

A Tribute to our State Founders

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(For this skit, prepare blocks to stack pyramid style as you tell about each state founder. On one side of the block put a picture that symbolizes something about the person and on the other side the person's name. Start by laying a row of 5 blocks, then 4, then 3, then 2 (51 state chapters), then one with a rose and DKG. Picture suggestions are given for each founder. I googled clipart for my pictures.

Today we wish to honor the founders of Epsilon State of The Delta Kappa Gamma organization. We will look at some characteristics they possessed and how those characteristics can help us to continue to be a strong organization. What you will hear will be some messages that these founders might possibly send to us.

Grace Bordelon Agate loved music. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once said, "Music is the universal language of mankind." Perhaps her message would be for our organization to embrace everyone involved in education. Everyone working with our children is important. (music notes)

Helen Carter was an author of books in her chosen field of Home Economics. We are all authors in our field. We are continually adding to the story of the lives of our students and our sisters in Delta Kappa Gamma. Helen Carter would probably tell us to be sure our book is one that we will want to share! (stack of books)

Sarah Clapp loved the outdoors and loved to "dig in the dirt". Digging around plants helps their roots to grow and be more effective. It has been said, " Let's root for each other and watch each other grow!" Maybe Sarah Clapp would ask us to encourage each other and watch each other grow! (shovel and dirt or plant)

"Polly" Conway loved to eat artichokes. Now this tells me that she had an adventurous spirit and a lot of patience. If you have ever eaten artichokes, you understand about patience. Arnold H. Glasgow said, "The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it." Perhaps Polly Conway would advise us to use patience when dealing with our students, coworkers, and our fellow DKG members. (artichoke)

Virginia Cooper was known as an authority of the art of Creole cooking As you know , you don't find Creole cooking recipes that just require 3 ingredients or just 10 minutes to prepare. Virginia was willing to spend the time to create truly amazing dishes. Her message to us would probably be that we should be prepared to gather ingredients and spend the time necessary to be the best teacher and Delta Kappa Gamma member we can be. (crawfish)

Emery Cooney Lively was active in the Louisiana Retirement System. Sometimes we get so caught up in today that we fail to think about the future. Emery Lively very likely would tell us that we all need to look ahead and prepare for our future while preparing students for theirs. (Retired person)

Agnes Edwards grew up in a home with six sisters. It was there she learned humility, kindness, patience, sympathy, and tactfulness. These traits are valuable to us as teachers and Delta Kappa Gamma members. Perhaps Agnes Edwards message to us would be to be kind and tactful in dealing with others. (picture of seven girls)

Catherine Winters was described by friends as "a perfect woman, nobly planned, to warm, to comfort, and to command." As Shannon L. Alder said, "One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone." Catherine Winters advise to us would perhaps be to be prepared to provide warmth and comfort whenever we can. (blanket)

Ellen Lenoir was remembered as a little lady with a soft, low voice who was a "pocket battleship" when it came to work. We need to let our strength show when others need us. We are a strong group because of our strong founders. Ellen Lenoir would likely admonish us to give our very best in all our efforts as teachers and DKG members. (battleship)

Dr. May Allen grew up in Maine. As a girl, she spent summers picking blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries. We sometimes need to be reminded that the "fresh" things in life are good for us. George Bernard Shaw said, "If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange these apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas." Dr. May Allen's message could very well be to get out of the rut and embrace new and fresh ideas in our organization. (berries)

It was said that Harriet Daggett could make the best fig preserves in town. Now we all know that preserves take time to prepare but have a long shelf-life. I'm sure she would tell us to be patient with new members and especially new teachers so they will have a long and rewarding career as an educator. She would probably also advise us to diligently preserve the history and future of our profession and our organization. (jar of preserves)

Ruby Violet Perry was a business woman with a spirit of justice and cooperation. She would most likely encourage us to stand together and speak out for justice for our teachers, our schools, and our students. She would probably be proud of us when we become "Screaming Sisters" as we stand for education! (gavel)

Our 51 chapters were built upon the foundation laid by these important state founders. It is our privilege and responsibility to continue the work that they started so many years ago. (two blocks, one with 51 and one with the words Louisiana Chapters.

If we remember to follow their lead, we will bloom like a rose! (block with rose and DKG)