The mission of Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, Inc. is to provide opportunities for educational and personal growth for students, while emphasizing patriotism, responsible citizenship and the historical legacy of the school.

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Chairman’s Message

I am pleased to report to you that 2019 was an outstanding year at KDS DAR School.

An indoor hitting and training facility was completed in January of 2019. The new facility has a turf floor and retractable nets for batting and pitching practice, strength training, and conditioning. The building is primarily used by the baseball and softball programs, but is available to other sports that need indoor practice space.

In anticipation of the school’s 100th anniversary in 2024, this Chairman appointed a KDS Centennial Celebration Committee. The committee is currently having preliminary discussions about the theme, timeframe, and scope of the celebration. This will be an exciting time as our school achieves this milestone, and I have every confidence in the members of this committee to plan a fantastic celebration.

The school is making tremendous progress on the Strategic Plan for 2018-2023. Many of the goals and objectives have been met or are currently being addressed. The Facilities Planning Assessment developed during the information-gathering portion of the Strategic Plan has been extremely helpful as it acts as a ‘to do’ list for maintenance and repair. And there are many exciting things to come.

One item that was identified to be an area of focus in the Strategic Plan was better utilization of the KDS Greenhouse and to provide opportunities for students to learn to be good stewards of their environment, particularly as it pertains to food production. I am ecstatic about the progress that has been made in this area. The article on page 9 of this Annual Report details the changes in the KDS Agri-Science program and how our students are benefitting.

Another area of importance uncovered during the Strategic Planning process is the digitization and preservation of the school’s documents and photos. It is vitally important that our history be preserved for future generations, and I am pleased to report that great progress is being made.

So much was accomplished at KDS in 2019, and none of it would be possible without all who support the school’s programs and projects, but especially the students.

A special thanks is extended to members of the KDS Executive Committee and Board of Trustees for their support and dedication. I also want to thank the members of the KDS Committees for all their hard work on the school’s behalf.

Thanks to Executive Director Heather Green and the KDS Administrative Staff for always doing a superb job; and to the KDS Maintenance Staff for keeping the grounds beautiful and the facilities in tip-top shape.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as Chairman of KDS DAR School Board of Trustees.
On Thursday, March 26, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey and State School Superintendent Eric Mackey announced students will not go back to a physical school for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, citing the need for extraordinary measures to combat the growing COVID-19 pandemic.

Because this school closure mandate lasts until June 5, KDS DAR School is cancelling its Senior Awards Day and Graduation activities, originally scheduled for May 15 and 16.

The health and safety of our students and school employees is of utmost importance, and we stand behind Governor Ivey and Dr. Mackey in taking all necessary precautions.

This extended closure effectively cancels all school activities. Instruction will shift to e-learning or distance learning from home beginning April 6. School officials are working on plans to ensure all students have access to quality instruction.

Spring sports and extra-curricular activities have ceased, and announcements regarding the possible rescheduling of events like graduations and proms will be made in the coming weeks.

We are in a time of fear and unprecedented uncertainty. Our senior students and their parents are extremely anxious, and rightfully so, but I ask that everyone be patient as we transition to remote instruction. Once those issues have been addressed, we’ll tackle the question of graduation and prom. Our students deserve these rites of passage, and we will do everything we can to make sure they have them.

Students of all ages are struggling to adjust to this ‘new normal.’ Unfortunately, their questions are often unanswerable, leaving them anxious and sad. As a parent of a senior, I wish I could tell my son that everything will be okay and he’ll soon be back in class with his friends, but I can’t. What we can do for students is to reassure them that this too shall pass and show them the love and support they need to deal with their emotions during this difficult time.

At KDS, we have closed campus and encouraged social distancing, but we are also acutely aware of the members of our community who have limited access to food during the best of times. The coming days will certainly be trying for them. The Lunchroom has been emptied of perishables, and those items have been distributed to families in need. And the school, with the support of local partners and friends, will distribute food each Monday evening at the Grant Church of Christ as long as there is a need.

With so much unknown and new questions being raised daily, I choose to focus on the things I can control and the things I do know. I have seen firsthand the good in people as donations to provide food for the less fortunate have poured in to the office. Kindness and charity are still alive and well in Grant, Alabama. I’ve witnessed the tears of appreciation from those being helped during this difficult time. We are all learning that school is so much more than just a school – it is a place of safety and comfort not just for students and faculty, but for the community as a whole. And I’ve learned that now, more than ever, we are truly all in this together. Even if we are physically distanced from one another out of necessity, we are joined by our common purpose and resolve to get through this pandemic crisis with grace and humanity.

Stay home, stay healthy, and thank you for your support of Kate Duncan Smith DAR School and its students.
2019 Report to the Friends of KDS

Information is based on audited financials from October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2019

Total Income

- Contributions*: $784,285
- Investment Income: $487,062
- Productive Enterprise: $110,640
- TOTAL: $1,381,987

Contributions' Break-Down

- NSDAR: $123,380
- Direct Contributions: $328,069
- Bequests & Estates: $332,836
- TOTAL: $784,285

Total Expenses

- Programs: $1,113,072
- Administrative: $86,877
- Fundraising/Development: $40,113
- TOTAL: $1,240,062
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Where Our Donations Come From

Percentages based on Annual Fund (Unrestricted) Contributions from October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2019

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Income Categories

33% Annual Fund Contributions

67% Donor-Designated Contributions

Where Our Donors Support

Percentages based on Donor-Designated (Restricted) Contributions from October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2019

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Beautiful fall weather welcomed visitors from across the country to the KDS DAR School’s 95th Dedication Day celebration on Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 18th. This year’s festivities were even more special as the NSDAR Sunshine School Tour was present on campus. President General Denise VanBuren, National School Chair Morgan Lake, members of the NSDAR Executive Board, groups from California and Texas, and numerous others travelling by car were on-hand to share in this special occasion. All total, more than 350 DAR guests were present at KDS for Dedication Day 2019.

Awaiting the DAR ladies as they arrived at KDS on Thursday morning was a warm “welcome to campus” where students lined the sidewalks, waved signs, and presented them with flowers and artwork while the KDS Marching Band and cheerleaders provided lively tunes and cheers. Entertainment during lunch was provided by the 6th Grade Junior American Citizens Club, performing a program in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women’s constitutional right to vote.

Thursday afternoon consisted of a variety of “at your own pace” activities including campus tours, classroom visits, and meetings. On Thursday evening the group traveled to Lake Guntersville State Park for a casual Lakeside Reception. Following the reception, Daughters faced off in a rousing game of “Family Feud” complete with real game graphics and buzzers.

The traditional Dedication Program on Friday is always the highlight of the festivities, and this year was no exception with 22 state societies, groups, and organizations qualifying to dedicate. President General Denise VanBuren presented the Dedication Day message, which featured her challenge to current KDS students to come back in 10 years and pay it forward. The program also featured musical performances by the Fourth Grade Choir and the High School Choir and all KDS students singing “DAR, Oh How We Love You” to a rousing response. There was even a surprise visit...
by the adorable KDS first graders who sang “Firefly” to the delight of the audience. The program was followed by the famous Basket Luncheon, a perennial favorite of the DAR members and guests.

Friday evening ended with the “Big Blue Tailgate” and a Patriots football game, with Mrs. VanBuren doing the coin toss before the game. The “sunny” cheering section of more than 150 ladies brought good luck to the Patriots as they defeated sectional opponent Priceville 38-13.

During an action-packed two days, the energetic members of the Sunshine School Tour even found time to shoot a flash mob-style music video on the KDS campus. “Walking on Sunshine” will premiere at Continental Congress 2020.

Among the other highlights of this year’s KDS Dedication Day was the annual Craft Show which was held in the Doris Pike White Gymnasium, with more than 35 crafters offering their handmade goods. The proceeds from the Craft Show provide funds for supplies and materials for the KDS High School Art Department.

The 95th KDS DAR School Dedication Day was a truly special time for our “Gem of Gunter Mountain” and its students.
For more than 96 years, Kate Duncan Smith DAR School has served the children of a remote, mountainous area of northern Alabama by providing them opportunities for educational and personal growth while emphasizing patriotism and responsible citizenship. During that time, KDS graduates have gone on to become doctors, attorneys, builders, teachers, homemakers, engineers, welders, a state legislator, and even State Regents of the DAR – all with that same foundation of educational excellence focused on American ideals. And although nearly a century has passed, the mission of KDS remains the same because the need today is greater than ever.

We are excited to introduce our faithful supporters to the **KDS Steadfast, Loyal, Ever True** campaign. This campaign addresses those areas of greatest need, including the school’s essential day-to-day operations, and can only be achieved through the financial support of donors like you. We ask you to consider becoming a **Steadfast, Loyal, Ever True** partner to help KDS remain

- **Steadfast** to our mission of instilling in children a sense of patriotism and an understanding of American ideals through the teaching of our nation’s history, promotion of responsible citizenship, and participation in DAR contests and programs.
- **Loyal** to the day-to-day maintenance and upkeep of a picturesque 240-acre campus and 40 buildings, including the cost of insurance and utilities.
- **Ever True** to perpetuating our unique history and traditions and bolstering heritage and community education initiatives designed to strengthen our connection with our roots.

The need is great, but with your generous support, you make it possible for KDS DAR School to provide a solid foundation for students and to preserve the very special school we all love. Please join us in becoming a **Steadfast, Loyal, Ever True** partner by giving securely online at www.kdsdar.org/donate. Every gift makes a difference in the lives of KDS students. Join us in making a difference today!

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For more information on the **Steadfast, Loyal, Ever True** Annual Fund Campaign, visit www.kdsdar.org or call 256-728-4236.
The KDS Agri-Science Program is getting back-to-basics by providing students with opportunities for hands-on learning. Ag Teacher Chris Hicks has focused the program on providing classroom projects that deliver real-world job skill scenarios and increasing participation in FFA (Future Farmers of America), helping students earn credentials in various skills designed to make them more marketable to employers.

The general Agri-Science classes taught at KDS cover a number of different topics in the curriculum including woodworking, plant systems, general electrical, and plumbing.

“I try to make just about everything some type of hands-on activity,” said Hicks. “We learn to read tape measures and use shop tools safely. Woodworking projects are hands-on with some being done as a team and others being done as individuals.”

For electrical and plumbing units, students learn the basic skills and then use those skills to change a plug, install a switch, replace a ceiling fan, etc. In the unit on metal fabrication, students learn the basics of stick welding/MIG welding, oxyacetylene cutting, and using a plasma cutter.

Hicks said, “When the students have a general sense of the safety and procedures, then we try to practice, practice, and practice the skills. We are currently building a grill from an old boiler tank for the FFA to use at cookouts.”

Hicks admits that projects in the greenhouse are his favorite. “We learn how to grow plants from seed and also the methods of propagation. I’m hoping to even try some grafting of trees and shrubs this spring,” he said. “We spend a lot of time in the greenhouse and outside. We use the greenhouse as our main fundraising activity of a fall and spring plant sale.”

FFA is a dynamic youth organization that prepares members for leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education. The KDS FFA Chapter was recently awarded a “Living to Serve” Grant in the amount of $1,200 to construct a community garden consisting of 6-10 raised beds. This nationwide grant program provides funds to local FFA chapters to support semester-long service-learning projects that address needs related to community safety; environmental responsibility; hunger, health, and nutrition; and community engagement.

“We’re starting this community garden to share food with people who maybe need some assistance,” Hicks said, “but we also want to hold workshops to teach people how they can grow their own food. We want to stress garden-to-table sustainability.”

Long-term plans include better utilization of the school’s 240-acre campus, with a possible larger garden on the school’s old hayfield.
Members of the Gem Sustained Giving Society demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the needs of KDS and its students by making a modest donation each month, creating a consistent and reliable source of income that allows the school to plan ahead and address critical needs before they arise. This exclusive group of supporters provides a steady source of income for the Annual Giving Fund and the most important resource of all — the more than 1,300 children who have the privilege of attending KDS DAR School.

There are a number of benefits to members of the Gem Sustained Giving Society:

- Joining is easy and convenient. Simply complete the form, and return it to KDS.
- Makes setting and achieving a donation goal easy. Your annual giving goal can be broken out over 12 months, taking the guesswork out of when and how much to give.
- The program is flexible. You choose the annual donation amount, and you decide when and how you want the contribution to be made. And, of course, you may change your preferences at any time.
- It’s safe. Your contribution will be made via secure electronic funds transfer from your checking account.
- Contributions made through the Gem Sustained Giving Society qualify to receive the same recognition as other Annual Giving Fund donations.
- Members of the Gem Sustained Giving Society will receive a unique and beautiful recognition pin and a new gem charm at the conclusion of each year of continuous annual pledge fulfillment.

For information on how you can become a member of the KDS Gem Sustained Giving Society, contact Development Director Beth Cagle at 256-728-4236 or bcagle@nehp.net.
James William “JW” Kirkland turned 95 on February 20th, but don’t let his age fool you. His memory is sharp as a tack, and his passion for his family, his community, and KDS DAR School is as fierce as that of a man half his age.

JW is the fifth of John and Dora Kirkland’s nine children. His siblings were Gordon, Pauline, Ruby, Porter, Jack, Sue, Joyce, and Sam. JW, Sue, and Joyce are still living and well into their 90’s, while the baby of the family, Sam, is in his 80’s.

All the Kirklands have fond recollections of their lives on Gunter Mountain, but JW’s memory is unusually impressive.

He said, “Someone once asked if I still had a good memory. I said ‘Pretty good. I can still say my ABC’s backwards.’ And he can.

JW was raised on the southern end of Gunter Mountain in the John Sutton Road area. He remembers being a small child and working with his father, a highly skilled and respected laborer. Although JW didn’t graduate from KDS, he has fond memories of attending the school.

“I started school at Mount Shade, but I didn’t have shoes to wear, so I had to drop out,” he said. But JW was eager to learn, so he would wait for his brother Porter to get home from school each day so he could learn what Porter had learned.

He eventually began attending school at KDS, and in fourth grade, JW was so far ahead of the other students, he was assigned to teach them the alphabet.

“I left Mr. Clyde Click’s class as a teen when I was called into the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) Camp to learn mechanics. I worked for two years at the CCC,” he said.

He graduated from CCC Camp and then moved to New Hampshire where he learned to build railroads. At 18 years old and with a unique set of skills, JW joined the Army and was sent to the South Pacific in 1944.

During World War II, JW was stationed in New Caledonia, a French territory comprised of dozens of islands in the South Pacific. While working in construction, he began working as a brick and stone mason, a trade he learned as a boy from his father and continued for most of his life.

“Papa had the contract with the State to build Word Mountain Road. They paid him $6 a day, and he had an allowance for a mule, a scoop, and men for his crew. They got $1 a day for each man, $1 a day for the mule, and $1 a day for the scoop,” he said.

In addition to working on custom jobs all over northeast Alabama, the Kirklands had a hand in constructing many of oldest structures on the KDS campus. JW recalls his father working on the tall chimney on the “Old Main” building.

“Me and Porter was helping Papa with the foundation for the chimney when Papa had to go to town. We used half a stick of dynamite to blow out rock to put a footer, and we blew up the floor above. Papa offered to have the cost of the floor repair taken out of his pay for the chimney, but Mr. Earle said the floor needed replacing anyway,” he said.

As the chimney grew taller and taller, it presented a challenge. JW said, “Rocks and mortar had to be sent up using a block and tackle, and I remember pulling myself up inside the chimney because I was the only one small enough to do the work.”

JW said, “I always liked working on the school buildings and the walkways. Mrs. Jacobs was a great lady that hired me to do work there. We laid about 700 feet of flagstone pathway in one job. Mrs. Jacobs would bring the DAR ladies out to see us working in the dirt. They were nice ladies, but we were sure embarrassed to be seen like that. We were dirty, but we worked hard for the school and the town.”

JW always went above and beyond to make sure the jobs he did for the school were done right. “I saw that there needed to be a walkway out front of the Doris Pike White Gymnasium. We had some extra rock, so I cut the pieces and just laid that walkway for free. When they asked me if I wanted a plaque with my name on it, I told them there wasn’t any need in it. I was happy to do the work.”

Now retired from masonry for many years, JW enjoys fishing, loves turkey hunting, and appreciates spending time with friends and family.

JW was married to Ruby Neil Kirkland for 68 years. She passed in 2013. They have two children, a son Jammey and a daughter Linda, three grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. He spent his 95th birthday with about 30 friends and family members. They threw him a party and had a big dinner for everyone.

Of his time working on the buildings and grounds at KDS, JW said, “Back then, we did what we could to make sure the school would be here for a long time.” He certainly did that and so much more.
Veterans Day is a time to remember the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the United States military, protecting our country and our freedoms. KDS DAR School partnered with the Gunter Mountain Chapter, NSDAR, to honor our community’s veterans on Friday, November 8, 2019.

The guest speaker for the program was Kristine Wood. Kris is currently serving as National Chair, DAR Service for Veterans Committee and Corresponding Secretary, California Society DAR. She is the author of “Run for the Wall: A Journey to the Vietnam Memorial”, chronicling the annual cross-country motorcycle ride to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of all veterans.

Kris shared her story of riding to honor veterans, particularly those who fought in the Vietnam War, and how their stories inspire her service. Following her presentation, she answered questions from the high school students and challenged them to step outside their comfort zones and thank veterans for their service.

The ceremony included songs by the school’s choir, music by the marching band and the 6th grade J.A.C. Club. The Family and Consumer Sciences students prepared and served brunch to the veterans and their families after the ceremony.

KDS DAR School is proud to honor our country’s veterans on Veterans Day and every day.

**Children Served and Lives Changed**

**2019 STATS**

- Students Employed through the KDS Work Scholarship Program: **41**
- Students Receiving Christmas Gifts through the Snowflake Holiday Giving Fund: **65**
- Students Receiving Assistance with Personal Needs or Healthcare through the Children’s Fund or Helen Pouch Memorial Fund: **161**
- KDS Graduates in College on DAR Scholarship: **120**
- Enrollment at the beginning of the 2019-2020 School Year:
  - Elementary School (Pre-K – 4th grade): **544** Students
  - Middle School (5th – 8th grade): **410** Students
  - High School (9th – 12th grade): **440** Students
  - TOTAL ENROLLMENT: **1,395** Students
In January of 2019, KDS embarked on a comprehensive project to digitize the school’s numerous historical artifacts such as photographs, documents, slides, etc. that need to be archived and preserved for future generations.

“We are so fortunate to have original documents and photos that tell the story of KDS and the Gunter Mountain community, but it’s important to save those so they’re accessible years from now,” said Executive Director Heather Green.

The project will encompass scanning the items, digital storage of files, and physical storage of items in a manner which is archivally appropriate. The photos and documents are being scanned, tagged, and indexed to make searching easy. Photos damaged by time and the elements are being digitally restored, bringing them back as close to their original state as possible.

Community members and KDS alumni are participating in the project by allowing the school to scan their photos and by helping to identify individuals in photos.

“The community has really gotten behind this project, and people are sharing photographs we have not previously had in our archives. It’s very exciting,” said Green.

The funding for the digitization project was generously provided by the Alabama Society DAR.

KDS DAR School Museum & Archives

The KDS DAR School Museum & Archives is open to visitors Wednesday through Friday from 1:00-3:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and by appointment at 256-728-4236.

Admission is free.
Support the future of Kate Duncan Smith DAR School by including us in your long-term estate and financial plans. A planned gift can provide significant benefits to the donor and ensures KDS will continue to provide opportunities for educational and personal growth for students, while emphasizing patriotism, responsible citizenship, and the historical legacy of the school.

Simply put, a planned gift is a contribution that is arranged in the present and allocated at a future date. There are a number of Planned Giving Options available. These options can be executed during a donor’s life or through their estate plans.

**Lifetime Gifts**

- Make a recurring gift to KDS through a payroll deduction or automatic bank draft
- Make a gift of appreciated stock to KDS
- Make a gift of real estate to KDS
- Designate KDS to receive a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

**Legacy Gifts**

- Leave KDS a bequest of a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate
- Name KDS as the remainder beneficiary of your estate
- Name KDS as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or Individual Retirement Account

To learn about the possible tax benefits of making a planned gift, contact your financial advisor or attorney. Visit www.kdsdar.org to view and download sample bequest language.

Your legacy gift also qualifies you for membership in the KDS Legacy Giving Society, a recognition club established to honor those individuals who choose to support the school through an estate gift.

For more information about the KDS Legacy Giving Society and how your planned gift can leave a lasting legacy for KDS DAR School and its students, contact Executive Director Heather Green at hgreen@nehp.net or 256-728-4236.
2019 Donor Recognition

January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019

For more than 96 years, the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School has been an educational institution that celebrates its history, fosters patriotic ideals and promotes God, Home, and Country. KDS continues to benefit from the generosity of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Children of the American Revolution, alumni, and friends. Because of you, we are able to ensure our students’ opportunities for success are not hindered by personal or financial barriers. YOU are part of something very special here, and we cannot thank you enough!

Gifts of $50,000 and more
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Trust of Margaret G. Kincaid, Illinois
Estate of Ella M. Grimes, Washington

Gifts of $25,000 to $49,999.99
Junior Membership Committee, NSDAR
Alabama State Society, NSDAR
Trust of Mable Slagle, Pennsylvania

Gifts of $10,000 to $24,999.99
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