Greetings Alpha Mu Gamma Members!

I hope this spring newsletter finds you all in good health. I am sure you are busy finishing the academic year and organizing your initiation ceremonies.

We also had a very busy spring semester at the National Headquarters in Fairfield University filling your orders and responding to multiple queries. Overall, our transition is going well. The National Executive Council has been meeting regularly via Skype to discuss ways in which to streamline some of the existing processes. We have been working on simplifying some existing documents, such as the order forms. We also have updated and digitized some of the older documents issued by the first Executive Council, such as the National Constitution, Bi-laws, initiation ritual, etc. All these documents can be found at our new website (www.amgnational.org).

Please, take a look at the website and let us know if there is any information you would like us to include. We are always looking for ways to improve communication with our members!

The National Executive Council, together with the regional Vice-Presidents, is working hard on re-establishing the dormant chapters. It is our hope to have these Chapters active again for the beginning of the next academic year.

Many of you forwarded your chapter’s reports detailing the events that your chapter held in March to commemorate National Foreign Language Week. As is customary, we are including in the spring newsletter those reports to inspire you with new ideas for next year. Although AMG national did not receive a Presidential Proclamation for National Foreign Language Week, we did receive several Gubernatorial Proclamations. These are also included in the newsletter.

Best wishes to all in the closure of this academic year: Have a wonderful and productive summer. Continue your search with eyes aloft and stay in touch. We welcome ideas, comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Beatriz Gómez Acuña, Ph.D
Associate Professor of Spanish
AMG National President, Theta Upsilon Chapter
bgomez@elmhurst.edu
Dear AMG Members,

As spring semester ends and we begin the summer months, let’s take time to reflect and recharge. Whether we teach during the summer or have the summer months off, much benefits can be gained by such reflection. I, personally, look forward to deliberate contemplation and learning this summer, along with relaxing with family and friends in sunny Carolina.

In between work and fun, I hope you will let AMG’s website help you stay connected to the changes that are taking place in the Society. Let’s get the message out that AMG is moving forward in this age of intercultural competence and global citizenship. After all, as members of AMG we pledged to accept the ideals represented by the Golden Bough, Enlightenment, Friendship, and Sympathetic understanding of other peoples. . .

Have a great summer!

Sincerely yours,

June C. D. Carter
National Secretary
University of South Carolina Upstate

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:

- Mckenzie Standeford (Iota Theta chapter) Anderson University in Anderson, IN
- Claire Schroettner (Iota Pi chapter) Benedictine College in Atchison, KS
- Sarah Levesque (Delta Psi chapter) Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, CT

The $500 James Fonseca Scholarship:

- Shannon Carney (Eta Pi chapter) Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT

The $500 Sister Eloise-Thérèse Scholarship:

- Sean Tomlinson (Eta Pi chapter) Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT
Greetings from the National Headquarters!

It’s been almost one year since AMG National relocated to Fairfield University and it has been a very busy one for me as well as the Executive Board. During this time some changes have taken place to streamline the ordering process for advisors and features were added to the website to provide them with information and answers to questions. With just a few clicks of your mouse you can now access many documents that previously needed to be purchased as hard copies, as well as documents, such as the order form and price list, which have always been available on the website. Please take a moment to download the handbook, information on NFLW, price lists, and the updated order form, etc. You will also find an archive of past newsletters. All of these documents should provide lots of useful information for your chapter and its activities.

The order form has recently been revised and updated in order to expedite the processing and mailing of orders. Please note the following:

1. Chapters send orders (using the order form) via emails to the National office.
2. Chapters will pay the Treasurer with a check and include a paper copy of the order with the check

Shipping/handling charges and the prices for some items have also changed. You will find an explanation of these changes on the following page. The current order form must be used when placing future orders.

Towards the end of the fall semester, I will be mailing out posters for National Foreign Language Week 2018. Each chapter will receive one poster at no charge. If you wish to order more posters, you may use the new order form to do so. The cost will be $6.00 per poster, plus shipping/handling.

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, 2018.

It has been a pleasure working with advisors and council members this year and I look forward to continue working with you in 2017-2018. 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.

Enjoy the summer break!

Sincerely,

Leslie Brazier
Administrative Assistant, AMG National
AMGNational@fairfield.edu
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):

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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.
National Foreign Language Week 2017

2017 NFLW Poster

A complimentary copy of the NFLW poster for 2017 was sent to the advisors for each chapter of AMG. Many additional copies were sold to schools throughout the USA. The original design was submitted by Stephanie Gutkin, a student from Fairfield University.

Preview of the 2018 NFLW Poster

Next year’s NFLW poster will be distributed to AMG advisors in November. Additional copies of the poster will be available for purchase at that time. Simply use the AMG order form* to place your order once the posters become available in late fall.

*Order forms may be found in the ‘store’ tab on our website: http://www.amgnational.org
Governors Proclamations

Although a number of our advisers and regional VPs solicited governors in their regions to provide proclamations for National Foreign Language week, we only received three gubernatorial proclamations. Once again, we did not receive a Presidential Proclamation.

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Regional Vice Presidents for their efforts in obtaining these proclamations: Dr. June Carter (VP South Carolina) and Dr. David Aliano (VP New York), Dr. Beatriz Gómez Acuña (Illinois).
36th 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 chapters once the date has been set.

Chapter Reports

**Eta Pi:**
The 2016-2017 academic year has been an exciting and eventful one for the ETA PI chapter at Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT. Our chapter participated in the Open Houses for accepted students as well as the Activities Fairs in both semesters. In October, our officers hosted an event for our members, and invited the international students on campus to craft canvas bags for Halloween. This was a great way to meet the International students, learn something about their culture, and make them feel welcome.

In December, just before finals, our members decorated Christmas ornaments and sang carols in various languages.

In March, our chapter participated in Foreign Language Week by hosting activities, supplying refreshments, and getting the major language clubs to participate. During the same week, AMG Officers helped with a Foreign Film Festival, which was hosted by the Department of Modern

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Languages and Literatures. Our initiation, which was one of the largest thus far, with over 200 people in attendance, also took place in March. We inducted approximately 100 students studying close to ten languages in our Department. Among them were the seniors who received their honor cords. During the ceremony, we announced the new Officers, who will begin their duties this coming fall semester. We also inducted two faculty members, one from the School of Nursing and the other from the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. The new Administrative Assistant of AMG Headquarters at Fairfield University, Mrs. Leslie Brazier, was also initiated as an honorary member. Two of our students have won AMG Scholarships. Shannon Carney won the James Fonseca $500 Scholarship and Sean Tomlinson won the Sister Eloise-Thérèse $500 Scholarship.

The new officers for 2017-2018 are: Co-Presidents – Kelly Kuplic & Aliyah Phipps, Vice President – Sean Tomlinson, Secretary – Sophia Bolanos, Treasurer – Zaheer Bangi, Historian – Maureen Perry. The chapter faculty advisors are: Dr. Zoe Erotopoulos (French) and Dr. Eileen Wilkinson (German).

Lota Lambda:
The Lota Lambda chapter at Mississippi College became active for 2016-2017 after five years. The chapter inducted 23 students in the fall across 4 languages. The induction ceremony featured guest speaker, Dr. Elise Monroe Gagne, who is a professor of linguistics and MS humanities Council Teacher of the year. During the spring semester, the chapter elected officers and held bi-weekly meetings. The chapter also hosted world renown poet, Jacobo Llano of Spain. Jacobo Llano held poetry understanding sessions in both English and Spanish, open to the entire campus. Two foreign language weeks were hosted specifically for French and Spanish, during the months of March and April. These language emphasis weeks included International movie nights, cooking classes for traditional dishes, informational tables and conversation in the cafeteria, and French desserts for lunch, among other activities.

The officers elected for the 2016-2017 term are: President- Angel Allen, Vice President- Madilyn Bragg, Secretary- Rebekah Dickerson, Historian- Elizabeth Miller, Treasurer- Bradley Johnson. The chapter faculty advisors are Dr. Amy Williamson and Amy Burden, among other faculty members.
Nu Iota:

On April 12, 2017, the Nu Iota chapter at the University of South Carolina Upstate welcomed 10 new student members and one honorary member. For the first time in our history, we inducted a student of American Sign Language, Austin D. Lindsey. Our guest speaker was Dr. Alexander Akulli, Director of the Center for International Studies, whose spoke about “Alternative Realities and the Pursuit of Happiness in an Interdependent Global Society. As an Albanian, he helped us appreciate what true happiness is, that it is not rooted in material wealth, rather spiritual and ethical values. He suggested that while many are trying to make America “great again”, it would be beneficial to make American shappy again. He provided data on how the level of “happiness” in the United States has decreased tremendously since he and his family arrived in this country some years ago.

Several members graduated with honors and received awards. Rachel Baylor, Secretary 1916 – 1917 received the Outstanding Spanish Major Award and Amy Richards, Spanish Education major, received the Outstanding Spanish Non-Major Award at the annual College of Arts and Sciences’ Scholars Day Ceremony. Nia Payne and Rachel Baylor graduated Magna Cum Laude, as well.

Community service hours increased this year, as all Board Members participated in community engagement this year: Glorymar Pi, Stefany Porras, and Rachel Baylor.

New members include Callie M. Brown (Spanish), Lawrence K. Bruns (Spanish), Lorraine L. Goslar (Spanish), Dylan H. Kenefick (Spanish), Austin D. Lindsey (American Sign Language), Rashuandra L. Miller (Spanish), Nia A. Payne (Spanish & German), Tori L. Plante (Spanish), Manette Tanelus (French), and Valerie Zarama Duque (ESOL & French).

Theta Rho:

The induction of new members into the Theta Rho Chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma at Worcester State University took place on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at the Annual Award Ceremony of the Department of World Languages. New members are: Steven Q. LaFortune (French), Marla J. Lynch (Spanish), Marisa L. Morelli (Spanish), Régine B. Muteck (French), Nicole J. Putnam (Spanish), Michelle E. Ruiz (German), Fernanda M. Suggs (Spanish), and Jolane F. Thibault (French). (See photo of new members with Faculty Advisor, Prof. Judy Jeon-Chapman, Ph.D., below.) Helping with the induction ceremony were outgoing AMG officers from 2016-2017: President: Merrie Gardner, Vice President: Erica Remillard, Secretary: Midaly Carrasquillo, Treasurer: Carisa Bartholomae.

Food for the luncheon came from a local restaurant specializing in Latin American restaurant cuisine.

The Interim Chair of the Dept., Dr. Antonio Guijarro-Donadiós, delivered opening remarks and announced the Outstanding Spanish Major Award, the Dorothy Escribano Award, the Ramiro Lagos Poetry Prize. Winning poems written in Spanish were read, and one of the Spanish Majors sang an inspirational song in Spanish.

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Then new members were sworn in, and given their certificates, AMG pins, a pin for the language through which each student qualified for AMG, an AMG pledge ribbon, and an AMG tote bag.

The election of AMG officers then took place. New officers for 2017-2018 are as follows:
President: Nicole Putnam
Vice President: Jolane Thibault
Secretary: Erica Remillard

Respectfully submitted by Judith Jeon-Chapman

**Theta Upsilon:**

Throughout the academic year, the Theta Upsilon chapter at Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois, sponsored numerous events in campus to promote Alpha Mu Gamma and its goals. In the fall semester, we hosted 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 November, the Chapter sponsored an academic talk entitled “The AIDS Epidemic in Nigeria and the Role of the Gweimen Center.” After this talk, students felt inspired to start a service project to benefit the orphans living in this center. We were able to ship over multiple boxes full of supplies. In the spring semester, we celebrated Foreign Language Week with our annual international poetry reading, salsa dance lessons and origami workshops.

All these events have allowed our current members to grow closer as a group and each individual to express their strengths and passions. We happily inducted 22 new members on April 28, and we are looking forward to expanding in the future.
ALPHA MU GAMMA
NEW 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-Martín (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]
[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] 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, 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  
  Christopher James  (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
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, SC
Thirty-sixth FALL 2018 Beta Xi - College of Mount St Vincent, NY