

**XI STATE FIRST GENERAL SESSION  
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016  
GUERRY AUDITORIUM UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH**

- CALL TO ORDER** The First General Session of Xi State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order by Xi State President Dorrie Powell, Beta Sigma, at 7:00 p.m. (CDT).
- PRESENTATIONS OF COLORS** Xi State Corresponding Secretary Michelle Steen, Theta, presided over the presentation of the colors and was accompanied by Janice Enck, Alpha Lambda, on piano. Flag bearers and guards were:  
American Flag – Cheryl McHone, Gamma; Cami Mitchell, Alpha Phi  
Tennessee Flag – Judy England, Alpha Rho; Janet Smith, Beta Xi  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Flag – Betsy Lucas, Beta Sigma; Jennifer Stanfield, Beta Eta.
- INSPIRATION** The "Moment of Possibility" was presented by Donna Cotner, Beta Rho.
- ORDER OF THE ROSE CEREMONY** The Xi State Organization Awards Committee members honored 9 Order of the Rose recipients:  
Mary Kathleen Bradfield, Beta Gamma  
Freda Branam, Beta Phi  
Jeanette Burkhart-Esch, Alpha Xi  
Jennibeth King, Theta  
Allison Maynard, Gamma Lambda  
Sharon McMahan, Alpha Phi  
Carolynne Ruth Moss, Alpha Epsilon  
Rosemary Ragan, Alpha Nu  
Rosemary Holt Smith, Iota
- MUSIC** Crystal Nelson, Kappa, serenaded the Order of the Rose recipients. During the transition, Julie Hughes, Alpha Xi, Xi State Music Chair, lead the members in festive Delta Kappa Gamma themed songs.
- WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS** President Powell introduced members on the platform: Janice Enck, piano accompanist; Julie Hughes, music chair; and Nita Scott, International Membership Services Administrator and Society Representative for the convention.
- GREETINGS FROM INTERNATIONAL** Nita Scott, International Member at Large, brought greetings from International headquarters and Dr. Lynn Babb Schmid, International President.
- PRESENTATION OF CONVENTION PROGRAM** Xi State First Vice-President Sherrie Collins presented the 81<sup>st</sup> Xi State Convention program to the assembly. She discussed the easy-to-use format and made corrections to the workshop schedule.
- NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE** Wanda Castleman, Chair of Xi State Nominations Committee, challenged members to nominate individuals for the 2017-2019 elected positions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Xi State 2nd Vice-President Dr. Linda Eller made announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT** President Powell advised members they would have copies of minutes of the Executive Board Meeting when they arrived for the Second General Session. Powell encouraged members to visit the Silent Auction which proceeds support state leadership development and to view the Chapter Visual Art Displays in Convocation Hall. The Order of the Rose recipients were asked to form a receiving line in the front of the auditorium along with International Society Guest, Nita Scott. Powell declared the First General Session of the Xi State Convention closed at 8:16 p.m. (CDT).