

Broadcasting the Buzz

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
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Mark Your Calendar for Regional Conferences



Expectations and excitement is building for the 2011 Regional Conferences. Have you marked your calendar to make your plans to attend?

- ★ **Southwest Regional**
Denver, CO, June 29-July 2
- ★ **Southeast Region:**
Louisville, KY, July 13-16
- ★ **Northeast Region:**
Hershey, PA, July 20-23
- ★ **Northwest Region: Edmonton**
Alberta, CA, July 27-30
- ★ **Europe Region: Baden Baden**
Germany, August 3-6

Regional Conferences special focus topics:

- ◆ Bullying
- ◆ Diversity
- ◆ Mentoring all ages
- ◆ Managing students with special difficulties
- ◆ Education in the digital arena

Look for Regional Conference information and registration materials weekly on the Society website, and in the March/April DKGNews.

CTAUN Presents Awards to DKG Members

Nearly 50 DKG members attended the New York Committee for Teaching About the United Nations meeting held at the United Nations. Pulitzer-prize winner, Nicholas Kristof, *New York Times* columnist, gave the opening keynote address. "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Teaching for Action" served as the session's theme.



International President, Dr. Jensi Souders congratulates, Theta Chi, Texas members, Connie Rensink and Kaylyn Hughes on their CTAUN Best Practices Award for "Club We Can".

Best Practices awards for bringing the UN into the classroom were awarded to Texas members Connie Rensink and Kaylyn Hughes for their "Club We Can" project. Connie shared, "We accepted the CTAUN Best Practices Award on behalf of ourselves and two other colleagues for our 3rd-6th grade service group, *Club We Can*. Our North Eules Elementary students learn about Human Rights and how to implement school, community, and international

service projects. Students projects included a food drive, school flower bed maintenance. A drive for science lab materials and a fund raising project for children in Kenya. The school year culminated with an International Night. As a result, both academic achievement and school atmosphere improved over the course of the year. This school year has opened with a group of fifty students who have planned to take on one project a month." Three other awards were given to three New Jersey schools/districts: Hopewell Valley Central HS, Chestnut Ridge MS, and West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District.

Educational Excellence Committee Defines Its Focus

The Educational Excellence Committee adopted a self-definition, which will be equally appropriate for state organization and chapter committees: "The Educational Excellence Committee promotes International projects, supports early-career educators, and encourages programs and activities that further educational excellence worldwide."

For the Society to have the greatest impact on education, chapters and state organizations need to focus on no more than two Society-wide initiatives.

- **Support for the Society's official Schools for Africa project, and**
- **Support for early-career educators.**

In addition, chapters and state organizations will benefit from resources for programs and activities that encourage educational excellence by addressing the professional and personal growth of women educators and the diverse interests of members. Information on these initiatives is readily available on the DKG web site library, the DKGNetwork and Society publications that offer ideas for programs and activities.

Continue to Broadcast the Buzz.



Visit a variety of state organization and chapter web sites to learn about others and share their ideas. Join the DKGNetwork and subgroup "Broadcasting the Buzz." Tell us about your programs and good news.