

From The Chairman's Heart

This second edition of the DAR Sparkler features the President General kicking off the "Schools are the Jewels of DAR" celebration by visiting Berry College in Rome, GA and Kate Duncan Smith DAR School in Grant, AL. Both visits were fantastic and highlighted the wonderful successes at each school. During Sparkle Week, all five schools joined us in Washington to meet with attendees and to present their missions and accomplishments.

As Recording Secretary General, Lanabeth Horgen, so aptly stated, "our schools are the original Community Classrooms." We have enough love in our hearts for both our DAR School and for Community Classrooms, so don't forget those children within your own communities. To quote my mother, "Love doesn't divide, it multiplies."

Our DAR Schools are DAR's biggest success story! Get our newsletter to your chapter members to read and enjoy!

Sparkle on!

Dawn Crumly Lemongello
National Chair, DAR School



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

The wooden overshot waterwheel at Berry College is considered one of the largest in the world at 42 feet in diameter. Originally constructed at Hermitage, Georgia in the 1800's, the waterwheel and mill were owned and operated by a remarkable blind man named Tom Kennibrew. According to the late Rebecca Watters West, the huge waterwheel was used to power a grist mill and a cotton gin. Mr. Kennibrew died in 1917 and the mill fell silent for several years. Then, Miss Martha Berry discovered the old mill, and solicited the owners, Republic Mining Company, to donate the mill to Berry Schools. In 1930 the mill was disassembled, moved to its present location at Berry Schools and reassembled by Berry Students. In 1985, physical plant staff and student volunteers restored the mechanism and made grinding of Berry grown corn meal once again possible. The Old Mill is operated on special occasions and when available, the gift shop sells cornmeal ground at the Old Mill.



-- Rebecca Boudreaux-Clavel, National Vice Chair Southwestern Division



The Kate Duncan Smith DAR School campus has grown from its original four-classroom building to 240 acres of land and 40 buildings, 11 of which are faculty residences. The KDS campus is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district and is home to a number of area landmarks including the Pennsylvania Log Cabin that was built in 1935. Over the years, it has served as the school library and Administrative Office, and is one of the region's most significant architectural landmarks. The cabin is now home to the KDS DAR School Heritage Hall Museum. The museum houses artifacts and memorabilia relating to the founding of the school and the surrounding community. DAR members are encouraged to come and visit the museum, which is open Monday-Thursday and Saturday. Please visit the school's website <https://kdsdar.org/kds-dar-school-heritage-hall-museum/> for a complete list of museum hours.

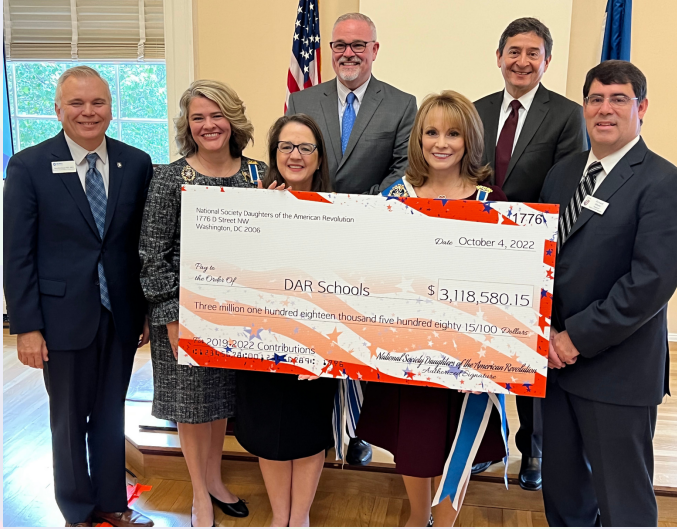
-- Sammy Lackner, National Vice Chair



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TO SUPPORT THE DAR JEWELS**

[HTTPS://SHOP.DAR.ORG/HEARTS-SCHOOLS-PIN/](https://shop.dar.org/hearts-schools-pin/)

Our Crown Jewel Visits Berry College and KDS



The President General Pamela Rouse Wright and DAR School Chairman Dawn Crumly Lemongello present a check representing contributions to DAR Schools during the VanBuren administration.



The President General with Georgia State Regent Betty Harrah during a wreath laying at the gravesite of Daughter Martha Berry, founder of Berry College.



The President General and members of the National Executive Board view the Berry College eagles nest; a popular "nest cam" tracks a bald eagle couple on campus.



The President General greeted by students from Kate Duncan Smith DAR School in Grant, Alabama.



Kate Duncan Smith DAR School students recite the Pledge of Allegiance during Dedication Day on September 30, 2022.



Touring the lunchroom and auditorium with some of the female students who attend Berry College.

Quarterly Atwell Distribution

Dawn Crumly Lemongello, National Chair

Every quarter we take the interest from the Ella Atwell Fund and per the requests of KDS and Crossnore, providing us with their greatest needs, we distribute accordingly. (Mrs Atwell generously endowed money to KDS and Crossnore. There will be more on this in the next edition of the DAR School Sparkler.)

The 2nd Quarter 2022 distribution of the Ella Atwell Fund was approved by the Executive Board as follows: To distribute the 2nd quarterly share of the Ella Atwell Fund \$128,386.38 to the following DAR Schools: \$64,193.19 to Crossnore Communities For Children for the purpose of funding Thrive Scholarships (\$21,397.73), Discover Scholarships (\$21,397.73) and Bridge Scholarships (\$21,397.73); and \$64,193.19 to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School for the following items: for funding maintenance and repair expenses (\$3,954); quarterly utilities (\$8,529) and for partial funding labor expenses (\$51,710.19).

We are blessed to be able to be so generous every quarter with Crossnore and KDS thanks to Mrs. Atwell!

DAR School Scholarship

Tracy Suarez, National Vice Chair DAR School Scholarship

Listed below are the scholarships awarded and administered by the NSDAR through the National Vice Chair, DAR School Scholarship, DAR School Committee. Eligible students from Crossnore Communities for Children ("Crossnore"), Hillside School ("Hillside"), and Kate Duncan Smith DAR School ("KDS") may obtain scholarship application packets from their respective schools each year. Approximately \$33,000 is disbursed annually and is placed on deposit with the college, university, or technical school and any unused portion is returned to the NSDAR. The scholarships are funded through endowments named in honor of the generous Daughters who gifted them and are described as follows:

Frankie Ellen Wood Giroux Scholarship (Crossnore and Hillside students are eligible). This scholarship is awarded one time only in the amount of up to \$2,000 to five deserving and needy students from each school to provide for tuition, subsistence, or other expenses.

Idamae Cox Otis Scholarship (KDS seniors are eligible). This scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$1,000 per year for four consecutive years to one graduating senior at KDS who has maintained a minimum C average and desires to attend a college, university, or technical school. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 or forfeit the scholarship. Renewal is conditional upon annual transcript review by the Office of the Reporter General.

Longman-Harris Scholarship (KDS seniors are eligible). This scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$2,000 each year for four consecutive years to one KDS senior who has an A/B average and wishes to attend a four-year college or university in the state of Alabama. Students must maintain an A/B average or forfeit the scholarship. Renewal is conditional upon annual transcript review by the Office of the Reporter General.

Mildred Louise Brackney Scholarship (KDS seniors are eligible). This scholarship is awarded one time only in the amount of \$1,000 to one graduating senior at KDS who has demonstrated academic excellence and is in financial need.

For more information on DAR School Scholarship, please access the DAR Handbook or contact the National Vice Chair darschool.scholarship@nsdar.org.

DAR Member Spotlight

Lynnette Faulkner

I joined DAR in Wisconsin, on the cusp of our Nation's Bicentennial. My interest was toward the educational objective of the Society, and I found the projects and scope of the DAR School programs fascinating. As a member of The Congress House Committee (Tiers) under 14 Presidents General, I heard wonderful reports from School Administrators and Students.

1985, my first trip was to Tamassee DAR School (SC), and an invitation to be an organizing member of the Tamassee Advisory Committee. I served three years on Tamassee's Board of Directors. Tamassee is no longer an NSDAR supported school.

Driving my own car, I followed the National Society's DAR School Tour on many occasions, visiting Kate Duncan Smith DAR School (AL), Berry College (GA), Crossnore's Avery campus (NC), and Hindman Settlement School (KY). It is still my goal to attend a DAR Day at Hillside School (MA).

A member of the KDS Endowment Committee (2009-13), I currently serve on its Development Committee, and am looking forward to the 100 Year Celebration of KDS. In 2019, my family donated raised gardens to Kindergartners & First Graders in memory of my husband, Virgil.

President General Ann Fleck appointed me as the National Vice Chair, South Central Division, DAR School Committee, 1986-89. I also served as NVC (DAR School Committee-Scholarships) for Lynn Young, 2013-16 and was in charge of "Balloon Pin" sales. A Chapter Regent in WI, PA, and TX, and a Past TX State Librarian, I am currently the Parliamentarian for Abigail Wright Chamberlin Chapter (FL), as well as its DAR School and Insignia Chair.

Learn more about each School and you will find that "DAR Schools are indeed the Jewels of DAR"! Purchase the new Scholarship pin. Contributions are also encouraged through Friends of DAR Schools, or by being a Sustaining Supporter of Education.



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News From The Schools

Sammy Lackner, National Vice Chair

Hillside School



Hillside has had a wonderful start to our school year. The first group of boys to return were our Jump Start students on August 29. These were 30 of our international students who came to campus two weeks ahead of the other students to get a “jump start” on acclimating to campus life, developing their English language skills, and adjusting to American culture. They were joined two weeks later by the rest of their Hillside brothers with our first live, in-person Registration Day in three years. It is good to have a feeling of normalcy back on campus again. There have been several highlights during the first few weeks. We began with a great presentation from an alumnus, Ross Allen '03, who came back to campus to talk about his experience in the Israeli Defense Force and leadership lessons he learned from that. Our Big Brother Program kicked off with activities to help the new students get to know their “Big Brothers.” We are in the process of choosing our student leaders for the year, so candidates are actively filling out applications and interviewing with teachers for these valued positions.

Hindman Settlement School

As the flood recovery efforts continue in the region, it is time for Hindman Settlement School to return to the things that we do best; Education, Foodways, and Traditional Arts. The Amazon Wishlist has been updated with items needed for the James Still Learning Center, and this is one of the best ways right now to help Hindman move forward

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

We will continue to need volunteers in the weeks and months ahead to assist with the recovery of office files, paperwork, and archives. Housing will be available for volunteers. Please include your housing request with your volunteer form submission. Words are inadequate to express our appreciation for the continued support from DAR members across the country.



Crossnore Communities for Children

Crossnore is so thankful for another HUGE book drop off (around 500 MORE books!) for our children and programs. These amazing books were collected by DAR chapters all around the state. In July, all 10 North Carolina Society DAR officers, including State Regent Anna Choi, delivered books for our children. And in September, State Librarian Mary Aker visited us again and brought the rest. Be on the lookout when our winter edition of Miracles Magazine comes out for a story on this amazing effort! If you are not on our magazine mailing list and would like to be, please email your name and address to Patrice Williams, Communications Manager, at pwilliams@crossnore.org.

Berry College



Berry College Rankings

#3 in Regional Universities South • Mount Berry, GA

Berry College has been ranked No. 1 for both undergraduate teaching and best value among regional universities in the South by U.S. News and World Report. Berry rose in nearly all of the 2022 rankings, coming in at No. 3 overall and no. 6 for most innovative in the South. Berry also fared well in the publication’s national rankings, coming in at No. 19 for service learning and among the top 60 universities for best first-year experience.

“Berry consistently attracts students and faculty who embrace our unique educational mission, which encourages academic excellence through intellectual exploration, as well as practical learning experiences and spiritual growth. Not only are students attracted to this education, but they increasingly recognize the value it provides both here and after they graduate. I’m excited that Berry is being recognized for what we’ve known on campus all along,” said Berry Vice President for Enrollment Management Andrew Bressette.

Kate Duncan Smith School

The KDS Alumni Tailgate Event took place on September 23rd at Patriots Stadium and was a fantastic time of fun and fellowship for current and former KDS students. Our 98th Dedication Day was held on September 30th. It was so wonderful to have the DAR President General along with many other national, state, and local DAR chapter members and friends on campus to celebrate! For more exciting news from KDS, you can sign up for our newsletter at <https://kdsdar.org/patriot-e-news/>. Thanks again to all the DAR members who help to support our students and staff.

