

## Florida DKG Educational Foundation, Inc.

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### Annual Report

What an exciting year for the Foundation! The new Educational Grants were a huge success: eleven Grant applications were received, along with five applications for Professional Development Awards. Though the directors had already budgeted \$6,000 for Grants and Awards for the year, they passed an emergency motion to increase the budgeted amount to \$10,000, enabling four Professional Development Awards and seven Educational Grants to be funded. Every Florida DKG member can be proud of this achievement from your Foundation which is only five years old!

Two additional directors are being proposed for the Florida State Executive Board's vote. They are Vicki Sims and Carol Ann Casey. Carol Ann is now serving as a director due to her status as immediate past Florida State President. She and Vicki are proposed for their first four-year terms as elected directors. At the same time, the Foundation is losing a very valuable director – Carrie Frye. Carrie has done a superb job as the Foundation's first Public Relations Chair. We will miss her and her talents immeasurably.

Election of new officers of the Board of Directors has taken place by email. Dr. Kay Clawson will serve as chair of the Board, Nancy Bentz will be vice-chair and Dr. Constance Besco will become secretary. These officers will assume their duties following the Fall Florida State Executive Board Meeting and Workshops. Also, the Foundation's valuable treasurer, Connie Kostyra, will continue to serve in that position.

Directors planned to represent the Foundation at the six district meetings last spring, but, unfortunately, directors were able to participate in meetings of only Districts I, II, and III before the corona virus made us stay at home.

We thank all Florida DKG members for their continued support, while encouraging everyone to visit [www.FLDKGEF](http://www.FLDKGEF) for more Foundation information and to look for the Educator Express in your inbox three times each year.

#### Board of Directors

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Nancy Bentz, Secretary

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