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**A Message from Your E-Board**

Hello KDP Members!

 Congratulations on surviving the first half of the semester! We cannot believe how quickly it is flying by! KDP has gotten off to a great start, with an excellent turnout at our first two meetings. The Children’s Home Society in Trenton was abundantly grateful for all of the school supplies we collected in September, as well as the socks and underwear donations we received at the October meeting. At our last meeting, we also asked for five-dollar donations to go towards The Eliminate Project. We raised a total of $165, enough to vaccinate over 80 mothers and all of their future children from tetanus. Great work everybody! Each month we will continue to ask our members for donations. It’s an easy way to earn a point and really make a difference in someone’s life!

 We’ve also heard two fantastic professional development presentations from our members. Jennifer LaSpina and Jessica Pirrera shared their experiences teaching travel to students in Trenton, and Katie Burke gave us some useful methods for incorporating technology and social media into the classroom. If you are interested in giving your own presentation at a meeting, please email the account!

 As we discussed at the first meeting, our executive board has been working hard to plan our biggest event of the semester, our Literacy Across the Curriculum Conference. Look for more information below!

Keep up the great work!

Your E-Board,

Lana, Kevin, Sarah, Rebecca, Lori and Erica

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**September Member of the Month:**

***Jennifer Tobias***

Jennifer is a senior Elementary Education/ English major. She is a head counselor at Frogbridge Day Camp in the summer, tutors for Homefront, and is a member of Alpha Phi Omega. This semester, she is doing her student teaching in a kindergarten classroom, and loves it! She is a valued member of KDP, and consistently participates in fundraisers, donation drives, and Kids Day Out. Congratulations on being our member of the month, Jennifer!

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**October Member of the Month:**

***Rachel Redelico***

Rachel is an Elementary Education and iStem major in her junior year. She was just inducted into KDP last semester, and is excited to get involved! This past summer she worked as the program assistant for The Urban Teacher Academy at TCNJ, and loved working with high school students who aspired to teach! Keep up the good work Rachel!

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Gamma Zeta Chapter

Keynote speaker Lisa Funari-Willever, author of the *Nicky Fifth* series



**Literacy Across the Curriculum Conference**

You are invited to attend Kappa Delta Pi Gamma Zeta Chapter’s Literacy Across the Curriculum event on November 8th, from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the Education Building, Room 115. The keynote speaker for this event will be award-winning children’s author Lisa Funari Willever, followed by three 45-minute long workshops of your choice (with a one hour lunch break in between). You may stay for any or all of the workshops. If you do stay for the entirety of the event, you will receive an e-mail with a professional development certificate.

For more information and to RSVP, please see the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1409990999240385/?notif_t=plan_user_invited>

Keep earning your points!

Points: You must earn 25 points to receive your honor cord if you are a sophomore inducted during the spring or 12 points if you are a junior inducted during the spring.

There will be one Google Doc per semester that asks you to identify activities in which you participated. The link is attached to the bottom of every email we send.

You can earn:

\*1 point for every hour you volunteer with KDP

\*1 point for every $50 you raise for any of our fundraisers or charity events

\*1 point for bringing items to donate to the different drives held at each meeting

\*1 point for each fundraiser in which you participate

\*3 points for serving on a committee

\*5 points for chairing a committee

\*3 points for global student teaching half a semester

\*5 points for studying abroad full semester

See an e-board member if you have any questions!

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**So to TEACH
that our words inspire a will to learn**

 **So to SERVE
that each day may enhance the growth of exploring minds**

 **So to LIVE
that we may guide young and old to know the truth and love the right.**

**Monthly Meeting Incentive:**

Coming to monthly meetings is not only a great way to learn, socialize, and earn points toward your honor cord…it can also be a way to receive a prize! Each time you come to a meeting you have the opportunity to receive a gift card!

Tickets will be given out at the beginning of each meeting and a winner will be drawn at the end. This incentive program is to encourage regular attendance at our monthly meetings and raise the number of active members in the chapter.

 **New Members**:

Congratulations to all of those who were invited to join Kappa Delta Pi this fall! To be eligible to join, members must have a minimum 3.5 GPA and have taken or be enrolled in at least four education courses. Kappa Delta Pi provides its members with the opportunity to gain professional development, volunteer, network, and be recognized internationally as a distinguished student of education. If you would like to be inducted in the fall, we ask that you attend our interest session on Wednesday, October 29 at 8:30pm in Room 115. Induction will be held on Monday, November 10.

Kappa Delta Pi Executive Board

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**Upcoming Events!**

**Keep an eye out for an email regarding the dates of these exciting events!**

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| **Interest Meeting** | **October 29** |
| **Literacy Conference** | **November 8** |
| **Fall Induction** | **November 10** |
| **November Meeting** | **November 19** |
| **December Meeting** | **December 3** |