

# The DAR School Sparkler

## "SCHOOLS ARE THE JEWELS OF DAR"

### *From The Chairman's Heart*

I don't know about you, but it's February and I cannot believe we are coming up on the second Congress of the Wright Administration. By now, you've filled out the CMR and this committee is working through the data, in awe of the amazing things that the chapters and states have done for our DAR Schools. The new CMR will come out after Congress, but I think it is safe to say if you continue to do a School minute, let your chapter know about this newsletter, and have members of your chapter watch the DAR School webinar, you'll have items to report.

Love. We love our Schools and as I said last February, with our project pin of two hearts, it feels very much like this month is for us! We have big hearts in DAR and just as we have opened our hearts to help the millions of students over the last 100 years through the DAR School committee, don't forget your local schools. Our hearts are big enough for Community Classroom. Remember your local students too!

Love big and Sparkle on!

Dawn Crumly Lemongello  
National Chair, DAR School



**PURCHASE A DAR SCHOOL PIN FROM THE DAR STORE  
TO SUPPORT THE DAR JEWELS**

[HTTPS://SHOP.DAR.ORG/HEARTS-SCHOOLS-PIN/](https://shop.dar.org/hearts-schools-pin/)

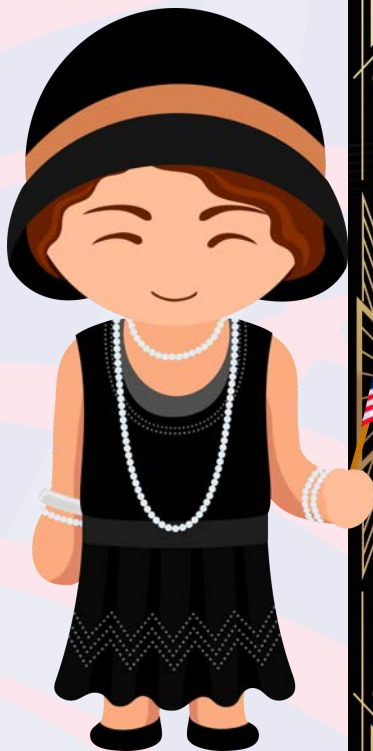


### *Come Have A Roaring Good Time*

We are pleased to present the KDS 100th Anniversary Committee's announcement to Save the Date for the KDS Gala Event. More details of the event should be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

Thank you for everything you do for the KDS community and their students.

Sincerely,  
KDS 100th Anniversary Committee  
Cheryl Odell and Rita Horton Committee Chairs



**100**  
KATE RINKER SMITH DAR SCHOOL

THE KDS 100TH  
ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS

**THE KDS 100TH**  
*Anniversary Gala*

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1924!  
THEME: ROARING 20'S

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024  
MARSHALL COUNTY RSV CENTER

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER, MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT,  
SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS, DESSERT

<b>JULY 1899</b>	Solomon Everidge pleads with 2 DAR members to come to Hindman to start a school.
<b>AUGUST 5, 1902</b>	May Stone (KSDAR Fincastle Chapter) and Katherine Pettit (KSDAR Lesington Chapter) start Hindman Settlement School.
<b>MARCH 1910</b>	Hindman Settlement School becomes Knott County's official high school.
<b>1921</b>	Hindman Settlement School becomes an approved school of NSDAR.
<b>1937</b>	Renowned author James Still, (HHS Librarian) starts "human bookmobile" hand carrying boxes of books to 19 remote schools.
<b>1942</b>	Hindman Settlement School expands service through an extension education program serving remote county schools.
<b>1977</b>	A fold dance and writers' workshop held, marking the start of the Appalachian Writers' Workshop and Appalachian Family Folk Week.
<b>1979</b>	Hindman Settlement School begins tutoring sessions for children with Dyslexia.
<b>2013</b>	Hindman Settlement School launches Knott County Grow Appalachia laying the foundation for its work in agriculture and foodways.
<b>AUGUST 1, 2020</b>	Hindman Settlement School expands its Dyslexia Education Program into 16 additional schools through its ReadingCorps program.
<b>JUN 26, 2022</b>	Hindman Settlement School launches Ironwood Writers Studio, a program for high school students.
<b>JULY 28, 2022</b>	Hindman Settlement School is struck by a major flood, impacting 6 campus structures.

## *DAR Member Spotlight*

Dayna Ferguson, National Vice Chair, Junior Membership - Hindman Settlement School

I learned of DAR from my late grandmother (Marquard, Martha Eleanor Shibley Ferguson) who was a DAR member for over 60 years. Sadly, she passed away before she could see me join on December 5th, 2015 – the 125th anniversary year of DAR!

The following years solidified my DAR foundation. I served my chapter as the Project Patriot Committee Chair. At the state level, I Paged State Conferences, Summer Workshops, and Fall Board of Management meetings. Through Paging, I came to know Mrs. Leslie Miller [KY State Regent: 2016 – 2019]. She introduced me to the mission of Hindman Settlement School (HSS), a DAR Approved School in Hindman, KY. I attended my first event at HSS in August 2018 – the 116th celebration of HSS's founding.

Fast forward to 2022, I was delighted to accept the new position of Hindman Settlement School Representative for the NSDAR Junior Membership Committee under the Wright Administration. The newly created NVC positions appoint one daughter to Kate Duncan Smith, Berry College, Crossnore, Hillside, Hindman, Bacone and Chemawa, respectively. The Wright Administration has built this really beautiful bridge: DAR Juniors – the future of DAR – connected with the DAR Schools – 'today's youth, tomorrow's leaders'.

When the devastating floods struck Appalachia, I volunteered alongside DAR and local community members. The school was maintaining a critical donations wish-list on their website and Daughters helped fulfill many highly sought items – crowbars, box fans, electric cords, etc. Through DAR support of the Junior Membership Committee, the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund was able to give HSS two grants in 2023 to repair the Katherine Pettit walkways and to renovate the Stucky Cabin bathrooms.

I continue to work to support HSS rebuild and rise from the waters of Troublesome Creek. Daughters can support Hindman Settlement School as they work to recover their archives, preserve history and celebrate their heritage. Please visit [www.Hindman.org](http://www.Hindman.org) to learn more or contact me at [dayna.ferguson17@gmail.com](mailto:dayna.ferguson17@gmail.com).



## 2023 Atwell Distribution

Dawn Crumly Lemongello, National Chair

For 2023, we were blessed again to be able to be generous to KDS and Crossnore through the Ella Atwell Fund. We were able to give over \$595,000 last year with each school receiving over \$297,000.

They have used this money for scholarships, maintenance and utilities.

<i>Ella Atwell</i>	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23
<b>KDS</b>	\$ 60,649.74	\$ 77,041.30	\$ 67,069.81	\$ 93,051.62
<b>Crossnore</b>	\$ 60,649.74	\$ 77,041.30	\$ 67,069.81	\$ 93,051.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$121,299.48</b>	<b>\$154,082.60</b>	<b>\$134,139.62</b>	<b>\$186,103.24</b>
			<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>\$595,624.94</b>
			<b>Per School</b>	<b>\$297,812.47</b>

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

Tracy Suarez, National Vice Chair, DAR School Scholarship

### HINDMAN SEED SHOWER

Throwing a "Seed Shower" is an excellent way for DAR Chapters and State Societies to support Hindman Settlement School families. What began as a "wish list" item on Hindman's website has grown into a worldwide campaign, where DAR Chapters collect seeds for Hindman to distribute to local farmers to feed their families and sell the produce at farmers markets. What began as a "wish list" item on Hindman's website has grown into a worldwide campaign, where DAR Chapters

collect seeds for Hindman to distribute to local farmers to feed their families and sell the produce at farmers markets. The program was initiated when Dawn Lemongello, National Chair, DAR School, served as State Regent of Florida and has continued for subsequent years. In its first year, over



15,000 packets were donated by Daughters from around the world. Start your own chapter or state campaign by collecting seeds to feed the families of Hindman. You can find specific varieties of seeds that Hindman families have requested on their Amazon wish list -

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/37C6EHBWM98CF/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex?](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/37C6EHBWM98CF/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex?)

### DAR SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Did you know the DAR School Committee administers three academic scholarships and one boarding scholarship? The Idamae Cox Otis, Mildred Louise Brackney, and Longman-Harris Scholarships are academic scholarships awarded to Kate Duncan Smith seniors, and the Frankie Ellen Wood Giroux is a boarding scholarship awarded to students enrolled at Crossnore Communities for Children and Hillside School. Scholarship Application Packets are sent to participating DAR Schools in August, and the judging committee meets after the February 15 deadline to review the scholarships and select the winners. Once the winners are chosen, winner notification letters are sent to the scholarship recipients and their respective schools, and reports are submitted to National for processing. DAR School Scholarship funds are distributed to the schools each August, and a new cycle begins for the next school year. The DAR School Committee is proud to make a difference in the lives of these students.

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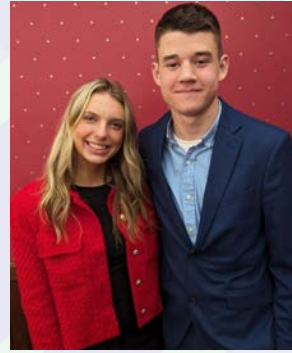
## News From The Schools

### Crossnore Communities for Students



Students on our Winston-Salem campus learned about the life, legacy, and love of Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 15th. As they talked about what it means to truly love one another, they crafted valentines that will be shared with our friends at Trinity Elms – A Senior Care Community.

### Kate Duncan Smith School



Congratulations to KDS juniors Kenley Owens and Brody Smith on being selected as the 2024 Continental Congress representatives! Kenley and Brody look forward to sharing their love for our school, and I know you will all enjoy meeting them over the next year.

### Hillside School

Upon our return from Thanksgiving Break we kicked off our Winter Term classes and sports. On December 13, our Music classes presented our annual Christmas concert featuring all the classics. This was followed by our Fall Awards Ceremony in which over 90 boys received one or more awards for their academic, citizenship, and athletic achievements from the Fall Term. Afterwards, everyone went home for a well deserved Christmas Break.

The boys returned to a snowy winter wonderland as campus was hit with a barrage of snow which made the skiers very happy. In mid January we celebrated Martin Luther King's birthday with a mixture of lessons about Dr. King and community service projects which ranged from cleaning up our roadway to moving our library to a new location to make room for our new woodshop.



### Berry College



Berry College Grad Genny Castillo was named one of the top five Latinas reshaping U.S. politics in 2020 and listed in Georgia Trend's 40 under 40. Currently, she's the regional director of the Southern Economic Advancement Project, facilitating its local programming to improve economic security and access to health care. Her secret to success? The commitment to service instilled at Berry.

Describing her ambitious career and Berry's influence on her life choices, Castillo says, "Berry taught me how to build community, and Berry's faculty and staff instilled in us the head, heart and hands idea that we have the knowledge and passion to improve the communities where we live, work and serve."

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3O9Pp4G>

### Hindman Settlement School

Rebecka, our Foodways Program Director, recently led our Mountain Sprouts at Emmalena Elementary through a special nutrition education session with our new Charlie Cart, a fully equipped mobile kitchen cart.

The project kicked off with a super fun activity—making Sparkling Orange Soda! The kids got hands-on with citrus reamers to squeeze out their own juice, used measuring cups to measure and add ingredients, and hand picked mint leaves all the while using every sense in this one experience. Throughout the time, the kids dove deep into the world of oranges by chatting about the different varieties, their special purposes, and even comparing them to the everyday oranges that most of us know and love.

Here's the real kicker—two of our students had never tasted oranges before this visit! Most importantly, the students were taught to replicate these activities, at home, without the specialized tools that the Charlie Cart provides.

