

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL CHI STATE

TO: Chapter Presidents/Chapter Professional Affairs Chairmen
FROM: Chi State Professional Affairs Committee
SUBJECT: **Guidelines for Chapter Professional Affairs Programs**
DATE: July 2011

The Professional Affairs Committee Programs of Chapters/Areas/State focus primarily on the following Delta Kappa Gamma Purposes:

- Purpose 3: To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
- Purpose 4: To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and women educators
- Purpose 7: To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

The following are guidelines/descriptions of State/Area/Chapter programs to assist you in planning Professional Affairs/Legislative activities for 2011-2013:

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

1. **Outstanding Student Teacher Award:** Each Area may recommend an outstanding student teacher to receive an award of \$150 from Chi State. Recommendation forms will be given to each Area Director in January 2012. Each Chapter wishing to recommend a student teacher for this award must submit the completed forms to the Area Director by the deadline date. Forms can be downloaded from the Chi State website. (www.chistateca.org)
Deadline: March 15
2. **Chapter Recruitment Grant:** Each Area and Chapter is encouraged to fund and grant one or more awards to qualified college/university students enrolled in any teacher education program or to a high school senior who is planning to enter the field of education. The names of the recipients and the amounts of the grants are to be sent to the Professional Affairs Committee by the deadline for proper documentation. Forms are available on the Chi State website. (www.chistateca.org)
Deadline: June 1
3. **Women's History Month:** March has been designated as National Women's History Month. Each Area/Chapter is encouraged to increase awareness of the accomplishments of women in the history of our country and in current affairs by establishing it as the focus of the meeting.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS

1. **Legislative Consultant/Advocate:** Martha Zaragoza-Diaz is employed by Chi State to inform members, to alert them to action needed, and to speak, on our behalf, to California legislators.
2. **Legislative Study Sessions (LSS-2013):** Legislative Study Sessions are held in Sacramento in odd-numbered years for members and their guests. Scholarships/mini-grants are available. LSS-2013 will be held in Sacramento, June 2013. Registration forms are available on the Chi State website. (www.chistateca.org)
3. **Adopt-a-Legislator Program:** The goal of this program is for Chi State members to have direct input into decisions affecting education that are made by state legislators. Each Chapter selects a Senator and/or Assembly Member from its area for adoption. The Chapter contacts its adoptee to establish communication. The Chapter Legislative representative and other interested Chapter members maintain contact through letters, e-mail, post cards and/or invitations to attend Chapter events.
4. **U.S. Forum:** The U.S. Forum National Legislative Seminar is held in Washington, D.C. in even-numbered years. The next forum will be held March 18-21, 2012. Further information is available on the Delta Kappa Gamma website. (www.chistateca.org)

If there are any questions or concerns, contact:

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