



XI STATE ORGANIZATION

Founded in Nashville TN, 1935

Dear Chapter President or High School Essay Chair,

Enclosed you will find a flyer for the Delta Kappa Gamma High School Essay contest for 2011. Please distribute this to each of the high schools in the areas served by your chapter, preferably with a note that each English teacher in each high school receive a copy. Please be *sure* that your chapter name appears on the flyer and please stress to the teachers that the chapter name **MUST** appear on the cover sheets for the entries.

The state high school essay committee strongly encourages local chapters to consider having a local contest with additional prize money for winners from your area. We feel that doing so will encourage the participation from high school teachers who sometimes have the attitude that since this is a statewide contest, their students won't have a chance to win. If your chapter decides to sponsor a local contest, please be sure to still send in separate copies for the state contest: there is a limit **FOUR (4) entries PER SCHOOL**. The state committee also suggests that the local chapter plan to acknowledge a state winner from your chapter in some special way, whether or not the recognition involves money.

State winners will be notified by June 1, 2011. First, second, and third place winners will receive a letter of congratulations, a certificate of achievement, and a monetary reward from Xi State. The chapter president will also receive notification of this. The chapter president should send the local newspapers in your area and official press release concerning your state winner, if you have own. Winners will be printed in the September issue of Xi State News.

Remember that points for chapter award status will be given by the awards committee to chapters that have schools within their area that participate in the state contest. (This is why it is so important that entries indicate the name of your chapter!)

Please encourage schools within your area to participate. Entries must be **POSTMARKED BY MARCH 15, 2011.**

Thank you for all your help with this year's contest. If you have questions, please feel free to call (731-414-7281) or email (maddenk1@k12tn.net) me.

Sincerely,

Katherine B. Madden
State Essay Committee Chair