



The Scroll

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Message from our President

Dear Alpha Mu Gamma Advisors,

We hope you all had a productive semester with opportunities to connect with students and colleagues while exploring together ways in which to further the AMG mission and goals.

You will notice some changes in this edition of the newsletter. We decided to reestablish the name "The Scroll", and incorporate students' creative work which was a practice during the 1930s-1950s. AMG is committed to providing opportunities for Undergraduate research and creative/artistic expression, and we look forward to receiving many submissions from our talented students. Submissions can be sent to secretary@alphamugamma.org until **April 15, 2023**.

Additionally, make sure you share with your Chapter the **Scholarship information**, whose deadline has been extended until **March 15th**. Information about the Scholarship application process and copies of the forms are available on www.amgnational.org. This is a great chance for our student members to get the recognition they deserve for their language study.

Also, notice the opportunity for your Chapter to participate in the NFLW event which will be hosted online on **March 6th, 2023**.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Beatriz Gomez Acuña
AMG National President, Theta Upsilon Chapter
president@alphamugamma.org

➤ Alpha Mu Gamma Scholarships 2023-2024

Application packets may be downloaded from the AMG website: amgnational.org

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 2023-2024.

AWARDS:

- \$1,000 Goddard, Indovina & Krakowski Scholarship (3 awards are available)
- \$500 James Fronseca 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 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 TYPED. Applicants should pay particular attention to the "Personal Statement/Essay", as it weighs heavily in the evaluation process.
- Have 3 qualified people (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. They may return the recommendation to you in a sealed envelope
- An OFFICIAL transcript is required (scanned)
- A scanned copy of your Full Alpha Mu Gamma Membership certificate is required

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

- Alpha Mu Gamma Full Membership
- Demonstrate excellence in foreign language study and further study by:
 - 1) student's essay
 - 2) participation in chapter activities
 - 3) cumulative GPA
 - 4) foreign language courses GPA
- Recommendations
- Preference is given to foreign language majors and minors

NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS: Scholarship winners will be notified by the end of May 2023, 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.

DEADLINE: Complete applications must be received by email **no later than March 15, 2023**. The deadline will be strictly observed. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

SCAN YOUR DOCUMENTS AND EMAIL THE COMPLETE PACKET TO:

Dr. Eileen M. Wilkinson - Chair, AMG Scholarship Committee
scholarships@alphamugamma.org

▶ Call for Student Submissions

Send submissions to: secretary@alphamugamma.org by **April 15th, 2023**

We are looking to publish student's work in our national newsletter in any language

- Poems
- Short Stories
- Essays
- Other Genres

▶ AMG National Foreign Language Week

March 5th - 11th, 2023

Calling all Chapters for a 5 minute Student Activity Presentation to showcase and celebrate student work - *March 6th from 5 - 6pm CST*

General information for presentations:

- Your Chapter
- University
- What AMG activities/events you've done or plan to do
- Foreign language use outside of classroom

Chapter Reports



▶ **XIXI Chapter, Henderson State University**

During the past year our chapter donated \$2500 to our Henderson Foundation Scholarship funds. This money will fund a \$250 scholarship per year for two Alpha Mu Gamma members (or people who are majoring/minoring in a foreign language). The scholarships are competitive, and applications are judged by faculty members of the departments of English, Foreign Languages, and Philosophy. Our goal is to continually replenish this money each year as it is awarded.

▶ **Eta Xi, Oklahoma Baptist University**

Each fall we have an induction ceremony in October. Before the semester ends, we have a "Multicultural Christmas Potluck Dinner" where we sing carols and read the Christmas story in various languages, and share a meal. In the spring, during Foreign Language Week, we have a "Potluck Dinner and Speakers Panel" where several students present about their experiences abroad, whether through foreign study, travel, or mission trips, and then we share a meal.

▶ **Nu Delta, University of Missouri, St. Louis**

Chapter initiation meeting will be held on December 8th during our LCS End of Semester Gathering. Chapter members are organizing a multi-lingual poetry event for next semester.

▶ **Kappa Pi, Murray State University**

Aug 30, 2022, we recruited new members. We've hosted a lot of events and been apart of several other ones as well. During our spring semester we co-hosted a Kite-Festival where we made kites for 100+ children and held up international booths at a park. This fall semester, we hosted a karaoke/potluck night where a variety of songs were sung in completely different languages with food from completely different cultures. We've had a few game nights as a club, and even had a study abroad share-back where interested students joined in to listen to and ask for advice from the experience of others who had studied abroad.

Chapter Reports



► **Theta Upsilon Chapter, Elmhurst University**

Theta Upsilon is currently comprised of 35 students representing French, German and Spanish. This fall, chapter members created two beautiful ofrendas on campus to commemorate the Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), which Elmhurst began doing about eight years ago. This festivity - a blend of Mesoamerican ritual, European religion, and Spanish culture - celebrated on November 1st & 2nd is based on the belief that the favorite foods, drinks, photos, and personal objects of the deceased, make the souls feel welcomed and show them they have not been forgotten.

The student members' work is an intensive labor of love that includes designing the ofrendas, gathering and artfully placing the necessary objects, and displaying pictures of those in the Elmhurst University community who recently passed.



► **Kappa Gamma, Cottey College**

During the 2021 - 2022 academic year, Kappa Gamma chapter was very busy conducting fundraising and cultural activities during Hispanic Heritage Month. We also invited community guest speakers to join us during Foreign Language Week and donated money to a non-profit organization. This past year was a very productive one.

► **Epsilon Rho, University of Nebraska at Kearney**

The Epsilon Rho chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma will be holding its initiation ceremony on November 2nd, 2022. They also host a Non-English Language Tablets event weekly. The UNK chapter plans on creating a display with a word or phrase that doesn't translate easily into English, which will change weekly, too.

► **Iota Lambda, Mississippi College**

We celebrated International Language week with a film night, sporting events, and a coffee meet-up before classes.

Society Updates



Attention! We will have a new order form that will start on 1/1/2023, which can be accessed from our website (www.amgnational.org). Orders can still be paid via Zelle or by check. Zelle payments are instantly deposited into AMG's account - contact your bank to see if Zelle payments are an option for you. You may also continue to pay for orders by sending in a check; both personal and institutional are fine.

To pay via Zelle: Select Matt Borden's e-mail address as the custodian e-mail associated with AMG's bank account: mborden@carthage.edu.

To pay via check: All checks (made out to "Alpha Mu Gamma National") must be mailed to Matt Borden, as Treasurer, at the following address:

Matt Borden
Carthage College
2001 Alford Park Drive
Kenosha WI 53140

One important change to the 2023 order form is an increase in the S&H cost, to \$15. This change is in response to an increase in shipping costs by the United States Postal Service. As before, all orders, no matter how large or small, will pay one S&H charge of \$15.

The price for an AMG banner will also increase, to \$125. All other prices remain the same.

As previously mentioned, Amazon has a charity program that donates to organizations like AMG (which costs shoppers nothing). You simply need to make your order as usual but using the charity address www.smile.amazon.com. Then 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*. Every time you make a purchase, AMG can earn a small donation (0.5% of the purchase). Now we just need more people to select AMG as their preferred charity, so please share this news with your chapters and students (and their families and friends).

*There is no difference in price or offerings compared to the normal webpage

Student Creative Work

"Viaje al Olvido"

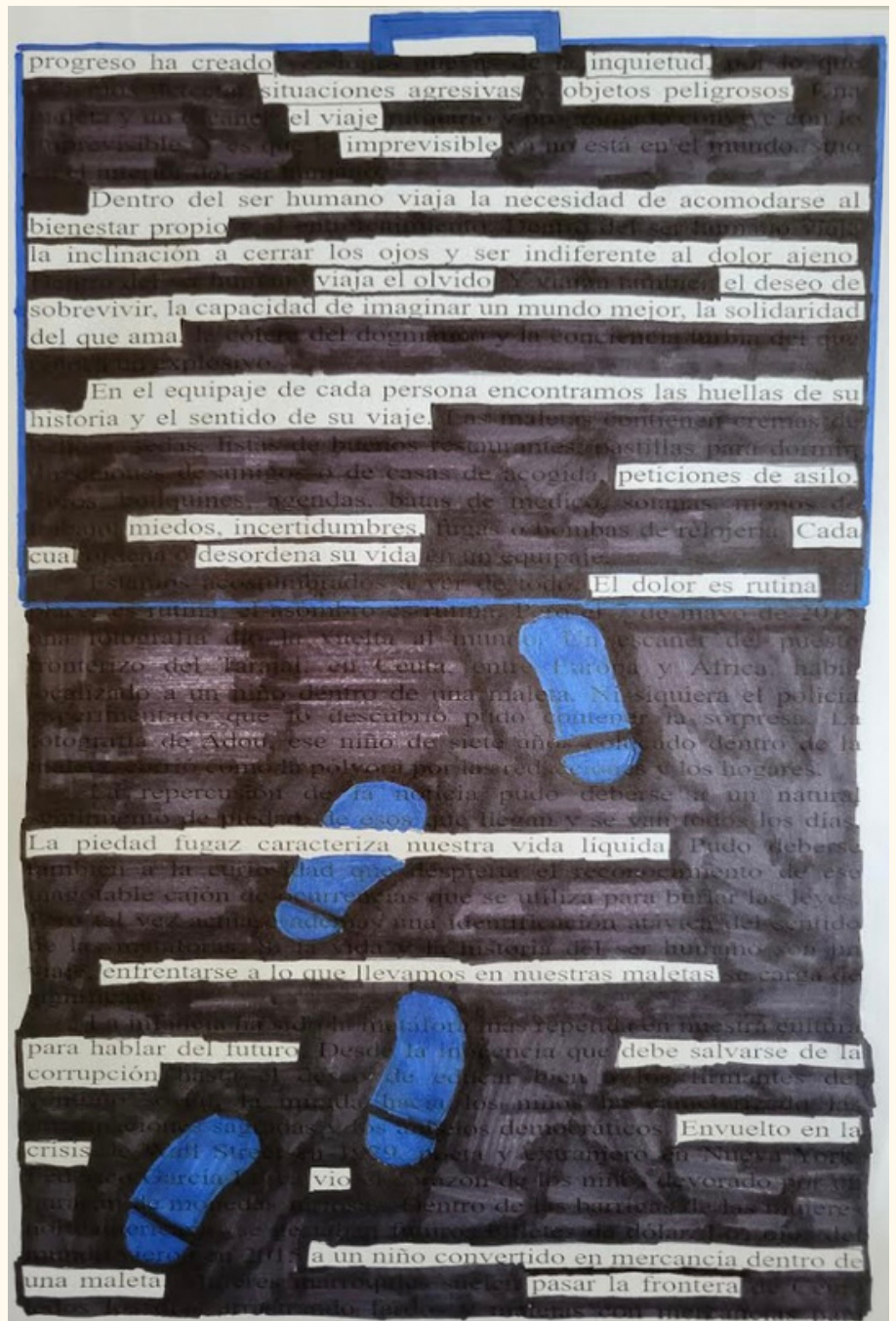
Alexi Littman - Theta Upsilon Chapter

This poem, which I call "Viaje al Olvido", is an example of blackout poetry. I took a page from the book *Me Llamo Adou* by Nicolás Castellano, a biography published in 2017 that tells the true story of a boy who tried to cross the border in a suitcase. This story captures the public's attention and really moved the world. Therefore, I used the book and the author's words to emphasize the journey of a refugee and the challenges that they face along the way. Through my poem, I hope to capture the efforts of their unpredictable journey, the fear, the pain, and how the necessity for a better life creates a desire to embark on this journey.

When designing this poem, I wanted to be creative and unique in representing a refugee's journey.

At the top of the page is an outline of a suitcase. I decided to put many of the words of the poem in the

suitcase to represent and symbolize that the suitcases of the refugees are packed with vital necessities; the traces of their history are found within their suitcases. I also placed footprint leading toward the suitcase to show that although these refugees may feel forgotten, they leave footprints and lasting impressions wherever they go. Lastly, I want to mention the importance of choosing the color blue. Blue is symbolic because it is represented in the UN Refugee Agency, whose world organization mission is to save, protect the rights, and build a better future for the refugees.



Something to Think About

Dear Alpha Mu Gamma Members,

I would like to close this newsletter with two quotes that have become more and more relevant to college students today and how well they are being prepared to take on the challenges of living, studying, working, and competing in a global society. This preparation comes from world language study, service learning and internships, study abroad, membership in international student organizations and honor societies like Alpha Mu Gamma.

"Students around the world are being raised in a multilingual Environment and our monolingual students will be at a distinct disadvantage when competing on the global stage. Our 21st century learners are facing a radically different living and working environment where multilingualism is already becoming the norm. It will be critical for our U.S. students to develop linguistic and cultural capabilities that will allow them to function on global teams, to understand the clients to whom we are selling American goods, and to develop an openness and acceptance of those who speak other languages and come from other cultures."

Bret Lovejoy, Former ACTFL Executive Director

"Monolingualism should not be part of any young person's vocabulary: it is an acceptance of limitations. There are plenty of practical reasons for being multilingual - business, security, travel, friendships, information, mental agility to name a few - but languages are also a pleasure, an indulgence - they lend new insight to a familiar world, and they unlock the doors to less familiar worlds."

Daniel Ward, Editor } language)(magazine

Have a wonderful winter break!

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