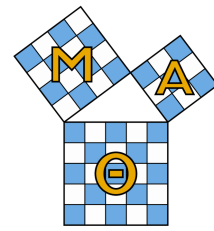


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Your monthly update to all things Mu Alpha Theta!

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Winners

**Top 5 schools overall at the
2024 MAT National
Convention:**

Buchholz HS
American Heritage Broward
American Heritage Palm Beach
Vestavia Hills HS
Doral Academy

Chalk Talk winners:

Theta: Shreyas Bagel, American Heritage Broward

Alpha: Aeryn Paet, Kamehameh

Mu: Titus Kim, Thomas Jefferson

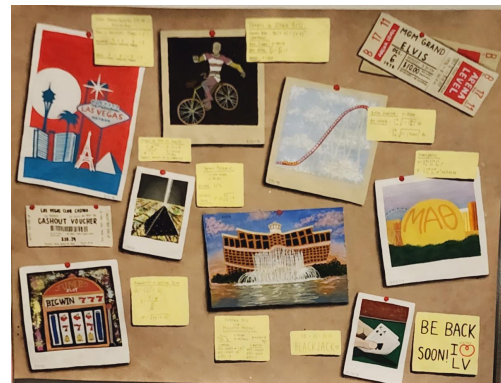




Top Two Winning Posters



Poster Contest 1st Place
American Heritage Broward



Poster Contest 2nd Place
Kamehameha Schools

Poster Session Winners #3 - #10
will be available on the website
copy of the newsletter once the
new site is available.

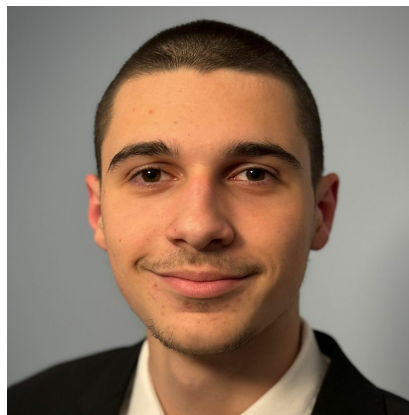


Congratulations to Eli Mrug, Kalin Awardee

Eli's passion for mathematics, unwavering support to his school's Mu Alpha Theta chapter, and leadership qualities align with and advance the mission of Mu Alpha Theta.

He has extensive academic interests, and pursuing these topics has established his well-rounded skill set. From rendering complex images of dynamical systems to repairing broken laptop hinges using nothing but a pencil, Eli has the strongest problem-solving skills of anyone his sponsor has encountered. Although he explores a spectrum of STEM fields, Eli's aptitude is particularly prominent due to his mathematical background. He has competed in almost every math tournament his school has attended and consistently ranks in the top three placements at these competitions, including the James S. Rickards Fall Invitational, Alabama Statewide Math Competition, and USA Mathematical Talent Search.

Eli is always working on some weird Mathematics problems. He has a lot of passion for mathematics and enjoys it. He is also doing his senior research in mathematics: Topic: Computation of the Areas of Filled Julia Sets.



President's Message

Another school year came to an end July 7-12 with our National Convention in Las Vegas.

Pictured here are Trevor Birenbaum from American Heritage Broward with Rob Snow, President, taking a break from the

hard work at the convention.

It was a HOT, but fun week of math and events. Congratulations to Buchholz High for winning the National Championship.

Across the country, teachers are preparing and beginning another year of school. I'm looking forward to getting my students prepared for the 2025 events concluding with our National Convention in Orlando, Florida July 6-11, 2025. I will be hosting the Orlando convention, so if you have any questions about it as we lead up to the final deadline May 1, 2025, please let me know and I'll be happy to answer them.

As always, if you have questions about any aspect of the school year, please email me at robsnow23@yahoo.com and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Good luck to all of you as we begin the 2024-25 school year!

Thanks,
Rob Snow
President, Mu Alpha Theta

Executive Director's Message

As we start this new school year filled with anticipation and enthusiasm, let us celebrate the noble profession you have chosen and the incredible impact you have on the lives of your students.

Mu Alpha Theta sponsors are a special group. There is substantial time and effort involved in corralling students into a cohesive team that can maintain their focus on mathematics during their high school years and beyond. Throw in a few math contests, practice sessions, tutoring, community service, and competitions, and it can seem overwhelming. Please remember that our website is full of information and ideas for your meetings and preparations for events. Our grant applications are short and simple. Additionally, your regional governor is a resource, and their email address is provided on the governance page of our website. We want to help!

The Mu Alpha Theta chapter at Dwight School Seoul in Seoul, South Korea, will be hosting our Log1 contest this year! Watch for details and dates on our website, our social media, and in future newsletters.

Our scholarship applications will open up on September 1. There will be a new scholarship to apply for - check out our website at the beginning of September!

Sincerely,
Dana Wade
Executive Director





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Derek Rampal, American Heritage

Palm Beach, Florida. Derek Rampal's dedication really shines outside of the classroom. He is the school's math competition director and spends countless hours on tasks associated with this. He spends eight hours on campus every Saturday, hosting practices for the different competition levels. Furthermore, he makes himself available 24/7 to answer any questions we have whenever we have them. He also takes a week out of his summer vacation to take us to the national convention. Lastly, when Mr. Rampal heard that one of the organizers of our state convention would not be continuing next year, he volunteered to take over the responsibilities and has begun learning to organize many aspects of the competition.

In addition to his dedication to our success, Mr. Rampal fosters a culture of mathematical excellence within the school community.

Mr. Rampal has been a tireless advocate for mathematics education at our school. Through his leadership and dedication, he has transformed our math club into a vibrant community of passionate, engaged students. Mr. Rampal is an exceptional educator and mentor, and his contributions to our school and our students are invaluable.





Chapter T-shirts

Mu Alpha Theta loves chapter T-shirts.

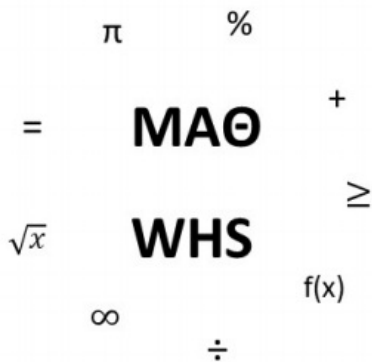
However, it must be clear to all that your T-shirt represents your chapter and not the National organization.

Therefore, we ask that you help preserve our copyright by seeking permission for your design.

Send your design to info@mualphatheta.org.

1) The side of the shirt that shows the logo, MAT, and/or Mu Alpha Theta must include the school name or its initials.

2) Please include your chapter # in your email.



Mu Alpha Theta Calendar of Events

- August 20, 2024 – MA0 store opens—**free shipping for 2 orders only** during the school year (August 1 – June 30)
 - August 30th – Office closed
 - September 1, 2024 – Scholarship and Award application portal open on MA0 website
 - September 2, 2024 – Labor Day – National Office closed.
 - September 25-28, 2024 – NCTM Annual Meeting and Expo, Chicago, IL
- Annual calendar available at <https://mualphatheta.org/newsletter-archive>

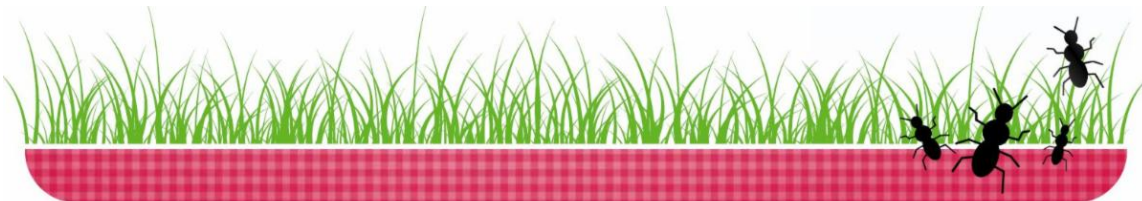


Huneke Award: Jennifer Frazer, Buchholz HS, FL

From her Letters of Recommendation:

She provides personalized counseling and guidance, helping each student navigate the unique challenges of the math team while aligning their academic pursuits with their goals and aspirations. Her efforts in coordinating dual enrollment with the University of Florida and managing specialized math team courses have opened doors for Buchholz students including myself to pursue advanced studies in mathematics and computer science. Beyond her academic and logistical contributions, Mrs. Frazer is the heartbeat for our math team. She establishes a relationship with math team kids and families from the time they are in middle school through graduation. She handles logistics and academic counseling, helping each kid to determine their unique academic path and interests - personally identifying scheduling needs and assisting in appropriate course selection. She provides a nurturing environment to make the kids feel part of the math team family. She not only chaperones kids on many weekends and away trips, but also arranges celebrations, award ceremonies, and resources for larger math events. Mrs. Frazer is a quiet yet tireless champion of mathematics

Final Note: The store should open on August 20th. However, as with any technology task, times may be longer than expected. Thanks for your patience!



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