



# Alpha Mu Gamma Newsletter

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## From the Editor...

As we reach the end of fall semester 2021, I believe both faculty and students would agree that it has been almost impossible for anyone to have escaped the effects that COVID 19 has had on one's personal, professional, and academic lives. In addition, the murder of George Floyd, which triggered world-wide anti-racist protests and calls for reform, social justice, and equity. During such disruptive moments, students as well as world language educators, have had to make changes in their learning and teaching respectively. Course delivery as well as other pedagogical transformations involved the integration of students' social and emotional needs. World language educators, researchers, and administrators have used these difficult times as opportunities to revisit their curricula and, in some cases, to engage in a curricular revision, lending itself to more culturally responsive course objectives and student learning outcomes. No doubt, you have witnessed some of these pedagogical transformations such as asynchronous /synchronous classrooms, community-based teaching and engagement, as well as Virtual Exchange. These measures point to the intrinsic and extrinsic value of world language education with communication and intercultural competence as cornerstones. I am confident that these pedagogical changes have produced positive student learning outcomes.

Finally, congratulations to all December graduates and have a safe and enjoyable winter break!

Kind regards,

Dr. June C. D. Carter, Editor and National Executive Secretary, Nu Iota Chapter  
[secretary@alphamugamma.org](mailto:secretary@alphamugamma.org)

## A message from our President...

Dear Alpha Mu Gamma Members,

I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits. As we near the end of the fall semester, we should take time to reflect on and be thankful for the new beginnings many of us experienced: going back to campus and appreciating the joy that comes from sharing togetherness. For those of you still teaching remotely, I am sure you also have found opportunities to connect with students and colleagues alike.

This newsletter includes important opportunities for our students. Make sure you share with them the Scholarship information. The deadline is February 1st. Information about the Scholarship application process and copies of the forms are available on the website (<https://www.amgnational.org/scholarships.html>). This is a great opportunity for our student members to get the recognition they deserve for their language study.

This fall we created a new system to streamline communications between the advisors and the national officers. We now have individual email addresses to send the scholarship forms, communicate directly with the President, send information directly to the Secretary, of course, to send your order. We hope you find this new system useful.

We continue having several positions for Regional Vice President vacant. Refer to the website to see what those are. If you are interested in filling one of the positions, contact us through the website. The Regional Vice Presidents play an integral part spreading the word about our organization and recruiting new members. We would be grateful if you consider serving in this capacity.

Sincerely,

Dr. Beatriz Gómez Acuña  
AMG National President,  
Theta Upsilon Chapter  
[president@alphamugamma.org](mailto:president@alphamugamma.org)



ALPHA MU GAMMA  
CELEBRATING 90 YEARS:  
A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE  
DR. EARL THOMPSON



NOVEMBER 11th 6:00 PM  
CENTRAL

Dr. Thompson served the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures for thirty-four years at Elmhurst College. Dr. Thompson also held several roles in the Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages including President in 1997.

ZOOM: [https://elmhurst-edu.zoom.us/j/99405061760?](https://elmhurst-edu.zoom.us/j/99405061760?pwd=aWpORURxeEVqajdFWXVyQURYQ1JJZz09)  
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## APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2022-2023

**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 2022-2023.

### 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-Thérèse Scholarship** for the study of languages other than Spanish or Esperanto

**HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION:** Collect all the documents listed below, scan them and email them in one complete packet directly to the Chair of the Scholarship committee. (Your AMG advisor might be available to help scan and compile the required items for the application packet.)

- An official **Alpha Mu Gamma application** must be used. The application can be downloaded from the AMG website: <https://www.amgnational.org/scholarships.html>. All information must be 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 TYPED on the form provided.
- An **OFFICIAL transcript** is required.
- A copy of your Full **Alpha Mu Gamma Membership certificate** is required.

### DEADLINE:

COMPLETE Application packets must be received no later than **FEBRUARY 1, 2022**. 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 2022 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. **Scan your documents and email the complete packet to: Dr. Eileen M. Wilkerson, Chair, AMG Scholarship Committee**  
[scholarships@alphamugamma.org](mailto:scholarships@alphamugamma.org)





# National Foreign Language Week

## March 6-12, 2022



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is a registered name by Alpha Mu Gamma,  
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Website: [amgnational.org](http://amgnational.org)

*Original design submitted by Eula Valdez, a student at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut.*

## About National Foreign Language Week (NFLW)

National Foreign Language Week was inaugurated in the Spring of 1957 by Alpha Mu Gamma. Sister Eloise Therese, the National President of Alpha Mu Gamma from 1956 to 1960, discovered that such a week had never been officially celebrated in the United States as a whole, although foreign language had receive recognition by different educational institutions at various periods of the academic year. Inspired by her the National Executive Council of Alpha Mu Gamma began to formulate plans to make the United States aware of the need for and importance of foreign language study through the celebration of NFLW. The first celebration was set for the week of February 17 to 23, 1957. Each year since then the National Executive Council of AMG has set a week for this event. In recent years it has become the practice to have NFLW during the first full week of March.

On December 12, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent a telegram endorsing the celebration, and each succeeding president has added his support. An even greater contribution to the success of NFLW was made by the posters of the late Bruce Russell, who received not only the Pulitzer Prize but also recognition from President Eisenhower for his efforts toward greater world understanding through his timely cartoons. He offered the Society a cartoon each year until his death in 1963, and even left one finished drawing and an unfinished sketch that were used in 1964 and 1966 respectively. These posters have been distributed each year throughout the United States and are available for sale to interested bodies.

The chapters of Alpha Mu Gamma, now spread through over forty states, took the initiative in organizing activities during the Week with the purpose of making the American student aware of the vital necessity for foreign language study. Typical projects were newspaper articles, radio and television programs, foreign language films, festivals of foreign music and plays, the singing of foreign songs and lectures open to the public. Soon other universities, colleges and schools were also celebrating NFLW.

[Every year a NFLW poster](#) with a new theme is printed. It is distributed free to all AMG chapters and is available for sale to the public. Normally the posters size is 24"x19" and are printed in two versions - one with the official date for the Week and one without. The cost, at present, per poster is \$6 and shipping & handling is \$6 (for 1-5 posters). Shipping is *free* for orders of 25 posters and above. They are mailed out in solid mailing tube by US Priority Mail. Send your orders to <mailto:posters@alphamugamma.org>

The 2022 poster was created by **Eula Valdez**, a student at Fairfield University, and a “proud New Yorker who grew up in the Bronx”. She is a member of the Class of 2022, majoring in Politics with minors in American Studies and English. Eula enjoys reading, painting, and attending spin class.



# ALPHA MU GAMMA

THE NATIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY

## The 2023 Foreign Language Week *POSTER CONTEST*



*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 2023 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

.tit

- Email your poster design to Liz Hernandez (Intercultural Relations Chair) at <mailto:posters@alphamugamma.org>
- Entries will be accepted from **April 15<sup>th</sup>-Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 2022**

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.

*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.*





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## 2022 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Start making plans for the National Convention, tentatively scheduled for spring 2022, in Bridgewater, Virginia. Our host chapter is Xi Sigma, at Bridgewater College. Dr. Christopher M. James, associate professor of French and Chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures, is Xi Sigma's chapter advisor.

Did you know that participation as an undergraduate in an academic conference is a valuable addition to your resume? Our National Conference provides you the opportunity to meet other members of Alpha Mu Gamma Honor Society from other regions of the country, which is a starting point for professional networking. Watch for the call for proposals.



### 2022 WORLD LANGUAGES CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

AATSP	July 9-11, San Juan Puerto Rico
AATF	July 9-12, New Orleans, LA
NECTFL	February 10-12, New York, NY
SCOLT	March 31-April 2, Norfolk, VA

❖ SOCIETY UPDATE REMINDERS ❖

Attention! We have a new order form that started on 1/1/2021, which can be accessed from our website ([www.amgnational.org](http://www.amgnational.org)). Please note that the **full student membership** cost has increased to **\$30**. The previous cost of \$25 had remained unchanged for many years--at least 20 years, or even more. Orders can now be paid via Zelle, which is an electronic bank-to-bank transfer operation. Contact your bank to see if Zelle payments are an option for you. All funds sent via Zelle are instantly deposited into AMG's account. To pay via Zelle, you need to select Matt Borden's e-mail address as the custodian e-mail associated with AMG's bank account: [mborden@carthage.edu](mailto:mborden@carthage.edu). You may also continue to pay for orders by sending in a check; both personal and institutional checks are fine. All checks (made out to "Alpha Mu Gamma National") must be mailed to Matt Borden, as Treasurer, at the following address:

Matthew Borden  
Carthage College  
2001 Alford Park Drive Kenosha WI 53140

Please note that the new order form has a space for donations--of any amount whatsoever. As you know, AMG is a registered non-profit charity for educational purposes. The Executive Board members are all unpaid volunteers. If you wish, your chapter could hold fundraisers and make donations, if so motivated. Individuals may also contribute. Also, Amazon has a charity program that donates to organizations like AMG. This costs you nothing at all--Amazon is the one donating--but you do need to tell Amazon to do it. You simply need to make your order as usual on Amazon but use their charity address [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) so that you can select AMG as your preferred recipient. On Amazon Smile, AMG is listed by our tax filing location in Illinois: Alpha Mu Gamma, Evanston IL 60203

Please note that there is no difference in price or offerings on [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) versus the normal webpage of [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Every time you make a purchase on Amazon, AMG can earn a small donation (0.5% of the purchase). For example, this year AMG received about \$20 in donations from Amazon because of the purchases that a member made on Amazon. Now we just need more people to select AMG as their preferred charity, so please share this news with your chapters and all your students (and their families--why not



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# Alpha Mu Gamma Store

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***AMG Shirt in Navy***

(S, M, L, XL)

\$15.00



***AMG Banner***

(4 ft x 6 ft)

\$100.00



***Double Honor Cords***

(Knotted in middle)

\$10.00

**For more items & order forms, visit:**

<https://www.amgnational.org/store.html>

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The Executive Council of Alpha Mu Gamma National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society (AMG) wishes to express gratitude and appreciation for Ms. Leslie Brazier who served as Administrative Assistant of Alpha Mu Gamma for five years. At its last meeting in June, the Executive Council decided that beginning September 1, 2021, the Administrative Assistant of Alpha Mu Gamma will be appointed and required to work on-site at the same location as the Treasurer and under their direct supervision. This decision was made as part of a wider administrative reorganizational effort to improve the functioning of the organization. Although Leslie Brazier no longer serves as the Administrative Assistant of Alpha Mu Gamma National Honor Society, she continues to provide some limited services with compensation throughout spring semester 2022.



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“The effects of emotion directly influence the way we perceive our everyday lives, affecting how we categorize information, make decisions, evaluate risks, and solve problems.”

-- Alice Isen, in “Dalglish and Power,” Handbook of Cognition and Emotion