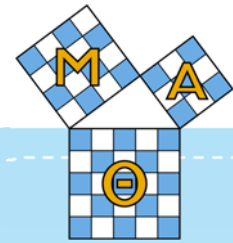


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# Mu Alpha Theta News

## Convention Edition:

Many Mu Alpha Theta members and sponsors gathered together in Alexandria, VA, for days of fun, learning, and testing from July 10th to the 15th. Although few, if any students, were returning, many sponsors returned bringing their energetic students.

Here are some highlights from co-host Steve Friedlander:

### 50th Mu Alpha Theta National Convention

"It's great to be back in person" were words spoken many times the second week of July at the Mu Alpha Theta National Convention in Alexandria, VA. Following a three-year absence from inperson competition, the National Convention returned from July 10-15. Some 435 students and 70 chaperones attended the event.

The convention was highlighted by such tests as Comic Sans, Monumental Math, and Rules and Red Tape that followed the Chalk Talk themes and the return of the Mystery Test. The Comic Sans test, Mu level and written by Dr. Radleigh Santos of American Heritage Broward (FL), featured math problems written in comic strips. The test was the first ever one printed entirely in color.

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Brentwood HS Students at Photo Booth

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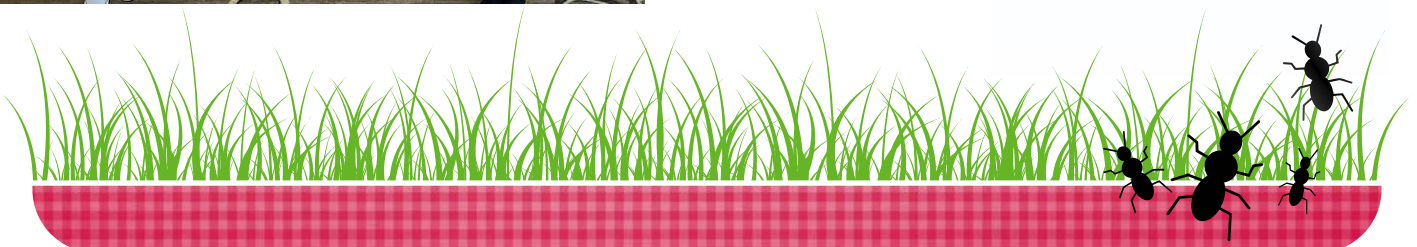
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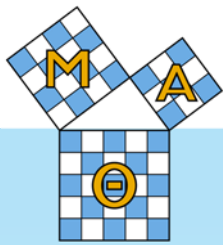
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#### Important Dates

9/5/22	Office Closed
9/9/22	Deadline for News submissions
6/25-30/23	National Convention Fayetteville, AR





Buchholz Winning Poster

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FAMAT practice:**

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**Link to convention Re-  
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**Link to Convention Tests  
and Solutions:**

## Message from Rob Snow, President-Elect

Hello all,

The FAMAT Student Delegates Board will begin an initiative of Monthly Zoom Practices at all high school levels (Mu, Alpha, Theta) to reinforce fundamental concepts and practice FAMAT-style question formats. Not only will this help students gear up for competition season, but it will serve as an outlet for experienced students to pass on their knowledge throughout the organization. Our first practice will run as a trial to gauge interest. It will be held on August 13th, from 7-9 PM ET.

To participate, have your students fill out the google docs form at [tinyurl.com/2022prac](https://tinyurl.com/2022prac). The email addresses entered will be used to communicate and set up the meeting. Students may submit any specific questions they have, too.

We would love to see faces from many schools, so it would be greatly appreciated if you forwarded this email to any interested students.

For any inquiries, contact [famatstudent@gmail.com](mailto:famatstudent@gmail.com)

Have a great year! —Rob Snow

**Friedlander, continued:**

The convention was hosted by Kim Woolfenden and Steve Friedlander while Jason Kenyon served as test coordinator. Rachael Cross, Tonia Crowe, Lindsay Liu, and Ben Wurgler provided awesome assistance making the convention run smoothly.

Students and adults alike were fortunate to experience talks by Dr. Kavita Chandra (Women in STEM), Dr. Naomi Brownstein (The Mathematics of COVID), Ms. Lisa Herron (Mathematical Adventures for Everyone), and Mr. Tom Reardon (Mathematically Model Data from The Climate Reality Project Training with Al Gore).

Gainesville Buchholz won sweepstakes and can lay claim to MAΘ National Champion for 2022. They were followed by American Heritage Broward (FL), American Heritage Palm Beach (FL), Vestavia Hills (AL), and Dunbar (FL) to round out the top five. The Blue Ribbon schools were Farragut (TN) – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Arizona College Prep – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Vero Beach (FL) – 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Individually, the Chalk Talk winners were in the Theta Division, Anagha Deepak of Round Rock (TX), Alpha – Rishab Samant of Vestavia Hills, and Mu – Rosa Wu of American Heritage Broward.

Buchholz claimed the first place prize in the poster event. A picture of their poster is in the column to your left.

We look forward to the 2023 National Convention on the campus of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville hosted by Tonia Crowe. Spread the word so MAΘ can grow!



## 2022 Huneke Award Winner Paige Perry

Our Huneke Award Recipient is Paige Perry. The Huneke Award honors a sponsor who has made significant contributions to Mu Alpha Theta.

Paige has taught at Southern Union State Community College (SUSCC) in Opelika, Alabama. She has served as a Mu Alpha Theta sponsor for 25 years total at SUSCC since 2011 and before that at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College.

Paige's Dean wrote, "One of [her] most endearing characteristics is that when she takes on a project, she always affords it a considerable portion of her energy and does everything she can to see it come to fruition."

Paige has also served as AMATYC Representative to the Mu Alpha Theta Governing Council.



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*"Mrs. Perry is the epitome of a great sponsor." —Former SUSCC Mu Alpha Theta President*

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## Sister Scholastica Most Committed Sponsor Award



Daniel Bonnett, Riverside High School, Bella, West Virginia, was nominated for this award by his students and was then chosen by the student delegates as the Sister Scholastica Most Committed Sponsor Award recipient.

His students reported that Daniel is highly admired for his teaching, his dedication to his school, and his commitment to Mu Alpha Theta.

One student wrote, "He encourages everyone to try their best, supporting Mu Alpha Theta's mission to keep mathematics interesting and to develop strong scholarship."

Another student commented on the fact that Mr. Bonnett chose to forego his planning period so that he could offer more higher level mathematics. He has increased the AP Calculus program at Riverside HS from 4 to 31 students.

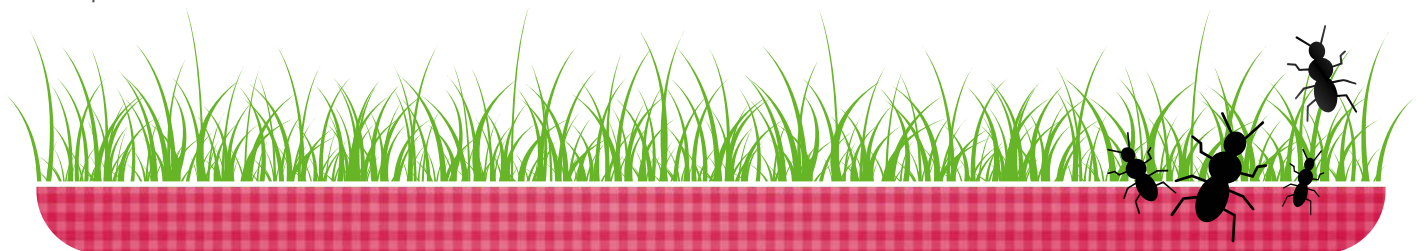
In addition to working locally with Mu Alpha Theta, he is now the Region IV governor of the National Mu Alpha Theta.

Congratulations, Daniel!

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*Mr. Bonnett deserves this award for "his passion and accomplishments for the mathematics program at Riverside HS." —Riverside HS student*

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Thanks for attending the **2022 Alexandria, VA, National Convention** this summer! We loved seeing all of you.

Vestavia Hills High School--AL  
 Arizona College Prep--AZ  
 BASIS Chandler High School--AZ  
 Windsor Charter Academy--CO  
 American Heritage School - Broward--FL  
 American Heritage School - Palm Beach--FL  
 Berkeley Preparatory School--FL  
 Buchholz High School--FL  
 Cypress Bay High School--FL  
 Deerfield Beach High School--FL  
 Dunbar High School--FL  
 Florida State College at Jacksonville  
 Gainesville High School--FL  
 Lawton Chiles High School--FL  
 Orlando Science Schools--FL  
 Vero Beach High School--FL  
 Douglas County High School--GA  
 Kamehameha Schools--HI  
 Marion High School--IN  
 Baton Rouge Magnet High School--LA  
 Benjamin Franklin High School--LA  
 Brother Martin High School--LA  
 Jesuit High School--LA  
 John F. Kennedy High School--MD  
 Brentwood High School--TN  
 Farragut High School--TN  
 Round Rock High School--TX  
 Thomas Jefferson High School--WA  
 Riverside High School--WV

Plan on attending the **2023 National Convention in Fayetteville, Arkansas, June 25-30, 2023!** We look forward to seeing you!



The outgoing Governing Council in the beautiful setting behind the convention hotel. Thanks to all those who are staying on the Governing Council and to Lisa Herron, Kim Woolfenden, and Todd Taylor for their years of service on the Council.

Congratulations to Karen Kating who was promoted to Assistant Executive Director.

2nd place poster:  
 Florida State College at Jacksonville



3rd place poster  
 American Heritage Broward



Watch for more poster winners at [mualphatheta.org](http://mualphatheta.org)

## 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.

Our website IT technician, who is located in the Ukraine, will be migrating your 2022 graduates off your current roster. This process takes about a month normally, please be patient.

Thanks, Karen Kating

## Mu Alpha Theta Store

The 2022 contest winning T-shirt will be available once all the design work is complete. However, this is an early mock-up.

