

Meet the new President of Mu Alpha Theta...Rita Ralph



Rita has taught math for 22 years and her professional title is CCP Mathematics Instructor for Calculus, Pre-Calculus and Statistics High School Algebra II teacher.

What's your favorite thing about teaching mathematics? Helping students overcome their fears of math and realizing it is really not that difficult.

Have you always liked math? If not, what changed your mind? Yes, actually, I have always loved math.

Were you always good at math? If not, how did you become good at math? Yes, I have always been good at math. I don't know if I was good at it because I loved it or I loved it because I was good at it?

What is your relationship to Mu Alpha Theta and how long have you been involved? I have been involved with MAT for 8 years. First as a sponsor, then as a regional governor, then the AMATYC representative to the board, and I am the current President-Elect.

What do you like best about Mu Alpha Theta? The opportunities it affords students to compete in an academic subject. Math truly is a sport.

What advice would you give to someone in high school who is considering majoring in math in college? When deciding on a degree in college you need to ask yourself "What will I do with that degree? What type of jobs can I attain?" Math jobs are plentiful and varied. You will not have to worry about being out of work as the job field is open with few applicants.

CONGRATULATIONS!

...To Our Award Recipients:

Kalin Award – Andrei Mandelshtam, University High School (Irvine, CA)

Huneke Distinguished Sponsor Award– Betty Hood, Brentwood High School (Brentwood, TN)

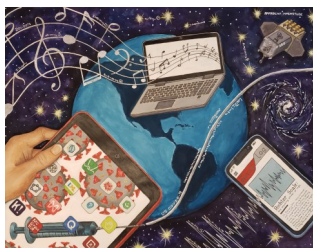
Mary Rhein Memorial Scholarship: Zoie Aquino - Thomas Jefferson High School (Auburn, WA)

Paul R. Goodey Scholarship: Andrei Mandelshtam - University High School (Irvine, CA)

Sallie Scudder Memorial Scholarship: Mikella Nguyen - International Leadership of Texas Keller-Saginaw High School (Fort Worth, TX)

Kay Weiss Scholarship: Arya Tadepalli - Loudoun Valley High School (Purcellville, VA)

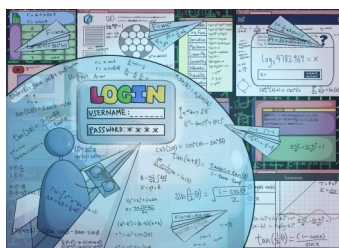
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American Heritage
Plantation



1st Place—Digital Poster
Farragut High School



2nd Place—Digital Poster
Cypress Bay High School

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