

Mu Alpha Theta

Southern Union is proud to have a chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, a mathematics honor society for high school and two-year college students. In addition to promoting interest in mathematics, the organization participates in community service projects. Mu Alpha Theta members have worked with the Jean Dean RIF (Reading is Fundamental) organization in Opelika to provide books for needy, at-risk children. Volunteer work includes sorting children's books at the warehouse, reading to preschool children at Head Start, and volunteering at the organization's annual Run to Read event. Mu Alpha Theta has sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts to raise money to endow the John Edgar Excellence in Mathematics Scholarship at Southern Union. In the future, this scholarship will be awarded to deserving high school seniors who have excelled in mathematics. Mu Alpha Theta members assist with Southern Union's annual math tournament on the Wadley campus. The chapter also holds meetings once a month, where students enjoy fellowship and fun activities.

To be eligible for membership, a student is required to take Precalculus Algebra (MTH 112) or higher, achieve a 3.5 GPA or above in all mathematics courses, and have an overall 3.0 GPA or higher. Students also have the option to transfer their membership if they were members in high school. Members have the opportunity to apply for national and chapter scholarships. Southern Union's chapter is honored to have students who have won scholarships at the national level. Mathematics instructors Paige Perry and Valarie Boyd serve as co-sponsors of the organization.