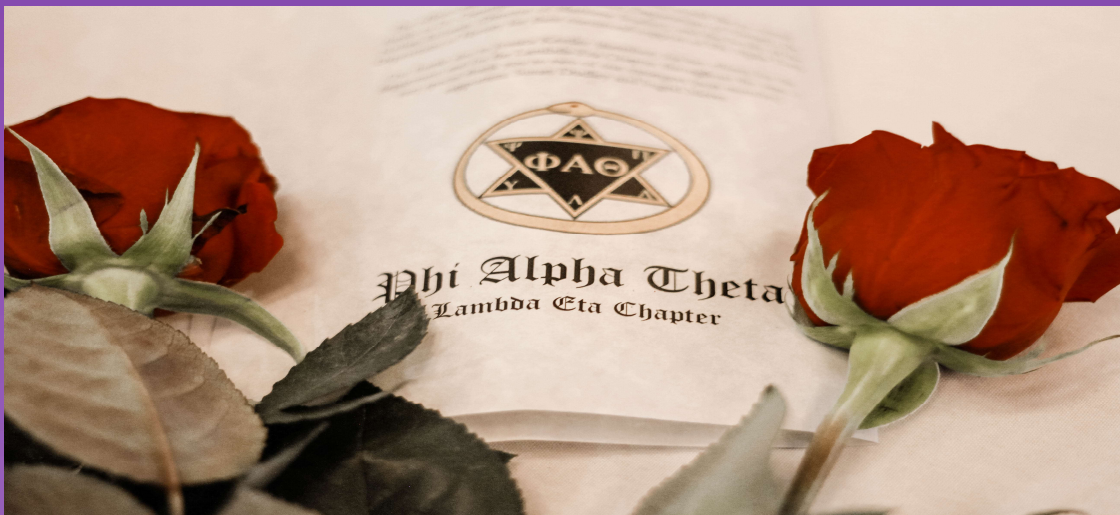
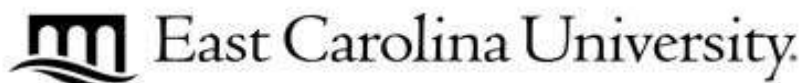


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Phi Alpha Theta National Office

Dear Chapter of the Year Award Committee:

The following is for our application for the Nels A. Clevon Award (having received the honor of Chapter of the Year, including one Honorable Mention, for the past nine years):

University: East Carolina University
Chapter: Lambda-Eta Chapter
Advisor: Dr. Wade G. Dudley

Initiates for 2018-2019: Carlos Miguel Barberly; Emily Nicole Burnett; Zachary Pearce Dale; Bethany Emily Earley; Worth Trevor Freeman; Victoria Marie Gotthelf; Tristan Kosich; Luke Lebras; Catherine Elizabeth Maryott; Tyler David Mclellan; Mackenzie Mirre; William Bryant Neal; Rachel O'Neal; Kayla Marie Partelow; Justin Craig Saulter; Jeremy David Serfling; Megan Kathleen Smith; Sydney M. Swierenga; Andrew Colton Turner; Jarrett Ryan Wainwright; Jarrett Thomas Clark Walls; Elizabeth Alice Wisler; Kalei Kellina Woolard; Isaiah Daniel Ybarra (24 Inductees).

We also welcomed one graduate candidate initiated at another institution: William Thomas Nassif; Omicron-Phi, Appalachian State University (Boone, NC).

Total Student Enrollment: 28,718 (Graduate and Undergraduate as of Census Day, 1 September 2018).

Nels A. Clevon Award received 2015, 2017, and 2018, Honorable Mention 2016.

Our sincere thanks for the superb support from the National Office this semester (as always!).

Sincerely,

Wade G. Dudley

Dr. Wade G. Dudley
Advisor, ΦΑΘ History Honor Society

Officers

2018 Officers

President: Eric Walls
Vice President: Austin Croom
Secretary: Dylan Courtney
Treasurer: Tess Will
Historian: Joshua Vestal



2019 Officers

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Vice President: Will Nassif
Secretary: Zachary Dale
Treasurer: Tess Will
Historian: Joshua Vestal



Chapter Advisor:
Wade Dudley



Accomplishments and Awards of Members 2018-2019

Faculty:

Dudley, Wade G.: Phi Alpha Theta – Lambda-Eta Chapter Advisor, Carolinas Regional Director, National Scholarship Committee Member; ECU Department of History – Graduate Committee member, ECU Faculty Senate Alternate; Historical Society of North Carolina member; *Explorations: Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities for the State of North Carolina*, Peer Reviewer; Attended Virginia Regional Conference; served as judge at Carolinas Regional Conference; Received inaugural Excellence in Teaching Award in Social Sciences from Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences (ECU).

Students:

Alexander, Hoyt Lawson: Defended thesis, “SITE FORMATION AND CORROSION PROCESSES: A Comparative Analysis of Condor and Stormy Petrel Wreck Sites;” MA in Maritime Studies awarded May 2019.

Ball, Tyler W: successfully defended thesis; awarded MA in Maritime Studies, May 2019.

Barbery, Carlos Miguel: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

Bowrey, Briceno Lihar: Carolinas Aviation Museum Collections Internship; Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers Summer Fellowship; Graduates May 2019; accepted into PhD program at University of Maryland for Fall 2019.

Britt, Tabatha Alease: Graduates May 2019.

Burnett, Emily Nicole: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019; Teaching Internship Spring 2019; Graduates May 2019.

Bunyard, Katrina Lee: Successfully defended thesis; MA in Maritime Studies awarded May 2019.

Caldwell, Tyler Martin: Successfully defended thesis; MA in Maritime Studies awarded May 2019.

Carr, Chloe Ann: Teaching Internship Spring 2019; Graduates May 2019.

Cook, Joel Alexander: Presented poster at SHA.

Courtney, Dylan Redwine: Lambda-Eta Secretary Fall 2018; Study Abroad (Netherlands) Spring 2019.

Croom, Austin F: Roy N. Lokken Memorial Scholarship Recipient; Vice President of the Lambda Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta (2018); Presenter at PAT Virginia and Carolinas Regionals, 2019; Graduate Assistant to the University Historian and Director of Asian Studies at East Carolina University; Member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Successfully defended thesis; MA in History awarded May 2019.

Dale, Zachary Pearce: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019; Lambda-Eta Chapter Secretary 2019.

Dibiase, Emily K: 2018-2019 Maritime Studies Association Secretary; 2018-2019 recipient of the Barbara and Matthew Landers Graduate Fellowship in History; 2019-2020 recipient of the Bodo Nischan Memorial Graduate Scholarship in History; Presented a paper at SHA 2019, "*Periploi* and the Greek Worldview."

Earley, Bethany Emily: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

Franklin, Alexandria Nora: Awarded James Clay Young Scholarship in Anthropology.

Freeman, Worth Trevor: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019;.Publication, “Skulking Shots on the Flank: The Skirmish at Cane Creek.” *Journal of the American Revolution*, August 16, 2018. <https://allthingsliberty.com/2018/08/skulking-shots-on-the-flank-the-skirmish-at-cane-creek/>; Presentation, Phi Alpha Theta Virginia Regional Conference (Liberty University, March 30, 2019); Roy N. Lokken Memorial Scholarship Recipient 2019.

Gotthelf, Victoria M.: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

Hayes, Alexander James: Teaching Internship Spring 2019; Graduates May 2019.

Henry, Brian: Presented paper “Civil War Memories Torn Down: Confederate Memories in North Carolina” at the 2019 Carolinas Regional Conference at Winthrop University (Awarded 1st in Session and 1st Overall, Graduate).

King, Kathryn Theresa: Teaching Internship Spring 2019; Graduates May 2019.

Kosich, Tristan: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

Latham, Janet Mosely: Judge, National History Day 2019; Student Representative, Pirates Aboard Day, S2019; Presentation, Atlantic World Pizza Lunch Series, S2019; Presentation, “History of Scientific Illustration” to Century Book Club of Burlington, N.C.; Publication, Francisco-Ortega, Javier, Marianne Swan, William Cinea, Natacha Beaussejour, Nancy Korber, Janet Mosely Latham, Brett Jestrow. “David Fairchild’s Plant Hunting Expeditions in Haiti.” *Huntia: A Journal of Botanic History* 17, no. 1 (2018): 5-35.

Lawrence, Kendra: Awarded William Hamlin and Mary Quaife Tuttle Graduate Scholarship in History; Internship at Mystic Seaport June-August 2019.

Lebras, Luke: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

Marr, Ryan David: Defended thesis, "A Historical and Ethnographic Study of Cultural Change and Continuity in the Use and Construction of Vernacular Watercraft in the Tanga Region, Tanzania;" MA in Maritime Studies awarded May 2019.

Maryott, Catherine Elizabeth: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

McLellan, Tyler David: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

Miranda, Ryan William: Presented Paper at Carolinas Regional (Winthrop University), April 2019.

Mirre, Mackenzie: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

Nassif, William Thomas: Susan Dudley Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship Award Winner 2019-2020; VP Lambda-Eta Chapter, 2019; Presentation at Virginia Regional Conference, S2019.

Neal, William Bryant: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019; Graduates May 2019.

O'Lear, Kristin Tressa: Pre-Professional Internship with Mystic Seaport Museum, June 4 – August 10, 2018.; Summer 2019 Graduate Assistantship Funding for research and publication edits; Presented paper "Civil War Memories Torn Down: Confederate Memories in North Carolina" at Graduate History Association's Annual Spring Forum at UNC Charlotte and the 2019 Carolinas Regional History Conference at Winthrop University (Awarded 1st in Session and 1st Overall, Graduate); Recipient of the Barbara and Matthew Landers Graduate Fellowship in History for Fall Semester 2019.

O'Neal, Martaleigh: Teaching Internship Spring 2019; Graduates May 2019.

O'Neal, Rachel: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019; Phi Kappa Phi Member; History Representative of the Dean's Student Leadership Council; Passage Academic Merit Scholarship for Transfer Students; Harold H. Bate Study Abroad Scholarship; Charles Edward Saunders History Scholarship; Whalehead Club Historic Home Internship, Summer 2019; Graduation Fall 2019.

Partelow, Kayla Marie: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

Richardson, Robert Junious, III: graduates May 2019; accepted to graduate school for Fall 2019.

Risk, Nathan Alexander: Graduates May 2019; accepted into Medical School for Fall 2019.

Saulter, Justin Craig: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019; ECU Honors College.

Serfling, Jeremy D.: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

Shuler, Noah Steven: Awards: R.N. Lokken Scholarship in Early American History, Graduate Scholar Award; GA and summer GA by ECU; Published "Christianity, beginnings to 1865" in Dyson, O.L., Jeffries J.L., and Brooks, K.L. *The Encyclopedia of African American Culture: From Dashikis to Yoruba*. ABC-CLIO Publishing, 2019. (Forthcoming); Presented "'Hazardous for our Gunboats': Early Federal Riverine Operations in Eastern North Carolina, 1862" at the Phi Alpha Theta 2019 Virginia Regional Conference at Liberty University; Invited to present a talk on ongoing research at the Kinston, NC Sons of Confederate Veterans; Invited as a Panelist at the 2018-2019 Teen Leadership Institute, ECU; Regional Judge for National History Day 2019 Competition; Freshman Mentor for the ECU Shipmates Leadership Program; Received Excellence in Leadership Award from the ECU Student Government Association; Summer Graduate Assistantship, J.Y. Joyner Library; Voting member of the ECU Faculty Senate Libraries Committee; Elected as Graduate School Representative to the Student Assembly of the ECU SGA; Student Body Secretary, ECU; Chair of the Student Conduct Board of East Carolina University; professional memberships: AHA, SCWH; attended 2018-2019 ECU Oral History Workshop Series; Volunteered as Records Indexer for the FamilySearch Genealogical Records Project,: Georgia Confederate Pension Rolls, 1879-1920.

Smith, Megan Kathleen: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

Smith, Timothy Alan: Volunteer, QAR Lab Open Houses.

Soder, Stephanie N.: Successfully defended thesis; MA in Maritime Studies awarded May 2019.

Summerlin, Emily Stewart: Graduates May 2019.

Swierenga, Sydney M: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

Turner, Andrew Colton: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, 15 March 2019; recipient of the Paul Murray Graduate Scholarship and Evelyn and Joseph Boyette Graduate Fellowship, 2018-2019; Presented at the Virginia Regional Conference at Liberty University, March 2019.

Vestal, Joshua Michael: Historian, Lambda-Eta Chapter. Recipient of The Admiral Ernest M. Eller Graduate Fellowship in Modern Naval History. Recipient of The Susan Dudley Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship. Participated in to Maritime Archaeology field schools with ECU: Summer- Saipan (involving sunken WWII aircraft) Fall- Costa Rica (involving possible sunken Dutch slave vessel).

Wainwright, Jarrett Ryan: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019; Graduates May 2019.

Wollenschlager, Jared Mark: U.S. Army ROTC – Cadet First Sergeant, Alumni Committee President, Junior Cadet of the Year, U.S. Army ROTC Military History Award; ECU Residential Scholars Program – Committee President of New Independence Academy partner (school for high-functioning autistic children), Spring Break Puerto Rico Service Trip; ECU Servire Society Member (100 hours or more of community service); ECU Leads – Inaugural class completion; Cru Ministries – Community Group Leader; Scholarships – Barbara B. Newman Scholarship in Education, Osmond B. Mitchell Scholarship in Education, Richard C. Todd Scholarship in History, Class of 1982 Scholarship, Lillian Jenkins Scholarship, Dr. James W. Batten Research Fellow Scholarship in Education, Joseph and Catherine Hirsch Memorial Award in History, Miller-Moore Scholarship in History.

Walls, Eric Andro: President – Lambda Eta Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society; Received the Lawrence F. Brewster Fellowship in History 2018-2019; Recipient of East Carolina University Graduate Fellowship Fall 2018 to Spring 2019; Recipient of the ECU Grad Scholars Award for MA in History Fall 2017 to Spring 2019; Received the Susan Dudley Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship, Fall 2019; Two book reviews published on H-net.org, Fall 2018; Attended Raleigh 400 Conference at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Fall 2018; Received scholarship to attend North Carolina History and Literary Association Annual Conference, Greenville, NC, Fall 2018; Two book reviews published on H-net.org, Spring 2019; Presented paper at North Carolina Association of Historians annual conference at NC Central University, March 2019; Won 2nd Place for Most Outstanding Graduate Paper at the Phi Alpha Theta Virginia Regional, Liberty University, Spring 2019; Featured Speaker at East Carolina University History Department Pizza Lunch Series, April 2019; Judge at Regional National History Day Competition, Spring 2019; Paper, “Pirates of Morality: The British Navy’s Suppression of the Slave Trade in the Nineteenth Century,” accepted for publication in The North Carolina Maritime Council annual journal, *Tributaries*.

Walls, Jarrett Thomas Clark: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019; Teaching Internship Spring 2019; Graduates May 2019.

Will, Teresa Ellen: Lambda-Eta Chapter Treasurer, 2018-19; ECU SGA 2019 Elections Committee Member; North Carolina Museums Council Member; North Carolina Association of Historians Member; Society of North Carolina Archivists Member; Phi Alpha Theta Susan Dudley Scholarship 2019; PAT Virginia Regional (2019), Second Place Prize in the Undergraduate World History Paper Category; State of North Carolina Intern at the Queen Anne’s Revenge Lab (May- July 2018); Intern at the History Collection Archives at Laupus Library (January-May 2019); Docent at the Country Doctor Museum; Final Candidate for Collections Manager Position at the Country Doctor Museum; Graduation in December 2019.

Wisler, Elizabeth Alice: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019; Teaching Internship Spring 2019; Graduates May 2019.

Woolard, Kalei Kellina: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019.

Ybarra, Isaiah: Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, 15 March 2019; Teaching Internship Spring 2019; Graduates May 2019.

Yarbrough, Garrett Sean: Graduating May 2019; Nominated for 2018 Robert H. Wright Alumni Leadership Award; Nominated for 2018 Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Senior Award; 3rd Term as English Department Ambassador; 3rd Term as English Representative on the THCAS Dean's Student Leadership Council: Spearheaded successfully passing the Assembly Resolution 3-05 ("Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction [SSOI] Resolution") through the SGA unanimously and finally revitalizing the student feedback system after 2 consecutive years of the resolution failing in committee; (Fall 2018) Inducted into the Society for Technical Communication – Carolina Chapter; (Spring 2019) Service Internship with the North Carolina Agromedicine Institute, Web Content, Advertising, Copywriting, and Technical Writing/UX; Publications: "Translating the Homeric Spirit," *The Lookout Undergraduate Research Journal*, Vol 6., Issue 1, pgs. 121-131 (December 5, 2018); "Finding East Carolina Abroad Through the Humanities," *Cornerstone* (February 2019, ECU College of Arts and Sciences Magazine); Graduates May 2019.

Chapter Activities



Volunteering



Presentations



Monthly Meetings



Events

Summer Field Trip 2018

The Lambda-Eta Chapter takes great pride in planning excursions to historical sites each semester. This year we couldn't wait to experience history, so we planned a summer trip to Fort Macon, built in 1826. Fort Macon was part of the Third System of US fortifications, which focused on coastal defenses. Members got to tour the site of the former fort as well as enjoy a day on the beach afterwards!



Fall Semester Cookout



Few things are better in life than food and good company, which explains why the Fall Semester Cookout/ Welcome Back Cookout is always a popular event with Lambda-Eta Chapter members. Several members also showed off their talent and provided music for the rest!



Bake Sales

Every year, the Lambda-Eta Chapter holds two bake sales: the Boo Bake Sale in the Fall Semester and the Valentines Bake Sale in the Spring Semester. Both bake sales were successful this year, but the Spring Bake sale set records thanks to the efforts of our Secretary, Zachary Dale, and other devoted members. The proceeds from the bake sales provided funds that were used to help cover the costs of traveling to conferences as well as other activities within the chapter.



ECU Historical Simulations Group



Every Friday from 2-5, students and professors gather together to play different historical board games and simulations. Gaming is an excellent way for members to relax and enjoy history by playing different games pertaining to a variety of historical eras. Occasionally it brings out the competitive side in our members!!

Trivia Night



This year, Phi Alpha Theta's Lambda-Eta Chapter started a new tradition by attending and competing in a weekly trivia night hosted by the local restaurant Professor O'Cool's on Tuesday nights! While the topics of trivia varied, our fearless history buffs never back down from a challenge. Win or lose, our members always enjoy spending time with each other and increasing our knowledge!

Maritime Studies Program

The ECU Program in Maritime Studies is a graduate level program that is associated with the History Department at ECU and contributes several members to the Lambda-Eta Chapter. They do a great deal of research, fieldwork, and public outreach locally as well as internationally. This past year, students and faculty participated in two field schools: a Summer field school in Saipan, which involved working with sunken WWII-era aircraft, and another in Costa Rica where students helped map the wreckage scatter of a vessel believed to be a Danish slave ship. The contributions academically and from a personnel standpoint are invaluable to Phi-Alpha Theta's Lambda-Eta Chapter.



Blackbeard 300 Celebrations

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Angus Konstam
Author, Historian and
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Expert on Pirates

"Blackbeard at 300: New Findings
on North Carolina's Most
(In)famous Pirate"

Thursday, October 25, 2018
7:00 p.m. | Wright Auditorium

For tickets, visit
www.ecu.edu/voyages
This is an ECU Wellness Passport event.
ADA Accommodation: 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY)



Over the past year, East Carolina University joined in the celebration of Blackbeard to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the death of the notorious pirate. The Lambda-Eta Chapter joined in the celebrations by marching in the homecoming parade, attending lectures, and hosting a Piracy Film Festival



Dr. Dudley steals the show with his fancy pirate regalia!



Our president, Eric Walls, protects a restored cannon recovered from Blackbeard's Ship (Queen Anne's Revenge) .

Piracy Film Festival: 10 hours of Aaarrggghh

For Blackbeard 300, the Lambda-Eta Chapter hosted a Piracy Film Festival, featuring five different pirate films from several eras! The movie marathon was open to the public and gave all who participated a healthy dose of peg legs, booty, and walking the plank!

Blackbeard 300 Pirate Movie Marathon



(1935) *Captain Blood*

The movie that single-handedly changed the perception of pirates from evil, murderous, really-bad people to not-so-bad guys who would rescue a lovely woman in the throbs of a heart! Or even quicker [.....](#)



Treasure Island (1950)

Follow young Jim Hawkins and wily old pirate Long John Silver in a search for buried treasure (and maybe a little taste of revenge).



Nate and Hayes (1983)

A missionary and his fiancée, a pirate with a roving eye, and a bloodthirsty slave trader with crew: what can go wrong with that combination? Set in the Pacific in the late Nineteenth Century.



Cut Throat Island (1995)

1668, Port Royal (that Den of Iniquity!), Jamaica, treasure maps, and squabbles among a pirate family provide much laughter; a welcome break from the "serious" business of saying "Aaarrggghh" repeatedly while grabbing for the gold!



Blackbeard: Terror of the Seas (2006)

This National Geographic docudrama comes as close to a true retelling of the story of Blackbeard as you will find on film. Highly rated. And last movie of the night [.....](#)



Hosted by Capt. "Cracker" Jack and his pirate crew in Sci-Tech C209, Friday October 26, 2 pm until Midnight! Bring some food, bring some water, and learn a tad about the **PYRATES** of yore.

Fall Field Trip: Roanoke Island

For the Fall Semester excursion, members of the Lambda-Eta Chapter visited Roanoke Island on the Outer Banks. Students and family members who tagged along got to board the full size replica of *Elizabeth II*, an English Merchant Ship that sailed in 1585. The visit also included interpretations of an Indian village and the Roanoke settlement site itself. The ability to experience history hands on and walk through it make these trips unforgettable and invaluable to our members!



Crock Pot Wars



This year, we were able to host Crock Pot Wars as its own event again. The competitive nature of our members always fuels them to pursue excellence, and that is no different when it comes to creating culinary masterpieces. The crock pot based dishes submitted by our Lambda-Eta chapter's members left everyone's stomachs full and taste buds blown away! Of course left-overs or spilled bites are always cheerfully cleaned up by Dr. Dudley's four-legged companion!



Winners of the best dishes as chosen by their peers



Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is always a favorite among our members. It is a time for students to take a breather and enjoy socializing, before they take on Final exams. Its also the last time the Lambda-Eta Chapter meets as a group before Christmas Break. Someone even got a photo of a reindeer!



Spring Field Trip: Kinston (CSS *Neuse*)

We kicked off the Spring semester by taking a trip to the CSS *Neuse* Civil War Interpretive Center. Members and their families got to explore the remains of a Civil War ironclad that sank and was excavated from the Neuse River in Kinston, NC. Not only was there an excellent museum, but just across the street a full size model was reconstructed and allows the public to walk through an ironclad and experience what conditions were like for sailors manning them during the Civil War! The trip was topped off with lunch at a local BBQ restaurant!



Effective Speaking Seminar

Effective speaking and presentation is a crucial part of what make Phi Alpha Theta's Lambda-Eta Chapter so successful. Learning to speak well in a public setting is important for students presenting at conferences. That is why we continue to host an effective public speaking seminar every year. The presentation is given by Dr. Pamela Hopkins, who chairs the Department of Communications at ECU. Dr. Hopkins provides students with a vast wealth of information and tools that can assist them in improving their public speaking ability.



Chili Night

In the Spring semester, Dr. Dudley host a Chili Night at his house (Chez Dudley) to welcome all of our members back after Christmas break. Members and their friend and family come together to enjoy a delicious meal of various types of chili. The chili cooking skills of Dr. Dudley have been honed for decades, and the students' stomachs and taste buds reap the benefits of his skill with a ladle. The night includes plenty of socializing and, for those who stay around long enough, live music.



National History Day 2019

ECU hosted the regional competition for National History Day. Over 326 students from 14 schools were on campus to participate. This year, the theme was Triumph & Tragedy in History. The Lambda-Eta Chapter committed many volunteers to help as judges or with the many tasks required to host such a big event. The ability to promote history in young students and cultivate their passion for the field is a privilege that myself and all the members of the Lambda-Eta Chapter are honored to have. The members of the History Department at ECU as well as all who volunteered their time made sure that National History Day 2019 was a Triumph and not a Tragedy.



Some of the many volunteers for National History Day



Induction Ceremony/ Recent Faculty Publication Celebration

This year, the Lambda-Eta Chapter coordinated its induction ceremony in conjunction with a celebration of several of the History faculties' recent publications. We were able to initiate 24 new members as well as welcome 1 transfer member as well. The opportunity to recognize and celebrate some of our great faculty was an additional bonus. The Lambda-Eta Chapter is lucky to have so many dedicated and knowledgeable professors who help push all of us to be better historians, and better people! Plus the event featured a live band consisting of members of Phi Alpha Theta and professors too!



Virginia Regionals

Eight students from the Lambda-Eta Chapter presented papers at the Virginia Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference hosted by Liberty University in March, 2019. Tess Will placed 2nd in the Undergraduate category, and Eric Walls placed 2nd in the Graduate category. While not all of our students received awards, they represented ECU and the Lambda-Eta Chapter well with their excellent scholarship. We are proud to be able to send such excellent ambassadors of Phi Alpha Theta to conferences such as these.



Carolina Regionals

The Lambda-Eta Chapter also sent students to participate in the Carolina Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference hosted by Winthrop University. Graduate students Kristin O’Lear and Brian Henry placed 1st overall in their categories, and Eric Walls was a Graduate Session winner! Our students continue to make our chapter proud. Their success shows just how beneficial events such as the effective speaking seminar and the presence of excellent history professors can be for the members of the Lambda-Eta Chapter.



Commencement: Fall and Spring

During the 2018-2019 school year, the Lambda-Eta Chapter was proud to witness several of its members (both Graduate and Undergraduate) complete their degrees. We will be saddened by the loss of some of our members, but excited for them as they embark on the next stages of their careers. Some of our undergraduate members will also be returning to ECU as graduate students! We are and always will be grateful to our members for their contributions and dedication to continually improving the quality of the Lambda-Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.



Alumni Sketch: Dylan Courtney

“My name is Dylan Courtney, and I am the former secretary for the Lambda Eta Chapter. I am currently studying abroad in Nijmegen, Netherlands in a program called Education in the International Perspective. This program is giving me the opportunity to take courses on several topics including genocide in education, the Dutch education system, global diversity, and a practical component where I will teach local students two days a week for the last month of the semester. We have school trips planned to the European Parliament in Brussels, the National State Museum in Auschwitz-Birkenau, a seminar in Cracow, and a four-day study tour of several cities in the Western-Netherlands. “



Alumni Sketch (cont.)

'I have also planned personal trips to visit Spain, backpack in Austria, and go biking on one of the long-distance routes in the Netherlands. I am glad that Phi Alpha Theta has given me the opportunity to become more comfortable presenting my research because I will also get the opportunity to present to a panel of experts at the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam this June.'



Historian's Report

2018-2019 has been another great year for the Lambda-Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta at East Carolina University. The variety of activities, meetings, and presentations we participated in kept our members busy all year. We were able to raise a record amount of money through successful bake sales in the Fall and Spring and also through Phi Alpha Theta gear sales. The funds we raised helped pay for our members to attend conferences and other ceremonies that they might not have been able to otherwise. The ability to attain funding and participate in such a wide variety of activities helps our members to improve themselves in academics as well as their personal lives.

The standard of excellence established and maintained by members of the Lambda-Eta Chapter continues to push our chapter to greater heights. We were able to initiate 24 new members this year, which replaces and exceeds members lost from graduation. Not only is our total membership growing, but our active membership is as well. Our monthly meetings continue to have strong attendance, and extracurricular activities and events almost always have good turnouts as well. The ability to provide more than just monthly meetings has been a key facet in our ability to grow the Lambda-Eta Chapter. Events where members can experience history in person in an educational environment are excellent ways to involve and inform our members about different aspects of history.

Historian's Report (cont.)

The Lambda-Eta Chapter continues to grow, because we have instilled a culture of dedication to excellence. This is possible through a continual presence of strong leadership. This leadership includes our officers who understand how to set examples and mentor new members. Leadership is also present in our current members who serve as wonderful ambassadors for Phi Alpha Theta and the Lambda-Eta Chapter. Last, but not least, is our amazing advisor, Dr. Dudley. He has gone above and beyond what anyone could expect from him for the Lambda-Eta Chapter. He has served as a solid foundation to raise this chapter from humble beginnings to the prestigious state it currently holds. No amount of thanks can cover what he has done for Phi Alpha Theta, the Lambda-Eta Chapter, and myself.

As the Historian of the Lambda-Eta Chapter, I, Joshua Vestal, am proud to inform the National Office of Phi Alpha Theta that the Lambda-Eta Chapter at ECU continues to maintain the excellent set of standards that it has held for the past several years. It remains on the forefront of this field, and will continue *Advancing History* to the highest standard possible. I respectfully submit this information to the Chapter of the Year Award Committee for the Nels A. Cleven Award.

Joshua Vestal
Historian- Phi Alpha Theta, Lambda-Eta Chapter
East Carolina University

