



# Alpha Mu Gamma Newsletter

National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society

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## From the Editor...

Greetings to all and congratulations to the 2022 graduates! As we reach the end of spring semester, I hope it has been a successful one in terms of health, school, and work. As I reflect on our discipline, the appeal of world languages, although varying by languages with Spanish in the lead with 85% of employers in the United reporting that it is in demand, while German and Japanese share the rank of fourth, with 17% demand, behind Chinese 34% and French 22% (*Making Languages Our Business: Addressing Foreign Language among U.S. Employers, 2019*). Regardless of the world language you are studying, the world language classroom provides you the skills and several core competencies that “broadly prepare you for success in the workplace and lifelong career management” (NACE). The communication skills developed and acquired in world language classrooms as well as the ability to work in teams are very important to employers today. In addition, world language studies prepare you for success in the workforce and beyond. Most notably are the intercultural competencies you achieve in world language studies, competencies that are essential for life and citizenship in our global society.

Finally, we all accepted the ideals represented by the Golden Bough –Enlightenment, Friendship, and Sympathetic Understanding of Other Peoples - and promised to be loyal to these ideals” (AMG Pledge)) Now, more than ever, the “ability to work effectively in diverse teams and to communicate/work with people from different cultural backgrounds is “very important”. (AAC&U How College Contributes to Workforce Success: Employer Views on What Matters most pp. 5 – 6). Let’s continue displaying sympathetic understanding of other peoples in our diverse society.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer!

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,

Congratulations on finishing another academic year! After a hard semester at work, trying to navigate higher Education during COVID times, it is time for all of us to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and to take a well-deserved rest.

At Alpha Mu Gamma National, we have kept active receiving and filling your order and answering your queries about several topics including new inductions. National Foreign Language Week, Scholarships, and the establishment of new Chapters.

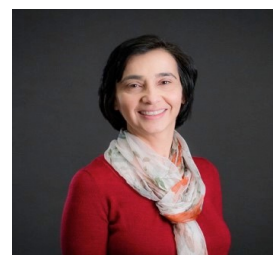
The National Executive Council has been regularly meeting this spring terms, mainly to discuss the status of the 37<sup>th</sup> National Convention. As you may remember Bridgewater College had intentions of hosting the convention, but unforeseen circumstances prevented them from doing so. I sent an email to all Chapter advisors on April 23, requesting a volunteer chapter to host the convention. If you are interested or intrigued by this idea, please let me know.

We have had a record submission of Chapter reports this term. It is always inspiring to hear about your events and the work of your students promoting the ideals of AMG. We hope you enjoy reading them.

Best wishes to all in the closure of this academic year. Enjoy your summer and stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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





The National Foreign Language Honor Society  
**Alpha Mu Gamma**

**RECIPIENTS OF THE AMG NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2022 AWARDS:**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**\$1,000 *Goddard, Indovina & Krakowski Scholarship.***

|               |                           |          |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Amy Soulier.  | University of Mount Union | Theta Nu |
| Laura Melin   | Fairfield University      | Eta Pi   |
| Sean McQuade. | Fairfield University      | Eta Pi   |

**\$500 *James Fonseca Scholarship* for the study of Spanish or Esperanto**

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| Karoline Morton | Fairfield University | Eta Pi |
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**\$500 *Sister Eloise-Thérèse Scholarship* for the study of languages other than Spanish or Esperanto**

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| Urgela Figaro | University of Mount Union. | Theta Nu |
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Many thanks to members of the Scholarship Committee for the time they spent thoughtfully evaluating the applications.

Dr. Miguel Estrada - Iota Rho  
Dr. Tugba Sevin - Epsilon Gamma  
Dr. Bonnie Loder - Nu Alpha  
Dr. Eileen Wilkinson - Eta Pi  
National Scholarship Chair



## CHAPTER NEWS



### **Kappa Mu, Morgan State University, Advisor Helen Harrison**

For the past two year, we have had remote “recognition” ceremonies of candidates for Alpha Mu Gamma over Zoom. This year, we will be formally inducting students who were recognized in those ceremonies, as well as new candidates. We look forward to honoring everyone on May 12. **Full Student Members:** Sydney Haynes (Japanese), Ebonie Jefferson (Japanese), Keashia Johnson (Spanish), Michelle Kamara (Latin), Joshua O’Neal (Spanish), Mya Sharpe (Japanese and Italian). **Associate Members:** Sara Aljuaid (French), Yvette Diagne (French), Eric Gilbert (Latin), Yaël Guy (French), Daniel Harrison (French); Leah Johnson (Italian), Jade Jones (Japanese), Anaya Smith (Japanese). **Faculty Members:** Gonzalo Baptista (Spanish) and Nicolino Applauso (Italian).

### **Alpha Alpha Theta, Mt. Hood Community College, Advisor Yoko Sato**

Our chapter was installed in December 2021. We had our second “Fun with Languages” event on Friday evening, March 11, to celebrate National Foreign Language Week this year, Students from Spanish, Japanese, ASL and English (Intensive English for College Careers) showed off what they have learned in short presentations via Zoom. **Full Student Members:** Natasha Hogan (Japanese), Kasey Stadel (Japanese), Jonathan Rux (Japanese), Tiffany Aguirre (Japanese), Jeffrey Schofield (Japanese), Maddie Engler (Spanish), Holly Parrish (Spanish).

### **Iota Phi, Augusta University, Advisor Dr. Christopher Botero**

On March 30, Dr. K. Allen Davis, Department of Spanish and Portuguese from Indiana University Bloomington presented “The Multidisciplinary Benefits of Language Study in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. **Full Student Member:** Zyare Orr (Spanish). April 14, 2022.

### **Theta Nu, University of Mount Union, Advisor Dr. Gregg O. Courtad**

We co-sponsored activities for International Education Week with our Spanish Club/Latino support group (H.O.L.A.) Some of the activities included tie-dyeing t-shirts. Two of our members were awarded Alpha Mu Gamma scholarships. **Full Student Members:** Angelina Aulisio (French), Rae Carruthers (Spanish), Sarah Conley (Spanish), Chloe Dragos (Spanish), Liza Harris (Spanish), Noah Hartline (French), Mary Ellen Mann (Japanese), Jonah McCartney (Spanish), Julia Polynak (French), Jodex Soldevilla (German). **Honorary Members:** Ana Campos (Spanish), Anna Hinrichs (German), Amandine Lam (French), Kasumi Sudo (Japanese). **Faculty:** Noriko Okura (Japanese), JoAnn Jones (German).

### **Alpha Alpha Iota, Lansing Community College, Advisor Julie Gloss**

We met virtually every three weeks this semester. Our activities included sharing our personal language paths, reading poetry in Japanese, Chinese, Turkish, Farsi, and Spanish, watching and discussing the Noam Chomsky documentary “Is the Man Who is Tall Happy? Sharing language studying strategies. Our Vice President, Sabrina Ruiz, participated in our College Earth Day Community Cleanup and Beautification at a local community center. Overall, we had a great start and look forward to meeting again in the fall. Induction Ceremony was on May 7. **Full Student Members:** Sabrina Ruiz (Spanish), Jordan Woodford (Spanish), Natosha Irwin (Japanese), Jonah Coffman (Japanese).

### **Iota Upsilon, West Virginia State University, Advisor Carol Susman**

AMG members have met midday throughout the year on a weekly basis. Students have practiced their conversation skills, played games, sung songs, and shared food. Games have included the card game, “Les Sept Familles,” pétanque, and foreign language versions of Pictionary, charades, and “Scattergories.” We have also organized two dinners, a crêpe-making lunch-time activity to celebrate the Chandleur, and a foreign language Karaoke gathering. **Full Member:** Brandy Freeman (Spanish and French).

### **Alpha Alpha Alpha, La Salle University, Advisor Dr. Victoria Ketz**

During Foreign Language Awareness Week, the Global Languages Department held various events such as a Food Fair, cultural presentations and movies, as well as other social activities. Our induction ceremony was held on April 26, 2022. **Full Student Members:** Anna Bailey (Spanish), Giovanna Castorina (Spanish), Michaela Craner (Spanish), Aiden Davis-Díaz (Spanish), Kaitlin Donnellan (Spanish), Erin Holly (Spanish), Hilary Hilario Marte (Spanish), Sidney Lang (Spanish), Mia Elizabeth Mattingly (Spanish), Eoghan McGovern (Spanish), Danielle O’Brien (Spanish), Mileny Pérez (Spanish), Meghan Robayo (Spanish), Douglas Rodríguez (Spanish), Jenniffer Rodríguez (Spanish), Alina Snopkowski (Russian), Rachel Quigley (Spanish), Esmerlin Amparo Martínez (English), Kelshira Campbell (English), Tordanny Díaz (English), Tordanny Díaz (English), Nicole Encarnación (English), Alfreisis Florentino Pérez (English), Alessia García Sánchez (English), Diana Gómez Ulloa (English).

### **Nu Delta, University of Missouri, Advisor Timothy Albeln**

Chapter initiation meetings were held on December 8, and May 4. Chapter members have participated in events such as cooking demos, a tea party, and a panel discussion on careers in languages. **Full Members:** Samuel Cook (French) and Catherine Elking (Spanish).

### **Nu Iota, University of South Carolina Upstate, Advisor Dr. June C. D. Carter**

Nu Iota Chapter participated in several Summer Orientation Involvement Fairs, providing new and transfer students information about Alpha Mu Gamma, its history, requirements for membership, and scholarships available for language study. Our chapter received a gubernatorial proclamation for National Foreign Language Week. Due to continued COVID – 19 restrictions we did not have an in-person induction ceremony. Our Induction Ceremony was held on Microsoft Teams on May 2. The chapter president, Dawson Adams, had an article published in the university’s peer-reviewed undergraduate research journal. We are so proud of him and other fall and spring graduates who graduated with honors and recognition for their undergraduate academic accomplishments. **Full Student Members:** Gregory J. Castillo (Spanish), Kimberly A. Ramos (Spanish), Elizabeth A. Stapleton (Spanish), Julius Storino (German).

### **Alpha Phi, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Advisor JoAnn Fuess**

In late spring 2021, as in-person activities were allowed outdoors again and the weather began to cooperate, our Alpha Phi chapter teamed up with the Office of Global Engagement to host the first ever Global Spring Festival. We had lawn games like “Boules” and “Mölkky”, coloring sheets, mini language lessons, music with Spotify codes to share, international treats, stickers, temporary tattoos spread at outdoor tables. We made slips of “tanabata” where participants could write their wishes for the future in the language of their choice and hung them on a poster to display publicly. We held multi-lingual outdoor yoga outdoors, with the positions translated into all the languages we teach on campus. On that same day, we welcomed our new AMG members with international treat bags and member-designed water bottles. AMG members helped with planning, staffing the tables and running the activities. This event was so popular, that we will again co-host it in April 2022 along with Global Engagement and our International Relations Organization. Starting in fall 2021, we were again able to have off-campus visitors, so we invited community members to our international film series. **Full Student Members:** Karina Hinkley (German), Alexander Kohler (German), Joran Teijema (German), Tesla Babbitt (Spanish), Sarah DeCoster (Spanish), Stacia Hull (Spanish), Lauren Maciejewski, (Spanish), Kamryn Pfenning (Spanish), Mason Sadler (Spanish).

### **Beta Rho, Ball State University, Advisor Laura Sestet**

The Beta Rho chapter held our annual Harvest Fest event with the language clubs of Ball State, and we are planning a cultural Trivia Night.

### **Iota Theta, Anderson University, Advisor Brandan Grayson**

Our chapter held a Spanish movie night.

### **Alpha Alpha Lambda, Mary Baldwin University, Advisor Brenci Patiño**

We will have our very first initiation ceremony this spring.

### **Beta Xi, College of Mount Saint Vincent, Advisor, Dr. David Aliano**

The Beta Xi Chapter co-sponsored our annual “World on a Metrocard Event,” which this year focused on the research projects of five of our students who participated in a French Study Abroad program to Montreal Quebec. **Full Student Members:** Earl Garma-Lindain (Filipino), Catrina M. Estrella (Filipino), Danae Elise Manalastas (Filipino), Yvemalya S. Germain (French), Megi Abaza (Italian), Allison Meléndez (Italian), Alejandra Mercado (Italian), Marina Zhinin (Italian), Anthony Guzmán (Spanish), Gesselle Sánchez (Spanish), Yonathan Cabrera (Spanish), Gabriela Bastardo (Spanish), Greicy Ferreras, (Spanish).

### **Xi Psi, Coastal Carolina University, Advisor Donna Brown**

The chapter has not been active in the last couple of years. We will have an initiation ceremony on April 28<sup>th</sup>. **Full Student Members:** Caitlyn Evans (Spanish), Caroline Greene (Spanish), Caitlin Hallam (French), Courtney Hallam (French), Mia Márquez (Chinese), Korrine Swanson (Spanish). **Associate Student Member:** Tess Yazvac (Chinese). **Faculty:** Donna Brown (Spanish).

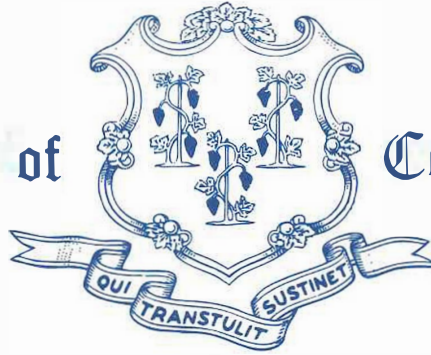
### **Eta Pi, Fairfield University, Advisors Drs. Zoe Erotopoulos (French) and Eileen Wilkinson (German)**

This year members of the Eta Pi chapter were once again able to participate in activities in-person, although chapter meetings were held virtually. Officers and other volunteers staffed our table at both the fall and spring Activities Fairs, which helped make students aware of AMG. We also were part of both Admitted Student events as well. Our chapter participated in Foreign Language Week activities, including the virtual event that was sponsored by AMG National.

Our Initiation for new members for both the fall and spring semesters was held in Gonzaga Auditorium on March 27. This year we initiated a total of 70 students, which reflects a slight increase over last year’s new membership numbers. Our keynote speaker was Dr. Walter Rankin, the Vice Provost for Graduate, Professional & Continuing Studies, as well as a German Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. During the ceremony we also recognized graduating seniors, who received their honor cords and after the festivities, we enjoyed a reception with pastries and lemonade. The new officers are President - Kaley Defilipo (Spanish), Vice-President – Colleen McCluskey (Italian), Secretary – Steven Burns (Spanish), Treasurer – Ava Tirri (Italian), Marketer – Julianna Sinotte (Spanish), COSO/Cub Rep – Charlotte Kennedy (Spanish). Three students from the Eta Pi chapter were awarded AMG Scholarships this year:



State of



Connecticut

By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an

# Official Statement

WHEREAS, Alpha Mu Gamma (AMG) – founded in 1931 – is one of the largest foreign language honorary societies in the nation, with 353 chapters in 34 states, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, AMG recognizes academic excellence and highlights the importance of world language study – its motto "*Enlightenment, Friendship and Sympathetic Understanding of Other Peoples,*" underscores how the study of other languages can contribute to the exchange of ideas across cultures and the development of international understanding; and

WHEREAS, cross-cultural skills play a crucial role in the education of our young people – and Connecticut needs not only citizens with higher education but also a wider education, in order to become citizens of the world and educators, leaders and entrepreneurs in our state; and

WHEREAS, National Foreign Language Week began in 1957, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower set aside a week of observance for foreign languages; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of March 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as

## NATIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, in our increasingly interconnected world, it is more important than ever to be able to communicate effectively with people from different nations and cultures; and

WHEREAS, helping foster a greater understanding and respect for others, foreign language education can contribute to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness, and national security; and

WHEREAS, in addition to increasing career opportunities, the study and knowledge of foreign languages can help improve cognitive skills such as memory, critical thinking, problem solving, concentration, and listening as well as increase creativity and flexibility; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2022 observance of Foreign Language Week, *Celebrate Humanity Through Language*, serves as a reminder of the importance of listening to those who speak a different language and learning about their culture as a means to increase global literacy and understanding among the citizens of our state, our nation, and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 6 - 12, 2022, as

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in recognizing the importance of foreign language education.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY MCMASTER  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



# ALPHA MU GAMMA

THE NATIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY



## The 2023 Foreign Language Week

# z POSTER CONTEST <sup>A</sup><sub>z</sub>M<sup>Γ</sup>

*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

.tiff

- Email your poster design to [posters@alphamugamma.org](mailto:posters@alphamugamma.org)
- Entries will be accepted from **April 25<sup>th</sup> -Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**
- Criteria: originality, creativity, color, and design.

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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# 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

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