

The 2023 NYSD DKG Award Recipients
(Presented at the Awards Luncheon at the
NYSO DKG Convention April 30, 2023
at the Desmond Hotel, Albany)

The Bea Small Award 2023 Recipients
Congratulations!

Photos and Descriptions of Chapter Recipients for Convention Awards Luncheon



Chi “Welcome to Teaching Swag Bags”

This project recognizes and shows appreciation for first year teachers in 14 schools districts and 2 BOCES Tech Centers in Jefferson and Lewis counties. The personalized swag bags include school supplies, personal items, individually packaged snacks, a gift card or store coupon, DKG information, and an inspirational quote.

Project Director **Kim Pierce**



Alpha Theta “Got the Tots Covered”

This project provides the children attending the Medina Head Start Program’s community with naptime blankets. Members donate two yards of fleece fabric and their time to make the tie-fleece blankets for the students to use and keep for naptime.

Project Directors **Peggy Hanavan, Barb Filipiak and Lois Donovan**



Beta Delta “EEEK! (Explore, Experiment, Engage for Kids!)”

This project coordinates and compliments the school’s curriculum (Grades 3-5) by providing an alternative way to learn outside the classroom, giving students at-home opportunities to explore and engage with local history as well as experiment with small science projects. Students may accomplish these lessons on their own time without a computer.”

Project Director **Nellie Ludemann**, Executive Director at Seneca Falls Historical Society.



***Alpha Zeta* “A Book in Every Bag”**

This Chapter fills 100 or more backpacks annually with age-appropriate school supplies for students in our area who are in need of help in preparing for school. For the past three years we have also included 1-2 books.

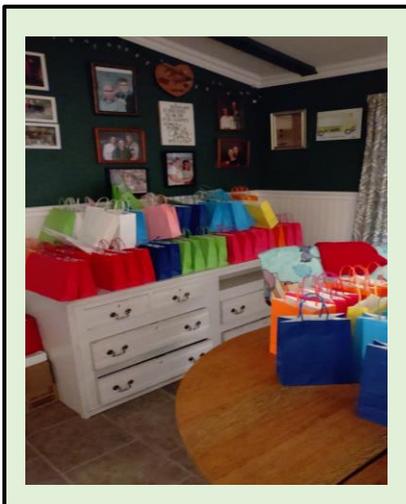
Project Director **Kim Goldhirsch**



***Alpha Nu* “Domestic Shelter Program”**

Families are only ready to help their children learn if their needs are met. Our pocketbook/toiletry collection has been enhanced by adding a literacy component. Women are provided with a pocketbook filled with toiletries for basic needs, including underwear and socks. A library has been created for the shelter with books for students of all ages.

Project Director **Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide**



***Rho* “Bags for New Teachers”**

For six years this Chapter has prepared Bags for new teachers in the seventeen school districts in their area, containing items to encourage them, including motivational stickers, items for classroom and a flyer about DKG with a local contact.

Project Director **Lisa Huyck**

Mary-Martha Harvey
Chair, Bea Small Board of Trustees

The Native American Grant(s)-in Aid Award



Audrey Shenandoah

The Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Committee is pleased to announce that one very deserving woman will be receiving this award. We are happy to note that she is a recipient who has re-applied and this grant will once again help her reach her goal of becoming an elementary school teacher. She will receive \$500 for two college semesters.

Audrey Shenandoah Audrey is a member of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe in Akwesasne, New York. She attends SUNY Potsdam. Audrey plans to continue her studies in Early Childhood Education. She hopes to become a teacher in an elementary school within her community. This past semester had some challenges for Audrey and she was proud that her hard work helped her to accomplish her goal of successfully completing all of her coursework and will continue on with the same determination.

The references of recommendation that have been received on Audrey's behalf have all used the same words that describe Audrey as "caring and humble." She always strives to do her very best and her dedication to her family, culture and education are very important to her.

We are proud to be helping Audrey reach her dream of becoming an elementary education teacher.

*Patricia Turner,
Committee Chair*



Christine Bennett

2023 Ruth Williams DKG Scholarship

The 2023 Ruth Williams NYSO DKG Scholarship was awarded to **Christine Bennett**, *Omega* Chapter EC, at the 2023 Convention.

School district leadership requires a varied professional 'toolbox' of knowledge, strategies and grit. While NYSED School Building Leader (SBL) and School District Leader (SDL) Certification college programs provide a broad understanding of pedagogy, curriculum supervision, strategic planning and building leadership guidance, the intricacies of leading within a specific department such as Human Resources are not always prevalent. Human

Resources leadership is a common BA/BS degree earned within the private sector. Likewise, a common Human Resources Certification earned by those with BA/BS in a Human Resources field is PHR. ::

The PHR, Professional in Human Resources Certification, is offered through Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI). Those in HR college programs complete their degree and use that knowledge to take the PHR exam. Since Christine Bennett comes from a 15-year teaching background, Christine will apply DKG scholarship funds to complete a Cornell University PHR Exam Preparation Course and then take the PHR certification exam. A thorough knowledge of HR competencies (such as: ethical hiring, diversity and inclusion, US law and Federal regulations and workforce management) can all advance student learning initiatives and school district performance. Such focuses keep the school district in compliance while ultimately providing the background functions required to meet our mission and vision for student success.

Christine Bennett is currently the Executive Director of Human Resources with Newark Central School District, Newark, NY.

Congratulations, Christine!

*Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott
Chair, NYSO DKG Scholarship Committee
& Mary Ann Baldari*

THE PI STATE ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE SELECTS TWO RECIPIENTS OF THE 2023 Pi STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

In presenting the Awards, **Dr. Andréa H. Morris**, Chair of the Pi State Achievement Award Committee 2021-23, gave a brief historical summary about the establishment of the Pi State Achievement Award. During the 2020 pandemic, Past State President, **Deborah Bedard** (2015-2017) was acknowledged as the 2020 recipient. Previous awardees of the Pi State Achievement Award that were in attendance were recognized. This award is given for the third time at a State Convention to two recipients, previously awarded in the 1990 and 2003.



Beryl Szwed, the first recipient of the 2023 Pi State Achievement Award, has been a member of the DKG/NYSO, *Beta Mu* (N) Chapter for 30 years. She has served on the Chapter level as Chair of various Committees, Vice-President, Treasurer and Chapter President.

She has attended State, Regional and International Conferences and Conventions; served on the Audit Committee and was the Executive Secretary (2003-2011) and was the Representative for the Northern Finance Council on the International level.

Some of Beryl's activities are member of the Association of Mathematic Teachers for New York State, New York State Association of Mathematics Supervisors, and Liaison to New York State Council of Education Associations



The second recipient **Susan T. Kenoyer** is Past State President (2019-2021) and has been a member of NYSO DKG, *Psi* Chapter (N) for 28 years. She has had and continues to add to her extensive active service and involvement on the Chapter Level, serving as Chapter President and Secretary for 7 years, Chairs of various Chapter Committees, Chair of Northern Area Council Meetings for two years, and has attended 10 Area Council Meetings. She was Registrar at NYSO DKG State Conferences and Conventions, and Liaison for North Central, Capital and Northern Areas. Susan has also attended 9 Regional and 5 International Meetings.

Sue has held mathematical positions in Michigan, Florida, Kansas and Plattsburg as a teaching assistant, assistant precalculus coordinator and adjunct instructor. From 2014-present, Sue has been a member of the Mathematics Department and the Champlain Council of Retirees (CVCR). In the Northern Adirondack Area, she served as Mathematic Department Chair for 26 years.

Sue has received honors as "*Teacher of the Year*" and "*Women of Distinction for Education*." During the pandemic her remarkable achievement was conducting first successful and well-organized virtual State Convention.

Dr. Andréa H. Morris,
Chair Pi State
Achievement Award
Committee