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Nu Zeta Chapter on Armstrong Campus receives bronze award for literacy project

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Terry Enoch, Chief of Police at Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, reading to students as a part of the Literacy Alive Project hosted by Nu Zeta Chapter.

The Nu Zeta Chapter at Georgia Southern University's Armstrong Campus in Savannah, is known for their community service and engagement within the city and surrounding areas.

A University chapter of Kappa Delta Pi (KDP), an international honor society in education, Nu Zeta was recently recognized for their 2017-2018 literacy project, "Read to Lead: Celebrating our Community! Empowering Readers!."

The project had each student in the chapter read "There's Greatness on the Inside" by Byron Garrett, a book appropriate for all ages that counteracts limiting messages in society and encourages social and emotional skills. Nu Zeta members then had local celebrities such as news anchors, firefighters and police officers, read the book to students in their classrooms. Afterward, the class participated in an age-appropriate activity associated the building of social and emotional skills.

The project received a bronze award from the national KDP Chapter as a part of their annual Literacy Alive project that asks local chapters around the nation to focus on literacy initiatives to assist K-12 students.

Faculty mentor Glenda Ogletree, Ph.D., explained that the chapter focuses much of its time on serving others.

"I want these students to learn to give back to their community, she said. "And to learn to look for avenues where they can help in their own community, whether it be within or outside the walls of their schools."

Nu Zeta Chapter participates in several annual events. In the last year, Ogletree recalled the members collecting toys and making blankets for the Tom D. Austin House, providing meals to the Ronald McDonald House, and purchasing toiletries for local teens.

"I let the members come together and discuss ideas for service they would like to participate in," Ogletree said. "It's important that they learn to network and collaborate to help each other."

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