



# Alpha Mu...Sings...

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Texas State Organization, Alpha Mu, Area V, Chapter 36  
Serving Key Women Educators in Brownsville & Los Fresnos

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Greetings Alpha Mu sisters:

This past year certainly taught us the importance of being flexible and moving forward. I am beyond grateful for all the dedication each member brought forth during this challenging and unprecedented year. It was a learning experience for all of us, and I can proudly say that our chapter was a true example of growth and optimism.

I attended the Texas State Convention in Denton in June 2021. The convention brought renewed enthusiasm and networking opportunities. The new TSO President for the biennium 2021-2023 is Shalan Inmon. Her new state theme is Journey-Which way will you go? The path of our organization will depend on the role of each members' willingness to explore DKG opportunities and make a difference in our chapter.

The executive board met in August to plan for the coming year. It was agreed to alternate the meetings between Zoom and in-person. The September meeting is on the 21st via Zoom at 7 pm. The October 12<sup>th</sup>, meeting will be in-person at Russo's at 6 p.m. At the October meeting, we will induct one member and present a second member with her membership pin.

The new social networking center will be through WhatsApp. All the members using it say it is the best way to communicate. I am pleased to hear that we all welcomed this change. Please continue to check your emails.

Fall is just around the corner. Continue to stay safe, and remember I am available if you need to reach out to me about any concerns or questions at any time.

Your Alpha Mu Chapter President  
Norma Nelson

## Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society  
International promotes professional and  
Personal growth of women educators



## Vision Statement

Leading women educators  
impacting education  
worldwide

## BUSINESS MEETING—MAY 25 , 2021

Our May Zoom business meeting was a success! This month we presented the scholarship check to the Grant-in-Aid recipient, delivered caps and gowns to six high school students, and presented supplies and check to Sunshine Haven! We also celebrated Founders Day! Mrs. Linda Little presented a PPT presentation honoring the Delta Kappa Gamma Founders. Our Alpha Mu sisters wore their hats! Hats off to our DKG founders!



## GRANT-IN-AID RECIPIENT

Our Grant-in-Aid scholarship recipient is awarded to **Ms. Dianey Morua**. She is an education major at UTRGV. She was not able to attend our May meeting due to her work schedule. The Grant-in-Aid committee chair, Graciela Alonso, read her essay. Our president, Norma Nelson, and committee chair, Graciela Alonso, met with Ms. Morua and presented her with the \$500 scholarship check in May.



## SUNSHINE HAVEN FUNDRAISER

Our chapter’s fundraiser for Sunshine Haven Inc., Special Care Facility, was a success! Thank you to everyone for their donations, and Sharlene Vazquez for taking the lead in this fundraiser. We collected supplies and monetary donations to help them continue to serve patients in South Texas. Ms. Veronica Lucio with Sunshine Haven was ecstatic to receive the supplies and \$80 check from our chapter in June 2021.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 21—Alpha Mu Business Meeting via Zoom, Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- October 12—Alpha Mu Business Meeting at Russo’s New York Pizzeria, Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- November 1—[Cornetet Individual Award](#)
- November 1—[TSO Fall Mini Grant Application](#)
- November 1—[STAR 2022 Application](#)
- November 1—Early Bird Yearbook Submission
- November 1—Lone Star News Submission

## NECROLOGY SERVICE FOR FLORESTELA (FLO) BENAVIDES

Our Necrology Chair, Esmeralda Rodriguez, gave a beautiful necrology service for **Florestela (Flo) L. Benavides** (March 23-2021).



During her lifetime, Flo was all that the Society stands for, a key woman educator. She constantly strived to enrich the lives of those she taught and with whom she worked, and now her life will ever be reflected in our hearts.

Flo had also been a member of DKG, Alpha Mu Chapter, since April 1, 1984, and made many contributions to the chapter. She served as treasurer various committees. She attended various area workshops and enjoyed every single one.

## MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Dolores (Lolita) C. Emerson (May)
- Gabriela Rodriguez (May)
- Eugenia T. Alcocer (June)
- Gloria Mercado (June)
- Janet Kay Herrera (July)
- Norma A. Nelson (July)
- Graciela Alonso (August)
- Maria Esmeralda Torres (August)
- Martha J. Warburton (August)
- Iris R. San Miguel (Sept)
- Leticia McBee Hernandez (Sept)



## ALPHA MU, STATE, AND GLOBAL WEBSITES

Stay-up to date by checking Alpha Mu chapter's website! Included are also the state and global websites! See links below:

- <https://Dkgalphamu.weebly.com> (chapter website)
- <https://Dkgtexas.org> (state website)
- <https://Dkg.org> (global website)

## CAPS FOR GRADS 2020-2021

The Alpha Mu Chapter Project, **Caps for Grads**, presented regalia to six BISD female students from Porter Early College High School to participate in their high school graduation ceremonies. These ladies were delighted and grateful for their regalia gift; see photo below.



Left to right, Alpha Mu President, Norma Nelson, Ashley Amaro, Ashley Armendariz, Alicia Lartigue, Leslie Leal, Kimberly Ramirez, and Genesis Santiago, Alpha Mu members Esmeralda Torres, and Linda Little.



## ALPHA MU OFFICERS FOR 2020-2022

- Norma Nelson – President
- Melissa Saldivar, 1st Vice-President
- Drue Brown, 2nd Vice-President
- Letty Hernandez, Recording Secretary
- Esmeralda Torres, Corresponding Secretary
- Linda Little, Treasurer
- Mary Sullivan, Parliamentarian

## 92ND TSO CONVENTION-DENTON

Our Alpha Mu President, Norma Nelson, attended the 92<sup>nd</sup> Texas State Organization convention in June.



Below are photos from the TSO Convention in Denton. The Unifying Project CASA collected a total of \$6,150 in gift card donations. The donations benefit Denton County CASA units.



Norma Nelson, Alpha Mu President presenting Unifying Project CASA gift card donations.



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