



# Alpha Mu Gamma Newsletter

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## National President Message

Dear Alpha Mu Gamma Members,

I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits. I am sure your semester has been filled with many opportunities to promote AMG's goals. We look forward to receiving your written reports describing the activities you implement with your Chapter at your institution. Those reports inspire other advisors, please share!

As you know, the Scholarships' deadline is February 1st. I would like to make a special appeal to all of you to encourage your students to apply. Information about the Scholarships and copies of the forms are available at the website ([www.amgnational.org](http://www.amgnational.org)). This is a great opportunity for our members to get the recognition they deserve for their language study. Please, take some time to share this information with your students.

We have restocked some popular items in our store that were sold out such as the tote bags. We are in the process of ordering the large vinyl banners which are very popular for induction ceremonies. Please, check the website (store section) to see what items we have for sale.

We continue having a number of positions for Regional Vice President vacant. Please, 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.

Have a good end of the semester and a wonderful Holiday Season!

Continue your search with eyes aloft,

Sincerely,

Beatriz Gómez Acuña, Ph.D  
AMG National President, Theta Upsilon Chapter  
[bgomez@elmhurst.edu](mailto:bgomez@elmhurst.edu)



## **Greetings from the National Executive Secretary**

Dear AMG Members,

We are now in the home stretch with final exams, research papers, and lots of grading. Where did the time go? I send my greetings and gratitude for your contributions to the fall newsletter. Hopefully, all of you enjoyed the Thanksgiving break with family and friends and are looking forward to a longer holiday break in December and January.

As we head into the spring semester, most of us are planning events for National Foreign Language Week, March 4 - 12, 2018. Which brings me to the theme of the 2018 NFLW Poster, “LANGUAGES LEAD US ON A PATH TO UNDERSTANDING,” a timely message that coincides with the Lead with Languages ([LeadWithLanguages.org](http://LeadWithLanguages.org)), a campaign supported by “diverse representatives from education, business, government and non-profit sectors” ([actfl.org](http://actfl.org)). Let’s join these sectors in making our peers, colleagues, and administrators aware of the importance of language skills and intercultural competence during NFLW, beginning with soliciting our respective governors to provide proclamations for National Foreign Language Week.

Finally, I wish you the best as you conclude this semester and hope you have an enjoyable and safe Holiday Season.

June C. D. Carter, Nu Iota Chapter  
Professor of Spanish  
University of South Carolina Upstate



## Greetings from the National Headquarters!

I hope you have all had a successful FA '17 semester. I have included some information below about the upcoming SP '18 events.

Please let me know if you have **not** received a Poster for NFLW 2018. I will send out another e-blast in January in case you would like to order a few more. Also, I'd like to point out that we have some great tote bags for sale and they make nice gifts, in addition to the AMG pins.

Details for the National Conference next fall will be forthcoming.

My greatest concern is having an accurate mailing list, so PLEASE, if you have not received a poster, e-mail me as soon as possible so that I may add you to the list.

Sincerely,

Leslie Brazier  
Administrative Assistant, AMG National  
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## Scholarship Winners 2017-2018

The National Office would like to congratulate the following members for being chosen for Alpha Mu Gamma's scholarships. We wish them the best of success in their academic endeavors.

### The three \$1,000 Goddard, Indovina & Krakowski Scholarships:

<b>Mckenzie Standeford</b>	Iota Theta chapter	Anderson University in Anderson, IN
<b>Claire Schroettner</b>	Iota Pi chapter	Benedictine College in Atchison, KS
<b>Sarah Levesque</b>	Delta Psi chapter	Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, CT

### The \$500 James Fonseca Scholarship:

<b>Shannon Carney</b>	Eta Pi chapter	Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT
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### The \$500 Sister Eloise-Thérèse Scholarship:

<b>Sean Tomlinson</b>	Eta Pi chapter	Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT
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## ALPHA MU GAMMA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2018-2019

### APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

- **Application forms may be downloaded from the AMG website:** [amgnational.org](http://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 2018-2019.

#### 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 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 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. They may return the recommendation to you in a sealed envelope.
- An **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, 2018**

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 2018, 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](mailto:ewilkinson@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):

#### Certificates

- \$25 Full Student Certificate
- \$5 Associate Student Certificate
- \$5 Faculty Certificate
- \$5 Honorary Certificate

#### National Pins

- \$5 AMG pin
- \$5 AMG pendant
- \$5 French pin
- \$5 German pin
- \$5 Spanish pin

#### Other items

- \$10 Honor Cords, golden
- \$10 Tote Bag
- \$10 T-Shirt
- \$5 License Frame, black

#### Chapter Pins

- \$5 Chapter President
- \$5 Chapter Vice-President
- \$5 Chapter Treasurer
- \$5 Chapter Secretary
- \$5 Chapter Historian

Feel free to contact the National Executive Treasurer, Matt Borden, if you have any questions related to the above information, or if you wish to discuss anything related to financial topics: [mborden@carthage.edu](mailto:mborden@carthage.edu).

## National Foreign Language Week 2018

### 2018 NFLW Poster

A complimentary copy of the NFLW poster for 2018 was sent to the advisors for each chapter of AMG. Additional copies were sold to schools throughout the USA. The original design was submitted by Ricky Parada, a student at Los Angeles City College.



## 36<sup>th</sup> National Convention



The National Office would like to announce that the 36th Alpha Mu Gamma Biennial Convention will be hosted by Beta Xi Chapter at **Mount Saint Vincent College** in Riverdale, NY (New York City). The conference is scheduled for the **fall of 2018**.

Start planning your trip to NYC with your student members. Convention information, including calls for presentation proposals, will be sent to Chapter advisors.



## 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 some 2017-2018 Conferences:

<b>ACTFL</b>	November 17-19, 2017	Nashville, TN,
<b>AATG</b>	November 17-19, 2017	Nashville, TN,
<b>AATSP</b>	June 25 - 28, 2018	Salamanca, Spain
<b>AATF</b>	July 18 -21, 2018	La Pointe-duBout, Martinique
<b>CLTA</b>	April 6 - 8, 2018.	Washington D.C.
<b>NECTFL</b>	February 8-10, 2018	New York, NY



## **News from AMG Chapters**

### **We welcome two new Chapters to Alpha Mu Gamma National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society**

**Xi Chi** at Rowan College, Pemberton, NJ, Burlington County - Advisor: Michelle Harkins, and

**Xi Psi** at Coastal Carolina University, Myrtle, SC - Advisor: Dr Gary Schmidt

#### **Lota Lambda**

This semester the Lota Lambda chapter inducted 17 new members on October 27th. In addition, the chapter marched in Mississippi College's annual Homecoming parade on October 21, 2017. Submitted by Rebekah Dickerson, secretary of the Lota Lambda Chapter.

#### **Kappa Gamma**

Members of the Kappa Gamma Chapter have been very busy during this fall semester. During Hispanic Heritage Month and Cottey College's Annual Multicultural Festival, students organized and participated in cultural workshops, international food and crafts, and invited guest speakers who gave lectures on the importance of foreign languages in this era of globalization. They have done community volunteer work and have sold t-shirts as part their fundraising activities. Even though the chapter has only ten (10) members, they have done an excellent work in promoting Alpha Mu Gamma's mission. If any other information is needed, please let me know. Have a relaxing rest of the day. Submitted by Dr. Carmen Bourbon, Associate Professor of Spanish.

#### **Iota Pi**

The Iota Pi Chapter, of Benedictine College, has been busy in a variety of activities this fall. We kicked off the year by participating in the college club fair to raise exposure about our society and our activities. We hosted a study abroad panel featuring students who have studied, lived, and worked abroad to answer questions and encourage others to study abroad. We also hosted an international poetry reading as part of our college's International Education Week. As a service project, we worked with the college's Hunger Coalition to make and pack sack lunches for their Saturday delivery to needy families in town. We will finish out the semester with an initiation on December 3, 2017. In other news, our advisor, Dr. Julie Sellers, was named as the Kansas World Language Association 2017 Teacher of the Year. Submitted by Dr. Julie Sellers.

**Theta Upsilon**

Our Chapter is currently composed by 25 very active members who are committed to the ideals of our Society. This fall, we started the semester with a welcome back party for all students enrolled in the Department of World Languages. We played games, ate international food and listened to music in several languages.

In response to the natural disasters that occurred earlier in the fall, the Chapter decided to devote its time to raise money for those affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the earthquake in Mexico. Through a bake sale, were able to raise \$450 to help Puerto Rico. We teamed up with a Puerto Rican non-profit organization that works in the area of Adjuntas. With that money, were able to buy multiple items the locals needed such as mosquito nets, air mattresses and solar lamps.

We are currently collecting supplies to send to those affected by the earthquake in Mexico. We will be sending boxes with medical supplies, children's books and school supplies and clothes to the state of Morelos.

Our final project for this fall will be to create Holiday cards with messages in world languages to be sent to hospitalized children. Information about this opportunity can be found at:  
<http://www.cardsforhospitalizedkids.com/>

**Nu Iota**

**Nu Iota** chapter at the University of South Carolina Upstate welcomed the 2017 freshmen and returning students during the University's Premiere Fair. We had 35 students to express interest in becoming members of AMG. Plans are being made for our week of activities during the 2018 National Foreign Language Week. Our theme for the week is *Leading with Languages: Join Us!* Several members graduated in May, leaving vacant positions. New officers for 2017 - 2018 are: President - Rashaundra Miller, Vice-president - Tori Plante, Secretary - Callie Brown, Stefany Porras - Treasurer.

**Eta Pi**

The Eta Pi chapter at Fairfield University admitted 57 new members this fall. The new members will be formally inducted into Alpha Mu Gamma in a ceremony in March. For our fall social event, we held an International Meet and Greet where our members met the international students on campus. This event attracted a large number of students and provided them an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the visiting international students at the University. Another event that was well attended was the potluck dinner sponsored by AMG and all the language clubs where members and non-members alike shared foods from the various respective cultures represented. Our two co-presidents participated in the inauguration of the new President of Fairfield University in early November. In December, our chapter is sponsoring a holiday celebration after our full member meeting. We are also planning for our Initiation in the spring as well as for Foreign Language Week.

**ALPHA MU GAMMA  
NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
COUNCIL  
2016-2018**

**National President:**

**Dr. Beatriz Gómez-Acuña** (Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois – Theta Upsilon chapter)

**First Vice-President:**

**Covadonga Arango-Martin** (Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut - Eta Pi chapter)

**National Executive Secretary:**

**Dr. June Carter** (University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, SC - Nu Iota )

**National Treasurer:**

**Dr. Matt Borden** (Carthage College-Kenosha, Wisconsin, Pi chapter)

**Intercultural Relations Chairperson :**

**Dr. David Aliano** ( College of Mount St. Vincent - New York, Beta Xi chapter)

**Scholarship Chairperson :**

**Dr. Eileen Wilkinson** (Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut – Eta Pi chapter)

**Regional Vice Presidents**

[1] Alabama: **[Vacant]**

[2] Arizona, Nevada & Utah: **[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)

[6] North Carolina: **[Vacant]**

[7] Colorado, Idaho, Montana & Wyoming: **[Vacant]**

[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)

[11] Georgia: **[Vacant]**

[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] Indiana & Kentucky: **[Vacant]**

**[16] Louisiana & Mississippi:**

**Dr. Linda Lassiter** (Southern University, Louisiana – Beta Sigma chapter)

**[17] Missouri:**

**Carmen Bourbon** (Cottey College, Missouri - Kappa Gamma chapter)

**[18] New England States:**

**Angela Tauro** (Fairfield University [Emerita], Connecticut – Eta Pi chapter)

**[19] New York:**

**Dr. David Aliano** (College of Mount St Vincent, New York-Beta Xi chapter)

**[20] Wisconsin:**

**Matt Borden** (Carthage College – Kenosha – Pi chapter)

**[21] Oklahoma:**

**[Vacant]**

**[22] Pennsylvania & New Jersey:**

**Sandra Reynolds** (Raritan Valley Community College, New Jersey - Mu Sigma chapter)

**[23] Ohio & Tennessee:**

**[Vacant]**

**[24] US Virgin Islands:**

**[Vacant]**

**[25] The Virginias**

**James Christopher J** (Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia - Xi Sigma chapter)

If any chapter advisor would be interested in filling one of the Regional vacant Vice-President positions appearing above, please inform us by contacting the National Office.

## BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

First	Dec 20-21, 1935	Alpha – Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles,
Second	April 11-12, 1938	Epsilon – Chico State College [USC-Chico]
Third	March 17-19, 1940	Alpha – Los Angeles City College , Los Angeles,
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,
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,
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
Seventeenth	April 26-28, 1973	Delta Epsilon –M.I.I.S, Monterey, CA
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-seven	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-first	Sept. 14 – 16, 2006	Gamma Rho – Casper College, Casper, Wyoming
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-fourth	Oct. 26-29, 2013	Theta Upsilon – Elmhurst College, Illinois
Thirty-fifth	March 24-26, 2016	Nu Iota - University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg. SC
<b>Thirty-sixth</b>	<b>September 28-30, 2018</b>	Beta Xi - College of Mount St Vincent, Riverside, NY