Alpha Iota Interest

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Alpha Iota Chapter, East

Presidents Corner

Alpha Iota Mission Statement

Sharing positive paths to personal growth, professional success and student learning.

Dear Friends,

Let's hit the road! Which road are we heading down? Each of us are on different roads (early childhood, elementary, secondary, retired….), but we are all heading for the same destinations through our DKG/Alpha Iota Society paths: personal growth, professional success, student learning. Our meetings this year will take us down roads directed to one or more of our Alpha Iota paths. Will we get to a destination? I hope not! Shouldn't personal growth, professional success, and student learning be those never-ending roads of life? If we're not on life's roads, I think that means we're at the "dead end." I've been reading a great Bible plan called "Get Up and Go." It talks about many of the miracles that took place in the Old and the New Testaments. Every day of the plan reinforces the point that to take part in the miracle, someone had to "get up and go" first. I'm looking forward to our travels together this year. Friends, let's **hit the road** and see where we can get up and go!

Kim

President Rachel Karger presents the recruitment grant to Heidi Bounds, a UCO student from Stroud. She is an Early Childhood major. She is student teaching this fall in Luther.

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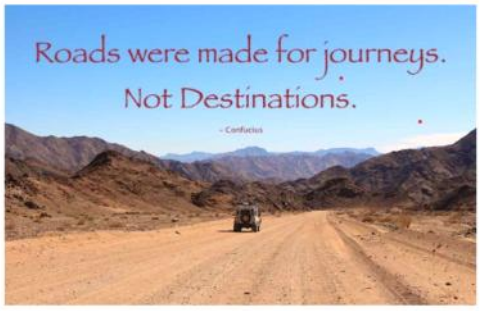
Fifteen members and three guests attended the May meeting. Heidi Bonds, Stroud, was the recruitment grant winner this year. She attended the meeting to accept her award. Adrianne taught us how to create origami. Everyone had a very enjoyable time.



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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

Oklahoma State Organization

September Meeting

Date: Sept. 22 Tues.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Cynthia Snider's Room

Devotion: Marilyn Young

Hostesses: Adrianne DeKlotz, Jennifer Green, & Mary Mascho

Program: Conventions Reports

Roll Call: Summer Roads

Special Project Gift: Michele Underwood

October Meeting

Date: Oct. 22 Thurs.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Cynthia Snider's Room

Devotion: Jean Lucas

Hostesses: Hannah Smith, Cynthia Snider Michele Underwood

Program: Recipe Share
Road to the Poll
Books for DHS

May Meeting—Making Origami

Mission Statement:
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

VISION STATEMENT:

Serving education–honoring tradition

The May meeting was held in the music room at East Side. Adrianne DeKlotz is demonstrating step by step how to make an origami butterfly. Pictured watching Adrianne is Cynthia Snider, Michele Underwood, Celeste Spruill, and Linda Newby.

Alpha Iota members concentrating on making a butterfly are Becky Stone, Jean Lucas, Shannon Freeman, Mary Mascho, Kristi Peery, Rachel Karger, Kim Leatherwood, Hannah Smith, (front) Cobie Yates and Marilyn Young.

Members watch as Adrianne demonstrate each step in creating an origami. Pictured L to R: Jana Telford, Shannon Freeman, Becky Stone, Jean Lucas, Rachel Karger, Kim Leatherwood, & Mary Mascho.

August Birthdays

Rachel Karger 8/17
Michele Underwood 8/17
Mary Mascho 8/18
Marilyn Young 8/20

September Birthdays

Inda Jo Conway 9/9
Adrianne DeKlotz 9/10
Shannon Freeman 9/29

Congratulations!

Marilyn Young was selected to receive the Achievement Award at the Oklahoma State Conference in June at the Embassy Suites in Oklahoma City. A member must be nominated, and the application is based on their service to Oklahoma Service Organization, offices held, accolades, etc. It is awarded to a member who has gone above and beyond for the organization. We are proud of Marilyn and delighted she is a member of Alpha Iota Chapter.

The Oklahoma State Conference was held in June in Oklahoma City. Three members represented Alpha Iota at the conference. Rachel Karger, President, Marilyn Young, Treasurer, and Kim Leatherwood, 1st Vice President (new President).

SUMMER DAYLILY ADVENTURES

Jean Lucas and Becky Stone attended the American Hemerocallis Society National Convention in Valodosta, Georgia. The convention was held May 21-23, 2026. During the convention they toured six beautiful gardens with thousands of gorgeous daylilies. They attended a forum for garden judges and several daylily auctions. They brought home new daylily plants for their gardens along with some Vidalia onions and Georgia peaches.

On June 20, 2026, Becky exhibited 6 daylily cultivars in the American Hemerocallis Society sanctioned daylily show held by COHS at the Will Rogers Garden Center in Oklahoma City. Her exhibit of Skinwalker was awarded Best Spider daylily and Best of Show.

Members of the Central Oklahoma Hemerocallis Society visited the garden of Alpha Iota member, Becky Stone, on June 13, 2026. Her daylily garden has over 100 different daylily cultivars with company plants. She also has a shade garden and iris beds. Garden art is scattered among the gardens. Antique farm implements are on display in the yard.

Member Brag Page

Hannah and Ty Smith

Rosie May Smith was born on September 13, 2026.

Rosie weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz., 21 in.

Big brothers Sterling and Saxon are ecstatic!!

We will shower Hannah with diapers and wet wipes in October.

Adrianne DeKlotz took her music talents from the classroom to the Civic Center this summer. She performed in Sister Act. Even though she was not a main nun, she enjoyed her role and had a great time.

Hannah Smith and Adrianne DeKlotz were selected as Teacher of the Year of their respective buildings for the 2026 school year.

Hannah Smith, Chemistry teacher, is presented a $500 check by Richard Covington of Hite's Drug. The donation is to help with supplies in the classroom.

WE WANT TO WELCOME THREE NEW STAFF AT EAST SIDE THIS YEAR.

Countney Brown is a Kindergarten teacher, Danyele Minton is the Counselor, and Janet Turner is the Principal. Please bring or send something to the September meeting for their new teacher supply box.

This is the drink card bag Alpha Iota donated to the silent auction at The Chosen House Gala. It brought $170. There were cards on both sides.

As "Chapter Select" from Oklahoma, a group of Inda Jo Conway's theatre students attended the 85th annual International Thespian Festival in Bloomington, IN this summer. The group received a standing ovation for their performance of "IN DARKNESS, AUDIO FLOWERS BLOOM."