

THE ACHIEVER

Greetings from the National President:

Hello there,

I hope everyone is having a great school year so far. I have a few reminders for everyone for this upcoming month. Please don't forget that **National Dues are due by October 15th to Dr. Biar at Tennessee Tech University**. Dues paid late will result in a small fine added to your chapters dues. Also, please send in your Form 40's, which the form can be found on the national website, to danielle131@live.missouristate.edu. If you have any questions on where to locate forms or how to submit those please fill free to contact me at that the above email address. All forms are located on the national website though (<http://nactateaches.org/index.php/delta-tau-alpha>). For those who haven't heard, NACTA is taking over the website which is new. Here shortly, the online applications will be up. That way all applications will be submitted electronically. If you have difficulties finding what you need there, you might check <http://nationaldta.weebly.com> for that website still has the correct documents and information.

Thank you to those who have sent in Form 40's for it is greatly appreciated. Don't forget let us know if your advisor for your chapter has changed or subject to change. We would appreciate a current email address, so we can contact you with important information. We would also appreciate your chapter president's email as well. It is important for me to stay in contact with them and send them important information too. Information about the 2019 National Convention has been updated (found on page 5). I am so excited to see everyone again. I am also looking forward to hearing from everyone and seeing what the chapters are up to this year.

Sincerely,

Dani Plank
National DTA President

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

Southern Regional Vice President, Kaitlyn Saucedo



Kaitlyn Saucedo, our Southern Regional Vice President, is a senior at Abilene Christian University majoring in Environmental Sciences with a minor in Chemistry. Her field of study consist of Field Technologies.

A Little About Kaitlyn:

Achievements: Presidential Scholar, Houston Livestock Show Endowed Scholar, and Community Servant Award recipient. She is the current Southern Vice President of Delta Tau Alpha, President of her school's Delta Tau Alpha Chapter, Vice President of Block and Bridle, as well as member of the Honors College and Phi Eta Sigma.

Interests and Activities: Photography, ceramics, acrylic painting, mission work, community service, and traveling

3 Words Used to Describe Her:
Kind-hearted, outgoing, resourceful

Future Career Goals:

Apply to be a Fulbright Scholar and do research in Germany on their green technologies. She would also like to obtain a job pertaining to renewable resources.



NATIONAL CONVENTION

April 2018

The 59th National Convention was held at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky on April 5th through 7th, 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. Midwest VP- Danni Hammontree. Southern Region VP- Kaitlyn Saucedo. Secretary- Randa Morris. Parliamentarian- Andrew Bell.

The 2018 National Convention will be held at Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Tx. Dates of the 2019 convention can be found on page 5.

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:

-Started planning to host the 2019 National Convention and set dates.

Southeast Missouri State University:

-October 6th is their first community service event: unloading pumpkins for a local business.

-Co-sponsoring the SEMO Ag. Department annual bonfire.

-FFA Field Day.

Missouri State University:

-Initiated 8 new members in September

-Participated in Back to School Picnic

-Painting Pumpkins for Charity

Eastern Kentucky University:

-Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

-Pumpkin Patch Trip

-Preparing candy bags for hospitalized children for Halloween

Tennessee Technology University:

-Fall Festival

-Animal Shelter Drive

-Planning a Halloween trip

Morehead State University:

-Started a hurricane relief drive for donation items (cleaning supplies, hygiene products, bedding)

-Roadside trash pickup

-Organized volunteers to work a booth at the Browning Orchard Festival from 12-4pm

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

General Announcements:

Check out the national website at <http://nactateachers.org>

- Click on DTA at top right-hand corner

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

National Convention:

National Convention will be **April 11th – 13th 2019** at **Abilene Christian University** in Abilene, Tx. More information to come.