

Your monthly update to all things  
**Mu Alpha Theta**

Thursday, September 14, 2023



## Calling all sponsors and delegates

**Sponsor Meeting** President Rob Snow is inviting all sponsors to a Zoom meeting.

Topic: To allow sponsor to ask MAO questions and get advice  
Time: Sep 16, 2023 02:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84874741321?pwd=bWJxa3dLYlpZVXhDNGF0ZFhoRVdiQT09>

Meeting ID: 848 7474 1321

Passcode: 847432

**Student Meeting** President Rob Snow is inviting students to their own Zoom meeting.

Topic: To help students grow their individual chapter or chapters in their area.  
Time: Sep 16, 2023 04:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87499092811?pwd=R2xUV1JMRis0OHh3ek41MIJUZzZMz09>

Meeting ID: 874 9909 2811

Passcode: 834373



## Message from Dana Wade, Executive Director

We in the National Office are excited for the new school year! There are plans for a Mu Alpha Theta shirt sale that goes along with the Baseball World Series, a new T-shirt design contest, Zoom meetings with the new student delegate officers, the Math Minutes Video Contest, more awards and scholarships, and a fabulous national convention in July in Las Vegas! Thank you to all of the Mu Alpha Theta sponsors who keep up with all of these events for your chapter!

Do you need fundraising ideas for your MAΘ chapter? Our YouTube channel has the recorded Zoom meetings with last year's student delegate officers, who shared their experiences with their own chapters. You can find those at **NationalMuAlphaTheta - YouTube**

Don't forget to send us YOUR chapter news and YOUR chapter pictures throughout the school year! We would love to share those in upcoming newsletters.

We are looking forward to another great Mu Alpha Theta year!

## UAP and \$1K

What do these two abbreviations have in common? Let us tell you.



If you listen to the news right now, you might hear a lot of out of this world news with terms like Unexplained Aerial Phenomena (UAP), UFOs, ETs, and a green comet. In addition, you might be aware that a complete solar eclipse is expected for April 8, 2024, across parts of the United States. Also, black holes are evaporating. And finally, NASA is sending a spacecraft to Jupiter's moon in October 2024.

Meanwhile, Mu Alpha Theta is holding its T-shirt contest again this year, and its leaders are cognizant that we are not alone. MAΘ chose 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.

The email submission window will be from March 14, 2024, to April 8, 2024. More details to follow on the web soon, but get your creative members dreaming!

Did you know that **Chi Alpha Mu** are the Greek letters for C, A, & M and were chosen to represent **Creative Adventures in Mathematics**



A great way to get your high school students involved in passing the torch is to have them lead, participate, or even start a Chi Alpha Mu junior high chapter within their school system.

If your chapter works with a Chi Alpha Mu chapter, share with us what your chapter is doing so we can feature you in our next newsletter. For more information, go to [www.chialphamu](http://www.chialphamu).

**Baseball T-Shirts**

**\$11**

**BASEBALL WORLD SERIES SALE**

TO CELEBRATE THE 2023 BASEBALL WORLD SERIES, IN OCTOBER, ALL MU ALPHA THETA BASEBALL T-SHIRTS WILL BE \$11. THIS SALE BEGINS ON OCTOBER 1 AND ENDS ON OCTOBER 31, 2023.

**MU ALPHA THETA**

We are going back to LAS VEGAS! National Convention July 7-12, 2024  
Host Kim Woolfenden Test Coordinator Will Frazer



Alexis Park is a NON-GAMING hotel. It is the same hotel as 2019. Huge Rooms!  
You will book and pay for your own rooms. Link should be out in October.



All activities will be at the Alexis Park All Suites Hotel, except the excursion, which will be announced later, maybe a Cirque du Soleil show in the evening.



The Sponsor Packet should be out by the end of September. Contact Kim for questions. Woolfmath@aol.com

*Eleanor Roosevelt is quoted as saying, "Do one thing every day that scares you." What scares you?*

Hello all,

I hope everyone has had a great start to their school year. As we begin to get settled in, our first zoom meetings for sponsors and for students will be on Saturday, September 16. This is an opportunity to ask questions and get advice on anything that is done in a Mu Alpha Theta chapter throughout the year. The sponsor meeting is from 2-3:30 pm ET and the student meeting is from 4-5 pm ET. The zoom links are in this newsletter.



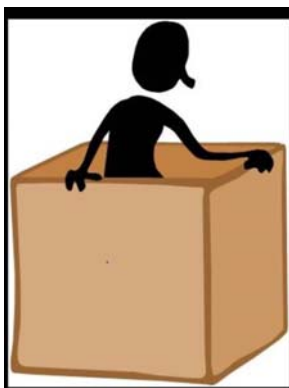
I look forward to meeting new sponsors and seeing experienced sponsors as we prepare for the competition season in the spring leading up to our National Convention in Las Vegas, July 7-12, 2024. Please let your students know about the student meeting. They also can ask about anything regarding Mu Alpha Theta to help grow their individual chapter or the chapters in their area.

Thanks!

Rob Snow, National Mu Alpha Theta President



What is mathematics? It is only a systematic effort of solving puzzles posed by nature.  
— Shakuntala Devi



## For Sponsors

As we approach a new school year, we thought we would throw out a few reminders.

If you are taking over for a sponsor, please let the office know so we can update your chapter, this information is how you reset your password and how you receive important information from Mu Alpha Theta.

You only have two (2) free shipments per school year so make sure to bundle orders/member registrations together to save on shipping. Remember one shipment will be for cords. And if you are adding seniors at the same time as ordering cords, you will need to make two orders. But if orders are made same day, they will be packed together and be considered one shipment.

If you enter the wrong shipping address and UPS has to correct it, we get charged for it so we have to charge that expense back to your chapter.

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 that your school's name is on the same side of the shirt as Mu Alpha Theta or the Mu Alpha Theta logo.

## Meet Jesse Brodtman, National Student Delegate President



*Jesse Brodtman is a senior at American Heritage Palm Beach in South Florida. In school, he is part of the Best Buddies, CS, and FBLA clubs (in addition to doing math competitions). Outside of school, he likes to play CS:GO and hang with his two cats! He's looking forward to seeing everyone and getting a suite in Vegas! Please message him (@jessebrodtman) if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year.*

Dear Mu Alpha Theta Members,

I hope this message finds you well as we embark on a new academic year. It is an honor to serve as your National Student Delegate President, and I am thrilled to share some exciting updates and plans for our mathematical journey ahead.

Our recent convention in Arkansas was a tremendous success! We witnessed the brilliance of students from all corners of the country as they competed, collaborated, and celebrated their shared love for mathematics. The memories we created during those days will forever remain etched in our hearts.

Looking forward, I am so excited for the next national convention which is set to take place in the vibrant city of Las Vegas! Our team is hard at work, ensuring that this upcoming event will be nothing short of spectacular. Be sure to mark your calendars, start your preparations, and join us in Las Vegas for what promises to be an unforgettable experience.

Starting in January, the student delegates will be hosting monthly zoom meetings. These gatherings will provide an invaluable platform for us to connect, exchange ideas, and strengthen our bonds as a community. Your active participation is encouraged as we strive to foster a supportive network of young mathematicians.

To further enhance our effectiveness, we are introducing student committees. These committees will focus on diverse areas such as communication and community engagement. We invite those of you who are passionate about contributing to the growth of Mu Alpha Theta to join these committees and be part of the positive changes we aim to bring about. More information will be provided during the upcoming zoom meetings.

In the coming months, my priorities include helping more chapters learn about and attend the national convention, as well as increasing participation at the local level.

Should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the future of the student delegates, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at **[jessebrodtman@gmail.com](mailto:jessebrodtman@gmail.com)**. Your input is invaluable, and together, we will continue to shape a bright and diverse future for our beloved organization.



## 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).



### Motions approved at the June Governing Council Meeting

- For award and scholarship applications, if a "member" recommendation letter is needed, a "member" is defined as a student who was in your school's MAO chapter along with you. A "member" is not a sponsor or teacher. Ask the member to describe their work with you as a fellow member. Please confirm with your sponsor that the person is/was a Mu Alpha Theta member registered with the National Office.
- Award and scholarship submitted applications that require a letter of recommendation from a member and do not include one will be disqualified.
- The Math Minutes Video Contest and the Rocket City Math League will continue with the same level of support as in the past for 2024 and Log 1 will be retired until further notice.
- Each Governing Council member will sign a memorandum of agreement upon becoming a member of council.
- This work is in progress: Mu Alpha Theta will hire a programmer to work with the existing code of the current scoring program or use their own code to create a new scoring program for the National Office. This program can then be used by any State affiliate for their MAO competition events.

### 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?

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!



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