Dear Alpha Mu Gamma Members,

Greetings! We are delighted to be sharing with you our fall 2018 Newsletter. As always, it aims to keep you all informed about our organization’s events and resources. As you will see in this issue, Alpha Mu Gamma had a very successful fall with the celebration of our 36th Annual convention in the College of Mount Saint Vincent.

The Convention, sponsored by Beta Xi Chapter, was very well attended. The presentations were interesting and thought provoking. It was especially wonderful to see many undergraduate students present about an array of topics from study abroad to service learning. Look inside for pictures and additional details about this great event. We hope you feel inspired to attend our next convention in two years.

The scholarship deadline is February 1st. Chapter Advisors, please share this information with your students and encourage them to apply!

As you start thinking of ways in which to celebrate National Foreign Language Week during spring semester, read the chapter reports published in the Spring 2018 Newsletter for ideas to implement with your chapter.

I wish you the best as you finish this semester and hope you have a relaxed and happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Beatrix Gómez Acuña, Ph. D
AMG National President, Theta Upsilon Chapter
Elmhurst College bgomez@elmhurst.edu
Greetings from the National Executive Secretary

Dear AMG Members,

I hope you had a productive and enjoyable fall semester. Now that finals are over and grades are in, we can look forward to a new semester and a new year of another set of courses. During the winter break we can pause and reflect on what our students and we ourselves have accomplished. To that end, I would be remiss if I did not mention the success of the 36th National Convention hosted by the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, NY, September 27 – 29. Congratulations to the Convention Committee – David Aliano (Chair), Rosita E. Villagómez, Mariela Wong, and Séverine Rebourcet for a well spent weekend collaborating, sharing, and learning from one another. The various panel presentations on such topics as Service Learning, Study Abroad, Inclusive Pedagogy, Intercultural Competence and Cross-disciplinary skills are all high impact areas which research suggests “produces high rates of student engagement and retention” in all disciplines.

Finally, as you plan activities for National Foreign Language Week, please take a look at the Spring 2018 Newsletter to see how other chapters celebrated a full week of world language advocacy.

Have a peaceful and enjoyable winter break!

June C. D. Carter, PhD
Professor of Spanish, Director of the
Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
Chapter Advisor, Nu Iota Chapter, Regional Vice President -South Carolina AMG National Executive Secretary
University of South Carolina Upstate
Spartanburg
Greetings from the National Headquarters!

After two years of being the AMG Administrative Assistant, it was a pleasure to finally meet Executive Board members and Faculty Advisors for various chapters at the recent National Convention in September!

By now, each chapter should have received a complimentary National Foreign Language Week. I had sent an email to advisors, requesting them to respond in order to let me know whether they had indeed received their poster, but unfortunately, most never responded. If you have not received a poster, please contact me. Additional posters may be purchased.

The current order form must be used when placing future orders. You may download the form from our website. Remember, the Shipping & Handling charge is $10, no matter how large or small the order.

Regional VPs should start soliciting governors in their regions to provide proclamations for National Foreign Language Week. Please send me the proclamation or a scanned copy, so that we can acknowledge them in the spring newsletter.

AMG National is creating a database for all chapters and will also begin tracking those that are inactive. In order to keep our records up to date, we would appreciate it if advisors would give us the name and contact information of their successors when they leave their institutions.

Alpha Mu Gamma continues to grow! We added a new chapter this fall: Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, TX, and will soon be adding two more in the near future.

Reminder: Scholarship information and application forms are already available on the website, so students can get a head start on the applications when they return to school. The due date is February 1, 2019. Please direct any questions to the Scholarship Chairman, Dr. Eileen Wilkinson.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me via email if you have any questions. If I can’t answer your question, I’ll forward it to the appropriate Council member.

Sincerely,

Leslie Brazier
Administrative Assistant, AMG National
AMGNational@fairfield.edu
INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TREASURER

New Simplified Pricing & Lower Shipping Costs

In an effort to streamline and simplify our pricing structure, the National Executive Council has authorized a few small changes to the cost of AMG pins and affiliate certificates. The changes are quite modest, especially when considering that the prices for these items have not increased for 15 years (since at least 2003—perhaps longer). Beginning in September 2017 all AMG pins and affiliate certificates (Associate, Faculty, and Honorary) will be $5.00. Please note that the cost for full student member certificates will not increase—that price is still $25 (the same price since at least 2003).

The National Executive Council has also authorized also a simplification of the Shipping & Handling charges for all orders. In fact, the Shipping & Handling charge will still be $10 (as it is now), but it will no longer increase for larger orders. In sum, for all orders, no matter how large or small, the Shipping & Handling charge will be just $10. The only exception to this policy will be when rush delivery is requested. In such cases the Shipping & Handling charge will be $10 plus the actual cost of the expedited shipping.

As a reference, here below are the most popular AMG items for sale and their cost (effective September 2017).

Tote Bag: $10.00
Plate Frames: $5.00
AMG Banner: $100.00
ALPHA MU GAMMA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
2019-2020

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON FEBRUARY 1\textsuperscript{ST}

• Application forms may be downloaded from the AMG website: amgnational.org
• Completed application packets may be sent via email or via US Postal Service

ELIGIBILITY: Scholarship opportunities are available through the National Scholarship Committee of Alpha Mu Gamma, on a competitive basis. All FULL MEMBERS (undergraduates & graduates) of Alpha Mu Gamma are eligible to apply. The scholarships must be used for continued study of a foreign language and may be applied to study at any accredited academic institution during the summer or fall/spring 2019-2020.

AWARDS:
• $1,000 Goddard, Indovina & Krakowski Scholarship. [3 awards are available]
• $500 James Fonseca Scholarship for the study of Spanish or Esperanto
• $500 Sister Eloise-Thérése Scholarship for the study of languages other than Spanish or Esperanto

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION: Collect all of the documents listed below and mail them in one packet directly to the Chair of the Scholarship committee, OR your AMG Advisor may scan the documents and email the complete packet to the Chair of the Scholarship committee.

• An official Alpha Mu Gamma application must be used. All information must be \textsc{typed}. Applicants should pay particular attention to the “Personal Statement/Essay”, as it weighs heavily in the evaluation process.

• Have 3 qualified persons (e.g. professors or employers) fill out the “Recommendation for Alpha Mu Gamma Scholarship” form. ONE of the recommendations must be from your AMG advisor. The recommendations must be \textsc{typed}. They may return the recommendation to you in a sealed envelope.

• An \textsc{Official} transcript is required.

• A photocopy of your Full Alpha Mu Gamma Membership certificate is required.

DEADLINE: COMPLETE Application packets must be received no later than FEBRUARY 1, 2019
The deadline will be strictly observed. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:
1. ALPHA MU GAMMA Full Membership
2. Demonstrate excellence in foreign language study and further study by:
   Student’s essay
   Participation in Chapter activities
   Cumulative GPA
   Foreign Language courses GPA
3. Recommendations
4. Preference is given to foreign language majors and minors
NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS: Scholarship winners will be notified by the end of April 2019, and will receive further instructions. Payment from the Alpha Mu Gamma National Office will be made after the beginning of the term for which the award is made (summer or fall), upon receipt of enrollment verification from the registrar where the recipient is enrolled, confirming a continuing study of a foreign language.

SEND OR EMAIL YOUR COMPLETE PACKET OF DOCUMENTS TO:

Dr. Eileen M. Wilkinson  
Chair, AMG Scholarship Committee  
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures  
Fairfield University  
1073 North Benson Road  
Fairfield, CT 06824

ewilkinson@fairfield.edu

World Languages Conferences and Professional Development

Although AMG will not be officially represented at language conferences, we hope that many of you will take the opportunity to attend one or two this academic year. If you gave or are giving a presentation at a conference, we would love to hear about it. Please send us a summary, so that we can include it in a future newsletter.

Dates for 2019 World Language Conferences

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The 2020 Foreign Language Week

Do you have a great idea for a theme and poster design for National Foreign Language Week? If so, consider submitting your idea. Your design could be chosen for the 2020 poster!

Imagine seeing your poster being displayed in high schools and colleges throughout the USA.

Here are the rules for the contest:

- Choose a theme
- Create a concept of the design
- Do not include pictures of real people!
- Designs may be submitted in one of the following formats:

  Adobe Photoshop format
  .jpeg
  .tif

- Email your poster design to amgnational@fairfield.edu

A prize of $100 will be awarded to the winner of the contest and he/she will receive a complimentary copy of the poster once it has been produced. Other submissions may be considered for the following year’s poster.

Due date for submissions:

February 15, 2019

The Alpha Mu Gamma National Office reserves all rights to the chosen design, including modification of the content. The winner of the contest will receive an acknowledgment in the National Alpha Mu Gamma Newsletter and also on the poster.
**New AMG Chapter**

We welcomed one new chapter to Alpha Mu Gamma National Collegiate in Foreign Language Honor Society in fall 2018, Alpha Alpha Gamma at Huston Tillotson, Austin, TX

Dr. S. Ziva Sheppard, Assistant Professor of Spanish, is the faculty advisor.

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**36th National Convention**

The 36th National Convention, which was hosted by Beta Xi chapter at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, was a huge success! Below is a photo taken after the farewell luncheon the convention. Additional photos may be viewed on the website.
37th National Convention

The National Office is putting out a call for chapters to consider hosting the 37th National Convention. The Beta Xi Chapter at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, NY hosted the 36th Convention in September 2018. It was a huge success!

Ideally, the next convention would take place in either the fall of 2019 or the spring of 2020, but the hosting institution will have some leeway in choosing the dates for the event.

If your chapter is interested in hosting the next convention, please contact Leslie at the National Headquarters: amgnational@fairfield.edu. You will receive further information, as well as answers to any of your questions from advisors who have hosted the event in the past.

We hope to have several proposals on the table for hosting this event. A National Convention puts your university, as well as your chapter, in the spotlight and will help give recognition to the language program at an institution. It is also a perfect opportunity to meet and to get to know other advisors and AMG student members ... to exchange ideas ... to learn from other's experiences ... to be a member of the family!

Please contact us soon if you are interested in this opportunity!

National Foreign Language Week 2019

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING FOR THIS WEEK OF LANGUAGE ADVOCACY?

National Foreign Language Week will be celebrated March 3–9, 2019. A complimentary copy of the NFLW poster for 2019 was sent to the advisors for each chapter of AMG. Additional copies are being sold to schools throughout the USA. AMG chapter advisors may use the updated order form on our website to purchase additional copies. The original design was submitted by Ricky Parada, a student at Los Angeles City College.
AMG STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Nia Payne '17, Awarded Prestigious Congress-Bundestag Fellowship to Study and Work for one Year in Germany

Spartanburg, S.C. – Nia Payne, a 2017 graduate of the University of South Carolina Upstate, is one of 75 Americans selected to participate in the 2018-2019 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) for Young Professionals, a year-long fellowship for study and work in Germany. CBYX for Young Professionals provides opportunities for youth to collaborate, interact with new people and new ideas, and, ultimately, to become better global citizens and better leaders. The program annually provides scholarships to 350 Americans and also brings 360 Germans to the United States.

“While at USC Upstate, Payne was a middle-distance cross country/track and field runner, served as the president of the USC Upstate Community Garden, and was a member several collegiate honor societies, one of which is the Alpha Mu Gamma National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society. Nia studied abroad in Magdeburg, Germany during the summer of 2014 where she took an intensive German language course and she was a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholar in 2015 where she studied for one academic year in Granada, Spain, earning a certificate in Hispanic Studies. Payne earned a bachelor’s degree in Spanish Education and a minor in German Studies at USC Upstate in May 2017, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with outstanding honors in German. She taught Spanish and Character Education to K-8 grade students at Spartanburg Preparatory School during the 2017-2018 academic year.

Payne departed for Germany on July 30 where she attended a two-month intensive German language course and is now studying at a German university or professional school for four months and completing a five-month internship with a German company in her career field (Interpreting/Translation). Participants are placed throughout Germany, and have the opportunity to learn about everyday German life from a variety of perspectives. On October 1, she began university course work in German, Spanish and Pedagogy with a focus in Latin American Regional Studies.

Funded jointly by Congress (through the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs) and the German Bundestag, the CBYX program is a unique opportunity for young Americans to enhance their professional skills, as well as broaden their political and cultural awareness by experiencing life in another country. While in Germany, Ms. Payne will act as a citizen ambassador of the United States, helping to promote a positive image of the U.S. abroad and creating lifelong friendships and professional connections that will keep German-American relations strong for years to come.

Participants come from a wide variety of career fields, and from all over the United States. This year more than 600 young professionals vied for a place in this prestigious program.

Participants must be U.S. citizens between the ages of 18-24, and have clear career goals and experience in their professional fields. Young professionals in STEM, business, agricultural, and vocational fields are especially encouraged to apply, though candidates in all career fields are eligible. German language ability is not required, but is strongly recommended. Interested applicants should visit www.CBYX.info for more information.

CBYX is a reciprocal scholarship program. While Americans like Ms. Payne and her fellow participants spend the year living in Germany, 75 young German professionals will also spend the year experiencing life in the United States. German participants study at U.S. colleges in the fall and work at local businesses in the spring, all while living with an American host throughout the year. CBYX for Young Professionals is currently looking for interested host families, host companies, and host colleges who would like to take part in this exciting cultural exchange. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the program or hosting a German participant should visit https://cbyx.info/host.
ALPHA MU GAMMA

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

2018

National President:
Dr. Beatriz Gómez-Acuña (Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois – Theta Upsilon chapter) First Vice-President:
Dr. David Ariano (College of Mount St. Vincent - New York, Beta Xi chapter)

National Executive Secretary:
Dr. June C. D. Carter (University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, SC - Nu Iota chapter)

National Treasurer:
Dr. Matt Borden (Carthage College-Kenosha, Wisconsin, Pi chapter)

Intercultural Relations Chairperson:
Imara Liz Hernández (Fairfield University, Eta Pi chapter)

Scholarship Chairperson:
Dr. Eileen M. Wilkinson (Fairfield University, Connecticut - Eta Pi chapter)

Regional Vice Presidents

[1] Alabama: [Vacant]
[3] Arkansas, New Mexico & Texas:
   Dr. Miguel Estrada (Houston) Baptist University, Texas - Iota Rho chapter)
[4] California, Oregon & Utah:
   Dr. Lourdes E. Morales-Gudmundson (La Sierra University, Riverside, CA- Gamma Tau chapter)
[5] South Carolina:
   Dr. June C. D. Carter (University of South Carolina Upstate, SC - Nu Iota chapter)
[8] Dakotas:
   Katherine Stevenson (Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota – Mu Rho chapter)
[9] Delaware, Maryland, & Washington DC:
   Dr. Patricia Siew Seuchie (Christopher Newport University, VA, Lambda Eta chapter)
[10] Florida:
   Dr. Frederic Leveziel (University of South Florida - Xi Nu chapter)
[12] Illinois, & Michigan:
   Dr. Beatriz Gómez Acuña (Elmhurst College, Illinois - Theta Upsilon chapter)
[13] Iowa & Minnesota:
   Mark Bates (Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa – Zeta Delta chapter)
[14] Kansas & Nebraska:
   Dr. Julie Sellers (Benedictine College, Kansas – Iota Pi chapter)
[15] New England:
   Angela Tauro (Fairfield University, Connecticut – Eta Pi chapter)
[16] Indiana and Kentucky [Vacant]
[17] Louisiana & Mississippi:
   Dr. Linda Lassiter (Southern University, Louisiana – Beta Sigma chapter)

[18] Missouri:
   Carmen Bourbon (Cottey College, Missouri - Kappa Gamma chapter)

[19] New England States:
   Angela Tauro (Fairfield University [Emerita], Connecticut – Eta Pi chapter)

[20] New York:
   Dr. David Aliano (College of Mount St Vincent, New York-Beta Xi chapter)

[21] Wisconsin:
   Matt Borden (Carthage College – Kenosha – Pi chapter)

[22] Oklahoma:  [Vacant]

[23] Pennsylvania & New Jersey:
   Sandra Reynolds (Raritan Valley Community College, New Jersey - Mu Sigma chapter)

[24] Ohio & Tennessee:  [Vacant]

[25] US Virgin Islands:  [Vacant]

[26] The Virginias
   James Christopher J (Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia - Xi Sigma chapter)

BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

First    Dec 20-21, 1935    Alpha – Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA
Second   April 11-12, 1938  Epsilon – Chico State College [USC-Chico]
Third    March 17-19, 1940  Alpha – Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA
Fourth   March 28-30, 1942  Xi – UC – Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
Fifth     March 20-21, 1948  Xi – UC- Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
Sixth     April 1-2, 1950    Alpha – Los Angeles City College. Los Angeles, CA
Seventh   April 5-6, 1952    Phi-Valley College [Los Angeles Valley College]
Eighth    April 10-11, 1954  Gamma – Long Beach City College, CA
Ninth     April 14-15, 1956  Nu – UCLA Los Angeles, CA
Tenth     April 11-13, 1958  Xi – UC – Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
Eleventh  May 7-8, 1960      Psi – USC Los Angeles, CA
Twelfth   May 5-6, 1962      Alpha Beta – Marymount College, P CA
Thirteenth April 18, 1964    Psi – USC Los Angeles, CA
Fourteenth April 23, 1966    Sigma – Mount St. Mary’s College, Los Angeles, CA
Fifteenth  March 22-24, 1969  Wilber Wright College-Gamma Xi & Southwest College, Delta Pi
Sixteenth  April 2-4         Alpha Xi – College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY
Eighteenth 1975              Epsilon Rho – Kearney State College, Kearney, NB
Nineteenth 1977              Gamma Rho – Casper College, Casper, Wyoming
| Twentieth  | April 6-8, 1979         | Gamma Sigma-California Lutheran University, CA |
| Twenty-first | April 2-3, 1981       | Zeta Xi – Prairie View A&M University, TX |
| Twenty-second | March 4-5, 1983       | Beta Iota – Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, CA |
| Twenty-third  | Feb. 22-23, 1985     | Iota Pi – Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas |
| Twenty-fourth | Nov. 1987            | Kappa Nu – Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA |
| Twenty-fifth  | March 16-18, 1989    | Iota Theta – Anderson University, Anderson, IN |
| Twenty-sixth   | March 19-21, 1992    | Beta Chi – Cardinal Stritch College |
| Twenty-seventh | March 24-26, 1994   | Epsilon Chi – Oklahoma City University, OK |
| Twenty-eighth  | January 18-21, 1996   | Kappa Omega – Bethune-Cookman College, FL |
| Twenty-ninth   | Sept. 24-27, 1998    | Lambda Omega–Cedar Crest College (***), PA |
| Thirtieth      | March 29–Apr., 2001 | Eta Pi-Fairfield University, CT |
| Thirty-second  | Oct. 15-17, 2009     | Eta Pi – Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT |
| Thirty-third   | Oct. 21-22, 2011     | Alpha – Los Angeles City College, CA |
| Thirty-fifth   | March 24-26, 2016    | Nu Iota - University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, SC |
| Thirty-sixth   | September 27-29, 2018 | Beta Xi - College of Mount St Vincent, Riverside, NY |