

From The Chairman's Heart

April showers brings May flowers... and June brings Continental Congress!

Have you registered for Continental Congress? Remember the Education Awards Luncheon is on Friday! This year it is hosted by the American Indians Committee. Like last year's luncheon, which was hosted by Community Classroom, the DAR School Representatives will be in attendance and we will hear from each of them. Plan to attend and hear the wonderful successes that continue within the DAR School Committee.

Don't forget to stop by the DAR School committee table during Sparkle Night on Friday evening! Meet our committee members, give us feedback, and talk with us about how you can support schools within your chapter and state.



Did you know there is a new pin? The Friends of Education Fund supports Community Classroom and like the Friends of DAR School Fund, for a donation of \$200, you may purchase the pin. Whether it's through Friends of DAR Schools or Friends of Education, supporting the education of our young people is one of our missions. We should be supporting all of the students; we have big hearts. Download the *Donations and Contributions Form* (DEV-1003) from the National website to find where you may donate: www.dar.org/donation-pins

I hope to see you at Congress! Sparkle On!

Dawn Crumly Lemongello
National Chair, DAR School

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Quarterly Atwell Distribution

Dawn Crumly Lemongello, National Chair

Every quarter we take the interest from the Ella Atwell Fund and per the requests of KDS and Crossnore, providing us with their greatest needs, we distribute accordingly.

To distribute the 4th quarterly share of the Ella Atwell Fund \$186,103.24 to the following DAR Schools: \$93,051.62 to Crossnore Communities For Children to support the utility and maintenance expenses associated with Marjorie Williams Academy, the Belk Dining Hall, and the Loftis Gymnasium all located on our Avery Campus in the mountain town of Crossnore; and \$ 93,051.62 to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School for the following items: for funding maintenance and repair expenses (\$9,441); quarterly utilities (\$8,529) and for partial funding labor expenses (\$75,081.62)

We are blessed to be able to be so generous every quarter with Crossnore and KDS thanks to Mrs. Atwell!



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Meet Me On The Mountain

Sammy Lackner, National Vice Chair, DAR School

Berry College is a vibrant campus and there is always something wonderful happening. But, perhaps no other campus event draws bigger crowds, or more nostalgia, than Mountain Day.

The first Mountain Day took place in 1914, and the event is generally held the first or second weekend in October. Berry Legend states that in 1914 Martha Berry told students that she had not celebrated her birthday since she was 16 years old! Thinking that a party was overdue, Martha invited students to celebrate with her and canceled classes. The students marched 5 miles to the top of Lavender Mountain where they played games and enjoyed a picnic which included a 32 pound birthday cake with Ms. Berry's initials on it. The event was so much fun, that students and staff alike agreed it should be an annual event.

Mountain Day events have evolved over the over 100 years of the celebration. In 1923, Pennies for Martha started as a way for students to give back to the lady who had given them so much. Each student dropped pennies equal to their age into baskets around campus. In 1927, the first Grand March through campus took place, and the march is now one of the most recognizable Mountain Day events. In 2005 the newest addition to the Mountain Day event lineup, Marthapalooza, began as a way to allow students to safely celebrate on campus. Marthapalooza includes carnival rides, inflatables, food, games and a late night bonfire.

Mountain Day activities are open to students, staff, alumni and the broader community. It is a gathering of all who wish to pay tribute to Martha Berry, and honor her rich legacy. If you wish to attend any of the Mountain Day events, you can find more information at <https://berry.edu/mountainday/>.

Berry College - Learning Works Best As A Shared Commitment

Scott Breithaupt, Associate Vice President for Advancement, Berry College

1902 - Martha Berry founds the Boys Industrial School.

1904 - Berry becomes the first approved DAR school.

1909 - Martha Berry School for Girls is added.

1916 - DAR member Mina Edison and her husband, Thomas, introduce Martha Berry to Henry and Clara Ford while she is visiting them in their New Jersey Home.

1926 - The school becomes a junior college and soon after, a senior college.

1930 - The College's footprint grows to 30,000 acres, an expansion made possible through Miss Berry's relentless fundraising efforts, which includes a landmark gift from Henry and Clara Ford to fund the construction of Berry's iconic Ford Complex.

1931 - Miss Berry gains international renown for her educational efforts including being named by Good Housekeeping magazine as one of the nation's 12 most influential women.

2008 - Berry College joins the Annapolis Group, a prestigious national organization of leading independent liberal arts colleges.

2012 - Berry College joins the NCAA Division III as a founding member of the Southern Athletic Association, a conference made up of academically selective residential liberal arts colleges throughout the region.

2021 - A series of building projects is completed including: Valhalla Stadium, Rome Tennis Center, Sisters Theatre, Bell Recital Hall, Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott hotel, The Spires at Berry College, a continuing care retirement community, and a new Animal Science Building which houses the college's largest and most distinctive major.

Fall 2025 - Berry College launches a two-year Master of Medical Science - Physician Associate degree program serving up to 80 students annually.



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DAR Member Spotlight

Emily McKinney House, National Vice Chair, Junior Membership – Crossnore School

My DAR journey began in the throes of the global pandemic. In 1964, my grandfather passed away during the line of duty as a Fireman at just 40 years old, and I wanted to get to know him. I mentioned this to some ladies that I attend church with at Saint Matthew's Anglican in Weaverville North Carolina, and they suggested I consider exploring the Daughters of the American Revolution to assist me with my research and the rest is history. I received my national number in July of 2020, and after taking the Members course, I couldn't wait to find my place in the society. By day I am an Elementary Educator, and naturally I was interested to see how the society impacts students and education.



I was born and raised in the mountains of Western North Carolina, and about a 45 minute drive away from Crossnore Communities for Children. In the summer of 2022, I was incredibly honored and humbled to accept the new position of Crossnore School Representative for the NSDAR Junior Membership Committee in the Wright Administration. Visiting the Avery County campus for the first time, I was blown away by the beauty and splendor of Sloop Chapel, named after Dr. Mary Martin Sloop. The renowned Crossnore Weavers create stunning shawls (my favorite being the DAR tartan print).

I continue to work as a liaison between DAR and Crossnore. North Carolina State Regent Anna Choi's project is to support the new Charter School on Crossnore's Winston-Salem campus. I was able to attend the 1st Annual DAR Day in Winston-Salem in 2023 and will be in attendance at the 2nd annual DAR Day taking place on May 3, 2024. If you are interested in knowing how to support Crossnore's specific needs, please visit www.crossnore.org. If you would like any further information, please contact me at ehmckinney.dar@gmail.com

News From The Schools

Berry College PA Program Welcomes First Class in Fall 2025

Scott Breithaupt, Associate Vice President for Advancement, Berry College

Berry College plans to launch a two-year Master of Medical Science – Physician Associate degree program serving up to 80 students annually beginning with the 2025-26 academic year. PAs are licensed clinicians who practice medicine across various specialties and settings. Berry's program will be the first of its kind in Northwest Georgia, and one of only seven in the state. "Success in today's health care environment requires rigorous science-based education coupled with strong critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, dedication to meeting the needs of others through service, and commitment to hard work and leadership," said Berry President Steve Briggs. "Berry is poised to make a significant impact in our community and region with this new PA program."

On March 22nd, health professionals from the medical community used silver shovels to break ground for Morgan-Bailey Hall, the college's new home for nursing and physician associate students. The cutting-edge health science building is designed to support hands-on learning, featuring high-fidelity simulation suites, standardized patient rooms, a mock operating room, teaching areas, skills labs, and spaces for individual and collaborative study.

The building is named in honor of two Atlanta sisters known for their philanthropy and business acumen: Audrey B. Morgan and (the late) Bobbie Bailey. Their foundation provided the lead gift of \$6 million in 2023, as well as an endowed scholarship fund of \$5 million for nursing students.



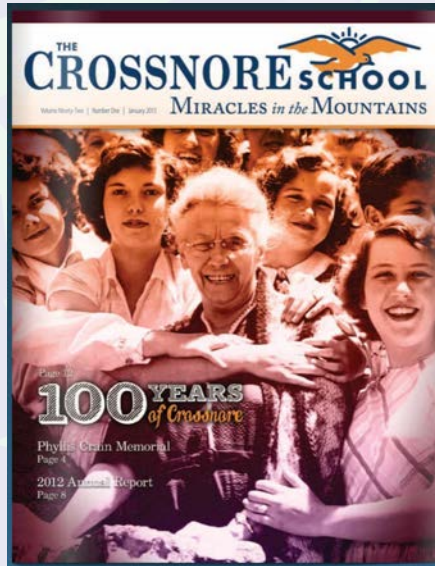
Photo credit Berry College.

Take a Minute to share the DAR School Committee with your chapter...

Sammy Lackner, National Vice Chair, DAR School

A Fine Education Is The Best Way To Help

Dr. Mary Martin Sloop, who founded Crossnore School with her husband Dr. Eustace Sloop, was a trailblazer even before coming to the mountains of North Carolina. She was born in Davidson, North Carolina, into a family devoted to education. Her father, William Martin, was a professor of chemistry and geology at Davidson College. Mary became the first female student admitted to the North Carolina Medical College in Davidson. She had intended to use her medical degree to do mission work. However, her status as a single woman, and by this time considered "middle aged" at the age of 33, meant no mission programs would accept her. In 1908 she married fellow physician Eustace and they decided that there was plenty of mission work to be done right there at home. She would later write, "We figured we were both pretty good doctors, we were both as tough as pine knots, and we could take a lot of licks. We could return them, too, in terms of healthy swings at disease and poor diet habits, poverty through lack of opportunity, illiteracy, superstition, and all the other ills" that held back "these fine mountain people." Mary remained devoted to Crossnore for the rest of her life, dying in 1961 at age 90.



Integrity Through Student Participation

Hillside School in Marlborough, Massachusetts is a boarding school for boys in 4th-9th grade. How do you keep those energetic boys busy on the weekends? The school offers a wide variety of sports and activities to the students. In fact, every young man is required each term to participate in one athletic, art or farm related offering. A small sample of these include hockey, sailing, chess, Eco Team, band, drama and golf. The Hillside coaching team says, "Athletics serve a number of purposes and promote group cooperation, socialization, self-confidence, school spirit, and play, as well as good physical, mental, and emotional health, all of which are essential components of a child's development." Since 1925, DAR has contributed to these programs and many more at Hillside, providing the students there the opportunity to try new things, compete, learn and grow.

There Is No Amount Too Small

Brownwyn Evans, Sego Lily Chapter

Early in February 2024, I was going through one of the DAR Sego Lily Chapter (Utah) scrapbooks finding pictures for our 50th anniversary luncheon, celebrating our chapter's organization in February 1974. As the Sego Lily regent during the chapter's 50th year, I think everything has really come full circle because I discovered this April 1975 thank you letter from the school's executive secretary, Dr. Charles Edmonds to Mrs. Mary Beesley, Sego Lily's first and organizing regent, for the chapter's humble \$5 donation to the KDS DAR School general fund. According to the date, I was attending my first school year at KDS (2nd grade) at the time, and yes, I knew Dr. Edmonds, whose niece, Chellee Edmonds, was one of my best friends and lived across the street from me in Grant. Incredibly small world, isn't it?

My family and I have already started planning our trip to Grant for the 100th Dedication Day. I also have classmates who want to get together. I'm excited, because I haven't visited Grant in 30 years.

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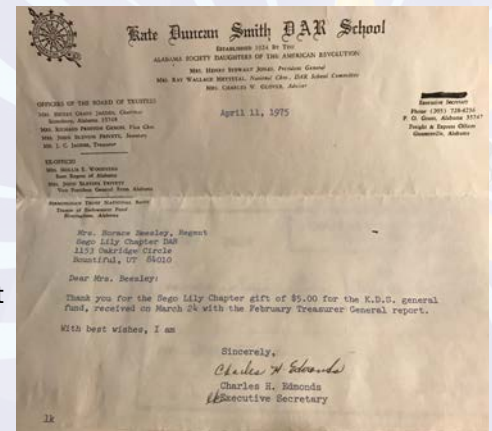
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News From The Schools - continued...

Hindman Settlement School

Hindman Settlement School relies on volunteers each week of our after-school tutoring program to support local children with dyslexia characteristics in their pursuit of grade-level reading. One of our most dedicated volunteers is Linda Hoade of West Point, Pennsylvania. Linda is a member of the Towamencin Chapter NSDAR, which she joined after retiring in order to find service opportunities.

"My father was severely dyslexic. It was always hidden and a cause of shame for him. He passed 5 years ago at 85 and, when he was younger, no one knew why he couldn't read or write like the other students. I do the tutoring in honor of my late father. I don't want any other child or adult to feel the shame he did if I could offer help."

Learn more about Linda and how you can have an impact as a volunteer in our blog at [https://bit.ly/3TkGeQA!](https://bit.ly/3TkGeQA)



Kate Duncan Smith School

We congratulate the KDS DAR High School Boys Basketball Team for their very successful 2023-2024 season. The boys, under the leadership of coach Justin Jonus, had a great season that included a 4A Area 14 Championship, a Northeast Alabama Sub Regional game win, and an Alabama Northeast Regional Championship. The incredible 25-10 season reached its conclusion on February 7th with the Patriots falling 71-61 to Jackson in the Final Four matchup in Birmingham.



Post season honors were given to senior Patriot Desmond Nichols who was named NE Regional MVP, All State Tournament Team and 2nd Team All State. Senior Trey Bolt was named 3rd Team All State. Congratulations, Patriots!

Crossnore Communities for Students

Crossnore is excited to announce that the NC Department of Health and Human Services has awarded a contract expansion for our Homebuilders services into all Region 3 counties of North Carolina.

Homebuilders is the most studied evidence-based Intensive Family Preservation Service in the United States. Since 2021, Crossnore's Homebuilders Team has served 62 children and their families, with a 96% success in avoiding placement of children who were at imminent risk of entering foster care.

To learn more about Crossnore's Homebuilders expansion, check out the following:

Winston-Salem Journal | *JournalNow* - Crossnore gains DHHS contract to expand Homebuilders program:

<https://bit.ly/3TANWpl>

Hillside School

We returned at the end of March to begin our Spring Term classes and sports. At the same time, construction began on our lower school, grades K-3, which is being built on our farm. The building is scheduled to be completed next fall and should be open for classes in September of 2025. Construction at the farm has necessitated moving elements of our farm program up to the main campus for the next few months. Our Eco-team, under the steady guidance of our outstanding Farm Director, has built raised garden beds on campus and is getting ready to plant. They will also be engaging in a composting project.

We also look forward, as we do every spring, to our annual DAR Day. This year's DAR Day will be on May 8. We anticipate having about 100 Daughters on campus to thank them for their support. The day will feature campus tours, information and entertainment sessions, a delicious lunch, and the presentation of DAR Scholarship Awards.

