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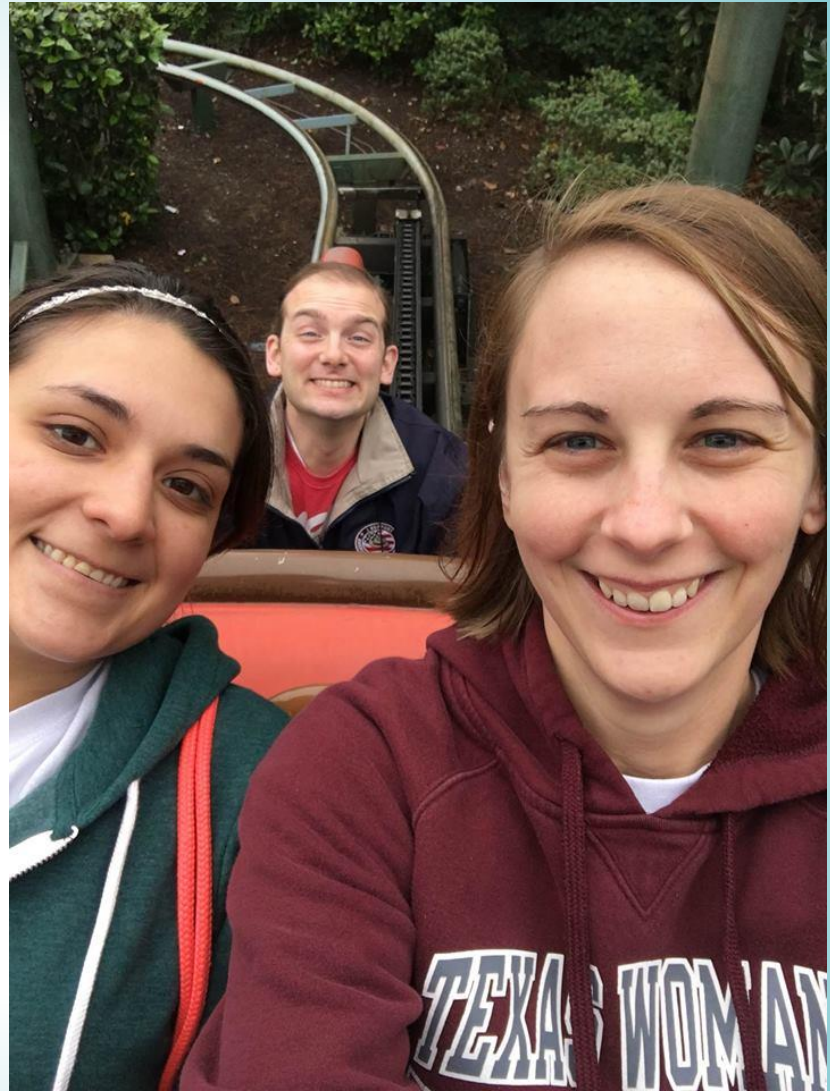
Phi Alpha Theta Eta Nu
Fall 2015- Spring 2016

FACULTY ADVISOR

The officers of the Eta Nu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta want to thank Dr. Jacob Blosser for all he does to help the chapter in all of our endeavors. The fun the chapter had and the many strides made this past year would not have been possible without his dedication to his students and Phi Alpha Theta.

Thank you,

The 2015-2016 Eta Nu officers



Dr. Blosser photo-bombed Eta Nu Officers Kaitlyn Waynen and Lacey LeBleu on a Disney World rollercoaster during the 2016 Biennial National Convention



OFFICERS

Kaitlyn Waynen-President

Megan Martin- Vice President

Lacey LeBleu-Secretary

Tamika Roach- Historian

(Also pictured are TWU
Chancellor/President Dr. Feyten
as well as Dr. Sarah Weddington)

A NOTE ON THIS YEAR'S CHAPTER THEME:

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

This year, the Eta Nu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta took an active role in serving our larger community. In addition to publishing our student journal and hosting history-themed events such as tea-time lectures and fieldtrips, the chapter also reached out to help those in need. For example, we donated history books to a local elementary school and volunteered time to read to students. We also raised money for the American Heart Association and walked in the Heart Walk. Realizing that preschool curricula often omits history, chapter members hosted an interactive “History Field Day” that introduced the past – through hands-on activities – to a large group of four and five year olds. Desiring to extend Phi Alpha Theta’s reach into our neighboring junior colleges, Eta Nu sponsored an essay contest for local Community College students.

We are proud of our chapter’s many accomplishments – but especially pleased with this year’s intensive service to our community. In the slides that follow we hope that you will see how much fun we had helping others.



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY: HEART WALK

Phi Alpha Theta members came together to raise more than \$500 for the American Heart Association. Members also walked to show support.

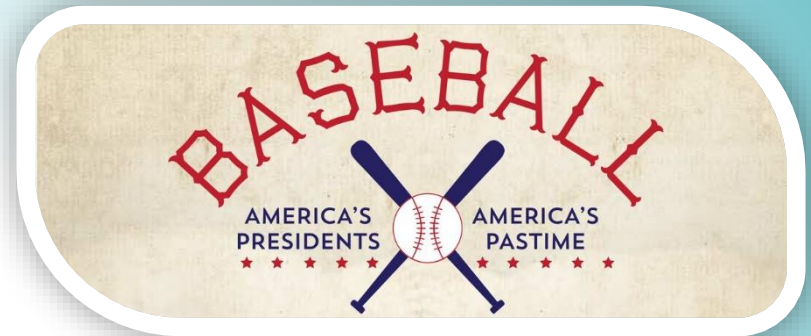
TEA TIME LECTURE SERIES FALL LECTURE

This year, the chapter hosted a popular tea-time lecture series at the Chestnut Tree Tearoom. This fall, members had the opportunity to hear Professor Timothy Hoyer discuss Japanese history and culture over tea. Pictured here are Dr. Hoyer and some of the Phi Alpha Theta members who attended his lecture.



FALL FIELD TRIP: BASEBALL EXHIBIT

The Eta Nu Chapter took a trip to the George W. Bush Presidential Library at Southern Methodist University and toured the Baseball and the American Presidency exhibit on October 2nd. The exhibit explored the role America's pastime has played in presidential history.



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY: HISTORY FIELD DAY

This year, the chapter hosted an interactive History Field Day for local pre-schoolers. The children experienced history hands-on through dressing up in historical costumes, listening to stories from the past, making arts and crafts, digging in a sandbox archeological pit, and taking an “eye spy” adventure walk through campus. This exciting event gave Phi Alpha Theta members the opportunity to share their passion for history with the community!



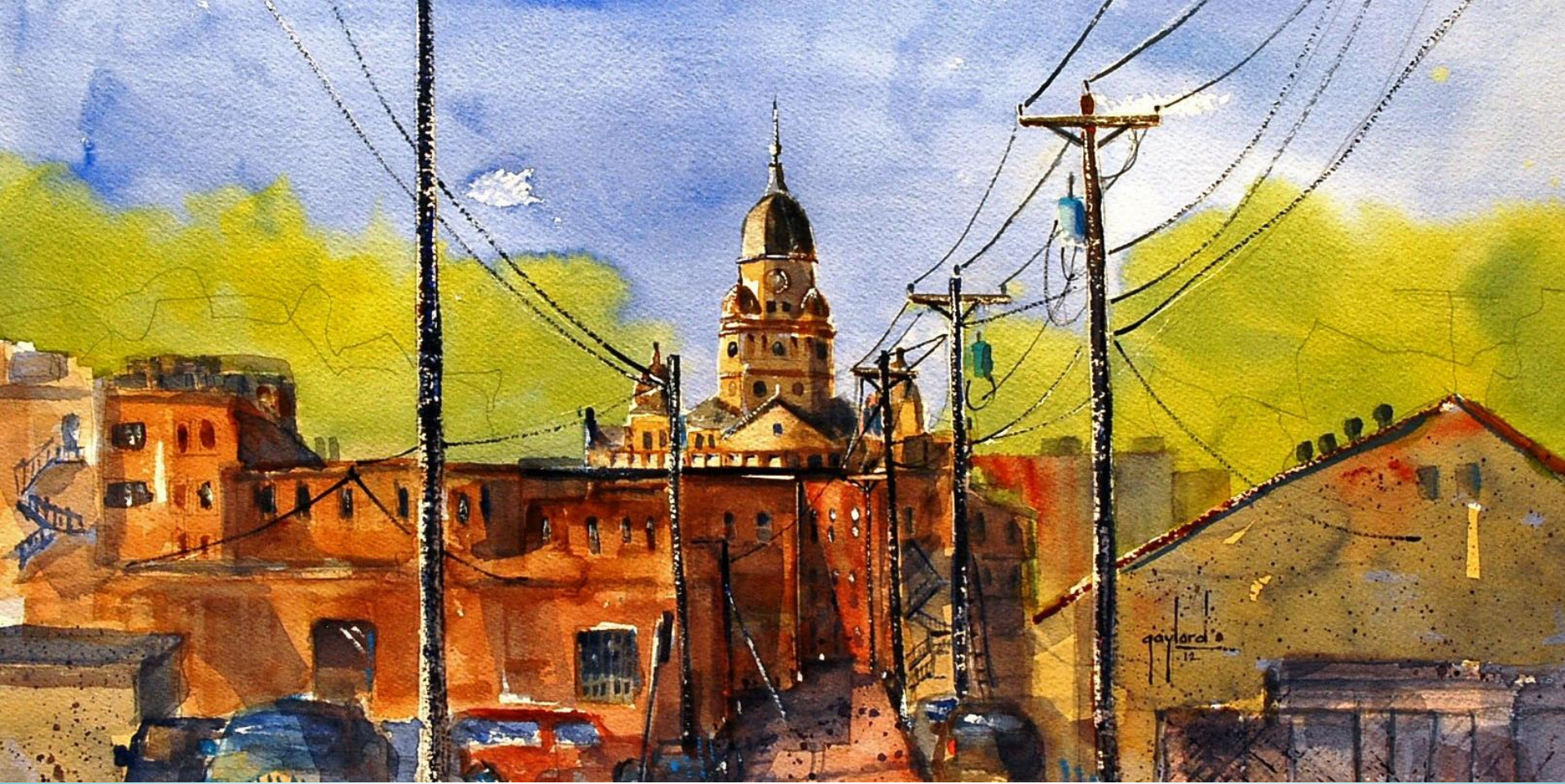
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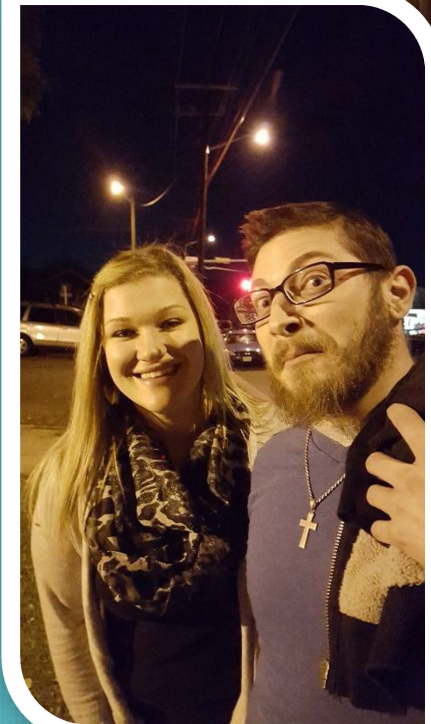
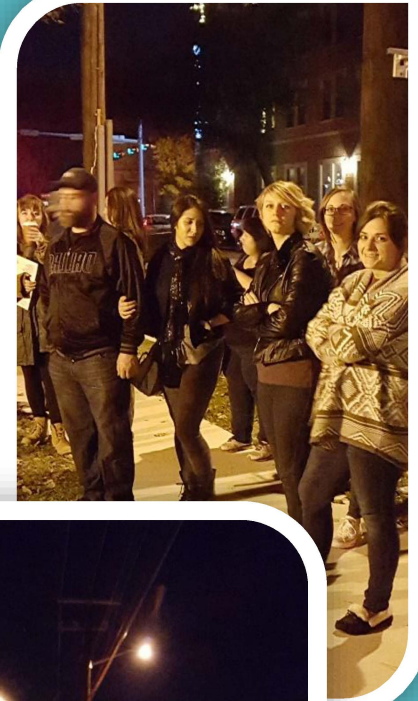
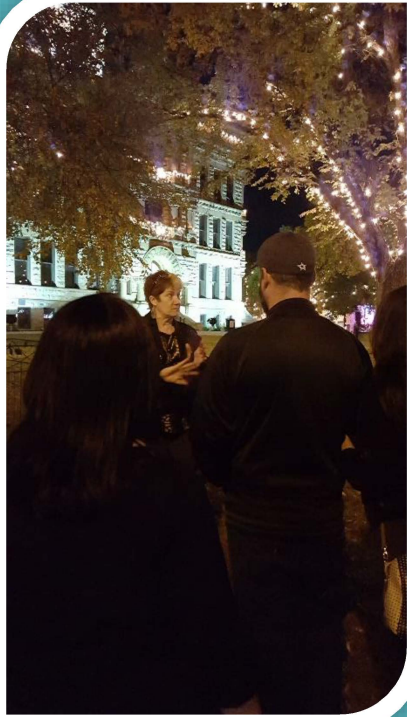
FALL INDUCTION

The Eta Nu Chapter
inducted 17 new members
in the Fall!



FALL FIELD TRIP: GHOST TOUR

Chapter members had the opportunity to tour Denton's historic square and hunt for its many ghosts!



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CHRISTMAS PARTY

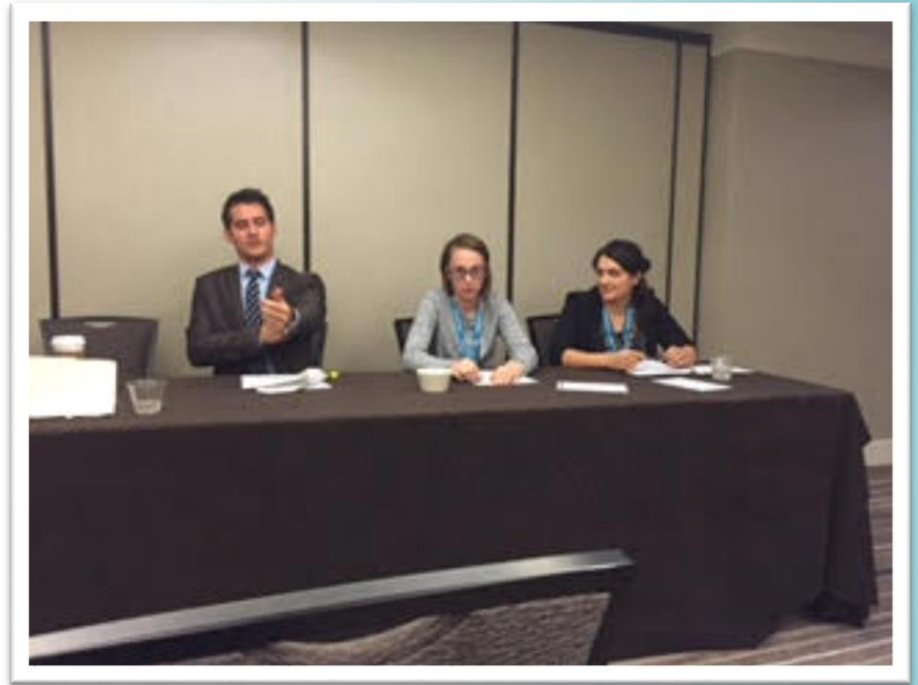
Phi Alpha Theta members celebrated the holiday season with food, drinks, and games at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Blosser. The party's historical theme explored holiday traditions from Victorian England, including mince meat pies, traditional carols, and Christmas crackers! The evening also included a dramatic reading of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Members also wrote holiday cards to send to a local nursing home.





NATIONAL CONVENTION

Four Phi Alpha Theta members had the opportunity to present papers at the Phi Alpha Theta Biennial National Convention in Orlando.

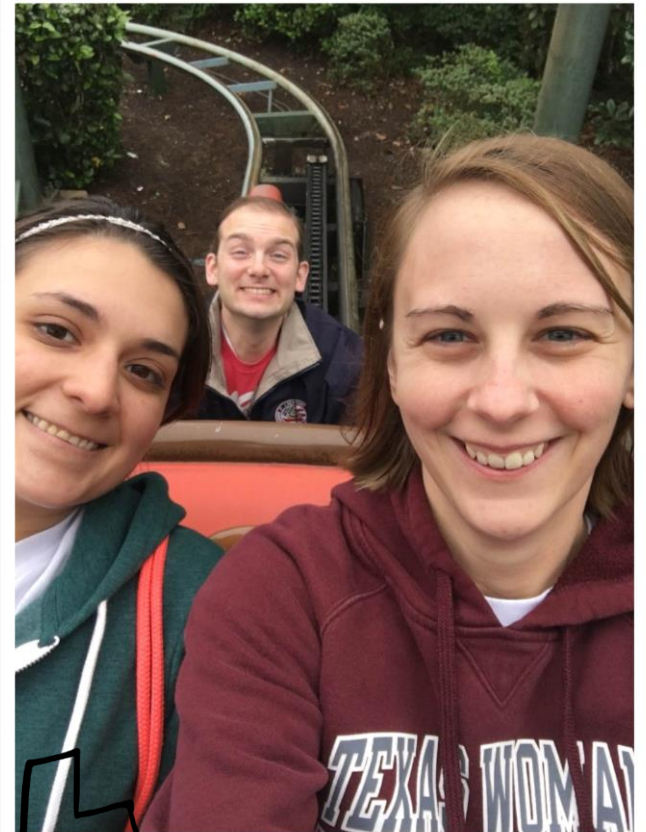


NATIONAL CONVENTION

Eta Nu members at the
National Convention.



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Professional
Development

Outside of presenting we
had time for some fun too!

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY: BOOKS FOR THE SELWYN SCHOOL

The Eta Nu Chapter used its 2015 Best Chapter Award to purchase history books for a local elementary school.

Members had the opportunity to read some of these books to the children as a part of the school's International Week. Each class spent the week learning about a different nation and the books donated corresponded with those countries.



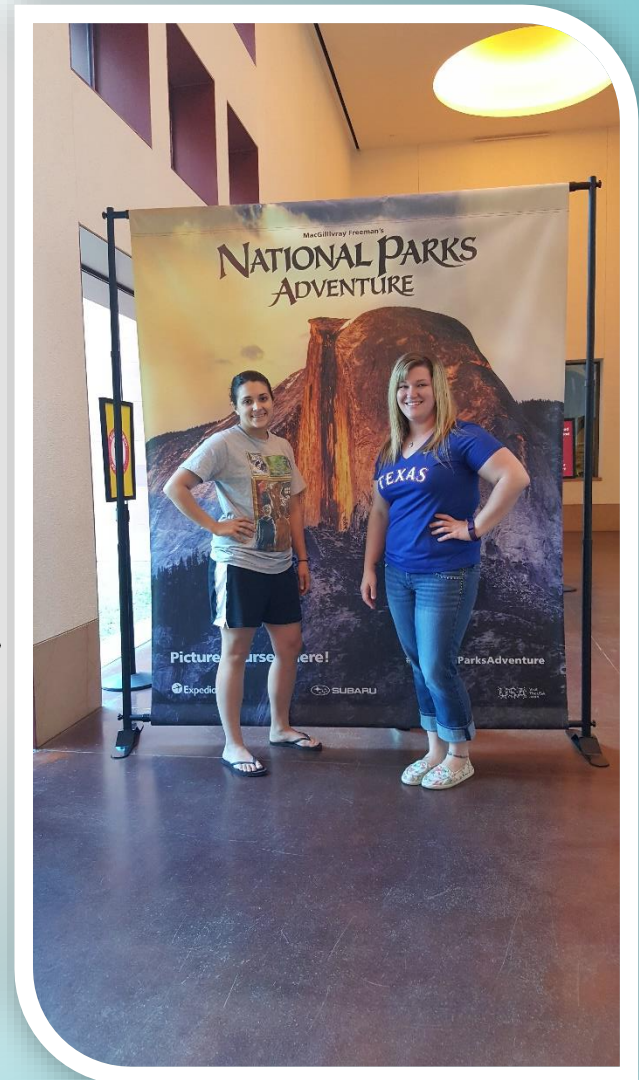
TEA TIME LECTURE SERIES SPRING LECTURE

In the Spring, the Eta Nu chapter invited members to tea with guest speaker Dr. Lybeth Hodges. Dr. Hodges enlightened us with a lecture on the ANZAC forces that served during World War I. She even brought homemade ANZAC cookies for Phi Alpha Theta members!



SPRING FIELD TRIP: NATIONAL PARKS ADVENTURE

In April, Members got to see an IMAX showing on the history of the National Parks at the Fort Worth Natural History Museum.



INAUGURAL JAMISON LECTURE SERIES

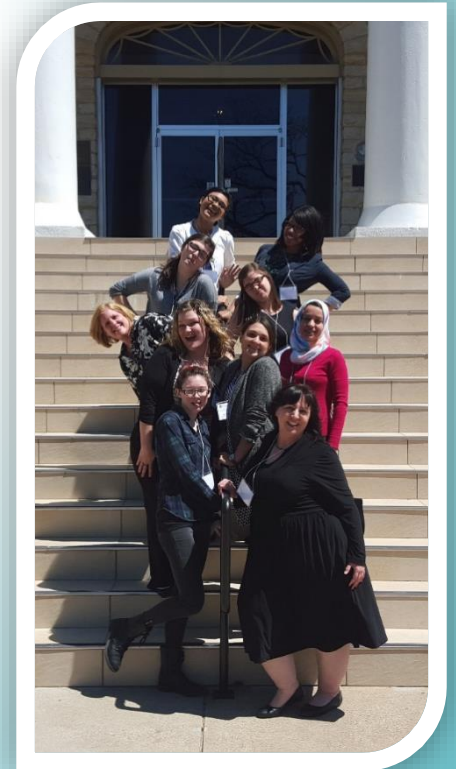
A Women In Leadership Conversation

Leaders of Phi Alpha Theta had the opportunity to help plan a lecture featuring Dr. Sara Weddington. Dr. Weddington, known for arguing *Roe v. Wade* and for promoting women in leadership, gave a lecture on development of leadership skills. Members also had the opportunity to meet Dr. Weddington and to discuss their research with her.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2016

11 members presented their research at the Northeast Texas Regional Conference. The conference was hosted by Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas on April 2, 2016.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2016



For many members, this was their first professional conference experience. Many are looking forward to presenting their research again next year!





100 STUDENT PRESENTERS CELEBRATION

The Eta Nu Chapter reached a new milestone this spring. Since 2008, the chapter has sponsored 100 student presenters at regional and national conferences! We celebrated with a cupcake party!

IBID: A STUDENT HISTORY JOURNAL



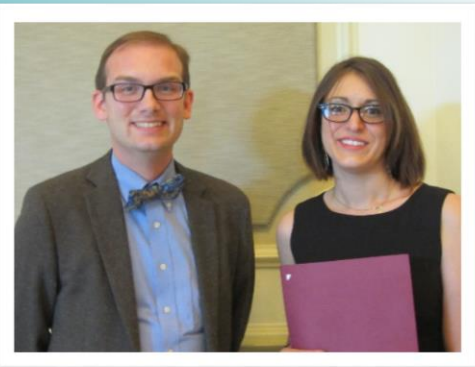
This year, the chapter published the 9th volume of its student journal, *Ibid.* This project annually involves more than 50 students and faculty members. This year's volume features 15 peer-reviewed history essays. For the last 2 years, *Ibid.* has won the prestigious Gerald Nash History Journal award for its on-line edition

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY: THE LIVING HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST



Prize winners with their faculty
sponsors

This year, *Ibid.* sponsored an essay contest for local Community College students. The Living History Essay Contest asked students to interview a friend or family member and relate how their lives intersected with recent American History. The journal received large numbers of essays from students across the region. The contest's winners received cash prizes at the Department of History and Government's annual banquet. Their essays are prominently featured in *Ibid.*'s 9th volume.



Dr. Blosser and prize winner, Sarah Young



SPRING INDUCTION

The Eta Nu Chapter inducted 8 new members for the Spring. The chapter also took the time to reward some of our members for the extra work they do for the chapter and the community.

HISTORY & GOVERNMENT BANQUET SPRING 2016



Phi Alpha Theta members
Enjoyed a get together with
the entire department.
*Awards for Ibid. A Student
History Journal* were also
presented at the Banquet.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES 2015-2016

In the past year, the Eta Nu Chapter:

- Hosted monthly business meetings
- Hosted an off-campus lecture series in a local tea room
- Raised more than \$500 for the American Heart Association and walked in the Heart Walk
- Donated our 2015 Best Chapter Award to a local elementary school for the purchase of history-themed books and volunteered time to read to students.
- Published the 9th volume of our award-winning student history journal, *Ibid.*
- Received the Gerald Nash Award for the on-line version of *Ibid.*'s 8th volume
- Sponsored a successful essay contest for local Community College students
- Hosted "History Field Day" for local preschoolers
- Inducted 25 new members in 2 induction services
- Sponsored several successful fieldtrips to local museums
- Sponsored 4 student-presenters at the 2016 Biennial National Convention in Orlando
- Sponsored 11 student-presenters at the 2016 North Central Texas Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference
- Celebrated the 100 student conference presenters sponsored by the chapter since 2008
- Enjoyed a Christmas Party with the theme "Christmas in Victorian England"
- Volunteered for the Inaugural Jamison Lecture featuring Dr. Sarah Weddington