

From The Chair

Welcome to the first edition of **The DAR School Sparkler!**

Our hope is to get information out to the chapters on behalf of our DAR school, Kate Duncan Smith (KDS), and four DAR Approved schools, Berry College, Crossnore School and Children's Home, Hillside School, and Hindman Settlement School. With less than 2% of our membership subscribed to the DAR School Facebook Page a newsletter is a great way to do that so please disseminate this edition to your members and help us get the word out! A special thank you to the President General for letting us try something a little different and to the DAR School Committee team for putting it together.



Remember, the "Schools are the Jewels of DAR". Read about our Jewels and talk to your chapters!

Sparkle on!

Dawn Crumly Lemongello
National Chair, DAR School



KDS Dedication Day - September 29 and 30

Jacqueline Riddell, National Vice Chair Friends of DAR Schools

"All DAR are invited! The more, the merrier!" notes Heather Green, Executive Director of Kate Duncan Smith School, located atop Gunter Mountain in Northeast Alabama. Dedication Day welcomes DAR members from across the country to dedicate gifts from the previous year. This year's celebration is Thurs., Sept. 29 and Fri., Sept. 30; register by September 19 here:

<https://kdsdar.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Dedication-Day-Schedule-2022-tentative-fillable.pdf>



Some fun facts about Dedication Day, according to Green:

- Students have been singing songs of gratitude to DAR visitors at Dedication Day since 1924.
- The Dedication Day Craft Show is always a huge hit with DAR visitors, students, staff, and the local community! Vendors spend countless hours preparing.
- Typically, speakers have been distinguished DAR Guests and inspirational and/or successful individuals from our local area. There have been politicians, new residents, Gunter Mountain lifers, and many others attend our Dedication Day.
- Autumn on Gunter Mountain is filled with amazing sunsets, cool night breezes, warm afternoons, calming rain storms, and Friday night lights! Students are happy to be back on campus and everyone is feeling refreshed from Summer break!
- Students plan and decorate keeping a patriotic theme to welcome Daughters to the campus. Student performances are rehearsed. Also, everyone pitches in to make sure that Dedication Day is an exciting and eventful time for everyone in attendance.
- North Alabama in the Fall can be one huge weather event, but the JAC (Junior American Citizen) performance power outage a few years ago definitely stands out. They powered through their show anyway, though!



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DAR Member Spotlight

Peggy King Scully

I joined DAR in 2010 as a Daughter of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter (Michigan) which celebrates its 130th birthday in 2023. I have been privileged to serve in leadership at the chapter, state, and National levels, most recently as the PG's Appointee to the KDS DAR School Board of Trustees in the Van Buren Administration.

I am a member of the KDS Development Committee and served as its Chair from 2016 - 2022. I am a Gem Sustained Giving Society member and contribute to the Loyal Steadfast and Ever True Campaign, Blessing Bags program, Giving Tuesday fundraisers, Snowflake Christmas Fund, and the Scholastic Book Fair Bucks program.

I developed a passion for KDS when I visited the campus in 2013 at the urging of the late Gloria Bailey Hunt, a beloved Chapter Daughter and friend of the School. I am honored to wear her KDS Board of Trustees service pin on my ribbon.

In 1969 my Chapter funded the development of an outdoor recreation and athletic area at KDS. In 2016 we helped sponsor a new baseball field at the school's Louisa St. Clair Athletic Complex. We look forward to commemorating the KDS Centennial in 2024 with a sponsorship in honor of Mrs. Hunt.

I am an attorney specializing in medical defense litigation and serve on several nonprofit Boards and at legal clinics in the Detroit area. HODAR Dan and I have three children: both daughters are Daughters and my son is the genesis for a second career advocating on behalf of students with special needs.

My favorite DAR moments are attending KDS graduations and presenting Louisa St. Clair Chapter Scholarships to two graduating seniors each year. I hope to channel my inner "Gloria" and inspire the next generation of Daughters to become part of the KDS family.



Take a Minute to share the DAR School Committee with your chapter ...

"Schools Are The Jewels of DAR" is a perfect motto to celebrate our continued devotion to the success of our DAR School students. Looking at the DAR School pin it is important to note the symbolism of the bond between the Schools and DAR. The actual jewels of our schools are the students. Imagine they are shining brightly in the white sparkling ribbon that binds the blue and red hearts together. We hear their success stories and understand that they are due in part to our DAR donations.

We can all make this "Sparkler" shine brighter by becoming part of the DAR School initiative. Make the "Schools Are The Jewels of DAR" pin part of your DAR pin wardrobe, or contribute to the "Friends of DAR Schools" fund. Purchase your pin today: <https://shop.dar.org/hearts-schools-pin/>

-- Nancy Ball, National Vice Chair Eastern Division

School and office supplies are an ongoing need. Did you know that you can help support DAR Schools when you buy school and office supplies? It's simple, while shopping at Office Depot, in store, or online you can select a school to support at check out and a portion of the sales will benefit the school with 5% in rewards. When they have a credit of more than \$10 in a quarter, Office Depot will send them a gift certificate for the credit to shop for their own supplies at Office Depot.

Simply click on this link <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/dar-school/boxtops-more>

Click on Office Depot, search the DAR approved Schools by the State and City for their ID number. And if you forgot to give the school ID at check out, use the link above, click on Office Depot and enter your receipt number with the school ID to get credit.

What a wonderful way to benefit the DAR Schools!

-- Linda Hamlin Dillard, National Vice Chair South Central Division

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News From The Schools

Sammy Lackner, National Vice Chair

Hindman Settlement School is Hurting from Historic Flooding

While reading about the flooding on Hindman's social media sites, I learned how we can help.

July 27 – 28, 2022 brought unprecedented torrential rains and devastating flooding to Eastern Kentucky, the likes of which haven't been experienced in the 120 years of Hindman Settlement School. The entire region is experiencing loss; loss of loved ones, their homes, cars, and of the basic necessities like food, water, shelter and sanitary conditions. Hindman Settlement School has sustained significant damage to the property and buildings, but we are so grateful that the Hindman Settlement School staff and the guests that were on campus are all safe.

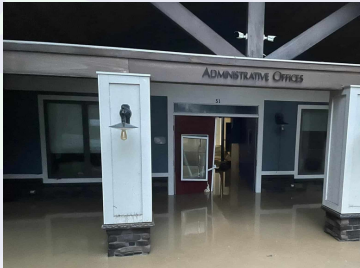
These photos are a very brief snapshot of the flooding and damage to the property at Hindman Settlement School. Buildings can be repaired – but more importantly, right now attention has turned to helping the friends, neighbors and surrounding community by providing meals, shelter, and basic necessities. The need is great!

One of the easiest and fastest ways to help is to donate through the Hindman website:
<https://hindmansettlementschool.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate>.

They would also appreciate gift cards from Walmart, Sam's Club or Amazon, which you can mail directly to Hindman Settlement School, PO Box 844, Hindman, KY 41822. This will ensure that the school staff can purchase what they need as they need it. If you are an Amazon shopper and would like to support them by purchasing from their Wish List, that would also be a real blessing to them:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GX7U64J6YR6A/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex.

The recovery effort at Hindman will be a months- and even years-long process. We will update information on opportunities to send targeted aid to specific areas of reconstruction and cleanup in the coming weeks.



Berry College

Berry College softball finished its historic season with a tie for third place in the nation and the best-ever finish for Berry in NCAA Division III! The 2022 softball Vikings join the 2021 indoor volleyball team as the only Berry teams in the NCAA Division III era to reach the final stage of competition. "I'm so proud of how far they've come," said Berry softball head coach Emily Stanley of the team. "We're just so grateful for the opportunity Berry gives us to come to events like this. It's just an amazing experience."

What does Berry College have in common with the likes of Oxford University in England, Sorbonne University in France, Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, or the University of São Paulo in Brazil? Like each of those storied academic institutions, Berry was recently included by Veranda, a publication of The Hearst Corporation boasting nearly a half-million readers, in its ranking of the 12 Most Beautiful College Campuses Around the World. Citing Berry's 27,000 acres of forests, meadows, and lakes, the article said walking the campus "feels like you're visiting the set of a fairytale movie." Wow!



Hillside School



It has been a busy summer at Hillside School. Since graduation on May 27, when 38 boys received their diplomas and headed off to secondary school, the campus has been filled with boys and girls from various soccer camps using our facilities. Hillside is eagerly anticipating the return of students next month. Fall term begins on September 13th.

They have several initiatives planned for the boys this year. The most exciting is a renewed emphasis on our core value of Brotherhood which will focus on responsibility and accountability and teach the boys the value of making their "brothers" better rather than simply looking out for themselves. Other initiatives they are looking to implement include opportunities to bond through overnight campouts on campus and more interdisciplinary learning opportunities in the classroom, often involving our farm and our iLab. The Hillside staff look forward to seeing the impact that these programs will have on the boys throughout the year!

Kate Duncan Smith School

Please give a warm, DAR welcome to new KDS Development Director Jason Hodges! Jason is a 1997 KDS graduate, and the school is so fortunate to have him on board.

The staff and students at KDS started the 2022-2023 school year on August 9th, and are off to a great start! Now is a great time to check out the KDS Supply Wishlist at <https://kdsdar.org/supply-wish-lists>. At the end of each list of needed items, you will find a clickable link to the list on Amazon. Giving has never been easier! You can always find out what the students at KDS are up to by signing up to receive their newsletter. Here is a link to the sign-up page on their website: <https://kdsdar.org/patriot-e-news/>.

The school is looking forward to the KDS Dedication Day September 29th, where they will host President General Pamela Rouse Wright. Look for pictures and highlights of that trip on the Today's DAR Blog!

Crossnore School and Childrens Home

Crossnore Communities for Children was so excited to get a visit in July from all 10 North Carolina Society DAR officers, including State Regent Anna Choi, as they delivered books for our children. This book collection is a state-wide DAR effort, organized by Librarian Mary Aker, and this is only about half of what's to come! So many great books that the children we serve will be able to use now and for years to come.

It was so fun to have these wonderful Daughters on campus, and we were happy to get to spend some time with them and show them our new Archives Room. It was a good day!

