



Wow! December is here! I hope this season provides all of you with warm and endearing memories! It is a time for Upsilon to celebrate, also! We have our annual Holiday

Celebration on December 14, which is the 2nd Monday of the month. The focus of our Special Holiday Project this year is the Cheyenne Boys and Girls Club. If you can donate any school supplies, please bring them to our Holiday Celebration. We will have a table set up to collect your items.

Best wishes for the holidays and for health and happiness throughout the coming year.

Dr. Irene Story

Upsilon President 2014-2016

- Monday, December 14, 2015
- Grace United Methodist Church Hall, 2950 Spruce Avenue, 82001 (just south of East High School off Forest Drive)
- Spouses/significant others invited!
- Bring a dessert to share!
- Entertainment: Heather Isle
- Initiation of NEW MEMBERS!
- Secret Santa Gift Exchange (optional)

Special Holiday Project: *Boys and Girls Club—bring school supplies to donate!*

Don't be a Grinch!
Come join in on the fun!!



Map to Grace United Methodist Church:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Grace+United+Methodist+Church/@41.1426871,-104.7785776,16z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x36a501463724bc14>

UW College of Education Honors Banquet

The University of Wyoming's College of Education held its annual Honors Banquet on Monday, November 9 in Laramie and Upsilon Chapter President Dr. Irene Story attended this event. One of the recipients of the "Delta Kappa Gamma Upsilon Chapter Recruitment Grant," Brigitte Zumbo, attended this event. Brigitte is an art education major.



Pictured from left: Dr. Irene Story, Brigitte Zumbo and Dr. Ray Reutzel, Dean of the College of Education.

Tyler Spear, UW Foundation Major Gift Officer wrote the following to Dr. Story in an email follow-up to this event:

It was a pleasure to meet you on

Monday evening. I hope you enjoyed yourself at the event... Also, many thanks to you and your sorority sisters for their tremendous philanthropy to not only the College of Education, but to many tremendous causes across Wyoming. What you do is inspiring.

Upsilon continues to touch the future of education through its \$100,000 endowment at UW (our \$50,000 contribution matched with state funding).

New Member Orientation Tuesday, Dec. 8! Please come!

When: Tuesday, December 8, 2015
6:00 PM

Where: Home of Linda Carlson, Upsilon 2nd VP
3514 Sunrise Road, 82001
East of Channel 5 News Station

- Who:**
- Sponsors of potential initiates
 - All members are invited and encouraged to attend, especially if you personally or professionally know any of the potential initiates!

RSVP to Katy Orr at 631-8077 or orrkathy7@gmail.com.



Upsilon Strategic Action Plan Adopted

Dr. Michelle Aldrich, Strategic Planning Committee

Woohoo! The last of the large Chapter documents was passed at the November 16th meeting. If you missed it, you may not know that we passed the Strategic Plan for Upsilon Chapter. International has requested strategic planning for states and chapters the last few years. The research that DKG International has done shows that one of the signs of a healthy chapter is setting goals and having a plan! We are amongst those healthy chapters!

Our Strategic Plan follows the format and shares some of the same goals as our Alpha Xi Strategic Plan such as increasing membership. There are also some goals in our plan that are unique to Upsilon, such as those that relate to our annual used book sale. As many of you recognize, our annual book sale is how most of the community knows us and about our chapter. In fact, many of you may have initially encountered DKG Upsilon at our community book sale!

The **Strategic Plan**, our **Chapter Rules**, and our **By-laws** are now all updated and current! These documents can be accessed on our website at:

<http://dkgupsilonwy.weebly.com>.

Thank you to all of those who attended meetings this fall and helped to develop this plan!

Communications Committee has New Chair

Dorothy Middleton-Owens has graciously agreed to take over as Communications Chair (formerly the "Calling Chair") as Cindy Hager needs time to focus on her family. **Thank you, Dorothy, for stepping up and assisting us!**



Scholarship Reminders: **DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR STATE SCHOLARSHIP IS APRIL 1, 2016**

Julia Burke, Upsilon Scholarship Committee

Are you working on a graduate or post-graduate degree? Have you heard there is an Alpha Xi State Scholarship that is available to you?



Each year one \$1000 scholarship awarded. Minimum regulations/criteria are:

1. Available to active members in good standing in an Alpha Xi State chapter for at least 2

years. Preference is given to members who have shown leadership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

2. An applicant must be accepted for graduate work in an approved institution of higher learning. If postgraduate studies have been pursued, the applicant must be in good standing.
3. An applicant must plan to use the scholarship for pursuing graduate work or seeking an advanced degree.
4. An applicant must be currently employed in educational work or must be planning to return to employment in the field of education upon completion of graduate studies.
5. Previously unsuccessful applicants may apply again, but recipients are ineligible for future scholarships.

The application and recommendations must be returned to the state chairperson, Jennifer Steveson, **no later than April 1** the year the scholarship is desired. No late applications are accepted. The application and instructions can be found at:

<http://alphaxistatedkg.weebly.com/scholarships-grants-and-the-caring-fund.html>

Submit the completed form to Jennifer Steveson, 207 Frontier Ave, Newcastle, WY 82701 or emailed to stevesonj@wcsd1.org. Call Jennifer at 307.746.4300 if you have any questions.



UPSILON Calendar*

January	Membership sign-up for Used Book Sale jobs/responsibilities
Feb 1, May 1, or Sept. 1	Cornet Award for Professional Development due to International
Feb. 29 Mon	Tri-chapter Coordinating Council Meeting. 4:15 pm. Home of Glenda Reynolds.
Mar. 5-6	Upsilon Book Sale
April 29-30	WY State Leadership Training, Casper
April 5, 2016 Tues	Upsilon Executive Board Meeting 5:00 pm, 2 Doors Down on Dell Range
July 5-9 2017	International Convention, Nashville, TN NW Regional Conference, Spearfish, SD

* These items may not be included in the Upsilon 2014-2016 Yearbook. New items are highlighted in yellow.