

DKG and Maine State DKG offer professional opportunities

- Scholarships, grants, and stipends to support members pursuing master's degrees and classroom-related research
- Educational excellence awards
- Personal growth and fellowship
- Leadership and travel opportunities
- News and updates regarding women and children's education and societal issues
- Financial assistance for members who incur losses from emergencies and natural disasters
- Information on life and health insurance discounts and benefits
- Local and statewide professional development workshops
- Early Career Educator initiatives
- Updates on legislative issues
- Networking, collegiality, and peer mentoring to enhance classroom performance
- Opportunities for volunteerism and community service projects

Our members say . . .

DKG inspires me to be an independent thinker and lifelong learner. I enjoy the sense of personal growth, and fulfillment I get through participating in workshops and conferences. I am forever grateful for the treasured friendships I have developed.

-Lisa Sawyer, Palmyra

Delta Kappa Gamma has been an important part of my life for 30 years. My mother cherished her DKG sisters and the time she spent with them. I was honored to join. Now, my daughter looks forward to the day when she can join as a collegiate member.

-Helen Morris, New Gloucester

I joined because I appreciated the women who made the core of my chapter. As I expanded to the state and international, the networking and professional offerings held me. I love this group!

- Dawn MacPherson-Allen, Monson

DKG has enriched my life while I was in the classroom and now into my retirement. Personal and professional development, philanthropic endeavors, leadership opportunities, travel, and friendships are integral to the experience. I am proud to be a member of a group that is impacting education locally, statewide, nationally, and worldwide.

- Priscilla McFarland, Ellsworth

I continue to be a member because I see the impact we can have on our teachers and education. It's way too much fun!

- Mary Hyland, Searsmont

Brief History of Maine State DKG

Seven women educators gathered in Orono, Maine, on September 19, 1942, where they met with Dr. May B. Allen, the corresponding secretary of the national educational organization of Delta Kappa Gamma. Dr. Allen introduced the vision, mission, and goals espoused by Miss Annie Webb Blanton, president of this nationwide group of women educators. It was at this meeting and under the leadership of Dr. Allen that Alpha Psi State (Maine) of DKG International was born. In 2018, the name was changed to the Maine State Organization of DKG International.

Founded on May 11, 1929, in Austin, Texas, this international educational group was organized "to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education."

The mission of Maine State is identical to that of the national group and is uniformly aligned through 14 local chapters—each covering a particular geographic region of Maine. While each chapter's basic structure adheres to our state and international governance, the chapter also responds to the needs of the educators it serves.

All across our state, Maine State has active and retired members who are aware of the needs of our current educational system. We join together to do everything we can to provide professional development opportunities for our teachers.

In essence, membership in Maine State and the local chapters provides "great fellowship of those who are working together to bring honor and prestige to the profession of teaching."