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Self Improvement Aids Student Achievement

By Carolyn Wilkins – XI State/FL

Professional development plans are often on “to do” lists for teachers at the beginning of every year and are revisited again at the end. What happens in the middle? Is it important to plan what an educator will learn during the year?

In schools all over the country, teachers receive a list of students and are asked to evaluate and develop a plan for improving their achievement during the year. It seems like a well thought out plan, but in practice it is often a great work of fiction. I often wonder if the line connecting the educator and the student is drawn clearly enough so that it really makes a difference in the classroom.

Since professional development is so powerful, it is the means to set apart mediocre from exceptional teachers. Educators who take control of their own learning become better teachers. Taking on many different forms of professional development, i.e., higher level classes, workshops or professional learning communities, some motivated teachers participate in individually designed personal development plans. The online class is the delivery method of choice for those who are more tech savvy and prefer flexible scheduling. All modes provide a plethora of information for the teacher; however, the ultimate goal is to deliver this new found knowledge or skill to the students.

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Students of today’s classrooms are more astute and more aware than ever before. With technology at their fingertips, we’ve taught them not to believe everything they see on T.V., read in newspapers, or find on the internet. Our students are members of the global society. They chat and play games online with people around the world. We are obligated to meet the demands of all of our students. Therefore, our own self improvement leads to their achievement. We cannot and must not continue to do what we have always done. We **MUST** design and implement a plan to improve ourselves. Indeed, self development is an opportunity to gain new knowledge for ourselves and our students.

Lambda State Kappa on a Mission

By Denise Atkins-Lambda State/GA

For those of you who know Betty Cardwell, you know her devotion to God and good works! Betty’s biggest adventure this year was a trip to Honduras in an effort to bring love, light, and education to poverty stricken children. Most of the children live with their families in cardboard boxes at the garbage dump a few miles outside the Honduran capital city of Tegucigalpa. Some children are orphans. “The Dump” covers an entire mountainside and the children scavenge through it for any items of value for resale – like pieces of copper or scrap metal. The water is full of disease due to bacteria, parasites, and other contaminants. Yet they must drink the water or die of dehydration. All drinkable water is bottled water that is trucked in – but only the wealthy can afford to buy it.

Likewise, education in Honduras is only for those who can afford it. If a family cannot pay for the required uniforms, their children cannot go to school. Upon learning of the plight of these children, Betty felt called to actually go in person and do what she could to help. **(Continued on Page 5)**

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2009 Convention Cruise

Join the Kappa Chorus

The Kappa Kappa Iota National Music Committee invites all Kappas attending the National Convention to sing in the Kappa Chorus. Contact Edie McCaw at ewmccaw@windstream.net.



Convention Cruise Keynote Speaker

Beta Chapter XI State/FL is pleased to announce our keynote speaker, Maribeth Ditmars. A



member of Kappa Kappa Iota, Maribeth lives in Sarasota, Florida, and has taught elementary school

for 25 years. She is the author of *Christopher's Journey*, an inspirational book telling the story of her son's struggle with leukemia. Maribeth will relate some of her son's *SPICY* antics and talk about some of the wonderful people touched by this young man along the way. She will also share some of his school predicaments. Books will be available for sale. All proceeds will go to National Kappa Kappa Iota Scholarship Fund. www.christophersjourney.com

Kappa "Sash" Fun

Please bring your pin loaded KKI Sash

Enter a few contests and win Carnival cash

Wear it for all of us to see Some Kappa sisters have been collecting since '03

Oh what fun and conversation there will be

With Kappas and their families

Saturday, June 20, 2009

12:30 p.m.-6 p.m.	Registration, Hospitality Desk
1:30- 2:30 p.m.	Flag Practice
1-3:30 p.m.	Scholarship Committee
1-3:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
2-6 p.m.	Delegate Certification
4:30-6:15 p.m.	1 st General Assembly
6:45-7:45	Welcome Party
8:00 p.m.	Dinner
10 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting (if needed) Group "Get Together s"(Schedule Your Own)

Sunday, June 21, 2009

8-9:15 a.m.	Annual Breakfast
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Scholarship Committee
9:30-11 a.m.	Choir Practice
9:30-11 a.m.	Nominating Committee
9:30-11 a.m.	Committee Meetings
12:15-2:15 p.m.	Annual Luncheon
5-6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
4-6 p.m.	Board of Directors
8 p.m.	Dinner
10 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting (if needed)

Monday, June 22, 2009 (In Port at Grand Cayman)

8-2 p.m.	Grand Cayman Shopping & Tours (schedule with Carnival)
2:30-5 p.m.	2 nd General Assembly
5:15-6:30 p.m.	Memorial Service Practice
5-7 p.m.	PNP Meeting
7-7:45 p.m.	Open Forum
8 p.m.	Dinner

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 (In Port at Cozumel)

8-4 p.m.	Cozumel Shopping & Tours (schedule with Carnival)
4:45-6:45 p.m.	National President's Reception
8 p.m.	Dinner
10 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting (if needed)

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

7:45-8:45 a.m.	Memorial Service
9-11:15 a.m.	3 rd General Assembly
1-3 p.m.	New State Presidents' Meeting
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Installation Rehearsal
4:30-6:30 p.m.	Awards & Annual Installation
8 p.m.	Dinner

Thursday, June 25, 2009

7-9 a.m.	New Executive Committee Meeting
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