

Founder's Day Program Ideas

- **KDP Pride:** Celebrate Founder's Day in style by dressing head-to-toe in KDP attire or colors (green and violet). Visit the [KDP Store](#) to see the latest fashions.
- **Wear Your Badge:** Contact students and alumni members of the chapter and have everyone wear their KDP badge or cloisonné pin.
- **Happy Birthday KDP:** Host a birthday party. Find a high-traffic area on campus to post display boards about KDP and then serve cake and ice cream to students, faculty, and staff members who walk by.
- **Join the Chapter Challenge:** The KDP Educational Foundation supports the programs that provide KDP members and chapters with the resources they need to succeed, and you can help make that happen. Make a chapter donation of \$150 or more to the Educational Foundation to meet the Chapter Challenge. Will your chapter accept the challenge? [Check the Challenge](#).
- **Breakfast on Us:** Host a continental breakfast for your university's education department. This informal gathering is a great way to network with the education department and inform others about the importance of KDP and your chapter. Create an inviting atmosphere by decorating the room in KDP colors and memorabilia. Give a brief overview of KDP history, your chapter's accomplishments, and project ideas you would like to implement in the future.
- **Connect on Facebook:** Visit the KDP Centennial page and sign-up for the Founder's Day Event. Share ideas about your chapter's plans, connect with KDP members across the country, and post photos or videos about your chapter activities. Download the Founder's Day flair for your Profile Page too!
- **Recommit to KDP Values:** Gather members of your chapter together and conduct the short *Founder's Day Ceremony* to repledge yourself to the values and ideals of our Society.
- **Take Initiative:** Celebrate Founder's Day by initiating new members into KDP.
- **Gift Basket Giveaway:** Send a gift basket to your college president or to the dean of the school of education with note attached about the history of KDP and the importance of Founder's Day.
- **Pi Day (3.14):** Celebrate the academic aspect of KDP and have a pie-bake off or a pie-eating contest. This can be a fun (and delicious) way to recognize the KDP legacy. Pi Day also can be a fund-raiser for your chapter or the Chapter Challenge.
- **Book Drive:** In honor of "99 years of KDP" (as of 2010) have a book drive and challenge your chapter to collect at least 99 books to donate to an organization of your choice.
- **Brownbag Lecture Series:** Have a guest lecturer speak about an issue or topic that revolves the principles on which KDP was founded. Guest lecturers can be a professor, KDP Alum, past president, or anyone who will be able to deliver a powerful and positive message to the members and community at-large. [National State Teachers of the Year](#) **{link to doc in folder}** also are available as speakers. See appendix for a sample lecture agenda/program.

- **Capture the Moment:** Gather photos taken throughout the year, event fliers, minutes from past meetings, or other memorabilia from your chapter to place in a time capsule on Founder’s Day. Seal it and specify the date it can be opened. The director of archives at your campus library may be able to assist you with memorabilia and storage options.
- **Go Green (and violet): Adopt a median or green space:** Adopting a median gives your chapter a chance to beautify a green space in your community and improve the air and water quality of the local environment. Increasing the amount of trees, shrubs, and green space in cities and along roads helps absorb carbon dioxide and pollutants, provides shade, reduces heat glare from concrete, reduces erosion and storm water runoff, and provides economic value to neighborhoods.¹ It is also a creative way to advertise your KDP chapter. Contact your local mayor’s office to receive more information on adopting a median in your community.
- **Past Presidents Luncheon:** Invite past chapter presidents to have lunch with current members on Founder’s Day.
- **KDP Bingo Night:** Have a night of fun playing BINGO KDP style. Instead of using bingo cards with numbers, use words that relate to KDP. For every word that is announced, give a brief description of its significance. This game is a fun way to teach others about Society history as they win prizes. See appendix for bingo card mock-up.
- **Reach Out:** Giving back to the community is one of the best ways to celebrate Founder’s Day. Start an adult literacy class; adopt a classroom at a local school; or collaborate with organizations on campus and in the community to create a service project. The possibilities are endless and so are the benefits.
- **Regional Founder’s Day Celebration:** Team up with other KDP chapters in your area and co-host an event together. Involving other chapters is an amazing way to network and brainstorm with other members, draw larger crowds to your event, and cut down on expenses and sweat-equity involved in hosting an event.
- **Brick Awards:** Have an awards ceremony thanking educators, alumni, and current members who have “paved the way” or “laid the foundation” for making your chapter a success. [Polar Engraving](#) and [Fundraisers Ltd](#) offer intricately engraved bricks for an inexpensive price.
- **Rock Hunt:** Hide rocks numbered 1–20 around campus. Each rock corresponds with a prize. Have people turn in their rocks to redeem their prize at one of your Founder’s Day events. See appendix to get detailed information on how to implement this hunt.
- **KDP March Madness for a Cause:** Rent out your campus gym for a few hours of fun. Have 3-on-3 basketball, dodge ball, four-square tournaments, tricycle race, or obstacle courses. See if your campus dining services will donate light refreshments for your event. Have the registration fee be two cans of food or non-perishable items and donate the items to a local food pantry.
- **Annual Founder’s Day Banquet:** A banquet is a traditional way of celebrating Founder’s Day. Planning a banquet can seem like a major undertaking, but with the right preparation, it can be an event that people will look forward to every year. A sample banquet agenda and registration form can be found in the appendix.

¹ Information adapted from www.kibi.org.

- **I Was a KDP . . .**: Reach out to teachers, mentors, and supervisors who may have been involved in KDP when they were in college. Let them know what KDP is like today and invite them to renew their membership. One way to do this is to use Palm Cards.