

ΦΑΘ NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

All of us at the national office and nationwide friends of Phi Alpha Theta were deeply saddened to learn of the passing last month of Stephen Webre, Professor Emeritus of History at Louisiana Tech University. A

Vietnam-Era Veteran of the United States Navy, Dr. Webre earned his B.A. degree in History at the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Geaux Cajuns!) and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Latin American History at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Throughout his long and productive career, Dr. Webre was a respected authority on the history of Central America, in particular. He published his first book on the development of a political party in 1960s El Salvador, but he became especially associated with the history of Guatemala, from the seventeenth century to the present. In order to connect the people of today's Guatemala to their past, he founded the Centro de Investigaciones Regionales de Mesoamerica in Antigua, Guatemala, as a repository of documentary and photographic archives related to Central American history.

In addition to his research and administrative work, including service as Head of the History Department and then Associate Dean at Louisiana Tech, he served as Faculty Advisor for the Lambda Rho Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta for many years. Under his leadership this chapter won 30 awards and national "Best Chapter" honors 28 times!

According to the tribute published about his life in the Ruston (La.) Daily Leader, “Working with students provided the greatest satisfaction to him. Those he taught numbered in the thousands, and he often said, ‘I hope they know that I have cared about each and every one of them.’”

At the heart of Dr. Webre’s success was clearly his care and concern for his students, and these are precisely the traits we most hope to encourage among our faculty advisors and anyone interested in the development of History students. We strongly believe that an investment in young people’s minds, hearts, and futures will ALWAYS pay dividends, for decades to come, and we encourage you to see how you can continue to support your own students in the months and years to come.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Biennial Conference in Albuquerque, an amazing city with a rich history extending back millennia, and details may be found below!

Jonathan S. Perry

In Loving Memory



Dr. Stephen Andrew Webre

Dr. Stephen Andrew Webre, 75, passed away at his home in Ruston on September 12, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was a professor of History at Louisiana Tech University from 1982 until his retirement with the rank of Professor Emeritus in 2017. He served as an advisor for Phi Alpha Theta, for many years. Under his leadership, the Lambda Rho Chapter won 30 awards and Best Chapter honors 28 times. Dr. Webre loved trains and traveling, and was a talented artist. He was also a strong supporter of foreign study programs, organizing some for Tulane and other universities, and while at Tech participated in the History Department’s program in Florence, Italy, and the Spanish language program in Costa Rica.

owensmemorialfuneralhome.com/obituary/stephen-webre

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Join us in Albuquerque, NM at the The Clyde Hotel for the

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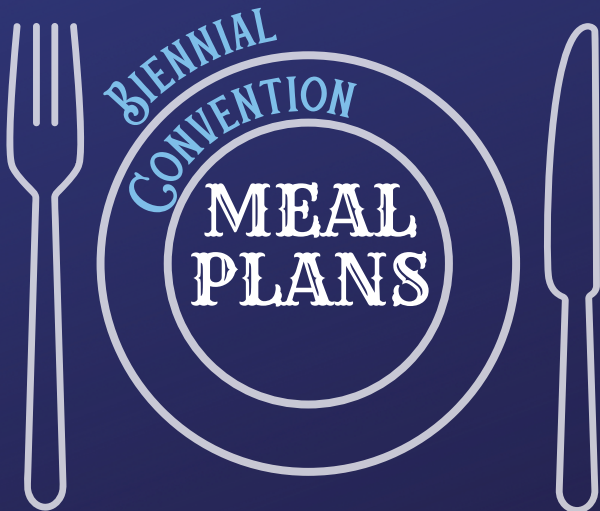
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 - Sign in upon arrival
 - Attend the Roll Call and Business Meeting at 8 AM on January 5
- Learn more here: phialphatheta.org/frequently-asked-questions/



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CALIFORNIA SOUTH - California Lutheran University - March 25

UTAH - University of Utah - March 31

GEORGIA - Columbus State University - April 14-15

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