

# Beta Mu Chapter History

2024-25

Beta Mu Chapter was formed by Decatur County members of Omicron Chapter in Lexington when the Decatur County membership became large enough for a new chapter. Beta Mu was formed on May 6, 1978 at Decaturville First Methodist Church. Miss Mary Jo Husk, Xi State President, 1972-73 presided over the election of Beta Mu officers. Dr. Margaret Sherer, Xi State President, 1977-79 installed Beta Mu Officers

for the 1978-80 term. Charter Members included Allie V. Johnson, Flynn Pickens,

Allie Mae Stevens, Hilda Welch, Alice Reid, Mary Colwick, Edith Taylor, Margaret Alexander, Pauline Johnson, Gail Stanfill, Pat Wentworth, Glenda Moore, Joan Carter, Diane Vernon, Sarah Vise, and Sandra Steed. Diane Vernon and Sarah Vise are still active, participating members. Ms. Allie Mae Stevens has received a past honor at XI State, and Mrs. Diane Vernon served on the Literacy Committee in the early 1990s.

Beta Mu Chapter Presidents and their period of service are listed below:

Alice Reid*	1978-1980	Jean Myracle	2004-2006
Joan Carter*	1980-1982	Jean Myracle	2006-2008
Sarah Vise	1982-1984	Louise Gregory*	2008-2010
Nan Smith	1984-1986	Louise Gregory*	2010-2012
Margaret Alexander*	1986-1988	Amanda Keeton	2012-2014
Beverly Boyd	1988-1990	Lea Glass	2014-2016
Diane Vernon	1990-1992	Lea Glass	2016-2018
Carol Vestal	1992-1994	Amy Clenney	2018-2020
Carol Vestal	1994-1996	Amy Clenney	2020-2022
Calla Fisher	1996-1998	Angela Boggan	2022-2024
Calla Fisher	1998-2000	Angela Boggan	2024-2026
Lea Glass	2000-2002		

Lea Glass  
\*Deceased

2002-2004

Beta Mu Chapter sponsors a classroom grant opportunity for Teachers, Counselors, and Librarians. In previous years, two grants have been awarded for \$100 each to help fund a project or lesson in the classroom. In the 2022-23 school year, the grant amount increased to \$150 with only one grant available. The response has continued to be low for the grant with only 1 applicant for the 2023-24 school year. Given the low response rate, the Beta Mu members voted to discontinue the Teacher Mini Grant for the 2024-25 school year.

The Beta Mu Chapter participated in the annual Back-to-School Bash in August of 2024. The Bash is sponsored by Coordinated School Health with various organizations contributing basic school supplies to students enrolled in Decatur County Schools. The Beta Mu Chapter has participated in the event for the last several years.

In August 2024, the Beta Mu Chapter held a Pampered Chef fundraiser with proceeds raised to provide a donation to the local Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. A check in the amount of \$150 was presented to the Carl Perkins Center in January 2024 to purchase perishable food items for families that encounter emergency need situations. The Beta Mu Chapter voted to award a \$250 scholarship to a graduating female student pursuing a degree in education. The scholarship was presented in early May 2024. In May 2025, there will be 2 \$250 scholarships awarded for female Riverside High School Seniors that will be pursuing a Bachelor's degree in education.

There were 2 Decatur County students that participated in the 2023-24 DKG Essay contest. While the participation was not as large as the Beta Mu Chapter had hoped, we were excited to have students put forth the effort to participate.

Beta Mu Chapter submitted a Chapter Yearbook in December 2023 and received Highest Honors. The Chapter Yearbook for 2024 was submitted prior to the deadline and it is anticipated that Highest Honors will again be received. The Chapter has been privileged to receive the Highest Honors recognition for the past several years.

In summary, the Beta Mu Chapter has been very involved with the Decatur County Community as a whole through monthly meetings and community projects. Guest speakers for the monthly meetings have been community leaders that have given presentations on various service organizations within Decatur County, business owners, and post-secondary educational leaders. The meetings have been very informative for the Beta Mu members while introducing the community organizations to Beta Mu and its

purposes. The Chapter continues to use a variety of communication methods with members which include email, text messages, and the Beta Mu Facebook page.