Your monthly update to all things

## Mu Alpha Theta

Thursday, October 12, 2023





#### Message from Dana Wade, Executive Director

Have you heard about the sale on MA $\Theta$  baseball shirts? Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity as the MLB World Series is happening this month!

We are happy to announce the 2023 Mu Alpha Theta Rubin Award winner: Smithtown High School East in Saint James,

New York! SHSE earned this award through their dedication to providing mathematics opportunities and events for the students throughout their district and community. Read more about them on our website.

Many sponsors and members joined in the Zoom meetings with MA $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$  National President and the National Student Delegate Officers in September. Topics included chapter events, fundraising, state affiliates, and our national convention. The recordings are on our YouTube channel: @NationalMuAlphaTheta

I will be at the AMATYC conference in Omaha in November. If you attend, please stop by the Mu Alpha Theta booth and say hello! We are hoping to increase interest and participation from two-year colleges.

Do you follow us on social media? Please consider checking us out for our postings on math topics, National Office information, merchandise sales, and other chapter and sponsor reminders.

Twitter/X: MATNatlOffice

YouTube: @NationalMuAlphaTheta

Facebook: MATNatlOffice Instagram: matnatloffice

Don't forget to send us pictures of your chapter events!

#### **Rubin Award Winner: Smithtown HS East**



Smithtown High School East Saint James, New York!



Pi day at SHSE, 2023 Rubin Award Winner



#### College Andree Award Winner, Jacob Norris

Jacob Norris is a student at the University of Washington in Seattle and a former member and assistant coach of the Thomas Jefferson High School Math Team. Now in his final year of pursuing a degree in mathematics, Jacob attributes his academic success to the

knowledge and problem-solving skills gained from his participation on the math team and his attendance at the Mu Alpha Theta National Convention. While excelling in challenging math courses at the UW, Jacob takes his knowledge back to the math team to help train students in topics like matrices and discrete math. Eventually, Jacob aims to become an inclusive high school mathematics teacher who shares his love for problem solving with students of all backgrounds and identities.

#### **MAT T-Shirt Contest**

Get your creative juices flowing and design the next best Mu Alpha Theta T-shirt!

Mu Alpha Theta is holding its T-shirt contest again this year, and its leaders are cognizant that we are not alone in the universe. MA0 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. Your chapter will also win five T-shirts of your design thanks to a generous donation.

The email submission window will be from March 14, 2024, to April 8, 2024. For more details, visit **Mu Alpha Theta webpage link** 

#### **Message from your President**

Hello all,

In the spring, we will be having elections for Region 1 Governor, Region 2 Governor and President-Elect. I will be meeting with the Nominating Committee next month, and I encourage any sponsor who is interested in running for one of these offices to contact the National Office at info@mualphatheta.org so



you can be sent the forms to fill out to run when the time comes later this year. We need dedicated sponsors who are willing to give up even more of their free time to go above and beyond and help other chapters throughout the country.

Also, we will be having the October Sponsor and Student meeting on Saturday October 14. The sponsor meeting will be on zoom from 2-3:30pm Eastern Standard Time and the student meeting will be from 4-5pm EST. I encourage every sponsor who would like to learn more about what they can do for their chapter to attend. Also, please let your students know about their meeting so they also get the chance to ask questions and help to move their chapter forward. The zoom links for the sponsor and student meetings are at the link below.

If anyone ever has questions, please email me at robsnow23@yahoo.com. I look forward to seeing all of you on October 14. Thanks!
Rob Snow
President, Mu Alpha Theta

**Link to Zoom meeting information** \*\*See the last page for a cut-&-paste link.



#### Baseball World Series T-Shirt Sale

To celebrate the 2023 Baseball World Series Mu Alpha Theta baseball T-shirts will be \$11 during October. Sale ends 10/31/23.

Snoop Dogg is quoted as saying, "If you stop at general math, then you will only make general money."



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.

#### **Chalk Talk topics**

Mu Topic – Math and Profitability Alpha Topic – Math and the Desert Theta Topic – Math and Desserts (Entertainment vs. Gambling) (Such as Climate effects, water sources) (Hotel industry and baking)

Packet should be out soon.
Contact Kim for questions
Woolfmath@aol.com

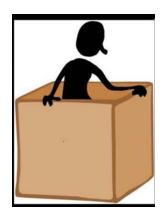


Alexis Park
One of 3 Pools
Convention area background
Yoga on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor "green
space"

As we all know...prices of everything are going up , up , up , up , we are doing everything with in our power to keep the price down and still provide a once in a lifetime experience!

# Mu Alpha Theta Sponsor Page





#### **For Sponsors**

Wanted to give a little update on the national office. We are updating our website, and they have told us it should be ready in December of this year. We will be sending an email to update you on any new procedures with the new website.

The Governing Council voted in our annual July meeting to only have 2 free shipments per year. So make sure to gather all the items including membership in one shipment. Our system will only release graduation cords for seniors, so you will need to make two orders when adding seniors and ordering cords. Two orders in one day will be boxed and

shipped together so they will count as one shipment. Additional shipments are \$25.00. Call the National Office at 405-325-0144 if it's after 12pm CT and you need an expedited (overnight or two-day) order filled immediately. Otherwise, it will be processed the next business day and then shipped. Expedited orders placed before 12pm CT will be processed and shipped the same day.

Please pay attention to your school breaks when placing your order. You will be charged the extra shipping costs if your order is returned to us due to a school closure.

Please check your package for accuracy once it arrives. Call us immediately if you're missing something or have received an incorrect item. If an item does not meet your expectations, it may be returned to Mu Alpha Theta and a refund or replacement may be requested within 30 days from the order date. Please call or email us for instructions. Table covers cannot be returned unless there is a manufacturing defect.

## You are responsible for entering the correct delivery address and zip code.

We must charge you for any additional UPS charge-backs for incorrect address or zip code or shipments than cannot be delivered. The UPS charge is \$15.00, which we must pass on to your chapter.

Finally, we also want to thank YOU for all you do and if you ever have any questions, please feel free to call the office. We are here to help!!

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Classroom teaching grants will provide up to \$1,500 in funding is available to a limited number of applicants each year. Any former member who is in their first, second, or third year of teaching mathematics may apply for



funds to supply their classroom with mathematics materials or for membership in a professional mathematics organization. No individual will be granted more than \$1,500 total.

#### Link to Mualphatheta.org



#### **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.



# CC of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh gives back

The CCAC math club has made three blankets like the one shown here so far this semester. Each blanket will be donated to a group called "Foster Love" that provides free clothing/blankets /supplies to foster families.

The club meets every Tuesday.

#### **Chapter Grants**

Chapter grants of up to \$1,000 over the lifetime of the chapter are available to help chapters provide interesting mathematical experiences for their members, others at their school, and their local community that further the mission of Mu Alpha Theta. No chapter will be granted more than \$1,000 over time, but a chapter may apply more than once if they have not reached



their \$1,000 limit. Grants are competitive and not all grant requests may be funded. There is no deadline for this application. Grant funds can be used to pay invoices or reimburse receipts after the event.

#### For more details



#### **Social Media**

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!



#### **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?



#### \*\*Link to zoom meetings:

https://mualphatheta.org/content/2023-zoom-meetings



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