

ΦΑΘ NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER BROWN

Greetings from the Mid-Atlantic region of Phi Alpha Theta! This region includes member schools from Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Delaware. I serve as the regional representative, council member, and Sigma Lambda faculty adviser.

Bowie State University's (BSU's) Phi Alpha Theta chapter celebrated its fifty-second anniversary in June. I have served as its adviser since 2007 and Roger A. Davidson Jr. has graciously been the co-adviser for approximately five years. In April, our resilient chapter welcomed six new members (Festus Cole, Alontae Elliot, Chelsi Lewis, Tyrus Moring, Cheryl Taylor, and Kyle Vermette) as part of the BSU Department of History & Government's annual Honors Day of Achievement program.

While you rest, instruct, and/or research this summer, I would like to take the opportunity to highlight my region in this newsletter. The Nu Phi chapter of Washington College, under the leadership of Clayton Black, enthusiastically hosted the regional conference on March 25, 2023. Although the dreary and rainy weather did not cooperate, those in attendance sheltered inside as much as possible while participating in ten panel sessions with twenty-nine student presentations. Author Edward Ball treated us to an engaging luncheon address, where he spoke about his family history as an impetus behind his successful publishing career, as well as advice to students on how they can parlay their study of history into a fulfilling and lucrative future.

Unfortunately, several member departments are experiencing the fallout of the current state of the discipline through declining numbers of majors and administrative scrutiny of departments and programs, especially where the emphasis is on STEM. Still, our hardy chapters are adapting to current circumstances and making strategic plans for the future. Sarah Malena shared the success of the Alpha Iota Kappa chapter at St. Mary's College of Maryland, whose members have taken to social media to prop up the chapter and its activities and recruit members. The efforts have paid off and may serve as a blueprint for other chapters looking for sustainability and growth measures. Moreover, Phi Alpha Theta engagement helps with the recruitment and retention of students.



Thank you for taking the time to review this newsletter. My goal for the next academic year is to engage more of our member institutions to participate at the regional level. For those in the Mid-Atlantic region and other interested parties, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns that you may have with the Phi Alpha Theta Mid-Atlantic region. I look forward to interacting with you at the spring conference!

Tamara Brown

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2024 Prizes & Awards

Don't miss our upcoming opportunities!

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<u>Prizes and Awards</u>	<u>Description of Prizes and Awards</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
Gordon Morris Bakken Scholarship in Western History	For graduate students in history researching the Trans-Mississippi West	Entries received by March 1, 2024
Doctoral Student Scholarship	For graduate student members who are actively pursuing a Ph.D. in History	Entries received by March 1, 2024
Graduate Student Scholarship	For students entering graduate school for the first time in the <i>fall of 2024</i>	Entries received by March 1, 2024
Undergraduate Student Scholarship	For students members entering the fall semester of their senior year majoring in Modern European History 1815-present	Entries received by March 1, 2024
Best Chapter Awards	Chapters are encouraged to submit their digital scrapbook showcasing their activities for the <i>2023-2024 academic year</i>	Entries received by July 1, 2024
Book Awards	For faculty to submit a book for Best First Book or Best Subsequent Book	Entries received by July 1, 2024
Faculty Advisor Research Grant	For chapter advisors who have served <i>five (5) or more years</i> to advance their research	Entries received by July 1, 2024
Paper Prize Awards	For graduate and undergraduate students who have written outstanding papers	Entries received by July 1, 2024
Nash History Journal Prize	For all PAT chapters who publish print and/or electronic journals	Entries received by July 1, 2024
Charles Redd Center Book Award	For faculty to submit a book on any aspect of the American West	Entries received by September 16, 2024

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