



Mu Alpha Theta

June 2024



Executive Director's Message

We are counting down the days to our National Convention in Las Vegas! Over 600 members, sponsors, and Governing Council members will be together at the Alexis Park Resort from July 7 - 12. Be sure to watch for convention pictures during that week on our social media.

Do you know a sponsor who should be nominated for the Mu Alpha Theta Huneke Award?:



*Mu Alpha Theta established this award in 1986 in honor of Harold Huneke, a former Secretary/Treasurer of National Mu Alpha Theta. Each year the **Huneke Award** honors a current or retired sponsor who has labored tirelessly and made significant contributions to Mu Alpha Theta. To be nominated, the individual must have served as a Mu Alpha Theta sponsor for at least five years, have attended at least two national conventions (or will attend a second convention this year), and cannot currently be a member of the Mu Alpha Theta Governing Council.*

The award includes a \$2,000 cash award to the winner.

Nominations should be made by a coworker, administrator, or other Mu Alpha Theta sponsor.

*The Governing Council will choose the winner of the Huneke Award and the winner will be announced at the National Convention. **The sponsor does not need to be present at the convention to win.** Also, any sponsor whose name is nominated, but does not win the award, will have their application reconsidered for the following two years for the award.*

Nominations must be made through our website and are due by June 15. If you know a great sponsor, please consider nominating them. Or, if you are a great sponsor, please ask a peer to nominate YOU!

Find time to rest and relax! --Dana Wade, Executive Director

June 28th--All invoices must be paid.

July 1 - August 1--Store will be closed. All shopping carts will be emptied.

Congratulations



Welcome the AMATYC Representative to Mu Alpha Theta, Mari Menard!

Mari was born in Mitchell, South Dakota (Corn Palace Capital of the World). Her family moved to Nederland, Texas in 1986. Mari graduated high school and went to local college in Beaumont, TX, Lamar University. She thought Medical Technologist was her field of study, but soon learned that was not for her, however she does have a minor in Biology. Her mom was the one that told her to look into a Mathematics degree, so she did. Mari has a BS and an MS in Mathematics, both from Lamar.

Mari wrote,

"I like to say, I never looked back and have never left college! During my Masters degree, I found that teaching at a community college was my goal. I started teaching both part-time and full-time, and in 2002 I was offered a full-time faculty position at Lone Star College Kingwood. I moved to Kingwood, TX, and have now been teaching in total for 25 years!"

Mari teaches a variety of math courses, from Corequisite to Precalculus as well as a variety of modalities.

Mari and her husband, Ward, live in Kingwood, TX, with a spoiled kitty cat, Boulet. They enjoy playing golf and traveling the U.S., with their most recent trip to Alaska as one of their favorites. Additionally, Mari enjoys gardening (her yellow rose smells as good as it looks) and a variety of exercise. For stress relief, she teaches a Tai Chi/Yoga/Pilates class called Les Mills BodyBalance at local gyms.

Huneke Award Nomination Deadline is June 15th. Nominate your Favorite Sponsor!



Reminder to Students

Students are not nor can they be sponsors. Students should direct all questions to their sponsors rather than the national office.

As a student you should not have access to your sponsor's log in or pa\$\$word.

Note to Student Delegates

Be sure to read the Student Delegate Assembly Bylaws. These can be found on at <https://mualphatheta.org/student-delegate-assembly>



President Rob Snow's Message

Hello all,

The school year has come to an end or is about to for most of us around the country. It is time for us to take a well deserved summer vacation and come back strong in the fall for another exciting year of Mu Alpha Theta.

For those of you attending the National Convention in Las Vegas July 7-12, I look forward to seeing you all and discussing any questions you'd like to address. It should

be a fun and HOT week!

There's always a next year and for those schools not attending the Las Vegas Convention, I'd like to let you know about the 2025 National Convention. It will be held in Orlando, Florida, July 6-11, 2025. I'll be the host of the convention, so if you ever have questions along the way, please email me at robsnow23@yahoo.com and I'll be happy to answer them.

The Sponsor packet for the Orlando convention should be out in the early fall at mualphatheta.org.

Enjoy the summer break, and I'll see everyone in the fall! Thanks.



National Convention Reminder

- If you are expecting a Mu Alpha Theta bus and your flight changes, contact Kim and Karen immediately!

In case you missed this last month:

To have a positive, memorable convention experience, please . . .

- Introduce yourself to your those sitting near you before or after tests to make new friends.
- Bring plenty of sharpened pencils.
- Wear your name tag while at the convention.
- Take lots of photos.
- Bring dressy clothes for the final awards ceremony.
- Pack sunscreen and a water bottle.
- Stay hydrated. It's high desert!
- Get to meals on time.
- Be on time for tests!
- Attend mixers and speaker sessions.
- Keep your room neat! Your mother doesn't work there.
- Ensure that your delegate attends the delegate meetings.
- Be in your room by curfew!



Congratulations to the Sally Scudder Scholarship Winner, Raymond Yao, and his sponsor, Storie Atkins



Send photos for the Newsletter

Please submit photos from the convention to Kathy@mualphatheta.org.

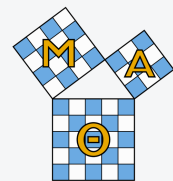
Be sure to include names and events as appropriate!

June 19th--Office closed to celebrate Juneteenth

Assistant Executive Director Karen Kating

Hours: M-F

8:30 am—4:30 pm CT



Emails are the best way to communicate with the National Office. Karen is the only person who answers the main phone line, and sometimes she works from a location where she cannot answer the phone. Just drop us an email at info@mualphatheta.org, and we will help you!

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR PAST DUE NOTICES! ALL INVOICES MUST BE PAID BY THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR.



Help us welcome these new chapters and thank Karen Kating and members of the Governing Council for facilitating the process!

(5/6/24 - 5/31/24)

School Name	City	State	Region
Vista Grande HS	Case Grande	AZ	1
Saguaro HS	Scottsdale	AZ	1
Sunnyside HS	Fresno	CA	1
Ghidotti Early College HS	Grass Valley	CA	1
Middle Park HS	Granby	CO	1
Olathe South HS	Olathe	KA	1
East Side HS	Newark	NJ	3
Ward Melville HS	East Setauket	NY	3
Wantagh HS	Wantagh	NY	3
Jewish Leadership Acad	Miami	FL	4
Cross Key HS	Atlanta	GA	4
Bayside HS	Virginia Beach	VA	4



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