

MU ALPHA THETA NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope your second semester has gotten off to a good start and that your Mu Alpha Theta club has many fun projects underway for this year, like Pi Day activities, math field trips, and Math Tournaments. Sponsors, you recently received an email listing multiple scholarship opportunities and grants available to your students and your club. Please take advantage of these opportunities to enhance your club's ability to participate in new competitions or field trips. Remember to remind your seniors about the numerous scholarships available through Mu Alpha Theta and be aware of the March 1 deadlines for many of those.

I hope you are making plans to join us in St. Louis for the 2016 National Convention at Washington University on July 10-15. I know that Todd Taylor and Paul Kustos have many exciting events and a variety of contests planned to challenge our students this summer. The Early Bird deadline is April 1, so round up your students and get those registrations in to the National Office. There are Convention Grants available to schools that have never attended the National Convention – please take advantage of the financial assistance to allow your club to experience this tremendous event.

Have a great second semester and I hope to see you in St. Louis!

Betty Hood

UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 28: Mathematical Minutes Video Contest due by midnight EST

Mar. 1: Application postmark deadline

Kalin Award

Andree Award

Rubin Award

Mu Alpha Theta Scholarships

Governors' Leadership & Service

Mar. 15: Application postmark deadline

Regional Sponsor Award

Mar. 15: Spring election voting begins

Mar. 31: Mathematical Minutes Video Contest: Online voting begins for top

videos from the 8 finalists

Apr. 1: Postmark deadline for:

Early convention registration

Convention Grant applications

Apr. 20: Mathematical Minutes Video Contest: Online voting ends

Contest: Online voting ends

Apr. 24: Deadline for emailed Spring Election ballots

Election ballots

May 15: Postmark deadline for:

Regular convention registration

Need-based Convention Scholarship

Jun. 15: Application postmark deadline

Sister Scholastica Award

Huneke Award

NATIONAL OFFICE NEWS

It is hard to believe it is almost March. For the National Office, March begins the busiest time of year for us. Most of our award and scholarship applications are due. The Log 1 Contest award checks and prizes need to be mailed out. The Rocket City Math League is finishing up its last round of testing. The Mathematical Minute Contest finalists will be up online for chapters to select their favorites. Before the end of June, we will admit more than 24,000 more new members to Mu Alpha Theta and send out about 22,000 honor cords, as well as other merchandise. Through it all, we are here for you. The online system is always available to submit your orders. While we love to have your orders submitted long before you need them to arrive, we know life gets really busy for teachers this time of year also. So, if you are short on time, we offer expedited shipping by FedEx. No matter the actual cost or weight, we charge only \$15 to ship by Fed Ex two day and only \$25 for an overnight order. If you are short on time, please email us letting us know when you have to have that order in your hands, so we can make sure it gets to you. Remember, most orders ship the day you enter them or the next day.

In March or April, many schools have a week of break at some point. It has always amazed me how different school districts choose different weeks for this break. If you are putting in an order and your school will be out the following week, please contact us so we can hold your package until you return. If we ship something by Fed Ex ground and you are not there to receive it, they will attempt to deliver it three times and then will send it back to us. That is costly and means your package will have to get back to us before we can send it back to you again. The National Office does not take a spring break. We are only gone for the winter holidays.

The other thing happening this spring is the election of a President-Elect and the Governors of Regions 1 and 2. On page 4, you can see the slate of candidates for these positions. While each chapter has only one vote, each and every vote is important to us. When you get your ballot, please read the information each candidate has provided about themselves. These new representatives on our Governing Council will help make decisions that will affect your chapter and your students. If you have any suggestions or ideas for this body, please contact your Regional Governor and let them know. They can bring your ideas and concerns to our next meeting in July.

Finally, this will be my last year with Mu Alpha Theta, as I hope to retire. We will be posting the position of Executive Director fairly soon. If you might be interested in applying for the position or know someone that might, please see the position description on the University of Oklahoma job site: jobs.ou.edu at the Norman campus once it posts. A commitment to sharing the beauty of mathematics is one requirement for this job. Past non-profit experience with the ability to plan and implement a budget and having the vision to carry Mu Alpha Theta into the future is another. Norman is a typical college town with a beautiful campus, outstanding theater and music departments, some great local sports teams, and only a twenty minute ride from Oklahoma City - the state capital. Please feel free to contact me for more information about the job. You would be working with a dedicated group of people on the Governing Council and have the opportunity to converse with math teachers all around the country and the world.

Kay Weiss

Washington University in St. Louis

2016 National Convention

REGISTRATION DATES:

Before April 1: \$530 Early Registration

After April 1: \$580 Regular Registration

All registration funds must be postmarked by May 16th



The 46th Annual Mu Alpha Theta National Convention will be held from July 10-15, 2016 at Washington University in Saint Louis. Most testing will take place at the Law School, and we will stay in their modern Residence Halls. The field trip will be to Six Flags over St. Louis, but schools may choose instead to go to the world famous St. Louis Zoo, visit the St. Louis Arch and museum, or spend the day at the amazing City Museum. For those going to Six Flags, our ticket also includes Hurricane Harbor water park. Hope your school can join us.

NATIONAL CONVENTION GRANTS

Mu Alpha Theta will award a number of \$4,000 Convention Grants to the 2016 St. Louis National Convention. Active chapters, that have not attended the convention before, are eligible. Each grant will cover a minimum of three members and a sponsor to attend. At least three members attending on the grant must not have graduated before the convention. The school may use the additional grant funds to reimburse travel expenses or to pay the registration fees of other attending members or adults. Go to [Convention Grants](#) on our website for more information and to download the application. **Applications are due by April 1, 2016** and may be emailed or snail mailed to the National Office.

NEED-BASED CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIPS

The sponsor of each chapter attending the National Convention may nominate up to two members for a Need-Based Scholarship. Up to fifty will be available. The scholarship will cover the member's \$530 registration and reimbursement of up to \$270 for transportation to the 2016 St. Louis National Convention. Visit [Need-Based Convention Scholarships](#) on our website to download the application. **Applications due May 15th, 2016.**

FBI BACKGROUND CHECKS NEEDED FOR CONVENTION!!!

Washington University requires an FBI fingerprint background check for 1 adult per every 15 minor students staying in their residence halls. If you have already passed such a check at your school **within the past year** and can get a copy of the results to the National Mu Alpha Theta Office, please email Kay Weiss at matheta@ou.edu. If your school is attending the 2016 National Convention, please determine the number of minor students that will attend from your school, as soon as possible. Email this information, along with the name, address, and email of the adults from your school that will undergo the fingerprint background check. We will pay the fee for the fingerprints and background check. We will email complete instructions soon.

All adults attending the convention this summer will also need to view a video on safety issues for hosting minors on the campus. Links to the video will be sent to schools who register for the convention. Any adult that does not fulfill this requirement will not be allowed to stay in the dorms with our students. **Wash U is very strict in enforcing this requirement.**

ATTENTION ALL SPONSORS

SPRING ELECTIONS

Mu Alpha Theta sponsors will soon be emailed a ballot for the spring elections. Each chapter gets one vote. The ballot will include the following candidates:

President-Elect:

Rita Ralph, Fairfield Christian Academy, Lancaster, OH
Kathy Mowers, Owensboro Community and Technical College, Owensboro, KY

Governor of Region 1:

Kristina (Tina) Burdick, West Linn High School, West Linn, OR
Darryl Edmunds, Highline High School, Burien, WA
Dr. Deanna Wasman, Hickman High School, Columbia, MO

Governor of Region 2:

Summer Vaught, Little Rock Central High School, Little Rock, AR
Olvin Carias, KIPP Generations Collegiate, Houston, TX

A VITA will be included with the ballot so you can get to know each candidate. Please take the time to read these. Your vote is very important to Mu Alpha Theta. If you are in Regions 3 or 4, you will not be voting on a governor this spring.

Thank you for taking the time to return the email with your vote.
Votes will be due by April 24.

Nominate your top student for the Governors' Leadership and Service Award. You may also nominate one outstanding member, who will attend the National Convention this summer, for the Kalin Award.

Applications are due March 1st and available online.

IMPORTANT POSTAGE UPDATE

Due to increased costs, Mu Alpha Theta is changing its postage policy beginning immediately. **There will be no postage charged on the first four orders during any given school year.** On your third order, you will be sent an alert to remind you of the new policy. If a fifth order is placed, we ask you to pay a \$15 charge to resupply our postage account. If that order is done online, please select the 2-day shipping charge to include this \$15 payment.

Please try to consolidate your orders! This saves not only money, but time for both you and the staff at the National Office. When multiple small orders are placed, it increases the time we must spend dealing with your orders. We now serve over 2,300 chapters and spring is the busiest time of the year for us.

It is always best to set a deadline for new member applications, wait a week or two and then submit your complete order to the National Office. We understand that there will always be stragglers, but as a nonprofit, we try to control costs and spend our funds supporting our students and chapters.

Thank you for waiting to place your order until you are sure you have all your new members ready to submit.

MU ALPHA THETA AWARDS AND GRANTS

RUBIN AWARD (For Chapters)

The Rubin Award was named in honor of Diane Rubin who worked tirelessly at the National Office of Mu Alpha Theta for twenty years, before her retirement in December 2003. The award is presented to the Mu Alpha Theta chapter which has a history of outstanding mathematics service to its community or its school for at least two years. This service must promote interest in mathematics and benefit a group other than its own chapter. A cash award of \$2,500 and a plaque will be presented to the winning chapter. No school may receive the award more than once.

Applications are due March 1st.

REGIONAL SPONSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mu Alpha Theta established this award to honor outstanding sponsors of Mu Alpha Theta chapters who may not have attended the National Convention. Each year the Regional Sponsor of the Year Award will honor a current sponsor of an active chapter from each region who has labored tirelessly and made significant contributions to Mu Alpha Theta. To be nominated, the individual must have served as a Mu Alpha Theta sponsor for at least five years. They may not currently be a member of the Mu Alpha Theta Governing Council. The award includes a \$1,000 cash award to the winner from each region and a Grant of \$1,000 to the sponsor's chapter.

Applications are due March 15th.

SISTER SCHOLASTICA AWARD

The Sister Scholastica Most Committed Sponsor Award was created in 1994, at the suggestion of the student delegates at the National Convention. The award is named after Sister Scholastica, who was a dedicated sponsor from 1972 and a fixture at the National Conventions, until her retirement. Only sponsors attending the National Convention may be nominated and the winner may not currently be a member of the Mu Alpha Theta Governing Council. One student from their school will speak to the Student Delegates who vote to select the winner. The winner of the Sister Scholastica Award will receive a \$2,000 cash prize and a \$1,000 grant for their chapter.

Applications are due June 15th.

HUNEKE AWARD

Mu Alpha Theta established this award in 1986 in honor of Harold Huneke, a former Secretary/Treasurer of the National Mu Alpha Theta. Each year the Huneke Award honors a current or retired sponsor who has made significant contributions to Mu Alpha Theta. This award is a peer-nominated award. In addition, nominees must have served as a Mu Alpha Theta sponsor for at least five years, have attended at least two National Conventions (or will attend a second convention this year), and not currently be a member of the Mu Alpha Theta Governing Council. The winner will be announced at the National Convention, but does not need to be present at the Convention to win. The award includes a \$2,000 cash award to the winner and an award of \$1,000 to the sponsor's chapter or former chapter.

Applications are due June 15th.

CHAPTER GRANTS

Mu Alpha Theta would like to help support chapters so they can offer interesting mathematical experiences for their members, others at their school, or their local community. Chapter grants provide **up to \$1,000 for chapter activities** which stimulate an interest in mathematics. No chapter will be given more than \$1,000 over time, but a chapter may apply more than once if they have not reached their \$1,000 limit. Some ideas for how to use the grant might include a math-related outing, hosting a math competition, or to provide a speaker honorarium for a mathematician who speaks to your chapter.

CHAPTER COMPETITION GRANTS

Mu Alpha Theta is offering Chapter Competition Grants of up to **\$500 per active chapter** to help pay entrance fees or expenses associated with a math competition in which the chapter members wish to compete. No chapter will be awarded more than \$500. Funds are available on a first come/first serve basis until our budget for these grants is depleted. There is no deadline for the application, but once funds are gone, further grants will not be possible for the remainder of that fiscal year.

CLASSROOM TEACHING GRANT

Mu Alpha Theta Educational Foundation offers a limited number of Classroom Teaching Grants. Any former Mu Alpha Theta member, who has begun a mathematics teaching career, can apply for up to **\$1,500** during their first, second, or third year of teaching. Funds may be used to reimburse the teacher for classroom supplies, math society meeting registration, or professional memberships. If you know of a former student that has become a mathematics teacher, please spread the word about these grants.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Mu Alpha Theta members at Tomball Memorial High School in Tomball, TX came together to collect school supplies to donate to an elementary school in need. Their project was called the Global Pencil Project.

The Global Pencil Project connected Tomball's Mu Alpha Theta members with an elementary school who received the donated goods.

The chapter collected 1530 pencils, 94 pens, and 48 erasers! All of which were shipped to the elementary school. Since Mu Alpha Theta is a math honor society, they wanted to donate something which had an academic purpose.

On the right is a photo of the students holding the collected items.



"We were happy to donate and look forward to hopefully being able to do something like that again!" - Sophia Hua, President of Tomball Memorial Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta Chapter Grant allows members to visit the NASA Space Center



The Mu Alpha Theta chapter at Clifton J. Ozen Magnet High, under the leadership of math teachers Joseph Cantu and Sheryl Cannon, recently received a grant from Mu Alpha Theta that fully funded a field trip to the NASA Space Center in Houston.

On December 4, 2015, students traveled to the Space Center and took part in the many educational activities NASA had to offer them. The students had the opportunity to examine lunar samples and moon rocks. They got to sit down for a Q&A with an astronaut, experience what the day-to-day life of an astronaut entails, and much more.

"The Ozen chapter would like to thank the National Office of Mu Alpha Theta for allowing this trip to happen and encourages any chapter that has not taken advantage of this opportunity to do so." -Joseph Cantu MAT Sponsor

CHAPTER NEWS CONTINUED...

Harmony School of Business - Dallas was chartered in October of 2015. Their school serves students in Kindergarten through the 11th grade. They had a very active math club in the past and have now chosen to be apart of Mu Alpha Theta. This past December, HSB hosted its fourth annual STEM Fair. Many of their members had their own STEM projects and demonstrations in the fair, however, they left their posts, in rotations, to be in the math booth to promote Mu Alpha Theta and mathematics in general. They have participated in the Interschool Test of the Rocket City Math League (RCML), as well as in the Log1 Contest. The chapter has also been awarded a \$4,000 Convention Grant to attend the 2016 National Convention in St. Louis this summer.



“Though we keep our club activities dynamic, our focus remains the same: to promote scholarship in and enjoyment of mathematics.”- MAT Sponsor Karissa Blasquez

“Our club hosted its first local school math competition. We called it the Sigma Challenge. It had two divisions, a junior and a senior.” The chapter is already planning a Pi Day celebration and a bake sale to raise funds. The school has also chartered a chapter of Chi Alpha Mu for its middle school math students. On Feb. 13, ten members of that club attended the MathCounts competition at the University of Texas at Dallas.

ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT OR SURVEY INFORMATION

This year, we will email a Yearly Chapter Survey to each chapter asking about your club and its activities. The survey will include some questions about your chapter demographics. The AMC is asking you to also provide them with information about your participation in their math competitions.

The survey should be completed and returned to us by May 1. We will randomly select one chapter to receive a \$500 cash award from all the chapters that respond to the survey. I hope you will consider taking the time to respond when you get the survey.

FREE MATHEMATICA!

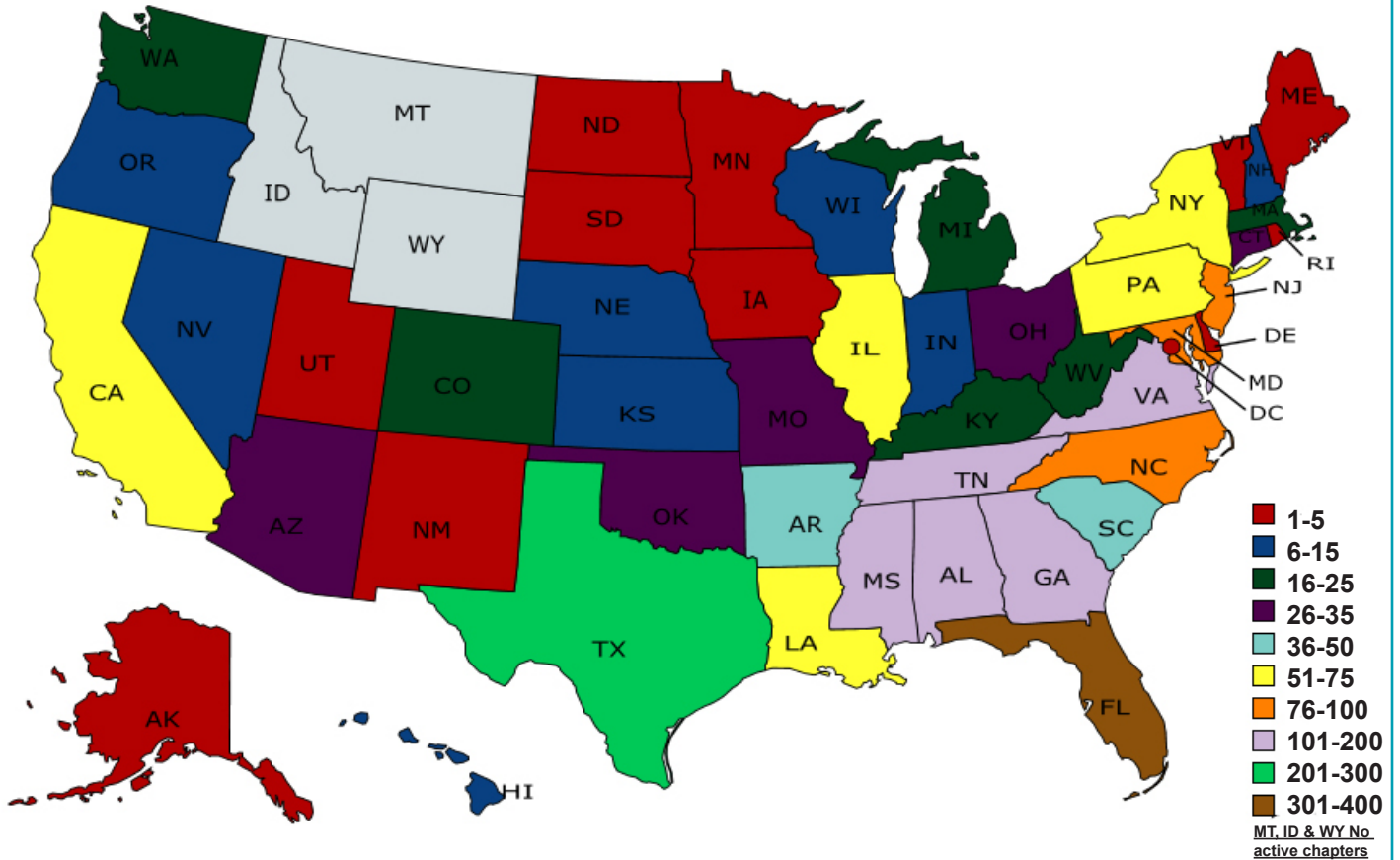
Mu Alpha Theta has free copies of the computer algebra system Mathematica that it will award to a maximum of three members per active chapter. Members should be studying Calculus to receive a copy.

To request copies, sponsors may email matheta@ou.edu with the names and email addresses of the students. The Mathematica software is a downloadable file and the license is good for one school year.

FREE “HARD PROBLEMS” DVD!

Hard Problems is a documentary about the extraordinarily gifted students who represented the U.S. in 2006 at the world’s toughest math competition - the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO). One DVD per chapter while supplies last.

CHAPTERS BY U.S. STATES



Region 1: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming.
23 International Chapters in: Canada, the Far East, the Pacific Islands, and Western Europe

Region 2: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas.
8 International Chapters in: Central America, Mexico, the Middle East, and South America

Region 3: Alabama, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont.
1 International Chapter in: Eastern Europe

Region 4: Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia.
1 International Chapters: The Caribbean

Mu Alpha Theta currently has over 2,300 active chapters! We have added over 80 new chapters this school year and reactivated nearly 70 chapters, some of which date back to 1958! There are more petitions for charter arriving each day and many new sponsors looking to reactivate their old chapters.

The map above shows our highest concentration of Mu Alpha Theta chapters. Chapters are mainly in the southeastern states. Currently, there are no active chapters in Wyoming, Montana or Indiana, and we would like to change that.

We encourage our sponsors to reach out to other schools in your city and tell them about Mu Alpha Theta. Thank you for all you do for your students! Help us serve others near you.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED:

Retired:

Brussels American School, APO, AE: David Ferry
Navarre High School, Navarre, FL: Alexander Loudon
Lincoln-Way West High School, New Lenox, IL: Tracy Plesek, 4 years
Farmington High School, Farmington, CT: Christina Lepi, 15 years
St. Charles North High School, St. Charles, IL: Kathy Edgar, 8 years
Arizona School for the Arts, Phoenix, AZ: Eric Sustar
Marist School, Atlanta, GA: Marcia Dunn, 4 years
Miramar High School, Miramar, FL: Shazia Bajwa
North Port High School, North Port, FL: Park Carrier
John F. Kennedy High School, Bellmore, NY: Madeline Donahoe, 15 years
Fairfax High School, Fairfax, VA: Kristina Cecere
Thomas A. Edison Preparatory High School, Tulsa, OK: Phil Hammond, 10 years
Lloyd V. Berkner High School, Richardson, TX: Bethany Joiner
Hickory High School, Chesapeake, VA: Pella Musselman
Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix, AZ: Tim Sanford
Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix, AZ: Tom Reithmann
Ravenwood High School, Brentwood, TN: Cyndy Howes
Stonewall Jackson High School, Manassas, VA: Chris Sparkman
Muriel Williams Battle High School, Columbia, MO: Cheryl Lightner
North Davidson High School, Lexington, NC: Frank Stump
Incarnate Word Academy, Corpus Christi, TX: Fritz Leip
The Episcopal School of Dallas, Dallas, TX: Katharine Deem
The Episcopal School of Dallas, Dallas, TX: Doris Sampson
Winter Haven High School, Winter Haven, FL: Victor Chandler
Miami Beach Senior High School, Miami Beach, FL: Mariela Perez
Amarillo College, Amarillo, TX: Monique Dupuis
West Lafayette High School, West Lafayette, IN: Curtis Watson, 10years
Freedom High School, Tampa, FL: Dianne Sarver
Paraclete High School, Lancaster, CA: Clare Durand
Wellington High School, Wellington, FL: Sal Mucino
Westwood High School, Austin, TX: Janie McMillin
Community School of Naples, Naples, FL: Tod Toth
Madison Academic Magnet HS, Jackson, TN: Susan Montgomery
Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll, Miami, FL: Pia Rodriguez
North Mesquite High School, Mesquite, TX: Richard Omodt
Amesbury High School, Amesbury, MA: Diane Pendergast
Eau Gallie High School, Melbourne, FL: Kathleen McGinn, 4 years
Copiah Academy, Gallman, MS: Christie Goolsby
Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix, AZ: Tom Reithmann
George Jenkins High School, Lakeland, FL: Chloe Melton
George Jenkins High School, Lakeland, FL: Carolyn Orr
Gulf High School, New Port Richey, FL: Steve Griffith, 10 years
Southside High School, Fort Smith, AR: Sheryl Waggoner
Bryant High School, Bryant, AR: Ashley Harrison, 2 years
Meigs County High School, Decatur, TN: Bill Danner
Shorecrest Prep School, St. Petersburg, FL: David Field
Villa Joseph Marie High School, Holland, PA: Lauren Carr
Thomasville High School, Thomasville, AL: Katherine Pitts
Notre Dame High School, West Haven, CT: Christopher Porto
Stone Bridge High School, Ashburn, VA: Rita Driskill, 27 years
Stone Bridge High School, Ashburn, VA: Shannon Mistrion, 6 years
Austin High School, Decatur, AL: Brenda Richardson
Austin High School, Decatur, AL: Donna McCarley
West Memphis Christian School, West Memphis, AR: Susan Creekmore
Union County College, Cranford, NJ: Dr. Yanzheng Duan
Brookstone School, Columbus, GA: Mary L Jarrell
Mililani High School, Mililani Town, HI: Carolyn S. Okunaga 20 years

Deceased: Munising High School, Munising, MI: Barbara Allen

Thank you for all you do and all you have done for our students!!

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR STUDENT DELEGATE PRESIDENT

Hey there everyone!

I hope you are all having an awesome 2016. It's crazy to think that the National Convention is in just a few months! I've had a terrific time during the first few competitions of the Mu Alpha Theta season here in Florida, and I hope all of your competitions and events are going well around the country! I'd love to see pictures and hear about everything that's going on, so to all of the delegates around the country, don't hesitate to shoot me an email about what your chapter of MAΘ is doing.

Having visited Washington University in St. Louis, I'm incredibly excited to be able to compete alongside the rest of you this July. It is truly a stunning campus, and I can't wait for everyone to get to see it. I hope you're all taking a look at the registration packet and getting prepared to bring a team out to St. Louis! For the last couple of years, I've been attending the delegate meetings at the National Convention, and I hope that this year, every school in attendance sends a delegate to officially represent their school (anybody is welcome to join in the discussion!)

To all the seniors getting ready to graduate, as well as two-year college students, remember to apply for Mu Alpha Theta's numerous scholarships! Talk to your chapter advisor about how to apply, and head over to the Mu Alpha Theta website for more details on various scholarship opportunities.

The Mathematical Minutes contest is accepting video entries right now! I hope you all get a chance to see the submission from my school, it's in the works right now and I had a ton of fun acting in it. Check out the national website for more details about how to enter and what prizes you can win.

Have a great MAΘ season, and I'll be waiting to hear from you guys!



Ashhab Thakur

MU ALPHA THETA STUDENT AWARDS

Mu Alpha Theta has three different awards, each presented annually for student members. For eligibility information or to download an application, go to the *Awards* section of www.mualphatheta.org.

new! GOVERNORS' LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD

This award was established in 2015 by the Governors of Mu Alpha Theta to recognize a graduating member for their outstanding leadership skills and exceptional service to their Mu Alpha Theta chapter. In 2016, the winner will receive \$4,000. The winner may choose to receive the \$4,000 as a scholarship to his or her college or as a cash prize. The winner will be determined by the Governing Council and will be announced no later than May 1. A student who wins this award is not eligible for any other named award, i.e. Kalin Award or Andree Award, although they are eligible for all scholarships. **All nomination materials must be postmarked no later than March 1st.**

ANDREE AWARD

The Andree Award, named in honor of Mu Alpha Theta founders Richard and Josephine Andree, is awarded to a student interested in becoming a mathematics teacher. Two awards are presented annually, one to a high school senior member and one to a former or current member now in college. Each Andree Award winner receives a \$2,500 cash prize. The winner may choose to receive the \$2,500 as scholarship money to the college he or she is attending, rather than as a cash prize. **Applications are due March 1st.**

KALIN AWARD

The Kalin Award was created by a grant from Dr. Robert Kalin of Florida State University, a former President of Mu Alpha Theta. The Mu Alpha Theta Educational Foundation continues to support the Kalin Award. This award recognizes graduating high school seniors who have excelled in mathematics and performed notable service to Mu Alpha Theta communities. The winner of the award receives a \$4,000 prize and an additional \$1,000 Chapter Grant will be awarded to their chapter. The winner may choose to receive the \$4,000 as scholarship money to the college he or she will be attending, rather than as a cash prize. **Applications are due March 1st.**

2015 CHANGES TO THE KALIN AWARD

- 1.) The winner of the Kalin Award will continue to receive the \$4,000 prize with the addition of a \$1,000 Chapter Grant to the award winner's chapter.
- 2.) All other interviewed Kalin finalists will receive a \$500 cash award.
- 3.) All Kalin finalists must be present at the National Convention to be interviewed, in person, by the Governing Council.
- 4.) Any student who has already won the Andree Award or the Governors' Leadership and Service Award will not be considered for the Kalin.

MU ALPHA THETA SCHOLARSHIPS

Mu Alpha Theta and our Educational Foundation will continue to award a number of scholarships this year. Scholarship funds may be used within the first 18 months after the date the scholarship is awarded. Any graduating high school senior or two-year college student who is an active member of a current Mu Alpha Theta chapter is eligible. The nominee should be a distinguished mathematics student and should have shown loyalty and dedication to their Mu Alpha Theta chapter, enthusiastically participating in local projects with evidence of service in the area of mathematics. Each chapter may submit applications for **up to two members**. It is up to the chapter sponsor to determine what names to submit, if more than two students wish to apply.

Three \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to top scholarship candidates: the Mary Rhein Memorial Scholarship, the Sallie Scudder Memorial Scholarship, and the Paul R. Goodey Scholarship. The Goodey Scholarship recognizes a graduating student who has done exceptional mathematical research.

Our remaining scholarships will provide \$4,000 each.

MATHEMATICAL MINUTES VIDEO CONTEST

The Mathematical Minutes Video Contest will run again for the 2015-2016 school year. Chapters who participate in the contest make a 2–5 minute math video that teaches a math idea or shows an interesting math problem in an entertaining way.

This year, all submissions must be viewed, approved and signed off by the chapter sponsor. Any parodies should be of G rated material. Only the top submission per school is eligible for prize awards, although each chapter may submit up to three videos. Click [here](#) to view the new guidelines and a short video presentation about the contest.

Videos should be uploaded to YouTube before midnight EST, February 28, 2016.

The top eight videos will be chosen by March 31, 2016 for the final round of judging. Chapters will vote to rank the top eight. Up to \$3,000 will be available to be split amongst the final entries. Final award amounts will be determined by these votes, along with input from the Governing Council. Award money may be requested to either go to the chapter or to the students by check.

Last year's winners can be found on the Mu Alpha Theta website under *Contests > Mathematical Minutes*.

SUMMER GRANTS

Mu Alpha Theta is offering Summer Math Program/Research Grants to Mu Alpha Theta members. To be considered for the grant, the member's chapter must have been active during the previous twelve months. (This means that the school would not have reactivated or chartered in the twelve months prior to the application.) Grants may be requested for up to \$2,000 per student, if the student has been a member since, at least, the semester prior to the application. A member may apply more than once, but will be awarded no more than \$4,000 in total.

Programs that may qualify include: PROMYS, Texas Mathworks, Canada/USA Mathcamp, the Secondary School Program at Harvard, the Women's Technology Program at MIT, AwesomeMath, Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, Stanford University Mathematics Camp, COSMOS. Other programs will also be considered.

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