

### *From The Chairman's Heart*

And just like that... It's February! And 2023 at that! We are embracing some big positive changes and we are looking forward to all of you joining us!

February. Valentine's Day. Hearts. Love. Doesn't that sound like the perfect month for the DAR Schools? Our pin is one big advertisement for love, our love of our schools and with two hearts intertwined, that is double the love and really... this is our month!

Congress is quickly approaching. Are you attending? If so, consider coming to the Education Awards Luncheon! This new format enables us to look at all of DAR's educational opportunities, with the first year focusing on Community Classroom. Our Schools will still be in attendance and they will be receiving their financial support as they always have at the luncheon. You will have the opportunity to meet the representatives as in the past. This luncheon will include Community Classroom, American Indians, Scholarship and DAR School committees. There are so many opportunities for YOU to learn about all we do in DAR when it comes to Education. Be there. I will! And I look forward to seeing you!

February, our month. Love our Schools. But remember, hug those that matter in your heart. My PSA for this issue! Sparkle on!

Dawn Crumly Lemongello  
 National Chair, DAR School



### *Education Awards Luncheon*

Have you ever wished you could be at two places at once when attending Continental Congress? The Wright Administration has created the Sparkling new Education Awards Luncheon so attendees can be in four places at the same time. Modeled after the Patriotism Luncheon, which combines Service to Veterans, National Defense, and Project Patriot committees, the new and exciting Education Awards Luncheon will highlight DAR School, American Indians, Community Classroom, and DAR Scholarship committees. While each committee will have a presence each year, this year will be hosted by Community Classroom. As they Spark the Love of Learning, the Community Classroom committee will share a wonderful program during the luncheon. Make sure to get your reservation early and join us as we celebrate all of you and your commitment to DAR and education.

-- Cheryl Odell, DAR School Congress Luncheon Event

### DAR School Mission Statements



**BERRY**  
 COLLEGE

To provide an integrated education of the head, heart and hands as the means by which to graduate responsible adults with the knowledge, experience, character and passion to improve the communities in which they live, work and serve. (Purpose Statement) <https://www.berry.edu/>



**CROSSNORE**  
 communities for children

Crossnore Communities for Children grows healthy futures for children and families by providing a Christian sanctuary of hope and healing. <https://www.crossnore.org/>



Hillside's mission is to maximize the potential of every student in mind, body, and spirit. <https://www.hillsideschool.net/>



Provide education and service opportunities for people of the mountains, while keeping them mindful of their heritage. <https://hindman.org/>



The mission of Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, Inc. is to provide opportunities for educational and personal growth for students, while emphasizing patriotism, responsible citizenship, and the historical legacy of the school. <https://www.kdsdar.org/>

# Kate Duncan Smith Experiences Coldest Christmas in 37 Years

Heather Green, Executive Director Kate Duncan Smith DAR School

North Alabama, like many parts of our country, experienced the coldest Christmas in 37 years in 2022. Following several days of single digit temperatures, with a low of 4.6 degrees in Grant on December 24, pipes in two areas of the Burkey Center froze and burst, spraying water from the ceiling down onto everything in the classrooms below. The biology classroom and the Family & Consumer Sciences kitchen, both located on the northeast end of the building, had significant ceiling damage. The biology classroom had additional major losses of a ceiling-mount projector, microwave, mini fridge, and a set of 30 graphing calculators, and the FACS kitchen lost a stove and microwave. All things considered; the loss was minimal.

KDS DAR School and Marshall County Board of Education Maintenance Staff worked overtime to make the necessary repairs and conduct the extensive clean-up required so that school could start on January 4th as scheduled.



But this story is not just about the damage and the losses. It is more about our community and the people who live here. Because on Christmas Eve at 9:45 p.m., dozens of folks showed up in work clothes with Shop Vacs and squeegees to help keep the water from entering the gym and to remove standing water from more than half of a 40,000+ square foot building. People of all ages with one thing in common, their love for KDS DAR School, gave up a bit of their holiday to help.

Immense gratitude is expressed to all those who helped with the clean-up. This outpouring of love and support for KDS DAR School and its students is but one thing that makes KDS special.

We have put together an Amazon Wish List with items that need to be replaced and some things that will help us be better prepared in the future. And although most of the items have already been generously sponsored by friends, there are still a few things left. If you would like to help, here's the link:

[https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ISVJJDNBRS4X/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_2](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ISVJJDNBRS4X/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2)

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## *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.

The 4th Quarter 2022 distribution of the Ella Atwell Fund was approved by the Executive Board as follows: To distribute the 4th quarterly share of the Ella Atwell Fund \$152,385.70 to the following DAR Schools: \$76,192.85 to Crossnore Communities For Children for the purpose of funding Thrive Scholarships (\$25,397.62), Discover Scholarships (\$25,397.62) and Bridge Scholarships (\$25,397.61); and \$76,192.85 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 (\$63,709.85).

The April edition will have a summary of our 2022 Atwell donations.

## DAR School Scholarship News Update

Tracy Suarez, National Vice Chair DAR School Scholarship

Early in September, contacts at Hillside School, Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, and Crossnore Communities for Children were mailed DAR School Scholarship application packets to share with their eligible students. The four DAR School Scholarships administered by the DAR School Committee are the Idamae Cox Otis Scholarship, Mildred Louise Brackney Scholarship, Longman-Harris Scholarship, and Frankie Ellen Wood Giroux Scholarship (please see 2nd Edition October 2022 for a description of each scholarship). The DAR School Scholarship Application deadline is February 15.

DAR School Applications have arrived from Hillside, KDS, and Crossnore. Applicants were instructed to submit their applications before the February 15 deadline and include a letter from the sponsoring school, financial need form (if applicable), a goal statement, transcript, list of extracurricular activities, honors received, dated and signed letters of recommendation from two to four persons in authority at applicant's school, and other identifying information.

A judging committee consisting of three persons has been selected and will meet soon to carefully review the applications, select the winners, and return their recommendations to the National Vice Chair for further processing. Scholarship awards will be distributed directly to the respective schools by the Office of the Treasurer General in August.

The DAR School Committee is excited to make the DAR School Scholarship funds available for these students. Thanks to the generous endowments from DAR members, our scholarship winners will become sparkling future leaders in their communities!

For more information on DAR School Scholarship, please access the DAR Handbook or contact the National Vice Chair [darschool.scholarship@nsdar.org](mailto:darschool.scholarship@nsdar.org).

## DAR Member Spotlight

Brenda S. Ramsey Machado

I joined the Pawtucket Chapter (RI) DAR in 2008, after my daughter brought a flyer home from school. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I have discovered ways to promote patriotism within my community, support education, our veterans and our active duty military. And made some new friends along the way.

Over the years, I have stepped into various leadership roles. I currently serve as Chapter Regent and State Historian. I chair two state committees and three chapter committees. I have taken both the Members Training Course and Committee Leaders Course.

In 2019, I became the Rhode Island State Vice Regent. My project, like that of those before me, was to raise funds for a scholarship for Hillside School. With the sale of Voices, I thought I could accomplish this easy enough. But then Covid shut the world down. In-person state meetings became virtual meetings. How was I going to accomplish my task? Then I had an idea: Virtual Voices. As my plans took shape, I consulted with the State Parliamentarian, asked for Voices donations, and recruited my son to help with some technical computer issues.

The first of two virtual Voices was held at the 2020 virtual Fall State Meeting. The second was held in March of 2021. These virtual Voices events raised \$690 for Hillside School scholarships. Add to that the funds raised during my first year as State Vice Regent - Hillside received \$1,276 for scholarships during my term. Although that may not seem like much to some of the larger states, I would like to note that Rhode Island only has eight chapters.

I am currently serving as the State Newsletter Editor (almost four years now). I've included articles and updates about Hillside in the State Newsletter - bringing awareness of their needs and goals to the membership.

Supporting our DAR schools can be as easy as purchasing something from an Amazon wish list. Or purchasing a home-made pie at DAR Day at Hillside!



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

Who do our DAR Schools serve?

Our five DAR Approved schools are as diverse in their student bodies as in their communities. Let's take a look at the students these schools serve!

- Berry College is located in Rome, Georgia. In 2022, they enrolled 2250 undergraduate students and 117 students in graduate programs. Nursing and Education are popular majors at Berry.
- Hillside School in Marlborough, MA is one of only a handful of boys' boarding schools left in the country. They currently serve 165 boys in grades 4-9, most of whom live on campus. They are in the process of setting up a coed day school for grades K-3!
- Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, located in Grant, Alabama, includes elementary, middle and high school grades, all on the same campus. The 240 acre campus serves over 1300 students.
- The Crossnore Communities for Children serve children of all ages on three separate campuses in North Carolina. The Williams Academy, located in the town of Crossnore, provides education for grades K-12 and serves both residential foster children and children from the surrounding community.
- Located in Hindman, Kentucky, Hindman Settlement School provides services to students in grades K-12 who need dyslexia and reading support. They also boast a traditional arts program for students from six Knott county schools and provide classes in writing, music, weaving, and other folk arts.

-- Sammy Lackner, National Vice Chair



Hillside School lost its historic barn to a two-alarm fire in February 2021. An important aspect of the boys boarding school, the barn served as a opportunity for the students to learn practical skills like gardening and animal husbandry which were part of its agricultural curriculum. Deemed a total loss, the school determined they were better served by building an entirely new facility.

Hillside School is moving forward with a plan to create a lower school on the farm that will serve local students in grades K-3. Richard Meyer, Director of DAR Relations, says that the school will enroll coed day school students and will use the farm setting as part of its new programming. Students will have access to small animals and tiered beds for growing flowers and produce.

The site plan was approved by the city of Marlborough and with architectural plans in the final stages, Hillside School intends to break ground this spring and open the building in September 2024.

-- Brook Tyler Hanna, National Vice Chair Communications

## 'Bee' a Change for DAR Schools

Barbara L. Grant, Idaho State Chair DAR School

Eagle Chapter, Idaho State Society DAR conducted a three-month campaign asking members to save their spare change to make a difference for DAR Schools. Members were given little boxes to drop their spare change in for three-months (September through November 2022) and to bring them back to a chapter meeting at the end of the campaign (the December 2022 meeting).

The chapter chair used the State Regent's theme of "bee on the team" in DAR service as the inspiration for the campaign. By saving spare change, the project allowed all members to participate—regardless of their income level. It also showed that together, a little bit of change can add up to a significant amount of giving!

At the end of the campaign, the chapter donated \$163.00 to the Friends of the DAR Scholarship Fund. The chapter's treasurer used the Development Committee's form DEV.1003 to assure the donation was correctly submitted to this fund.

How to Donate to Friends of DAR Schools from the committee webpage:

The Friends of DAR Schools Fund was established to provide general school funds, educational support, help for student needs, school building and equipment, and other educational requirements. The fund has been revitalized in order to better serve the schools.

Individual donations to the Friends of DAR Schools Fund should be made on the [DEV-1003](#), Donations and Contributions Form, and sent to the Development Office.



## News From The Schools

Sammy Lackner, National Vice Chair

The new year is upon us, and we thought for THIS edition of the school news, we would share some of the exciting school events that Daughters can put on their calendars! We hope to see you there!

### Hillside School

#### **DAR Day - Wednesday, May 10**

This is an event that is generally attended by New England Daughters, but is certainly open to all! Activities typically include campus and classroom tours, entertainment, lunch and a DAR awards ceremony. Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP [rmeyer@hillsideschool.net](mailto:rmeyer@hillsideschool.net) by April 10.

#### **Graduation - Friday, June 9**

Daughters are welcomed to join in celebrating the Hillside graduates!

### Berry College

#### **Choral Program - April 16th, 3pm**

Berry College Women's and Men's Choir will present Sacred Space featuring an afternoon of choral music performed in historic Frost Chapel. Celebrating one of the iconic buildings on our campus, the concert pieces were selected to highlight the majestic location and its magnificent acoustics.

#### **Mountain Day - Oct. 14th-15th**

Students, families, alumni and Daughters are invited to join us on campus October 14 and 15, 2023, to participate in the weekend's festivities! For more information and a full schedule of activities, please email [dar@berry.edu](mailto:dar@berry.edu).



### Crossnore Communities for Children

#### **DAR Day, March 24, 9:00am - 2:00pm**

Dar Day will be held at the Winston-Salem location, 1001 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem NC 27104.

Activities will include a welcome reception at Woosley Chapel, opportunities to work at Miracle Grounds Farm & Food Forest or in the Treehouse, campus tours, a Crossnore Weavers trunk show, food truck for lunch, and a closing ceremony.

### Kate Duncan Smith School

#### **KDS 2023 Graduation & Awards Day festivities**

May 18, 9:00 a.m. - Awards Day program, 7:30 p.m. - Graduation

May 19, morning - Groundbreaking for KDS Centennial Campus Commons 100th Anniversary Project

#### **KDS 2023 Dedication Day - October 12th and 13th**

Meet the students and staff, explore the grounds, and enjoy that famous KDS "basket lunch"!



### Hindman Settlement School

#### **Pick and Bow Spring Concert - May 18th, 5pm**

Join us for an evening of music from the Spring 2023 semester Pick & Bow students! Students from all over Knott and surrounding counties have been learning how to play guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, and mountain dulcimer. We can't wait to celebrate everything they've accomplished! Held in the cafeteria of Hindman Elementary. Refreshments provided. Contact Sarah Kate with any questions at [sarah@hindman.org](mailto:sarah@hindman.org).



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TO SUPPORT THE DAR JEWELS**

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