



Happy Valentine's Day February 2025

We are preparing for a great and *BUSY* scholarship/award/contest/convention season! All active chapters received a Math Minutes Video Contest email from us January 31 (submission ends on February 28). All scholarship applications and many award applications were due on February 3. National Convention registration opens on March 1. More award applications are due on March 3 and March 15. Please meet the deadlines!

DANA C. WADE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



For the Math Minutes Video Contest, be sure to note that **teaching a math concept** should be the goal in the video. This is part of the contest rules. Additionally, the school name cannot appear ANYWHERE in the video - not on clothing or in the background. Our team of previewers look specifically for this disqualifying element before the videos are sent to Doral Academy Prep for judging. We look forward to viewing all of the "Rated G" videos that are entered. The top 8 videos will be sent out to all active chapters for voting on April 1.

Remember that scholarship applications, including all required letters of recommendation, must be submitted through our portal no later than February 3. Scholarship winners will be contacted and announced by April 1, along with many award winners.

Have a great February! --Dana Wade

Award Deadlines

For Students

Kalin Award

DEADLINE: February 3, 2025

- student award
- \$4000 for member plus a plaque
- in-person interview at National Convention required

Andree Award

DEADLINE: March 3, 2025

- student award for future teachers
- \$2500 prize as cash or scholarship

For Sponsors

Diane Rubin Service Award

DEADLINE: March 3, 2025

- chapter award for service to community
- \$5,000 for chapter plus a plaque

Regional Sponsor of the Year Award

Deadline: March 15, 2025

- sponsor award for significant contributions to MAT
- \$1,000 for sponsor

For Student Leaders

Governors' Leadership and Service Award

Deadline: March 3, 2025

- Awarded to a student for demonstrating leadership and service
- One per region
- Governors select awardees
- \$4,000 prize

For applications and more information visit:
mualphatheta.org/page/awards

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: Shelby Aaberg

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

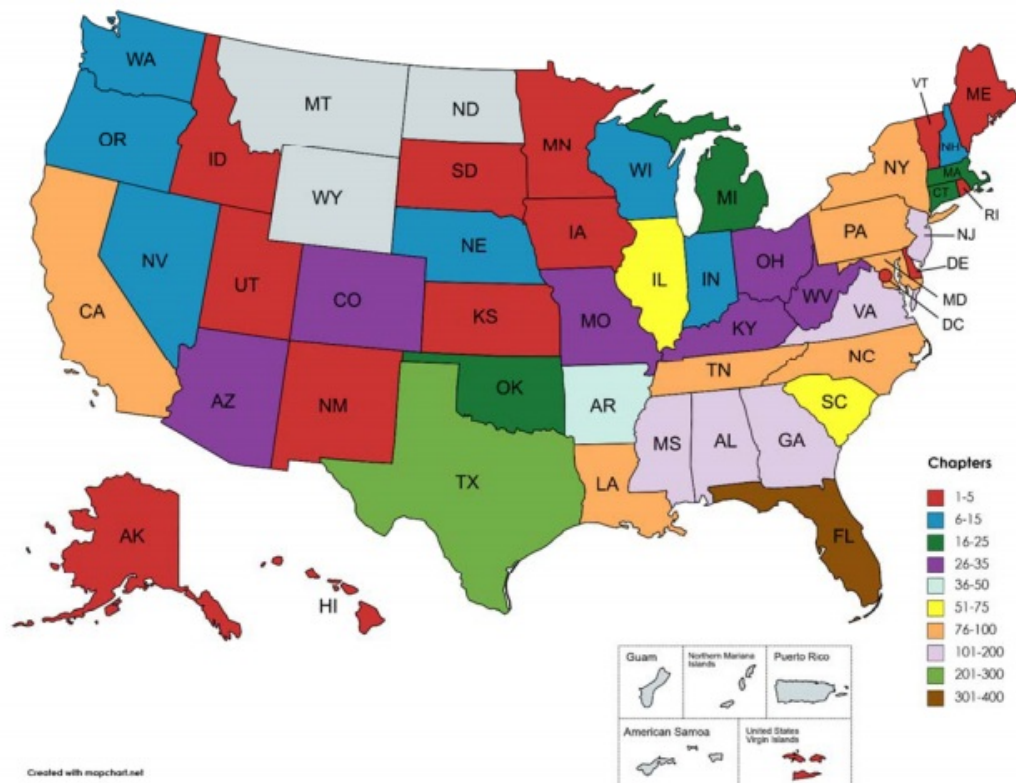
Governor Region 2: Tammi Carlisle

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,

Competitions have begun across the country. Florida has had three competitions

already this season!

The second student/sponsor meeting for the National Convention in Orlando July 6-11 will occur on Zoom Sunday February 16 at 6pm Eastern. These meetings provide an opportunity for your students and sponsors to learn the ins and outs of the weekly events and to ask questions as we approach the National Convention deadline of May 1. The spring will be over before you know it and the convention will be here, so please plan accordingly to get the payments and forms done on time. All of the National Convention information is at mualphatheta.org under National Conventions. This includes the Sponsor Packet, the hotel room spreadsheet



and the Google form to summarize your school's information.

Registration is \$500 per person. This covers the tests, your day at the theme park and t-shirt. It does not cover your hotel room cost. Rooms cost \$146.45 per night for the 5 nights of the convention plus tax. Please factor this cost into your total expenses for the convention in addition to registration and travel.

I am the host of the National Convention, and I'm very excited to see all the math events take place. If anyone ever has questions about the convention or any Mu Alpha Theta topic in general, please email me at robsnow23@yahoo.com and I'll be happy to help. Thanks!

Mu Alpha Theta Members Zoom Meeting

Rob Snow is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Orlando Convention Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 16, 2025 06:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82929890648>

Meeting ID: 829 2989 0648

Passcode: 491097

*Save the
Date!...*

The 53rd In-Person Mu Alpha Theta National Convention

Orlando, FL July 6 - 11, 2025

For details, check the Sponsor Packet at

<https://mualphatheta.org/national-convention>

"Invite a Sponsor" Initiative

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, and the deadline is April 1, 2025.



Need-Based Convention Scholarship

The sponsor of each chapter attending the national convention may nominate up to two members every year 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



Keep Calm & Order Your Graduation Regalia*!

*Cords, Pins, Stoles, and/or Tassels



MathWorks Math Modelling Challenge (M3 Challenge), is a free online contest for high school juniors and seniors and sixth form students in England and Wales. Teams of 3-5 students solve an open-ended problem about a real issue during their chosen 14 continuous hours over the Challenge weekend. Teams work at the location(s) of their choice, in person or using online collaboration tools. The contest, organized by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (**SIAM**), is free and open to all. There is NO BARRIER to participation other than having internet access. MathWorks, as title sponsor, funds key elements so that the Challenge can take place at no cost to students or schools. Scholarships totaling more than \$100,000 or £75,000 will be awarded in 2025. The M3 Challenge has given more than \$1.95 million in scholarships to date. Additional awards are given to teams that employ outstanding (and completely optional) code in their solutions. M3 Challenge culminates annually with an in-person final event in New York City with all expenses paid for finalists.

For rules, resources, and registration visit <https://M3Challenge.siam.org>.

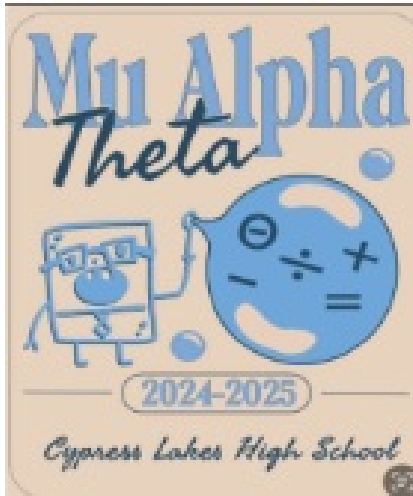
Register by February 21, 2025

Challenge weekend (Friday through Monday): February 28 to March 3, 2025



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.

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

We expect sponsors to submit requests, not students. Thank you!

Sponsors' Pages



February 2024



From the Desk of Karen Kating Hours: M-F 8:30 am--4:30 pm CT

Please remember that orders are processed the next business day after being received and that orders with 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 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. 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 will be considered one of your four free shipments per school year.

Please remember to order your graduation regalia early!

Please do not ask your students to work on our website or database. They should not have access to your username and password, either. Thank you!



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



Introducing Shelby Aaberg

Shelby Aaberg is the new Region 1 Governor on the Mu Alpha Theta Governing Council. Shelby began his teaching career in 2004 at Westside HS in Omaha, Nebraska. Since 2006, Shelby has taught at Scottsbluff HS in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. His current teaching assignment includes AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Precalculus, Algebra 2, and Enrichment Mathematics. Shelby serves as the department chair and Mu Alpha Theta sponsor at Scottsbluff HS. He also coaches the Bluffs Middle School MATHCOUNTS Team.

Shelby holds a Master's Degree in Mathematics Education from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and holds teaching endorsements in English as a Second Language K-12 and Assessment PK-12. He has previously taught graduate courses at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in teaching elementary school mathematics, statistics pedagogy, and using technology to enhance problem solving instruction. Shelby has earned recognition for his teaching throughout his career, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math & Science Teaching in 2013, the Nebraska Teacher of the Year in 2015, and the MAA Edyth May Sliffe Award in 2016 (high school level) and 2022 (middle school level). Shelby previously served as the President of the Nebraska Association of Teachers of Mathematics, an NCTM state affiliate, in the 2015-2016 school year.

Shelby and his students first attended the national convention in 2023. Shelby brought 13 students and one additional sponsor to the National Convention in Arkansas. In 2024, Scottsbluff HS brought 33 students and 3 sponsors to Las Vegas. The Scottsbluff students are busy preparing for Orlando 2025 and are looking forward to seeing some of the friends they have made the past two summers. In his new role as Region 1 Governor, Shelby hopes to spread the excitement, learning, and joy that Mu Alpha Theta sponsorship and involvement can provide.

Dana, Karen, and Kathy all look forward to working with Shelby!



School Name	City	State	Region
	Shawnee		
Bishop Miege HS	Mission	KA	1
Costa Mesa Middle and HS	Costa Mesa	CA	1
Goddard HS	Goddard	KA	1
Saigon South International School	Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam	1
South Elgin HS	South Elgin	IL	1
The British School <u>Of</u> Ulaanbaatar	Ulaanbaatar	Mongolia	1
William Fremd HS	Palatine	IL	1
Dallas College - Brookhaven Campus	Framers Branch	TX	2
John B. Alexander HS	Laredo	TX	2
Cherry Hill HS East	Cherry Hill	NJ	3
Infinity Institute	Jersey City	NJ	3
King's Park HS	Kings Park	NY	3
Liberty Creek HS	Gallatin	TN	3
The Williams School	New London	CT	3
BioTECH@Richmond Heights HS	Miami	FL	4
Carlisle HS	Carlisle	PA	4
Dr. Kiran C Patel HS	Tampa	FL	4
Estero HS	Estero	FL	4
International Studies Acad Charter HS	Hollywood	FL	4
North Stafford HS	Stafford	VA	4
Propel Andrew Street HS	Munhall	PA	4
Riverdale Baptist School	Upper Marlboro	MD	4
Southern Lehigh HS	Center Valley	PA	4
St. Paul's School for Boys	Brooklandville	MD	4
The Collegiate School at FSU PC	Panama City	FL	4
The Paideia School	Atlanta	GA	4
Willow Spring HS	Fuquay Varina	NC	4

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