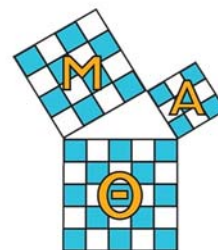


MAΘ Newsletter



Scholarship Season Quickly Approaching!

With scholarship season just around the corner, we offer these important reminders:

- 1) Up to two members from each chapter in good standing may submit a 2023 Mu Alpha Theta scholarship application. Please talk to your sponsor if you're interested.
- 2) Incomplete or late applications will NOT be accepted.
- 3) Only graduating seniors who are registered members with Mu Alpha Theta on December 16, 2022, may apply.
- 4) General academic scholarships are \$4,000, while four special scholarships named for important figures in Mu Alpha Theta are \$5,000.

The scholarship application link is available now on our website. Online applications must be completed by February 1, 2023. Awardees announced on our website: April 1, 2023. For more information: www.mualphatheta.org.

Get 'em while we have money! — GRANTS

Chapter grants of up to \$1,000 over the lifetime of the chapter are available to help chapters provide interesting mathematical experiences.

Classroom teaching grants will provide up to \$1,500 in funding and are available to a limited number of applicants each year. Any former member who is in their first, second, or third year of teaching mathematics may apply for funds to supply their classroom with mathematics materials or for membership in a professional mathematics organization.

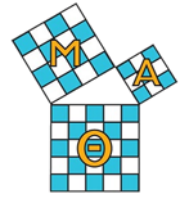
Competition grants of up to \$500 per active chapter are available to help pay entrance fees or expenses associated with a math competition in which the chapter members wish to compete.



Students are not nor can they be sponsors. Students should direct all questions to their sponsors rather than the national office. As a student you should not have access to the sponsor's log in or password.

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A Note from the Rita Ralph, President



At Crystal Bridges

In our Governing Council meetings the talks have mostly encompassed the 2023 Convention in Fayetteville, Arkansas. I am getting excited to see you all there next summer.

As we close out 2022 and move into 2023, here is a look at what has happened and what we want to happen for MAT.

Calling all two-year colleges: we would like to have a special section at the national convention in 2023 where the college students compete against each other and have their own trophies awarded. There are grants for your school to bring students if you have nev-

er attended before. There are also grants specifically for low-income students. APPLY.

Is there someone who would like to host the 2026 convention? Contact the National Office if this is you.

Is there someone who would like to work with Chi Alpha Mu? This is our Junior High Honor Society. Maybe you have some great ideas on how to get a High School Chapter to sponsor a Junior High Chapter. Here is your chance to share your knowledge.

“Thank you to all of our wonderful donors.”

The Mu Alpha Theta Educational Foundation has received several donations in the past few months:

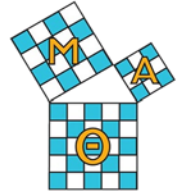
- Mr. and Mrs. John Moore from Little Rock, AR, in memory of Rita Holt, Brian Holt’s mother
- Marian and Chris Reeves from Signal Mountain, TN, in memory of Brian Holt
- Judith H. Carscaddon from Chattanooga, TN, in memory of Brian Holt
- Judith H. Carscaddon from Chattanooga, TN, in memory of Rita Holt
- Roy and Cathy Hart from Mobile, AL, in memory of Brian Holt
- Robert Dahlgren from Bellevue, WA, in memory of Tom Tosch

These donations are a thoughtful and generous way to honor the lives of friends of Mu Alpha Theta, and allow us to continue our work in their memories. Thank you to all of our wonderful donors.



Love by Robert Indiana at Crystal Bridges

A Message from Your Executive Director, Dana Wade



Even though it's fall, we are already planning for the 2023 MAΘ National Convention at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in June! All student members and sponsors in attendance will be housed in the BEST dorms (<https://housing.uark.edu/halls/adohi-hall.php>) and eat at their AMAZING dining halls – and those costs will be a part of your registration fee (announced soon!). You can fly into Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA) - just 30 minutes from the campus with Mu Alpha Theta transportation to campus (Sunday only)– or Tulsa or Little Rock with a slightly longer drive to the U of A by personal vehicles.

Bus trips will take you through some beautiful landscapes, no matter where you start your journey! Start your fundraising **NOW** and be ready to register on **MARCH 1** for another **SPECTACULAR MAΘ Convention** with the best **MATH** minds anywhere!

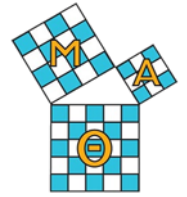
The excursion opportunity will include the **SPECTACULAR Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art** (<https://cystalbridges.org>)!



Results of the Fall 2022 Governing Council Meeting

- It was moved, seconded, and approved that new chapters should have at least 5 members to be approved. Schools can start with a math club and then once approved, they can call themselves a Mu Alpha Theta chapter.
- It was moved by the Finance and Fundraising Committee to support the Mu Alpha Theta Educational Foundation through a donation of \$100,000 from Mu Alpha Theta. Motion approved.
- The new Code of Conduct (on the next page) was reviewed by the Governing Council. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the Code of Conduct as corrected and to put it in Sponsor's Packet.
- The 2021 Federal Tax forms for both Mu Alpha Theta and the Educational Foundation were reviewed and approved by the Governing Council.

MAΘ Code of Conduct



Mu Alpha Theta National Mathematics Honor Society strives to integrate community, inclusivity, communication, and teaching & learning across all its work. MAΘ is advancing the understanding and enjoyment of mathematics, and strives to facilitate and support environments that foster this goal. As an honor society, MAΘ is committed to providing an inclusive climate that encourages the open expression and exchange of ideas, that is free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, and that is welcoming and comfortable to all members and to those who participate in its activities. In pursuit of that commitment, MAΘ is dedicated to the practice of equal opportunity, respect, treatment, participation, and outcomes for all regardless of gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion or religious belief, age, marital status, disabilities, veteran status, political affiliation or belief, field of expertise in all interactions and activities. This philosophy applies to all MAΘ activities including conventions, publications, programs, and governing structures and bodies.

MAΘ expects the standards set in this Code, as articulated below, to be upheld by its members; leaders; staff; awardees; and participants in meetings, conventions, events, or social media exchanges regardless of the capacity in which they are performing (be it as an individual, organizer, delegate, speaker, sponsor, exhibitor, or in any other capacity). The professional behavior and communications of MAΘ members, sponsors, and staff must reflect an environment that is safe, respectful, and supportive of others.

The code applies to the behavior of members of MAΘ and individuals who interact with MAΘ in their professional lives. These expectations apply to the teaching, research, service and other duties carried out by MAΘ members in their workplace and their behavior in the mathematical community. Violations of any part of this Code can be reported to the MAΘ Governing Board and may result in consequences described herein.

We expect that the MAΘ staff, MAΘsponsors, MAΘ members, and affiliated parties (non-members attending or supporting MAΘ events) will:

- ◆ promote the enjoyment, study, application, teaching and understanding of mathematics;
- ◆ act with integrity, and strive to be objective, unbiased, and truthful in all aspects of our work;
- ◆ act to support MAΘ's commitment to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion;
- ◆ never intentionally discriminate against another person on the basis of gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion or religious belief, age, marital status, disabilities, veteran status, or field of expertise
- ◆ avoid biased, demeaning, intimidating, coercive, or harassing/hostile conduct or commentary, whether seriously or in jest (e.g., based on power differential, gender [sex, identity, expression], sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or national origin, religion, marital status, veteran status, age, body size or other physical appearance, disability, or other identities);
- ◆ never bully, abuse, victimize, or engage in harassment of any kind, including sexual harassment, whether via spoken or written words, emails, offensive images or graffiti, social media posts, or any other means;
- ◆ avoid injuring others, their property, reputation, or employment by false or malicious action;
- ◆ be respectful of the privacy of others and the protection of their personal information and data;
- ◆ accept and offer honest criticism of technical work, acknowledge and correct errors, and credit properly the contributions of others;
- ◆ do not claim authorship of something that is not yours and do not claim sole authorship of something created with another person or in a group setting;
- ◆ demonstrate that differing perspectives are valued by critiquing only ideas (not people);
- ◆ answer questions about conduct concerns in a forthright and complete manner;
- ◆ assist colleagues and co-workers in their professional development and support them in following this code of conduct;
- ◆ avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest whenever possible, and disclose them to affected parties when they do exist.

Violations of this MAΘ Code of Conduct by any member, sponsor, or affiliated parties may result in:

- Written reprimand from the MAΘ Governing Board
- Removal from the MAΘ event or convention
- Banning of individual or group from future MAΘ conventions

These consequences would be regardless of status, role, or title.

Why My Chapter has a Code of Conduct!

By Daniel Bonnett, Region IV Governor



To existing and new chapters:

In the time and day that we live in, we as a National Honor Society need to adhere to what an honor society is about. Normally, it is known that we need to be respectful and honorable and be a reflection of what an honors society

adheres to. A couple of years ago, I had a situation of some negativity geared towards a teacher of our school. Even though names weren't mentioned, the entire community knew who it was geared towards and it created a little bit of turmoil. Because that member was in the chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, folks wanted reprimand for that student's actions. Since we did not have a Code of Conduct in writing, according to the legal officials of our county school board, nothing could be done towards that student. We are known as an

honor society and we are to act accordingly, but if the chapter doesn't have anything in writing that shows what consequences could be given, members/sponsors cannot legally be reprimanded. So my council developed a code of conduct and made sure that it addressed the social media aspect of what is proper and not. The following year, a student was caught cheating in a class, and because we did not have that in the written code of conduct, verbatim, that student could not be reprimanded either. Yes, it is a touchy subject, but legally if you do not have anything in writing, you cannot legally reprimand an individual even though its known that it is wrong. I hold my council to a higher esteem than the county board of education codes, so possible scenario that we could think of is addressed in my chapter's code of conduct. If chapter would like to use Riverside High School's chapter Code of Conduct for a foundation of their own, feel free to email me at dbonnett@mail.kana.k12.wv.us.

“Do the right thing, even when no one is looking. It’s called integrity.” — C. S. Lewis

Florida Student Delegates Invitational

The 3rd Annual Student Delegates Invitational will be held November 19th, 2022! The event will be completely online. Students must register by the November 15th deadline <https://forms.gle/DoF7pPATMsP2kSGw5>. Below is the competition schedule.

1:00 P.M. - 2:15 P.M ET: Individual exams will be proctored via Zoom (two-device profile required). The individuals offered are Theta, Alpha, Mu, and Statistics. Upon joining the Zoom call and instructions being read, a PDF test will be emailed to all registrants. After the test ends, there will be a ~2 minute period to upload your answers via a google form also available in the announcements.

2:15 P.M. - 2:40 P.M ET: Answers and solutions will be released. You will have 35 minutes to submit disputes via Google Forms.

2:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M ET: We will host a Student Delegates information session and introductory meeting. There is no cap on the number of attendees per school.

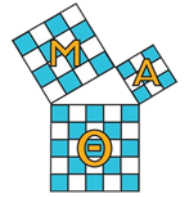
By 11:00 P.M ET: Awards ceremony with top 20 individuals per division will be recognized on the Student Delegates Youtube Channel.

Students may use the form at the QR Code to register for the competition no later than November 15th, 2022



Chapter Highlight: Riverside High School, Belle, WV

Daniel Bonnett, Sponsor



At Riverside High School, Belle, WV, the Mu Alpha Theta chapter joined other organizations at the school and held the 1st Annual Warrior Trunk or Treat for all of the feeder school students of Riverside. Riverside's chapter had over a dozen cars involved with all of them decorated and more than 75% of the chapter's members were in attendance

dressed handing out candy to the young ones.

Mu Alpha Theta also had a crowd favorite S'mores making station beside Mr. Bonnett's



car. Over 200 S'mores were made with over 350+ youngsters in attendance.



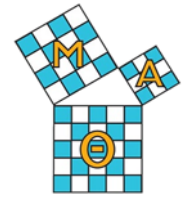
Monies were raised for a scholarship fund for a neighboring high school who lost a star freshman soccer player in a car wreck a couple of months before.

Leadership Positions Open!

- 1. Convention Host 2026!** Do you love the National Convention, but believe you can do better? Are you self-motivated? Do you work well with others? Do you have great ideas? If so, consider applying to be Host or Co-Host of the 2026 National Convention. If you are interested, please contact Dana Wade at info@mualphatheta.org. She can answer questions and send you an application.
- 2. Log1 Host Needed for 2023-2024!**
 - a. The Log1 Contest provides an excellent opportunity for a school to participate in a competition similar to our National Convention contests and compete against schools from across the country and the world, while staying right at their home school.
 - b. Students compete only against other students with similar mathematics course background.
 - c. Regrettably as of today, we do not have a host school for 2022-2023.
 - d. Mu Alpha Theta pays for award expenses, and the chapter is paid a stipend. Past Log1 tests are posted on the website.



Sponsor's Page



1. Once a student is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, they are always a member of the national organization. Your rules may remove them from your chapter, but they remain a Mu Alpha Theta member. They would not qualify for a scholarship since you would be the one to submit the recommendation.
2. Names are printed exactly as you submit them. Please be sure to edit your file.
3. When ten or fewer certificates are ordered, they are sent by snail mail (USPS).
4. The National office will be closed **Wednesday – Friday, November 23-25** for the Thanksgiving holiday.
5. **Our store will close again at 5 pm CT on Friday, December 16.** Your members must be registered and paid for by this time if they want to be eligible to apply for a 2023 scholarship or summer grant!
6. When placing orders, please be mindful of your school's holiday closing schedule. You are responsible for extra shipping charges if your package gets returned to us due to school closure or incorrect address.
7. We'll email you in early December if you have a shopping cart. Names in your shopping cart are not actually members until the shopping cart has been fully submitted and paid. The shopping carts will be deleted over Christmas break so you would need to start all over in January.
8. The National Office will be closed starting at 5:00 pm CT on Friday, December 16, and will reopen at 8:30 am CT on January 3, 2022.
9. Our scholarship application submission deadline is February 1. Only two graduating members from your chapter may apply. Please encourage your members to consider applying! Online applications are available now. We do not accept paper scholarship applications.
10. We'll email you soon if you have an unpaid invoice. Our fiscal year ends in December, and it helps us immensely when all unpaid invoices are paid.
11. Thanks to everyone who signed up for Amazon Smile! Every little 0.5% helps, and it doesn't cost you a cent. The first time you visit smile.amazon.com, select Mu Alpha Theta Educational Foundation Inc in Norman, OK.
12. If you'd like to donate directly to Mu Alpha Theta, November 29th is National Giving Day. You can call with a credit card donation to the Educational Foundation or write a check and mail it to Mu Alpha Theta, 3200 Marshall Ave. Suite 150, Norman, OK, 73019.

If you read this far, thank you for all your hard work this past year. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and a bright 2023!



Happy Thanksgiving!

Dana, Karen and Kathy

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