

# Mu Alpha Theta News

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## 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.



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mu Alpha Theta welcomes you to your new school year. Summer seemed to go by too fast as I reflect on the time spent with family and friends. It was so nice to be able to get together in the Washington DC area for an in-person convention. The convention brought us the opportunity to see old friends and hopefully make new friends, not to mention the excitement of possibly winning a trophy. A big **Thank You** to Steve Friedlander and Kim Woolfenden for hosting the convention. Hosting is a large undertaking, but one that they make look easy with their years of experience. Congratulations to Buchholz High School for winning another National Title. I am personally looking forward to the convention next summer in Fayetteville, Arkansas, June 25–30, 2023. Be sure to mark this on your calendar, as it is earlier this year than usual.

We love to hear what your chapter is doing. Feel free to submit your favorite chapter activities to share with others at [info@mualphatheta.org](mailto:info@mualphatheta.org). By sharing your activities, it will help give others ideas and inspiration to do the same.

Check out our website to see the contests you or your chapter can be involved with this school year. A few to mention are the Mathematical Minutes Video Contest and the Rocket City Math League. Both are free and fun! Also on the website are many opportunities for scholarships and grants to help you fund your college education. The winning percentage is about 50%...and since you are math people, you know that is a good probability of success! I wish you the best for this school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your region's Governor or our Executive Director, Dana Wade, at the national office.

*Rita Ralph*, MAΘ President

## REMINDERS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

**MERCHANDISE:** These items are sold exclusively in bundles:

**Diploma seal:** 10 for \$2.50

**Decal:** 10 for \$2.50

## MAΘ EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION DONATIONS:

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Mu Alpha Theta Educational Foundation this year! Your donations help fund scholarships and grants for members, sponsors, and chapters. We accept donations year-round.

Amazon Smile is a painless way to contribute to Mu Alpha Theta!

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## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DANA WADE**

As we enter a new academic year, Mu Alpha Theta has so much to be thankful for and excited about. We just had a great 50<sup>th</sup> in-person national convention in Alexandria, VA, in July, attended by almost 30 chapters and 400 members and sponsors. We continue to enroll new chapters from all four regions. Our new student delegate officers are ready to make their mark on MA $\Theta$ . And, our governing board members have dedicated themselves to the success of this wonderful mathematical honor society!

Steve Jobs once said, "Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people". Great things are happening at MA $\Theta$  because of the amazing teams that we have in our office, on our governing board and committees, in each region, and in our chapters. This year, we will be able to give more scholarships and more grants because of our teams. We will have another AMAZING national convention at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville because of our teams. We are looking to grow Mu Alpha Theta exponentially because of our *teams*!

Has your chapter started talking about the 2023 MA $\Theta$  National Convention? Plans are already underway at the beautiful University of Arkansas campus in Fayetteville to host the best math minds for 4 days of intense math competitions next June. Start your fundraising NOW! Be ready when convention registration opens on March 1, 2023, to reserve your spots for this opportunity. Not sure if the MA $\Theta$  National Convention is right for your chapter? Go to <https://mualphatheta.org/national-convention> to see the program and contests from previous years that are still on our website. More information and details will be coming soon about how this June 2023 gathering at the U of A will be **THE PLACE TO BE** for all Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society teams!



### **PARTNER WITH A CHI ALPHA MU MATH CLUB!**

Does your chapter want to make a difference? Has your chapter considered working with local middle schools? Mu Alpha Theta encourages chapters to partner with their local middle school to form a Chi Alpha Mu math club.

Chi Alpha Mu is the National Junior Mathematics Club for Middle Schools and Junior High Schools. Founded in 1967, the organization was reactivated by Mu Alpha Theta in 2008 to promote enjoyment and understanding of mathematics by middle school students.

Mu Alpha Theta members could serve as mentors, provide tutoring, run **Mini Mu** competitions, or host math fun days. To see if a Chi Alpha Mu club currently exists near you, email [info@mualphatheta.org](mailto:info@mualphatheta.org).



If you have not done so, please complete the 2022 Convention Survey, by **October 1st**. The survey was sent to the primary sponsor of all Convention attending chapters! Thanks so much, your input will help us better serve you in the future!



## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STUDENT DELEGATE PRESIDENT** **DYLAN G. RHOTON**

Fellow students,

This summer, I was honored to be elected to serve as your National Student Delegate President. I would like to share a few key ideas with you now as we begin this new school year. I would like to thank all of the dedicated sponsors, students, and leaders who contributed to making National Convention 2022 such a remarkable success. On behalf of the entire Student Delegation, I'd like to say that we are incredibly grateful for the support that we receive from these mentors in our lives; your work is what drives this organization, and we are eternally thankful for this space you create for us to flourish.

Our convention this July brought hundreds of students from places like Louisiana, Hawaii, Florida, and Arizona together in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. We engaged in daring competition, crammed the hotel's elevators, and celebrated our shared love of learning. Although our primary focus was to compete well in our selected tests, together, we built irreplaceable memories in those six short days. Whether we were commiserating over building a replica of the Washington Monument out of marshmallows and spaghetti or engaging in card games with students from far and wide, National Convention served as an amazing opportunity for us students to bond as a group. We were undeniably able to demonstrate our mathematical abilities, but we also created strong friendships and shared a truly inimitable experience together.



In addition to these aforementioned activities, the Student Delegation assembled to discuss our priorities for the National Office in the coming year and elect new officers. After all the regional nominations and overarching speeches were said and done, the delegation voted and elected the new representatives for the 2022-2023 term. I am honored to be entrusted with the role of National Student Delegate President, and I am ecstatic to get to carry the torch for Mu Alpha Theta abroad. Together, your delegate officers, who are introduced on the next pages, will work as a team to improve the National Office and prepare for Convention in 2023.

My priorities for this upcoming year include encouraging communication between local chapters and the National Office and exploring creative ideas to expand accessibility to National Convention. Your officers have already been in close contact regarding our plans for this upcoming year, and we are all excited to use this opportunity to leave our mark on something greater than ourselves. If we need to hold meetings with members from across the nation and globe, promote fundraising ideas for Convention, or inspire leaders of local chapters to set their communities ablaze with mathematics, we will do everything in our power to promote our common interests manifested in Mu Alpha Theta.

Wrapping up, I am extremely optimistic about the horizon of Mu Alpha Theta and National Convention in 2023. Hopefully, I will see faces both familiar and new as we embark on a new journey on the campus of the University of Arkansas together next year. Begin your planning and studying soon because before you know it, we'll be competing together in Fayetteville. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about the future of the organization, please contact me at [dgrhoton@gmail.com](mailto:dgrhoton@gmail.com). I trust and believe that as a group, we will build a bright and diverse future together.



With a steadfast belief in what's possible and a lot of grit, I know that we will succeed in creating the best National Convention yet. I cannot wait for what the future holds, and I'll see you in Fayetteville next June!

## **MEET YOUR 2022-2023 STUDENT DELEGATE OFFICERS**



**President Dylan Rhoton** is a Junior at Brother Martin High School in New Orleans, Louisiana, and he is thrilled to represent his school and state as the 2022-2023 National Mu Alpha Theta President. Dylan is the Secretary-Treasurer of Louisiana Mu Alpha Theta, while also serving on his school's Student Council Executive Board and the Southeast Louisiana Youth Council.

Dylan looks forward to working hard with the Student Delegate Officers and chapters nationwide this year, and he appreciates everyone who helped him achieve this position. Dylan is ready to make Mu Alpha Theta bigger and more accessible than ever before, and he can't wait to see everyone in Fayetteville next June!



From **Sharvaa Selvan, Vice President:**

Hey, my name is Sharvaa, and I'm a senior at American Heritage Broward in Florida. Outside of math, I love to play the guitar, watch anime, and collect stuffed animals!

I'm looking forward to increasing participation from smaller schools at the national convention, and hope to see successful projects between regions throughout the year.



## **MEET YOUR 2022-2023 STUDENT DELEGATE OFFICERS**



**Audrey Aulino** is a senior at Brentwood High School in Tennessee, and I am honored to serve as Secretary.

I can remember loving math as far back as early elementary school, and I continue to spread that passion through Mu Alpha Theta.

My hope is that this next year, we expand the scope of MA $\Theta$  to more states and schools that might not already have it. I also want to increase the sense of a national community by connecting MA $\Theta$  students beyond their own school and state.



From **Reia Pablo, Parliamentarian:**

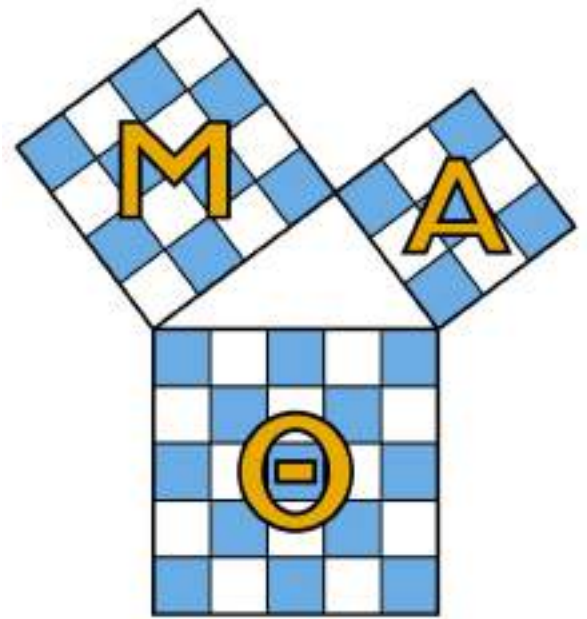
Mu Alpha Theta members: I have been involved with math team since elementary and I look forward to spending my last year on the delegate team at MA $\Theta$ . My goals are to be more inclusive and to bring more representation from Region 1, since our region is quite small at the moment. As well as promoting MA $\Theta$  more often, outside of math team, I enjoy spending time with my friends in nature, or staying home with my family. I'm also heavily involved in leadership at TJHS as our ASB Secretary. I'm also quite the creative person, enjoying creating jewelry and art. I look forward to working with MA $\Theta$  the coming year!



## **MEMORIES FROM THE 2022 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ALEXANDRIA, VA**



**Congratulations to all members and Thanks to all sponsors and chaperones! Join the fun, food, and work next year in Arkansas!**



**Mu Alpha Theta**  
**2023 National**  
**Convention**  
**University of Arkansas**  
**at Fayetteville**  
**June 25-30**

**Registration opens March 1, 2023**

[www.mualphatheta.org](http://www.mualphatheta.org)

**Topic Tests   Chalk Talk   Relays   Poster Contest**

*Excursions to the Crystal Bridges Museum of  
American Art, the Innovations Lab of Northwest  
Arkansas, and Ozark Trails*

## **MOTIONS APPROVED AT THE SUMMER GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

- ◆ That Mathematical Minutes Video Contest rules be revised to state that each video must include close captioning.
- ◆ That the Log 1 contest be suspended for the 2022-23 school year, and that a sponsor and students be sought to run the contest beginning with the 2023-24 school year.
- ◆ That Kim Woolfenden be reappointed Convention Coordinator for a three-year term from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025.
- ◆ That the Convention Coordinator serve as an ex officio, non-voting, member of the Mu Alpha Theta and the Mu Alpha Theta Educational Foundation Governing Councils.
- ◆ That the current Mu Alpha Theta Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statement be updated as follows:

Mu Alpha Theta has the purpose of and is dedicated to inspiring keen interest in mathematics, developing strong scholarship in the subject, and promoting the enjoyment of mathematics in high school and two-year college students. Because we believe that the mathematics of the future relies increasingly upon a person's ability to imagine and create, as well as their ability to reason, Mu Alpha Theta:

Recruits school communities with underrepresented and underserved students.

Is committed to fighting racism, discrimination and inequity within our organization and within our world and works to remove barriers and layers of mathematical disadvantage to Latinx, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (LBIPOC) communities.

Rejects all forms of bullying and discrimination of all backgrounds.

Condemns discriminatory action and encourages all members to exhibit actions that will promote dignity and respect and strives to create an open, supportive environment for people of all gender identifications and sexual orientations.

Guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Amendments.

Encourages schools and students of all economic backgrounds to participate.



**Social Media Reminders:** A chapter's social media account should include the school's name at the beginning of the title, for example "Smith Middle School Chi Alpha Mu". 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!



**Newsletter submissions are due 10/7/22 for the 10/13/22 newsletter! Send to [Kathy@mualphatheta.org](mailto:Kathy@mualphatheta.org) or [info@mualphatheta.org](mailto:info@mualphatheta.org). Thanks!**



## **FOR SPONSORS**

Welcome Back Sponsors and Members!

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 make sure to 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 4 free shipments per school year so make sure to bundle orders/members 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 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.

And lastly, the 2023 Convention is in Fayetteville, Ark, June 25-30<sup>th</sup>. We had so much fun in Washington, DC, please try to make it to Fayetteville. We will be on the campus of University of Arkansas in the dorms and amazing outings are in the works. We hope to see you there!

Karen Kating, Assistant Executive Director



The Mu Alpha Theta Store is now located in the National Office. We were having problems with quality control and the increase in prices from the fulfillment center would have resulted in increased prices to chapters/members. To accomplish this move, we have hired Cami Rattan and her dog Nikita (pictured here) to manage the store, which includes printing certificates, packaging and shipping. Cami is a student at the University of Oklahoma, and we are extremely fortunate to have her. In the past she has had other related positions including working at Amazon.



**Welcome Cami!**



# 2022-2023 Mu Alpha Theta Calendar of Events



[Click here for our contests page](#)

<b>August</b>	
1	MAΘ store opens

<b>September</b>	
1	Scholarship and Award applications open on MAΘ website
5	Labor Day - National Office closed
29	NCTM Meeting opens, Los Angeles, CA

<b>October</b>	
1	NCTM Meeting ends, LA
1-2	SIAM Central States Section Mtg, Stillwater, OK

<b>November</b>	
4-6	SIAM Tex-Lou Mtg, Houston, TX
8-22	RCML Interschool testing dates - results due Nov. 30
17-20	AMATYC Conference, Toronto
23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday - National Office closed
?	<a href="#">M3C registration opens</a>
30	NCTM Regional Conference begins, Baltimore, MD

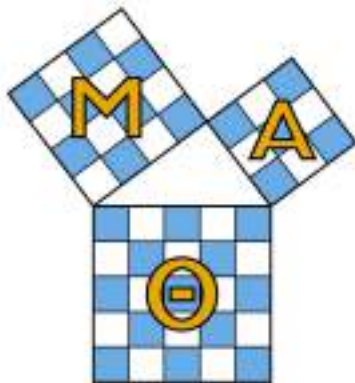
<b>December</b>	
2	NCTM Regional Conference ends, Baltimore, MD
16	MAΘ store closes and shopping carts deleted
16	All seniors applying for MAΘ scholarships in 2023 must be on MAΘ rolls. No exceptions.
19-30	MAΘ National Office closed

<b>January</b>	
3	MAΘ store opens
3	MAΘ National Office opens
11-20	RCML Round 1 - results due by Jan. 25
16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, National Office closed
31	MAΘ Math Minutes video contest entry forms emailed to all active chapters

<b>February</b>	
1	MAΘ scholarship applications due
1	Kalin Award applications due
1	MAΘ Math Minutes video submission opens
8-17	RCML Round 2 - results due by Feb. 22
24	<a href="#">M3C registration closes</a>
28	MAΘ Math Minutes video submission closes

<b>March</b>	
1	2023 MAΘ National Convention (Fayetteville, AR) registration OPENS
1	Rubin, Andree, GLSA award applications due
3-6	<a href="#">M3C Challenge Weekend</a>
8-24	RCML Round 3 - results due by Mar. 29
13	MAΘ T-shirt contest opens
15	MAΘ Reg. Sponsor of the Year Award applications due

<b>April</b>	
1	<a href="#">MAΘ National Convention grant submission deadline</a>
1	MAΘ Math Minutes video finalists announced, chapter voting opens
1	MAΘ Award winners posted
30	2023 MAΘ National Convention (Fayetteville, AR) registration CLOSES
<b>May</b>	
1	MAΘ Math Minutes video winners announced
13	<a href="#">ISEF in Dallas, TX</a>
26	MAΘ T-shirt contest closes
29	Memorial Day - National Office closed
<b>June</b>	
15	MAΘ Huneke Award applications due
19	Juneteeth Holiday - National Office closed
25-30	<a href="#">MAΘ National Convention, Fayetteville, AR</a>
<b>July</b>	
1	MAΘ store closed
3-4	July 4th Holiday - National Office closed
10	MAΘ graduating seniors migrated off website



## PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The [National Council of Teachers of Mathematics \(NCTM\)](#) is the world's largest mathematics education organization, designed to provide the vision and leadership necessary to ensure a mathematics education of the highest quality for all students.

The [Mathematical Association of America \(MAA\)](#) is the world's largest community of mathematicians, students, and enthusiasts. Its mission is to advance the understanding of mathematics and its impact on our world.

The [Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics \(SIAM\)](#) advances the application of mathematics and computational science to science, engineering, industry, and society.

The [American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges \(AMATYC\)](#) is the only organization exclusively devoted to providing a national forum for the improvement of the instruction of mathematics in the first two years of college. AMATYC has approximately 2,500 individual members and over 100 institutional members in the United States and Canada.