

Northern District Conference 10/01/2022

## Opening

Good Morning Northern Sisters. My name is Mari Page and I am your California State Chaplain.

As walked around room and talked with some of you this morning, I realized just how glad I was we that we could once again meet in person. Meeting in person strengthens our bonds as Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters. Today we all will be "*Stepping Into The Future*" with our new state president Rosena Kruley. She will be working with us to fulfill the Vision and Mission of Alpha Delta Kappa.

As you might know, Alpha Delta Kappa's Vision is for a world that values diversity, all people and quality education. The Mission of our organization is to empower women educators to advance inclusion, educational excellence, altruism and world understanding.

The Northern Council has reflected the Vision and Mission Statements in their program, decorations and speaker we will hear from today at the Northern Conference.

When I look out and see all of you that are active educators or those of you who are retired I realize your commitment now and in the past to quality education. I wonder if we added up all the years of teaching in the room, what the total would be? I am sure we would be impressed with the years of service we have collectively.

Your lovely decorations show the commitment you have made to explore the diversity of others, world understanding, and your willingness be inclusive. I am sure as a council you will be welcoming to both old and new diverse members.

Having the speaker from the George Mark House exhibits the importance of altruism by your council and chapters. This non-profit organization helps so many children and their families with life affirming care and comfort. Hopefully your generosity today will enable additional funding.

The Vision and Mission Statements of Alpha Delta Kappa are important as they give purpose to our organization. These statements and the purpose of the organization can be found on the opening page of the International Website. As we spend time together today let us continue reflect on how we all are working to accomplish these goals to make our organization stronger.

## Closing

Today at the Northern Conference we have enjoyed visiting, having a meal together and listening to informative speakers. We have reconnected with our wonderful organization and our sisters. When we leave today, we need to continue to remember the importance of this reconnecting and working together as we return to chapter activities. Each of us as individuals are important to the strength of our organization, but we all must work as a team if we are to succeed in the years ahead. It is imperative as we "*Step Into The Future*" to embrace the vision and mission of Alpha Delta Kappa to continue to make it an organization we are proud to belong to.