi Windmann, a past *Delta Epsilon* president, spoke to members about what new teachers should expect when they enter the work force. Beverly Lawrason focused on what to expect when applying for a teaching position, while Heidi focused on her experiences as a new teacher.

Delta Epsilon also offered two Special Feature Sessions that were open to all education majors. One was with Martha Blanchard, Assistant Dean of the College of Education, who presented information regarding student teaching. At the second Special Feature in October, Dr. Ellen Lowery showed pre-service teachers how to incorporate activities using the Promethean Board in a lower elementary classroom.

Delta Epsilon was proud to welcome 23 new members during the Fall 2010 semester. An initiation ceremony was held in December. During the initiation new officers were inducted. Jeannee' Lewis (President), Brooke Englert (Vice President), Stephani Lipani (Secretary), Jennifer West (Treasurer), Kelly Quinlan (Historian), Vincent Prior (On-campus Executive), and Barbara Decker (Service Chair) will be on the Executive Board for the upcoming year. Dr. Jane Chauvin, Social Studies Professor at UNO, was the guest speaker for the ceremony. At the ceremony members also welcomed the new faculty Co-Advisor, Dr. Pat Austin.

The Executive Board will continue to increase membership through various promotional activities. Efforts that were successful last semester will be repeated in the Spring of 2011. Officers and current members plan to promote KDE by distributing flyers and promotional ink pens and chalking meeting information on the sidewalks around campus. *Delta Epsilon* members are excited to begin a new year and are looking forward to serving the community.

Alpha Sigma

Submitted by Stacy Hughey Surman, Chapter Advisor

The *Alpha Sigma Chapter* at The University of Alabama set a new record for KDE at their yearly induction on October 26, 2010. With the help of chapter officers, 149 new undergraduates and graduate members were initiated to the *Alpha Sigma Chapter* of KDE!

More than 250 initiates, family, friends, and faculty joined in the ceremony and reception at the Woodis-McDonald Auditorium on the University of Alabama campus marking this joyous occasion.

In December, the members elected a slate of officers to serve the *Alpha Sigma Chapter* and its members. The chapter officers will lead the members in choosing a full slate of volunteer and professional development opportunities for 2011. Members look forward to the National Convention and in aiding children in Ethiopia by raising funds for uniforms and school supplies. The members will also participate in the new AI's Pals Mentorship Program. We look forward to continued opportunities to grow professionally and philanthropically during 2011 and congratulate all of our 2010 graduates! We hope that all chapters had a wonderful Fall and look forward to the Spring Semester.

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National President's Message

Adding to our "Keys to Success" theme is ATTITUDE. The success of anything we do can be impacted by the attitude of the members. Let me share the following quote from Charles R. Swindoll (American writer and clergyman, b. 1934):

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company ... a church ... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you ... we are in charge of our Attitudes."

This quote points out something very profound — we control how we act or react in life to the circumstances around us. What is the attitude you bring to your classrooms, to your KDE meeting and to everything you do? What is the attitude you bring to a project or a fundraiser? What is the attitude you show those future KDE members you are inviting to join? Remember you are in charge of your attitude. You can make a difference.

Toni Gorrell, Scholarship Chair, will be sending out scholarship applications. Twelve \$750 scholarships will be presented this spring. Applications are also

on the KDE website. They are due by March 15. Each chapter may submit applications equal to the number of delegates allowed at the last convention. If you do not remember the number of delegates you had, please contact Suzanne Brown, National Treasurer.

It's time to start thinking about our National Convention set for November 4-6, 2011, in Atlanta. Please let your national officers know what workshops or speakers you want. Start fundraising now and let's have all chapters represented.

Your year-end reports for 2010 were due December 31. It is important for the national office to know how every club is doing and your reports help us determine the number of delegates your chapter will have at the National Convention. It is still not too late to send in you reports.

- Collegiate chapters submit Forms 130, 140, and 150.
- Alumni chapters submit Forms 130, 140, and 151.

All forms are on the national website at www.kappadeltaepsilon.org. Please use the most current forms, dated 08/08.

Anthony Robbins said: "There is always room in your life for thinking bigger, pushing limits and imagining the impossible."

Faternally,
Lynda Goodwin

Kappa Delta Epsilon in a Changing World

Patricia Clark, National Vice President

Many of the Education Honoraries are facing a challenge for survival today. Universities are demanding that students give more of their time to service organizations than the Honor Societies. To compete, we must have something the other groups do not have, AND WE DO!

One thing in our favor is the option to continue membership after graduation. Becoming a member of an Alumni Chapter provides the new teacher with a support group that can give answers to questions faced in the day-to-day classroom. Alumni Chapters provide opportunities to participate in a

group of teachers proven to be in the top of the profession.

The Alumni Chapters are facing a challenge, as well. New teachers are stressed at being in their own classroom with a room of new students that expect the teacher to "know everything" and handle every problem that comes before the class. Experienced teachers may be waiting for the invitation to membership! Look at your co-workers and invite the "Teacher of the Year" to join your chapter. The music teacher, art teacher, counselor, and librarian are often glad to belong to a group that gives them an opportunity to interact with teachers from the classroom away from school.

Let's accept the challenge and help *Kappa Delta Epsilon* GROW in 2011.

KDE News and Information

Election of National Officers

Barbara McCray Jackson, Committee Chair

Here is your opportunity to participate in the selection of the National Officers and Regional Directors who will lead *Kappa Delta Epsilon* from January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2013.

According to our Constitution, candidates for the office of National President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Regional Directors may be any Advisor, Co-Advisor, Chapter President, or qualified alumni member. No two elected officers may be members of the same chapter. Please refer to Article VI to review the qualifications for candidates for National Officer and the job descriptions for each office.

The slate of officers will be presented during our National Convention in November, 2011. Delegates will vote, and the installation of officers will take place.

Suggestions for National Officers and Regional Directors may be made by any member or by any chapter. Please send your suggestions to me, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, by March 31, 2011. You may email me at rtbjmjack@bellsouth.net or mail to 3108 Castlemaine Drive, Charlotte, NC 28269. Include with your suggestion the email address and phone number of your candidate and a brief recommendation. Thank you for your help in selecting leaders who will help build a stronger KDE.

Scholarship Applications

Twelve \$750 scholarships (\$9,000) will be awarded to KDE members this Spring. The application is on the website (www.kappadeltaepsilon.org) or you may request it from your chapter advisor or send an email to Lynda@edgoodwinassociates.com. Each chapter may submit a scholarship application equal to the number of allocated delegates at the 2008 National Convention (2 delegates equal two possible scholarship applications). Applicants will be disqualified if the chapter is not in good standing. Please make sure all membership fees have been sent to the National Treasurer. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully, including obtaining your chapter advisor's signature. Postmark all parts, including required references and transcripts, no later than March 15, 2011 to :

Toni Gorrell
KDE Scholarship Chair
201 Sue Lynn Drive
Normal, IL 61761

Honor Cords

Honor Cords are available for graduating seniors. Check with your college/university for guidelines. Honor cords may be purchased using the Priced Materials Order Form (form 116) for \$7 each. Be sure to allow sufficient time for receipt of cords to be available at graduation. Contact National Treasurer Suzanne Brown.

Hold the Date!
"Keys to Success"
Triennial National Convention
November 4-6, 2011

Hilton Garden Inn
at the Atlanta Airport
Room rate: \$99 plus 13% Tax

KDE Website

Our website is www.kappadeltaepsilon.org.

Does your chapter have a website you would like linked to ours?

Contact the webmaster link on the website.

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Bylaws Amendments

According to the KDE Constitution and Bylaws, “any amendment or revision of the Constitution and Bylaws that is to be presented for adoption at the National Convention must be submitted to all chapters, via the Advisors, no later than 45 days prior to the National Convention. A notice of intent to present the proposals shall be sent to the National President. The proposed amendment or revision shall be distributed in written form to all delegates at the Convention business session. Approval by two-thirds of the votes cast at the National Convention business session shall be required for the adoption of an amendment or revision of the Constitution and Bylaws.”

Please review the Bylaws and offer any suggestions for amendments no later than May 1, 2011, so they may be considered by the Bylaws Committee and discussed by the National Board, then presented to all the chapters 45 days prior to convention. Amendments may be submitted to National President Lynda Goodwin by letter or email (addresses listed on p. 8).

Of all knowledge the wise and good seek most to know themselves.
— William Shakespeare

LIFE I AM THE NEW YEAR

Author Unknown

Life I am the new year.

I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living.

I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me waiting for you to search it out with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will,

all the faith that you claimed but did not have — these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

I am the new year.

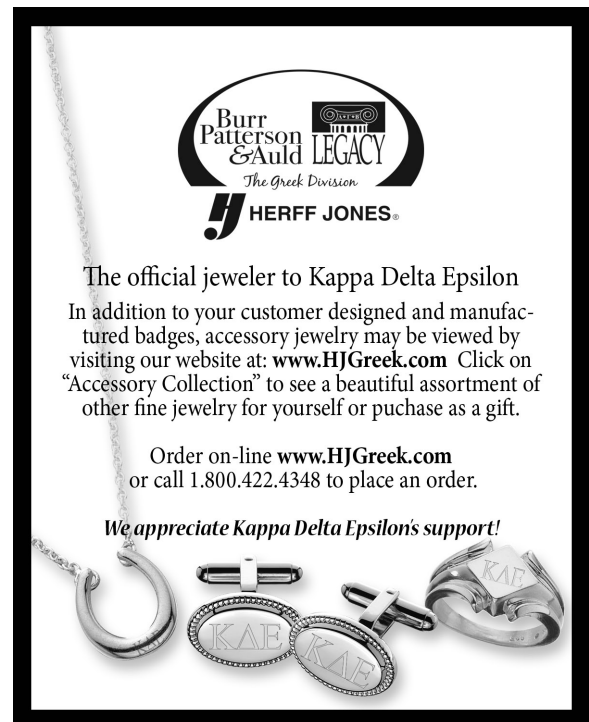
Call for Presenters at Convention

Would you like to conduct a workshop at the Atlanta Convention?

Or do you know a good topic or presenter?

Contact Lynda Goodwin at Lynda@edgoodwinassociates.com with:

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- Your contact info
- Topic or Title of Workshop
- Approximate length of workshop
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Rho

Submitted by Kimberly Jane Thomas

The *Rho Chapter of Kappa Delta Epsilon* recently held their November monthly meeting. The agenda for this meeting included, among other items, featured speaker and noted children's author Sarah Campbell, who spoke on the subject of her recent book, Growing Patterns: Fibonacci Numbers in Nature. Members also received t-shirts for this year's theme, "A Great Education Can Never Be Erased."

Rho Chapter held their annual Christmas Party on December 2nd. Donations such as blankets, non-perishable food items, and clothing were collected



for We Will Go Ministries. We Will Go Ministries is a Christian, non-profit organization that follows Christ's example of love and service to all people, in the Jackson area as well as throughout the world. The partnership formed by *Rho Chapter* and We Will Go Ministries truly enunciates the Belhaven University motto, "To Serve, Not To Be Served."

After collecting donations and enjoying the Christmas festivities, new KDE officers were installed for the Spring 2011 term. Former secretary Kimmie Thomas assumed the duties of President. Carly Brown is the Spring 2011 Vice President, Elizabeth Morgan will continue to serve as Treasurer, and Heather Roberts is the Spring 2011 Chaplain.

Beta Delta

Submitted by Stacey Maurin, Chapter President

As always, it is sad to see another year come to an end. The good thing is another great year is right around the corner. This year the *Beta Delta Chapter* at Louisiana State University made service in our local community its top priority. As future educators, we want our students to be active members in their local communities and contribute to society as a whole. We believe it is our job to be active models of this behavior for the students through participating in community events. This year our organization has worked with the Battered Women's Shelter of Baton Rouge, BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo, and Hands On Baton Rouge, just to name a few. Our chapter held its initiation ceremony this November.

I would like to give a special welcome and congratulations to all new *Beta Delta* members. It has been a pleasure meeting and getting to know all of the members of our chapter throughout the year. With this year ending, I wish all of the new officers the best of luck on continuing to lead the *Beta Delta Chapter* at Louisiana State University to a better tomorrow.

Beta Kappa

Submitted by Maria Taylor, Chapter Secretary

The Fall 2010 semester has been a very successful semester for the *Beta Kappa Chapter* at Carlow University. We have had several events including a Halloween event at Gilda's Club, jewelry party to raise money for Toys for Tots, Build a Bear to donate bears to children at Children's Hospital, dinner social for new and old members, and inductions. We also had clothing and a Box Top drive this semester.

On November 19, 2010, we inducted nine new members into our chapter. One of our faculty advisors made a very delicious dinner for us to conclude the evening!

Many of the current members will be student teaching for the Spring 2011 semester, so it is very nice to have new members be inducted. We held officer elections in December

(after this article was due) as each of our 2010 officers stepped down to student teach. We are very excited to see what the next semester brings with the changes in our chapter due to the new members and a full new line-up of



officers!

Thank you to the officers who have served so well for 2010! Shown in the picture from left to right: Shannon Scullion, Amy Yosko, Katie Schaffer (President-in-Training), Lisa Erb, and Maria Taylor.

Delta Gamma

Submitted by Betty Wilkins

Delta Gamma Chapter, Charlotte Alumni, awarded its annual Jerrie Albert Educational Scholarship in the amount of \$500 to Ryan Mitchell, May 2010 graduate of Harding University High School in Charlotte,

NC. Ryan is attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on a North Carolina Teaching Fellow Scholarship. He plans to teach English with an emphasis on creative writing.

In high school, Ryan was an Honor Teacher Cadet, an NC Teaching Fellow, President of the National Technical Honor Society and inducted into the National Honor Society. He has been involved in numerous other school and community activities. During his junior year in high school, he was a People-to-People Ambassador and traveled to France, England, and Italy. In France he had an opportunity to spend a week in the home of a family. He said it gave him a new perspective of international living. Ryan said, "All of my school, community, volunteer, and academic efforts will enable me to become a talented and effective educator understanding that



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTERS and MEMBERS

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teachers can leave an indelible mark upon a young person's life."

Alpha Iota

Submitted by Ruth Ellis

What an exciting time it has been for the *Alpha Iota Chapter* members. Many varied programs kept members involved, interested, and entertained.

Meetings meant to inform were programs given by Need a Change and Lovelady Center. Both programs help teens and women find their place back into society.

Informative and fun were programs by Taste of the South Magazine



and Vulcan. Taste of the South is a nationally known magazine published in Birmingham and Vulcan is a well-known widely visited landmark. Recently members visited The Lovelady Center and saw firsthand the hard work that is done there.



Future programs promise to be just as interesting. Members will share their summer activities, as well as work on the scrapbook for the upcoming convention, and will learn about AMSTI, the Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative.

To insure the same quality of programs, the members will have a planning meeting for upcoming programs and look forward to seeing new members becoming a part of the *Alpha Iota Chapter*.



Beta Omega

Submitted by Darlene Thomas

Beta Omega, the University of Alabama at Birmingham Alumni Chapter, is still meeting in conjunction with *Omicron*, the Birmingham Southern Alumni Chapter. The Fall programs were hosted/planned by *Beta Omega*, Spring programs will be hosted/planned by *Omicron*.

On November 20 we met at the Irondale Café for our usual lunch and great conversation. Our special speaker for the day was Wayne Wood. Wayne is a retired school teacher who had the great fortune to have letters handed down that were written by two soldiers during the Civil War. Neither made it home from the war. When people learned he had these letters, he was getting requests from all over for copies, so he took his savings and had a portion of them printed in two books, The Marble Valley Boys and Kiss Sweet Lillah for Me. The latter book was named that because he said that's the way that soldier always ended his letters. Both men had babies at home when they left and never saw them again. No matter which "side" of this war one was on, it's heartrending to read the words of people who were living the war and to hear the day-to-day problems and concerns, not all of which were related to battles. One particular letter brought tears to eyes. Wives were very thrifty and used everything, so this man's wife used pieces from an old dress to wrap food she sent to the line for her husband. Note: Mail had to be sent by friends as there was no mail service. When the soldier saw this bit of dress, he said it meant more to him than anything she had sent because he remembered the dress and could envision his wife wearing it. It's also funny to read the incorrect spelling and the unique grammar of the old south. Needless to say, many of us purchased copies of these books and were happy to get them.

Our annual Christmas Celebration was on December 4th at The Club in Birmingham. Our thanks to June Griffin of *Omicron* for arranging it and thanks to all the members who brought Toys for Tots.

Over the last couple of years, I've mentioned our member and friend, Jim Currier, and the amazing work he does preparing students for the Science Exit Exam. I've also mentioned that Jim has been working while battling cancer. He'll be retiring in March and we hope it will help him to get well. He's sad, as are all of us, but we all want what's best for him.

KDE Supplies

The following KDE initiation supplies may be ordered from our National Treasurer BEFORE your initiation. Use KDE form 115 to order:

- Membership Cards
- Recognition of Initiation Leaflets
- KDE Handbooks
- KDE Clutch back pins
- KDE Membership Certificates

After your initiation, be sure to send in the Initiation Reports with \$35 per initiate.

Increase in Fees to Send to National KDE

Remember that Initiation Fees went up to \$35 per new member on January 1, 2010. Be sure to use the new initiation forms which were sent to all chapter advisors in February. The new forms are also posted on the website: www.kappadeltaepsilon.org.

Alumni dues also went up January 1, 2010, to \$15 per member per year.

Chapters may want to change the amount they collect to reflect these new amounts sent to National KDE.

**Kappa Delta Epsilon
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Alpha Fidelis Chapter

Member-At-Large

I want to maintain my KDE membership through the *Alpha Fidelis* Chapter. The annual dues are \$15.00, which includes a subscription to THE CURRENT.

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Graduate of Chapter: _____

Mail this form and a check made out to *Kappa Delta Epsilon* for \$15.00 to
Mrs. Suzanne Brown, KDE National Treasurer
5627 Bull Run
Pinson, AL 35126

For questions regarding membership, please contact
Mrs. Patricia Clark, KDE Vice President
619 34th Ave. East
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

SPRING Issue of THE CURRENT

Our theme through 2011 is “Keys to Success.” Please send your “success story” to the Editor of THE CURRENT.

Articles for publication in the Spring Issue of THE CURRENT should reach Darlene Thomas by March 1, 2011. We very much look forward to your success stories as well as reports on your chapter activities. Advisors will receive an email reminder in mid-February. If you don’t receive a reminder before the Spring Issue, please contact the editor with your current email address.

THANKS!

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