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ALPHA UPSILON NEWS  
Area XIII



**DKG Mission Statement:**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

# Presidents' Message

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

As the Alpha Upsilon year comes to an end for 2020-2021, we'd like to thank **Pat Kalish** for "hosting" our recent virtual tea. It was interesting and seeing the many teas over the past years. Also a big thank you to **Rhoda Coleman** and her committee who vetted applicants for the Recruitment Grants. We've extended an invitation to the recipients to become collegial members for next year. We find it is important to grow Alpha Upsilon and encourage *you*, the current members, to help. Look for a deserving educator as the opportunities for them as well as us helps to grow educational leaders. And, just a friendly reminder to send in your dues (\$85) to Rose Gant ASAP.

The virtual State DKG Convention of 2021; "Embracing the Journey" was very well done. So proud of our leaders at the state and area levels. **Sue Noyes, Stacey Chicoine**, and others provided the attendees with quite a selection of opportunities for learning about DKG, personal growth, professional development, technology, and something new we personally had never seen or experienced before, The Convention Rooms (Bitmoji Rooms). We were also proud to learn that so many DKG members were honored for their service.

We have learned a lot this year as your co-presidents, not only about the workings of Alpha Upsilon but DKG California also. We've learned from each other, and *you* via Who's Who at AU? (Please send us yours if you haven't already). It allows each one of us to get to know one another better. We'd like to continue this next year.

We will be meeting with our executive board over the summer to plan for next year's meeting. We welcome and encourage your suggestions/comments for making next year's meetings enjoyable and informative to attend. Just email us.

As our year draws to a close, we'd like to sincerely thank everyone who attended this unprecedented year of Alpha Upsilon's virtual meetings. It has been quite a paradigm shift to meet differently than we have ever done before. We know it wasn't easy for any of us. We persevered and we sincerely thank you for your participation. We hope that next year we will all be able to see each other in person again.

Ta-dah! The end of our 2020-2021 year has come to an end.

Have a wonderful summer. See you in the fall.

Willy Crouse and Karen Gollhardt, Co-Presidents

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**DKG Vision: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.**



**DKG  
California  
2019-2021  
Theme:  
Crossing  
Bridges  
Together**

**DKG California  
Educational, Professional,  
Making an Impact**

## Next Meeting: Final Meeting of the Year

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Next Meeting: Thursday, May 13  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Place: Zoom link  
Program: Induction of new member  
Recruitment Grant Recipients



## Benefits of Membership

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Benefits, benefits, benefits! Yes, Delta Kappa Gamma offers benefits to YOU. Sign in to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org); under “About Us,” select “How to Become a Member” and then choose *benefits*, *discounts*, or *insurance benefits* to find a list of many opportunities offered through Delta Kappa Gamma. Some of the insurance benefits include:

- ◇ Cancer plans
- ◇ Travel Insurance
- ◇ Accident Insurance
- ◇ Long-term Care
- ◇ Pet Insurance
- ◇ Liability Insurance
- ◇ Officers & Directors Insurance
- ◇ Liability Insurance
- ◇ Dental Insurance

Partnerships with Boon-Chapman, Dick Carr and Associates, and AIM Insurance make these insurance benefits possible for you.

What about discounts? Discounts of 30-60% off on hearing aids are available through TruHearing. Capella University offers 10% tuition discount and a waiver on the application fee.

When you and your family and friends shop on AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), the DKG International Educators Foundation will receive .5% of the purchase price. This supports such funds as world fellowship and scholarship and other work of the Foundation. The Non-dues Revenue Committee explores new opportunities all the time. If you have suggestions for other benefits, let the committee know by putting your ideas in the Chat box on the International Website

## Happy Birthday to....



### May

- 9—Rose Gant
- 19—Ardis Bunn
- 20—Robin Williams
- 25—Dorie Canavan
- 28—Marion Darling

## Congratulations!



**Willy Crouse**, our own Co-President, has had her photography selected for inclusion in the DKG International Art Gallery! Her black and white photo entitled

“First Snow on the Lake” is now on display for all to see. Read the article about the Art Gallery on page 5 and then go to the Gallery to view Willy’s photo.

## Membership News



**Welcome Debby Bump!**

Debby Bump will be inducted as the newest member of Alpha Upsilon at the May meeting. Let’s all try to be at the meeting to welcome Debby. She was an outstanding educator for Arcadia Unified and always went above and beyond for her students and colleagues. We are fortunate indeed that she has chosen to be part of Alpha Upsilon.

Be on the lookout for other potential members. We’ve proven this year that we can meet virtually and still be a dynamic chapter! Invite others to be part of the DKG experience.

See more Membership News on page 4

**Marty Unger,**  
**Second VP, Membership**



## Dues are Due!!



### Dues Reminder

**Date to Remember: NOW!!!!**

**Please pay your dues to: Alpha Upsilon Chapter**

**Amount: Active: \$85.00**  
**Reserve: \$50.00**

**Treasurer: Rose Gant, 911 Swiss Trails Rd., Duarte CA 91010**

**For: Professional honor as a key woman educator**

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**(Your Name goes here!)**



## May 2021 Membership Report

I can't believe the end of the 2020/2021 school year is upon us. My time flies, even in a pandemic year.

April was a milestone month as we accepted Debbie Bump into our chapter of DKG. This month we will have her induction so I hope as many of us as possible will be at the meeting to welcome her. April was also the month we recognized Alpha Upsilon members who achieved milestone membership anniversaries in both 2019/2020 and 2020/2021. These accomplished ladies are:

### 2019/2020 –

5 Years – Patty Compeau, Connie Hanson, Jill Waters  
10 Years – Gale Caswell, Kathy Cockerill  
15 Years – Mary Linda Vandeveld  
20 Years – Mary Lou Langedyke, Robin Williams  
25 Years – Dianah Greenlees, Pat Kalish

### 2020/2021

5 Years – Karen Gollhardt  
10 Years – Dorie Canavan, Rhoda Coleman  
20 Years – Betsy Bazdarich, Ardis Bunn  
25 Years – Nancy Gunther

Congratulations to each of you for your service and devotion to our chapter.

We also have a pending collegiate member who is one of our recent scholarship recipients, Candice Bautista. This month's meeting will complete her requirement for attendance before membership. Stay tuned for more updates on this development as well as a virtual vote.

Thank you and congratulations to all our members who are still working and made it through a VERY difficult and challenging year. We appreciate the time and effort it took for you to be the professionals you are as well as your dedication to DKG, Alpha Upsilon.

I hope we can all gather in September to kick-off the 2021/2022 school year and greet our new members in person! Have a safe, healthy and fun summer.

**Marty Unger**  
**Second Vice President, Membership**

# DKG International Fine Arts Gallery

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View the Fine Arts Gallery to catch a glimpse into the world of our talented artists who chose to share their gifts with our membership. Visit the DKG Fine Arts Gallery located at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) and click on the [Art Gallery Icon](#). Prepare to be amazed while you view, read, listen, and watch our artists in action. Still need more inspiration? Check out the [archive tab](#)!

The Arts and Humanities Jury has created a variety of categories specially designed to showcase your vast talents.

- **Writing** – essay, short story, playwriting, poetry.
- **Performance Art** – dance, dramatics, filmmaking, music, original composition, oratory.
- **Visual Arts: 2D** – acrylic, charcoal, colored pencil, graphite, mixed media, pastel, pen & ink, printmaking, watercolor, photography (black and white or color).
- **Visual Arts: 3D** – basketry, ceramics, jewelry, quilts, sculpture, textiles, woodcarvings.
- **Multimedia** – Blend one or more categories! Illuminate your poetry or short story with photography or 2D Art. Combine playwriting or a musical composition with a performance video. Let your creativity soar!

Click on the [submissions tab](#) for the updated [submission procedures](#), [rubrics](#), and videos to guide you successfully through the submission process. Exciting changes to the submission procedures encourage members to submit cultural art and to submit writing in languages other than English with an English translation. The next opportunity to submit to the jury opens August 15<sup>th</sup> - September 15<sup>th</sup>, so start creating and share your vision! Keep the conversation going, please use the comment section below to suggest new topics, ask questions, or give us your input.

## International Conferences: Register Now!!

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DKG International will be offering professional conferences for **all** members this summer:



One will be Portland, Oregon, July 7-10.

The other will be held in San Antonio, Texas, July 21-24.



Registration is open for both the [Portland Conference](#) and the [San Antonio Conference](#). At this time it is anticipated the conferences will be held in-person. However, there is a possibility they will have to be totally virtual or a hybrid. When you register for the event note the registration fee will be non-refundable as it will be used to facilitate whichever version of the conference is held.

# DKG California State Convention

## DKG California Virtual Convention 2021

Convention 2021 is now a lovely memory for all those who attended. It was a great experience for everyone. All the elements of a traditional in person event were there—Order of the Rose, Celebration of Life, Installation of Officers, Business meeting, Keynote Speakers, Area Gatherings, Breakout Sessions and more! The Executive Committee did an outstanding job of presenting the convention with a minimum of plips! President Sue Noyes' vision of having a virtual convention that felt like an in-person convention was realized. International Guest, Trish Woodley, heaped compliments on the organizers. Alpha Upsilon members who registered will have access to an innovative Bitmoji room until June 30.



# Treasurer Report

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THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL  
DKG California State Organization

Treasurer's Report  
Alpha Upsilon Chapter  
April 1, 2021

BALANCE ON HAND: March 1, 2021 \$ 7,154.25

RECEIPTS:

|                 |         |                |
|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| Interest        | \$ 3.67 |                |
| Total Receipts  |         | <u>\$ 3.67</u> |
| Total Available |         | \$ 7,157.92    |

DISBURSEMENTS:

Total Disbursements for March \_\_\_\_\_

**BALANCE ON HAND: April 1, 2021 \$ 7,157.92**





# school on wheels

Hi Ladies,

It has been quite a year of wonderful online meetings. Little did we realize we would still be Zooming. Since we cannot predict the future, we are proposing that once again this year we make monetary donations to School On Wheels. Technology is something that is always needed.

\*We will collect money in the fall at our first meeting.

\*Our goal is \$1000

\*Checks should be made out to **School On Wheels**.

\*We will send a reminder in the fall.

\*If we end up not meeting, please send your checks to Kathy in September.

Kathy Cockerill,  
3408 Markridge Rd.  
La Crescenta, CA 91214

Thank you for your generosity and caring. If you have any questions, please contact:

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**Penny Schopflin** [schopflin@aol.com](mailto:schopflin@aol.com)

**Co-Chairs**



# Global Awareness

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## Going Green

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Your GoGreen advocates continue to be impressed with GretaThunberg. She is listed as a climate activist on Google. There are 40 examples of her words and sincerity for climate change on YouTube. The best there are from the "PBS NewsHour" and "Connect4Climate" She has an excellent talk on [TED.com](https://www.ted.com/talks/greta_thunberg_the_dismaying_case_to_act_right_now_on_climate_change?utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare):

[https://www.ted.com/talks/greta\\_thunberg\\_the\\_dismaying\\_case\\_to\\_act\\_right\\_now\\_on\\_climate\\_change?utm\\_campaign=tedsread&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_source=tedcomshare](https://www.ted.com/talks/greta_thunberg_the_dismaying_case_to_act_right_now_on_climate_change?utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare)

## Schools for Africa

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Schools for Africa became an official project of DKG International in 2010. Since then members have donated approximately \$445,134.90 since the inception of the partnership with UNICEF USA. Currently the project works with 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa including 21 countries: Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. The SFA mission involves providing access to quality basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans and other vulnerable youngsters. [A brochure detailing the project](#) is available at the International website.

## World Fellowship

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Women in non-member DKG countries may apply for a grant from the DKG World Fellowship program. They receive financial assistance to study in the United States or Canada. Chapters assist these women by offering them support while they are studying in North America. Often Chapter members send postcards or messages to the recipients. If one lives in proximity to a Chapter, members take her out to lunch or to an event or special place like Huntington Gardens. Members try to assist the World Fellowship recipient feel welcome and at home.

Women are changing this world. The World Fellowship Fund falls under the umbrella of the [DKG International Educators Foundation](#). Your [donations to the World Fellowship Fund](#) make it possible for DKG to be at the forefront of helping make these changes possible. The generosity and efforts of our members are truly living examples of our vision statement. DKG members are truly leading women educators impacting education worldwide. Spread the great news!

# LIFE Foundation News

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Thanks to the virtual DKG convention I had an opportunity to attend the annual LIFE board meeting and learned so much about this 21 year old foundation along with other DKG members! At each convention, an annual meeting is held to approve the minutes from the previous year, elect board members and provide a report on the year's activities. LIFE is alive and thriving due to your donations, which are the primary funding source. Our \$220 chapter donation will appear on next year's list of donors and we are very generous. Currently, LIFE has over \$30,000 which is used to award annual grants promoting literacy. This year almost \$8,000 was awarded to fund 12 grants. Imagine the support of literacy this foundation has made over the past 21 years with over 553 grants.

You can continue to support LIFE by checking out the most current newsletter at [DKGCA.org](http://DKGCA.org), using SMILE if you purchase with Amazon, and participating in a virtual silent auction coming in the fall. Also, you could contribute an item for the silent auction or save it for convention 2023 which will be held at the Burbank Airport Marriott, April 29 - May 1.

Many thanks to you, my Alpha Upsilon sisters, for your generous support of LIFE this year with your donations and continued enjoyment of Buck a Book. Looking forward to seeing what you have been reading by your book donations at our next possible in person meeting.

**Mary Lou Langedyke**  
LIFE Liaison

## Minutes: April 14, 2021

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Co-President Willy Crouse called the meeting to order at 4:32. There were 27 members in attendance. Willy Crouse welcomed everyone and thanked Pat Kalish for mailing the special tea envelopes to the members. Ana Haskins gave the inspiration and reminded us tea bags are garden blessings. Ana reminded everyone to slow down and cherish special moments; use your down time to stop, reflect, and focus on positive messages. Enjoy the calm and sense of peace.

Marty Unger reminded us of all the members celebrating milestones with DKG. Those receiving anniversary pins will be listed in the newsletter and hopefully will be handed their pins personally in September. Alpha Upsilon will be inducting one new member, Debbie Bump, at the May meeting.

Pat Kalish delighted us all with "Friendship Tea Memories" as we enjoyed our special cup of tea. Pat took us on a walk down memory lane with a photo slide show and details from past years of Alpha Upsilon's afternoon teas. The themed teas add a special touch and provide an atmosphere of JOY. Next year's theme is Mad Hatter so start looking for your hat.

### Meeting:

- There were no corrections needed to the February Minutes
- Rose Gant gave the treasurer report. Alpha Upsilon earned \$3.67 in interest with a balance of \$7,157.92 at the end of March. Membership dues of \$85 need to be sent to Rose by May 1st. So far the chapter has collected \$160 for the Life Foundation and Rose is willing to accept more if members are still willing to contribute. Those attending the convention should let Rose know so you can get reimbursed.
- Judy Kearns reminded us to register for the virtual annual convention 4/30-5/2 which will include workshops, keynote speakers and professional development breakout topics.
- Rhoda Coleman reported on our approved recruitment grants: 4 credentialed candidates, 1 starting her program, and 2 renewals. Rhoda will send out grant letters to approved candidates, invite them to the upcoming convention and May meeting.

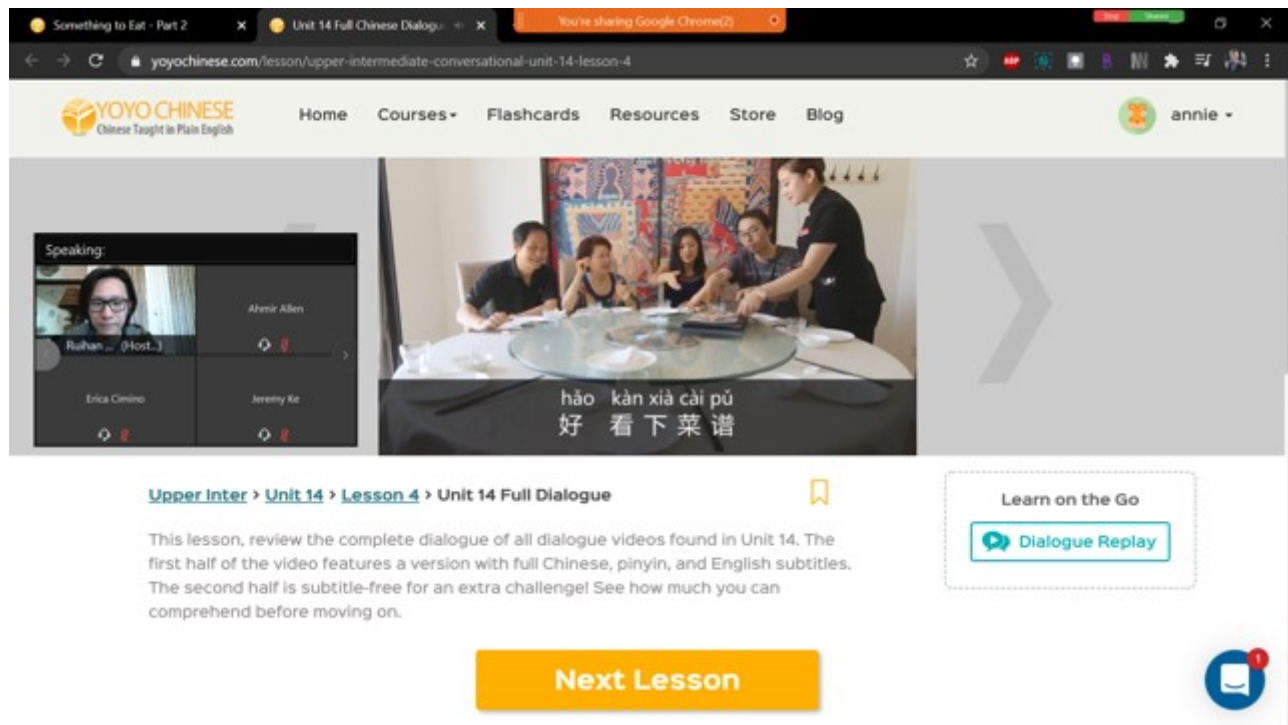
Who's Who in AU introduced us to Connie Hanson. She met her husband when they were 5 years old, worked on an assemblyline in a candy factory, Bob's Big Boy, 31 flavors, and was a cafe pie cutter. Connie attended UCLA and earned her BA in English Literature and received her Master's in educational psychology. Connie has 4 very accomplished children, is a cat lover, enjoys mysteries and all sports. Connie is a licensed marriage, family, and child counselor and a forest advocate.

Final zoom meeting of the year is Thursday May 13. Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Frank, Recording Secretary

## Mini Grant Recipient Shares

Thanks to the grant, I was able to purchase the Yoyo Chinese online materials for my classes. It has become a key part of the class to allow my students to learn Chinese with more interactive instruction during the online learning. For beginner levels such as level 1 and 2, the materials are able to teach students to write Chinese characters, to answer basic questions, and to communicate with each other through simple greetings and answers. For intermediate levels such as level 3, students are able to learn from more complex open-ended questions and more scenarios that are helpful for learning more about Chinese communication and culture. For AP class, many of the contents provide appropriate challenges and resources to the students to prepare for their upcoming AP exams. Last but not least, for the Chinese Business and Cinema class, the materials have included business themes for students to learn about, and it also has a large amount of video content for students to delve in deeper. Overall, the Yoyo Chinese includes various practices and contents for students to have more engagement and excitement while learning Chinese from distance learning. Students have shown increasing participation and enthusiasm for the topics. Besides purchasing the Yoyo Chinese, I have also purchased an air purifier and a glass divider. Even with the ongoing pandemic, students are expected to go back to school in person to conduct the AP exams in person. The air purifier and glass dividers will help minimize some risk for students to practice and conduct the upcoming exam in a safer



Something to Eat - Part 2 x Unit 14 Full Chinese Dialog... x You're sharing Google Chrome(2) x

yoyochinese.com/lesson/upper-intermediate-conversational-unit-14-lesson-4

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Speaking:

Ruihan... (Host...)

Ahmir Allen

Erica Cimino

Jeremy Ke

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好看下菜谱

Upper Inter > Unit 14 > Lesson 4 > Unit 14 Full Dialogue

This lesson, review the complete dialogue of all dialogue videos found in Unit 14. The first half of the video features a version with full Chinese, pinyin, and English subtitles. The second half is subtitle-free for an extra challenge! See how much you can comprehend before moving on.

Learn on the Go

Dialogue Replay

Next Lesson

## Mini Grant Recipient Shares

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Hi Jan!

It's Jason from Arcadia High School. Is Rose still with you? I will be getting you a letter, receipts and photos asap. I'm on spring break soon and I can sit down to get that to you. I've been working 80 hours weeks to pull off this Ceramics job. No kidding. I wanted to update you on the grant. I purchased the specialty dipping glazes and dipped over 125 coil vessels. The "Celadon" glazes stain the clay and go darker in lines to reveal shaper. Here are a few pictures of how they turned out. The kids finally got to pick them up two weeks ago and loved them!

Jason Ganley  
Ceramics, Arcadia High School

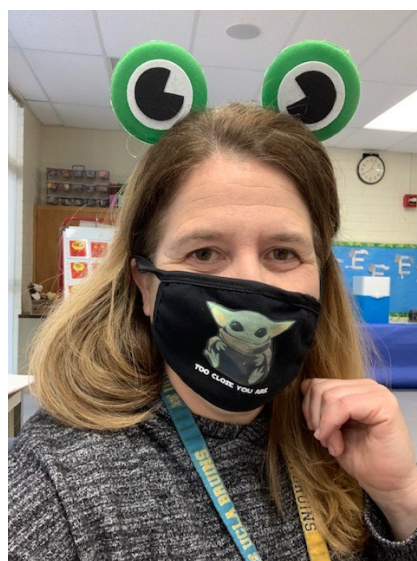


## Mini Grant Recipient Shares

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I'd like to send out a giant thank you for being chosen as a recipient of the Beebe Neutzman Endowment Fund mini grant! The goal of my grant was to meet the challenge of keeping my kindergarten students engaged during this difficult time of online learning. One day I pulled out a stuffed bear when we were singing "I'm going on a bear hunt" while on Zoom and the students showed so much more enthusiasm. It gave me the idea to add some props as part of my teaching to keep my class more on task. Well it worked. On top of some animal headband ears, which I also got for each student, and some fun and crazy masks, I was able to purchase some stuffed animals that go with our favorite stories. My latest addition is superhero masks and capes for all of us, since we can't quite partake in our regular dress-up activity that is so popular in kindergarten. It's been a blast, and this has inspired me to keep adding new things to my collection. Again, I appreciate this so much! Some photos are attached, as are receipts. THANKS SO MUCH!

Liz Neskovska  
Kindergarten Teacher  
Valley View Elementary School



# Mini Grant Recipient Shares

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It took me a while to gather photos from the children and now here is a Big Thank You Padlet for your grant support from the Beebe Nuetzman Endowment Fund. The children are learning and enjoying so much from the Rainbow Fish Book sets. These book sets have helped to create a sense of unity within my online distance learning TK Class and we are very grateful. I am also including the receipt from Costco Online where I purchased the book sets in another email because it is easier to forward the receipt. It came to a little more and I bought an extra set for me and that is why the cost is more than the \$500.00. It all works out and the benefit to me in providing lessons and for the children for being able to have books in their hands is wonderful. Thank you again for your support.

If you click on the link, it will take you to the Padlet and then you can scroll up and down the columns to see what is there. If you want to see something enlarged, click on it and it will open up the photos to a larger size.

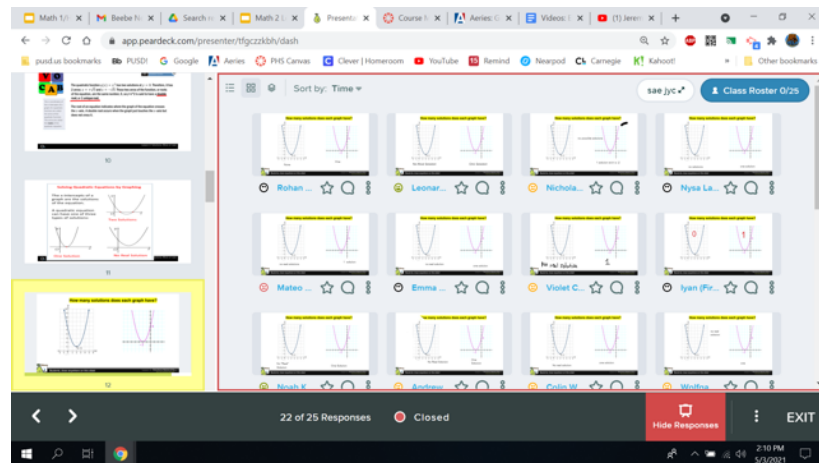
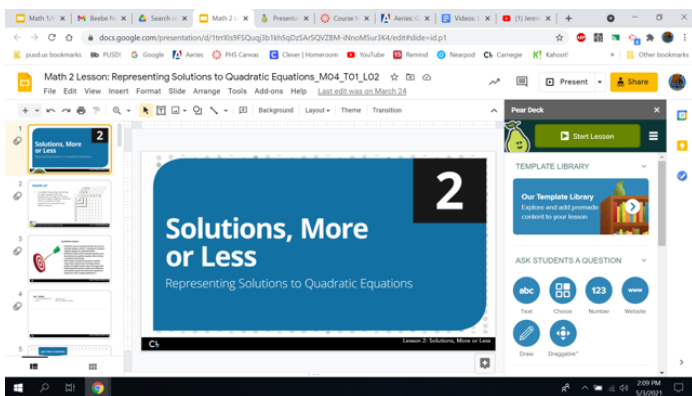
Here is the Padlet link:

[https://padlet.com/ibsen\\_marie/c8x47afpmdd66jb](https://padlet.com/ibsen_marie/c8x47afpmdd66jb)

Marie Ibsen, Park Elementary, Alhambra USD

**NOTE: The link to this teacher's Thank You is really amazing. Take the time to view her creative work and the smiling faces of her sweet students.**

Thank you for this mini grant! I used the funds to purchase the Premium version of Pear Deck which allows students to constantly interact with the content as I teach virtually. This program allows me to make every single slide interactive to keep student engagement high while giving me immediate feedback as well. I decided to purchase this program because I surveyed my students after 1st semester and the response was clear, they preferred Pear Deck over any other program I had used. After each lesson, I can open the teacher dashboard to analyze the results as well. Below you will see pictures of Pear Deck at work!



**Johanna Amaya-Dominguez, M.A.Ed.**  
Pasadena High School  
Mathematics Teacher

## Mini Grant Recipient Shares

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We're back at school in person, at least partially, in our simultaneous hybrid model. My first graders simply adored exploring diversity and uniqueness with your generous grant.

We read the Todd Parr book, *It's Okay to be Different*, wrote books about the many wonderful traits that makes each child special and created self-portraits on canvas with paint pens.

This project was engaging and meaningful and one the Smarties will remember for years to come!

Dany Richey  
Sierra Madre Elementary  
Pasadena USD

