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Who We Are

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is a worldwide educational honor society for women educators with more than 150,000 members throughout the United States and fourteen member countries. There are approximately 9,000 members in California. The Society is devoted to fulfilling certain purposes that are related to education and the advancement of women in education.

Our Mission Statement

To promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Our Legislative Purposes

- To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation in the interest of education and of women educators
- To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

To accomplish these two purposes, the Professional Affairs Committee encourages legislation which provides:

- equal educational opportunities for all
- curriculum and instructional development for educators
- awareness of the structure of financial support for public education
- strengthening professional standards
- maintenance of high quality employment conditions
- multiple opportunities for professional advancement of women.

What We Do

Chi State employs a Legislative Consultant/Advocate to inform members, to alert them to action needed, and to speak, on our behalf, to State legislators.

The Bill Evaluator Program utilizes members to study, analyze, and recommend actions on proposed legislation.

The Adopt-a-Legislator Program strives to improve communication between members and State/Federal legislators by maintaining contact through letters, FAXes, E-mails, telephone calls, office visits, and invitations to attend or speak at Chapter and Area meetings.

Legislative Study Sessions held in Sacramento enable the members to learn about the Legislative process, inform them of educational issues addressed in current legislation, and encourage them to meet with their legislators.

Chi State provides an opportunity to network with legislators and women's groups by its participation in coalitions interested in education.

Workshops and Interest Sessions are held at Conventions and at Area Conferences to inform and involve members in the legislative process.

Action Alerts are intended to encourage members to become involved in state public policy issues.

Chi State actively participates in the National Legislative Seminar held in Washington, D.C. each biennium and in the U.S. Forum.

Working Together with Legislators

Working together, members and legislators both gain by:

- developing rapport, which allows for free exchange of ideas and information
- learning about current bills through mutual contact with legislators and their aides
- seeking support for legislative bills and requesting Chi State members to testify before committees
- networking with other groups to gain support for bills authored by legislators



Working Together
is the Key to
Our Common Goal:

Excellence in Education