

# Mu Alpha Theta News



## Happy Valentine's Day February 2024

We have received many scholarship/award applications this year - 121! Our scholarship reading team is now reviewing the applications, and we will be announcing the winners on April 1.

**DANA C. WADE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**



The Math Minutes Video Contest is underway, too! Be sure to get your entry (or entries!) in by February 29, along with your media releases for every person shown in the video. Remember that all videos must be rated "G," with no school, chapter, or person identifiable (check for school shirts!), and all copyrights respected. The list of all rules is available on our website. Chapter voting on the top 8 videos begins on April 1. Good luck!

Graduation ceremonies are just around the corner - do you have your Mu Alpha Theta cords, stoles, tassels, or medals ready for your seniors? I highly recommend that you make those purchases NOW!

The Mu Alpha Theta National Convention registration opens on March 1, and we have an "Early Bird Special" this year! See the sponsor packet for more information.

Elections for Region 1 Governor, Region 2 Governor, and President-Elect are coming up. The candidates are introduced in this newsletter, and every active chapter will be allowed one vote for the positions that affect them between March 11 and April 19. Every vote counts!!

Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors!

## Attention All Sponsors Elections

Each Mu Alpha Theta sponsor will soon receive a ballot electronically for the upcoming elections and constitutional changes. Each chapter gets one vote. The ballot will include the candidates listed below.

### President-Elect

**Laura Moseley**  
Hooper Academy  
Prattville, AL

**Tom Norris**  
Thomas Jefferson HS  
Auburn WA

**Radleigh Santos**  
American Heritage Broward  
Plantation, FL

### Region 1 Governor

**Shelby Aaberg**  
Scottsbluff HS  
Scottsbluff, NE

**Tom Clymer**  
National Testing &  
Assessment  
Burien, WA

### Region 2 Governor

**Tammi Carlisle**  
Bolton HS  
Alexandria, LA

**Mark Woodward**  
Mount St. Mary HS  
Oklahoma City, OK

The candidates vitas will be included with the ballot so you can "meet" each candidate. Please take the time to read those. Your vote is very important to Mu Alpha Theta. If you are in Regions 3 or 4, you will not be voting for a governor this spring.

For your reference, here is the map of the Mu Alpha Theta chapters by states with the states listed by region. This was from the June 2023 issue and the constitution.

**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, Canada, the Far East, the Pacific Islands, and Western Europe.

Governor Region 1: Tom Clymer

**Region 2:** Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Mexico, Central America, South America, the Middle East, and South Asia.

Governor Region 2: Tonia Crow

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

Governor Region 3: Betty Hood

**Region 4:** Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, the Caribbean, Puerto Rico, and Africa.

Governor Region 4: Daniel Bonnett



## President Rob Snow's Message

Hello all,

The competition season around the country has begun as we lead up to the National Convention in Las Vegas July 7-12. If anyone is interested in attending the National Convention, please download the sponsor packet by following the links at [mualphatheta.org](http://mualphatheta.org).



Also, look at the grant opportunities that new schools have to attend the convention with a small group (3 students, 1 sponsor) to see and enjoy the convention and then grow over the years to bring more students in the future.

Each month, we will be having a student meeting to discuss the National Convention. All sponsors can attend the zoom meeting as well. The next meeting is Sunday, February 18 at 6 pm EST, and the zoom information is posted below.

If anyone ever has questions, please email me at [robsnow23@yahoo.com](mailto:robsnow23@yahoo.com), and I'll be more than happy to help. Thanks!

## Mu Alpha Theta Members Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 18, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time  
 Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85216415106>  
 Meeting ID: 852 1641 5106

Save the  
Date!...

## The 52nd In-Person Mu Alpha Theta National Convention

Las Vegas, NV, July 7 - 12, 2024

For details, check the Sponsor Packet at <https://mualphatheta.org/national-convention>

### "Invite a Sponsor" Initiative

At the January portion of the Winter Governing Council meeting, the budget and the slate were both approved.

In the budget, money was awarded to resume the "Invite a sponsor" initiative. This began immediately before COVID arrived and only happened during one conference.

Each of the four governors and the AMATYC representative will be able to invite one interested sponsor (without students) to attend the convention with significant support. They will shadow another sponsor and fully participate in the convention. If you are interested, please contact your governor directly to express your wish to attend the convention. See the list of states on page to see who your governor is.

#### Convention Grant

Mu Alpha Theta will award a limited number of convention grants for first-time attendee chapters to attend its in-person National Convention. Members who attend must not have graduated before the convention. Each grant covers registration for a minimum of three members and a sponsor. The remaining funds may be used for additional student registration costs and/or other travel expenses.

There is more information online at [mualphatheta.org](https://mualphatheta.org), and the deadline is April 1, 2024.



#### Need-Based Convention Scholarship

The sponsor of each chapter attending the national convention may nominate up to two members for a need-based scholarship. More details at <https://mualphatheta.org/need-based-national-convention-scholarship>

**Convention Deadline: Registration May 1st at 7 pm CT Early Bird Deadline: April 24**



Keep Calm & Order Your Graduation Regalia\*!

\*Cords, Pins, Stoles, and/or Tassels



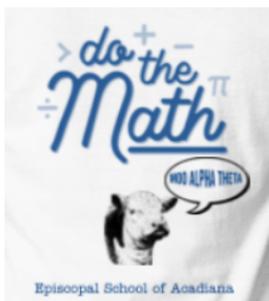
## Mu Alpha Theta T-shirt Contest

Looking for funds to defray the cost of the convention? Maybe your chapter can discover \$1000 just using your creativity to design the next best Mu Alpha Theta T-shirt!

Mu Alpha Theta is holding its T-shirt contest again this year with the theme, "Mathematics, the Solar System and Beyond." If your chapter's design is chosen for the contest, your chapter will be awarded \$1000 and the glory of being able to announce that the design is yours. Your chapter will also win five T-shirts of your design thanks to a generous donation. The email submission window will be from March 14, 2024, to April 8, 2024. (Pi day until the Eclipse of 2024)



For details, visit <https://mualphatheta.org/content/mat-t-shirt-contest>



## 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](mailto: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.



We do not critique your design; we just check that your chapter is a member and that you follow rule #1 above.

# Sponsors' Pages



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## Introducing Dr. Chuck Garner

Chuck Garner is the MAA's representative to the Mu Alpha Theta Governing Council. He holds a Ph.D. in mathematics and teaches at the Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology in Conyers, Georgia.

Chuck teaches Calculus AB, BC, and Multivariable, as well as History of Math and Discrete Math. He has been teaching for 30 years, 23 of those at RMSST, 22 as Mu Alpha Theta sponsor, and 10 years as an instructor for ArtOfProblemSolving.com.



Chuck is also Treasurer of the Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Secretary-Treasurer of the Georgia Association of AP Math Teachers. He has recently been elected to the MAA Congress for a term to start this summer.

Chuck has a wonderful wife, two adult children, and over 25,000 comic books. Find out more at [www.drchuckgarner.com](http://www.drchuckgarner.com).

We are grateful for all that Dr. Garner does for Mu Alpha Theta and mathematics education.

--Dana, Karen, and Kathy



## Help Dana WADE Give Away funds

At the recent Governing Council meeting, Mu Alpha Theta set the budget for grants for 2024. These are distributed on a first come-first served basis.

Chapter Grants—up to \$1000 for the life of the chapter

Competition Grants—up to \$500 and available each year

## Help Wanted Amatyc Representative to MAT

AMATYC and Mu Alpha Theta are actively seeking an AMATYC member to serve as the AMATYC representative on the Mu Alpha Theta Governing Council. This is a great way to become a voice for two-year colleges on the Governing Council.

For more information, please contact Dana Wade at [info@mualphatheta.org](mailto:info@mualphatheta.org).

Love is like pi —real, irrational and never ending.



**Karen Kating**  
**Hours: M-F**  
**8:30 am—4:30 pm CT**

Please remember that orders are processed the next business day after received and over 10 certificates and/or any merchandise are shipped by UPS ground and take 3-5 business days. Please remember it is winter so Oklahoma does have bad weather that sometimes interferes with the shipping, but you will be notified if it does. Ten and fewer certificates go by snail mail, and we cannot guarantee any delivery dates.

Our system only releases cords to seniors so if you need to add seniors and order cords, you will need to place two orders, the same PO can be used for both orders. If both orders are placed the same day, they will be shipped together and be considered one of your two free shipments/school year. Please remember to order your graduation regalia early!

#### **Andree Award**

- **DEADLINE: March 1**
- student award for future teachers
- \$2,500 prize as cash or scholarship

#### **Diane Rubin Service Award**

- **DEADLINE: March 1**
- chapter award for service to community
- \$5,000 for chapter plus a distinguished plaque

#### **Governors' Leadership and Service Award**

- **DEADLINE: March 1**
- student award for leadership and service
- \$4,000 prize

#### **Regional Sponsor of the Year Award**

- **DEADLINE: March 15**
- sponsor award for significant contributions to MAT
- \$1,000 for sponsor



## Help us welcome these new chapters and thank Karen Kating and the Governors for facilitating the process!

(12/1/23 to 1/25/24)

|   |                    |                |   |
|---|--------------------|----------------|---|
| Gems Dubai American Academy                   | Dubai              | AE             | 1 |
| Rio Linda HS                                  | Rio Linda          | California     | 1 |
| Glenwood Springs HS                           | Glenwood Springs   | Colorado       | 1 |
| Waubonsie Valley HS                           | Aurora             | Colorado       | 1 |
| St. Edward Central Catholic HS                | Elgin              | Illinois       | 1 |
| John F. Kennedy Senior HS                     | Cedar Rapids       | Iowa           | 1 |
| Lee's Summit North HS                         | Lee's Summit       | Missouri       | 1 |
| Lexington HS                                  | Lexington          | Nebraska       | 1 |
| Manitowoc Lincoln HS                          | Manitowoc          | Wisconsin      | 1 |
| Walnut Grove HS                               | Prosper            | Texas          | 2 |
| Rosehill Christian School                     | Tomball            | Texas          | 2 |
| Waterbury Arts Magnet School                  | Waterbury          | Connecticut    | 3 |
| Newtown HS                                    | Sandy Hook         | Connecticut    | 3 |
| Aberdeen HS                                   | Aberdeen           | Mississippi    | 3 |
| Elizabeth HS                                  | Elizabeth          | New Jersey     | 3 |
| Oakcrest HS                                   | May's Landing      | New Jersey     | 3 |
| Walt Whitman HS                               | Huntington Station | New York       | 3 |
| Chattanooga School for the Liberal<br>Arts    | Chattanooga        | Tennessee      | 3 |
| Bonita Springs HS                             | Bonita Springs     | Florida        | 4 |
| Brunswick HS                                  | Brunswick          | Maryland       | 4 |
| Academy of Health Sciences at<br>PGCC         | Largo              | Maryland       | 4 |
| Chesapeake Science Point Public<br>Charter HS | Hanover            | Maryland       | 4 |
| Crisfield Academy and HS                      | Crisfield          | Maryland       | 4 |
| Charles E. Jordan HS                          | Durham             | North Carolina | 4 |
| May River HS                                  | Bluffton           | South Carolina | 4 |
| Spring Hill HS                                | Chapin             | South Carolina | 4 |

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## You know what seems odd to me? Numbers that aren't divisible by two!

| February 2024 |   |
|---------------|---|
| 1             | MAΘ Math Minutes video submission opens                                 |
| 18            | Student Zoom meeting @ 5 pm CT  |
| 29            | MAΘ Math Minutes video submission closes                                |
| March 2024    |   |
| 1             | 2024 MAΘ National Convention (Las Vegas) registration OPENS             |
| 1             | Rubin, Andree, GLSA award applications due                              |
| 14            | Pi day--send photos for the News  |
| 14            | T-shirt design submission opens   |
| 15            | MAΘ Regional Sponsor of the Year Award applications due                 |
| April 2024    |   |
| 1             | MAΘ National Convention grant submission deadline                       |
| 1             | MAΘ Math Minutes video finalists announced, chapter voting opens        |
| 1             | MAΘ Award winners posted  |
| 8             | T-shirt submission closes @ 4:30 pm CT                                  |
| May 2024      |   |
| 1             | 2024 MAΘ National Convention (Las Vegas) registration CLOSES at 7 pm CT |

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