

Mu Alpha Theta

National High School and Two-Year College
Mathematics Honor Society

December 2024 Mu Alpha Theta Newsletter

DANA C. WADE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



As we close out 2024, I wish everyone peace and joy!

Mu Alpha Theta thrives on the strengths and energy of our sponsors and members. Participation in our contests, social media Q & A, scholarships and awards, and our convention has continued to grow thanks to the efforts of so many amazing math teachers and professionals who already have full plates! We are grateful and thankful for your ongoing support for your students and your MA Θ chapters.

Did you know that students and colleagues can nominate their favorite Mu Alpha Theta sponsor for awards (with CASH PRIZES!)? Check these out:

Huneke Distinguished Sponsor Award | Mu Alpha Theta (nomination deadline June 16, 2025)


Sister Scholastica Most Committed Sponsor Award | Mu Alpha Theta (nomination deadline June 16, 2025)

Regional Sponsor of the Year Award | Mu Alpha Theta (nomination deadline March 17, 2025)

Please let your members know about these awards - we want to celebrate our sponsors!

Find some time to rest and relax during the holiday season .—Dana Wade





Register your Seniors no later than December 13th.

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 make 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!

Orlando National Convention July 6 - 11, 2025

Host Rob Snow
Test Coordinator Radleigh Santos

Happy Holidays!

This is the time to take advantage of your winter break to dream of summer activities and plan while you are not in the everyday hustle and bustle. Maybe you could ask for a trip to Orlando, FL.

The Sponsor's Guide for the 2025 National Convention in Orlando is now available. It is chock-full of valuable information and forms that need to be completed no later than May 1, 2025. Why is it that May 1st seems so far off right now and yet it will be here before we know it after we get through the brutal winter (in some parts of the country).

Here's the direct link to that [page. https://mualphatheta.org/national-convention](https://mualphatheta.org/national-convention)
If the link does not work, go to mualphatheta.org > National Convention.

Plan to attend the 2025 National Convention that will be held in Orlando. Enjoy the week with old friends and meet new ones during our social time on Monday afternoon. We will have a variety of speakers for all interests, annual and unique mathematics competitions throughout the week, and a full day at an Orlando theme park on Wednesday (Universal Studios or one of the Disney World parks). The registration cost is \$500 per person. This registration fee covers the cost of meals and the theme park admission. This does not include the hotel room. Each school will book their rooms directly with the Rosen Plaza for their stay.

The deadline for all payments and forms to be mailed to the National Office is May 1. We look forward to seeing all of you in Orlando!

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 info@mualphatheta.org with a subject line that includes newsletter.



News from President Rob Snow

Hello all,

I hope everyone had a relaxing Thanksgiving with family and friends. As we approach the winter break, we look forward to 2025 and the competition season. The next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, from 2-3 pm Eastern time. This is an opportunity to ask questions about your chapter or future Mu Alpha Theta events.



Beginning in January, the student delegate officers will have monthly zoom meetings to inform the chapters about the activities that will occur at the National Convention in Orlando July 6-11. Zoom meeting information will be posted in future newsletters.

If you have questions along the way, please email me at robsnow23@yahoo.com. As the host of the 2025 National Convention, I'm looking forward to a great week of Math, theme parks and friendship.

Happy holidays to all and have a great start to your New Year! Thanks

Next Zoom meetings will be December 14th.

Topic: December Mu Alpha Theta Meeting
Time: Dec 14, 2024 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82297020966>

Meeting ID: 822 9702 0966



• Register by February 21 at 5 pm ET
• Challenge Weekend February 28 - March 3

It's free to Register and Participate in MathWorks Math Modeling Challenge.

"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.

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.

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!



Tammi Carlisle

Tammi Carlisle is an esteemed educator with 39 years of teaching experience. She began her teaching career in East Texas at Kirbyville High School in Kirbyville, Texas. Over the years, she has taught both mathematics and English. She moved and now teaches at Bolton Academy in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. She teaches upper secondary math courses including Algebra II, College Algebra, Trigonometry, AP Calculus, and AP Statistics.

Tammi also serves as the President of the LA Mu Alpha Theta and is the Region 2 Governor for the National Mu Alpha Theta, roles that reflect her dedication to promoting mathematical excellence and leadership at both the state and national levels. Tammi achieved National Board Certification in 2009 and renewed it in 2019, underscoring her ongoing commitment to excellence in education. She also sponsors the Student Council and Mu Alpha Theta at her school, enriching the academic and extracurricular experiences of her students.

Tammi's long-standing career reflects a deep passion for teaching and a profound impact on her students and the educational community.

In addition to teaching, she has been married to her best friend, Richard, for 38 years. Together they have shared their lives over the many years with multiple children in need of a home. Currently they have 3 wonderful fluffy cats with such distinct personalities: Rogue, Buddy, and Oliver.

Tammi's favorite holiday is Christmas. She LOVES all the decorations with the anticipation of traveling to see snow!

Tammi is a great addition to the Governing Council, and we hope to include her in the important task of editing our materials. —Dana, Karen, and Kathy



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 13, and all carts will be emptied. We cannot retrieve any deleted items. The store will reopen on January 6, 2025 at 8:30 am.

To be eligible for scholarships, students must be enrolled on our records no later than December 13. 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 you have the 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.

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 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. No individual will be granted more than \$1,500 total.

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



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>

Please Welcome our Newly Chartered Chapters

School Name	City	State	Region
DePaul College Prep	Chicago	IL	1
Frontier HS	Bakersfield	CA	1
The KAUST School	Thuwal	Saudi Arabia	2
Genoa Central HS	Texarkana	AR	2
Hill Country College Prep HS	Bulverde	TX	2
Valley Central HS	Montgomery	NY	3
West Jessamine HS	Nicholasville	KY	3
Haddam Killingworth HS	Higganum	CT	3
The Williams School	New London	CT	3
Independence HS	Coal City	WW	4
Severn Run HS	Severn	MD	4

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 2024	
13	MAΘ store closes and shopping carts deleted
13	All seniors applying for MAΘ scholarships in 2025 must be on MAΘ rolls. No exceptions.
23-31	MAΘ National Office closed
January 2025	
6	MAΘ store opens
6	MAΘ National Office opens
20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, National Office closed
31	MAΘ Math Minutes video contest entry forms emailed to all active chapters
February 2025	
3	MAΘ scholarship applications due
3	Kalin Award applications due
3	MAΘ Math Minutes video submission opens

Upcoming Convention Dates

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



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