

Greetings from the National President –

## ATTENTION

We are one month away from convention. **Registration is up and running.** How do we locate where to register you ask? If you go to the national website ([www.nactateachers.org](http://www.nactateachers.org)) and click on the DTA tab on the upper right hand side, the link to registration can be found under our National Convention tab on the left hand side. Once again, go to national website, click on DTA tab (right hand side), then click on National Convention tab (left hand side), and the link is in blue and says DTA National Registration. The information for the hotel can be found on Page 6 of this newsletter. It is important you reserve rooms as quickly as possible.

Last year we did a great job following the dress code, I would just like to put a reminder out there about it this year. On the 5<sup>th</sup> page you can find the dress code. This is a simple guideline, but I do encourage you to stick closely to it. We are a professional, honor society and I would like us to present ourselves in such a way. I do appreciate all the hard work from those who strive to do so every day.

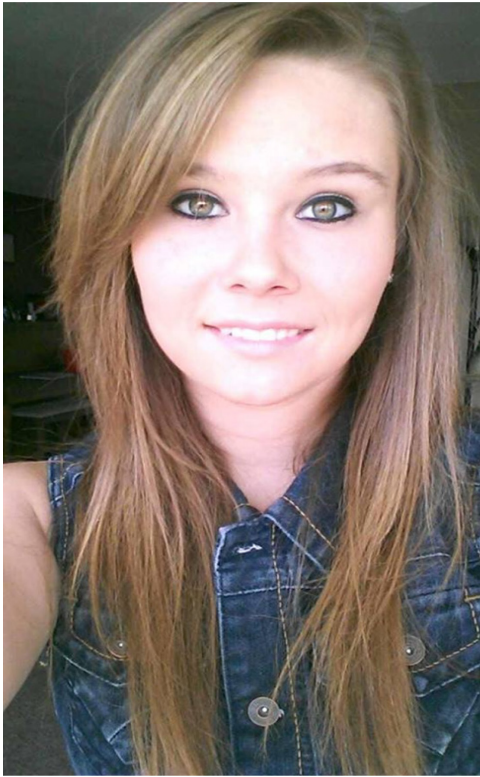
Lastly, the application for officer positions are open. If you wish to be on the national board, you will need to fill out an application and submit it to Dr. Walker (national advisor). The last day we will receive applications is 10 days prior to National Convention. This gives everyone a whole month to submit the application into Dr. Walker. The application can be found on the national website under DTA's Forms tab. It can then be found at the top of the page. Once again, go to national website, click on DTA tab, then click on the Forms tab (left hand side), then click on the blue letters that say MS Word for the National Officer Application. If you have any questions, feel free to email me. I'd be more than happy to help answer any questions or send you the application if you are unable to access it for some reason. Looking forward to seeing everyone at convention! Almost here!

Sincerely,

Dani Plank  
National DTA President

## OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

National President, Dani Plank



Dani Plank, our National President, is a senior at Missouri State University majoring in Animal Science with an emphasis in Pre-Veterinarian Medicine.

### **A Little About Dani:**

**Achievements:** Sigma Alpha Sisterhood and Social Chair, MSU DTA President (2 years), National DTA President.

**Interests and Activities:** Hiking, lake days, road trips, hanging out with her dogs, and spending time with family.

**3 Words Used to Describe Her:** Humorous, Determined, Enthusiastic

### **Future Career Goals:**

After receiving her degree from Missouri State University in May of 2019, she plans on attending the University of Missouri (Columbia) to pursue a Doctorate Degree in Veterinary Medicine. Eventually, she would like to work at a mix practice with a focus in Food Animals.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION

April 2018

### **Wise words to remember:**

“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.”



The 59th National Convention was held at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky on April 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The convention started with the first and second general sessions on Thursday in the ECU Center for the Arts, Black Box Theater. At the sessions delegates were charged and assigned to committees, committee reports were given, and nominations for National Council were opened and candidates were slated. After the sessions the Ag Quiz Bowl took place. Following the Ag Quiz Bowl, we all left and headed for the ECU Ropes Course. Later that evening, a social dinner was hosted by the ECU Ag Department and the members participated in a BBQ style dinner along with a dance and music.

Friday the members went on several tours in the area including Alltech Distillery, Bluegrass Stockyards, and Kentucky Horse Park. The awards banquet was held in the

evening at the Keene Johnson Ballroom on campus with keynote speaker Warren Beeler, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy.

Saturday was the third and final general session. Bids for the 2018-2019 National Convention were taken, committee reports were read and accepted, nominations were opened for National Council and candidates were slated and voted on. The 2018-2019 National Council was slated and voted on as follows President- Dani Plank. Eastern VP- Rachel Ledbetter. Midwestern VP- Danni Hammontree. Southern Region VP- Kaitlyn Saucedo. Secretary- Randa Morris. Parliamentarian- Andrew Bell.

## **Meet the 2018-2019 National Council**

President- Dani Plank, Missouri State University

Eastern Region Vice President- Rachel Ledbetter, Tennessee Tech University

Midwest Region Vice President- Danni Hammontree, Missouri State University

Southern Region Vice President- Kaitlyn Saucedo, Abilene Christian University

Secretary- Randa Morris, Eastern Kentucky University

Parliamentarian- Andrew Bell, Southeast Missouri State University

## DTA ACROSS THE NATION

### **Abilene Christian University**

- Got registration up and running
- Events booked for National Convention
- Hotel Booked

### **Missouri State University**

- Inducted 12 new members
- Philanthropy event

**\*\*\*Submit your Form 40's to the National President\*\*\***

## DRESS CODE

### Appropriate Attire for Business Sessions

Just a friendly reminder all members are expected to dress in business casual during the business sessions and in general business attire during the banquet.

If you are not sure what would qualify here is what has been accepted in the past...

### **Business Casual**

Males: Dress slacks or khaki's, a polo or dress shirt, dress jacket or sports coat, tie, dress shoes or boots (not work boots)

Females: Dress, Dress slacks or skirt (fingertip length is possible), dress shirt or top, cardigan or dress jacket, heels or flats (can have open toe but NOT sandals), tights or hosiery

### **Business**

Males: Dress slacks, dress shirt, dress jacket or sports coat, tie/bow tie, dress shoes

Females: Dress, dress slacks or skirt (fingertip length if possible), dress shirt or top, blazer or dress jacket, heels or flats (can have open toe but NOT sandals), tights or hosiery

Not everything listed is required, this just gives an idea of what is ok and what is not ok to wear. Keep in mind we are all adults and an honor society so professional attire and behavior is expected during the meetings.

## **General Announcements**

- Check out the national website at <http://nationaldta.weebly.com/>
- Checkout our Facebook Page: National Delta Tau Alpha Agriculture Honor Society
- Be sure to send your Form 40's, on the national website, to our president Dani Plank at [danielle131@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:danielle131@live.missouristate.edu)

## **National Convention**

Abilene Christian University in Abilene, TX

April 11–13, 2019

- Registration is now open!!
  - Go to National Website
  - Click on DTA tab
  - Click on National Convention
  - Click on DTA National Registration (blue letters)
- Hotel booked
  - Hampton Inn
  - 3526 West Lake Road, Abilene, Texas, 79601, USA
  - Phone: 1-325-673-4400

**\*\*\* Reservations can be made at this time \*\*\***