

BEST CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Listed below are samples of the activities performed by our Best Chapter awardees. Excellent chapters are the result of dedicated service by both chapter advisors and student officers and active member involvement. We encourage our faculty advisors to contact one or more of these exceptional chapters to obtain additional ideas for chapter development and utilize the following list:

- Sponsoring annual lecture series open to the college/university community and televised over cable to general public
- Showing films on historical topics followed by panel discussions or offering a "Dinner and a Movie Night" (History Channel's "Reel to Real")
- Attending Phi Alpha Theta regional meetings
- Organizing and hosting Phi Alpha Theta regional meetings
- Students and Faculty Advisors attending PAT Biennial Convention
- Presenting papers at national and regional conferences such as the Southwest Social Sciences Association
- Publishing student history journals
- Publishing chapter newsletters
- Raising funds by selling books, baked goods, recycling programs
- Sponsoring pizza parties for history majors to inform them about Phi Alpha Theta
- Hosting "back to school" picnics for all history majors and minors, faculty, and staff
- Sponsoring annual picnics, holiday socials, and special events for the chapter
- Inducting new members
- Encouraging faculty Phi Alpha Theta membership
- Conducting widely advertised chapter business meetings
- Plan anniversary banquets to commemorate the founding of the chapter
- Conducting food drives for charitable causes, book drives for local schools
- Receiving honors from the university or college as "Club of the Year"
- Participating in campus-wide workshops
- Holding tutoring days
- Cooperating with other campus honor societies to sponsor activities
- Touring historical sites/museums
- Participating and volunteering for local historical societies
- Hosting a Fright Night during the fall
- Hosting a party for faculty members with recently published books
- Coordinating events with local war veterans such as speaking engagements
- Holding an informational event showing students possible career opportunities for history majors
- Offering an "Exam Relief Night" with pizza
- Participating in a variety of service projects
- Offering recognition awards for members such as Outstanding Undergraduate and Graduate Student
- Sending in pictures from field trips and charity events for publication in the Phi Alpha Theta News Letter