

ΦΑΘ NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER KAUFMAN

Greetings!

My name is Scott Kaufman. I am an advisor for Alpha Theta Zeta, Phi Alpha Theta's (PAT) chapter at Francis Marion University in South Carolina. Last year, I received the honor of joining Phi Alpha Theta's National Council.

I have had a love for History since elementary school, in part because my father was a History professor. I followed in his footsteps and, like him, became a specialist in American diplomatic history. I share his love for teaching and, like him, have allowed my research to take me in a variety of directions. While some of my publications are in diplomatic history, I also have written on Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, First Lady Rosalynn Carter, and the person after whom my university is named, Revolutionary War general Francis Marion.

Those of you who are History majors may find yourselves with very specific interests, while others of you are more eclectic in your pursuit of the past. Either way, you are making vitally-important contributions. History faces challenges from universities that are giving more emphasis to STEM and business than the liberal arts, and from politicians who twist the past to fit their agendas. I encourage all of you to do everything you can to keep the past alive. Read books. Write papers. Travel to historical sites. Interact with fellow students and professors at professional conferences. Deliver presentations. It is an old truism that those who forget the past are bound to repeat it, and it is your knowledge that will be key to pointing to future generations what past generations got right or wrong, and why.

My predecessor as Alpha Theta Zeta's advisor, Dr. Chris Kennedy, took to heart that mission of instilling a love of the past upon PAT members. He increased our chapter's presence both within the local community and Phi Alpha Theta itself. During his years as advisor, our students took part in numerous local activities, including clean-up around General Marion's grave; the Pecan Festival, which is our hometown's biggest annual event; the American Heritage Festival, in which numerous reenactors participate; and Arts International, a celebration of food, art, music, and dancing from around the globe. Other activities ranged from field trips to movie nights, guest lectures, and fundraisers. The money we raised, supplemented by the strong support of our university's administration, allowed us to send students (and faculty) to both PAT regional and biennial conferences. Under Dr. Kennedy's leadership, Alpha Theta Zeta won numerous Best Chapter awards. That he truly did the work of three people is attested by the fact that I share the load of advising our PAT chapter with two colleagues, Drs. Will Bolt and Erica Johnson. We certainly have big shoes to fill!

NEW SEMESTER, NEW MEMBERS

Faculty Advisors, it's almost time to submit your Fall Initiates!

Submitting initiates is easy:

🍁 Visit MyPhiAlphaTheta.com to pay the membership dues for your new members

🍁 Email info@PhiAlphaTheta.org with a list of each initiate's full name, address, and email

Remember: PAT HQ requires a 3-week processing time before your certificates are mailed to you, so start this process as early as possible!

Upcoming Opportunities PhiAlphaTheta.org/prizes-and-awards/

Doctoral Student Scholarship
Graduate Student Scholarship
Undergraduate Student Scholarship
Gordon Morris Scholarship in Western History

----- Due March 1, 2024

Book Awards
Best Chapter Awards
Paper Prize Awards
Nash History Journal
Faculty Advisor Research Grant

----- Due July 1, 2024

Charles Redd Center Book Award

----- Due September 16, 2024

*Regional
Conferences*

It's almost time for Regional season!

The Regional Calendar on PhiAlphaTheta.org/regionals is updated as soon as we hear from Regional hosts, so check back soon if you don't see a Regional scheduled for your area yet.



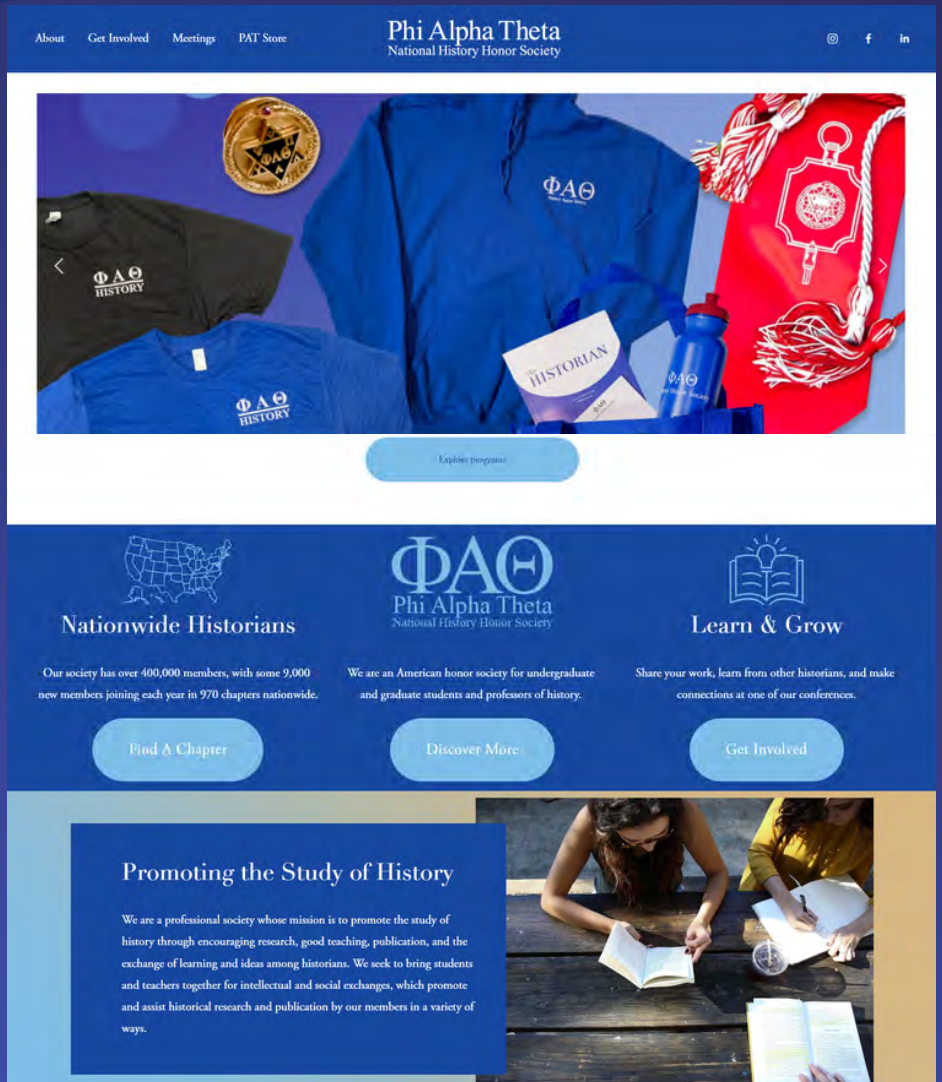
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