



# The Key

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### TSO 2021 Denton Convention



Denton is known for its active music life, the North Texas State Fair and Rodeo, Denton Arts and Jazz Festival, and 35th Denton Music Festival that attracts over 300,000 people each year. As you familiarize yourself with Denton's surroundings, be prepared to

experience Denton's culture and history such as that of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and the legacy she left behind.

#### Annie Webb Blanton Elementary

The school was built in August 2008 and was named after Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, the first woman in Texas to be elected to a state office.



#### The Texas Historical Commission

On June 13, 2013 Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, North Texas educator and leader, was awarded an official Texas historical marker for her major role in Texas history.



### Denton Convention Center



- **3100 Town Center -off of I-35** The center is located just south of University Drive (US380) and east of I-35.
- **Ph. #940-243-3799**

**Come join the fun, the learning, and most of all the fellowship with your DKG sisters.**

### Why attend the Convention



By Liz Garrett, Denton Convention Steering Committee Co-Chair

I have attended many of the TSO conventions and several of the regional conventions. While I have not always been able to attend TSO convention, I have always enjoyed immensely those that I have attended. My first reason to attend convention is that it energizes me. It helps to enliven and rejuvenate my purpose for being a member of the society. Creativity at convention is always at its best! Walking around and viewing the Children's Art Gallery and Visual Arts and bumping into my sisters I have not seen in a while is always a thrill and exciting.

Then it is the breakout sessions where I have picked up so many program ideas and they always spark a new energy in me. It was at convention that I learned about Google sheets, docs, surveys and more. I was so excited to get home and put all I learned into practice. And I did!

The leadership and the leadership being developed in teachers around the state has always made me proud and honored to be a DKG member. I always have a great time! It is going to be exciting and so exhilarating to gather and see my DKG sisters. I enjoy traveling to new places and this year Denton 2021 has it all!



By Robyn Rucker, Denton Convention Steering Committee Co-Chair

I have been a member of TSO since 2001. In the summer of 2011, I went to my first convention (as Kappa Theta's Fist Vice President). Needless to say, I haven't missed a convention since. My initial reason for going to my first convention was that I was strongly encouraged to go because of my leadership positions within my chapter. However, I quickly learned that I would meet new sisters from all over the state. I love learning about other chapters and how they work. At one convention, I was encouraged to apply for the TSO Leadership Seminar (Lucky 13er). By going to conventions, I feel empowered by fellow sisters encouraging me to "get out of my comfort zone". I usually say "YES" to various "jobs" throughout any convention. During these events, I always meet new friends during meal times, breakout sessions, and browsing through the vendor area. Another reason I go to conventions is that I get to go to great places all over Texas. One memory was when I went to McAllen - I drove during a storm in North Texas, spent the night in Houston, and then made it to McAllen. Another memory was going to the "Library" in Lubbock with my chapter sisters (wasn't really a "Library"☺). I always look forward to the summers, because I know that I will see and meet other amazing sisters that I will be able to call "friends". Conventions are always a party, and I love a great PARTY☺!!!

I look forward to YOU joining the PARTY in DENTON 2021!!!

## DID YOU KNOW ...

**Texas Woman's University (TWU)** despite its name, TWU has been a co-ed university since 1994. Texas Woman's University opened in 1905. It has 75 programs with 91 undergraduate and graduate degrees. TWU is known for its contributions and leadership role in nursing, education, healthcare professions, nutrition, arts & science, and business.



TWU ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in Texas for students who have children and 7<sup>th</sup> in having diversity students attending.

### TWU's Blagg-Huey Library

The second floor of Blagg-Huey Library houses The Woman's Collection established in 1932, one of the largest and oldest collections of materials about American women's history and issues in the United States. The Woman's Collection at TWU is the official state archive of Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG). It holds the Delta Kappa Gamma state chapter's records.



Take time to appreciate TWU's culture and history by visiting the *Little Chapel in-the-Woods* where many alumni have chosen to get married, the Huey-Blagg Library, Culinary History & Cookbooks Collections, Texas Woman's Hall of Fame, and the First Ladies Gowns display.

**The University of North Texas (UNT)** is the largest university in north Texas and the third largest in the state. 100 years ago, the University of North Texas was established in 1890. In 1922 the student body chose the Eagle as their mascot because of its keen eye, strength, independence, and loyalty. In 1947 UNT ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in having



jazz studies program which has become an American powerhouse in music education.

UNT's student-faculty ratio is 24:1 and 25.5% of its classes are with fewer than 20 students. The most popular majors are Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services; Multi-interdisciplinary Studies, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Visual and Performing Arts and Communications. An indicator of student satisfaction is the 79% of freshman retention.

University of North Texas has been named 17 times by the Institutional Research and Evaluation as a university that provides students the highest quality education at the lowest cost. UNT has ranked 5<sup>th</sup> for faculty publishing and 7<sup>th</sup> as the largest undergraduate's program in the US.

## DENTON ART MURALS

Denton Art Murals can be found throughout Denton. A variety of local artists have created the murals and they are as large as a building and as small as a window. Take a selfie in front of one of the murals and add it to your Denton Convention experience. Visit, enjoy, and savor Denton's Art Murals at:

- **Murals at Cross Timbers Church** on 312 W. McKinney
- **La Estrella Meat Market Mural** on 602 E. McKinney
- **Secondhand Sports Mural** on 204 E. McKinney
- **Victoria's Café Mural** on 803 E. McKinney St.
- **Al's Furniture Mural** on 1131 E. McKinney St.
- **The Bearded Monk** on 122 E. McKinney St.
- **Oak St Drafthouse Mural** on 308 E. Oak
- **KDB Flower Art** on 2101 N Bell Ave.
- **Keep Denton Beautiful Sykes Mural** on 1400 S Loop 288 #116
- **TWU Arts and Sciences Mural** on 1100 Oakland Street
- **Denton Welcome Center Mural** on 111 W Hickory Street



First mural approved by the Denton City Council was the *Customer's Request Mural* on 119 N Cedar St.

## Convention Information

- Log in to <https://www.mydkg.org> or <https://www.dkgtxas.org> website to locate the registration form
  - check the TSO website regularly to stay abreast of new or changed information
- Save *The Key* newsletter for future reference and program changes if any

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