

Your monthly update to all things

Mu Alpha Theta

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### Message from Dana Wade, Executive Director

The news is filled with accounts of the families, communities, and schools in the Southeastern states that have been impacted and devastated by hurricanes. Please know that we at Mu Alpha Theta are thinking of you. If there is anything we can do to help our chapters or sponsors or members in those areas (your certificate was destroyed, your banner was destroyed, etc.), please contact our National Office.

The Log1 Contest is ready—visit

<https://sites.google.com/dwight.or.kr/log1contest/home> for information on registering for this great event! Thank you, again, to Dwight Seoul for hosting our contest this year.

For all of our two-year college Mu Alpha Theta sponsors.... are you also a member of AMATYC? Mu Alpha Theta partners with AMATYC, and we hope to continue growing our two-year college chapters with them. Visit **[www.amatyc.org](http://www.amatyc.org)** to learn more about how this organization can be a resource for you. I will be in booth 103 at the upcoming AMATYC conference in Atlanta!

Do you have Mu Alpha Theta members who are seniors and considering applying for our scholarships or awards? Please encourage them to begin their applications **NOW** and to ask for those letters of recommendation **NOW**. Our scholarship submission deadline is **Monday, February 3, 2025** (to avoid a weekend deadline).

Please welcome our new chapters:

School Name	City, State	Region
Keller Collegiate Academy	Keller, TX	2
New Hope High School	New Hope, AL	3
Academy of Information Technology and Engineering (AITE)	Stamford, CT	3
The Burlington School	Burlington, NC	4
Frazer School	Gainesville, FL	4
Aiken Scholars Academy	Aiken, SC	4

## Message from your President

Hello all,

This is the time of year to let your members know of the various opportunities Mu Alpha Theta offers. There are many awards and scholarships for which your senior members can apply to help them pay for college. All of the applications are online at [mualphatheta.org](http://mualphatheta.org).



Rocket City Math League and Log1 contests will begin in the next few months. Local and state competitions are coming up as well. Right now students can review and study previous tests to be prepared for the competitions.

Tutoring programs and community service opportunities are good ways to bring your chapter together for a common purpose outside of the math events they participate in.

Fundraising should begin soon to help pay for the competitions and to begin planning for the National Convention on July 6-11 in Orlando. Any way that you can lower your students' costs is always beneficial and gives them a sense of responsibility and purpose towards those goals.

The next Zoom meeting will be on Saturday October 19 at 2 pm ET if anyone has questions about Mu Alpha Theta and chapter activities.

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall semester, and if anyone has questions, please email me at [robsnow23@yahoo.com](mailto:robsnow23@yahoo.com). Thanks!

Rob Snow

President, Mu Alpha Theta

[Link to Zoom Meeting](#) \*\*See the last page for a cut-&-paste link.

## Classroom Teaching Grants, \$1500

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



[Link to Mualphatheta.org](http://mualphatheta.org)

# 2025 National Convention



The 2025 National Convention in Orlando, Florida July 6-11, 2025 information is available now online. The sponsor packet, School summary Google sheet, and hotel room reservation spreadsheet are at: [MAT sponsor page](#)

The convention will be at the Rosen Plaza hotel in Orlando.



In addition to the many math contests during the week, on Wednesday July 9, the attendees will choose to go to one of the four Disney World parks (Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom) or the Universal Studios parks (Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure). If your school is interested in a multiple day ticket to Disney World or Universal Studios, the prices are in the Sponsor Packet.



After working hard all day on mathematics, the schools will be able to order from Papa Johns with a 50% discount on their order EVERY NIGHT! A code will be given to each school and you can enjoy all the pizza, bread sticks and wings you'd like at 50% off the total bill.

If anyone has questions about the National Convention throughout the year, please email the national office at [info@mualphatheta.org](mailto:info@mualphatheta.org) and we'll be happy to assist you.



## Chalk Talk Topics

- Mu Topic - Math in Walt Disney World
- Alpha Topic - Math in Universal Orlando
- Theta Topic - Math in the Movies

Chalk Talk is a 7-minute presentation about the topic relevant to the mathematics topics for the division. Theta talks should have Geometry and Algebra 2 topics, Alpha talks should have PreCalculus topics, and Mu talks should have Calculus topics.

The first round of Chalk Talks is done by the students at home or school and recorded and downloaded to YouTube so the judges can easily watch them. The top 10 talks in each division move on to the final round on Monday, July 7 in Orlando. The specific rules and judging sheet can be found in the Sponsor Packet at [mualphatheta.org](http://mualphatheta.org) under Conventions.

If anyone has specific questions about Chalk Talk, please email Rob Snow at [robsnow23@yahoo.com](mailto:robsnow23@yahoo.com)



# Mu Alpha Theta Sponsor Page



## For Sponsors

Website Update

New website is here!!

We do have some glitches to work out so please be patient. If you see anything or need help with anything, please email or call the office. A problem you might have could be an issue we need to address so don't be afraid to say something.

Call the National Office at 405-325-0144 if it's after 12pm CT and you need an expedited (overnight or two-day) order filled immediately. Otherwise, it will be processed the next business day and then shipped. Expedited orders placed before 12pm CT will be processed and shipped the same day.

Please pay attention to your school breaks when placing your order. You will be charged the extra shipping costs if your order is returned to us due to a school closure.

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.

**Be sure you enter the correct delivery address and zip code.**

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



Check back next month to see how to register statistics students for the 2025 National Convention.

President Rob Snow will also share some of the weekly events planned for your statistics students.



## Let us Feature Your Chapter or Student

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 [info@mualphatheta.org](mailto:info@mualphatheta.org).



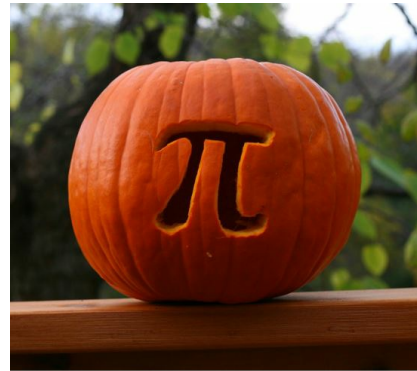
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## Mu member recognized as a National Merit Semifinalist

Liam Enger '25 of Brother Martin High School was recently recognized as a National Merit Semifinalist. He is involved in Mu Alpha Theta as a Tournament Co-Chair for his chapter this year. Brother Martin High school in New Orleans, LA, was so excited about this Academic Excellence honor that they wanted to share the good news with you.

## 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](#)



## Social Media

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 an administrative oversight of any site using Mu Alpha Theta. Most importantly, remember that online content is not private!

# happy halloween!



## Upcoming Convention Dates

- July 6 - 11, 2025 Orlando, FL
- Host: Rob Snow
  
- June 28 - July 3, 2026 Frisco, TX
- Host: Todd Taylor



## Zoom Meeting:

October Zoom information for October 19

Topic: October Mu Alpha Theta Meeting

Time: Oct 19, 2024 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84087514827>

Meeting ID: 840 8751 4827

“Mathematics is not about numbers, equations, computations, or algorithms: it is about understanding.” — William Paul Thurston



Hello Mu Alpha Theta members,

I am Sukeerth Goly, the current president of the Rickards High School Mu Alpha Team and the Mu Alpha Theta Student Delegate President.

This year, the Rickards Invitational will occur on **Saturday, November 9th, 2024**. The Rickards Invitational is the largest entirely





student-run math competition in the Southeastern United States, with around a thousand participants from more than 40 schools around the nation competing in past years.

The event will run from approximately **8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**, with competition rounds from 9:00 AM to 12:10 PM. Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase when registering for the on-site version of the competition.

The competition consists of an individual test, a team test, and a secondary individual test for those not competing on the team test (an open test). Students will compete in one of the following divisions: Elementary, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Precalculus, Statistics, or Calculus. Additionally, there will be mini events for up to five participating members from any school and any sponsors who would like to compete. This year, the mini events will include Speed Math and Mental Math.

This year we are continuing the **mail-in** option available to schools nationwide. The primary testing location will be in-person at Rickards High School in Tallahassee, Florida.

Below, we have indicated the format of each event.

**Individual Test:** The individual test will consist of 30 multiple-choice questions, in which 4 points are awarded for each correct answer, 1 point is subtracted for each incorrect answer, and blank responses are awarded no points, for a maximum score of 120 points. For the Elementary division, 5 points are awarded for each correct answer, 0 points are awarded for each incorrect answer, and 1 point is awarded for each blank answer. Competitors will have 60 minutes to work on this test.

**Middle and High Team Test:** Teams of at most four people will participate in the team test. A school can have at most 1 team per division. The test will consist of 12 questions with short open-response answers, with 4 minutes to work on each question. 16, 12, 8, and 4 points will be awarded for a correct response in the first, second, third, or fourth minute, respectively, for a maximum score of 192 points.

**Open Test:** Students not competing in the team test will take an open test. It is of the same format as the individual test. Pre-Algebra and Algebra 1 students will take the same open test, called the Euclidean Open. Geometry and Algebra 2 students will take the Theta Open. Precalculus and Calculus students will take the Mu-Alpha Open.

**Mini Events:** Speed Math will consist of 20 short-answer questions, and competitors will have 15 minutes to work on the test. Mental Math will consist of 40 short-answer questions, and competitors will have 8 minutes to work on the test. For Mental Math, competitors must work in a blue or black pen. Any stray marks on this test will lead to disqualification. For both tests, 1 point will be awarded for correct questions, and 0 points will be awarded for blank or incorrect answers.

Awards will be awarded to the top 15 competitors in each individual and open test, the top 5 teams in each division, the top 3 middle schools, and the top 5 high schools. Similarly, certificates will be awarded to the top mail-in

competitors.

To register to compete at Rickards High School, simply visit our website, <https://rickards.invitational.github.io/>, and fill out the online form under the **Online Registration** tab. Registration for all students will be \$10 before the late registration deadline. The deadline for mail-in competitors is \$10 until Monday, November 4th and the deadline for in-person competitors is \$10 until Friday, November 1st. Late registration for in-person competitors will be \$15 per student and will be available until Monday, November 4th. For mail-in competitors, registration ends on Monday, November 4th. There is no "late registration" opportunity after this deadline. The website will also have additional information about the competition, including the competition handbook and past tests. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at [rickardsinvitational@gmail.com](mailto:rickardsinvitational@gmail.com).

We hope you will be able to attend!—Sukeerth

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