

# Mu Alpha Theta



December 2023

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS! DECEMBER 2023

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



Our National Office is a busy place! Since August 1, we have had over 15,000 new student memberships - and we are getting more every day! Please remember that students who are graduating in 2024 and plan to apply for our scholarships MUST be on our official rolls by December 15.

Coming up after the holidays are our Math Minute Video contest, our T-shirt contest, and our scholarship application deadline. Be sure to mark your calendar with those dates. (See the calendar on the last page.)

You will find some information on MA $\Theta$  service projects in this newsletter. Please send us your Mu Alpha Theta chapter service project information and pictures so that we can recognize you, too!

As a former teacher and school administrator, I know that December can be *crazy* with school and families. Be sure to take some time to relax whenever you can!

Happy Holidays to all!

### **Register your Seniors no later than December 15th.**

Remember the probability that you will earn a Mu Alpha Theta scholarship, if you aren't a member, is exactly 0.



### **Student Delegate Assembly**

During each national convention, the student delegate assembly meets to discuss issues of concern to member schools. Each chapter at convention selects a student delegate assembly representative who will cast votes on issues and makes motions on issues. Representatives select the Sister Scholastica Most Committed Sponsor Award winner and elect student officers for the next national convention. See page 3 for your invitation to Zoom meetings!

### **Let us Feature Your Chapter**

Tell us about your chapter's incredible activities, and we may feature your chapter in one of our upcoming newsletters or on our website and social media. Send photos and articles to [Kathy@mualphatheta.org](mailto:Kathy@mualphatheta.org).



# Las Vegas National Convention



July 7-12, 2024

Host Kim Woolfenden

Test Coordinator Will Frazer

We are finalizing the Las Vegas National Convention packet. Yesterday we finally received the total food costs per person (\$420) so it will be **\$600 per person**

**registration only and YOU book your own rooms.**

Below is the link to the rooms. There should be 10 choices: one for \$94, seven choices for \$114, one for \$194, and one for \$294 per night.

**<https://reservations.travelclick.com/85179?groupID=3604279>**

It might be easier to call Damika Archie.

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For the Outing:

**The Beatles Love a Cirque du Soleil show (same as 2019) or The Sphere.**

**If you have questions, please contact Kim at [woolfmath@aol.com](mailto:woolfmath@aol.com).**

**[Room Reservation hot link](#)**



## Election Message and News from President Rob Snow

Hello all,

If any sponsor is interested in running for Region 1 Governor, Region 2 Governor, or President-Elect for the Governing Council of Mu Alpha Theta, please email the national office at [info@mualphatheta.org](mailto:info@mualphatheta.org) and me at [robsnow23@yahoo.com](mailto:robsnow23@yahoo.com).

Please respond by December 15. For the sponsors who are interested, an application will be emailed to you in December to complete over the winter break that will be read by the Board and the voters in the spring election before they make their selections.



Next Zoom meetings will be December 16th.

We will be having our next Sponsor and Student Zoom meeting on DECEMBER 16. The sponsor meeting will be from 2-2:45pm EST and the student meeting will be from 3-3:45pm EST.

Please bring your questions to the meeting about Mu Alpha Theta, and I'll be happy to answer them.

### SPONSOR MEETING

Topic: Rob Snow's Sponsor Meeting  
Time: Dec 16, 2023 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81508008071?pwd=ShGXp3rodawU3B2n2oqYVoQt1GuxeZ.1>

Meeting ID: 815 0800 8071  
Passcode: 904833

### STUDENT MEETING

Topic: Rob Snow's Student Meeting  
Time: Dec 16, 2023 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88918824546?pwd=nP5R3bqR9kgovmaPpCayQ719lpavfb.1>

Meeting ID: 889 1882 4546  
Passcode: 652690



**\$100,000 in  
SCHOLARSHIPS**



A contest for high school juniors and seniors in the U.S. and sixth form students in the UK

**Register by February 24  
Challenge Weekend March 3-6**

**FREE TO REGISTER  
& PARTICIPATE!**

## MAT T-Shirt Contest

New astronomical discoveries are being made everyday. 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. That's one way to help fund your trip to the national convention. 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. For more details, visit <https://mualphatheta.org/content/mat-t-shirt-contest>

*"Math is the language of the universe. So, the more equations you know, the more you can converse with the cosmos."* – Neil deGrasse Tyson



### 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.

Remember, if your school would like to print a school shirt, please forward the shirt design to the office and if approved, a permission letter will be returned or directions for correction will be offered. We will not critique your design other than to confirm #1 above.

Permission was given for the T-shirt design shown here. Ethical printing companies are committed to the appropriate and legal use of the intellectual property of others, and we hope you use a service that respects our copyrights. Thank you!

A chapter's **Social Media** account should include the school's name at the beginning of the title, for example "Smith High School Mu Alpha Theta." It is critical to get permission from a teacher or other approved adult before creating a social media account for your chapter. There must be administrative oversight of any site using Mu Alpha Theta. Remember online content is not private!



# Sponsor's Page



**Daniel Bonnett, Region IV Governor, would like to challenge all of our Mu Alpha Theta chapters to share COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS with the Mu Alpha Theta community.**



## **For Sponsors from Ms. Karen Kating, Executive Assistant Director**

Please be aware of your school closing for the holidays coming up. You will be responsible for shipping fees to resend a package due to school closures.

Please note that the store will close on December 15 and all carts will be emptied. We cannot retrieve any deleted items. The store will reopen on January 4, 2024 at 8:30 am. To be eligible for scholarships students must be enrolled on our records no later than December 15. No exceptions.

When ordering cords, please remember the system only releases cords to seniors. So, if you are adding seniors at the same time, you will need to make two orders. One for memberships and one for cords. If the orders are made the same day, they are packaged together and considered one shipment. And you only have two free shipments per school year.

Also know that names printed on certificates are the names you entered, we do not check spellings or if first name is first or last. Please check the spelling and make sure correct graduation years before submitting your order.

All orders are processed next business day after placing order. All orders with 11 or more certificates and any merchandise will be delivered by UPS ground and take 3-5 business days. Orders with 10 or less certificates go by snail mail.

Please check your package for accuracy once it arrives. Call us immediately if you're missing something or have received an incorrect item. If an item does not meet your expectations, it may be returned to Mu Alpha Theta and a refund or replacement may be requested within 30 days from the order date. Please call or email us for instructions. Table covers cannot be returned unless there is a manufacturing defect.

You are responsible for entering the correct delivery address and zip code. We must charge you for any additional UPS charge-backs for incorrect address or zip code or shipments that cannot be delivered. The UPS charge is \$15.00, which we must pass on to your chapter.

Finally, we also want to thank YOU for all you do and if you ever have any questions, please feel free to email or call the office. We are here to help!!

## Classroom Teaching Grants, \$1500

Classroom teaching grants will provide up to \$1,500 in funding is 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. No individual will be granted more than \$1,500 total.

<https://mualphatheta.org/classroom-teacher-grants>



## Riverside High School is Busy Helping their Community!



By Daniel Bonnett

I want to challenge all of our Mu Alpha Theta chapters to share COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS with everyone. This year I am extremely lucky to see the energy that my chapter, Riverside High School, has this year. They had a late start in organizing due to my health, but boy oh boy have they rocked!!! They have already completed TWO projects last week and are working with a local restaurant next week providing free Thanksgiving dinner to the impoverished of in our area.



The pictures show two events and the publicity that they have received from the school administration and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. They served at a veteran's luncheon this past weekend and cleaned-up a WVDEP rain garden earlier in the week...



They actually have already scheduled a Christmas Drive for a local children's shelter and also do an Adopt-A-Highway clean-up, along with especially a food drive for AFTER Christmas, since the pantries have shortages due to their pre-Christmas distribution.

I am very proud of these students and excited about the legacy that this group is establishing!!!

Editor's Note: Daniel provided many more photos than I could include here.



## **Sr. Julia Marzorati Chapter Helps the Community Learn Math**

By Beth Black

Shown here is Caitlin Farley, president of the Sr. Julia Marzorati Chapter of Mu Alpha Theta. She is leading a small group tutoring session for sophomore geometry students at Mary Help of Christians Academy in North Haledon, NJ.



## **North Campus at CCAC in Pittsburgh, PA, Helps Foster Families**

By Rebecca Senkowicz

Our chapter meets every Tuesday. As of October, we had made three fleece blankets for foster families. At one meeting our guest speaker (Randy Herbe) talked about his trip to Uganda where he was helping repair wells, build latrines, and deliver beds to an orphanage.

Pizza was eaten. Cookies were delicious. Just another week in math club at North Campus for CCAC!



## **Chapter Grants**

Chapter grants of up to \$1,000 over the lifetime of the chapter are available to help chapters provide interesting mathematical experiences for their members, others at their school, and their local community that further the mission of Mu Alpha Theta.

No chapter will be granted more than \$1,000 over time, but a chapter may apply more than once if they have not reached their \$1,000 limit. Grants are competitive and not all grant requests may be funded. There is no deadline for this application. Grant funds can be used to pay invoices or reimburse receipts after the event.

**For more details: <https://mualphatheta.org/chapter-grants>**

## Newly Chartered Chapters since August 2023

School Name	City	State	Region
Laurel Springs School	Ojai	CA	1
Qingdao Daewon School	Qingdao	China	1
St. Mary's Academy	Englewood	CO	1
Mountain Vista HS	Highlands Ranch	CO	1
Silver Lake HS	Silver Lake	KA	1
Lincoln Coll Preparatory Aca	Kansas City	MO	1
Valley Park HS	Valley Park	MO	1
Highlands International School	La Paz	Bolivia	2
David Thibodaux Stem Magnet Academy	Lafayette	LA	2
Franklinton HS	Franklinton	LA	2
Grove HS	Grove	OK	2
Mission Collegiate HS	Alton	TX	2
IDEA Tres Lagos CP	McAllen	TX	2
Whitley County HS	Williamsburg	KY	3
Malden HS	Malden	MA	3
Orono HS	Orono	ME	3
Waterford Mott HS	Waterford	MI	3
Leake Academy	Madden	MS	3
Mooreville HS	Mooreville	MS	3
East Robertson HS	Cross Plains	TN	3
DC International School	Washington	DC	4
Aubrey Rogers HS	Naples	FL	4
East Ridge HS	Clermont	FL	4
College Academy	Davie	FL	4
Innovation Academy	Alpharetta	GA	4
Meade HS	Fort Meade	MD	4
Rockville HS	Rockville	MD	4
Alamance Burlington Early College at ACC	Graham	NC	4
Greensboro Day School - Upper School	Greensboro	NC	4
Arapahoe Charter School	Arapahoe	NC	4
Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School	Midland	PA	4
Hazleton Area HS	Hazle Township	PA	4
River Bluff HS	Lexington	SC	4



## Upcoming Mu Alpha Theta Dates

December 2023	
15	MAΘ store closes and shopping carts deleted
15	All seniors applying for MAΘ scholarships in 2024 must be on MAΘ rolls. No exceptions.
22-31	MAΘ National Office closed

January 2024	
1-2	MAΘ National Office closed
3	MAΘ National Office opens
4	MAΘ store opens
15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, National Office closed
31	MAΘ Math Minutes video contest entry forms emailed to all active chapters

February 2024	
1	MAΘ scholarship applications due
1	Kalin Award applications due
1	MAΘ Math Minutes video submission opens
29	MAΘ Math Minutes video submission closes

### Upcoming Convention Dates

- July 7 - 12, 2024 Las Vegas, NV
- Host: Kim Woolfenden
  
- July 6 - 11, 2025 Orlando, FL
- Host: Rob Snow
  
- June 28 - July 3, 2026 Frisco, TX
- Host: Todd Taylor
  
- 2027 When/Where could we hold it?
- Host: Could it be you? Contact the National Office for details!



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