Purpose
Kappa Delta Pi, International Society in Education, encourages chapters to celebrate their chosen profession in two ways: 1) Host a program designed to support and celebrate current teachers. 2) Host a program that encourages middle and high school students to consider teaching as a career option.
Mission
The Celebration of Teaching is designed to support current teachers, inspire future teachers, and recognize the profound impact of education on our society.

Six Objectives

Objective 1: Cultivate a culture of respect and appreciation for teachers.

Objective 2: Provide support to teachers.

Objective 3: Encourage middle and high school students to consider teaching as a career.

Objective 4: Advocate for the profession.

Objective 5: Present positive images of the profession throughout the world.

Objective 6: Showcase teachers’ roles and their impact on students.

Project Ideas
- **Encourage high school students** to volunteer at their old elementary school.
- **Host an end-of-year volunteer event** to assist teachers as they prepare for summer break.
- **Compile letters** written by students honoring their teacher.
- **Fund a teacher’s lounge renovation.**
- **Sponsor an essay contest** for students in the community about the impact of a teacher. Reward the teacher who was the subject of the winning entry.
- **Speak to local middle and high school students** about teaching. Encourage them to consider this option as a career.
- **Develop a multicultural program** that advocates for the importance of minority teachers in the classroom. Encourage minority students to consider teaching as a career.
- **Invite local middle and high school students** to your campus to participate in a “Teacher Career Day.” Have chapter members and faculty speak with students about the field of education and college classes. Allow students to participate in or sit in on college courses.
- **Collaborate with a local teacher’s union** to address specific needs within a community.
- **Participate in local town halls** and other civic engagements to advocate for the profession. Encourage elected officials to take a clear position as an “ally of educators.”
- **Establish a grant** to support the work of outstanding teachers.
Tips

• Celebrate teachers through your events as often as you can.
• Be considerate of teachers’ schedules and obligations. Consult school administrators about the best way to reach teachers, and try to bring programming to them.
• Include parents as much as possible. Their support is extremely valuable to teachers.
• Be sure to recognize as many school staff members as possible. Teachers are critical, but each supporting staff member plays a vital role in the success of a school.
• Be reactive, not prescriptive. Provide services educators will actually value.

Submission Information

Once your Celebration of Teaching program or event is complete, submit the Celebration of Teaching Achievement Report. The form can be found in the Celebration of Teaching page on our website. It asks for basic information regarding the planning, development, and success of your chapter’s Celebration of Teaching project. This achievement form will be used to determine the Celebration of Teaching Awards, and to provide recognition to individual KDP members for their participation in our signature service initiative.

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. Submissions that are able to clearly convey their goals, data, and narrative will be favored over those that do not. Short or incomplete answers will result in that section receiving a score of “1.”

Deadline

Submissions will be accepted at any point during the academic year. The deadline for submission is May 15. If your program runs past this date, or during the summer, speak to your Regional Chapter Coordinator about extending this deadline.

Submission Review

All project submissions will be judged by a panel in a blind review. The review period for these submissions will be from May 16 to June 16. All participants will be notified upon completion of review. Winners will be notified before July 1.

Awards

Fifteen exceptional projects will be selected to receive a Celebration of Teaching Award. These awards are as follows:

Gold Award (five chapters): Large chapter plaque, recognition in KDP communications, and a $20 registration discount for each chapter member attending Convo.

Silver & Bronze Awards (five chapters each): Small chapter plaque, recognition in KDP communications, and a $10 registration discount for each chapter member attending Convo.

Please contact Joe Clemmer (joe@kdp.org) with any questions or comments.