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BIRDELLA M. ROSS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AWARD MN STATE ORGANIZATION OF DKG SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

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Tammy Ragan and Julie Stauber, members of the MN State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, were selected as the recipients of the 2023 Birdella M. Ross Scholarship. The scholarship was awarded at the MN State Organization Convention, held in Duluth, MN on May 6th, 2023.

Ms. Ragan has been a member of Mu Chapter in Northwest Minnesota since 1996. Tammy has been awarded \$4000 to complete her work on a Masters of Music Education Degree at Bemidji State University. The degree will also include national certification in the Kodaly education program. Tammy holds minors in piano and French. She was part of the Fulbright Teacher Exchange program in Japan and advanced voice study in Canada.

She lives in Fosston where her husband is Pastor of Kingo and Fridhem Lutheran Churches. She serves as a church organist, choir director, and volunteers on several committees. They have 4 grown children, 3 of whom are teachers. Tammy is a member and section leader for the Bemidji Chorale. She is an avid card crafter and flower gardener. She loves to “play” in her kitchen as a baker and maker of meals for families in crisis.

Tammy is currently a K-12 General/Vocal Music teacher in the Clearbrook-Gonvick Public School District.

Ms. Ragan and a guest were invited to the Birthday/Founders Luncheon on Saturday, May 6th, to receive the scholarship and a certificate.

Ms. Stauber is currently a K-12 principal at Cromwell-Wright Public School. While she enjoys serving the district as a principal, Julie will use this scholarship to complete coursework to obtain her superintendent’s certification.

Julie’s goal, upon completion of her program, will be to continue working in a principal capacity until a position for a superintendent presents itself. She is very interested in curriculum and instruction, and if an assistant superintendent position becomes available, she will pursue that as well. Having a background in staff development and working closely with teachers as they move through the implementation of new initiatives are her areas of strength. Julie would find it very fulfilling if given the opportunity to support a district and community in this process.